



## Emanuel lands key O'Hare victory

Council backs \$4B bond issue, gate lease deals to advance \$8B overhaul

BY JOHN BYRNE AND BILL RUTHHART  
 Chicago Tribune

The City Council on Wednesday approved major pieces of Mayor Rahm Emanuel's O'Hare International Airport overhaul proposal, giving him a key win as he heads into his reelection bid.

Aldermen cleared Emanuel to borrow up to \$4 billion

for his \$8.5 billion plan to add gates, concourses and an updated international terminal at the airport. And they approved new lease and use agreements for the gates at O'Hare, which the mayor says will allow the work to be paid for using airport fees instead of broad tax or fee hikes on Chicagoans.

"What we just did in this agreement, in signing this

agreement, will both secure and strengthen the city of Chicago's economy for years, decades to come," Emanuel said from the dais at the front of the council chambers soon after the votes.

"The decision and the vote today is, in my view, for the city of Chicago and the people of the city of Chicago, our boarding pass to a brighter and bolder future," he said, adding, "This is a watershed moment."

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Mayor Rahm Emanuel, center, joins city Aviation Commissioner Ginger Evans and United Airlines CEO Oscar Munoz at O'Hare for Wednesday's news conference on the airline gate use agreements.

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Several White Sox players take part in a workout Wednesday at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo. The rebuilding Sox face the Royals on opening day Thursday.

## DIAMONDS? OR ROUGH?

Not many question marks for Cubs, while Sox try to jump-start their rebuild

MIAMI — We interrupt this Loyola basketball fairy tale to bring you baseball's opening day, reality welcomed in Chicago by the Cubs, White Sox and bartenders, not necessarily in that order.

Every team's first pitch comes a week sooner than usual this year, MLB's earliest domestic start ever, either to accommodate a new collective bargaining agreement or com-



DAVID HAUGH  
 In the Wake of the News

pete with incessant NFL draft coverage.

The Cubs begin their march toward a fourth straight National League Championship Series down here Thursday where the sun always shines, a fitting setting for a team that has enjoyed nothing but blue

skies since manager Joe Maddon arrived before the 2015 season. The Marlins will be the opponent because every World Series

contender should play a minor-league affiliate before the major-league season arrives.

The White Sox counter by going to Kansas City, Mo., starting veteran James Shields and giving the Royals an extra day of batting practice. Whatever happens, win or lose, Sox manager Rick Renteria will sound like your favorite uncle assuring everyone everything will be all right.

And in a baseball city this summer, it will be.

The Cubs can win the World Series. The

Sox can go .500.

That's the realistic ceiling for both teams in 2018 — and reachable too. The most fun question to ponder as the season begins is: Which is more likely to happen? Is there a better chance of both outcomes occurring or neither? With more optimism in the air than usual — the residue of the Ramblers from Rogers Park — let's go with both, at least until the first injury.

Start with the Cubs, who find them-

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**CUBS:** With only the Cardinals and Brewers to worry about in the NL Central, a fourth straight postseason seems like a fait accompli, writes Paul Sullivan. **Chicago Sports, Page 5**  
**WHITE SOX:** James Shields says he feels better physically going into his 13th season. He will make his eighth career opening-day start Thursday. **Chicago Sports, Page 4**

## Out of prison and into ICE custody

Despite case being dropped, man now has no legal status

BY GREGORY PRATT AND MEGAN CREPEAU  
 Chicago Tribune

In the two decades since Ricardo Rodriguez was convicted of murder, he has maintained his innocence.

This week, the Cook County state's attorney agreed to drop the case against him amid allegations that a discredited police detective manipulated witnesses.

But instead of walking out of prison a free man Wednesday, Rodriguez was

taken into custody by federal immigration authorities, adding a new and tragic twist to his story.

Before he was sent to prison for a 1995 murder, Rodriguez was a lawful permanent resident. His status was revoked when he was convicted, his attorneys said.

Now he faces the possibility of being deported despite being freed.

Rodriguez was brought to America as a child and his family is all here, according to his sister, Maria Rodriguez-Lopez.

She said the family has "a really big fear" that Rodri-

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## Palatine skate center bids farewell

When Orbit Skate Center closes after 46 years, more than just another suburban pastime bites the dust. This is not a story about a roller rink closing. This is a story about a mismatched, multigenerational family being pulled apart. **Christopher Borrelli in A+E**

## 'READY PLAYER ONE' ★★★

If all of Steven Spielberg's "Ready Player One" were as fluid and exciting as the first action showcase, we'd have a classic. **Michael Phillips in A+E**

## Trump dismisses embattled VA chief

President picks personal doctor to run troubled agency

BY EMILY WAX-THIBODEAUX AND LISA REIN  
 The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump fired his embattled Veterans Affairs secretary Wednesday and tapped as his replacement atop the chronically mismanaged agency the president's personal physician, who gained prominence with his effusive praise of the 71-year-old's physical and mental health.

The ouster of Veterans Affairs Secretary David

Shulkin, who has been mired in scandal over his charging taxpayers for luxury travel expenses and the infighting among his senior aides, was made official by presidential tweet.

Trump said he would nominate Ronny Jackson, 50, a rear admiral in the Navy who has served for the past three administrations as a White House physician. Robert Wilke, who serves as an undersecretary at the Defense Department, will serve as acting secretary.

A biography released by the White House shows Jackson has no background in management.

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Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry, second from left, on a duck hunting expedition in Ohio in 2004.



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# Stevens puts Democrats on a pin with repeal talk

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Democrats are panicking over retired Supreme Court Justice John Stevens' comments on repealing the Second Amendment.

You know they're panicking when they insist they're not panicking.

It is one thing for the left to slowly, carefully, methodically gut the Bill of Rights by using the media and their children's crusade as proxies.

But it's quite another thing to honestly declare your intentions about repealing the Second Amendment, which is what Stevens — a Republican appointee but a liberal — is advocating. At least Stevens is honest about it, which is what you'd expect of a 97-year-old Cubs fan who saw Babe Ruth's called shot at Wrigley. But he's driven Democrats crazy.

Sunlight is the best disinfectant, yes, but what if you don't want to admit to the American public — before the 2018 elections — that shredding the Second Amendment is what's on the menu?

You panic and say, "That is not what I meant, that is not what I meant at all," as you're fixed upon a pin as in the T.S. Eliot poem, which is exactly what Stevens' op-ed in The New York Times did to the left.

Stevens fixed them on a pin, like insects on a board. An honest pin, to be sure, but a pin nevertheless.

So until Democrats can figure out an escape, without demeaning the retired justice, those bent on trashing the long-held American right to bear arms just might want to remember happier times.

Like those halcyon days when they hadn't yet driven all the moderate Democrats out of their party, when John Kerry was running for president. Kerry, the impossibly rich liberal, a beneficiary of the Heinz ketchup fortune thanks to his wife, was a worldly fellow, comfortable on a yacht. But he was plagued by his upper-crust demeanor.

Some political brain decided Kerry should go a duck huntin' and demonstrate his love for the Second Amendment. And he got all dressed up like Elmer Fudd.

All that was missing was the Fudd hat with the ear flaps. But that would have ruined Kerry's hair.

Somebody shot some ducks — or perhaps an aide had them quietly strangled — but either way Kerry proudly carried those dead ducks around for news photographers, to demonstrate his reverence for the Second Amendment and the American right to kill some ducks.

The Bill of Rights doesn't exactly mention duck hunting, but liberals have a way of conflating hunting with the right to bear arms.

Kerry didn't care. He even dropped his patrician airs for the afternoon and walked around like an animatronic Orvis catalog. And, he got some nice Ohio mud on his boots.

The photo-op might have worked, if Kerry hadn't been wearing obviously stiff new gear, which made him look exactly what he was: a liberal politician in store-bought huntin' clothes pandering for regular folks' votes in Ohio by carrying a shotgun and a bunch of dead ducks.

Will we ever see Democrats touch a gun again in a photo-op?

Perhaps, but they'll need a safe emotional distance between any fake Second Amendment reverence and that other recent Democratic event: That children's crusade of the left called March for Our Lives, which was treated as some kind of spontaneous happening rather than carefully orchestrated theater.

In it, the young protesters held signs, spent George Clooney's money, while demanding the government take away Americans' guns, because, in the words of student leader and apprentice demagogue David Hogg, stupid parents just can't be trusted with democracy.

"When your old-ass parent is like, 'I don't know how to send an iMessage,' and you're just like, 'Give me the (deleted) phone and let me handle it,'" said Hogg in an earlier interview.

"Sadly, that's what we have to do with our government; our parents don't know how to use a (deleted) democracy, so we have to."

Of course you do. So just do it.

That's exactly what Stevens advocated in his New York Times op-ed piece.

Stevens wrote that he was moved by the demonstrations in Washington and other major cities, adding that they reveal broad public support for legislation to minimize the risks of mass killings by those with guns.

"But the demonstrators should seek more effective and more lasting reform," wrote Stevens. "They should demand a repeal of the Second Amendment."

It would be a more honest debate if Democrats would just drop the pretense and the mealy-mouthing and the business of carrying dead ducks around and follow Stevens' lead by declaring they want to repeal the Second Amendment. And have their candidates make that position clear in the upcoming midterms.

But Democrats are wriggling on that pin, saying they really don't want to mess with the Second Amendment.

"Not if they'd like to keep their jobs," said one of CNN's many leftists-in-residence, Symone Sanders, a former press secretary for socialist presidential candidate Bernie Sanders.

"This is what happens when Democrats allow folks on the right and the Republican Party to define and frame the conversation," she explained, though Justice Stevens isn't exactly of the right.

And some of those young people in March for Our Lives demanded America get rid of its guns, but Sanders said she wouldn't go that far.

"Children are very different than elected Democratic representation."

In other words, use the children's crusade until you can't. And insist you really don't want to gut the Bill of Rights, until it's done.

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## Chicagoan aims for 'first Latina trans rapper'



Star

Boystown performer **Lila Star** is known for portraying Lil' Kim, **Jennifer Lopez** and **Toni Braxton**, but she's also trying to forge her own path as the "first Latina trans rapper."

It's unclear if anyone else has laid claim to this title, though Star is making a strong case with her resume. She dropped a single, "The Truth," and has performed on tracks by "RuPaul's Drag Race" alum **Shea Coulee** and Chicago-based Puerto Rican artist **Lester Rey** (on a not-yet-released remix of "Ni Santa").

"Lila is one of those people who is just so hardworking," Coulee told the Tribune. "I think it's only a matter of time that she breaks through and has a moment."

Star is striving to be a triple threat — rapper, actress and activist. She played a trans prostitute in last year's indie short "Lakeshore Drive." She said she plays the leader of a group of activists in the upcoming '70s-set film "A History of Wise Men" and a trans woman desperate for sex reassignment surgery in "TranHeist."

Star grew up in the Humboldt Park area until about age 8, when her family moved to the Albany Park community, where she lives now. She attended Roosevelt High School and briefly studied cosmetology at Truman University, but singing has long been her passion.

Star — who considers herself "24 forever" because that's the age that she became legally female — is a mainstay on the pageant circuit for female impersonators and trans women. Chicago fans can often catch her at the Kit Kat Lounge and Supper Club, and at the Baton Show Lounge in River North on April 15 and 23.

— Tracy Swartz



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The Cubs' Kris Bryant, disguised as "Kristio," delivers pizza at a draft party this month in Mesa, Ariz.

## BRYANT SNARES MVP IN FANTASY DRAFT PRANK

When **Kris Bryant** showed up at three fantasy baseball draft parties in disguise, the unwitting fans not only believed he was a pizza delivery guy named **Kristio**, they also thought they were being filmed for a documentary.

Before the setup, a scruffy-looking Bryant asked the question you're probably all thinking: "What kind of people fall for, 'Yeah, we're going to film a documentary on fantasy baseball?'"

"Those are definitely the people that are going to fall for me being a pizza delivery."

Naturally, the Cubs' third baseman pulled off the prank, his third such gag with sponsor Red Bull. He filmed the bit two weeks ago in Scottsdale, Ariz.

During one scene, **Cole Stechnij**, a lifelong Cubs fan and

Mesa, Ariz., resident who named his 4-month-old son after Bryant, picks Bryant for his roster as a friend yells, "Reach!"

"And it's absolutely not a reach, and let me tell you why it's not a reach," Stechnij says as Bryant hands him a limited-edition Red Bull with Bryant's face on it — which, of course, Stechnij doesn't notice. "He's humble enough to make adjustments every year, and he could be better than he ever has."

Bryant points to Stechnij and says, "That's right. He's a good guy." Bryant tells the video's viewers, "The guy who picked me had no clue, which makes it even more better."

Another fantasy player challenges the pick: "Has Kris Bryant hit 40 home runs yet?"

The very defensive "pizza guy" protests, "The wind blows

in at Wrigley Field every game. Every game."

Some of the fans recognized Bryant despite his long hair and bushy mustache, but he finally let any stragglers in on the joke. "Who picked me?" he asks Stechnij, who pipes up, "You're Kris Bryant?"

No one looks more surprised, though, than the guy who called Bryant a "reach" earlier.

In 2016, the Cubs star played a community college transfer who tricked his new teammates into thinking he was taking their positions. Last season it was Bryant who got pranked. Legendary Cubs pitcher **Greg Maddux** looked like an ordinary sound technician when he threw Bryant some nasty curveballs.

— Phil Thompson

## Judge dispenses \$50K fine, ire to lawyer Brodsky

Imprisoned former Bolingbrook cop **Drew Peterson's** former attorney **Joel Brodsky** engaged in "unprofessional, contemptuous, and antagonistic behavior" and resorted to "false accusations and inappropriate diatribes" and "acts of intimidation and harassment" that "culminated in an unhinged attack."



Brodsky

And if the cantankerous, highly litigious Brodsky — currently representing Chicago officer **Robert Rialmo** in a high-profile police shooting case — wants to make an issue of that judgment, he can take it up with U.S. District Judge **Virginia Kendall**.

Kendall on Wednesday sanctioned Brodsky for bizarre courtroom behavior that included falsely accusing an expert witness of inventing a son. In the ruling, she wrote that if left unpunished, Brodsky's actions "would serve to undermine the integrity of this court," ordering him to pay a \$50,000 fine, undergo anger management training and take an ethics course, and she referred him to a panel that could bar or suspend him from practicing in federal court.

The ruling came in a small, otherwise unremarkable lemon law case about a used Infiniti SUV. Three-quarters of the 200-plus legal filings in the case concerned "disputes regarding Brodsky's behavior," Kendall wrote, lamenting that his previous run-ins with judges and her own repeated warnings had not reined him in. "That stops here," she wrote.

Brodsky did not comment Wednesday, but his friend and lawyer **Joseph "The Shark" Lopez** said he may ask Kendall to reduce the fine, or appeal.

— Kim Janssen

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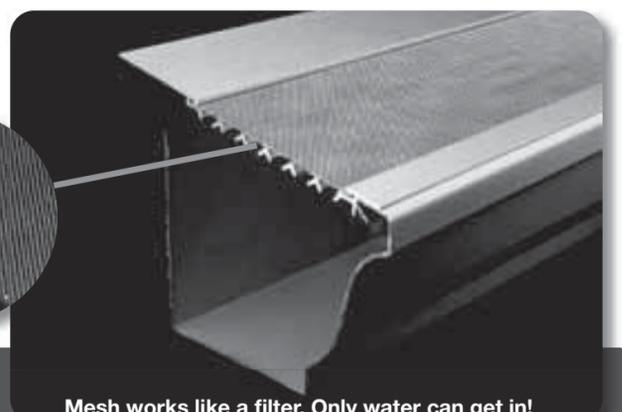
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## We need to recognize that white 'privilege' is still the problem



**DAHLEEN GLANTON**

People are uncomfortable with the term "privileged." Several readers took offense recently when I differentiated between privileged youths and underprivileged youths in a column about the March for Our Lives.

"Categorizing and generalizing of this type are just veiled forms of discrimination and/or racism," one man wrote.

I'd like to take this opportunity to set the record straight.

If you are a white person in America, you were born privileged. That's just a fact.

It's nothing to be ashamed of. It's not anybody's fault. There's no need to get defensive about it.

The best thing to do is just acknowledge it.

Being privileged does not necessarily mean that you have a perfect life. It does not mean that you come from wealth or that you always obtain everything you want — or deserve.

It doesn't give you a pass to be lazy and shiftless. It doesn't automatically guarantee you success. White skin no more relieves you of taking responsibility for your life, working hard and thinking smart than it does for people with dark skin.

It just means that you have a head start over the rest of us.

White privilege means that you were born with an inherent advantage over every other race of people. The whiteness of your skin alone allows you to leave the starting gate quicker and to run the race with fewer obstacles. White skin comes with certain other perks, too, many of which are taken for granted.

American culture itself is whitecentric. For example, as an African-American woman, I can rarely find makeup that matches my exact skin tone. Though cosmetics companies have gotten a lot better at adding more diverse colors to their lines, I still most often have to buy two shades and mix them together to get a match.

That's just an inconvenience, though. Other issues require much more attention.

If you were born white, you are likely to earn more money than an African-American or Hispanic co-worker who does the same work. You are more likely to be considered for a promotion than a racial minority who is just as qualified. Numerous studies back this up.

Let's be clear, though. This has nothing to do with a person's actual level of intelligence. It has nothing to do with how talented or untalented someone really is. It has nothing to do with the kind of human being someone is. It is all about perception.

But the perception many white people have about other white people — whether it is conscious or subconscious — is that they are smarter, more ambitious, more dependable and harder-working than African-Americans.

"Privilege is hard work and sacrifice. Then when paid for this hard work ... others who do nothing get jealous and bring race into it," a woman emailed me. Not so.

Black and brown people have no reason to be angry with white people for being born white. We don't buy into the adage that because someone happened to be white, they are smarter than the rest of us. Nor do we believe that every white person seated at the head table deserves a space there.

What we do understand is that white skin opens doors that often slam shut in the faces of dark skin. That's what we have a problem with.

It is easy to blame the staggering unemployment rates among African-Americans and Hispanics on their lack of education, training or individual initiative. In America, we like to think that the dream can be achieved by anyone who works hard to attain it. But that simply isn't true.

The reality is that blacks and Latinos have never gotten an equal shake. When affirmative action sought to level the playing field, white people got mad and put an end to it.

As a result, hiring discrimination based on race remains alive and well, meaning blacks and Hispanics have to work twice as hard just to get a foot in the door.

Last year, researchers at Northwestern University, Harvard University and the Institute of Social Research in Oslo, Norway, reviewed multiple studies and concluded that the level of hiring discrimination against African-Americans had not changed in 25 years.

According to the data, whites receive on average 36 percent more callbacks than blacks, and 24 percent more callbacks than Latinos. When employers don't even bother to call you back, that means you don't get the job.

Until the country reverses itself and African-Americans are sitting in all those glass offices at businesses and major corporations, white people will never have to worry about being discriminated against because of their race.

The subtle and sometimes overt biases against African-Americans begin long before adulthood. African-American men, in particular, often spend a lifetime trying to overcome tags that are placed on their backs as soon as they enter kindergarten.

Research shows that black boys are much more likely to be labeled as troublemakers than white boys. According to a U.S. Department of Education report, black children — particularly boys — are nearly four times more likely to be suspended from school than white children.

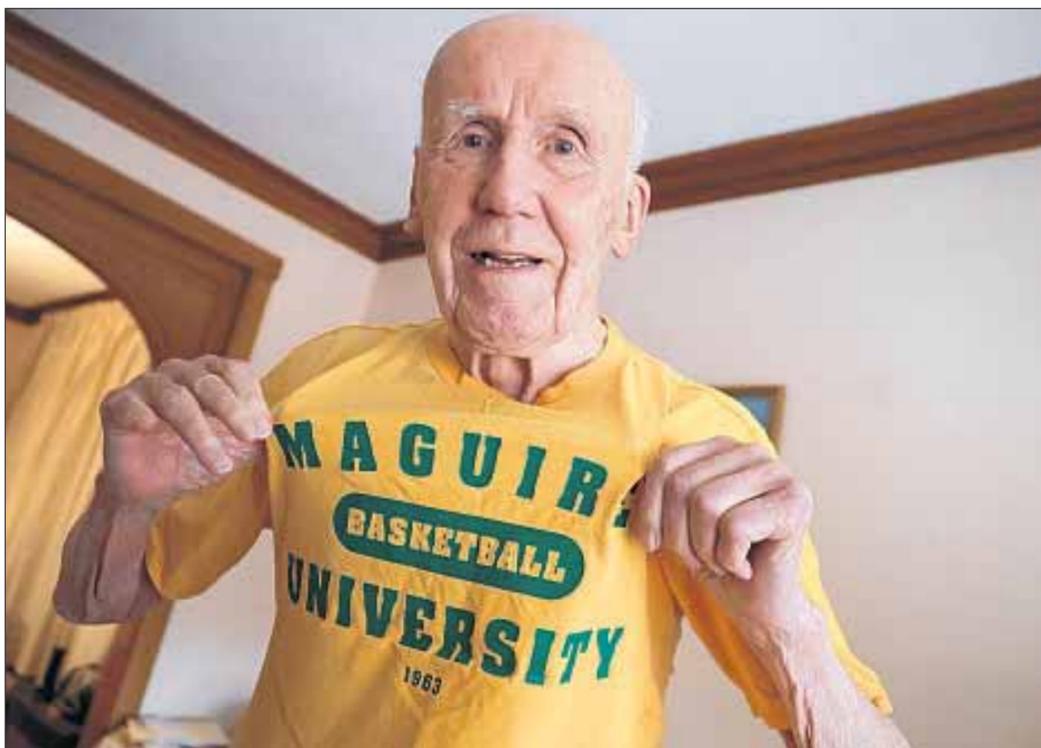
When young white people get into trouble, adults are much more empathetic than they are to African-Americans who experience similar problems.

Just look at the opioid epidemic. When shooting up heroin became a crisis among white kids, the country rushed to embrace them, saying, "Don't worry, we're going to figure out how to help you." Money was poured into counseling and rehab.

When black kids got hooked on crack cocaine in the 1980s, America said, "Toss those thugs in jail." When there weren't enough jails to hold all of them, we poured money into building more.

This is what white privilege looks like.

As long as there's a need to talk about race and class in America, I'll continue to use the terms privileged and underprivileged. You might want to hold on to this column as a reference.



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Ex-basketball coach Bob Luksta, 90, is a founding father of fictional Maguire University, briefly recognized by the NCAA.

## Jollymen of 'Maguire U' rooted in Loyola's Ramblers

1963 title spurred a bar-born prank that lives on today

**BY TED GREGORY**  
Chicago Tribune

Rare as it may be for the Loyola Ramblers to reach college basketball's coveted Final Four, the team might benefit from the advice of the Maguire University Jollymen. They've been to the men's college basketball finals nearly 60 times.

And the Jollymen would be most gracious giving advice, except for this: Maguire University doesn't have a basketball team. In fact, by conventional measures, Maguire University doesn't exist.

But the school — such as it is — does take on additional significance with Loyola's extraordinary appearance in the Final Four this year. Maguire was inspired by Loyola's last Final Four trip in 1963.

It's a story that starts in a bar in west suburban Forest Park named Maguire's.

At the time of Loyola's 1963 run, Maguire's was a popular hangout for high school coaches in the area, which made it a popular place for visiting college coaches and scouts. The august clientele informally referred to the establishment as Maguire University.

One regular patron was Loyola assistant basketball coach Bill Shay, who snagged eight or so tickets to the 1963 finals in Louisville. He brought along a contingent from Maguire's, and the group had such an invigorating time — capped by Loyola's national championship — that they decided to attend every Final Four, loosely under the banner of Maguire University.

More "students" enrolled and in about 1971, someone in the group obtained an application form to seek recognition from the National Collegiate Athletic Association in its annual National Directory of College Athletics, known as the Blue Book.

The schemers are thought to have been Maguire's regular Phil Farrell and former high school and college basketball coach Bob Luksta, now 90. Luksta said he handed the form to Farrell and suggested he fill it out for Maguire University. Farrell smiled at the idea.

"I just let it ride right there," Luksta recalled this week from his Cicero two-flat. He wore a yellow and green Maguire University Basketball T-shirt, printed with its founding year, 1963. "When he'd get stuck, I'd help him with names, sports, whatever was needed. I guess it took off right from there."



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Art Duffy, "chancellor" of Maguire University, visits its campus — aka Kelly's Pub in Lincoln Park. Maguire has fielded a team to attend the Final Four for decades, 120 strong this year.

They needed a lot of names for the application — president, athletic director, coaches and assistant coaches for baseball, track, basketball and football, even a sports information director. They needed to list school colors, a nickname, won-loss records of various sports teams and enrollment.

Fueled perhaps by beverages from the "university," the two pals' creative juices flowed. Regulars of the tavern and relatives of regulars were listed in prominent positions at the institution of higher learning that bore the same name.

Maguire's president was

Four and, later, the NCAA's wrath, Luksta recalled.

Chicago Today sports writer Bill Jauss, later a Chicago Tribune sports writer, shone the light of truth on Maguire in the form of a humorous column. Luksta recalled that Jauss, also a Maguire's regular, wrote the piece out of fear that some other reporter would scoop him.

The NCAA was less than amused and rattled its saber but not much else.

Journalism may have ended Maguire's official status after only one year, but the group of regulars continued carrying the banner of Maguire proudly to

Current "Chancellor" Art Duffy, of Chicago, said his email list of students and alumni includes more than 1,000 names across the country. This year's Maguire University contingent heading to San Antonio totals 120 people, he said, and he's getting calls from more who want to join the group.

But the institution has become more than a Final Four party. Since 2010, Duffy said, Maguire has embarked on philanthropic efforts that include donating profits on the group's gear sales to various charities and hosting a "Burger Bash" that has raised tens of thousands of dollars for Operation Support Our Troops.

Luksta, one of Maguire's founding fathers, missed the Final Four last year for the first time and can't attend this year's either.

"It's a little early to plan for next year," he said, but he remains hopeful.

When Duffy looks back to the hoax Luksta and his friends orchestrated in the early days, he chuckles with appreciation.

"You couldn't get away with that today," he said, "with the internet and computers and everything."

But Duffy said he runs into people all the time who want to create their own mock university.

"Everybody loves a practical joke that doesn't hurt anybody and is just fun," he said, "and that's what this is."

On Wednesday, before he was due to depart for San Antonio the next morning, Duffy reviewed his freshman class and counted it at 20.

"That's a wonderful thing," he said. Interest in his phantom university continues to grow, he added.

"You're only as good as your incoming classes," Duffy said. "I'm very optimistic."

**"You couldn't get away with that today, with the internet and computers and everything."**

— Maguire University "Chancellor" Art Duffy, on the ruse that got the fictional Maguire University into the NCAA and qualified it for eight tickets to the 1964 Final Four

Mel Connolly, a truck driver. Gert Ireland, wife of Loyola's national championship coach George Ireland, was director of women's physical education.

When they came to a line for assistant football coach, Farrell fixated on a Chicago police officer whose first name was Sal.

"Phil says, 'What's his last name?'" Luksta recalled. "I didn't know so I came up with one — DeCopper. Sal DeCopper."

School colors were green and white. Their nickname was the Jollymen. Aware that they wanted Maguire University to be inconspicuous, Farrell and Luksta kept the teams' won-loss records competitive but not garish. Enrollment was 1,600.

The ruse worked. Maguire University became a member of the NCAA and was listed in the 1972-73 registry, which brought the school respect, eight tickets to the following year's Final

every Final Four, moving the "campus" to Kelly's Pub in Lincoln Park after Maguire's closed in 1988 and increasing its enrollment.

The group created a website, where prospective students can learn about admissions and graduation requirements; appreciate the smiling, muscular beer stein mascot; and buy T-shirts, sweatshirts and car magnets. They've coined a motto taken from legendary college basketball coach Al McGuire, who is no relation.

Joking to a sports writer about the team's ability to play through hangovers, McGuire said, "They play hurt."

"We play hurt" became Maguire University's motto.

Today, the university has a board of directors and a Hall of Fame. It awards honorary degrees in "bracketology" to coaches who win the national championship.

# Ex-Madigan campaign worker seeks inquiry into city official

Ald. Quinn accused of not taking action on sex harassment

BY RAY LONG  
AND JOHN BYRNE  
Chicago Tribune

The campaign worker who filed a federal lawsuit against House Speaker Michael Madigan's political operation is now asking City Hall watchdogs to look into Ald. Marty Quinn, the brother of the ousted political operative she accused of sexual harassment.

Alaina Hampton sent a letter Wednesday to Joseph Ferguson, Chicago's inspector general, and Steve Berlin, executive director of the city's ethics board, accusing the 13th Ward alderman of failing to take appropriate actions when she reported harassing texts of his brother, Kevin Quinn.

Hampton wants city officials to review whether Ald. Quinn failed to comply with ethics and employment rules.

"In my time working for Ald. Quinn's political organization, I experienced sustained and aggressive sexual harassment from his brother, Kevin Quinn, over a period of 5 months," Hampton said in the letter.

"I informed Ald. Quinn of the issue on Feb. 9, 2017. Ald. Quinn did not react appropriately to address the matter — and in fact, used his power and relationships derived in large part from his position as an elected official to protect the perpetrator.

"As a result, I was forced to leave my job, and was retaliated against and prevented from being hired as I pursued future employment as a result," she wrote.

Ald. Quinn declined to comment on Hampton's letter at Wednesday's City Council meeting. The alderman previously has said Hampton indicated she

wanted discretion in the matter and did not want Kevin Quinn further reprimanded.

"I advised him that such behavior would not be tolerated, and that any further communication with Ms. Hampton would result in immediate termination. He was remorseful and acknowledged his poor judgment," the alderman said in a statement last month.

Hampton has said Ald. Quinn, whom she had considered a mentor, did ask his



Hampton



Quinn

brother to stop sending her inappropriate texts, such as one that called her "smoking hot," and the texting stopped.

But Kevin Quinn, who had held state and political positions with Madigan's

operations for 20 years, was not ousted from the speaker's organization until last month. That's nearly three months after she wrote a letter to the speaker and he had an attorney look into the issue. Kevin Quinn has not commented on the matter.

In her lawsuit, Hampton also contends that her effort to stop Kevin Quinn's unwanted advances effectively prevented her from getting further work on Democratic campaigns. She

says she was shut out when she tried to rejoin the Democratic organization to work on a House race.

Hampton held a brief news conference Wednesday outside City Council chambers and said she wants the city ethics agencies to "look into the truth."

She did not offer specifics on how she thinks Ald. Quinn violated the city ethics code. "That is going to be a question for the oversight bodies to determine," Hampton said.

Hampton declined to say what punishment she would like Ald. Quinn to face.

In her letter, Hampton said the "widespread acceptance and protection of harassment and discrimination in government offices cannot change unless those responsible are held accountable for their actions and the devastating consequences for victims."

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## Man flees cops, nabbed on train, police say

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY  
AND KATHY ROUTLIFFE  
Chicago Tribune

A Chicago man who sped off from a traffic stop in Kenilworth was arrested several hours later in a train at a Metra station in Evanston after abandoning his car and passengers, according to authorities.

Davontay Thomas, 20, was being held Wednesday on charges of burglary, aggravated battery to a police officer and an attempt to disarm an officer after two Wilmette police officers suffered minor injuries while removing him from the train Wednesday morning, Wilmette police Chief Kyle Murphy said.

The incident began shortly before midnight Tuesday when a Kenilworth officer pulled a car over for speeding along Sheridan Road, Kenilworth police Chief David Miller said. The driver couldn't produce any identification, Miller said, and sped west on Kenilworth Avenue. Officers found the vehicle five minutes later, parked on Roslyn Road at Melrose Avenue. The driver had run away, leaving four passengers, including a 4-year-old child, he said.

About 4:45 a.m. Wednesday, a Wilmette officer discovered what Murphy described as "a substantial amount of blood" at an auto repair shop in the 1200 block of Green Bay Road where a rear window had been broken. A short time later, Murphy said, a Wilmette officer spotted a man on a southbound Metra commuter train who matched the description from Kenilworth police of their fleeing speeder.

The train was stopped at the Central Street station in Evanston and Thomas was arrested about 5 a.m., but not before struggling with officers, said Evanston police Cmdr. Ryan Glew, whose department assisted. The man suffered minor injuries, Glew said.

Kathy Routliffe is a Pioneer Press reporter.

# Alderman: Don't empower board to fire top cop

Council gets rival plans for police oversight panel

BY HAL DARDICK  
AND ANNIE SWEENEY  
Chicago Tribune

A close ally of Mayor Rahm Emanuel on Wednesday countered a controversial plan for a police civilian oversight board empowered to fire the superintendent with a pair of proposals for a weaker board without that authority.

The ordinance proposals by Ald. Ariel Reboyras, 30th, Emanuel's handpicked chairman of the City Council Public Safety Committee, envision an oversight board that is more advisory in nature, as opposed to the Grassroots Alliance for Police Accountability's call for a commission that could set policy.

Under Reboyras' proposals, the members would be appointed by some combination of the mayor, the City Council and other commissioners — rather than by publicly elected councils in each police district. Neither of Reboyras' proposals gives the board power to fire the superintendent.

The proposals were blasted immediately by the alliance, which met for about two years crafting its version of a community oversight board, and whose own proposal was officially introduced to the City Council on Wednesday as well. The alliance's proposal would give the community board the power to fire the superintendent, among other differences.

"It's a slap in the face," said Mecole Jordan, coordinator for the group, speaking of the aldermen and the mayor. "Instead of having a conversation about how we move forward with the ordinance as drafted, we get two brand-new ordinances. I'm not sure where the community engagement piece happened there. Where is the legitimacy? Where is the buy-in from the community? This is business as usual, and it cannot continue this way."

Members said they felt blindsided by Reboyras, who introduced his versions to the City Council at the same time other aldermen put forward the alliance's proposal. The group had met with Reboyras for an hour Tuesday, and members say they were not advised of his plans.

In a brief interview Wednesday, Emanuel declined to say which police oversight proposal he favored or whether he could support the recommendation that a civilian board be able to fire the police superintendent, saying he'd leave it to the City Council to debate the proposals' merits.

The mayor noted that in the time that it took the community group to make its recommendations, the city enacted numerous reforms, including new police training and body cameras for all officers.

"We're not letting the grass grow under our feet. We know what we have to do and the City Council will be engaged," Emanuel said.

The alliance of 13 organizations, which was funded and supported by the city's leading philanthropic groups, began meeting after Emanuel's Police Accountability Task Force issued a report in 2016 calling for civilian oversight that would be designed with substantial input from the community. At the time, Emanuel deferred to the alliance's request to study the issue and make a recommendation.

The group's report was issued two weeks ago after some 100 meetings were held across the city with residents. Aldermen Rodrick Sawyer, 6th, and Harry Osterman, 48th, sponsored an ordinance, officially introduced Wednesday, creating the Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability that would guide leadership, direction and policy on policing in Chicago.

Under the alliance pro-

posal, the superintendent and command staff would continue to run the day-to-day operations of the department, but the commission would have final say on policy decisions. More controversial was the recommendation that the commission be able to fire the superintendent, a decision currently left only to the mayor.

Under the alliance's proposal, the commission's oversight would extend beyond the Police Department to the Civilian Office of Police Accountability, which investigates police misconduct allegations, and the Chicago Police Board, which decides discipline.

While the alliance proposal gives the commission no authority to review individual disciplinary decisions by COPA, it would have the power to hire and fire the head of that police oversight agency as well as the head of and members of the Police Board. Those hiring decisions would be subject to City Council confirmation.

In Reboyras' versions, the oversight commission would not hire the head of COPA but would instead submit three candidate names. Reboyras, who as the public safety chairman has great sway over how the final version will turn out, said he specifically disagreed with the firing of the superintendent aspect of the alliance's proposal. Reboyras, however, said he did not introduce his proposal at the behest of the mayor.

"I don't think he even knows," he said, referring to the ordinance. "I don't think he should have input on it."

Reboyras said his proposals were based on commissions set up in Los Angeles and Seattle. Jordan, from the alliance, however, said her group had already extensively reviewed the civilian panels in those cities and incorporated some elements.

Reboyras insisted he wasn't blocking the alliance's proposal, but that his goal is "to see if we can come up with a solution to work together (for) a comprehensive ordinance to address all the issues."

Meanwhile, Sawyer, one of the sponsors of the alliance ordinance, said he was "not at all" troubled by the fact competing versions were introduced.

"The conversation started," he said. "If it results in us starting this conversation and we come to something we can all agree on, so much the better."

Police reform has been a critical issue in Chicago since 2015 when Emanuel was forced by a judge's order to release disturbing dashcam footage of white Chicago police officer Jason Van Dyke shooting African-American teen Laquan McDonald 16 times as he appeared to walk away.

A Department of Justice investigation concluded in early 2016 what residents and civil rights activists have long decried — decades of widespread civil rights abuses by Chicago police against the city's African-American and Hispanic residents. Emanuel created his police accountability task force, which issued its report and called for oversight.

Lori Lightfoot, who chaired Emanuel's task force on police accountability, said she had yet to see the Reboyras versions but that anything that is "merely advisory" is not what the task force had in mind.

"What is unfortunate is that the mayor sanctioned and approved the (alliance) process back in 2016," she said. "To introduce two different ordinances that are completely contrary to any real notion of actual oversight by civilians ... does a total disservice. But now citizens have very stark choices. So I look forward to the debate."

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Officer Jason Van Dyke, shown in court Wednesday, fired a fatal 16 shots at black teenager Laquan McDonald in 2014.

## Judge wants trial in McDonald shooting to begin this summer

Hurdles remain to bringing murder case against officer

BY MEGAN CREPEAU  
Chicago Tribune

The murder trial of Chicago police Officer Jason Van Dyke will go forward sometime this summer, the Cook County judge presiding over the case insisted at a court hearing Wednesday.

"I'm not going to say the specific month, but it will go to trial this summer," Judge Vincent Gaughan said from the bench, noting that he doesn't want bad weather to keep people from getting to the courthouse. "I want the weather to be the best. That's something we have a little bit of control over."

Van Dyke's eventual trial promises to be the most closely watched in Cook County, if not the nation. Dashcam video of the offi-

cer fatally shooting teenager Laquan McDonald was released in 2015 by court order the same day Van Dyke was charged with first-degree murder, sparking months of turmoil and protests across the city.

Local activists have expressed frustration with the lengthy pretrial process, but it is not uncommon for high-profile Cook County murder cases to stretch out for four to five years before getting a trial date.

And attorneys still seem to have several hurdles to clear before trial, including the defense's attempt to get the case moved to a different county. Attorneys as of Wednesday were still sifting through subpoenaed material and submitting qualifications for proposed expert witnesses. The defense is preparing an animated video, the details of which have not been made public and which prose-

cutors said Wednesday they had not yet seen. And in the meantime, attorneys for several news outlets are trying to access paperwork that Gaughan has shielded from view — documents that normally would be made public as a matter of routine.

There were signs at Wednesday's hearing that Gaughan has grown impatient with the pace of the proceedings.

Attorneys for the media outlets asked Gaughan for permission to view Van Dyke's court file in the judge's chambers so they could determine exactly how many documents are being kept under wraps. The judge denied their request, instead telling them to prepare for arguments next month about what should be released.

"We have to focus on the path to get this thing to trial, and we can't be looking at side streets," Gaughan said. "Right now

we have a path. This may not be the perfect path, but this is the one right now."

Defense attorneys Wednesday filed their motion for a change of venue — which could result in the proceedings being moved to a different county, or having out-of-county jurors selected to hear the case in the Leighton Criminal Court Building. But when defense attorney Randy Rueckert told the judge that the defense's polling expert's report on the change of venue would not be available until May, Gaughan grew frustrated, telling them to have the numbers by mid-April or make their expert fly in from out of state to testify about why his report isn't ready.

"I asked you to do this the beginning of February," Gaughan said. "It's unacceptable."

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Paul Vallas served as Chicago Public Schools superintendent when Richard M. Daley was mayor. Vallas plans to run against Mayor Rahm Emanuel in the 2019 race.

## Attorney: Former CPS chief is going to challenge mayor

BY HAL DARDICK  
Chicago Tribune

After talking for months about taking on Mayor Rahm Emanuel in next year's election, former Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas soon will make it clear he's running, his election attorney said Wednesday.

Attorney Burt Odelson said he plans to file state paperwork Monday to set up a "Paul Vallas for Chicago" campaign committee. Vallas is "150 percent" committed to running, Odelson said. "It's full speed ahead," he said.

Attempts to reach Vallas were not immediately successful Wednesday evening. He's kept a relatively low profile in recent weeks after the death of his 24-year-old son.

Starting in January, though, Vallas was saying he would get in the race if he could secure the resources needed to make a run. Emanuel is a prolific fundraiser, so taking him

on likely will be a costly affair.

Vallas was city budget director under then-Mayor Richard M. Daley before being tapped to lead a newly revamped school district. He has been critical of Emanuel's stewardship of city finances. Getting in the race, however, could expose Vallas to his own criticism, given that he's got a long public career to examine.

It's also unlikely to be a one-on-one contest, although that could favor a challenger if multiple candidates force Emanuel into a runoff, as happened in 2015.

Garry McCarthy, the former police superintendent fired by Emanuel amid a growing scandal surrounding the shooting of black teen Laquan McDonald by white Officer Jason Van Dyke, announced his candidacy last week.

Also saying they'll run: Chicago principals association President Troy La-

Raviere, who was fired by the mayor's administration as principal of Lakeview's Blaine Elementary School; businessman Willie Wilson, who ran in 2015; and tech entrepreneur Neal Sales-Griffin.

Many view Emanuel as weakened by the McDonald shooting and its aftermath, and McCarthy and LaRaviere have been particularly critical of the mayor's leadership. Odelson, though, said Vallas' campaign won't be focused on Emanuel and his performance.

"I look at it as taking on the problems of Chicago, not (Emanuel)," Odelson said. "He's not in our vision of Chicago."

Emanuel campaign spokesman Pete Giangreco said Vallas' record would be a focus for the mayor. Vallas' "record of leaving fiscal time bombs" at multiple school districts where he worked would be an issue, he said.

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## Court date set, mother's bail lowered in fatal fire

BY BECKY JACOBS  
Post-Tribune

A mother charged after two of her children died in a Gary apartment fire had her bail lowered Wednesday in advance of her first formal court appearance next week.

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 Christopher Gober, 4, and Kailani Gober, 2, died at Methodist Hospitals Northlake after Gary firefighters rescued them Sunday from a fire at the 54-unit Lakeshore Dunes complex on Forest Court.

Kristen Gober had an initial hearing Wednesday with prosecuting attorney Angela Brown, where she was appointed a public defender, T. Edward Page, and her bail was reset to \$200,000, court records show. Her case was initially filed without bail.

Kristen Gober is scheduled for a formal appearance Monday morning in Judge Diane Boswell's court, where she will enter a plea, according to court records.

A 6-year-old brother of the Gober children made it out of the apartment, as did an unidentified 8-year-old boy who jumped safely from the fourth floor onto a blanket held by neighbors, officials said. Gary Fire Department Chief of Operations Mark Jones previously said the fire, which displaced 113 residents, appeared accidental with no foul play suspected.

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# Feds: CeaseFire worker stayed active in gang

An 'interrupter' ordered beating, prosecutors say

BY JASON MEISNER  
Chicago Tribune

After serving 24 years in prison for the murder of a gang rival, Francisco "Smokey" Sanchez claimed to have found a new purpose in life as a violence interrupter with CeaseFire.

But federal prosecutors say his job with the controversial anti-violence group was just a facade. Instead of trying to stop the unrelenting bloodshed on the city's streets, Sanchez had actually resumed his old role as a leader of the notorious Gangster Two-Six Nation, prosecutors alleged in a court filing this week.

In fact, a sprawling federal investigation into the gang's activities captured Sanchez on undercover wiretaps encouraging the very kind of violence he was supposedly working to prevent, according to the 35-page filing.

Sanchez was recorded ordering the jailhouse beating of a gang member who'd gotten out of line, making personnel decisions in the group's hierarchy, agreeing to provide guns to underlings for use on the streets, and talking about the intentional shooting of a fellow Two-Six member as punishment for an earlier incident, according to the filing.

"N-----, you shoot at us, we shoot at you, you know

what I'm sayin'?" Sanchez was quoted as saying in the May 2017 conversation.

The details of Sanchez's alleged double life were laid out as prosecutors asked U.S. District Judge John Lee to sentence him to prison for his conviction stemming from the Two-Six probe — dubbed "Operation Bunny Trap" due to the gang's rabbit insignia.

Sanchez, 51, pleaded guilty to a single count of possession of a weapon by a felon after authorities raided his West Side home last May and found a .45-caliber pistol hidden in a false book on his bedside table. According to the charges, he had a bullet-proof vest in his closet and the written bylaws of the Two-Six hidden in a vent in his bedroom. Federal guidelines call for up to about three years in prison for Sanchez when he's sentenced on April 9.

In quoting numerous recordings made during the investigation, Assistant U.S. Attorneys Timothy Storino and Eric Pruitt said Sanchez's words were not those of someone dedicated to stopping bloodshed, but of "a gang leader, a person who ... promoted and encouraged violence in the city of Chicago."

Sanchez's attorney, Scott Lassar, said prosecutors completely misinterpreted what's on the wiretaps. He said the conversations reflect Sanchez's necessary efforts to maintain a rapport with the gang in order to

save lives.

"Mr. Sanchez is trying to relate to the gang members so that they will come to him to mediate deadly disputes," Lassar, the former U.S. attorney in Chicago, wrote in a 17-page filing that asks the judge to sentence Sanchez to time served. "He intentionally talks like a gang member to gain their trust."

Sanchez's ex-boss at CeaseFire, Dr. Gary Slutkin, wrote a letter to the court in September describing Sanchez as one of the organization's most effective and reliable employees, someone who was so good at saving lives that he'd recently been promoted to work with affiliated groups in violence-torn countries in Latin America.

"He uses his past to help stop killing today. And he is great at it," wrote Slutkin, a University of Illinois at Chicago professor and the founder of CeaseFire's parent organization, Cure Violence. "I know he is out of gang life as much as anyone can know."

Neither Lassar nor Slutkin responded to calls for comment Wednesday.

Sanchez is hardly the first CeaseFire employee to be accused of a crime. Since its inception in 2000, the group has been controversial, especially in the eyes of Chicago police officers who don't trust the CeaseFire workers because many have criminal backgrounds. More than a dozen have faced charges ranging from

drug sales to domestic violence.

After Sanchez's arrest last year, the Cure Violence organization released a statement calling it a "relapse" for him while defending his work with the program.

According to the defense filing, Sanchez joined the Two-Six gang at age 11 after his mother died and he ran away from an abusive foster home. He was still a teenager when he was convicted in 1986 of killing a rival gang member and eventually sentenced to 40 years in prison, records show.

Although he remained active in the gang during his first years in prison, by the time Sanchez was released in 2008, he'd begun "moving away" from the lifestyle, earning his GED and enrolling in college courses, his lawyer said.

"Most importantly, he grew up, and began focusing on his future," Lassar wrote.

Sanchez began working as a violence interrupter for CeaseFire in 2010 and was immediately effective in mediating disputes on the South and West sides, according to Lassar.

Character letters written by community leaders — which were submitted to the court in advance of sentencing — describe Sanchez as particularly good working with at-risk youth who gravitated to his authentic knowledge of the streets and the issues of their daily lives. Sanchez got

involved in summer softball leagues and other activities in his Little Village neighborhood to keep kids occupied, brought them candy and T-shirts, even offered to escort them to school if they felt threatened.

"He wants them to have a better life than he had," Slutkin wrote in his letter to the court. "(Sanchez) is the furthest thing from a danger to the community, but on the exact contrary an important asset to his community and ... actually quite a hero right now."

But while Sanchez was enjoying success at CeaseFire, by late 2014 he'd also become a target of the federal probe into the operations of the Two-Six gang. That November, the feds wired up an informant who secretly recorded Sanchez as they drove around the West Side together talking about issues with fellow members who were incarcerated in Cook County Jail, records show.

When the informant told Sanchez that a member by the name of "Lil A" had violated gang rules, Sanchez ordered that other members in jail assault "Lil A" as punishment, according to the prosecution filing.

"F--- him," Sanchez said on the recording, according to the prosecution filing. "Whoop that n-----'s ass."

In May 2017, Sanchez was recorded talking in his car to an unidentified associate about a "violation" that had been given to a Two-Six member who'd

shot two of the gang's own members in a dispute. Sanchez said he was present at a block party when the gang punished the member by shooting him in the arm.

"I was over there Saturday. This n----- stuck his arm out and they shot him in the arm," Sanchez said on the recording, which was captured on a bug placed in his car. "N----- you shoot us, we shoot you, you know what I'm sayin'?"

Other conversations captured the respect Sanchez had in the gang as an elder statesman — as well as the fear he instilled in the rank and file, prosecutors said.

Two members of the Two-Six gang were captured on recorded calls from Cook County Jail in 2016 discussing efforts by law enforcement to get them to flip on Sanchez.

"They're telling me to get close to Smokey," one member, identified as Individual D, said on the call, according to the filing. "I would never do that to Smokey — I'm not a f----- idiot."

After the other gang member warned Individual D that informing on Sanchez could be dangerous, Individual D agreed that law enforcement would likely be unable to protect them. "I told them, I'm like, 'You do realize he can just show up at my house and kill me, right?'" Individual D said.

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## Man pleads not guilty in fatal Park City crash

BY JIM NEWTON  
News-Sun

A man who prosecutors allege fell asleep while driving and struck a worker from Barrington in a Park City work zone in November pleaded not guilty Wednesday to charges of reckless homicide.

Nicholas Zaworski, of Park City, is charged with two counts of reckless homicide, one of which is enhanced, alleging that he was speeding in a work zone when he struck and killed Matthew M. Paulson on Nov. 2, 2017.

He entered not guilty pleas to the charges through his public defender before Judge Mark Levitt in Lake County Circuit Court on Wednesday morning.

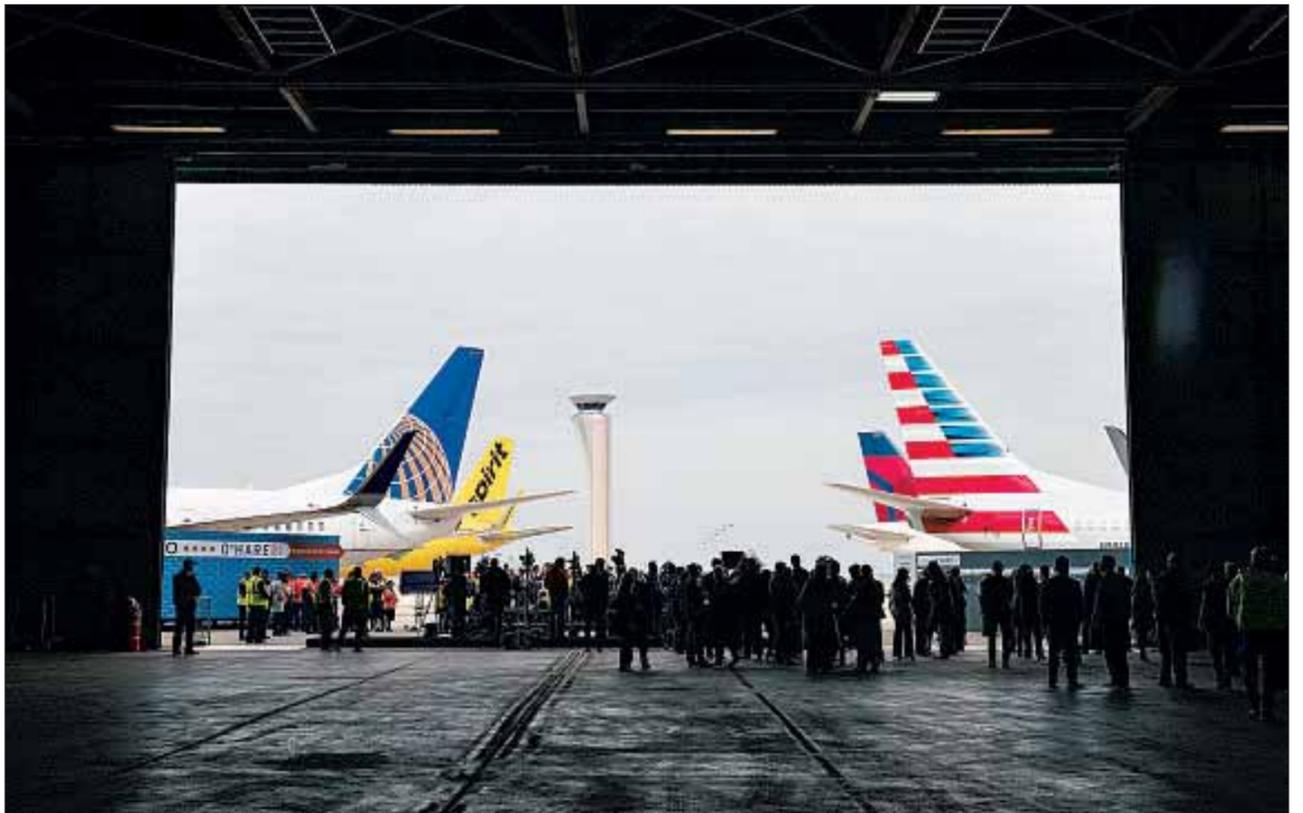
Assistant State's Attorney Danielle Pascucci said Wednesday that the state is alleging Zaworski, 24, fell asleep at the wheel while speeding in a work zone, causing the crash that killed Paulson just before 11 a.m. Pascucci said toxicology tests showed Zaworski did not have drugs or alcohol in his system at the time of the crash.

The two counts of reckless homicide filed against Zaworski carry different potential sentences. One of the counts carries the standard range of probation of two to five years in prison upon conviction, but the enhanced count — alleging that Zaworski was speeding in a work zone — carries potential sentences upon conviction ranging from probation to 14 years in prison, Pascucci said.

Lake County Coroner Dr. Howard Cooper said Paulson died of multiple traumatic injuries due to the crash.

According to Park City police reports, Paulson, 29, was killed when a Chevrolet driven by Zaworski was traveling south on Greenleaf Street near Lake Park Avenue and veered off the road and onto the shoulder area where Paulson was working. Cooper said Paulson was struck by Zaworski's vehicle and then pushed into his work truck.

Following his death, Paulson's older sister, Amanda Paulson, said he was a journeyman lineman and also a foreman at Home Towne Electric in Lake Villa. She added that he was working with a partner rebuilding a concrete traffic-signal manhole along Greenleaf when the crash occurred.



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Attendees gather at an O'Hare hangar for Wednesday's White House-style bill signing. The mayor hopes to polish his resume for the 2019 election.

## Emanuel lands key win for \$8B O'Hare revamp

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Underscoring the importance of the deal to him, the mayor also scheduled a rare White House-style bill-signing event for the media later Wednesday at the airport with representatives of the airlines, forgoing his typical City Hall news conference right after the council meeting.

Emanuel was flanked by several airline executives in a Delta Air Lines hangar — a location that suggested neutrality in a previous spat between American and United Airlines over the deal. He broke out special shiny pens engraved with "O'Hare Lease Signing Ceremony" and gold-lettered glass paperweights were handed out.

"The most expensive pen ever," United CEO Oscar Munoz joked as he signed the paperwork.

"Speak for yourself," Emanuel replied.

"I think I am," Munoz said.

After the signing, Emanuel called the deal "a big, bold and break-the-mold plan that we are announcing and signing today." He even quoted himself from his time as President Barack Obama's chief of staff, back when the president was trying to push his economic agenda during a recession.

"We're here today, taking a big step forward in a way we have not in the past, but only dreamed," Emanuel

said, looking at the executives and airline employees arrayed around him. "But as someone once said who was an incredible chief of staff to a president, 'Never allow a good crisis to go to waste. It's an opportunity to do big and bold things you never thought possible.'"

The eight-year project would be the single largest and most expensive terminal revamp in O'Hare's 73-year history.

The airport's 55-year-old Terminal 2 would be torn down to make way for a new "Global Terminal" with wider concourses and gates to accommodate the larger aircraft that embark on international flights. Terminals 1, 3 and 5 would be renovated. Two new satellite concourses would be built to the west of the existing terminals and connected to the new Global Terminal by a pedestrian tunnel.

All told, more than 3.1 million square feet of terminal space would be added — a 72 percent increase over the current 4.3 million square feet. The amount of space for planes to park at airline gates would increase by 25 percent, and the total number of gates would jump from 185 today to roughly 220 upon the project's 2026 completion.

Emanuel's expansive plan faced initial opposition from American, which contended the city had made a better deal for gate

access with rival United. But American came around earlier this month after the city pledged to try to speed up the construction of three new gates for the airline at O'Hare.

Some bad feelings might linger. After Munoz described United as "Chicago's hometown airline" at the bill signing Wednesday, American Executive Vice President Steve Johnson took the mic and referred to his company as "Chicago's other hometown airline." United is headquartered in Chicago; American is based out of Fort Worth, Texas.

But Wednesday was largely smooth sailing for Emanuel as he tried to put a bow on his signature deal.

Ald. David Moore, 17th, was the lone City Council vote against the bond issue. He had expressed reservations about supporting it unless the big bond underwriting firms could show him they were bringing in minority lawyers for a piece of the deal. "We have to push these banks to do better and have more representation when they come in here for these big bond deals," Moore said.

Still, the full council quickly approved it after it previously was debated at length by a committee.

And in the face of skepticism from black and Latino aldermen about the way contracts and jobs will get awarded under the massive project, the council created

an oversight commission with a mission to make sure minority- and women-owned businesses get a big enough share of the work.

Minority aldermen remain concerned that black and Latino residents will get short shrift in the contractor feeding frenzy. But they were mostly cautiously supportive of the project Wednesday.

Latino Caucus Chairman Ald. Gilbert Villegas, 36th, called the O'Hare work a "once-in-a-lifetime" project and said the commission would allow aldermen to monitor participation. Black Caucus Chairman Ald. Roderick Sawyer, 6th, said "a rising tide floats all boats" and pledged to make sure the benefits will be spread throughout the city.

Emanuel is eager to point to the O'Hare overhaul, which could create as many as 60,000 jobs, as he seeks to bolster his image during his campaign for a third term in 2019 as a mayor who gets big transportation projects off the ground. He emphasized his goal to be known as a transit mayor at O'Hare on Wednesday, talking up projects at Midway Airport, Union Station and the CTA Blue, Red and Purple lines to try to connect the dots on his larger legacy.

And the sheer size of the airport project would likely improve his chances to get the backing of labor unions whose members would

benefit from it.

"This is a huge step forward for the city of Chicago," said Ald. Patrick O'Connor, 40th, Emanuel's council floor leader. He predicted the project would put O'Hare at the forefront of airports worldwide.

Also at the City Council on Wednesday:

■ Aldermen agreed to let Car2Go operate a free-floating car share program in parts of the North and Near South sides. Members would be able to pick up a car in one part of the zone, then park it anywhere in the zone when they're finished using it. Alds. Tom Tunney, 44th, and Michele Smith, 43rd, voted no because they're worried the additional cars will further clog up their already crowded neighborhoods.

■ Aldermen also agreed to give police and animal control officers authority to break car windows to rescue animals if it's hot or cold outside.

■ The council banned the sale of bump stocks and body armor in the city.

■ It gave the go-ahead for owners of the Merchandise Mart to project videos and artwork on the side of the building at night.

■ The council passed an ordinance limiting the release of condominium owners' private email addresses and phone numbers to their neighbors.

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# Family fears freed man may be deported

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quez will be removed from the country.

"It would be a very big injustice for them to do that to not only my mother, but my family, who have tried so hard to prove his innocence all these years," Rodriguez-Lopez said.

Immigration attorneys contacted by the Tribune said Rodriguez's case sounds unique.

"A case with a conviction and then vacating a murder conviction, I haven't heard of that," said Erin Cobb, a vice chair on the American Immigration Lawyers Association Chicago chapter's board.

In some ways, the ongoing saga is an only-in-Cook County tale. According to data compiled by the National Registry of Exonerations, a wrongful conviction database maintained by the University of Michigan, at least 159 people have been freed from prison after being convicted in Cook County — a staggering sum that ranks Cook County higher than almost every state for exonerations.

That figure doesn't include Rodriguez's case, which Cook County Judge James Obbish tossed Tuesday at prosecutors' request.

Records also show Rodriguez has two convictions for cannabis possession.

Rodriguez's case is the 10th related to retired Chicago police Detective Reynaldo Guevara that has been tossed out since mid-2016 following allegations that Guevara beat suspects and improperly coerced witnesses.

Rodriguez's uncle, Jose Lopez, said his nephew's ordeal has been difficult for their family. Speaking in Spanish and sadly referencing Guevara's history, Lopez said the detective has damaged so many families and nothing has happened to him.

Rodriguez's conviction stems from a drive-by in Humboldt Park, his attorneys said.

A homeless man, Rodney Kempainen, who did neighborhood jobs for people in exchange for sleeping in garages, was killed in the



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Maria Rodriguez-Lopez, with uncle Jose Lopez, holds a photo of her brother Ricardo, who was taken into ICE custody after being released from prison.

## "Justice wasn't done for him or for us."

— Maria Rodriguez-Lopez, sister of Ricardo Rodriguez, referring to shooting victim Rodney Kempainen

shooting, near North and Cicero avenues, Rodriguez's attorneys said.

"Nobody seems to have motive to kill him, including our client," said Tara Thompson, an attorney representing Rodriguez.

The gunman fired at Kempainen and another man, who survived the incident, court records show.

Guevara and his partner claimed to have received an anonymous tip pointing to Rodriguez "under highly suspicious circumstances," according to the Exoneration Project.

Two witnesses who testi-

fied at trial had been unable to describe the murder suspect until Guevara showed them a picture of Rodriguez, the attorneys said.

Rodriguez did not confess to the killing, and there is no physical evidence linking him to the crime, the attorneys said.

One of the witnesses who testified against Rodriguez claimed he was manipulated by Guevara, according to the attorneys.

In addition to problems with the original identification of Rodriguez, the Exoneration Project found another witness who said

Rodriguez was not the shooter.

A spokesman for the Cook County state's attorney said the office couldn't meet its burden of proof in Rodriguez's case.

The spokesman said prosecutors continue reviewing Guevara investigations on a case-by-case basis.

"For decades the community has known that Detective Guevara was involved in wrongful convictions, and we are grateful that the courts are taking notice and that Kim Foxx's office took action in this case," Thompson said.

Guevara has repeatedly refused to testify substantively in court about those allegations.

He was forced to take the witness stand last year at a hearing for inmates Gabriel

Solache and Arturo Reyes, only to deny he remembered anything substantial about the case — leading Obbish to call his testimony "bald-faced lies."

"(Guevara) has now eliminated the possibility of being considered a credible witness in any proceeding," Obbish said in withering comments from the bench last year. "It's a troubling day."

Solache and Reyes were subsequently released from prison — but then were placed in ICE custody.

Both had entered the country illegally, and deportation proceedings were initiated.

For much of Wednesday, the Rodriguez family did not know whether Ricardo Rodriguez had been picked up by ICE after being released.

Hours after his release from prison, the Department of Corrections confirmed Rodriguez had been detained by the Department of Homeland Security.

Later in the day, Rodriguez was able to call his family to say he'd been taken to an ICE facility in Kankakee.

"He's also hoping they do the right thing, and they can get him out of there," Rodriguez-Lopez said.

Amid the anxiety over her brother's case, she added that her family also wants to express condolences to the family of Rodney Kempainen.

"Justice wasn't done for him," she said, "or for us."

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# Scraping Cubs', Sox's ceilings

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selves in the middle of what must be considered their golden age. Spring-training suspense revolved more around what practical joke would come next rather than who would make the team. It says everything about the depth of their roster when third catcher Chris Gimenez getting sent down represented the biggest development of the week. Such are the problems of baseball's 1 percent. It was reminiscent of the good ol' days of the Black-hawks, when fans and media members would spend hours debating the sixth defenseman or fourth-line forwards.

The Cubs entered the offseason with questions about the rotation, closer and leadoff man. They finished spring training Tuesday having answered them all, a credit to executives Theo Epstein and Jed Hoyer, as well as outfielder Ian Happ. Happ made the leadoff decision easy for Maddon by coming to Arizona like a man consumed with proving he could do the job. Whether hitting home runs or flashing speed, Happ emerged as the Cub most likely to enjoy a breakout season — and his rookie year was quite a revelation.

Adding starter Yu Darvish to the top of the rotation and closer Brandon Morrow to the back of the bullpen not only addressed glaring needs but weakened the Dodgers, making the Cubs the World Series favorites. And free-agent pitcher Tyler Chatwood looks like a fifth starter in name only.

Where's the weakness? Anthony Rizzo appears poised for an MVP season — if Kris Bryant doesn't win it himself. The forecast for Bryzso: booming business. If Javy Baez plays 140 games at second base, he will win the Gold Glove he



JOHN SLEEZER/KANSAS CITY STAR

Grounds crew manager Evan Fowler paints a logo behind the plate Wednesday at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City a day before the Royals will play host to the White Sox.

deserved last year. Expect catcher Willson Contreras to be an All-Star, shortstop Addison Russell to restore consistency, Kyle Schwarber to improve his average if not his power numbers and Ben Zobrist to accept the important role as everybody's backup — unless Jason Heyward struggles so mightily again the Cubs have no choice but to bench him.

This is a team no longer complacent — thank you, Justin Turner — and one that mixed up its coaching staff to alter the chemistry. This is the best team in the National League, the one most qualified to unseat the Astros as World Series champions.

The same cannot be said for the Sox in the American League. But give them a couple of years, when their projected lineup consists of outfielders Eloy Jimenez, Luis Robert and Blake Rutherford and an infield of third baseman Jake Burger, shortstop Tim

Anderson, second baseman Yoan Moncada and first baseman Jose Abreu. Or will Manny Machado make the South Siders' winter next offseason and sign with one of the AL's most exciting young teams? Future catcher Zack Collins looks forward to handling a killer rotation of Michael Kopech, Lucas Giolito, Reynaldo Lopez, Carlos Rodon and Alec Hansen.

Sox general manager Rick Hahn has assembled so many powerful young arms and promising position players, probably enough to insure them against the kind of injury outbreak they encountered this spring. All those setbacks did for this season was remind the Sox that nothing is guaranteed. Baseball only assures us that we likely will feel foolish in the fall about what we predicted in the spring.

But indulge me a few Sox predictions anyway: Kopech will get called up

by June 1 and be the American League rookie of the year. Jimenez will be promoted by the All-Star break and, slowly, Sox attendance will surge. Anderson will start fast and level off but enjoy a bounce-back year. Moncada will start slowly but gradually recover and show glimpses of greatness. Matt Davidson will hit well enough to become trade bait by July. Abreu will be Abreu, the quiet, consistent leader the Sox decide to keep.

Disappointments will include Carson Fulmer, who isn't long for the rotation, and Avisail Garcia, whom the league will adjust to after a terrific 2017. Oh, and Renteria will smile through most of a 162-game season.

Chicagoans should too. Baseball is back, and, for a rare change, neither side of town considers that a warning.

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# Prosecutors: Police shoot teen who shot 2

BY ROSEMARY SOBEL  
Chicago Tribune

A 16-year-old boy robbed and shot a man and his son who answered a phony online ad about a cellphone, then was shot himself about a week later by Chicago police investigating the attack, prosecutors said Wednesday.

Anthony Brown, 16, is charged with armed robbery with bodily harm, attempted murder and aggravated battery with a firearm. In a hearing Wednesday afternoon at the Leighton Criminal Court Building, Judge David Navarro denied bail for Brown.

The victims, ages 19 and 42, showed up in the 7200 block of South Merrill Avenue in the South Shore neighborhood around 1:25 p.m. March 3, expecting to buy an iPhone, officials said. Instead, Brown and others tried to rob them, according to prosecutors. Brown pulled out a gun and shot the 19-year-old in the hip and the 42-year-old in the hand, police and prosecutors said.

During Brown's bond hearing Wednesday, Cook County Assistant State's Attorney Geetu Naik said the 19-year-old used an online application to set up a transaction to buy an iPhone X that was advertised for \$700. After a brief negotiation, the 19-year-old agreed to buy the phone for \$600 and was asked to meet the seller near a church. The 19-year-old drove there with three siblings and his 42-year-old father. They stepped out of the car and waited. When Brown and another person got there and told them they wanted to see the money, the father asked to see the phone first, Naik said.

But Brown and the other person refused to show the phone until they

saw the cash. As soon as the father took out the \$600, Brown drew a gun and pointed it at the father and son as the other robber grabbed the money, Naik said.

As the 19-year-old lunged at Brown, tackled him to the ground and tried to take the gun, Brown got up and started pulling the trigger, but the gun jammed, Naik said. The 19-year-old raced to the driver's side door of his car as Brown continued to point the gun.

At that point, the father got between Brown and his son, held his hands in the air and "begged" him not to shoot his son, Naik said in court. After Brown fired one round, the father tried to flee. Brown fired several more times, hitting the father in the left index finger and his son in the hip. Another round hit the family's car. The assailants took off running, and responding police officers could not find them.

Brown was shot six days after the robbery and shooting by officers investigating the attack on the man and his son.

On March 9, just before 1 p.m., officers were on the same block of Merrill Avenue when they saw a vehicle circling the block, police and prosecutors said. Officers spotted Brown and another male walking toward a car and then walking away, and, believing another robbery was happening, began to follow them. During the pursuit, Brown seemed to be carrying something in his pockets and "disregarded multiple commands" to get to the ground, Naik said.

When Brown began to tug at his pocket while running toward the officer, an officer shot Brown in the buttocks, Naik said.

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LOYOLA ROUTS ILLINI IN N.C.A.A. MEET

Leafs in First; Beat Hawks, 3-0

TORONTO GETS FIRST GOAL WITH MAN IN PENALTY BOX

Loss Ends Long Chicago Stay on Top

TORONTO, March 16 (Special)—The Toronto Maple Leafs moved into first place tonight in the National Hockey League by beating the Chicago Black Hawks, 3 to 0.

The victory gave the Leafs a point total of 79 while the second place Hawks have 78 points. The Hawks are only two points ahead of the fast-closing Montreal Canadiens who beat Detroit tonight, 5 to 3.

The defeat ended a long stay in first place for the Leafs who had held or shared that position since Dec. 2, 1962. Leafs have edge

Both teams have four games left in the Hawks must play three of those on the road while Toronto has two at home and two on the road.

The Leafs added insult to injury in the first period by scoring when the Hawks had a manpower advantage.

Pulford Penalized Bob Pulford was in the penalty box for tripping at 7:14 and the Hawks were winding up in their own zone for a rush when the short-handed Leafs stole the puck.

Bob Nevin got the puck in the corner and passed it out to Allan Stanley at the point. Stanley's shot was tipped past goalie Glenn Hall by Ron Stewart at 8:46.

The Hawks got only five shots at Don Simmons in the first period while Hall turned aside 13 Leaf drives.

Chicago play improved in the a 30-footer from left wing that sailed wide of Hall's left leg kick and into the far corner of the net.

Stewart Scores Again Stewart got another goal in the third period as the Leafs turned in one of their best performances of the year before the season's largest crowd, 14,400.

The shutout was the first of the season for Simmons who had only 15 stops behind the close Toronto checking. By comparison, Hall saved on 30 other shots.

Those 15 and 30 figures also reflect the difference in caliber of play. Both teams checked closely early in the game, and it looked as though they were going to produce another thriller, similar to the 1 to 1 tie of last Sunday in Chicago. Stewart's goal, tho, seemed to leave the Hawks in a state of shock, and the Leafs gained almost complete control.

Toronto's passing became sharper, and the Leafs began to finish more plays. But Hall's tremendous play in the nets held the Leafs to that lone goal in the first period.

The Hawks checked closer in the second period, and their passing improved somewhat. But Toronto still retained uncanny puck control. Pulford's goal then forced the Hawks to ease their defensive play for greater concentration on attack. They failed again because of the lack of coordination and the scrambling of their play patterns by the Leafs, who now had lightened their defense by sending two forwards deep on attack, while the third lagged behind to backstop the two defenses.

The Hawks will meet Detroit in Detroit tomorrow night while the Leafs face the fifth place New York Rangers in New York.

Hockey Standings

NATIONAL LEAGUE table with columns for team, W, L, T, Pts, G.O.G.

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

Toronto, 3; Chicago, 0. Montreal, 5; Detroit, 2. Only games scheduled.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Cleveland, 4; Springfield, 1. Baltimore, 4; Pittsburgh, 2. Baltimore, 4; Hershey, 2.

GAMES TONIGHT

CHICAGO at Detroit. Montreal at Boston. Toronto at New York.

Rain Defers Triple Title Fight Card

Los Angeles, March 16 (AP)—A driving rain washed out the heralded triple-title boxing show in Dodger stadium tonight.

As a scant but brave crowd of several thousand—far under the 25,000 anticipated—huddled in what shelter they could find in the big baseball park, the promoters elected to postpone the card less than 30 minutes before the first championship fight was scheduled to start.

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Fight Decisions

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End of Reign?

Table with columns for Hawks and Toronto players and their stats.

Block Hawks—Bob Turner, Jack Evans, Bobby Hull, Murray Balfour, Ron MacLean, Ed Snider, Ken Whorson, Al MacNeil, Wayne Hillman, Stan Milne.

Toronto—Tim Horton, Dick Duff, Georges Armstrong, Robert Nevin, David Keon, Kent Douglas, Bob Pulford, Ed Snider, Ed Lincosier, Allan Stenter, Bill MacMillan.

FIRST PERIOD Scoring—Stewart (Stewart, Nevin), 8:46. Pulford (Pulford, 4:11), Pulford, 7:14. Stuck, 9:42. Goalies, 15:00.

SECOND PERIOD Scoring—Pulford (Stuck, Beatty), 15:25. Pulford—Horton, 15:25. MacNeil, 7:37. Evans, 12:04.

THIRD PERIOD Scoring—Stewart (Maholich), 4:35. Pulford—Hull (Miller), 8:11. Stuck, 4:11. Brewer (McDonald), 8:11. Stuck, 11:50. Stewart, 16:27. MacNeil, 16:27. Hull, 18:50. Pulford, 19:41. Duff, 19:41.

Referee—Frank Udvari. Linesmen—Georges Heves and Max Whelch. Attendance—14,400.

Smallest Rambler Towers Over Illini



John Egan (11), smallest Loyola player at 5-10, charges in to take rebounds from three Illinois players during Ramblers' 79 to 64 N. C. A. A. victory in East Lansing, Mich., last night. Bill Small (53) and Bob Starnes (right) were unable to stop Egan as Loyola beat the Big Ten champions on the boards.

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Indian Homers Rout Cubs; Sox Score Early, Win in Mexico

5 Smashes Pace 12-7 Victory

BY EDWARD PHELL (Chicago Tribune Press Service)

Mesa, Ariz., March 16—When Birdie Tebbets managed the Cincinnati Reds a few years ago he had so many sluggers that his team was known as the window breakers—Wally Post, Ted Kluszewski, and Frank Robinson, among others.

Mr. Tebbets, who manages that other Ohio major league team, the Cleveland Indians, but in a different league, seems to attract athletes who swat the ball out of the lot. At least, it seemed so today when the Indians smashed five homers in mauling the Chicago Cubs, 12 to 7.

One of the Indians' lofty drives, which went the wrong way, back over the grandstand, fractured the windshield of Birdie's rented car. But another which went the right way was worth four runs. This one was contributed in a seven-run sixth inning by Willie Tasby immediately after Don Prince had supposedly come to the rescue of Barry Schultz.

Barney Loses

When the score was tied, 1 to 1, Mike de la Hoz, one of the Indians' spare infielders, tagged Schultz for a homer in the fourth and this made Barney the loser.

After Tasby's grand-slammer,

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Today's Events in Chicago

ARCHERY Chicago Park District city indoor meet at Oscar Park, 5200 Street and Western streets, 10:30 p. m.

DRAG RACING In the International Amphitheater, 428 and Maitland streets, 9 a. m.

ICE SHOW In the Chicago Stadium, 184 W. Madison St., 7 p. m. and 4 p. m.

Prince yielded a homer to Woody Held in the same inning. And in the ninth, Don Elston was rocked for successive homers by Johnny Romano and De la Hoz. The gent with the triple last name also had two singles in the 15-hit Cleveland barrage.

The Cubs, against this power exhibition, could respond with only one homer and it came in the ninth when all was lost. It was a line drive for two runs over the right field wall by Billy Williams, his third of the spring. Previously, Billy had hit two doubles, one slightly on the spurious side.

Cubs shell-shocked Yesterday the Cubs had yielded 11 runs to the Red Sox during a sandstorm in Scottsdale, but fortunately proved to be superior desert rats by reaching the plate 12 times. And last Sunday the Cubs had been shelled for 12 runs in the same town by the same team.

High voltage scores in Arizona should be taken with a grain of salt.

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The Most Happy Fella



Roman Mejias, Boston Red Sox outfielder, and his wife, Nicolasa, at Phoenix, Ariz., airport. Mrs. Mejias and family arrived with Cuban refugees.

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Boston's Mejias and His Cuban Refugee Family Reunited Amid Tears of Joy

Phoenix, Ariz., March 16 (AP)—Trembling, and tearfully happy, Mrs. Roman Mejias stepped off a jet liner and ran into the arms of her husband here tonight.

Mrs. Mejias, wife of the Boston Red Sox's outfielder, was accompanied by the couple's two children and Mejias' two younger sisters.

"I thought I'd never see you again," she half-sobbed in Spanish. "It's hard to believe you're really here," said Mejias, trying to control his own tears.

Unmindful of the photographers' bulbs flashing around them, the happy members of the family took turns embracing each other. Calmest thru it all was Jose, Roman's 10-year-old son, who quietly chewed gum.

His sister, Rafaela, 12, held tightly to her father's hand. It was the first time Mejias had seen his family in 15 months. Roman had left Cuba in the winter of 1961 to play winter ball in Puerto Rico and then came to the United States as a member of the Houston Colts. He was traded to the Red Sox last December for Pete Runnels.

Mejias' family was among 71 Cuban refugees aboard a plane that landed in Miami from Havana yesterday. The family's baggage consisted of one red, giant-sized duffle bag with little in it.

Mrs. Mejias, a pert young woman who speaks no English, explained that she was permitted to bring only three dresses, and one pair of shoes. The children had no clothes other than the ones they wore.

Mejias has been sending food packages to Cuba every month to augment his family's diet. The food cost \$25, postage thru Mexico another \$25, and his wife would have to pay \$10 when she received it.

The Red Sox, learning of Mejias' forced separation from his family, had worked with their new outfielder and the Red Cross to bring about the reunion.

"I like to kill myself for the Red Sox this season, believe me," Mejias said. "This morning I got a telephone call. Someone tell me about 4 o'clock that maybe my family come. I have a boy 12 and a girl 10. I'm so excited I can't sleep.

"You know what I think of the Red Sox? I think they are great people, and I play awful hard for them, because they know maybe I have a chance to get my family. What they do is between us. But it was so much."

Red Sox manager Johnny Pesky gave Mejias two days off to spend the week-end with his family.

GETS 33 FROM HARKNESS AND AID FROM FOE TO TRIUMPH, 79 TO 64

BY ROY DAMER (Chicago Tribune Press Service)

East Lansing, Mich., March 16—Loyola's Ramblers, paced by the sensational performance of Jerry Harkness, came on with the irresistibility of a tide tonight and swamped Illinois, 79 to 64.

The all-Illinois final became a rout in the second half when the Illini made numerous errors and alert Loyola cashed in on them. The Ramblers broke the game wide open midway in the second half and with 4:31 left, they had a 28-point lead, 75 to 47.

Thus Loyola, in its first appearance in the meet, won the Midwest regional of the National Collegiate Athletic association basketball tournament. The victory advances the Ramblers to the national semi-finals Friday night in Louisville against Duke.

Harkness, a great player for three years at Loyola, treated the 9,459 fans in Jensen fieldhouse to one of his top performances. Jerry, virtually a unanimous All-American selection this season, was nothing short of spectacular.

Harkness wound up with 33 points, tops in the four games of the Midwest regional. He was such a threat that the Illini tried several men to guard him, but none had much success.

The Big Ten co-champions, hopelessly beaten, became completely demoralized in the second half. They went about 4 1/2 minutes without scoring at one point. When Harkness drove in for a field goal and added a free throw on the play, Loyola had a 53 to 34 lead with 13:44 remaining. It was all over by this time but Loyola kept pressing and the score mounted higher than the Illini's embarrassment. Only a late flurry by Illinois brought the score to a respectable status.

Illini End at 29-6 But it really was misleading. Illinois had no excuse except that it made a cluster of errors, turning the ball over to Loyola on bad passes and rules violation a total of 20 times. No one can stay with the high-powered Ramblers under such circumstances.

It was the 27th victory in 29 games for Loyola. Illinois ended its campaign with a 29-6 mark. Another ingredient in Loyola's smashing victory was its rebounding superiority over Illinois. The totals were 65 to 49, with Les Hunter and Vic Rouse bombing the Illini on the boards time after time.

Even Illinois' "twin tower" lineup of Bill Burwell and Skip Thoren, both 6-foot, 8 1/2 inches, couldn't keep the Ramblers from sweeping the boards with devastating effectiveness. Thoren, who got off the bench to spark Illinois' victory over Bowling Green last night in the semi-finals, again did not start tonight.

Coch Harry Combes wanted Thoren on the sidelines at the start, figuring his entrance into the game would give the Illini a great psychological lift. It didn't work tonight.

Harkness Aways Quickly With Harkness, on fine individual efforts, making four of Loyola's first six baskets, the Ramblers took a 13 to 11 lead. Illinois had led at 11 to 9 on a lay-up by Tal Brody, but it was its only advantage in the game.

Loyola had an 8-point lead at halftime. After two baskets by Dave Downey cut Illinois' deficit to 40 to 34 with 17:48 to play, the decisive portion of the contest unraveled.

Hunter made a free throw. Harkness contributed a 3-point play and John Egan dropped in a pair of free throws. Harkness made an unbelievable tip-in. Egan tossed in a long shot. Harkness made another 3-point play and it was 53 to 34. The flurry was as effective as a punch in the mid-section and the Illini sagged.

Burwell finally ended Illinois' long drought with a basket. But it was a momentary interruption.

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

N. C. A. A. TOURNAMENT

MIDWEST REGIONAL

In Lansing, Mich. (Consolation)

Loyola, 79; Illinois, 64.

(Consolation)

Mississippi State, 63; Bowling Green, 62.

EAST REGIONAL

In College Park, Md. (Consolation)

Duke, 72; Wake Forest, 59.

(Consolation)

West Virginia, 61; New York U., 51.

MIDWEST REGIONAL

(Consolation)

Cincinnati, 67; Colorado, 65.

(Consolation)

16 Lawrence, Kan.

Texas, 90; Oklahoma City, 82.

FAR WEST REGIONAL

In Provo, Utah (Consolidation)

San Francisco, 74; U. C. L. A., 75.

(Consolidation)

St. Louis, 67; Utah, 61.

(Consolidation)

Cincinnati vs. Oregon State.

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(Consolation)

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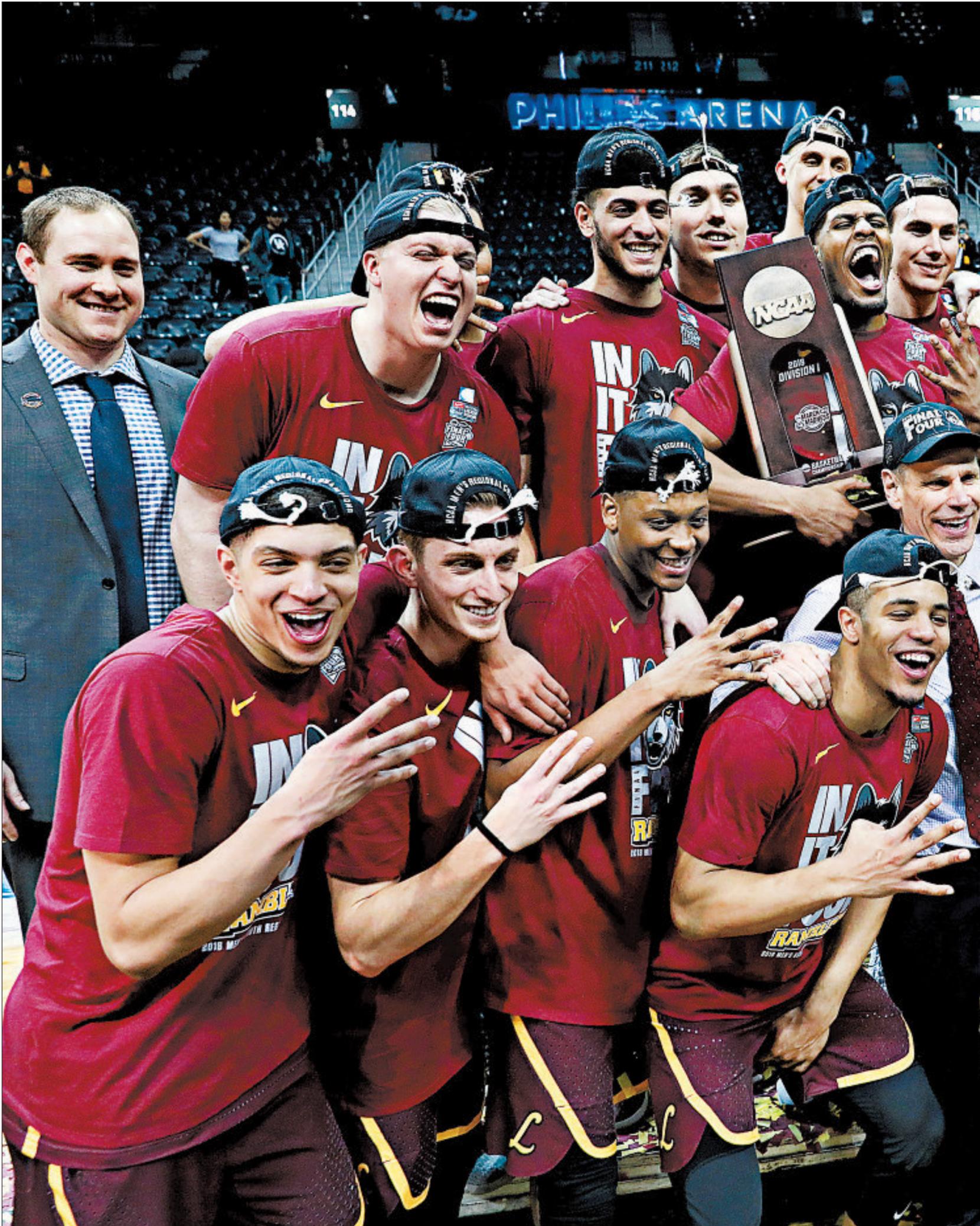
Villanova, 60; Wichita, 52.

Central, 74; Memphis State, 67.

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**LOYOLA'S ROAD TO THE 2018 FINAL FOUR**

Round 1, in Dallas

<b>LOYOLA</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>MIAMI</b>	<b>62</b>

Donte Ingram's 3-pointer just before the buzzer delivered the 11th-seeded Ramblers' first NCAA tournament victory in 33 years, an upset of No. 6 seed Miami. Ingram had made only 2 of his 7 previous 3-point attempts. "Sometimes our shot won't fall," said Ingram. "We stick with it. We'll eventually get one to go in. We play to the last buzzer."



Round 2, in Dallas

<b>LOYOLA</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>TENNESSEE</b>	<b>62</b>

Clayton Custer delivered a game-winning 15-foot jumper with 3.6 seconds left on the clock. Custer's shot from the right side near the free-throw line ricocheted high off the rim to the top of the backboard before rattling through the basket — stunning the third-seeded Volunteers and propelling the Ramblers into the Sweet 16.

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Sweet 16, in Atlanta

LOYOLA	69
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The Ramblers overcame an early 12-point deficit and pulled out another last-minute win. This time it was guard Marques Townes playing the hero's role, hitting a 3-pointer with 6.2 seconds left on the clock. "We just have been doing this all year," said Townes, who finished with a team-high 18 points on 6-of-10 shooting with five assists.

Elite Eight, in Atlanta

LOYOLA	78
KANSAS STATE	62

No late-game heroics were required as the Ramblers dismissed ninth-seeded Kansas State with relative ease and advanced to the Final Four. Kansas State took a 4-3 lead but never led again as Loyola went ahead by as many as 23 points. The Ramblers shot 57.4 percent from the field while holding Kansas State to a paltry 34.8 percent rate.

The Loyola men's basketball team, above, celebrates Saturday after beating Kansas State, sending the Ramblers to the Final Four. "This is not something where it just started," coach Porter Moser said. "These guys have been investing for a long time on how hard they worked, how hard they believed, and we've kind of had this mantra about the process."



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## NATION & WORLD

# 'Urgency' sparked historic meeting

Experts: N. Korea, China likely sought support, relevance

By JONATHAN KAIMAN AND TRACY WILKINSON  
Los Angeles Times

BEIJING — It had the trappings of a historic summit — a mysterious train, a motorbike convoy, a military welcome and extraordinary displays of flowers and flags.

When North Korean leader Kim Jong Un came to Beijing this week to meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping, it marked the first time that Kim is known to have traveled outside his country since becoming its leader in 2011, and his first meeting of any kind with another head of state. But its true significance may become apparent only after two more summits.

The first, in April, will bring together Kim and South Korean President Moon Jae-in. The second, should it take place, would pair the North Korean leader with President Donald Trump.

Experts say that Kim was probably eager to shore up support from China, Pyongyang's main trading partner and ally, for additional leverage in those discussions. He may also want to drive a wedge between the U.S. and China, which have in the last year joined forces to implement draconian sanctions on Pyongyang.

China, meanwhile, is striving to remain central to discussions, experts say. Beijing is about 500 miles from Pyongyang and does not want a war in its backyard. "I think (the meeting) shows some sense of urgency on both sides," said Go Myong-Hyun, a research fellow at the Asan Institute for Policy Studies in Seoul. "I think Xi Jinping now understands that China was being sidelined in these discussions that were taking place between North Korea, the U.S. and South Korea."

China and North Korea enjoy a strong historical bond, with their Communist roots and their alliance during the Korean War of 1950-1953. Yet their relations have soured, especially throughout last year, as Pyongyang tested more than two dozen missiles and, in September, a nuclear bomb. Beijing fears instability and has repeatedly warned Pyongyang over its provocations.

In the Beijing meetings, Kim said his country could potentially denuclearize "if South Korea and the United States respond to our efforts in good faith (and) create a peaceful and stable atmosphere," according to the official Xinhua News Agency.

The meeting spotlighted a high-wire act for both China and North Korea in advance of Kim's planned meetings with South Korean and U.S. leaders this spring.

"What does Kim Jong Un want? Let's be clear. He wants to break what appears to be a united front between China and the U.S. on the North Korea issue," said Andrei Lankov, director of the research firm Korea Risk Group and a professor at Kookmin University in Seoul.

"Kim has likely made a lot of promises, not all of which are going to be kept, in order to prove to his Chinese hosts that it's in Chinese interests not to be harsh to North Korea," he continued. "I can imagine him making promises to behave himself for a while, at least as long as Trump is in the White House. But it's also possible that he'll try to terrify China by the



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North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, left, and Chinese President Xi Jinping met this week in advance of Kim's planned meetings with South Korean and U.S. leaders this spring.

## New activity at N. Korea nuke site ahead of Trump summit

By ERIC TALMADGE | Associated Press

TOKYO — Increased activity at a North Korean nuclear site has once again caught the attention of analysts and renewed concerns about the complexities of denuclearization talks as President Donald Trump prepares for a summit with Kim Jong Un in the coming weeks.

Satellite imagery taken last month suggests the North has begun preliminary testing of an experimental light water reactor and possibly brought another reactor online at its Yongbyon Nuclear Research Center.

Both could be used to produce the fissile materials needed for nuclear bombs.

The findings come at a particularly sensitive time. Trump and Kim are planning to meet by May, according to officials, and denuclearization will likely be the biggest topic on their agenda if they do meet. North Korea tested its biggest nuclear device to date last September. Pyongyang claims it was an H-bomb.

While the North hasn't conducted any tests since, or test-launched any long-range missiles since Nov. 28, the heightened activity at the Yongbyon complex could be ominous.

According to an analysis in Jane's Intelligence Review published earlier this month, a testing program is now underway at the experimental reactor, which means it could become operational with "little warning later in 2018 or in 2019." It said the preliminary testing follows increased activity throughout 2017.

The reactor was completed five years ago and is primarily designed to generate electricity for civilian use. But it could also be used to produce plutonium or tritium.

The Jane's report cautioned that without international inspections it's impossible to tell for sure if it's being used to produce civilian electricity or weapons-grade material for bombs. The reactor has been linked to the local electricity grid and is believed to be potentially able to power a city of about 50,000 if operated at full capacity.

In a separate report posted on 38 North, a website that specializes in North Korea news and analysis, experts said they have detected activity at another reactor in the Yongbyon complex, which is located north of Pyongyang, that could be an even bigger concern.

Imagery of Yongbyon's 5-megawatt reactor suggests it was brought into operation recently. The website said that would mean "North Korea has resumed production of plutonium presumably for its nuclear weapons program."

It said commercially available satellite imagery of the reactor revealed steam vapor plumes emanating from the generator hall, along with river ice melt near the reactor. Additionally, North Korean technicians might have stepped up efforts to conceal signs of the reactor's operations.

increasingly likely prospect of an American military operation in Korea."

Trump, in a morning tweet, reported he had received a message from Xi describing the visit and saying Kim "looks forward to his meeting with me."

"In the meantime, and unfortunately," he added, "maximum sanctions and pressure must be maintained at all cost!"

Trump predicted that Kim may be coming around and "will do what is right." But Kim was clearly using the China appearance to strengthen his own hand. Kim wants to include the more sympathetic pos-

ture of China, while Xi wants to continue to play the role of regional power broker.

In their meetings, Xi was careful to treat Kim as an equal. Kim is likely to similarly parlay any meeting with Trump as proof of his international stature — a gambit that Trump may not be well equipped to counter. Kim will likely declare that it is his nuclear power that has earned him the world's respect.

Japan, which has taken an especially hard line against North Korea and was caught off guard by Trump's announcement he would sit down with Kim, has been left out of these

machinations. A mild panic seems to be setting in to Japanese leadership as it is left out not only of the Trump-Kim summit but also Kim's trip this week to Beijing. Asked about the trip Tuesday, Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Kono was reduced to saying he hoped for an "explanation" from Beijing.

Chinese and North Korean media both made prominent shows of the visit, with the Xinhua News Agency publishing a 2,646-word article and North Korea's Rodong Sinmun running a photo from the meeting on its front page.

The agencies showed photos of Kim and Xi shaking hands against a backdrop of North Korean and Chinese flags; posing with their wives, Ri Sol Ju and Peng Liyuan; toasting at a banquet; and speaking with other officials at the Great Hall of the People, a lush-carpeted meeting hall in Beijing.

Kim has made several gestures in recent months to defuse tensions. Last month, North Korea sent a delegation, led by Kim's sister Kim Yo Jong, to the Winter Olympics in South Korea. The charm offensive paved the way to talks with South Korean officials, and later a historic offer to meet Trump, who quickly accepted.

The Xinhua News Agency reported that Xi, referring to the North by its official name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, said, "China is willing to continue to play a constructive role in the issue of the peninsula and work together with all parties including the DPRK to jointly promote the relaxation of the situation on the peninsula."

By traveling on a train, Kim followed precedents set by his grandfather and father, North Korea's two previous leaders.

Lankov, the professor, said that the three Kims have all proven remarkably adept at getting their way with foreign governments.

"I've been studying North Korea for 35 years," he said. "I can assure you North Koreans have so far managed to outsmart everybody. They were remarkably good at playing Russia and China against each other in the 1950s and '60s. They've outsmarted Americans a number of times, and they've outsmarted South Koreans too. I don't know why we shouldn't expect they won't outsmart them once again."

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# Sources: Trump lawyer floated idea of pardons

But Dowd denies talk to Manafort's, Flynn's counsel

By CAROL D. LEONNIG, JOSH DAWSEY AND ROSALIND S. HELDERMAN  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's lawyer told attorneys representing Paul Manafort and Michael Flynn last year that the president might be willing to pardon his former aides if they faced criminal charges stemming from an investigation into Russia's election interference, according to three people familiar with the discussions.

The president's lead lawyer at the time, John Dowd, was described as floating the idea of a pardon for Manafort, Trump's former campaign chairman, and Flynn, the former national security adviser, at a vulnerable moment for the two men. Both Flynn and Manafort had contacts with Russians while advising Trump and were under investigation by special counsel Robert Mueller's team, but neither had been charged at that point.

Mueller indicted Manafort on charges of tax fraud and money laundering in late October. Flynn pleaded guilty in December to lying to investigators and agreed to cooperate with the Mueller probe.

Dowd insisted Wednesday that he did not raise the idea of pardons with lawyers representing the two men.

"I had no such discussions with them," Dowd said in a phone interview. "We never talked about pardons. There was no reason to talk about pardons. No, ma'am."

A spokesman, Jason Maloni, and a former lawyer, Reginald Brown, for Manafort declined to comment. Robert Kelner, an attorney for Flynn, also declined to comment. The outreach from Dowd was first reported by The New York Times.

The allegation that Dowd offered two key witnesses in the Russia investigation a legal safety net comes amid Mueller's increasing focus on whether the president obstructed justice by seeking to blunt or shut down the inquiry.

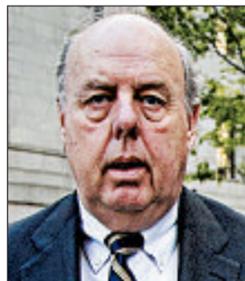
Legal experts said prosecutors could view floating the idea of a presidential pardon to people under investigation as a criminal effort to obstruct justice. Raising such a possibility could be considered an incentive for witnesses not to cooperate.

"I've only been asked about pardons by the press, and have routinely responded on the record that no pardons are under discussion or under consideration at the White House," Ty Cobb, the White House lawyer working on the Russia investigation, said in a statement.

Trump, however, did express a keen interest last spring and summer in his power to pardon, according to people familiar with the situation. While interviewing lawyers as possible candidates to represent him in the probe, aides said, Trump asked his team whether he could pardon his advisers, his family members and even himself.

One person familiar with the outreach to Manafort's team said Dowd over the summer relayed to the former campaign chief's lawyers that a pardon was a possibility. A person familiar with the Flynn discussions said Dowd called Kelner sometime last year to tell him Trump believed there was no merit to the case against Flynn and the "president would consider a pardon."

White House aides and



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Sources say Trump attorney John Dowd, top, floated the idea of pardons last year for Michael Flynn, above center, and Paul Manafort, above.

Trump's legal advisers privately expressed concern Wednesday about the situation and said Dowd may have mentioned pardons off the cuff and failed to recognize the sensitivity of the subject at that moment.

What specifically Dowd offered — and whether Trump approved the idea — could now become part of Mueller's investigation of Russian interference with the 2016 election and whether there was any coordination with the Trump campaign.

The possibility of a pardon raises new questions about why Manafort has repeatedly refused to cooperate with Mueller's team. He faces a raft of serious felony charges and, if convicted, faces decades in prison. Manafort has pleaded not guilty and has told associates he believes he can win in court.

Manafort has been under intense pressure from the special counsel's office.

On Tuesday, prosecutors filed new documents in court revealing that the FBI has assessed that a longtime Manafort business associate had ties to Russian intelligence during the 2016 campaign. The documents did not name the associate, but the description offered matched Konstantin Kilimnik, a Russian national who had worked as Manafort's translator and office manager in Kiev, Ukraine.

Manafort has acknowledged having extensive contact with Kilimnik during the five months he served as Trump's campaign chairman in 2016, including holding two in-person meetings with him. Emails that have been read to The Washington Post also show that Manafort asked Kilimnik to offer "private briefings" about the campaign to Oleg Deripaska, a Russian business magnate who is close to the Kremlin. Deripaska's spokeswoman has said he was never offered such briefings.

The new information underscores why Mueller has been so focused on obtaining Manafort's cooperation. Manafort's deputy, Rick Gates, who was also in contact with Kilimnik while working for Trump, has already agreed to plead guilty.

# Court signals problem with partisan gerrymandering

But justices also appear unsure about a solution

By DAVID G. SAVAGE  
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court justices, hearing arguments Wednesday in a Maryland gerrymandering case, signaled again they are troubled when politicians draw election districts solely to give their party more seats in Congress.

But they appeared equally frustrated over the question of what — if anything — the court should do about it.

The Maryland case seemed to most of the justices to represent an extreme and obvious example of partisan gerrymandering, which, unlike racial gerrymandering, has not been outlawed.

“What is this, except about politics?” Justice Elena Kagan asked a state lawyer for Maryland. She said the Legislature under Democratic control had shifted 350,000 voters and transformed a strong Republican district into one that now reliably elects another Democrat to Con-

gress. “However much you think is too much, this case is too much,” she said to laughter in the courtroom.

Others agreed. Chief Justice John Roberts agreed that the state has redrawn its districts “to prefer one party over another.”

But to a surprising degree, the justices still seemed uncertain how to rule. Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito said legislatures have to redraw districts after the census, and politics will invariably play some role in how the lines are drawn.

“This seems like a pretty clear violation of the Constitution in some form to have deliberate, extreme gerrymandering. But is there a practical remedy that won’t get judges involved in every, or dozens and dozens of very important political decisions?” asked Justice Stephen Breyer in a question that went largely unanswered and seemed to hang over the argument.

Since the 1980s, the justices have repeatedly criticized politicians for drawing election districts that entrench their party in power. But they have also repeatedly failed to rule that such politically motivated

redistricting violates the Constitution.

This decade has seen more extreme gerrymandering, particularly in battleground states such as Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. Republicans won sweeping victories in the 2010 midterm elections, and they used their power to redraw election maps to maintain control of the House of Representatives. A three-judge federal court struck down North Carolina’s map as unconstitutional, but the Supreme Court in January put that decision on hold.

Pennsylvania had steadily elected 13 Republicans and five Democrats, but the state Supreme Court struck down the map in January and had it redrawn. The Supreme Court turned down appeals from the state’s Republicans leaders and refused to intervene.

Regardless of how the high court rules in the Maryland case or a still pending case from Wisconsin, the rulings are unlikely to affect the 2018 elections. The justices have said they will avoid changing the rules during an election year. But redistricting experts warned that a failure



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Ashley Oleson, with the League of Women Voters of Maryland, joins others outside the Supreme Court, which heard arguments Wednesday in a Maryland gerrymandering case.

to rule against purely political gerrymandering could trigger even more partisan schemes after the 2020 election. That year, when President Donald Trump is expected to seek re-election, “could be a wave year for Democrats,” said Michael Li, a lawyer for the Brennan Center at New York University. If so, they could use their control over the election maps to give Democrats a decade-long advantage in Congress.

As is frequently the case, Justice Anthony Kennedy holds the deciding vote, and his comments Wednesday should give some cheer to opponents of partisan ger-

rymandering.

He said it would be unconstitutional for the state to say by law that it will give “a partisan advantage for one party” whenever it draws new election districts.

“How is this case different?” Kennedy asked Steven Sullivan, Maryland’s state solicitor.

The law did not say its intent was to ensure that a Democrat won what had been a solid Republican district, he replied.

“So if you hide the evidence of what you’re doing, then you’re going to prevail?” Kennedy interjected with a tone of sarcasm.

The exchange suggested that Kennedy and the court’s four liberal justices could form a majority, saying a purely partisan election map is unconstitutional.

He said the court might want to have all three cases — Maryland, North Carolina and Wisconsin — brought back for a re-argument in the fall. His comment seemed to signal that the justices have not agreed on a ruling in the Wisconsin case. But the strength of the evidence in the Maryland case could force the court to rule.

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# Whale of a problem worries scientists

No births spotted during rare species’ calving season

By RUSS BYNUM  
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SAVANNAH, Ga. — The winter calving season for critically endangered right whales is ending without a single newborn being spotted off the southeast U.S. coast, a reproductive drought unseen for three decades that experts say brings the rare species a step closer to extinction.

“It’s a pivotal moment for right whales,” said Barb Zoodsma, who oversees the right whale recovery program in the U.S. Southeast for the National Marine Fisheries Service. “If we don’t get serious and figure this out, it very well could be the beginning of the end.”

Researchers have been looking since December for newborn right whales off the coasts of Georgia and Florida, where pregnant whales typically migrate each winter to give birth in warmer Atlantic waters.

Trained spotters in airplanes who spend the season scouting the coastal waters for mother-and-calf pairs found nothing this season. They wrap up work Saturday.

Zoodsma said she doesn’t



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With future births uncertain, researchers say more needs to be done to prevent human causes of many right whale deaths.

expect any last-minute calf sightings. If she’s right, it will be the first year whale spotters have recorded zero births since survey flights began in 1989.

The timing could hardly be worse. Scientists estimate only about 450 North Atlantic right whales remain, and the species suffered terribly in 2017. A total of 17 right whales washed up dead in the U.S. and

Canada last year, far outpacing five births.

With no rebound in births this past winter, the overall population could shrink further in 2018. One right whale was found dead off the coast of Virginia in January.

“It is truly alarming,” said Philip Hamilton, a scientist at the New England Aquarium in Boston who has studied right whales for

three decades. “Following a year of such high mortality, it’s clear the population can’t sustain that trajectory.”

Right whales have averaged about 17 births per year during the past three decades. Since 2012, all but two seasons have yielded below-average calf counts.

Scientists will be looking for newborn stragglers as the whales return to their

feeding grounds off the northeastern U.S. this spring. That happened last year, when two previously unseen babies were spotted in Cape Cod Bay.

Right whale researcher Charles “Stormy” Mayo of the Center for Coastal Studies in Provincetown, Mass., said he was hopeful some calves were born this season off the Carolinas or Virginia, where scientists weren’t

really looking.

It’s also possible right whales could rally with a baby boom next year. Females typically take three years or longer between pregnancies, so births can fluctuate year to year. The previous rock-bottom year for births — just one calf spotted in 2000 — was followed by 31 newborns in 2001, the second-best calving season on record.

# Critics sue to end winner-take-all electoral system

Cases in 4 states say it violates ‘one person, one vote’

By STEVE LEBLANC  
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BOSTON — When Donald Trump won more than 52 percent of the Texas vote during the 2016 election, he pocketed all 38 of that state’s Electoral College votes just as Hillary Clinton, who won California with 61 percent of the vote, swept up all 55 of that state’s electors.

It’s a winner-take-all system used by 48 states that critics hope to have ultimately ruled unconstitutional.

Advocates took their first step last month by filing federal lawsuits in four states — California, Massachusetts, South Carolina and Texas — arguing that the practice of assigning all of a state’s Electoral College votes to the popular winner, no matter how narrow, runs counter to the principle of

“one person, one vote” by disenfranchising those who voted for the loser.

The group behind the initiative, the League of United Latin American Citizens, said the practice also violates the constitutional rights of free association, political expression and equal protection under the law.

Luis Vera, an attorney for the group, pointed to the Texas election, arguing that those who backed Clinton essentially saw their votes disappear.

“When that vote actually gets to the Electoral College, it’s just thrown away. It’s counted simply to be thrown away,” he said. “In California, it was the opposite.”

Vera said the group chose two Democratic-leaning states and two Republican-leaning states — Clinton won about 61 percent of the vote in Massachusetts, while Trump won about 55 percent in South Carolina — to argue that the winner-take-all system harms vot-

ers of both parties.

They also drafted local residents to serve as plaintiffs, including actor and comedian Paul Rodriguez, a Republican, in California.

In Massachusetts, the group tapped former Republican Gov. William Weld, who made a cameo appearance in the 2016 election as vice presidential candidate for the Libertarian Party.

Their goal is to get the question eventually before the U.S. Supreme Court — a long and uncertain road with no guarantee that the justices would even agree to hear the case, let alone rule in their favor.

The group is hoping to pressure states to adopt a more proportional distribution of Electoral College votes.

Under that system, for instance, Trump would get 52 percent of the 38 electors in Texas, while Clinton, who garnered about 44 percent of the Texas vote, would get about 44 percent of the electors. The remain-

der would go to third-party candidates who reached a threshold or be divvied up among the major-party candidates, again based on the percentage of their vote.

If the proportional system of naming electors to the Electoral College had been in place during the 2016 election, Vera said, Clinton — who won the national popular vote by nearly 2.9 million votes — would have been elected president.

But he was quick to add that the goal of the initiative is not to benefit one party over another.

The group is already getting pushback, including from William Galvin, who as the Massachusetts secretary of the commonwealth oversees state elections.

Galvin, a Democrat, said he suspected the push might be an effort by Republicans to help rig the Electoral College in 2020 for Trump.

“This should be the subject of a national discussion, not a lawsuit,” said Galvin,

who is named in the lawsuit filed in Massachusetts. “No one has thought through the implications. No one’s done a statistical study.”

Galvin also said that while there is a predictability to the winner-take-all method, there is less clarity in trying to dole out electoral votes based on the margin of each candidate’s vote total in each state.

“When you start talking about what percentage did you win Ohio by, then you’re raising questions,” he said. “This is clearly a mathematical game.”

A spokesman for the secretary of state’s office in Texas said it couldn’t comment on pending litigation. An official with the secretary of state’s office in South Carolina said that it is preparing a response to the lawsuit and that the office is required to follow state laws.

The lawsuit isn’t the first to try to work around the Electoral College.

The National Popular Vote initiative is hoping to

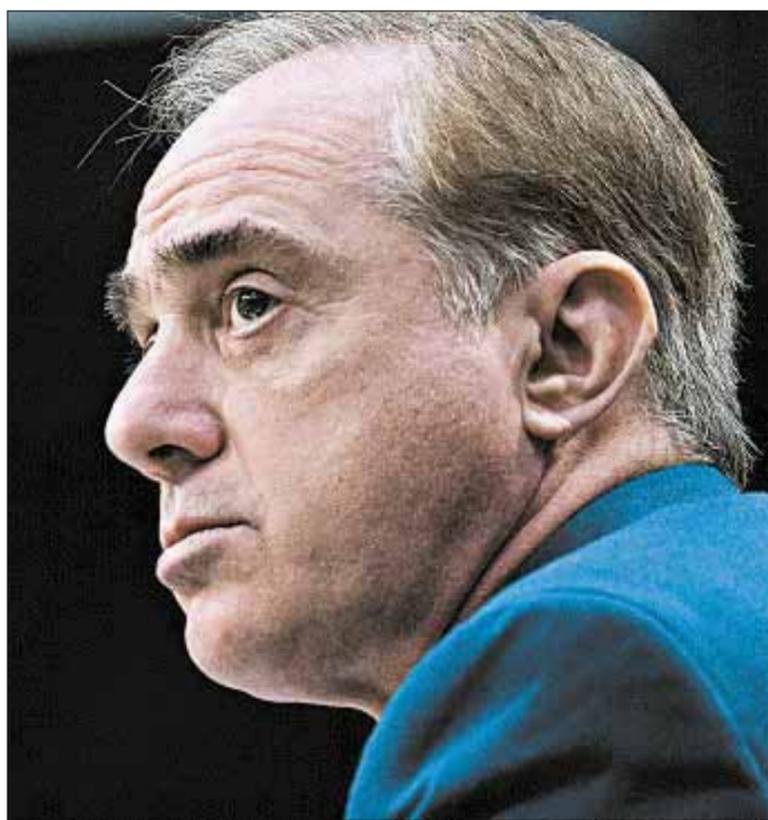
persuade enough states to pass laws assigning all of their electoral votes to the winner of the national popular vote. The strategy would kick in when states with enough Electoral College votes to put a candidate in the White House join.

Ten Democratic-leaning states and the District of Columbia have joined, representing 165 electoral votes. States representing another 105 electoral votes are needed to secure the 270 electoral votes required to win the presidency.

Eliminating the Electoral College is far more daunting, requiring a constitutional amendment.

Backers of both efforts say they want to ensure presidential candidates see opportunities to pick up votes in every state.

That could mean that residents of Massachusetts, which hasn’t voted for a Republican president since Ronald Reagan and is largely ignored on the campaign trail, could see more campaign rallies at home.



ANDREW HARRER/BLOOMBERG NEWS

Secretary of Veterans Affairs David Shulkin and President Donald Trump got along well until scandal soured relations with the president and White House.

## Trump fires VA chief, picks personal doctor

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Shulkin's ouster comes amid a broader shake-up that began with Trump's firing of Secretary of State Rex Tillerson on March 13. The president also has decided to replace his national security adviser, Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster, with former U.N. Ambassador John Bolton.

Shulkin's firing had been expected for weeks as the president, who once considered him a favorite, grew disenchanted with him after a travel scandal and months of infighting within the senior ranks at the Department of Veterans Affairs spilled into public view.

Shulkin, 58, went public with claims that Trump appointees on his staff were conspiring to have him removed. The power struggle centered on differences over a shift to offering veterans more medical care from private doctors at taxpayer expense, with conservatives at VA and in the White House pushing for more private care and Shulkin favoring a more moderate approach.

The next VA secretary is likely to favor a shift toward more private care, a goal at odds with many traditional veterans advocacy groups.

Shulkin, the sole Obama-era holdover in Trump's Cabinet, did not serve in the military. But he enjoyed broad support from traditional veterans groups, which fear that more private-sector care will lead to diminished resources for VA's 1,700 medical clinics and hospitals.

VA, the second-largest

federal bureaucracy, employs 360,000 people and accounts for \$186 billion annually. Its sprawling health care and benefits system, which Trump blasted on the campaign trail as a wasteful, inefficient failure, serves 9 million former troops.

The VA secretary oversees a health care and benefits system beset by challenges, including a suicide rate of 20 veterans per day, and a shortage of mental health therapists, doctors and nurses.

An internist who came to government with 30 years' experience leading private hospitals, Shulkin led the Veterans Health Administration for 18 months under former President Barack Obama.

He delivered multiple legislative victories for Trump during his first year at the agency, from a bill that clears a fast path to firing employees accused of misconduct to measures aimed at easing the backlog of benefit appeals. He oversaw creation of a 24-hour hotline for veteran complaints and improved transparency, posting wait times for medical appointments at each facility and other quality-control measures consistent with many private sector hospitals.

"He also deserves some credit for holding the ship together during these very turbulent first 15 months of the Trump administration, just keeping the VA moving forward," said Philip Carter, a senior fellow at the

Center for a New American Security, where he focuses on veterans issues.

Shulkin's biggest weakness Carter said, was that he didn't connect with the president's allies. "That was always festering beneath the surface — he was an Obama holdover," Carter said. "And stylistically he's not of the same world as President Trump. He never quite clicked with the president's inner circle."

Though Trump and Shulkin got along well for many months, the mood inside the White House began to change as Shulkin clashed

with conservative appointees over how to expand veterans access to private medical care, a program known as Choice that started in 2014 after revelations VA managers were manipulating patient wait lists.

They believed Shulkin was not moving aggressively enough to expand private care, and worked behind the scenes to sow doubt in the minds of the president and his top aides after VA's inspector general released a critical investigation in February into a trip the secretary led to Europe last summer.

The report found "serious derelictions" before and during the trip, much of which was spent sight-seeing. It found that Shulkin improperly accepted a gift of Wimbledon tennis tickets for him and his wife, who traveled with him at taxpayer expense.



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## Daniels attorney asks federal judge to depose Trump, lawyer

BY DEREK HAWKINS  
The Washington Post

An attorney for Stormy Daniels is asking a federal judge in California for permission to depose President Donald Trump and his longtime lawyer Michael Cohen about the nondisclosure agreement the porn actress says she signed to keep quiet about her alleged affair with the president.

In documents filed early Wednesday, Michael Avenatti said he was seeking to depose Trump and Cohen for no more than two hours each to find out whether Trump was aware of the agreement and whether he consented to it.

Daniels alleges she had sex with Trump in 2006 after meeting him at a celebrity golf tournament, then signed the "hush agreement" in October 2016, less than two weeks before the presidential election, in exchange for a \$130,000 payment. Cohen says he made the payment from his personal funds without Trump's knowl-

edge and without being reimbursed.

The porn actress's lawsuit claims the agreement was invalid because Trump never signed it. In requesting depositions, Avenatti said he "intends to prove that the Hush Agreement did not have a lawful object or purpose."

"Rather, the Agreement and the \$130,000 payment made pursuant to the Agreement, was for the 'purpose of influencing' the 2016 presidential election by silencing Plaintiff from speaking openly and publicly about Mr. Trump just weeks before the 2016 election," he wrote in a motion.

Avenatti is also seeking to issue no more than 10 document requests to Trump and Cohen "on various topics relating to the Hush Agreement." A hearing is scheduled for April 30 before U.S. District Judge S. James Otero in the Central District of California.

Attorneys for Trump and

Cohen did not immediately respond to messages seeking comment Wednesday. The White House has denied that there was ever an affair between Trump and Daniels,

whose real name is Stephanie Clifford.

Before the motion was filed, David Schwartz, an attorney and spokesman for Cohen, told "60 Minutes" that he was "sure" Avenatti didn't want to depose Trump. In a CNN debate with Avenatti last week, Schwartz said Trump wasn't obligated to sign the agreement, which contained a line for his signature, because he was a third-party beneficiary.

Trump and Cohen's legal teams are seeking to force Daniels to settle the case in arbitration, which is required under the terms of the agreement. But Avenatti argues the matter can't be resolved "without facts and evidence, and thus discovery."



Daniels

## 22 women in Senate pan 'inaction' on harassment

BY CATHLEEN DECKER  
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WASHINGTON — In a bipartisan reproach, all 22 female U.S. senators Wednesday urged their leaders to bring to a vote measures meant to strengthen the hand of victims of sexual harassment on Capitol Hill.

The Senate has declined to take up any effort. The House in early February approved a bill that gave accusers the right to free legal assistance and required lawmakers, rather than taxpayers, to pay for any settlement.

The House measure also made voluntary a now-mandatory mediation process that has been criticized by opponents as biased against victims and unnecessarily protracted.

"The Senate's inaction stands in stark contrast to the bipartisan effort in the House of Representatives that led to the passage of bipartisan (harassment) reform legislation in February," said the senators' letter, addressed to Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky and the Democratic leader, Chuck Schumer of New York.

The letter cited a survey showing that 4 in 10 women who are congressional staff members consider harassment a problem in their workplace, and 1 in 6 said they had been harassed. The survey was conducted in July by CQ Roll Call.

No sexual harassment measures were included in the omnibus spending bill passed last week by the House and Senate and signed Friday by President Donald Trump.

"We strongly agree that the Senate should quickly take up legislation to combat sexual harassment on Capitol Hill," Schumer said through a spokesman.

An aide to McConnell suggested that a bipartisan



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Rep. John Conyers, top, and Sen. Al Franken were forced out in December after misconduct allegations.

measure was being framed but was not yet close to being proposed.

"Sen. McConnell supports members being personally, financially liable for sexual misconduct in which they have engaged," his spokesman, David Popp, said.

The push to enact new measures to combat sexual harassment in the congressional workplace was spurred in the fall when several members were accused of unwanted sexual acts.

Two Democrats, Sen. Al Franken of Minnesota, a rising party star, and Rep. John Conyers of Michigan, the longest serving member of the House, were forced out in early December after accusations of sexual misconduct were made against them. In Conyers' case, former aides were among the women making accusations.

Republicans also came under fire: Rep. Blake Far-

enthold of Texas announced that he would retire at the end of the current term after news broke that a woman who accused him of harassment had received an \$84,000 taxpayer-funded settlement. Farenthold, who has denied wrongdoing, promised to repay the money but has not yet done so.

Another Republican House member, Trent Franks of Arizona, resigned under pressure from party leaders in January after two female aides said they felt uncomfortable when he asked them to serve as surrogate mothers for his child.

The spate of accusations came amid a national uproar about sexual harassment and assaults.

Trump has been accused by more than a dozen women of unwanted sexual aggression. One, Summer Zervos, is suing Trump for defamation after he called her a liar. She says he forced himself on her at the Beverly Hills Hotel in 2007.

During the campaign, Democrats pounced on the accusations against Trump while many Republicans brushed them aside. Trump says he has never harassed a woman.

The House measure passed in February was seen as a landmark rewriting of the Congressional Accountability Act, which became law in 1995. The senators, including 16 Democrats and six Republicans, demanded in the letter that their chamber follow suit.

"Survivors who have bravely come forward to share their stories have brought to light just how widespread harassment and discrimination continue to be through Capitol Hill," the senators wrote. "No longer can we allow the perpetrators of these crimes to hide behind a 23-year-old law."

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## Trump receives envoys, but U.S. posts go unfilled

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump officially received four foreign ambassadors into the United States on Monday, a White House ceremony that also was a reminder that he has yet to send many U.S. ambassadors abroad — to dozens of key diplomatic posts.

Fourteen months into his administration, for example, the United States has no ambassador to South Korea as Trump prepares for a high-stakes meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

Nor has the president even nominated ambassadors to several important allied nations in the Middle East, where tensions have recently flared, including Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. The same goes for Egypt and Jordan, the only two Arab states that recognize Israel and which are vitally important to dealings with the Palestinians.

Also empty is the ambassadorship of Turkey, a NATO ally, where President Recep Tayyip Erdogan nonetheless has become increasingly anti-American and is reaching out to Russia, as well as the job of envoy to the European Union.

Of a total of 188 foreign posts, 56 are vacant, including in 46 countries and 10 international organizations normally headed by an ambassador, according to the American Foreign Service Association, the organization that represents diplomats.

Of the 56 open positions, 17 have nominees awaiting Senate confirmation. That leaves the bulk of the traditionally much-desired jobs just waiting for Trump to make a decision.

The vacancy rate is roughly twice that under then-President Barack Obama at this point in his term, according to the asso-



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While some blame former Secretary of State Rex Tillerson for the empty foreign posts, there is a lack of nominees.

ciation. Some in the White House and elsewhere blame outgoing Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and his cost-cutting campaign for the dearth of diplomats. Tillerson's defenders say he was following the tone and directives set by the White House.

In the end, many lawmakers saw the proposed reduction as too draconian and Congress actually approved a small increase in the department's budget. Trump fired Tillerson on March 13.

Whatever the cause of the vacant ambassadorial residences, veteran diplomats say the voids cripple U.S. influence abroad at a time of heightened dangers in many parts of the world.

"There is simply no denying the warning signs that point to mounting threats to our institution — and to the global leadership that depends on us," Barbara Stephenson, former ambassador to Panama and president of the foreign service association, said on the group's website.

She said the State Department's diplomatic ranks had been "depleted at a dizzying speed."

Not only is Trump failing to fill vacancies, but also his administration has forced some ambassadors out and

spurred others to leave by choice.

Stephenson's earlier post in Panama is vacant now because the most recent occupant, John Feeley, abruptly quit this month, saying he could no longer represent the administration. Trump had "warped and betrayed" the United States' "traditional core values," Feeley said at the time.

The "current administration has little respect for those who have served the nation apolitically for decades," he wrote in an op-ed piece published by The Washington Post on March 9.

The ambassador in Mexico, Roberta Jacobson, is also stepping down, effective May 5. No replacement has been nominated.

Filling the South Korea post in Seoul has been especially fraught. The Trump administration nominated academic Victor Cha, a pre-eminent expert on the region, and then dropped him after he criticized a proposal that Trump was floating to conduct a pre-emptive "bloody nose" military strike on North Korea.

State Department officials reject the idea that American foreign policy is suffering because of empty ambassadorships.

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# Jurors start deliberating in Pulse nightclub trial

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The Washington Post

ORLANDO, Fla. — Prosecutors and defense attorneys made their final pitches to jurors Wednesday on whether the wife of the Orlando nightclub shooter knew in advance of her husband's attack and later tried to obstruct law enforcement's investigation, or whether she was an innocent dupe of her deceitful spouse.

The fate of Noor Salman, 31, now lies in the hands of 12 men and women here who have for the past several weeks listened to testimony about the gruesome attack that killed 49 people at the Pulse nightclub and Salman's interviews with the FBI immediately after it. Jurors began deliberating Wednesday afternoon.

Salman's husband, 29-year-old Omar Mateen, was killed by police during the attack, and his wife is the only one to face charges in connection with it.

By prosecutors' telling, Salman was a willing participant in her husband's plot — even if she was not there the night of the attack, June 12, 2016. Federal prosecutor Sara Sweeney told jurors Wednesday that Mateen originally intended to attack the Disney Springs shopping complex, but changed course after seeing four officers in the nightclub area there.

Sweeney said Salman knew of that plan and later admitted that, though she mistook Pulse for being at Disney. She said Salman also lied repeatedly, telling the FBI, falsely, that Mateen had deleted his Facebook account, owned only one gun and was not radical in his beliefs.

"The defendant knew her husband was planning a terrorist attack on behalf of ISIS," Sweeney said, referring to the Islamic State.



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Prosecutors say Noor Salman knew of husband Omar Mateen's plot to attack the Pulse nightclub.

Defense attorneys, though, countered that Salman was a victim of her husband's manipulation and infidelity, and that she was effectively bullied by the FBI into admitting things that were demonstrably untrue. They cast Salman as an unsophisticated actor, who was particularly malleable to the suggestions of law enforcement.

Defense attorney Charles Swift said Salman admitted Mateen had shown her the Pulse website, and that the two had scouted the club a few days before the attack. But computer and phone evidence, Swift said, indicated that neither of those things could be true — meaning law enforcement must have planted the idea in Salman's mind.

"The interrogation, that's where most of this case lies," Swift said.

Jurors have been listening to testimony since March 5 from witnesses who were there the night the attack occurred, and police investigators who responded to the club and launched a massive effort afterward to determine who might have played a role in it. Salman did not take the stand in her own defense.

Mateen pledged allegiance to the Islamic State during the attack, though authorities have said he was inspired, rather than directed, by the terrorist group. The FBI had previously investigated him for 10 months starting in 2013, but determined he was not a threat. It was also revealed this week that his father, Seddique Mateen, had worked for more than a decade as an FBI informant, and he came under investigation after his son's attack when investigators found receipts for money transfers to Turkey and Afghanistan in his home.

Salman was arrested in January 2017 — several months after the shooting — and charged with aiding and abetting her husband's support of terrorism and obstructing law enforcement's investigation of the incident. A key issue in the trial was what she said to investigators probing her knowledge of her husband's plan.

Prosecutors said Salman admitted that she knew of her husband's interest in radical terrorism, and she wrote during an FBI interview, "I am sorry for what happened. I wish I'd go back and tell his family and the police what he was going to do."

Sweeney told jurors Tuesday that Salman "may be simple but she's not stupid," and she did not have to be a "genius" to refuse to go along with her husband's massacre.

"She's cold, she's callous and the only person she cares for is herself and maybe her child," Sweeney said.

But defense attorneys argued she was effectively coerced into making the statement, and they said her frantic texts on the morning the shooting occurred asking her husband, "What happened?!" demonstrate she had no knowledge of his plot.



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Benjamin Lin holds up a fur coat at a San Francisco store. The ban is set to begin Jan. 1.

## Animal welfare groups laud fur ban in San Francisco

BY JANIE HAR  
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SAN FRANCISCO — San Francisco supervisors voted unanimously to ban the sale of fur, further burnishing the city's animal-loving credentials as it becomes the largest U.S. city to approve the prohibition.

Animal welfare advocates around the world cheered news of last week's vote, applauding the city for its compassion and hoping that the legislation will catch on.

The ban takes effect Jan. 1 and applies to apparel and accessories featuring real fur, including coats, key chains and gloves.

An amendment added last week allows furriers and other retailers to sell current inventory until Jan. 1, 2020.

Wayne Hsiung, co-founder of animal rights

network Direct Action Everywhere, said in a statement that "this historic act will usher in a new wave of animal rights legislation across the globe."

Retailers in San Francisco, however, balked at what they called another social mandate at the cost of their ability to make a living.

"It should be a citywide public vote, it shouldn't be decided by the Board of Supervisors," said Skip Pas, chief executive of West Coast Leather, which sells fur-trimmed items but deals largely in leather.

San Francisco, named for the patron saint of animals, has a reputation for a strong social conscience, often at a cost to businesses.

Its board banned the sale of menthol cigarettes and other flavored tobacco, which voters will consider in June.

In 2016, San Francisco

approved what was then a groundbreaking paid parental leave law, requiring private employers to offer six weeks of fully paid leave.

Katy Tang, the supervisor behind the fur ban legislation, has successfully pushed to prohibit performances by exotic animals and to forbid the sale of non-rescue cats and dogs from pet stores.

Mayor Mark Farrell said he plans to sign the legislation.

About 50 clothing and accessory retailers downtown will be affected by the legislation, said Jim Lazarus, senior vice president of public policy at the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

Reselling vintage and used fur by outlets not usually in the business of trading fur, such as second-hand stores, pawn shops and nonprofits, will still be allowed.

# Lights get dim on Bangkok's nightlife

Some worry about city spirit as regime enforces rules

BY GEORGE STYLLIS  
Special to The Washington Post

BANGKOK — Thailand's military government is crushing the spirit of Bangkok's nightlife amid an intensifying crackdown that is forcing many bars and clubs to close early or indefinitely. With an election tentatively set for February 2019, the campaign appears to be a last-ditch attempt by the embattled government to impose social order and salvage its legacy.

Since the army swept to power in a bloodless coup in 2014, it has intermittently enforced curfews and arcane regulations to rein in the city's rambunctious nature, but in the past year its efforts appear to have gained vigor.

Bar owners say military officials are barging into their premises demanding to see licenses they have long operated without or didn't even know existed.

In the raucous coastal city of Pattaya recently, expats and tourists were incredulous when authorities went into bars asking to see a license for those with dartboards.

The government maintains it is simply enforcing regulations that existed long before it came to power.

Officially, all bars and clubs must close by 2 a.m., according to 2004 regulations, a rule long ignored by police, often in return for bribes.

The crackdown has had the biggest impact on after-hours venues and fledgling businesses already grappling with high taxes on imported food and alcohol.

Last year, Dark Bar, a bastion of underground music in Bangkok, was forced to close after authorities imposed a midnight curfew, and Swing, which got going after 4 a.m., closed after drug raids.

Wong's Place, a rickety old drinking den where



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Thai police walk past women enticing customers to enter a bar, as they patrol Walking Street in Pattaya, Thailand.

revelers can smoke inside and drink till dawn, was recently ordered to start closing at 2 a.m.

"It is the first time in 40 years something like this has happened," said bar owner Sam Wong, referring to the closing time and to a recent raid by army officers to check whether he has a license to play music.

Wong, who would leverage his ties with local police for leeway on the rules, says the military isn't budging.

Anders Svensson, a DJ and founder of an electronic music events company called 52Hz Bangkok, said the military's campaign risks putting the brakes on a thriving underground mu-

sic scene. "Bangkok has become a much less spontaneous city, and in many ways a more boring city than it was five years ago," he said.

Deputy government spokesman Werachon Sukondhapatipak said the military set itself the task of forcing businesses to comply with the law and holding Thailand's youth to higher moral standards.

He said disorderly young Thais, staying out late, had provoked the new measures.

A palpable cleanup of the city began after the death of Thailand's revered monarch, Bhumibol Adulyadej, in October 2016, with street

activity subdued in the year of mourning that followed.

In many bustling tourist spots, street-food sellers were moved from main roads into side streets or to new parts of the city, and many roadside alcohol sellers who would appear after midnight also disappeared. The government said the moves are to create a cleaner city.

Yet a campaign to hem in Thailand's freewheeling society is nothing new. Fugitive former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra, loathed by the military and ultraconservative political establishment, launched a similar offensive in the early 2000s, setting bar and club

closing times at 2 a.m. and attempting to curb underage drinking.

"The difference is that you could push back against Thaksin's social order without fear of military repression," said Thitinan Pongsudhirak, director of the Institute of Security and International Studies at Bangkok's Chulalongkorn University.

But the military appears in no mood to back down as Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha seemingly makes a tacit bid to remain prime minister after the election.

Upon seizing power, the military boasted it would cure the recklessness and

rot it claims had infested the Shinawatra governments.

But with the former prime minister, Yingluck Shinawatra, out of the political picture after she was sentenced in absentia last year for negligence over her government's loss-ridden rice subsidy program, the military has lost its primary justification for holding onto power.

Frustrated civilians are still waiting for an election they were promised would take place in 2015.

According to nationwide polls by the Bangkok University Research Center, the government's popularity has declined from an approval rating of 62 percent after its first six months in office to 56 percent in February this year.

"The military government is on the back foot because its three main coup aims are unfulfilled. National reconciliation after a decade of conflict remains elusive, political reform and the new constitution are crooked and biased toward military interests, and graft remains widespread, including the generals' own undertakings," Thitinan said.

The government has also faced a barrage of criticism over its suppression of free speech, its plans to buy expensive submarines from China, and most recently its handling of a scandal involving Deputy Prime Minister Pravit Wongsuwan and his supposed vast collection of undeclared luxury watches.

Bar owners say they are losing tourists to cheaper destinations such as Cambodia and Vietnam.

Jenjira Prasertsin, owner of the Madrid bar in Pattaya, Bangkok's original red-light district, said she's keen for regulations to be imposed but businesses need time to adjust. Until then, the city's spirit is too defiant to be snuffed out just yet.

"People still party, just it happens increasingly behind closed doors," Svensson said.

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## Federal judge allows Trump foreign gifts case to proceed

WASHINGTON — A federal judge Wednesday allowed Maryland and the District of Columbia to proceed with their lawsuit accusing President Donald Trump of accepting unconstitutional gifts from foreign interests, but limited the case to his involvement with the Trump International Hotel in Washington.

The ruling dismissed other sections of the lawsuit that raised concerns about the impact of for-

foreign gifts to the president from Trump Organization properties outside of Washington.

Maryland and D.C. accuse the president of violating the emoluments clause of the Constitution, which bans the president and other federal officials from accepting gifts from foreign governments as well as U.S. states.

It was not immediately clear whether the Trump administration would appeal the ruling.

## U.N. calls for \$150 million to deliver urgent relief in Syria

DAMASCUS, Syria — Aid groups need \$150 million to provide urgent relief to a quarter-million people recently displaced by separate offensives by the Syrian government outside Damascus and by Turkish-led forces in the north, a top U.N. Syria official said Wednesday.

U.N. coordinator Ali al-Za'atari said some 80,000 people have fled the government's offensive in the eastern Ghouta region

near Damascus, where shelling and airstrikes have killed some 1,600 people in five weeks.

He said 50,000 were still living in shelters that have been stretched beyond capacity.

Around 26,000 people had returned to their towns after they were recaptured by the government, said Khaled Hboubati, the head of the Syrian Arab Red Crescent in Damascus.

## On final day of Egypt's vote for president, all eyes on turnout

CAIRO — Egyptian authorities have warned people to vote or risk paying a fine, as they look to boost turnout on the third day of a lackluster election that is virtually guaranteed to hand President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi a second four-year term.

El-Sissi faces only a token opponent in the vote, which resembles the referendums held by autocrats for decades before the uprisings of 2011

briefly raised hopes of democratic change.

The government is hoping for high turnout to lend the election legitimacy, and it staggered the voting over three days, ending Wednesday night. Official results are expected on April 2.

The state-news agency MENA quoted unnamed election officials as saying that the law penalizes boycotters, with a fine of around \$30.



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Thousands of people participate in a march in Paris on Wednesday in commemoration of Mireille Knoll, an 85-year-old Holocaust survivor who was murdered last week in what police believe was an anti-Semitic attack. Two suspects are in custody.

## U.K.: 2 victims may have been poisoned at their front door

LONDON — The former Russian double agent and his daughter who were targeted with a nerve agent more than three weeks ago may have come into contact with the poison at their front door, British authorities said Wednesday.

Sergei Skripal, 66, and Yulia Skripal, 33, were found incoherent and comatose, respectively, on a park bench at an outdoor shopping center in the quiet medieval town of Salisbury on March 4.

Prime Minister Theresa May said earlier that investigators concluded that it was "highly likely" that

Russia was responsible — and that the nerve agent had a signature that linked to its chemical weapons program.

Police did not say whether the nerve agent was delivered in person or by other means.

Police said traces of the nerve agent also have been found at other locations in Salisbury "but at lower concentrations to that found at the home address."

Viktoria Skripal, a relative of the victims, said their chances of survival were dim.

May condemned the poisoning as a reckless,

hostile assault on British soil. She said that as many as 130 people could have been exposed to the nerve agent — though only one of them, a police officer, was sickened. He was recently released from the hospital.

"This shows the utterly barbaric nature of this act and the dangers that hundreds of innocent citizens in Salisbury could have faced," May said this week.

In the aftermath of the attack, Britain, the United States and 25 additional nations expelled nearly 200 Russian diplomats and alleged spies out of their embassies.

## Thousands of Ghanaians protest U.S. defense pact

ACCRA, Ghana — Thousands of people have marched in the streets of Ghana's capital to protest a defense cooperation agreement with the United States that was ratified by Parliament last week.

Protesters gathered Wednesday with signs that said "Ghana not for sale."

Many said they would continue protests until the government amends the agreement. Ghana and the U.S. have long had ties, but protesters say the new agreement gives the U.S. too much and could make Ghana a target.

The U.S. will contribute about \$20 million to

Ghana's military in training and equipment. The U.S. will also have access to Ghana's radio spectrum and airport runways and can deploy troops.

Demonstrators said they don't want a U.S. military base in Ghana. The U.S. has said the agreement won't lead to a base.

## Poland signs \$4.75 billion deal to buy U.S. missile system

WARSAW, Poland — Poland signed a \$4.75 billion deal with the United States on Wednesday to buy air defense Patriot missile systems as it seeks to bolster its defenses against a resurgent Russia.

President Andrzej Duda described the deal for the state-of-the-art anti-aircraft and anti-missile systems as "historic" for his country and its armed forces.

The defense deal is Poland's largest in almost 30 years.

The system includes 16 launchers and is compatible with technology used by NATO and U.S. troops based in Poland, Duda said.

Parts of the system will be made in Poland.

U.S. Ambassador Paul Jones called the deal a milestone that brings the NATO member into a family of 15 countries that rely on the Patriot system for their airspace security.

Michigan State University spent roughly \$500,000 for a public relations firm in January to track media coverage and social media activity related to the case of disgraced former sports doctor Larry Nassar, the Lansing State Journal reported Wednesday, according to documents the newspaper obtained.

The California Department of Justice on Wednesday clarified that its sanctuary state policies do not give state and local law enforcement agencies the ability to disregard federal law on cooperating with immigration authorities — but they do set limits on how the agencies can aid in immigration enforcement.

## Ecuador cuts WikiLeaks founder's internet access at embassy

BY WILLIAM BOOTH  
The Washington Post

LONDON — Julian Assange, the founder of WikiLeaks, has been barred from using the internet or receiving visitors at the Ecuadoran Embassy in London, where he has been holed up for nearly six years, the Ecuadoran government announced Wednesday.

In a statement, Ecuador said it has suspended Assange's ability to communicate with the outside world because he violated an agreement he signed with his hosts at the end of 2017 not to use his communiques to interfere in the affairs of other states.

"The Ecuador government warns that the conduct of Assange via his messages on social media puts at risk the good relations that Ecuador maintains with the United Kingdom, the European Union and other nations," the statement said.

Earlier this year, Assange was a supporter of separatist leaders in Spain's Catalonia region who wanted to secede.

The head of that movement, the former regional president of Catalonia, was arrested over the weekend in Germany. Spanish authorities seek his extradition and return to Madrid, where he faces possible charges of treason and misuse of public funds.

Assange sought refuge at the Ecuadoran Embassy, located in one of London's most exclusive neighborhoods, in 2012 to avoid extradition to Sweden, where he was wanted for questioning about alleged sex crimes. Assange has denied the allegations. Swedish authorities have since shelved their investigation on grounds they could not get access to him.

Earlier this year, Assange lost two legal bids to quash a British arrest warrant that was issued after he skipped bail and fled to the embassy.

Assange has expressed fears that if he leaves the embassy, he will be arrested and extradited to the United



DOMINIC LIPINSKI/TNS

Julian Assange has been staying in an Ecuadoran Embassy in London for nearly six years.

States for questioning over WikiLeaks' role in publishing a trove of classified U.S. documents.

Assange was granted Ecuadoran citizenship late last year, and the government said it has protected him. But in its communique Wednesday, the South

American nation seemed to be saying that enough was enough.

This is not the first time his hosts have cut off his access to the internet.

In October 2016, the embassy temporarily denied Assange internet access out of concern that WikiLeaks

was interfering in the U.S. presidential election. In the summer of 2016, the anti-secrecy site published hacked emails from the Democratic National Committee.

The Ecuadoran government said it cut off Assange's internet Tuesday.

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## EDITORIALS

# Emanuel, Madigan and a new CPD

After decades of failed attempts to remake the Chicago Police Department into a trusted organization, there is no reason to believe Sept. 1, 2018, will feel different in the city. But keep that date in mind because it's the first deadline for, yes, another effort to reform the police.

By Sept. 1, state Attorney General Lisa Madigan and Mayor Rahm Emanuel will submit to a federal judge a proposed consent decree — the legally binding framework for overhauling CPD training, supervision, use-of-force tactics and other regulations to create the ethical, respected and effective police force this city deserves.

**Go ahead and be skeptical** because of Chicago's long history — we won't say "tradition" — of police misconduct. "Abusive police treatment of citizens has been a major issue for years," said U.S. Rep. Ralph Metcalfe's stunning report, "The Misuse of Police Authority in Chicago." That was in the early 1970s. Before Cmdr. Jon Burge, who allegedly tortured suspects. Before

crooked Sgt. Ronald Watts, who stole from drug dealers and shook down residents of South Side housing projects. Before so many other bad cops. Before Officer Jason Van Dyke, who will stand trial for the murder of Laquan McDonald.

Why would reforms stick this time? Because while Chicago's had its share of blue-ribbon panels and heard many promises, this would be the first police reform plan implemented via consent decree. It would be overseen by a federal judge and it should have teeth, assuming the final version is demanding and detailed.

Last week, a powerful coalition of community groups and critics, including Black Lives Matter Chicago, endorsed the path of progress toward a consent decree. The groups, including the NAACP and ACLU, had filed lawsuits against the city accusing police of abusive and unfair treatment of African-Americans, Latinos, the mentally ill and the disabled. But they agreed to suspend their litigation in exchange for a seat at the table during negotiations over

that decree.

The coalition groups signed a memorandum of understanding with the attorney general's office and City Hall giving the groups the right to make their case to the negotiators about what should be contained in the consent decree. Once a draft is completed, the groups will provide feedback.

The Sept. 1 date is listed in that memorandum as a court filing deadline for the proposed consent decree. The groups' leverage is the threat to reinstate the lawsuits, which could derail completion or effectiveness of the court order. Think about it: Emanuel and the CPD would have a hard time selling police reforms to Chicago neighborhoods if the city is fighting in court with neighborhood groups that are dissatisfied with the consent decree.

**After Sept. 1, the next important deadline is Jan. 1, 2019.** The memorandum says the consent decree must be finalized by then. Other dates also loom: Madi-

gan leaves office in January, which adds to the urgency of concluding a deal. Then Emanuel faces re-election. We presume he wants the consent decree buttoned up well before the campaign turns red-hot.

Chicagoans, too, should want the decree buttoned up as soon as possible. Chicago cops have the difficult mission of stopping crime and criminals. A rebuilt sense of trust from communities long alienated from the CPD should open the flow of information from law-abiding citizens who know who's breaking which laws. The sooner reform enhances that relationship, the better.

Still, it's best to think of the city as at the very beginning of a long-term process. Negotiations could collapse. The Fraternal Order of Police, in contract negotiations with the city, will have a say. Once the document is completed, it will take the city years to reorganize training, supervision and oversight of the CPD and rebuild trust with the public. First comes the Sept. 1 deadline.

# Read all about it: Trump's trade war on newsprint

A trade war over Canadian newsprint sounds like one from the history books, not the digital age. But it's happening right now and stands to hurt American consumers and cost American jobs.

President Donald Trump has been playing politics with free trade, threatening international pacts and pandering to specific American industries, most notably steel and aluminum. Now his administration is picking a needless fight with Canada that has raised the cost of raw paper dramatically and threatens to disrupt imports to American publishers. We're following this spat closely because the Chicago Tribune spends millions annually on newsprint.

Yet there's also more at stake than newsprint supplies — it continues an attack by a trade-phobic White House on the wisdom of free markets and global competition. This is just the sort of protectionist measure that the Tribune, through its 170 years, has been exposing as economically self-defeating for America. If this were a dispute over Canadian widget imports that hurt widget-dependent companies and consumers in Chicago, we'd be just as alarmed.

We're concerned, too, about getting Tribune print readers their daily paper at a fair price if this dispute is not resolved. Some small-town newspaper publishers, already pushed to the wall by Internet competition, could be driven out of business.

**Here's the background:** The U.S. Commerce Department, which says Canadian paper producers are harming American competitors, has proposed adding anti-dumping duties of up to 32 percent on newsprint and some other paper products from Canada. The claim is that these imports to the U.S. benefit from unfair Canadian government subsidies.

But U.S. publishers say the Trump administration is misreading the marketplace, and using government power to benefit a single paper mill owner in Washington state.

"What we're seeing with the newsprint



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A press worker loads rolls of newsprint at the Chicago Tribune's printing facility.

tariffs is not a government acting to try to better the economy for its citizens," wrote David Chavern, president and CEO of the News Media Alliance, an industry group. Instead, that one Washington company, North Pacific Paper (aka Norpac), is "looking to use the U.S. government to tax local and community newspapers across the United States in order to bolster their own bottom line."

Last year Norpac asked the Commerce Department to punish the Canadian imports, but no other U.S. newsprint mills supported Norpac's claim, according to Chavern. The newsprint industry is shrinking because of the internet, not foreign competition. It also is regionally based. Publishers and other print-focused companies in the Midwest and Northeast rely on Canadian newsprint because there are no U.S. mills operating in these regions.

Yet those newsprint customers now face skyrocketing prices because Canadian mills will pass on the cost of U.S. tariffs.

The process already has begun: Although industry groups still hope to block the tariffs, the U.S. government is collecting duties at the border and newsprint prices here are up 20 percent to 30 percent. Cost increases that steep are a direct threat to news gathering by newspapers nationwide: Not many readers will volunteer to, in effect, pay the Trump tariff.

**To step back for a moment:** Free trade in a globalized economy makes sense because it rewards efficiency and thus encourages specialization. For example, the U.S. has Silicon Valley, Canada has vast forests. Each country benefits from the other's products, as long as governments follow the rules of fair trade. Yet Trump is

mistrustful, pulling out of a Pacific trade pact and seeking to renegotiate others, such as NAFTA, the U.S. agreement with Canada and Mexico.

Negotiations are fine, but slapping tariffs on imported goods to protect jobs at specific companies is unfair. In the case of newsprint tariffs, the Trump administration is causing significant harm to American newspaper readers and weakening American companies already are under stress from digital competition. Jobs are at stake.

It's not clear that the tariffs will stand. The International Trade Commission is set to conduct a final investigation, which will include a public comment period and hearings. This is an opportunity for members of Congress to call out the Trump administration's protectionism.

We add our voice to those protesting this tariff, and defending free trade.

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

I use ProtonMail, an encrypted email service. I also use Signal, an encrypted text messaging and calling service. And I do some online research through Tor, a browser that masks your online address so sites can't track your physical location. I also use DuckDuckGo, a search engine that doesn't store your search history. ... Privacy is the right to choose which entities access information about you, control how those entities use your data, check the fairness of data-based decisions made about you, and correct errors. ...

One tool I use on my laptop is Disconnect, a service that shows you the third parties tracking you on every site. When I was reading articles this morning about the Trump administration, Disconnect counted 78 advertising networks, analytics services and others tracking me on HuffPost; 24 trackers on The New York Times site, and 19 on The Washington Post.

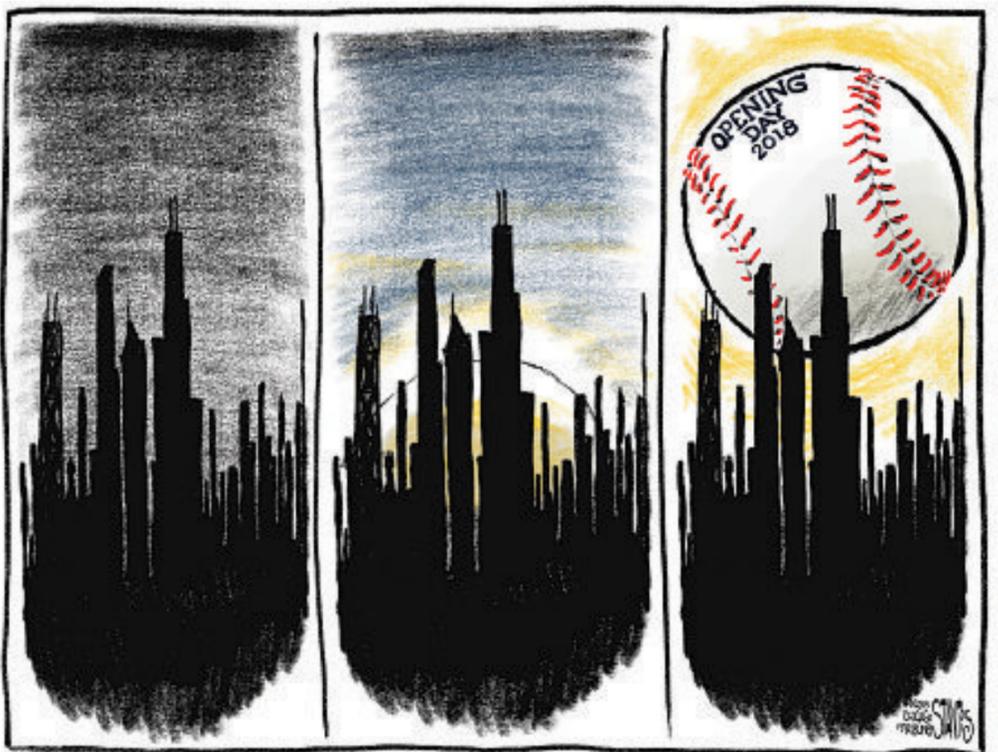
**Natasha Singer, The New York Times**

(D)espite the unpopular war in Vietnam and the swirling cultural revolution, Richard Nixon won under-30 voters in 1972. Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter split young voters evenly in 1980, while Reagan and George H.W. Bush crushed it with the young in '84 and '88. Bill Clinton carried the youth vote in 1992 and 1996, but then George W. Bush tied Al Gore in 2000 with 18- to 24-year-olds and only barely lost the 25-29 bracket. Something remarkable began happening in 2004, though.

That's the year John Kerry carried the under-30 vote by 9 points. And the next three presidential elections saw Democrats demolishing their opponents with young people by 34, 23, and 19 points. While the GOP's position with young voters has gotten better since 2008, the situation remains dire. There is simply no precedent for such a yawning gap in a party's fortunes with America's youngest voters over the course of four presidential cycles since pollsters started collecting this kind of data. And it is an ominous sign about the future of the Republican Party.

**David Faris, The Week**

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## The spending bill speeds us toward national bankruptcy



STEVE CHAPMAN

Someday, elderly Americans will reminisce about the days when the federal budget was in surplus, and their grandchildren will laugh in disbelief. "Sure — and you walked 5 miles in the snow to school, uphill both ways," they will reply.

It was not so long ago — 2001, to be exact — but the achievement now seems like a relic of an ancient civilization whose strange customs we have long abandoned. We are about as likely to see another balanced budget as we are to see another dodo.

In the past 17 years, the federal government has spent about \$15 trillion more than it has taken in. Publicly held federal debt equaled 31 percent of gross domestic product in 2001. Today, it's 79 percent.

The blame is bipartisan. Deficits emerged and grew under George W. Bush. They eventually declined but persisted under Barack Obama. Because of the policies adopted by Donald Trump and the current Congress, budget deficits will only mushroom.

The crucial step in this development was the December enactment

of a tax "reform" plan. Its main consequence was to add at least \$1 trillion in deficits over the coming decade — on top of the \$10 trillion that was already in the pipeline.

Republicans who voted for the proposal insist it will spur so much economic growth that it will pay for itself. Whether they believe that or don't care is open to debate, but the claim has no basis in reality.

A poll of 38 economists by the University of Chicago Booth School of Business found only one who agreed the tax plan will have a substantial positive effect on economic growth. All agreed it will enlarge the debt.

The nonpartisan Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget estimates that in 2028, the debt will amount to 93 percent of gross domestic product. That means the real burden on future taxpayers will be triple what it was in 2001.

Now would be the ideal time to close the fiscal gap. The economy is growing, corporations are profitable and unemployment is low — factors that boost revenue. If deficits are inevitable and possibly useful during recessions, they serve no good purpose in the ninth year of an expansion. Surpluses would serve a good purpose, by reducing the debt burden and providing room to adapt policy to changing circumstances.

The movement of the baby boom generation from the labor force to the retirement rolls means that outlays are fated to grow, thanks to Social Security and Medicare. Absent significant (and politically dangerous) cuts in benefits, revenues will have to grow just to keep up with obligations.

Instead, Congress and the president are deliberately reducing Washington's income while upping its outlays. It's the equivalent of buying a more expensive house and then quitting your job — a formula for bankruptcy.

We have gotten used to a tide of red ink flowing over the dam. But we don't see that anymore — not because the red ink has stopped flowing but because the dam has disintegrated. The conventions that once served to check budgetary excess are suddenly gone.

When Congress approved and Trump signed a \$1.3 trillion omnibus spending measure last week, they agreed that they didn't know what was in the 2,232-page bill. But we don't need to know the actual contents to see that it represents a historic disaster, any more than we need to know how many gallons of water Hurricane Harvey dumped on Texas.

It was a bit incongruous to hear Trump demand that Congress give him a line-item veto. But then, Bush asked for one, and so did Obama.

What all three have in common is an unwillingness to seriously attack the deficit. Asking for a line-item veto is a hollow gesture.

Because our leaders have chosen to go on spending without taxing Americans to cover the full costs, revenues will increasingly be used not to pay for actual programs but to service the debt. "Under current law, the federal government will spend more on interest than it does on Medicaid by 2021 and more than it does on defense by 2024," says the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget.

Once the tax bill passed, the argument for spending restraint collapsed. Why contain outlays if the federal debt is going to explode regardless? The spending bill merely confirms, loudly, that neither party has any use for fiscal responsibility.

Our leaders realize that eventually, someone will pay a price for this irresponsibility. And they know it won't be them.

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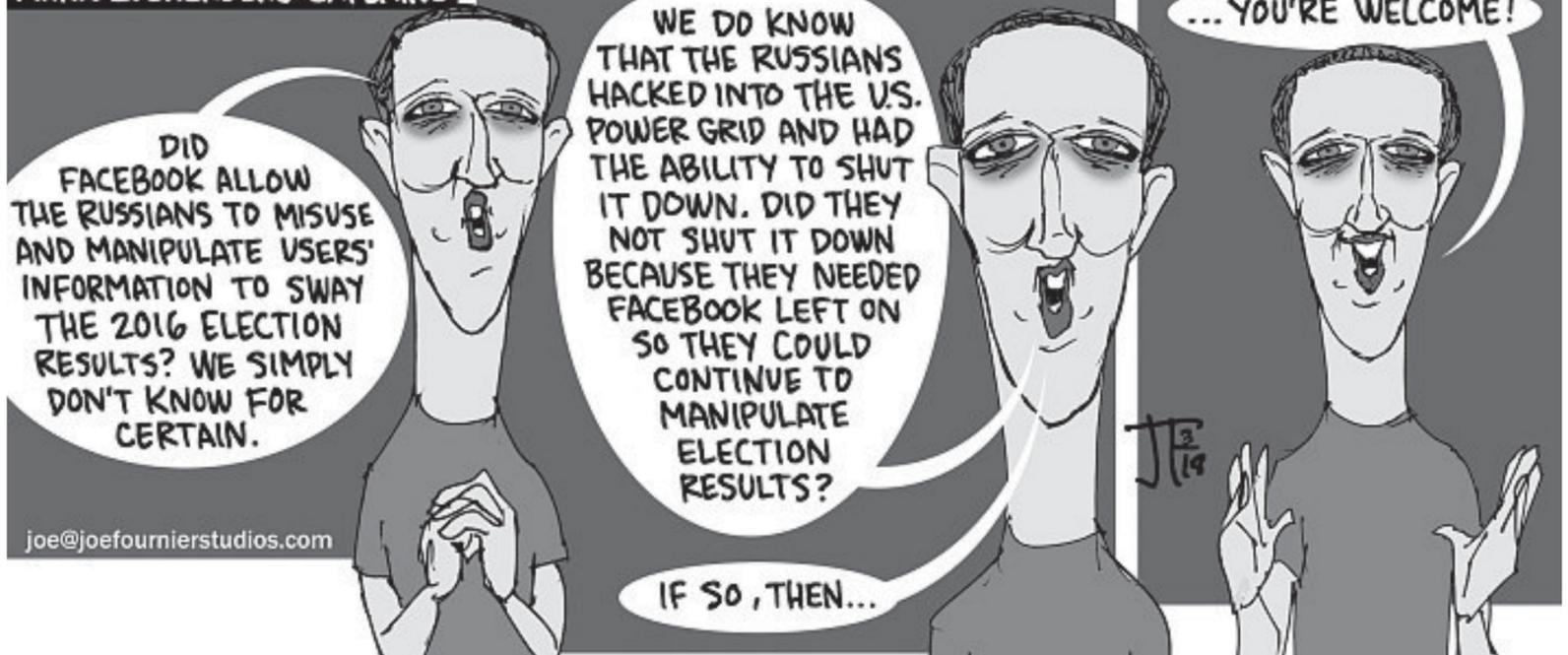
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The Chinese city of Shenzhen is part of one of the great social experiments of humankind as the state uses massive amounts of data to police the population's behavior.

## China's surveillance state makes Facebook's privacy problems look extra-small

BY JOHN POMFRET

When a woman walked to work this month in the bustling southern Chinese metropolis of Shenzhen, she, like many millions of other Chinese, jaywalked, cutting across a side street to avoid a detour of hundreds of yards to a crosswalk. What happened next, as documented by the woman, a writer calling herself Mao Yan, was an illustration of a brave new world being born in China.

Two traffic policemen approached the woman and told her that she had violated the traffic regulations of the People's Republic of China. Eager to get to her job, Mao Yan apologized and pointed out that there was no fencing to block jaywalkers like her. She hoped to get off with a verbal warning. The officers, however, were intent on prosecution. They demanded her identity card, which is issued to all Chinese citizens. When Mao Yan said that she had not brought hers, they asked for her ID number. When she said she had not memorized it, one officer snapped her picture with a camera phone. Seconds later, he read out her name, her ID card number and date of birth. Using facial recognition technology, he had identified Mao Yan.

Then Mao Yan heard the clatter of a printer from a nearby police kiosk. One of the officers entered the kiosk and returned with a slip. "It was my first ever traffic citation," Mao Yan wrote. On the citation was a quick-response code

that she scanned to pay her fine via a messaging app called WeChat that is managed by Tencent, a private Chinese company.

Mao Yan was taken aback by the experience and what she called "the stunning efficiency of the facial recognition technology possessed by our traffic police." She shared her story with friends, who told her she was lucky that she had not crossed against a light. If she had, police could have put her face, her full name and several digits of her ID card number on a public bulletin board for everyone to see. "Jaywalkers have fewer rights than criminal suspects," she wrote, pointing out that in Chinese news reports, suspects are often not fully identified and their faces are blotted out.

Mao Yan's Shenzhen is part of one of the great social experiments of humankind — the use of massive amounts of data, combined with facial recognition technology, shaming and artificial intelligence to control a population via marriage of the state and private companies. Already on the packed highways of Shanghai, honking has decreased. That's because directional microphones coupled with high-definition cameras can identify and ticket — again, via WeChat — noisy drivers and display their names, photographs and identity card numbers on the city's many LED boards. On some streets, if a driver stops by the side of the road longer than seven minutes, high-defini-

tion cameras identify the driver and, again, issue him or her an instant ticket.

In other parts of China, the technology is being used by the state security apparatus to crack down on separatism. In Xinjiang, which has been the site of a separatist movement against Chinese rule, China's police have established a 21st-century police state through an infrastructure of security technology with high-definition cameras, facial-recognition technology, iris and body scanners at checkpoints, the forced collection of DNA, and the mandatory use of apps that monitor messages on smartphones. The focus of this campaign is the Uighurs, a Turkic ethnic group that is mostly Muslim.

But as Mao Yan's story makes clear, this technology is bleeding into the rest of China, where 95 percent of the population is Han Chinese. And China's authorities won't be content with traffic stops. Their goal is behavioral modification on a massive scale. Chinese planners have announced their intention to tap the vast artificial intelligence and surveillance infrastructure currently under construction to generate "social credit" scores for all of China's 1.5 billion people. With a high score, traveling, securing a loan, buying a car and other benefits will be easy to come by. Run afoul of the authorities, and problems begin.

Some Chinese businessmen who

are benefiting from this massive investment in data have argued that the Chinese are less concerned about privacy than people in the United States are. Robin Li, founder of Baidu, China's version of Google, which routinely shares its data with the Chinese Communist Party, argued over the weekend that Chinese people don't care that much about privacy.

"The Chinese people are more open or less sensitive about the privacy issue," said Li, speaking at the China Development Forum in Beijing. "If they are able to trade privacy for convenience, safety and efficiency, in a lot of cases, they are willing to do that."

Coincidentally, Li's remarks were released by the Chinese magazine Caixin on the same day that Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg issued an apology for releasing user data to a political consultancy.

In her article, Mao Yan didn't seem to agree with Li's optimistic interpretation of the campaign. "Maybe," she wrote, "it's intimidation to make everyone afraid." I think she's right. Hours after Mao Yan posted her story on China's internet, censors took it down.

*The Washington Post*

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## Evangelical support of Trump has helped pornography enter the cultural mainstream

BY JOHN FEAT

When I was a kid, Sunday night was reserved for either "Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom" or "The Wonderful World of Disney."

This past Sunday we all gathered around our television sets to watch a porn star talk about an adulterous encounter she had with a man who would become the president of the United States. Times have changed.

Not since the Bill Clinton-Monica Lewinsky scandal of 1998 has the sex life of a president been on display in such a public manner. On Sunday it was Stormy Daniels. The week before it was former Playboy Playmate Karen McDougal telling the nation, among other things, that she had unprotected sex with Donald Trump.

Walt Disney and Marlin Perkins would have blushed. Trump's evangelical supporters give him a "mulligan."

When the country learned that Clinton had sex in the West Wing, evangelical Christian leaders responded with heavy doses of moral condemnation. In a letter to his followers, Focus on the Family founder James Dobson argued that Clinton's escapades with Lewinsky made him unfit for office. But he also told his readers that they should have seen this coming:

"How did our beloved nation find itself in this sorry mess? I believe it began not with the Lewinsky affair, but many years earlier. There was plenty of evidence during the first presidential election that Bill Clinton had a moral problem. His affair with Gennifer Flowers, which he now

admits to having lied about, was rationalized by the American people."

Today Dobson is one of Trump's strongest supporters. He and other evangelical leaders such as Liberty University President Jerry Falwell Jr. and prosperity preacher Paula White make regular visits to the White House and regularly praise the president.

So far these Trump supporters — I call them the "court evangelicals" because they model the flatterers at the courts of Renaissance-era kings — have been relatively silent in the wake of the Daniels and McDougal allegations.

The court evangelicals do not condone Trump's behavior. But neither do they say they think that his indiscretions are in any way harmful to his presidency. They appear to believe that Trump's sins should not be held against him because they occurred a long time ago and, unlike Clinton's sins, did not occur while he was in office.

Trump, they have said, is a changed man. He deserves forgiveness. The man who said he grabs women by the genitals has been born again, they say. All evangelicals, his defenders argue, should support him because he defends their moral commitments.

All of us must deal with the consequences of Trump's sins now that he is president. He may have been forgiven, but we would be foolish to believe that his past actions are not adding to an already coarse moral culture — the kind of culture that the court evangelicals have been trying to change for nearly half a century.

The bar for what is acceptable behavior

in public life has been lowered significantly. Our kids encounter unhealthy images — on television, at the theater, at school, on their computers and phones — at a much earlier age than my generation encountered them.

While our country has made great strides in correcting many of our past sins, we are arguably exposed to more vulgar language, sex and violence than at any other time in American history.

Let's take pornography. I think many Americans, whether they are religious or not, would agree that porn has a negative effect on our culture.

I am sure there will be many — libertarians or some feminists — who disagree with me about the destructive nature of pornography, but most followers of Jesus believe that pornography leads to sin. Christians who watch porn seek to gratify desires that can only be truly satisfied by God and one's marriage partner.

I know the court evangelicals agree with me. Many of Trump's most ardent supporters are pastors. I am sure they have counseled people who are addicted to pornography. They can tell stories about families that have been torn apart by porn. They have seen men squander their savings or run up massive credit card debt on internet porn sites. Some of the most unsung heroes of the evangelical world are those who work with ministries that help men whose lives have been destroyed by pornography.

I would imagine that the court evangelicals are disgusted that Stormy and Karen have replaced Walt and Marlin. But

there was a time when opposing pornography was on the top of the Christian right's agenda. Today, many conservative evangelicals have cast their lot with a president who, perhaps more than any other politician in American history, has brought pornography into the political and cultural mainstream.

If the court evangelicals are troubled by the fact that the porn industry is getting free publicity every night on the news, they must realize that they are partly to blame. Trump's past sins (forgiven or not) have found him out. Presidential character matters — past and present. The court evangelicals should be ashamed of themselves.

As the Stormy Daniels interview aired Sunday night on "60 Minutes," Texas megachurch pastor Robert Jeffress was leading his congregation on a "March for Eternal Life" through the streets of Dallas. Members of First Baptist Church carried a large white cross and announced that the gospel of Jesus Christ — the message we celebrate this Holy Week — is the only hope of the nation.

Sadly, I don't think anyone was listening. The good news of the gospel will fall on deaf ears as long as the hypocrisy of the court evangelicals continues.

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## QUOTABLES

“It’s quite frightening. Out in the stretch of these blue seas, we’re so far from any human activity, there’s nothing out there, and we still leave traces as a society.”

— Oceanographer Laurent Lebreton of the Ocean Cleanup Foundation, on the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, an accumulation of trash floating in the waters between California and Hawaii.

“This is an intolerable way to treat a man who fought bravely for this nation.”

— Emma Lozano, a minister at Lincoln United Methodist Church, on the deportation of Miguel Perez Jr., a U.S. Army veteran detained and then taken to Mexico by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Perez, who was raised in Chicago since age 8, mistakenly believed he became a U.S. citizen when he joined the military.

“Please tell Mom that I loved her. Please tell everyone that I loved them.”

— Vika, a schoolgirl in Kemerovo, Russia, who was one of 64 people killed in a fire that blazed through a crowded shopping center. She passed the message in a call with her aunt, the last anyone heard from the girl.

“It’s really very, very, very tiny odds. I certainly would worry about things like crossing the street far more than debris from Tiangong.”

— Andrew Abraham, an analyst leading efforts to track the demise of the Chinese space station Tiangong-1, which was abandoned and is out of control and expected to drop out of orbit this weekend.

# I know what Stormy Daniels is going through. I went through it too.

BY SYDNEY LEATHERS

There are few people who understand the plight of Stormy Daniels quite the way I do. In 2013, BuzzFeed outed me as the woman who exchanged explicit texts with Anthony Weiner, linking me to the sexting scandal and changing my life forever.

People tend to assume that the women involved in scandals like these are reveling in the situation — or, as Newsweek wrote about Daniels, “making good use of her minutes of fame.” If you do any interviews or do anything to profit, you’re seen as an opportunist, as countless viewers deemed Daniels after her “60 Minutes” appearance Sunday. “Many of the women thrown into the spotlight by an unwise liaison with a politician have gamely exploited their notoriety,” according to a piece in The Washington Post about how I was “enjoying” the attention.

What people don’t see are the stress, threats and harassment that come with being associated with a sex scandal, especially if you’re a woman. There’s so little to be gained by revealing the sexual misconduct of a powerful man, as I tried to do and as Daniels has done.

Weiner had been caught sending graphic photos on Twitter in 2011 and was forced to resign from Congress; in 2013, he attempted a political comeback by running for mayor of New York. In between, we began exchanging messages on Facebook and texting; it lasted less than a year. Meanwhile, an article came out about him in People magazine, saying he was a different man after his Twitter scandal. We were texting at the time — he even asked me to read the article. If he had run for office without claiming to be reformed, I probably would never have revealed our messages. But his “I’m a changed person” thing really hit a nerve with me. It felt phony and wrong, and I felt guilty about being part of it.

He was a hypocrite, I realized, and someone who probably shouldn’t be in any sort of position of power. It sounds cheesy, I thought I was doing the right thing when, several weeks into his campaign, I sent our texts to the editor of the website the Dirty. (Considering all the creepy stuff he did with teenage girls, including one as young as 15, I now believe that even more strongly.) My name was supposed to remain out of it.

## No longer a person

Once my identity was revealed by BuzzFeed a few days later, though, I



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Sydney Leathers

was no longer a person. I was a headline, a punchline, anything but a human being with feelings. I received a barrage of rape and death threats. I remember one particular email: “You deserve to be raped, you menace to mankind.” I had a cyberstalker who somehow was texting me from fake email addresses; the texts came all through the night. I was called a liar and a fame whore, despite the evidence I had and the fact that I never sought fame — I had turned over those texts with the promise of anonymity.

I saw in a recent article about Daniels that reporters went to her hometown, and I felt so bad for her, as I know exactly what that is like. Journalists harassed my friends, family and random people from my past. People showed up at my apartment and slid business cards under my door — and I live in middle-of-nowhere Indiana. Local media went to my dad’s workplace looking for a comment, which was mortifying. Reporters tracked down the woman my father had been married to for 25 years before I was even born and went to her house to talk about me. They went to a drive-thru taco stand and interviewed people, asking for stories about me. Guys claimed to have dated me. People I’d never met were saying how horrible I was.

I watched male TV pundits from the left and the right display their misogyny in full force. I considered myself very liberal before this scandal; I watched MSNBC day and night. (I still have liberal ideals but am more of a political orphan these days.) After the news broke, I heard Thomas Roberts on MSNBC say I was “bats---” My

dad called me crying because of things a late-night TV host had said about me. I had to shield myself. I allowed myself to watch only “The Daily Show” — John Oliver was subbing for Jon Stewart at the time, and he didn’t make the same predictable low-blow jokes that the other comedians made, so I felt safe watching that. It was hard not to watch the news, because I had been a political junkie.

The attacks on my appearance hurt, though I had to try to brush them off. I had been dealing with an eating disorder when I was talking to Weiner. By the time our texts were made public, I was in therapy and had a great psychologist. In the process of getting healthy, I gained a little weight because I was no longer starving myself. I was happy with how I looked. But after the scandal broke, everyone commented that I was “so much fatter” now.

I thought about killing myself. People saw me in interviews making jokes and being self-deprecating. It probably looked like I was having fun. But that’s how I deal with things. Yes, Daniels appeared on “60 Minutes,” but that doesn’t mean she enjoyed it either.

## Why I didn’t hide

People might wonder why I didn’t disappear. But I couldn’t afford to go into hiding and not work. I come from a low-income, poverty-level family. Hiding was never going to be an option, and neither was keeping my job as an administrative assistant at a law firm. I knew I wouldn’t find work in a conventional field now that my name was associated with all this sexual

stuff. (Yes, Sydney Leathers is my real name, the one I was born with.) Part of me thinks my life would be easier if I changed my name — for job applications, college applications — but then I think: It’s my name. I can’t imagine being called anything else. And it’s frustrating to feel like I have to change my identity. I didn’t murder anyone, though sometimes I’m treated as if I did. I never even met Weiner in person.

After the scandal, I was offered opportunities in the adult-film world, and I took them. Sex work has been a way for me to pay for my associate degree without student loans. Before I finished my degree, I was required to do an internship. I interviewed at a local TV news affiliate (I studied broadcasting, with plans to go into production). Beforehand, a man from the station called me and acted like he was interested in hiring me, but when I went in to the interview, he clearly wasn’t. He just wanted to gawk at me in person. I had such a hard time finding an internship that one of my professors, who has been so supportive, had to give me one on campus.

Any money I’ve made from this situation is not worth the extreme pressure and scrutiny I’ve faced. Nothing compensates for the threats I’ve received and how unsafe I’ve felt, and I am convinced that no one would enjoy the kind of “fame” that comes with a political sex scandal.

When you’re talking about Daniels now, please consider that she is a person, not a punchline. She’s someone’s mother, someone’s daughter, someone’s wife. Of course, we shouldn’t have to say “Think of your daughter!” to make sure women are viewed as people, but if that’s what it takes to spark compassion, then maybe it’s OK. Using “porn star” instead of her name in headlines is dehumanizing. A woman is more than her porn career. She is a human being who deserves empathy and respect. Anyone who bashes a woman who takes her clothes off for a living but shrugs at shady politicians who are in bed with lobbyists might want to examine their misogyny.

Daniels is obviously very strong, as her clever Twitter retorts demonstrate, so I’m not suggesting we pity her. We should commend her. It takes bravery to put yourself on the line and challenge rich, powerful men. And considering who she’s up against, we all owe her some gratitude.

The Washington Post

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## VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

### A life of crime

Young migrants, like Miguel Perez Jr., who are sent back to Mexico face much more danger than one could ever imagine. I am from South Texas, an area that has felt the tightening immigration restrictions due to a high immigrant population, and far too many of us know of someone who has been recently deported to Mexico.

Manya Brachear Pashman’s article “Veteran ‘homeless,’ in hiding in Mexico” notes just how hard life will be for Perez in Mexico, since he has spent so much time in the U.S., but it does not fully capture just how dangerous it has become for people like Perez to be in Mexico. Since finding employment is hard for young deportees who have few ties to Mexico, they become prime targets for recruitment into criminal organizations.

Unfortunately, it is often the case that deportees are faced with

the choice of either living in total poverty while avoiding the very persuasive recruitment tactics of criminal organizations or just giving up and joining one. So for those who are unaware of the stakes involved when discussing immigration reform, know that deportation for some could be an entrance to an involuntary life of crime and even a death sentence.

— Samuel David Garcia, student, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Mass.

### Fatally flawed

This is in response to the March 26 op-ed from 8th District congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi advocating passage of a nationwide three-day waiting period on the purchase of handguns. He acknowledged that the three-day waiting period for handguns he wants to pass nationally is already the law in Illinois, but a national waiting period is necessary because “from Chi-

cago or its suburbs, it’s easy to drive to Wisconsin or Indiana to buy a gun on the spur of the moment.”

He is mistaken. If I wanted to legally buy a handgun from a state other than Illinois, I would have to first pay for the firearm and then have a dealer with a federal firearms license (or FFL) ship it to another FFL in Illinois, a process that can take anywhere from four to seven days. I would then have to visit that Illinois FFL and fill out a federal form 4473 and have that FFL run the mandated background check. Because the physical transfer of the firearm would take place in Illinois, the Illinois mandatory three-day waiting period would kick in. Krishnamoorthi’s premise for wanting to add yet another law to the thousands of firearms laws already on the books is fatally flawed.

What disturbs me the most is we have politicians such as Krishnamoorthi wanting to pass laws about subjects they know very little about. If politicians, Democrats in particular, were serious in wanting to reduce violent crime in America they should be willing to sit down with those who have

an actual understanding of the laws governing firearms instead of demonizing them.

— Louis J. Berardi, Downers Grove

### Onward

March Madness has reached its zenith. The Final Four have proved their mettle and earned their place in the elite of college basketball in 2018. Let us not forget that these exceptional men’s basketball teams represent excellent American universities. Here is a quick reference of the mottos of those fine places of higher education.

Villanova University: Veritas, Unitas, Caritas. (English: Truth, unity and charity.)

University of Michigan: Artes, Scientia, Veritas. (Arts, knowledge, truth.)

University of Kansas: Videdo Visionem Hanc Magnam Quare Non Comburatur Rubus. (I will see this great vision in which the bush does not burn.)

But the crown for the most challenging standard set by a motto goes to Loyola Uni-

versity Chicago: Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam. (For the greater glory of God.)

May the university with that most challenging of mottos triumph over all.

— Michael Collins, Chicago

### A tough choice

In your editorial “Another time bomb for taxpayers” about an additional \$1 billion Chicago Public Schools pension shortfall, you state how some residents “take the easy way out” and move out of state.

It is insulting to imply leaving the state is an easy decision. A family’s choice to leave a place that they have called home for perhaps a lifetime is no easy decision. It must be a difficult decision to leave family, friends, careers all because politicians over-promised benefits to guarantee votes.

My wife and I will be making this decision in the next six to eight years, and I do not foresee it being easy, but rather necessary for our financial sake. I just hope my house still has some value. The easy way out, indeed.

— Steve Bail, Lake Forest

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# Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

## Walgreens boosting yearly pay by \$100M

By LISA SCHENCKER  
Chicago Tribune

Walgreens will boost its hourly workers' wages by \$100 million a year after similar moves by competitors, company leaders announced Wednesday.

The Deerfield-based drug-store chain will begin offering the higher pay this year, Alex Gourlay, co-chief operating officer for Walgreens Boots Alliance, said in an earnings call Wednesday. Walgreens spokesman Michael Polzin said he couldn't provide specific figures on exactly how much the move might change employees' pay.

A number of other retailers also have announced bigger paychecks for workers in recent months.

Walmart announced in January that it would increase starting pay to \$11 an hour for hourly employees at a cost of \$300 million. Target also raised its minimum starting pay to \$11 an hour late last year and said it would increase that figure to \$15 an hour by 2020.

CVS Health said in February it would inject \$425 million annually into improving employee benefits, also increasing starting pay for hourly employees to \$11 an hour.

CVS credited the increase to recent changes to the tax code under the Trump administration, which cut the corporate tax rate to 21 percent from 35 percent. Walgreens had already planned to raise wages before the tax changes — though those changes didn't hurt the company's plan, Gourlay said.

The company expects to save more than \$350 million this fiscal year as a result.

The pay increase is meant, in part, to "ensure we remain competitive in the marketplace," Polzin said in an email after the call.

Walgreens' announcement of higher wages followed a sunny quarter for the company. The chain beat analysts' expectations for the second quarter of this year, with adjusted diluted net earnings of \$1.73 per share, compared with an average consensus estimate of \$1.55, according to FactSet.

The company also has been buoyed financially by increased drug sales, due in part to partnerships with pharmacy benefit managers, said John Boylan, a senior equity analyst for Edward Jones.

Walgreens' recent acquisition of more than 1,900 Rite Aid stores also has helped drive up pharmacy sales, Boylan said.

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V. Formusa employees mix ingredients to make gallons of Marconi-brand giardiniera at the company plant in Des Plaines on Tuesday.

## PEPPERONCINI VS. BATTERY PACKS

Area businesses on opposite sides of tariff tumult

By ROBERT CHANNICK  
Chicago Tribune

Tariffs the Trump administration imposed last week have left observers speculating about whether the U.S. is on the brink of an international trade war and economists debating the merits of free trade versus protectionism.

Closer to home, it may come down to pepperoncini versus battery packs as Chicago-area companies take sides in the escalating tariff debate.

The battle lines were drawn when President Donald Trump imposed import duties on steel and aluminum and unveiled plans for tariffs on "about \$60 billion" in Chinese imports annually. At the same time, Congress is considering a proposal to remove or reduce tariffs on more than 1,600 items — everything from the aforementioned peppers and batteries to pimientos and nonskid rings for toilet brush caddies.

V. Formusa Co., a 120-year-old Des Plaines-based Italian foods manufacturer and distributor, wants to see tariffs



Bob Johnson, president of Italian foods company V. Formusa, wants to see tariffs on imported goods removed. "Pepperoncini don't grow here for some reason. So we pretty much have to import them."

removed on imported pepperoncini, while Inventus Power, a Woodridge-based battery-maker, is fighting to keep tariffs in place to protect its domestic production.

"We're definitely affected by it," said Bob Johnson, president of family-owned Formusa. "We pay the tariff."

The proposed tariff reductions are part of a bipartisan,

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**"There was a feeling that it was not the right time to do this, given what Trump was doing essentially in the opposite direction, that it would be sending mixed signals. My guess is it's going to be sitting around for a while, unfortunately."**

— William Reinsch, a foreign trade expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, on the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill Act

## Travel costs a pretty penny to Final Four

By CORILYN SHROPSHIRE  
Chicago Tribune

If you're scrambling to get to San Antonio for the NCAA Final Four this weekend, don't expect it to be cheap, especially if you plan on flying.

Local travel agents say that for the few flights to San Antonio that are left, prices have doubled compared with the same time last year.

Trips that involve leaving for San Antonio on Thursday afternoon and returning on Tuesday start at nearly \$1,000 for the flight alone. And travel agents say it won't get any cheaper the closer it gets to Saturday's semifinal game pitting the Loyola University Chicago Ramblers against Michigan.

Depart Friday and you're looking at shelling out at least \$1,400 for a flight.

Ninety percent of San Antonio's downtown hotel rooms, just steps away from the Alamodome where the NCAA games will be played, are already booked. More distant hotel rooms are available but are filling up quickly, according to David Gonzalez, director of communications at Visit San Antonio, the city's tourism bureau.

According to San Antonio's tourism website, visitsantoniocom, hotel rooms start at an



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Ninety percent of San Antonio's downtown hotel rooms are booked.

average of \$86 per night roughly 17 miles away from the stadium. The limited availability of flights and hotel rooms is not only the fault of Loyola's Ramblers.

"It's Easter weekend, and many of these flights were booked long ago," said Giselle Laborde, owner of Mena Tours & Travel in Chicago's Andersonville neighborhood.

Not to mention it's Holy Week, a time of celebration for many Mexican tourists who visit San Antonio to shop and celebrate.

Laborde said she has a client who was so desperate to get to Saturday's Loyola game that he chartered a jet. She's not clear on where he's going to stay.

Travel agents said it might be easier to make the nearly 19-hour drive and sleep in a van.

Each team in the Final Four has fan bases all over the country, said Lynn Farrell, president of

Windy City Travel. Farrell said she had a surge in clients looking to snag flights and hotels, and not everyone's been lucky. But for travelers willing to pay, there are rooms to be had, she said.

Final Four weekends typically see the prices on available hotel rooms climb 100 to 200 percent, according to Carter Wilson, vice president of consulting and analytics for travel consultancy STR, based in Hendersonville, Tenn.

The Super Bowl, according to Wilson, is even more intense, with hotel room prices climbing 300 to 700 percent or more per night.

Wilson noted that many cities are already busy this time of year because of spring break, Passover and Easter travel.

"It's expensive. Space is tight," Wilson said. "They are getting a pretty penny for hotel rooms."

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## Facebook to simplify user privacy settings

By ELIZABETH DWOSKIN  
The Washington Post

Facebook is making it simpler for people to control how their data is used after a massive privacy scandal has shaken the company and caused its stock price to drop 15 percent.

In the coming months, privacy controls that are now in 20 different places on Facebook's app will be merged into a single page, and will include what the company says will be easier-to-comprehend features that explain how the company is using a person's data, the company announced Wednesday.

Facebook will also create a page that makes it easier for people to download their data so that they can more clearly view what information the company collects about them.

The changes come during a crisis moment after revelations that the data consultancy Cambridge Analytica had wrongfully obtained the Facebook profiles on at least 50 million U.S. Facebook users.

They also coincide with sweeping new privacy laws, which require more specific and simplified disclosures to consumers, which are about to go into effect in Europe.

Facebook CEO Mark Zucker-



TNS

Facebook says it's revamping users' privacy settings, merging settings now in 20 different places into one page.

berg is expected to testify in Congress next month.

Meanwhile, Playboy Enterprises says it's pulling its Facebook presence. Playboy says it's been difficult anyway to "express our values" because of Facebook's strict content and policy guidelines, which include restrictions on nudity.

Playboy says the alleged data mismanagement is the last straw. About 25 million people interacted with Playboy's Facebook pages.

A smattering of other companies have made similar moves, including nonprofit Mozilla, which created the Firefox browser. Elon Musk's companies SpaceX and Tesla and German bank Commerzbank.

# Trump claims trade victory vs. S. Korea

But bare-knuckles approach might not work with China

By DAVID J. LYNCH  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration bills its success in reworking a trade deal with South Korea as vindication for the “America First” approach the president promised on trade policy, including a robust carrot-and-stick diplomatic style.

“This agreement is visionary and innovative, and it underscores a pattern of failure by previous administrations to negotiate fair and reciprocal trade deals,” a senior administration official told reporters Tuesday night.

Confirming reports from Seoul this week, White House officials said that they had reached a “historic” agreement in principle with the South Korean government to overhaul the existing Korea-U.S. trade deal known as KORUS.

South Korea agreed to limit its steel exports to the United States, a key U.S. goal, and take several steps to open its auto market to American companies. In return, President Donald Trump agreed to exempt South Korea from his new 25 percent tariff on imported steel.

But threatening negotiating partners with tariffs unless they make concessions, as the United States did with South Korea, is a tactic that Washington often used before the creation of the World Trade Organization, though one that did little to reduce bilateral trade deficits.

It also may prove a riskier strategy when U.S. negotiators take on more powerful countries, including China, the largest U.S. trading partner. U.S. negotiators also confront a longer list of



JIM LO SCALZO/EPA

In trade negotiations, President Donald Trump prefers to offer access to the U.S. while threatening unilateral tariffs.

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issues in talks aimed at renegotiating another trade deal, the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Lori Wallach, director of Public Citizen’s Global Trade Watch, said the “limited” achievements in the new South Korean accord fell short of the revolution in trade policy that the president has promised.

Still, administration officials regard the South Korean agreement as a big political win for the president and a sign of fundamental change in Washington’s approach to trade disputes.

For nearly a quarter-century, the U.S. government has taken most of its complaints about unfair trade practices to the WTO. The Geneva-based global trade body presides over a quasi-judicial process designed to drain the political heat from disputes, with final settlements often taking years to materialize.

Trump has no interest in letting the heat dissipate. “He’s resurrecting the 1980s — a series of political compromises, mostly with Japan, to deal with U.S. concerns,” said Edward Alden, with the Council on Foreign Relations. “That was the Reagan playbook.

The reason it hasn’t been used in a long time is the U.S. made a decision that binding dispute settlement was better than tariffs as a weapon.”

Starting with a 1981 accord that set a ceiling on imports of Japanese vehicles, the United States tried for much of that decade to close its trade deficit with Japan through voluntary export restraints. Dozens of other deals limited shipments of Japanese products such as steel, machine tools and semiconductors, while the 1985 Plaza Accord lowered the dollar’s value in a bid to boost U.S. exports.

The agreements defused politically sensitive controversies but left the U.S. trade deficit with Japan higher at the end of the 1980s than it was when the two countries began implementing the voluntary limits.

Trump and his chief trade negotiator, Robert Lighthizer, lack faith in the multilateral trading system that Republicans and Democrats have shared since the WTO’s founding in 1995. They prefer a nationalistic approach that offers access to the U.S. economy while threatening unilateral tariffs.

The administration’s approach appears to have succeeded in this instance.

# Reduction legislation in limbo

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Obama-era measure aimed at reducing costs for American manufacturers and consumers.

The divergent international trade policies have confused allies and sparked retaliation by China, which announced Friday it planned to impose tariffs on \$3 billion in American products.

Phil Levy, a senior fellow on the global economy at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, said Trump’s tariffs “certainly risk a trade war.”

“They’re taking a really aggressive approach that threatens both direct and indirect harm to U.S. and Chicago-area companies and consumers,” Levy said.

The new tariffs also seem to have left the tariff-reduction legislation in limbo.

The American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2016 ushered in a process to petition for the suspension or reduction of tariffs on items where no domestic production exists. The federal International Trade Commission received 3,162 petitions. The total number of items was essentially cut in half, in part through objections from domestic producers, by the time the bill was introduced in November.

The House unanimously approved the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill Act in January, but the measure has stalled in the Senate.

“There was a feeling that it was not the right time to do this, given what Trump was doing essentially in the opposite direction, that it would be sending mixed signals,” said William Reinisch, a foreign trade expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington, D.C., think tank. “My guess is it’s going to be sitting around for a while, unfortunately.”

The tariff-reduction bill, which limits the loss to the Treasury to \$500,000 per item annually, is “small cheese” compared with Trump’s new tariffs, Rein-

sch said, especially if China “overreacts” and retaliates disproportionately.

But the bill is a big deal to the Chicago businesses it would affect.

Headquartered in southwest suburban Woodridge, Inventus makes rechargeable power systems used in items ranging from tools to medical equipment. Altered by a trade association, Inventus objected to 18 items slated for tariff reduction, successfully making its case to the International Trade Commission that its domestic production facility existed and needed protection.

“There’s already an unfair advantage with (Chinese) dominance in this industry,” said Anson Martin, vice president of global business development at Inventus.

The nearly 60-year-old company is owned by KRG Capital, a Denver-based private equity firm. In addition to its Woodridge factory, Inventus has manufacturing facilities in Mexico, China and other locations, and it employs about 2,500 people worldwide, Martin said.

Martin, a native of Scotland who has been with the company for 19 years, declined to disclose specifics about Inventus’ revenue, but he said it is in the “hundreds of millions” of dollars annually.

Milwaukee Tool and Stihl were among the manufacturers who petitioned the trade commission to have tariffs removed from batteries. Both reached out to Inventus after the company objected, Martin said.

“A few of the big companies called me to say, ‘What are you guys doing? Why are you blocking this?’” Martin said. “I said, ‘If you want to get around paying duty ... just give me the business.’”

Founded in 1898 as an Italian foods importer on Chicago’s West Side, Formusa evolved into a manufacturer, best known for its Marconi-brand giardiniera. The company makes the spicy pickled vegetable mix for the Portillo’s chain,

among other clients.

A fourth-generation family business, Formusa moved to Des Plaines in 2014, where it employs about 20 people.

While the company makes a number of pickled vegetables in-house, it imports pepperoncini — peppers common in Italian cooking — for a very good reason, said Johnson, Formusa’s president.

“Pepperoncini don’t grow here for some reason,” he said. “So we pretty much have to import them.”

Formusa imports about \$200,000 worth of pepperoncini annually from Greece, Johnson said, and pays a tariff of about 10 to 15 percent on the items, which are repackaged for sale under the Marconi label.

Pepperoncini were among several items submitted for inclusion in the tariff-reduction bill by the Association of Food Industries, a New Jersey-based trade association for the U.S. food import industry.

“It’s not a huge item, which means it’s a fairly high tariff hurting a lot of small businesses that are bringing it in,” said Bob Bauer, president of the trade association.

The other items on Bauer’s list included pimientos and processed artichokes. He said none of the items have been produced domestically for years, meaning the tariffs drive up prices without preserving any American jobs.

“If we’re successful on pepperoncini this time and somebody opens up a pepperoncini plant, they could object the next time around,” Bauer said.

For Johnson, the elimination of pepperoncini tariffs would bring little to his bottom line, but it makes a compelling argument for free trade.

“We’re going to have to reduce prices if that happens,” Johnson said. “There’s still competition out there. The consumer is the one that is going to save.”

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# Two universities take drug patent fight to court

Washington U. sues Wisconsin over AbbVie royalties

By **CHRISTOPHER YASIEJKO**  
Bloomberg News

For more than a decade, two Midwestern research universities happily collected patent royalties after partnering in medical research. Now, their lawyers sit at opposing tables in a federal courthouse in Delaware, treating each other in something less than a collegial manner.

Washington University in St. Louis is challenging the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation, which handles licensing for the University of Wisconsin-Madison, citing “shabby treatment” by its former partner. It’s seeking more than \$38 million of the royalties the foundation gets from the sale of an AbbVie kidney disease drug.

It’s rare for universities to sue one another, especially when those institutions joined in a patent-licensing deal with a corporation. But the value of patents, coupled with tightening revenue streams, is inspiring more schools to fight for a greater share of royalties. In another case in the same courthouse, Cornell University is accusing a business partner of defrauding it in a settlement of a suit over patent royalties.

“It is striking how little litigation there is between academic institutions,” Michael A. Jacobs, a lawyer for Washington University, said in his opening statement this week. “This is basically a case about sharing” — and about whether the foundation misled his client “through obfuscation,” he said.

Washington University and Wisconsin, both academic powerhouses, bring in enviable revenue from scientific discoveries.

Wisconsin, which in 1925 became the first university to dedicate an arm to patent licensing, collected \$106.5 million through its foundation between 2014 and 2016, according to a survey by the Association of University Technology Managers. During the same stretch, Washington University’s program brought in \$45.7 million.

Wisconsin’s foundation, known as WARF, is no stranger to litigation. In 2015, Apple was told to pay WARF \$234 million for infringing the school’s patent on microprocessor technology. A year earlier, a consumer watchdog group unsuccessfully tried to challenge the validity of a WARF patent for stem cells derived from human embryos.

The trial in Wilmington has its roots in a collaboration between researchers at Washington University and Wisconsin. In the early 1990s, they worked together on therapeutics for

conditions associated with kidney disease. The scientists jointly applied for a patent in 1995, and the schools signed an agreement in which WARF would take the lead in obtaining the patent and licensing in return for a larger share of any royalties, according to the complaint.

WARF licensed the patent to Abbott Laboratories in 1998 for use in connection with the drug Zemplar. North Chicago-based AbbVie was spun off from Abbott in 2013. The lawsuit is complicated because the patent is one of almost three dozen tied to Zemplar, with royalties distributed among patent owners.

Washington University claims WARF breached their agreement by undervaluing the patent when initially licensing it to Abbott, and that it was misled by WARF’s representation because it couldn’t gauge valuation on its own. Jacobs said that WARF told Wash-

ington University in 2013 that the patent was “meaningless and largely irrelevant,” though it assured Abbott in 1998 that the patent “directly supports” Zemplar.

WARF’s lawyer, Robert F. Shaffer, argued that Washington University wants to rewrite the “unambiguous” terms of the contract, in which allocation of royalties among all patents in the portfolio was fair.

“A deal is a deal,” Shaffer said. “They didn’t ask during the course of negotiations” for a particular method of valuation, he added.

The drug generated \$409 million in sales in 2011, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. A representative for AbbVie, which isn’t a party in the case, didn’t immediately respond to a request for comment.

Washington University points to a 2012 lawsuit in which Abbott and WARF accused Hospira of infringing the same patent. In that

case, Abbott and WARF said the patent was valuable, Jacobs said.

U.S. District Judge Joseph F. Bataillon seized on WARF’s reliance on the patent in the Hospira case. “You guys made a big deal” about the value of the patent previously, Bataillon said to Shaffer. “Now, you reap what you’ve sown.”

Shaffer called the decision to use the patent in the Hospira case “a litigation strategic decision.” By then, Shaffer said, WARF had been paying Washington University for more than a decade.

Washington University’s share, after an incremental benefit analysis, would be \$1.2 million, Shaffer said. WARF paid \$1.5 million in royalties during the lifetime of the deal, so Washington University is “really not entitled to any more,” he said.

Susan Decker and Janet Lorin contributed.

# Saudi women hail opportunity to drive

Uber, rival look to recruit as ban in kingdom nears end

By **ALEXANDRA ZAVIS**  
Los Angeles Times

JIDDAH, Saudi Arabia — When 21-year-old Tala Murad needs a lift home from university or a restaurant, she frequently turns to ride-hailing apps.

It’s not just convenience. In Saudi Arabia — in contrast to every other nation — women are not allowed to drive.

That will soon change, and Murad can’t wait. Not only is she planning to get a driver’s license, but she is also planning to work for Careem, a regional service that competes here with San Francisco-based Uber.

But first she has to learn to drive. Her father is teaching her in their up-and-coming suburb of Jiddah, whose quiet, unfinished streets offer an excellent training ground for an activity that technically remains illegal until the government issues regulations for women to obtain licenses.

“Slowly, slowly, enough!” he instructed her from the passenger seat of the family’s old Corolla as Murad backed up the other day.

“Like this?” she asked.

“Yes, yes,” he said with a laugh. “God help us.”

Women have been crucial in the business plans of ride-hailing apps in Saudi Arabia, an absolute monarchy that for more than three decades has enforced an ultraconservative version of Islam. Barred from driving, women make up nearly three-quarters of Uber and Careem users.

Now that the restriction is being lifted, making women less dependent on the services, the companies are moving quickly to adjust.

Less than an hour after a royal decree was announced in September clearing the way for women



IMAN AL-DABBAGH/FOR THE TIMES

Tala Murad, 21, a Saudi university student, receives driving lessons from her father, Midhat, in their neighborhood near the coastal city of Jiddah.

to obtain licenses this summer, the company launched a campaign to recruit 100,000 female drivers, or “captains,” as Careem calls them.

Uber has also announced plans to recruit female drivers. In doing so, the companies hope to tap into a new customer segment: religiously conservative women who don’t feel comfortable getting into a car chauffeured by a man who is not a relative or employed by their families.

Executives at both companies say they aren’t worried about a potential drop in revenue from Saudi Arabia.

“We really see it as opening up the business more,” said Anthony Khoury, Uber’s regional general manager.

His counterparts at Careem, which is headquartered in United Arab Emirates, noted that the change is coming at a time when demand for ride-hailing services is increasing

among Saudi men, in part because of recent hikes in the domestic price for gasoline.

“When you look at the overall market, it’s a growing pie,” said Abdulla Elyas, a Saudi national born and raised in Germany who was one of the company’s founders.

Nearly 3,000 women have signed up to drive with Careem, and the company has organized special women-only sessions to begin teaching them how to use its technology platform.

Just over a quarter of the women already have licenses from other countries, but most still need to learn to drive. Neither company intends to teach them, but both are looking to partner with other organizations that are accredited to do so.

Uber has been organizing “listening sessions” to solicit women’s opinions about driving and plans to open dedicated “support centers” where they can get

information and training about its service. Although the response has been mostly positive, Khoury said, some women have expressed reservations about driving men, for example.

Careem will allow only women and families to summon a vehicle with a female driver, Elyas said. Other policies are still being worked out, including whether to impose any kind of dress code. The company’s male drivers are not allowed to wear shorts and flip-flops.

Elyas said women will probably be required to wear the body-concealing robe known as an abaya, which remains the norm in Saudi Arabia. But no decisions have been made about veiling. Most Saudi women cover their hair in public, and many also conceal their faces. But foreign women are not required to veil, and some locals are beginning to follow suit in parts of the country.

Some of the details will depend on what the government decides. It has said that women seeking licenses will be subject to the same requirements as men and won’t need the permission of a male guardian — which they do for other activities, including travel or study abroad.

But it is unclear whether authorities will restrict women’s ability to drive professionally in any way.

Currently, there is no law that prohibits women from driving in Saudi Arabia, but there are religious edicts issued by conservative Muslim clerics. Some clerics have argued that allowing women to drive would encourage mingling between the sexes and corrupt public morals. One suggested that driving could harm a woman’s ovaries, a notion ridiculed by many Saudis on social media.

The government, however, heeded the religious objections and refused to issue licenses to women. The de-

facto ban became a source of protest at home and opprobrium abroad. Some female activists were arrested for driving anyway and posting pictures of themselves behind the wheel.

The decision to allow women to drive is among recent changes pushed by the Saudi crown prince, Mohammed bin Salman, to modernize the kingdom and wean the economy from its historical dependence on oil production. The 32-year-old prince is using his ongoing swing across the United States to tout the changes as he attempts to woo investors.

Saudi officials also hope that lifting the ban will help more women enter the workforce. The low price for oil has limited the government’s ability to provide the public-sector jobs and heavily subsidized lifestyle that Saudi families have long relied on.

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# Hong Kong skyline farms harvest crops of happiness

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HONG KONG — High above downtown Hong Kong’s bustling, traffic-clogged streets, a group of office workers was toiling away not on a corporate acquisition or a public share offering but on harvesting a bumper crop of lettuce atop one of the skyscrapers studying the city’s skyline.

It’s rooftop farming taken to the extreme, and more about reaping happiness than providing food.

The volunteers were picking butter lettuce, Indian lettuce and Chinese mustard leaf in rows of low black plastic planters on a decommissioned helipad on the 480-foot-high roof of the 38-story Bank of America tower. The scenery: a vertiginous panorama of glass office towers framed by lush

mountain peaks and Victoria Harbor.

“It’s pretty dirty, but still I really enjoy it,” said Catherine Ng, one of five volunteers who work for the property company managing the tower.

The farm is run by Rooftop Republic, a three-year-old startup whose founders are tapping growing interest in organic food and taking advantage of unused roof space in the cramped Chinese city.

Hong Kong, with its skinny office blocks and apartment towers and busy, affluent residents, might seem an unlikely place for rooftop farming to catch on. The finance and trading hub has rural suburbs, but farming takes up only 1,730 acres of its land, and agriculture accounts for 0.1 percent of its economic output. Rooftop Republic’s founders

say the appetite for their services is growing among Hong Kongers who are seeking a more sustainable lifestyle and concerned about where their food comes from.

“We have been getting more and more interest from people who want to grow their own food,” said Michelle Hong, one of the founders. “A lot of it is triggered by concerns about food safety and the realization that a lot of the food they consume might be laden with pesticides. I think people want to have more control and also more trust.”

Hong Kong imports almost all of its food, much of it from mainland China. Public awareness about food safety in the former British colony has risen after countless food contamination scandals on the mainland. Rooftop Republic has set



KIN CHEUNG/AP

Urban farmers work at a rooftop vegetable garden of an industrial building in Hong Kong. Gardens are sprouting atop the cramped city’s high-rise buildings.

up on average one farm a month since its founding and now manages 36 covering more than 30,000 square feet, Hong said.

Plenty of other groups or individuals have started cultivating their own rooftop

vegetable gardens, said Matthew Pryor, a Hong Kong University architecture professor who has counted at least 60 and thinks there are a lot more he doesn’t know about.

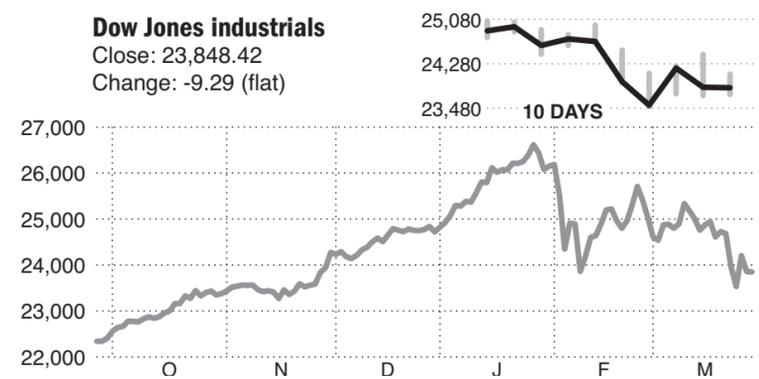
Pryor said the “rooftop

farms produce virtually nothing” compared with Hong Kong’s consumption.

“What they do produce, however, is happiness, and this social capital that they generate is enormous,” he said.

MARKET ROUNDUP

**Dow** High: 24,092.47 Low: 23,728.67 Previous: 23,857.71



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
-59.58 (-.85%)	-7.62 (-.29%)	-.54 (-.04%)
Close: 6,949.23	Close: 2,605.00	Close: 1,513.03
High: 7,036.09	High: 2,632.65	High: 1,521.35
Low: 6,901.07	Low: 2,593.06	Low: 1,505.64
Previous: 7,008.81	Previous: 2,612.62	Previous: 1,513.57

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
... to 2.78%	-17.80 to \$1,324.20	+1.34 to 106.88/\$1	+0.0059 to .8122/\$1	-.87 to \$64.38

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
-3.38	-5.39	-3.94	-4.72	-4.45	-4.01	+15.44	+17.83	+10.33

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 18	449.50	452.50	444.50	445.50	-3.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 18	374.25	375	372	373.50	-5.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 18	1019.50	1023.25	1015	1018	-1.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 18	31.58	31.89	31.40	31.62	+0.4
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 18	372.10	376.10	369.50	371.30	-1.10
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl.	May 18	64.70	65.13	63.72	64.38	-.87
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	May 18	2.718	2.731	2.690	2.698	-.016
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Apr 18	2.0117	2.0270	1.9940	2.0116	-.0019

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	59.23	-1.05	Equity LifeStyle Prop	N	87.21	+1.90	McDonalds Corp	N	158.41	+9.3
AbbVie Inc	N	94.27	+2.26	Equity Residential	N	61.55	+2.20	Middleby Corp	O	123.46	+7.3
Alstatare Corp	N	94.61	+1.22	Exelon Corp	N	38.54	+0.07	Mondelz Int'l	O	40.59	-1.0
Altagroup Inc	N	88.36	+2.28	First Indl RT	N	29.25	+0.6	Morningstar Inc	O	94.84	-7.8
Arch Dan Mid	N	63.85	-1.02	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	68.20	+0.3	Motorola Solutions	N	103.96	-1.97
Baxter Intl	N	320.02	-1.10	Gallagher AJ	N	277.48	+4.45	NiSource Intl	N	32.55	...
Boeing Co	N	58.39	-1.10	Grainier WJ	N	99.11	-4.23	Nthn Trust Cp	O	101.13	-4.5
Brunswick Corp	N	111.91	-1.15	GrubHub Inc	N	85.90	+9.4	Old Republic	N	21.41	+3.0
CBOE Global Markets	O	62.74	-1.0	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	76.67	-3.6	Packaging Corp Am	N	111.18	-1.14
CDW Corp	O	69.93	-2.8	IDEX Corp	N	140.52	-9.9	Stericycle Inc	O	58.75	-1.9
CF Industries	N	36.49	-1.01	ITW	N	153.86	-1.00	TransUnion	N	56.52	-6.5
CME Group	O	158.84	-1.6	Ingredion Inc	N	127.15	-3.8	Tribune Media Co A	N	40.63	-1.0
CNA Financial	N	49.83	+6.8	John Bean Technol	N	110.35	-3.35	USG Corp	N	40.38	+3.1
Caterpillar Inc	N	145.16	+1.83	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	173.44	-.87	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	205.11	+1.9
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	36.32	+0.2	KapStone Paper	N	34.41	-1.4	United Cont'l Hldgs	N	67.91	-2.7
Deere Co	N	151.48	-0.8	Kraft Heinz Co	O	61.37	+6.7	Ventas Inc	N	50.46	+1.45
Discover Fin Svcs	N	70.28	+0.5	LKQ Corporation	O	37.50	-0.9	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	67.59	+1.63
Dover Corp	N	96.21	-1.90	Littelfuse Inc	O	201.61	-2.8	Wintrust Financial	O	84.38	+1.11
Equity Commonwealth	N	30.63	+4.8	MB Financial	O	40.59	+2.6	Zebra Tech	O	135.95	+4.9

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	13.68	+2.4
Bank of America	29.39	-1.3
Twitter Inc	28.45	+3.8
Rite Aid Corp	1.67	+1.9
Ford Motor	10.86	+0.3
Vale SA	12.45	+2.2
Chesapck Engy	2.99	+0.4
RSP Permian Inc	45.00	+6.08
AT&T Inc	35.56	+6.6
Square Inc	47.39	-3.67
Pfizer Inc	35.30	+2.9
Wells Fargo & Co	51.48	+3.8
Kinder Morgan Inc	14.81	-2.8
Oracle Corp	44.98	-4.0
Citigroup	68.26	-2.02
Ambev S.A.	7.11	+0.3
Snap Inc A	15.95	-2.5
Alibaba Group Hldg	178.91	-2.98
Cemex SAB de CV	6.52	-3.0
Freeport McMoran	16.75	-4.9
JPMorgan Chase & Co	108.00	-1.7
General Mills	44.35	-9.6
Nokia Corp	5.43	-0.1
Exxon Mobil Corp	72.81	-8.9

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Neovasc Inc	.12	+0.1
Adv Micro Dev	9.81	-1.9
Micron Tech	51.49	-9.1
Facebook Inc	153.03	+8.1
Microsoft Corp	89.39	-0.8
Apple Inc	166.48	-1.86
Intel Corp	49.60	-1.59
Cisco Syst	41.66	-1.02
Comcast Corp A	33.28	+2.9
Edge Therapeutics	1.31	-14.28
Geron Corporation	4.23	-.92
Bilibili Inc	11.24	...
Nvidia Corporation	221.35	-4.17
JD.com Inc	40.01	-7.0
Tesla Inc	257.78	-21.40
Netflix Inc	285.77	-14.92
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.18	-0.3
Applied Matis	54.06	-1.38
21st Century Fox A	35.88	-6.0
Caesars Entertain	10.90	-1.0
PayPal Holdings	75.06	-1.25
Akers Biosciences	.83	-0.5
eBay Inc	40.11	-1.1
Amazon.com Inc	1431.42	-65.63

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3122.29	-44.4/-1.4
Stoxx600	369.26	+1.7/+0.5
Nikkei	21031.31	-286.0/-1.3
MSCI-EAFE	2001.01	-8.5/-4.1
Bovespa	83868.19	+60.1/+0.1
FTSE 100	7044.74	+44.6/+0.6
CAC-40	5130.44	+14.7/+0.3

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	35.56	+6.6
Alphabet Inc C	1004.56	-.54
Alphabet Inc A	1005.18	-1.76
Amazon.com Inc	1431.42	-65.63
Apple Inc	166.48	-1.86
Bank of America	29.39	-1.3
Berkshire Hath A	295041	+3.91
Berkshire Hath B	196.67	+5.2
Chevron Corp	112.10	-2.56
Exxon Mobil Corp	72.81	-8.9
Facebook Inc	153.03	+8.1
Intel Corp	49.60	-1.59
JPMorgan Chase	108.00	-1.7
Johnson & Johnson	127.45	+2.4
Microsoft Corp	89.39	-0.8
Source Cap	39.36	-.49
Unitedhealth Group	218.50	+5.4
WalMart Strs	87.77	+1.72
Wells Fargo & Co	51.48	+3.8

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.69	1.71
6-month disc	1.88	1.13
2-year	2.29	2.27
10-year	2.78	2.78
30-year	3.02	3.03

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1324.20	\$1341.00
Silver	\$16.205	\$16.505
Platinum	\$934.70	\$946.70

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)	20.1491
Australia (Dollar)	1.3049
Brazil (Real)	3.3355
Britain (Pound)	.7100
Canada (Dollar)	1.2915
China (Yuan)	6.2974
Euro	.8122
India (Rupee)	65.125
Israel (Shekel)	3.5031
Japan (Yen)	106.88
Mexico (Peso)	18.2715
Poland (Zloty)	3.41
So. Korea (Won)	1063.49
Taiwan (Dollar)	29.15
Thailand (Baht)	31.29

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCpA m	32.07	-2.7	+17.4
American Funds AmnBAlA m	26.51	-0.4	+8.8
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	60.22	+2.4	+5.0
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	56.10	-1.0	+9.0
American Funds FdmTlnvnsA m	60.90	-2.8	+1.1
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	50.22	-5.2	+18.8
American Funds IncAmrCA m	22.58	+0.2	+6.5
American Funds InvCAMrCA m	39.28	-0.5	+0.7
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	43.48	-3.0	+18.5
American Funds WAMTlnvnsA m	44.28	-0.7	+2.3
DFA EMKtCorEq	23.41	...	+20.6
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.49	...	+2.1
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	45.02	+0.4	+9.8
Dodge & Cox Stk	194.65	-2.3	+10.0
DoubleLine TlTRetBdl	10.51	...	+2.0
Fidelity 500IdxIn	91.47	-2.5	+12.6
Fidelity 500IdxInPrm	91.47	-2.5	+12.6
Fidelity Contrafund	122.13	-9.9	+21.9
Fidelity ContrafundK	122.08	-9.9	+22.1
Fidelity InvMGrAdmrl	11.00	...	+1.7
Fidelity LowPrStk	53.49	+0.7	+14.1
Franklin Templeton InCA m	2.27	...	+1.6
Metropolitan West TlTRetBdl	10.44	...	+1.1
Oakmark IntlInv	27.60	+0.4	+14.7
PIMCO IncInStl	12.18	...	+5.3
PIMCO TlTRetIn	10.07	-0.1	+2.3
Schwab SP500Idx	40.43	...	+13.8
T. Rowe Price BCGr	100.01	-1.04	+29.0
T. Rowe Price GrStk	64.04	-5.8	+23.5
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	240.49	-6.6	+12.6
Vanguard DivGrInv	26.01	+0.5	+10.1
Vanguard HCAmrl	86.70	+6.8	+7.8
Vanguard INTTEAdmrl	13.87	...	+1.9
Vanguard InslIdxIn	237.35	-6.5	+12.6
Vanguard InslIdxInPlus	237.36	-6.6	+12.6
Vanguard InslTSMInPls	57.93	-1.4	+12.8
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	97.52	-6.9	+2.0
Vanguard MDCpIdxAdmrl	188.39	-7.5	+11.4
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	133.76	-3.9	+20.1
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## OBITUARIES

PETER FREUND 1936-2018

## Theoretical physicist was 'always a storyteller'

By GRAYDON MEGAN  
Chicago Tribune

Theoretical physicist Peter Freund conducted research into the smallest building blocks of the universe at the University of Chicago.

"At the most basic level, we're trying to figure out what mathematical structures cover the nature of the physical world," said friend and colleague Jeffrey Harvey, the Enrico Fermi distinguished service professor of physics at the U. of C.

Harvey said most people are familiar with molecules made up of atoms, the nucleus of which is made up of protons and neutrons. Those in turn are made up of particles called quarks.

"But you can keep going," Harvey said, "and ask are those built of something else or are there other particles that we haven't discovered?"

While trying to understand the large story the universe has to tell, Freund told tales of his own. He entertained colleagues and students with stories of growing up in Romania under both German and Soviet interlopers. He also wrote nonfiction books about 20th-century physicists and fictional tales of heroes, scoundrels and ordinary people, many drawing on his own experiences and set in central Europe.

"He was always a storyteller," said his daughter Pauline. His fictional stories, colored by his Romanian youth, always included corruption and crazy things happening, she said, and did not necessarily have happy endings.

Freund, 81, died of natural causes March 6 in Billings Hospital in Chicago, his daughter said. He lived for many years in Hyde Park before moving about 15 years ago to the Printer's Row neighborhood.

He was born in 1936 in Timisoara, Romania. His father was a doctor and his mother an opera singer. According to his family, during World War II, the family was part of a community that avoided concentration camps by bribing local officials.

Danger didn't end with the war, as Romania was taken over by Soviet communists. Family lore has it that in 1956 Freund was one of a group of students who narrowly escaped a firing squad for demonstrating against Soviet rule.

Freund completed his undergraduate studies in Romania, getting a bach-



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Peter Freund, who grew up in Romania during World War II, retired from the University of Chicago in 2002.

elor's degree in electrical engineering. Physics was considered an impractical subject in Romania at the time, but a teacher recognized his math skills.

"One of his teachers in Romania gave him a book on physics," his daughter said. "He just fell in love with it."

He and his parents left Romania for Austria in 1959. By 1960 he had completed work on a doctorate in physics from the University of Vienna. He spent two years as a research assistant at the European Organization of Nuclear Research, known as CERN, in Switzerland. He then moved to the University of Chicago as a research assistant. He joined the university faculty in 1965 and continued to research and teach there until retiring in 2002.

Freund's work was heavily grounded in mathematics.

"The aim of theoretical physics is to embody in equations the behavior of the physical world," said friend and colleague Emil Martinec, director of the Kadanoff Center for Theoretical Physics at the university. "In particular, what professor Freund was interested in was in the area of theoretical particle physics — finding the elementary constituents of nature and their basic interactions. So that gets at things like electromagnetism, gravitation, nuclear forces and so on."

Martinec said the mathematics involved "a certain search for simplicity and elegance."

Martinec said there's a prevailing belief that whatever describes nature should be elegant and beautiful. "So many of the things we take for granted about nature being beautiful are

consequences of the underlying dynamics that produce (for example) a flower. That search for some underlying explanation drives a lot of us.

"That was a lot of what drove him," Martinec said.

Freund worked over the years in arcane areas of theoretical physics that included string theory, supersymmetry and supergravity, Martinec said.

In addition to his research, Freund was an excellent teacher, Harvey said. "He was very engaged with students. He played an important role in passing on the history of science. He had a rare ability to do that."

Freund was always a writer, his daughter said, but spent much more time writing after retiring in 2002. His first book was a work collecting stories about the famous physicists of the 20th century called "A Passion for Discovery." His fiction includes "Tales in a Minor Key," "West of West End" and "Belonging."

Freund's books also included two physics textbooks, "Introduction to Supersymmetry" in 1986 and "Superstrings" in 1988.

In addition to literature, Freund had a deep love of art and music, especially opera. He had what friends called a rich baritone voice, sang for fun, and also many years ago sang in a couple of operas with an Evanston opera group.

"He had a booming voice, a charismatic guy, larger-than-life," Harvey said.

Survivors also include his wife, Lucy; another daughter, Caroline; and five grandchildren.

Plans are being made for a memorial service at the university this fall.

Graydon Megan is a freelance reporter.



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## ON MARCH 29 ...

**In 1974** eight Ohio National Guardsmen were indicted on charges stemming from the shooting deaths of four students at Kent State University. (The guardsmen were later acquitted.)

**In 2000** President Bill Clinton told a news conference he was appalled when he first learned his campaign had taken illegal foreign donations in 1996 — contributions he called both wrong and unneeded. .

**In 2001** James Kopp, the fugitive wanted in the 1998 slaying of Dr. Barnett

Slepian, a Buffalo, N.Y., abortion provider, was captured in France. (Kopp was convicted in 2003 of killing Slepian and is serving a sentence of 25 years to life.)

**In 2002** Israel declared Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat an enemy and sent tanks and armored personnel carriers to fully isolate him in his Ramallah, West Bank, headquarters.

**In 2004** President George W. Bush welcomed seven former Soviet-bloc nations (Romania, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Lithuania, Slovenia, Latvia and Estonia) into NATO during a White

House ceremony.

**In 2013** Alaska U.S. Rep. Don Young apologized after using a Hispanic slur to describe the migrant workers his family once employed former Atlanta Public Schools superintendent Beverly Hall and 34 others were indicted on racketeering and corruption charges in one of the largest cheating scandals to hit the nation's public education system. **Also in 2013** more than 200,000 gallons of oil spilled from a 64-year-old pipeline and oozed into a residential neighborhood and waterways near Mayflower, Ark.

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March 28  
Powerball ..... 06 08 26 52 53 / 21  
Powerball jackpot: \$40M  
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Pick 3 midday ..... 960 / 8  
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Lucky Day Lotto evening ..... 05 07 37 38 39

March 30 Mega Millions: \$502M

**WISCONSIN**  
March 28  
Megabucks ..... 16 21 22 29 30 43  
Pick 3 ..... 319  
Pick 4 ..... 6536  
Badger 5 ..... 01 09 21 23 28  
SuperCash ..... 01 05 18 19 27 28

**INDIANA**  
March 28  
Lotto ..... 12 18 21 28 35 45  
Daily 3 midday ..... 810 / 1  
Daily 4 midday ..... 5018 / 1  
Daily 3 evening ..... 138 / 5  
Daily 4 evening ..... 0486 / 5  
Cash 5 ..... 01 14 20 33 37

**MICHIGAN**  
March 28  
Lotto ..... 03 15 33 34 37 46  
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Daily 4 midday ..... 5313  
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## Death Notices

### Cherry, Sherwin L.

Sherwin L. Cherry, age 76, of Morton Grove, Owner of Cherry's Shoes, Hoffman Estates; Sherwin was selfless, a mentor, and gave in so many ways to his family and friends; he left an indelible mark on all, and will forever live on in our hearts; beloved husband for 54 years of Rosalyn "Roz", nee Geller; loving father of Fayth (Jeffrey Sachman) Cherry, Alison (Michael) Lax, Mark (Mindi) Cherry and the late Michael Cherry; adored Zadia of Jessalyn, Asher and Jacob; devoted son of the late Jacob and Dorothy Cherry; cherished son-in-law of the late Selma and Leon Geller; dear brother of the late Willard "Bill" (Becky) Cherry and the late Gloria Stern; fond brother-in-law of Sandra (Bob) Fox and Larry (Elyse) Stern; treasured uncle and friend of many. Service Friday, 12 Noon at The Chapel, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Rd., Buffalo Grove (1 blk N. of Lake Cook Rd.). Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Hadassah, [www.hadassah.org/regions/chicago-north-shore/](http://www.hadassah.org/regions/chicago-north-shore/) or charity of your choice. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, [www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com](http://www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com) (847) 478-1600.



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### Geraty, Lori Jean

Lori Jean Geraty, nee Linderman, 54, devoted and loving mother of Phylicia, Danielle, Jacqueline and Liana; treasured partner, fiancé and best friend of Don Chelmecki; beloved daughter of Merle and the late Michael Linderman; dear sister of Howard Linderman; adored friend of many. Chapel service Friday 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, [www.pancreaticcancer.org](http://www.pancreaticcancer.org). For information, (847) 255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com)



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### Giambrone, Michael J

Michael J. Giambrone Jr. age 65 Beloved husband of Elizabeth nee Strong. Dearest Dad of Dawn (David) McElroy, Christopher and Michael J. III. Cherished Grandfather of Cara, Connor, Cruz and Mahlia. Fond Brother of Joseph (Marie) and the late Dominic (Carolyn) and Frank (the late Susan). Many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Funeral Service Saturday 10:00 a.m. AT Brust funeral Home 415 n. Gary Ave Carol Stream. Visitation Friday 3 to 8 PM. Interment Assumption Cemetery Wheaton. In lieu of flowers memorials to Journeycare of Barrington appreciated 630-510-0044

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### Goldstick, Beverly

Beverly Goldstick nee Kramer, age 86. Beloved wife for 66 years of Phillip. Loving mother of Gale Goldstick (Dr. Harry) Cohen, Caryn (Dr. Allan) Zelinger and the late Craig Elliot Goldstick. Cherished grandmother of Marissa and Brad Zelinger, Ilana (Shachar) Luz, William (Vicki) Cohen and Marissa Cohen. Proud great grandmother of Chaya and Chana Luz. Dear sister of the late Daniel (Carole) Kramer. Fond aunt of Geryl Kramer and Sheri (Corey) Schiff and Hillary (John) Francis. Dear sister-in-law of Allan (the late Clarise) Goldstick. Service Thursday 11AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Waldheim. Memorial contributions in her memory to Keshet GADOL, [www.keshet.org/donate-online.html](http://www.keshet.org/donate-online.html) would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cj-finfo.com](http://www.cj-finfo.com)



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### Hakonen, Douglas Henry

Douglas Henry Hakonen was born & raised in Waukegan, IL, May 7th, 1949 to his parents Henry John & Signe Marie [Ratti] Hakonen. He resided in Deerfield, IL until 2005 when he retired to La Quinta, CA. He split his time between IL and CA residences and traveled the world for the past 22 years. Doug earned a BS degree from the University of South Dakota. He loved football, baseball, fishing and golf. He played on the South Dakota Golf Team and traveled the U.S. in competition with other universities. His desire to run his own business led him to choose a career path in insurance. Doug was licensed in Property, Casualty, Life and Health insurance becoming a State Farm Insurance Agent in Deerfield. He retired after 35 years of service. He also earned his CLU degree and was past President of the Deerfield Chamber of Commerce. Doug's greatest passion in retirement was golf. His home at PGA West was his true idea of Paradise. The six golf courses, three club houses and friends occupied most of his days in CA. Over the years, he was blessed by the hand of God when he made three Holes-In-One. He was preceded in death by his father, Henry John; mother, Signe Marie; father-in-law, Alex Mardoian Sr.; mother-in-law, Marie [Perzigian] Mardoian; and brother-in-law, Alex Mardoian Jr. Doug leaves to treasure his memory his wife, Dawn Marie [Mardoian] Hakonen; brother-in-law, John Avedis Mardoian; brother, Lauri J. Hakonen; and family. A celebration of Doug's life will be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 3:00 pm at **Forest Lawn, Cathedral City**, CA. Flowers are welcome or donations to your favorite charity in Doug's honor.

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### Honigberg, Mildred Millie

Mildred "Millie" Honigberg, nee Krugel age 93, beloved wife for 70 years of the late David Honigberg, cherished mother of Michele (Jim) Pockross and Sue Ellen Carter (Keith Abney), devoted grandmother of Samantha Carter (Chris Moore) and Jonathan Carter (Jamie Downing), loving sister of Jordan (Harriet) Krugel, dear sister-in-law of the late Evelyn (Charles) Arbetman, fond aunt of Carla and Richard Kruk, Gary, Erica, Mitchell and Mary Krugel and Jeffrey (Sara) Arbetman and great-nieces and nephews David, Daniel, Cheryl, Jacob, Scott, Brittany and Samuel and great-great niece and nephews Rina, Ayal and Daniel. Funeral services Friday 9:30 AM at Westlawn Cemetery's Mausoleum Chapel, 7801 W. Montrose, Norridge. Interment to follow. Info **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-MITZVAH (630-648-9824), or [www.mitzvahfunerals.com](http://www.mitzvahfunerals.com)



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### Korey, Anne Marie

nee Kijucaric, age 94 passed away on March 23, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Joseph Anthony Korey. Loving mother of Lynn (Robert) Hennis and the late Joanne (Richard) Sandberg. Devoted grandmother of Kirsten (Chris) Santiago, Jennifer (Michael) Leopold, Alan (Jackie) Hennis & Robert Hennis. Great Grandmother of Isabel, & Owen Santiago, Clover, Sage & Piper Leopold. Fond sister of the late QM3c Matthew Kijucaric, USNR. Visitation Monday 3-8pm at Kosary Funeral Home 9837 S. Kedzie, Evergreen Park. Funeral Tuesday 9am from Chapel to St. Barnabas Church for 10am Mass. Private interment at St. Marys Cemetery. (708)-499-3223 or [www.kosary.com](http://www.kosary.com).

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### Longo, Margery R.

Margery R. Longo (1929 - 2018)



Margery Rose (Johnson) Longo, age 88, of Clarendon Hills, IL, passed peacefully on March 24, 2018. Born on March 28, 1929 in Oak Park, IL. Daughter of William and Agnes (Osterberg) Johnson. Devoted wife to the late Anthony Longo for 66 years; loving mother of 14 children;

Beth (Dale) Hardiek, Dave Longo, Phil (Kathy) Longo, Matt (Penny) Longo, Ann Cilla, Gina (Tom) Meyers, Sarah (Pete) Malik, Tom (Candy) Longo, Jon Longo, Quyen (Doug) Nguyen, Alexcia Gonzales, Fred (Marianne) Longo, Marthony (Ben) Bert; 29 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Anthony, daughter Chris Marie, brother Owen, sister Barbara (Bromley). She was co-proprietor of Ace Hardware of Clarendon Hills for 36 years, co-founder of The Compassionate Friends - West Suburban Chapter; co-founder of her local La Leche League chapter; was a licensed foster parent; member of Open Door (biracial adoption support group); member of The Prairie Club. She was a lifelong advocate for social justice through her involvement in a variety of community, church, & governmental organizations. Her greatest passion was being a mother to her large family and spending time at her cottage in Harbert, MI and farm in Plato Center, IL. Visitation is 4-8pm Tuesday April 3rd at Adolf Funeral Home, 7000 S. Madison St., Willowbrook, IL. Funeral services will be held at 10am Wednesday April 4th at Notre Dame Catholic Church, 64 Norfolk Ave., Clarendon Hills. Interment: Assumption Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to The Compassionate Friends at [www.compassionatefriends.org](http://www.compassionatefriends.org). Service information: 630-325-2300 or [www.adolfservices.com](http://www.adolfservices.com).



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### Maday, Richard John

Richard J Maday age 89 of Des Plaines passed away peacefully at home March 22 2018 Born February 13 1929 in Chicago IL to John and Angeline (Rozycka) Madaj He worked at Chicago Press Corp until his retirement and was a member of the Silver Feathers club Beloved husband of the late Alice (Tarchedlo) for 53 1/2 years Loving father of Bernadine (David) Miller and Ronald; grandfather of Weston (Beth) Miller, Lauren (Chris) Donohue, Brent, and Emme Miller; great grandfather of Maya Pederson, Mason and Liam Miller; uncle of many nieces and nephews Survived by sisters Virginia Cwiakala and Bernice Madaj, and brother John Madaj Preceded in death by sister Eleanor Turay, and 2 brothers Irvin and Raymond Madaj There will be a memorial mass at 10:00 on April 7th at St. Mary's Catholic Church 794 Pearson St Des Plaines IL

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### Mirro, Marie Ann

Marie Ann (nee Rago) Mirro, 88 of Arlington Heights. Beloved wife of the late Richard Eugene Mirro; loving mother of Richard (Karen) Mirro, Jamie (Robert) Goray and the late Marie (Robert) Hollenbach; cherished grandmother of Carly, Christina (Michael) Feuerstein, Stefan (Lauren) Goray, Joshua (Amy) Goray, Tyler Goray and Alyssa Hollenbach; dear sister of the late Sara (late Pat) Spennachio and late Vincent James Rago. Forever remembered by her numerous nieces, nephews and extended family and dear friends. Visitation Saturday, March 31, 2018 from 9:00 AM until the time of funeral service at 11 AM at the **Glueckert Funeral Home, Ltd.**, 1520 N. Arlington Heights Road, (4 blocks south of Palatine Road) Arlington Heights. Interment will be at Mount Carmel Cemetery, Hillside, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Cancer Research Foundation, 135 S. LaSalle, Chicago, IL 60603 or Heartland Hospice, 2100 Sanders Rd #100, Northbrook, IL 60062. Funeral information and condolences [www.GlueckertFH.com](http://www.GlueckertFH.com) or (847) 253-0168.



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### Murray, Doreen

Doreen Murray, 89, of Springfield (formerly of Chicago, IL, Dolton, IL, and Titusville, FL), passed away at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 25, 2018 at Memorial Medical Center.



Doreen was born May 24, 1928 in Chicago, the daughter of Robert L. and Clara Frances Bertha Sewell Burns. She married William John Murray on December 20, 1947 in Chicago; he preceded her in death.

Doreen was a graduate of Jones Commercial High School in Chicago. She worked as an executive secretary for United Insurance Company of America, Aetna Bank, Aetna Mortgage, and OT Hogan Family Foundation. She enjoyed reading Danielle Steele novels, watching the Game Show Channel and older classic TV shows and movies, and playing the word jumbler puzzles in the Sunday newspaper.

Doreen was also preceded in death by her parents; siblings, Maude Fath and Robert and Fred Burns; four infant siblings; and son-in-law, Ron Wegner.

She is survived by her children, William "Bill" A. (Susan) Murray of Springfield, Kathleen L. Wegner of Schaumburg and Robert "Bob" J. Murray of Schaumburg; and three grandchildren, Ashton E. Moore of Lubbock, TX, Kathryn L. Murray of Dallas, TX, and Carrie L. Malwick of Springfield.

Funeral Ceremony: 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 30, 2018 at **Boardman-Smith Funeral Home**, 800 South Grand Avenue West, Springfield, with Rev. Jerry Boutelle officiating.

Visitation: Family will receive friends immediately following the funeral ceremony until 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 30, 2018 at **Boardman-Smith Funeral Home**.

Cremation will be accorded by Butler Cremation Tribute Center after ceremonies.

Graveside Ceremony: 12:00 p.m. on Monday, April 2, 2018 at Camp Butler National Cemetery, 5063 Camp Butler Road, Springfield.

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### O'Connor, Eileen Veronica

Eileen Veronica (Phelan) O'Connor, Ph.D., born on July 15, 1940 in Chicago, Illinois, to the late Nora Fitzgerald and the late John Phelan, passed away at age 77 on March 21, 2018 in Chicago. She was in the Psychiatric Nursing industry. Eileen was preceded in death by her brother, John "Tim" Phelan; and sisters, Margaret Masterson and Kathleen Pepin. She is survived by her son, Martin O'Connor; daughter, Mary Eileen O'Connor; sister, Noreen Byrne; and grandchildren, Martin O'Connor, Declan O'Connor, and Ronan McKane. The family invites donations in Eileen's name to Alzheimers Association [alz.org](http://alz.org). Special thanks to Peterson Park Healthcare Center and Unity Hospice for their dedication and compassion. Friends and family are welcome to attend the memorial service on Saturday, April 21 from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. at The Castle - Beverly Unitarian Church, 10244 S. Longwood Drive, Chicago.

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### Ponfil, Millie

Millie Ponfil nee Appelman, age 88, loving mother and best friend of Jody (David) Berman and beloved mother of Janet (Gary) Resnick; loving grandmother of Brent (Kinga) Berman, Keith Berman, the late Max and Katie Berman, Aaron (Lindy) Resnick, Elissa (Dan) Goodman and Rebecca Resnick; great-grandmother/Mimi of Stuart and Meira Goodman and Elliot and Vivian Resnick; cherished daughter of the late Dave and the late Becky Appelman. Chapel service Friday, 10:00 AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Rd., Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. For information or to leave condolences, (847) 255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com).



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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.adolfservices.com](http://www.adolfservices.com) or [www.powellfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.powellfuneraldirectors.com)

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### Sackheim, Marley

Marley Sackheim nee Trossman of Evanston. Husband Michael, sister Donna Richman of Arizona. No Chicago area services are planned. Memorial donations to Northbrook Symphony, 899 Skokie Blvd, Northbrook, IL 60062 or to a charity of your choice.

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### Shrock, Dr. Pamela

Dr. Pamela Shrock, nee Shubitz, passed away on March 28, 2018, in Fort Lauderdale, FL at the age of 81. Beloved wife of Peter Shrock. Loving mother of Aviva (Lou) Pinto, Kevin (Natalie) Shrock, Darryl (Pam) Shrock. Proud grandmother of Lauriane, Elana, Alexandra, Harrison, Caroline, Jonah, Benjamin and Sophie. Fond sister of Linda (the late Richard) Becker, and brother, the late Basil Shubitz. Cherished cousin, aunt and great-aunt of many. Born in Johannesburg, South Africa, she was a long time resident of Roslyn Harbor, NY and Evanston, IL. A lifelong learner and educator, she graduated from the University of Witwatersrand (RPT), University of Illinois (MPH) and Northwestern University (Phd). She was a pioneer in women's health issues and became one of the first Lamaze teachers in the U.S. She was also an international teacher trainer for the organization, specializing her practices in childbirth, birth education and humane obstetrical practices, psychological issues of women and families, marital and sexual therapy. A frequent world-wide conference speaker, lecturer and author. Interment at Star of David Cemetery, Ft Lauderdale, Florida March 29, 2018 1:00pm. Memorials in her memory to the Alzheimer Foundation [www.alzfdn.org](http://www.alzfdn.org) or JNF, [www.jnf.org](http://www.jnf.org) would be appreciated.

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### Stanley, Donald L.

Donald L. Stanley, 83; U.S. Army Veteran; Retired C.P.D.; Cherished husband of Shirley nee Bechtold; Cherished father of Laura (Rob) Ryndak and Donna (Tom) Persino; Loving grandfather of T. Alexander, Nick (Kayleigh), Kaitlin, Kelsey and Michael and great-grandfather of Lillian; Dear brother of the late John Stanley, the late Betty (the late Ron) Plach and his twin, the late Robert (the late Marge) Stanley; fond uncle to many. Visitation Friday March 30th from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral service will be held at the funeral home Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Maryhill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Chicago Police Memorial Foundation [www.cpdmemorial.org](http://www.cpdmemorial.org) or Rainbow Hospice [www.rainbowhospice.org](http://www.rainbowhospice.org). For info: [www.cumberlandchapels.com](http://www.cumberlandchapels.com) or 708-456-8300.



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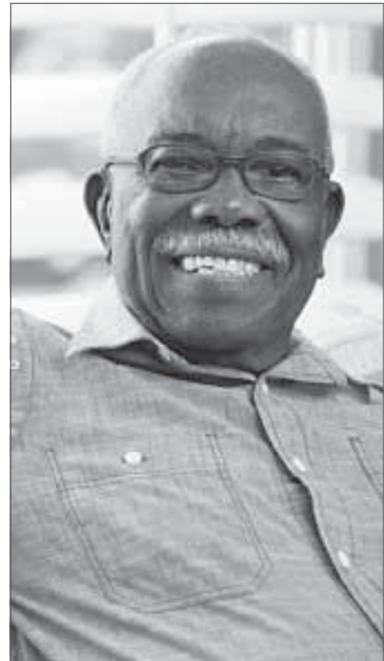


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**IN THE INTEREST OF**  
**Brandon Rogers Tyler Rogers**  
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) of **Brandy Rogers (Mother)**  
JUVENILE NO.: **18JA00014 18JA00013**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Ray Ray (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **January 5, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **04/17/2018**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **12** COURTROOM **L**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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**DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
**March 29, 2018**

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March 29, 2018  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION**

**IN THE INTEREST OF**  
**J'Cole Gibbs Jaxson Gibbs AKA Jaxson Gibbs AKA Jackson Gibbs**  
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) of **Raven Gibbs (Mother)**  
JUVENILE NO.: **18JA00124 18JA00125**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Dolph Berry (Father), Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **February 6, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Diana Rosario** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **04/17/2018**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **7** COURTROOM **C**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION**

**IN THE INTEREST OF**  
**Karmelo Johnson AKA Karmelo Anthony Johnson Kali Johnson AKA Kali Emoni Lashay Johnson**  
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) of **Qushona Harris (Mother)**  
JUVENILE NO.: **15JA00832 15JA00833**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Kiwane Johnson (Father) AKA Keyjuan Johnson** respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **January 16, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Maxwell Griffin** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **04/17/2018**, at **11:30 AM** in CALENDAR **10** COURTROOM **J**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parent rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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**DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
**March 29, 2018**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION**

**IN THE INTEREST OF**  
**Mason McClendon AKA Mason Andre McClendon AKA Nason McClendon**  
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) of **Angel Sweeten (Mother)**  
JUVENILE NO.: **16JA00422**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Angel Sweeten (Mother) And Any And All Unknown (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **February 26, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Andrea Buford** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **04/17/2018**, at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR **4** COURTROOM **D**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parent rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION**

**IN THE INTEREST OF**  
**Naveah Davis AKA Naveah Davis**  
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) of **Sheila Haglund (Mother)**  
JUVENILE NO.: **17JA00768**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Paul Davis (Father), and Any And All Unknown Fathers** respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 8, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Nicholas Geopoulos** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **04/17/2018**, at **11:00 AM** in CALENDAR **17** COURTROOM **K**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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**IN THE INTEREST OF**  
**Timothus Riley, Jr. Malachi Riley Ivory Riley**  
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) of **Crystal Wiley (Mother)**  
JUVENILE NO.: **15JA01264 15JA01263 15JA01262**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Chrystal Wiley (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **February 20, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Bernard Sarley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **04/17/2018**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **9** COURTROOM **I**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parent rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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**DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
**March 29, 2018**

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE IN CERTAIN ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING DATES**

Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2.03, notice is hereby given that at a special meeting of the Illinois Finance Authority to be held at 9:30 a.m. on April 10, 2018 at the Michael A. Bland Building, 160 North LaSalle Street, Suite 5-1000 Chicago, Illinois 60604, Members of the Illinois Finance Authority will consider adoption of a resolution to change the dates of its regular meetings for the remainder of its Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2018 from the second Thursday of each month to the second Tuesday of each month. All other meeting information, including time and location, will remain the same.

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BASEBALL 2018

## Built to last

As the White Sox continue the construction project, the Cubs hope their finished product is up to the task

**C** The Cubs open their season Thursday with an extra spring in their step. Everything is fresh again, and the sting of last year's drubbing at the hands of the Dodgers in the National League Championship Series has subsided. Rich in talent and a year older, all the Cubs really have to do is chow down on the have-nots of the NL and hold their own against the other would-be contenders to win 90-plus games and get back to the playoffs.

Paul Sullivan, Page 5

**OPENER | Cubs** (Jon Lester) at **Marlins** (Jose Urena) 11:40 a.m. Thursday, WGN-9

**S** Sixteen months after Rick Hahn traded one of baseball's best arms for a package that included one of the game's top prospects, the White Sox begin Year 2 of the rebuild with a renewed sense of direction. Chris Sale is long gone, but Yoan Moncada is here to stay — and Moncada and the Sox would like nothing more than to accelerate the rebuild with a hot start. First up: James Shields against his former team at Kauffman Stadium.

White Sox coverage, Page 4

**OPENER | White Sox** (James Shields) at **Royals** (Danny Duffy) 3:15 p.m. Thursday, NBCSCH

**OPENING SHOT**  
**Steve Rosenbloom**

Jon Lester opens the season for Cubs on Thursday, and if my math is right, that lines him up to throw the playoff opener. More Rosenbloom, Page 2



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STEVE ROSENBLOOM

## More than sports void filled by Ramblers

I wrote a blog post Sunday. The headline read, "Thanks, Loyola: You're saving sports in Chicago." It posted the morning after the Ramblers miraculously and efficiently earned a spot in the NCAA's Final Four.

My piece was a thank-you note, basically, because Loyola broke brackets, even Sister Jean's, at a time when fans were rooting for the Bulls and Blackhawks to lose and the baseball teams weren't playing real games. Meanwhile, the Ramblers were doing nothing but winning. Thanks for filling a void was the point as I wrote "We needed you, Loyola, even though we didn't know it was going to be you."

The piece resonated with a lot of people, but I did not know the extent that it could affect city blocks in real life until I heard from Jennifer Clark. I choked up by the end. Here's her email:

Dear Mr. Rosenbloom,

I have worked at Loyola University for 17 years. I started as director of community relations and am currently the Associate VP of Civic Engagement. I cannot stop thinking about your blog post, "Thanks Loyola."

I am not sure the extent to which you meant for it to reach beyond sports but that is where it hit me. I am responsible for Loyola's engagement and work with the hyper-local community of Rogers Park. I have had a really rough year and a half.

Rogers Park has taken a lot of emotional hits recently. Trump, violence, threats of public school cuts, fears of gentrification. Our community is incredibly diverse, extremely well-educated, and politically passionate. It is also a home for immigrants and refugees. Our poor and rich live side by side.

After a shooting a couple of months ago that left an immigrant teenager wounded and a middle-aged teacher dead, the community has been fighting hard to figure out

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how to fix everything.

As Loyola's liaison I have felt paralyzed. There is an entire Facebook page dedicated to "reconciliation" but the dialogue is divisive and elitist and exclusionary. It's us vs. them but nobody seems to remember who is us and who is them.

Your line, "We needed you, Loyola, even though we didn't know it was going to be you," hit a nerve.

I knew that Rogers Park needed Loyola but I and my colleagues didn't know exactly how we could step in. In the world of town-gown relations, few people want the neighborhood university to insert itself into community issues unless invited.

Then, a few days after the Ramblers beat Miami, I stepped into the University Bookstore to a sea of brown-skinned teenagers. I knew immediately it was one of our local high schools. Sullivan High School is one of the poorest performing schools on the North Side and here they were, in the University bookstore shopping for swag. I knew it then.

It was like Donte Ingram reached through the TV, grabbed a poor kid in an "at-risk" situation and pulled him through the screen, across the court and into college life. It only took one magic 3-pointer.

Then I really started noticing the small businesses. The local owner-operated gift shop, ChiTown Magpie, feverishly

trying to stay ahead of demand for homemade Loyola Christmas tree ornaments. The neighborhood bar a mile north of campus, R Public House, inviting kids and families for hot dog and beer specials. The independent movie theater, the New 400, offering the games streaming for free on the big screen for people who don't have cable. I felt the energy rising. All of us on the same page, supporting the Ramblers and supporting our local economy.

I have lost track of the number of community groups that want to invite Sister Jean to speak at their next event. I don't think Alderman Joe Moore has taken off his Loyola sweatshirt in three weeks!

After each game we can hear cheering and honking in every corner of Rogers Park. After each game Facebook explodes with excitement. It's so much better than sirens and Facebook frenzy about whether it was gunshots or fireworks.

I don't know if you were thinking any of this when you said, "We needed you, Loyola," but I was thinking maybe you'd consider taking your story a few steps further. Would you consider writing about how Rogers Park needed Loyola to unify our community and remind us of what is really great about being in a college town?

Even if you don't write more on the topic, I want to thank you for writing what you did. It was the best Loyola story I read all week because the meaning went deep for me.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Clark

No, Jennifer, let me thank you instead for helping people understand the impact this story is having beyond bobblehead sales. One suggestion, however: You need to end all your communications with "Go Ramblers." I think it's a law or something.

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## NCAA TOURNAMENT



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Loyola's Porter Moser, left, and Villanova's Jay Wright first met as assistants 25 years ago. Now both are coaching in the Final Four.

# Moser, Wright have traveled similar road

## Loyola, Villanova coaches grew up in game under like circumstances

BY SHANNON RYAN | Chicago Tribune

Before they were Final Four coaches, Porter Moser and Jay Wright met 25 years ago over a feast in Las Vegas as up-and-coming assistant coaches.

Moser, now Loyola's head coach, was just a few years removed from college in his early 20s, working his way up the coaching ladder on Tony Barone's Texas A&M staff. Wright, now Villanova's head coach, was in his early 30s on Rollie Massimino's UNLV staff after a five-year stint on his Villanova staff, two seasons away from landing his first head coaching gig.

"Two guys like Rollie Massimino and Tony Barone, of course, their staffs are going to go for a big Italian dinner," Moser said, recalling the meeting around Texas A&M's game at UNLV in 1993. "Rollie had a huge spread in Vegas, and we went there."

They met again the following year when the teams played at Texas A&M.

"Tony tried to have it as big as you possibly could have in College Station, Texas," Moser said. "But it paled in comparison to what Rollie had for us in Vegas."

The two haven't crossed paths much over the years, but Wright's journey — and crossroads — should seem familiar to Moser. He could find clues about how to handle his next step by studying Wright's decisions that have kept him satisfied at Villanova for 17 seasons, just two short of Massimino's tenure there from 1973-92 that includes the 1985 NCAA championship season.

Wright is making his third trip to the Final Four since becoming Wildcats coach in 2001, going for his second national championship in three seasons. Moser is on the other side of the bracket, making his first trip to the grandest stage — also his first NCAA tournament — in his seventh season in Rogers Park.

They won't face each other unless both win Saturday in San Antonio. The No. 11-seeded Ramblers will meet No. 3 Michigan, and No. 1 Villanova meets another top seed in Kansas.

But let's start with their similarities.

If Moser is a self-proclaimed "Catholic kid from Chicago," Wright is a Catholic kid from Philly. As Moser did, he also grew up in the suburbs of a metropolitan city that is obsessed with its own basketball lore and its pro sports teams.

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Both earned their coaching chops from larger-than-life legendary mentors who have passed away: Wright the esteemed Massimino, Moser the revered Rick Majerus.

Wright and his wife, Patty, raised three children, who were all younger than 8 when he took the job and grew up as athletes at local Philadelphia schools. They all have gone off to college now. Moser and his wife, Megan, have four children who are now preteens and teens playing school sports.

They both coach at Catholic universities where basketball is the dominant sport. (Loyola doesn't have a football team. Villanova has an FCS program.)

Wright reached his first Final Four in his eighth season at age 47. Moser is 49.

But the most striking similarity is that as Wright experienced after early success, Moser now is hearing the buzz that he should look for his next gig. Loyola athletic director Steve Watson had said in a Tribune report that the university has been internally discussing adjusting Moser's contract, which pays him \$420,000 annually.

But the conventional idea in coaching circles is to strike while the iron's hot.

When Wright coached the Wildcats to the Sweet 16 in 2005, Villanova had not been to the NCAA tournament in seven seasons and had not advanced past the second round since Wright was an assistant on Massimino's Elite Eight team in 1988. He followed up with an Elite Eight appearance in 2006.

It was hardly the perennial power it is now, and suggestions were made that he should find the next bigger, better job.

After the 2009 Final Four, he turned down a job offer from Kentucky and he asked to be taken out of consideration for the 76ers gig, preferring life a little more under-the-radar. Villanova has a strong fan base, but the city living and dying by the Eagles alleviates the pressure on him that would be inevitable coaching a team that's the main show in a town.

"We're lucky to even have (coaching) jobs," said Wright, who has received raises over the years and currently makes \$2.5 million. "There are only 300-something of those in the country. But to be able to do it in your hometown at the school that you grew up as a fan of? Then to be able to coach there in your hometown, your wife is an alum, have your kids grow up around this wonderful community, I mean, that's the whole thing. I always say, I think for me, I have the best job in college basketball. It might not be for Porter, it might not be for Bill (Self, Kansas' coach), but for me it is the best job in college basketball."

Of course, the Big East — in which Villanova plays — has more allure, money and influence with the tournament selection committee as a conference that receives multiple bids, unlike what the Missouri Valley Conference typically receives.

Those factors could sway Moser to leave the program.

Moser arguably had a tough — some would say nearly impossible — job in rebuilding Loyola, which had not been to the tournament since 1985. But Moser has expressed similar affection for Loyola as Wright has for Villanova because of its familiarity and potential.

"It has been a grass-roots rebuild," he said. "I'm blessed, so blessed that Loyola University, the administrators, the fan bases, they were steadfast on how I was saying I was going to do it with good kids, good people."

"I'm blessed that the University had the same vision, and this is the vision," he said. "I said it so many different places I spoke: 'Can you imagine getting to the NCAA tournament, advancing? Can you imagine our university, Chicago? And I'm from the Chicago area. I just kept on pounding that vision.'"

It's similar to the vision Wright had at Villanova.

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## Vitale awaits audience with Sister Jean

Broadcaster eager to meet Loyola's celebrity chaplain



**DAVID HAUGH**  
In the Wake of the News

Dick Vitale has a message for Cubs manager Joe Maddon. "Tell my buddy Joe to move over, the star of stars in the Windy City is Sister Jean (Dolores Schmidt) and Porter Moser — and he is No. 3," Vitale told the Tribune in a phone interview.

"Sister Jean is the star of the NCAA tournament and Chicago. It's amazing. She captivated America, a 98-year-old woman who speaks as well as she does, has a smile on her face. I told a friend of mine in Detroit, tell your (Michigan) Wolverines, it's pretty hard to go up against God, man."

A devout Catholic, Vitale met Pope Benedict XVI in 2011. He compared that papal visit with the chance to meet Sister Jean in San Antonio this weekend when he arrives at the Final Four to broadcast Saturday's Loyola-Michigan game for ESPN International.

"Meeting her is one of my bucket-list things," Vitale said. "People at Loyola-Chicago need to get me over to Sister Jean. You've got to get that done for me."

The image of Loyola enjoying some March magic takes Vitale's mind back to 1977. Before Vitale became "Dicky V," he coached a mid-major program at the University of Detroit from 1973-77, his final season featuring a 21-game winning streak on the way to earning a spot in the 32-team NCAA tournament field. Vitale's Titans beat Middle Tennessee in the first round before bowing out in the Sweet 16 to Michigan.

"What Loyola's doing is special to me," Vitale said. "I know what it's like being the David always chasing the Goliath, always trying to get people to schedule you. I know that feeling of excitement, the adrenaline, and what they've gone through over the years at Loyola so to see this happening is just amazing."

In vintage Vitale fashion, he extolled the virtues of Loyola players Clayton Custer, Donte Ingram and Marques Townes. He marveled at the team's mental toughness. He praised the patience Loyola showed Moser. He tried explaining what Loyola is doing in the Final Four.

"Here is a bunch of kids playing together, with pride and passion, with emotion and feeling, and you can go from a three-star player, which they were, to be a five-star player on that one given night and that's what they've been doing — they've played like five-star players," Vitale said.

As surprising as Loyola's run is, Vitale says he saw it coming in December. Loyola fearlessly handled then-No. 5 Florida 65-59 — without Ben Richardson, who was injured.

"I keep notes and I wrote a little one down after seeing that game: Keep an eye on Loyola-Chicago," Vitale said. "They sent the message then. That stayed in my mind."

Loyola's NCAA tournament victories over more athletic opponents such as Miami, Tennessee and Kansas State made a deeper impression on Vitale. A 14-game winning streak now gives Vitale pause every time the analyst in him sees the matchup problems Michigan poses. A career of watching upsets that render even Vitale speechless tells him never to count out a team like Loyola in March.

"My head says Loyola could be a little over their head against Michigan but, again, it's not always about the head, it's about the heart, and those kids have a lot of heart," Vitale said.

Vitale called from his favorite spot in Lakewood Ranch, Fla., where he was busy chasing the goal to raise \$3.5 million at his May 11 gala to benefit the V Foundation for Cancer Research. After two hours of eating and reading at his table, Vitale lost track of the number of fans who shared the same Final Four thought.

"All the fans I visited with were saying, 'We hope Loyola can shock Michigan,'" Vitale said. "They're America's darlings."

Just don't remind Vitale that those darlings needed to win the Missouri Valley Conference tournament to make the 68-team field, one of several admissions by the NCAA selection committee that rankled the broadcaster. He can rant for minutes without taking a breath on why Oklahoma didn't belong.

"I have a problem with honoring mediocrity in so many cases over teams that have great years," Vitale said. "It just frustrates you. I see Saint Mary's 28-5, sitting, Middle Tennessee. We hear about RPIs and Quadrant 1. I don't want to hear about Quadrant 1. Who does Loyola get to play in Quadrant 1? Saint Mary's? What makes the tournament special is what Loyola-Chicago has done. What Maryland-Baltimore County did to Virginia. That's what makes the term March Madness. That's what is unreal."

That's what still gets the 78-year-old's blood pumping, and makes him eager to see how Cinderella adjusts to San Antonio.

"I would simply say to Sister Jean, Porter Moser and all the kids at Loyola-Chicago: Enjoy the moment," Vitale said. "They are all awesome, baby, with a capital A."

In Vitale-speak, there is no higher praise.

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## BEARS

ROUNDTABLE  
GEORGE MCCASKEY

## Chairman optimistic about future

BY COLLEEN KANE | Chicago Tribune

ORLANDO, Fla. — Bears Chairman George McCaskey sat with reporters in the Florida sun Wednesday afternoon and spoke of why he believes brighter days are ahead in Chicago.

The Bears went 5-11 last season and have just eight victories to their name over the last two years, but McCaskey pointed to new coach Matt Nagy as a reason for optimism.

Speaking on the final day of the NFL meetings at the Ritz-Carlton Orlando, McCaskey said his trust in general manager Ryan Pace drives his trust that Nagy is the right man for the job.

"The biggest reason is because Ryan believes in him so strongly," McCaskey said. "He's just very impressive from the get-go. You've seen it already — very dynamic presence, very confident leader, an innovator. We're looking forward to him doing great things for the Bears."

McCaskey addressed a wide range of other topics in the 22-minute interview. Here are more highlights.

■ **The Bears' timetable for returning to a winning record for the first time since 2012 and the playoffs for the first time since 2010 isn't clear, given the potential growing pains as a new coaching staff and second-year quarterback Mitch Trubisky develop together.**

McCaskey knows there's a balance between desire to win and patience but he also didn't back off his expectations.

"The goal every year is to win the Super Bowl," McCaskey said. "You saw what happened with the Eagles last year. They came together. They got it done. It's something that we'd love to see, but we understand also that Matt will take time to grow into his role and finding the right composition of the team takes time."

■ **McCaskey said he believes Pace has taken responsibility for the busted signing last year of quarterback Mike Glennon, who collected \$18.5 million and made only four starts.**

But McCaskey said they didn't need to have a specific conversation about making better free-agent choices this year.

"Ryan knows what's expected of him," McCaskey said. "I've told Ryan over the years that eventually we should get to the point where we're not very active in free agency. He should be criticized by the experts for not being more active in free agency because we're developing our guys, rewarding our own guys."

■ **McCaskey had high praise for Trubisky, saying he's "so proud" to have him in a Bears uniform.**

"He knows that a lot of people are counting on him," McCaskey said. "He seems to be stepping into that role and handling it the way you would hope and expect him to."

■ **The Bears are bringing back orange jerseys as their third option this season, and they'll likely wear them for two games, with the dates to be announced.**

"It's what they call the alternate jersey, where they reverse everything out," McCaskey said. "(It's the one) we last wore six years ago and famously wore for Nathan Vasher's 108-yard return, that jersey."

■ **The Bears and the NFL are planning extensive celebrations of their 100th seasons for 2019, though neither was ready to unveil details Wednesday.**

"Of course we want to celebrate our great past, but we don't want to be just that," McCaskey said. "We want to look to the future and the next 100 years and how exciting that is going to be."

■ **McCaskey hopes to host Brian Urlacher this season at Soldier Field to celebrate his Hall of Fame induction, perhaps for the presentation of his Hall of Fame ring.**

■ **The NFL did not vote on a policy about whether players must stand on the sideline during the national anthem this week, instead focusing on the social justice initiatives that emerged from such discussions with players. McCaskey said he is excited about the funding of local initiatives.**

McCaskey, Pace and former coach John Fox had spoken to the team during a September weekend when the issue came to a head because of comments from President Donald Trump, and the Bears locked arms on the sideline before the game against the Steelers. McCaskey said his stance hasn't changed.

"We also said that we would support them, whatever they decided to do, and strongly encouraged them whatever they decided to do to do it together," McCaskey said. "And that's what they did."

■ **Bears owner Virginia McCaskey, 95, is a fan of the Loyola basketball team and their chaplain, Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt, the 98-year-old who has become an NCAA tournament celebrity.**

George McCaskey said the family had a dinner planned around Loyola's Elite Eight game time Saturday.

"I said, 'Mom, dinner is at 5:30,'" George said. "And she said, 'Hmmm, tipoff is at 6:09, so I think I'm going to get room service.'"

■ **McCaskey was succinct in his comments about how the league's new catch rule would apply to Zach Miller's negated touchdown last season against the Saints.**

"It was a catch under the old rule," he said, "and it's going to be a catch under the new one."

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## WHITE SOX



## WHITE SOX NOTES

## Shields taking longer approach

Sox want veteran starter to increase his innings pitched

BY DAVE BROWN | Chicago Tribune

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Shooting the breeze in the visitors' dugout with teammates, coaches and staff during a club workout Wednesday afternoon, White Sox right-hander **James Shields** looked back fondly on his two seasons with the Royals.

The sound of it all, when things were going well at Kauffman Stadium, remains among his favorite memories. Shields recalled having to step off the mound before a 2014 postseason game because he was caught off guard by the volume of the K.C. crowd. It was the kind of environment he's trying to help the Sox create.

He would also like to reconnect with the good old days in another way. In the nine years from 2007 to 2015, Shields went 121-89 with a 3.67 ERA. In 2016-17 he fell to 11-26 and 5.60.

Shields, 36, says he feels better physically going into his 13th season. He will make his eighth career opening-day start Thursday.

"I'm just recovering a lot better," Shields said. "The last couple years was a semi-struggle body-wise, but I don't really make excuses about that. At the end of the day, I feel pretty good. I'm really happy with where my body's at, and my arm."

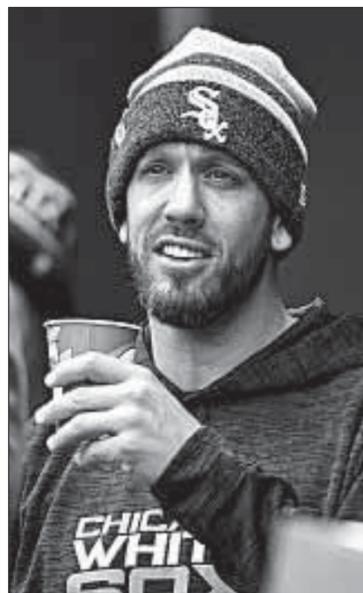
Shields lasted only 5.6 innings per start with the Sox in 2017. In his prime, he was good for nearly 6<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings per outing. Sox manager **Rick Renteria** said he hopes the mechanical changes Shields worked on late in 2017 and during spring training will lead to longer outings. The Sox are relying on Shields for leadership, but also for innings.

"We just want James to be James," Renteria said. "I think he's taken a lot of corrective measures to put himself in a position to still pitch effectively. ... He obviously has the experience and the mindset and the bulldog-type mentality to pitch. I think it's important for us to have someone take charge in that regard. We hope he'll give us a good start, a little length."

**Multiple zones:** **Adam Engel** won the center-field job in part by hitting .383 with four home runs. He struck out 10 times in 53 Cactus League plate appearances (19 percent), an improvement from his 2017 regular-season mark of 117 Ks in 336 PAs (35 percent). Mechanical changes to Engel's swing made his improvement possible, Renteria said, after Engel batted just .166 last season as a rookie.

It's now a matter of carrying those changes to the regular season and Engel concentrating on his approach to opposing pitchers, rather than worrying about swing mechanics.

"He's not just a one-zone hitter now,"



JOHN SLEEZER/KANSAS CITY STAR PHOTOS

White Sox opening day starter James Shields, above, stays warm as manager Rick Renteria speaks with Jose Abreu during workouts at Kauffman Stadium, top, in Kansas City, Mo.

Renteria said. "He's able to adjust to different levels of the hitting area, and he's getting to a lot of pitches. He's had a couple of at-bats in the spring that showed us he's capable of adjustments. And we gave those at-bats a pretty good value, because they were important in terms of where he was at in terms of his approach."

**Sox acquire Pinto:** The Sox acquired 24-year-old right-hander **Ricardo Pinto** from the Phillies in exchange for international bonus-pool money. The Sox assigned Pinto, who had a 7.89 ERA in 25 relief appearances for the Phillies in 2017, to Class-A Winston-Salem. The addition of Pinto, a Venezuelan who pitched for the World Team in the 2016 Futures Game, gives the Sox 39 players on their 40-man roster.

**Good to go:** Outfielder **Nicky Delmonico** and shortstop **Tim Anderson** said they will be ready for the season opener. Delmonico had been nursing "thigh-hamstring" tightness, Anderson a mildly sore left shoulder. Both were scratched Monday from the Sox's final spring game at Triple-A Charlotte.

**Royals' Perez out:** Royals catcher **Salvador Perez** is expected to miss 4 to 6 weeks with a torn MCL. The five-time All-Star suffered the injury when he slipped while carrying luggage Tuesday.

Dave Brown is a freelance reporter for the Chicago Tribune.

## New-look pen hopes to offer plenty of relief

BY COLLEEN KANE | Chicago Tribune

The White Sox traded many of their best bullpen arms in order to stockpile prospects last summer. They had to piece together a new group this spring, using some of the holdovers who gained experience last season and also acquiring a few veterans.

The Sox will carry an eight-man bullpen into the season opener Thursday against the Royals in Kansas City.

The final pitching staff was set Saturday, but the Sox haven't named a closer.

Here's a look at the opening-day bullpen.

### Nate Jones | RH | 32

■ **Sox history:** Entering his seventh season with the Sox.

■ **2017 stats:** 2.31 ERA with six walks and 15 strikeouts in 11<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings with the Sox.

■ **What to know:** Jones' 2017 season was cut short because of ulnar nerve reposition surgery in his arm. But the Sox's longest-tenured player has been back on top of his game with 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> scoreless innings this spring in Cactus League play. He should have the opportunity to build on his three career saves.

### Joakim Soria | RH | 33

■ **Sox history:** Came to the Sox in a three-team trade with the Royals and Dodgers in January.

■ **2017 stats:** 4-3 with a 3.70 ERA, one save, 20 walks and 64 strikeouts in 59 relief appearances with the Royals.

■ **What to know:** Soria has spent most of his 10 major-league seasons in the American League Central with the Royals and Tigers. He has 204 career saves, but just two in the last two seasons. He should be in the late-innings mix with Jones.

### Danny Farquhar | RH | 31

■ **Sox history:** Signed a minor-league deal with the Sox last July.

■ **2017 stats:** 4-2, 4.20 ERA, 28 walks and 45 strikeouts in 52 relief appearances for the Rays and Sox.

■ **What to know:** Farquhar has seven seasons of major-league experience with the Blue Jays, Mariners, Rays and Sox. He made 15 appearances last year after joining the team in midseason, posting a 4.40 ERA.

### Juan Minaya | RH | 27

■ **Sox history:** A 2016 waivers claim from the Astros, he made his major-league debut for the Sox that season.

■ **2017 stats:** 3-2, 4.53 ERA, 9-for-10 on save opportunities, 20 walks and 51 strikeouts in 40 appearances.

■ **What to know:** Minaya, who has just 51 career appearances, was given more high-leverage opportunities in August and September after the Sox traded closer David Robertson. He could be in the mid- to late-innings mix.

### Gregory Infante | RH | 30

■ **Sox history:** Signed a minor-league contract with the Sox last spring.

■ **2017 stats:** 2-1, 3.13 ERA, 20 walks and 49 strikeouts in 52 appearances.

■ **What to know:** A great story of perseverance, Infante went seven seasons between major-league appearances, both times with the Sox. He made five appearances with the Sox in 2010, was released by the organization in 2012 and returned last season, when he earned his first career victory.

### Hector Santiago | LH | 30

■ **Sox history:** A late-round Sox draft pick in 2006, he rejoined the team on a minor-league deal this spring.

■ **2017 stats:** 4-8, 5.63 ERA, 1.44 WHIP and 51 strikeouts in 15 games, including 14 starts, with the Twins.

■ **What to know:** The seven-year major-league veteran started his Sox career as a reliever and starter from 2011-13. He has pitched for the Angels and Twins since, but a back issue limited him last year. Healthy again, he will be a long relief or backup option should one of the Sox's young starters stumble.

### Luis Avilan | LH | 28

■ **Sox history:** Joined the Sox in a three-team trade with the Royals and Dodgers in January.

■ **2017 stats:** 2-3, 2.93 ERA, 22 walks and 52 strikeouts in 61 appearances.

■ **What to know:** He has pitched for six seasons with the Braves and Dodgers and also has 11 career postseason appearances. He didn't pitch for the Dodgers in the 2017 postseason because of an arm injury.

### Aaron Bummer | LH | 24

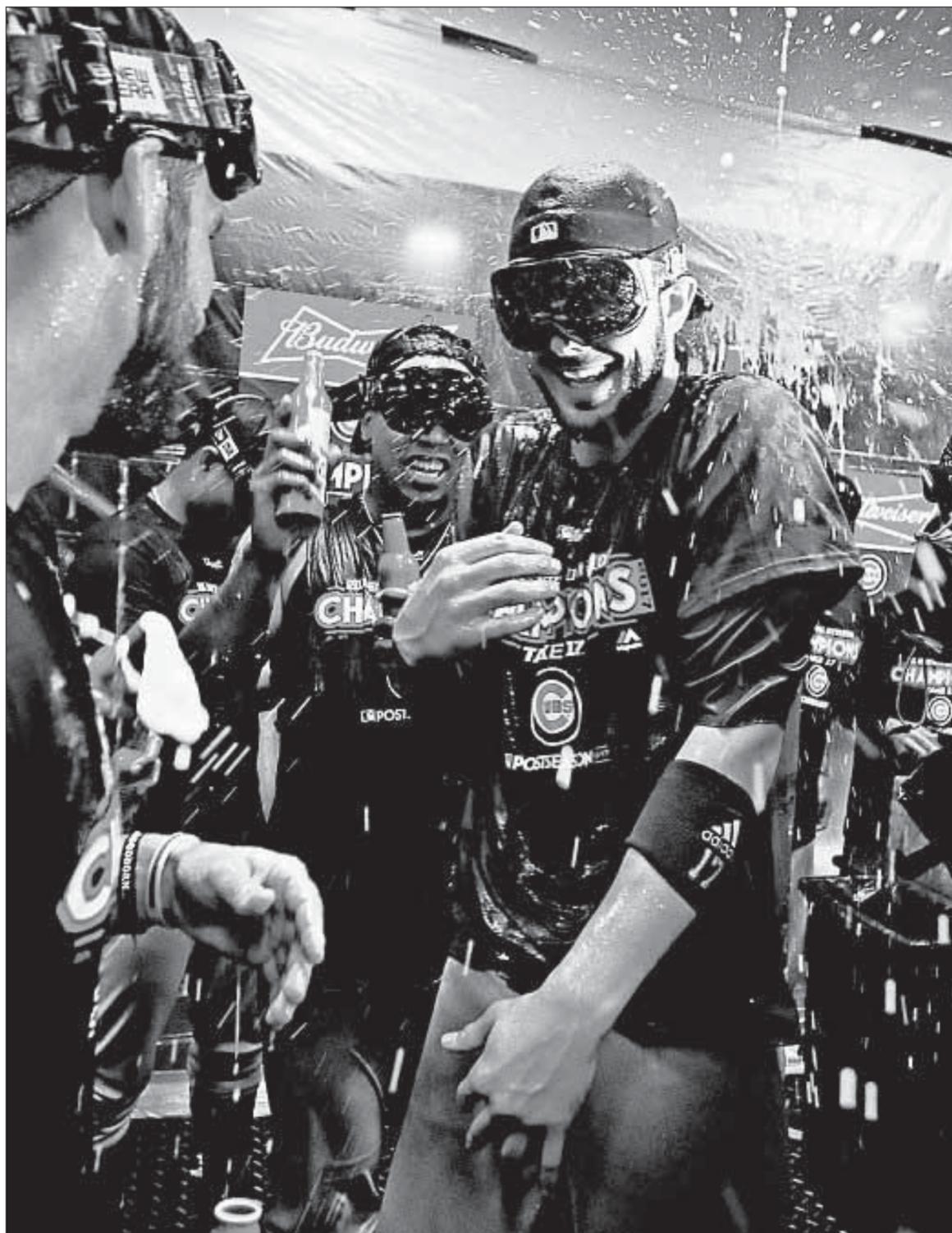
■ **Sox history:** The 2014 Sox draft pick (19th round) made his major-league debut in 2017.

■ **2017 stats:** 1-3 with a 4.50 ERA, 15 walks and 17 strikeouts in 30 appearances.

■ **What to know:** The youngster in the team's current bullpen setup, Bummer vaulted four levels from Class A Winston-Salem to the majors last year. A good September and a solid spring have earned him the roster spot.

Chicago Tribune freelance reporter Fabian Ardaya contributed.

## CUBS



NUCCIO DINUZZO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

After a slow start last season, the Cubs bounced back and again won the National League Central. They should repeat this year.

# Next stop: October

Cubs look like safe bet to return to postseason for fourth consecutive year



**PAUL SULLIVAN**  
On baseball

MIAMI — From Jon Lester's wayward bounce throw to Tommy La Stella's bounce house, the Cubs got through another spring training with a healthy diet of hard work and comic relief.

Joe Maddon introduced his artwork.

New starter Yu Darvish bonded with catcher Willson Contreras. Ian Happ won the leadoff competition. And the slimmer, trimmer Kyle Schwarber didn't fall off his diet.

Everyone had plenty of time to get ready, and no one was seriously injured.

Now the Cubs will bounce into opening day Thursday at Marlins Park with an extra spring in their step, just like 29 other teams entering the season. Everything is fresh, and the sting of last year's drubbing at the hand of the Dodgers in the National League Championship Series has subsided.

In essence, the Cubs will start at home on the road. A large contingent of Cubs fans is expected to be in Miami, thanks to spring break and a general malaise due to the offseason purge of most of the Marlins' stars by new owner Derek Jeter.

The Cubs are one of five defending divisional champions — along with the Astros, Dodgers, Nationals and Indians — expected to breeze through the season and get back to the playoffs.

Things happen, of course, and one needs to look back only to last year's first half as an example of falling short of great expectations. But the Cubs figured things out after the All-Star break, survived a wild, five-game division series against the Nationals and signed Dodgers stars Yu Darvish and Brandon Morrow after losing to them in the NLCS.

Rich in talent and a year older, all the Cubs really have to do is chow down on the have-nots of the National League and hold their own against the other would-be contenders to win 90-plus games. With only the Cardinals and Brewers to worry about in the NL Central, a fourth straight postseason appearance — something that never has happened to the franchise since the first World Series was played 115 years ago — seems like a fait accompli.

"One of our strengths is (we've been) four years together now with a lot of success," manager Joe Maddon said during spring training. "I've been looking at other teams put together in this offseason. Nice names. Really nice names. But how do you get on the same sheet of



NANCY STONE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Jon Lester is part of a rotation that should take the Cubs to their fourth straight playoffs.

music quickly? It's not that easy."

A soft schedule to open the season should help the Cubs get off to a hot start. The first six games are against the rebuilding Marlins and Reds, and after a four-game trip to Milwaukee they open at Wrigley Field against the lowly Pirates and Braves. Next come the Cardinals, against whom the Cubs went 14-5 last year, turning the tables on their archrivals.

So what could go wrong? They have no World Series hangover to overcome, and neither the Brewers nor Cardinals signed Jake Arrieta, which might have changed the dynamic of the NL Central race.

The lineup is proven, even as it faltered in the postseason, while the rotation of Lester, Kyle Hendricks, Darvish and Jose Quintana make up a formidable foursome. No. 5 starter Tyler Chatwood is the wild card, but the Cubs believe he'll thrive while pitching most of his games at sea level instead of at Coors Field.

"It's a healthy competition," Quintana said. "It'd be an honor for me to be in a rotation like this, no matter what spot I get. It's really fun ... and we'll have a really good team. It's exciting. We really have high expectations."

The bullpen is probably the biggest concern, but only because there are so few other things to worry about. Morrow replaces Wade Davis with a chance to become an elite closer, with Carl Edwards Jr. and newcomer Steve Cishek ready to step in in case of emergency.

Perhaps the biggest key is Happ, who goes from being an afterthought in October to one of the more important cogs in

Maddon's ever-changing lineup puzzles. He was the odd man out in the postseason, getting only seven at-bats despite hitting 24 home runs after being called up in May.

"We had some veteran guys that had been there before and had done it," Happ said. "They deserved to be in the lineup. It was a great experience for me to watch and learn from them."

"Everyone who played had won a World Series, and everybody that played had been through that entire thing before. So to see how they handled themselves and that atmosphere and that type of game was a little different. It was good to get that experience."

The atmosphere this spring was laid back and low key, especially in relation to the last three Maddon camps. He introduced his "art of baseball" theme early on, hoping his players would be inspired by replications of familiar artwork that had some of his favorite Maddonisms scribbled on them.

But he didn't force his players to study them, applying what he called "the silver hammer approach" to teaching, leaving everyone with his own interpretation of what the artwork means.

"I just want (the paintings) to appear on the wall and they walk by and they stop and they look," he said. "Just like an art gallery."

Will this season be Maddon's magnum opus, or will the Cubs run out of gas in October again?

It all depends on how the ball bounces.

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## This year it's 'hunger,' not hangover

After slow start last season, Cubs ready to pounce early

BY MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

MIAMI — The batteries are recharged, thanks in part to falling short of a second consecutive World Series title.

For the 14 holdovers from the Cubs' 2016 championship team, the chance for redemption with a retooled pitching staff has invigorated their spirits.

"I see a lot of hunger," said Addison Russell, one of several young players seeking a more consistent season. "Whenever we step on the field, we'll always have the target on our back. We did come up short last year, but we were coming off winning a World Series. Trying to do that again, it's a hard task to do."

"A lot of teams haven't done that. We have all the pieces we need, the right pieces to go forward and give a good run at it."

The mission starts Thursday when left-hander Jon Lester takes the mound against a depleted Marlins team trying to replicate the rebuild Cubs President Theo Epstein embarked on six years ago.

Lester, 34, has been in this position before. His Red Sox team lost to the Rays — and manager Joe Maddon — in the 2008 American League Championship Series after winning the 2007 Series.

"I'm learning each year to when you get older, you're fine-tuning things," Lester said.

"Obviously losing to the Dodgers (in the 2017 NLCS) I don't want to say fueled guys in the offseason. But we had a normal offseason. Guys weren't flying around and doing things. They could take their break and get back to work."

Since the start of spring training, the Cubs have emphasized the importance of getting off to a fast start, especially after their World Series "hangover" in which their first-half malaise forced them to overcome a 5½-game deficit to win the NL Central.

"Human nature is undefeated," Epstein said. "It's really hard to get around that. I admire any team in any sport that can manage to repeat."

Lester, a three-time World Series winner, understands the mental and physical drain many of his young teammates experienced last season after helping the franchise win its first title since 1908.

"Us doing that after 108 years with this organization and the buildup drained a lot of guys," said Lester, adding that the subsequent endorsement deals, autograph signings and travel took a collective toll.

"I don't think we were as prepared going into '17 as we thought we were. And it showed in our play, in our pitching, and we turned it on."

Free-agent reliever Steve Cishek, 31, had enough faith in the young core to sign a two-year contract in December.

"Who doesn't want to be a Cub?" Cishek said. "You have the opportunity to play into November."

"For me, now is the time. I was on the Cardinals (in 2015) but didn't make the playoff roster, so it gave me a little chip. To be able (to win a World Series) is something I want to experience someday, and hopefully we can do it."

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## Cubs write off no opponent

BY MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

MIAMI — The Marlins may have as many as a dozen players participating in opening-day festivities for the first time.

Nevertheless, the Cubs vow not to take the Marlins for granted. That was a trap the Cubs fell into last season against some of the league's feeble teams.

Losing road series to the Giants, Phillies and Padres made the Cubs' mission tougher, and they realize they can't take the depleted Marlins or Reds for granted as they try to get off to a fast start in 2018.

"We might have fallen into that trap of, 'OK, we'll turn it on and be good,'" Cubs left-hander Mike Montgomery said. "That's a tough way to go about it."

The Marlins open the season Thursday without the traded outfielder of Giancarlo Stanton, Marcell Ozuna and Christian Yelich. Cubs reliever Steve Cishek, who pitched for the Marlins from 2010-15, knows the motivation second-division teams possess when they play contenders.

"Anytime you're a successful team and win the World Series, everyone is coming after you," Cishek said. "It's a big deal when you beat the Cubs. I was on the other end of that. I remember when I was with the Marlins when we weren't so great. We would play teams that were supposed to do major damage, and we'd come away with a series win, and it was a big deal for us."

Especially when all 30 teams — even the Marlins — are filled with optimism after spring training.

"Maybe when you catch a team at the bottom of their division and out of a (playoff) race in July, there's not as much competition on their side," Cubs closer Brandon Morrow said. "It's just human nature. Early in the year everyone is trying to get off to a hot start, and it definitely helps to set the tone for the season. That way you don't have to play from behind."

# SCOREBOARD

## CALENDAR

TEAM	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	
	@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 1:15 WGN-9 AM-720	@TOR 6:07 WGN-9 AM-720	@TOR 6:07 NBCSCH+ AM-720	@TOR 6:07 NBCSCH AM-720	
	@MIA 6:30 WGN-9 AM-670	@ORL 6 NBCSCH AM-560		WAS 2:30 NBCSCH AM-560		CHA 7 NBCSCH AM-560		
	WIN 7:30 NBCSCH AM-720	@COLO 8 NBCSCH+ AM-720					@STL 7 NBCSCH AM-720	
			POR 5 AM-1200					

## THURSDAY ON TV/RADIO

**MLB**  
**11:40 a.m.** Cubs at Marlins WGN-9, WSCR-AM 670  
**2:30 p.m.** Astros at Rangers ESPN  
**3:15 p.m.** White Sox at Royals NBCSCH, WGN-AM 720  
**9 p.m.** Giants at Dodgers ESPN, WMVP-AM 1000  
**9 p.m.** Indians at Mariners ESPN

**COLLEGE BASEBALL**  
**6:30 p.m.** Tennessee at South Carolina ESPNU

**NBA**  
**6:30 p.m.** Bulls at Heat WGN-9, WSCR-AM 670  
**7 p.m.** Thunder at Spurs TNT  
**9:30 p.m.** Bucks at Warriors TNT

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**6 p.m.** NIT final, Penn State vs. Utah ESPN2  
**8 p.m.** Slam dunk, 3-point contests ESPN2

**BOYS BASKETBALL: GEICO NATIONALS QUARTERFINALS**  
**11 a.m.** Ft. Lauderdale (Fla.) Univ. vs. Shadow Mtn. (Ariz.) ESPNU  
**1 p.m.** Findlay (Nev.) vs. La Lumiere (Ind.) ESPNU  
**3 p.m.** Oak Hill (Va.) vs. Garfield (Wash.) ESPNU  
**5 p.m.** Montverde (Fla.) vs. Lone Peak (Utah) ESPNU

**GOLF**  
**11 a.m.** LPGA ANA Inspiration Golf Channel  
**3 p.m.** PGA Houston Open Golf Channel

**NHL**  
**7 p.m.** Stars at Wild NBCSN  
**7:30 p.m.** Jets at Blackhawks NBCSCH, WGN-AM 720

**CANADIAN HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
**9 p.m.** Victoria at Vancouver NHLN

**TENNIS**  
**Noon** ATP Miami quarters, WTA Miami semis ESPN2  
**Noon** ATP Miami doubles semifinals Tennis Channel  
**6 p.m.** ATP Miami doubles, WTA Miami semis Tennis Channel

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

**THURSDAY'S PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS**

NATIONAL LEAGUE	2017 TEAM	2017 vs. OPP
TEAM PITCHER	W-L ERA REC	IP ERA
<b>Cubs</b> Lester (L)	13-8 4.33 19-13	1-0 7.0 3.86
<b>MIA</b> Urena (R)	11:40a 14-7 3.82 18-16	2-0 11.0 2.45
<b>StL</b> Martinez (R)	12-11 3.64 17-15	0-1 5.0 9.00
<b>NY</b> Syndergaard (R)	12:10p 1-2 2.97 2-5	0-0 0.0 0.00
<b>Mil</b> Anderson (R)	12-4 2.74 14-11	0-0 12.1 5.11
<b>SD</b> Richard (L)	3:10p 8-15 4.79 13-12	0-1 6.0 9.00
<b>PH</b> Nola (R)	12-11 3.54 13-14	2-0 15.0 1.20
<b>Atl</b> Teheran (R)	3:10p 8-13 4.49 15-17	1-2 23.1 5.79
<b>SF</b> Blach (L)	11-12 4.78 12-22	1-2 25.1 3.20
<b>LAD</b> Kershaw (L)	6:08p 18-4 2.31 23-4	4-1 34.0 1.59
<b>Col</b> Gray (R)	10-12 3.55 12-15	2-2 19.1 5.12
<b>Ari</b> Corbin (L)	9:10p 14-13 4.03 17-16	2-1 22.1 4.03

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

TEAM PITCHER	2017 TEAM	2017 vs. OPP
TIME	W-L ERA REC	W-L IP ERA
<b>KC</b> Shields (R)	5-7 5.23 9-12	0-0 10.1 7.84
<b>Sox</b> Duffy (L)	3:15p 9-10 3.81 11-13	1-3 22.0 7.77
<b>Min</b> Odorizzi (R)	10-8 4.14 13-15	2-0 20.1 3.10
<b>Bal</b> Bundy (R)	2:05p 13-9 4.24 16-12	0-2 12.0 6.00
<b>Hou</b> Verlander (R)	15-8 3.36 18-15	2-1 19.0 4.74
<b>Tex</b> Hamels (L)	2:35p 11-6 4.20 13-11	1-1 10.0 5.40
<b>NY</b> Severino (R)	14-6 2.98 20-11	0-0 12.2 4.47
<b>Tor</b> Happ (L)	2:37p 10-11 3.53 11-14	2-1 12.2 1.54
<b>BS</b> Sale (L)	17-8 2.90 22-10	4-1 40.2 2.66
<b>TB</b> Archer (L)	3p 10-12 4.07 17-17	1-1 15.1 5.87
<b>LAA</b> Richards (R)	0-2 2.28 2-4	0-0 8.0 1.13
<b>Oak</b> Gravenmatt (R)	3:05p 6-4 4.19 9-10	1-1 29.0 4.66
<b>Cle</b> Kluber (R)	18-4 2.25 20-9	1-0 7.0 0.00
<b>Sea</b> Hernandez (R)	9:10p 6-5 4.36 9-7	0-0 0.0 0.00

**INTERLEAGUE**

TEAM PITCHER	2017 TEAM	2017 vs. OPP
TIME	W-L ERA REC	W-L IP ERA
<b>Pit</b> Nova (R)	11-14 4.14 13-18	0-1 6.1 8.53
<b>Det</b> Zimmermann (R)	12:10p 8-13 6.08 10-19	0-1 7.0 3.86

VS OPP-Pitcher's record in games started by today's pitcher.  
 TM OPP-Pitcher's record versus this opponent 2017 statistics.

## AHL

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

CENTRAL	W	L	OL	SOL	PT	GF	GA
<b>WOLVES</b>	38	21	7	2	85	216	180
<b>Manitoba</b>	39	22	4	4	86	232	181
<b>St. John's</b>	37	24	7	82	210	193	
<b>Rockford</b>	36	25	4	4	80	211	209
<b>Iowa</b>	30	23	9	6	75	209	210
<b>Milwaukee</b>	34	28	4	6	73	219	202
<b>Cleveland</b>	22	35	7	3	54	163	226

2 points for a win, 1 point for an overtime/shootout loss.

## WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

**Wolves 3, Iowa 1**  
 Bridgeport 6, Hershey 4  
 Hartford 4, Springfield 3 (SO)  
 Syracuse 5, Binghamton 1  
 Toronto 5, Laval 1  
 Grand Rapids 3, Providence 2 (SO)  
 Wab/Scranton 5, Texas 2 (OT)  
 Utica 3, Rochester 2 (OT)  
 Rockford 4, Manitoba 3  
 Cleveland 6, Stockton 3  
 Bakersfield 3, San Diego 2

**THURSDAY:** No games scheduled.

## TRANSACTIONS

**BASEBALL**

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
**White Sox:** Acquired RHP Ricardo Pinto from Philadelphia for international signing bonus pool money. Placed LHP Charlos Rod.  
**Detroit:** Agreed to terms with LHP Jairo Lopez on a minor league contract.  
**New York:** Announced RHP Jose Mesa Jr., a Rule 5 Draft pick, was returned by Baltimore and assigned him to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).  
**Oakland:** Optioned RHP Trevor Cahill and Frankie Montas. INF Franklin Barreto and OFs Mark Canha and Dustin Fowler to Nashville (PCL). Announced RHP Raul Alcántara cleared waivers and was sent outright to Nashville. Placed RHPs Paul Blackburn and Ryan Dull, C Josh Phegley and INF Renato Nunez on the 10-day DL, retroactive to March 26. Reassigned RHP Simon Castro, C Beau Taylor and INF Sheldon Neuse to minor league camp.  
**Tampa Bay:** Placed RHPs Nathan Eovaldi and Jose Delcorno on the 10-day disabled list. Recalled RHP Austin Pruitt from Durham (IL). Released RHP Daniel Hudson.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
**Cincinnati:** Selected the contracts of INF OF Phil Gosselin and RHP Kevin Quackenbush. Reassigned RHP Vance Worley to minor league camp.  
**Los Angeles:** Optioned OF Andrew Toles to Oklahoma City (PCL).  
**New York:** Assigned OF Tim Lincecum to Binghamton (EL). Announced OF Bryce Brentz cleared waivers and was sent outright to Las Vegas (PCL).  
**St. Louis:** Selected the contracts of RHP Jordan Hicks and C Francisco Pena. Recalled RHP Jack Flaherty from Memphis (PCL). Optioned RHP John Brebbia to Memphis. Designated INF Bryce Viera and RHP Josh Lucas for assignment. Placed RHP Luke Gregerson, Alex Reyes and Adam Wainwright on the 10-day DL, retroactive to March 26.  
**San Diego:** Sent RHP Rowan Wick outright to El Paso (TL).

**BASKETBALL**

**NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**Philadelphia:** Announced the G League franchise will move from Newark, Delaware, to Wilmington and will change its name to the Delaware Blue Coats.

## FOOTBALL

**NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
**Arizona:** Signed DL Moubarak Djerri. **Cleveland:** Traded QB Cody Kessler to Jacksonville for a conditional 2019 seventh-round pick.  
**New Orleans:** Agreed to terms with TE Benjamin Watson on a one-year contract.  
**CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
**Edmonton:** Released CB Marcell Young. Signed OL Chancey Briggs.

**HOCKEY**

**NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
**Blackhawks:** Recalled G Collin Delia from Rockford (AHL). Assigned G J-F Berube to Rockford.  
**Boston:** Agreed to terms with D Zdeno Chara on a one-year contract extension.  
**Colorado:** Recalled G Andrew Hammond from San Antonio (AHL).

**SOCCER**

**MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER**  
**Dallas:** Agreed to terms with F Maxi Urruti on a three-year contract.

**ULTIMATE FIGHTING CHAMPIONSHIP**

**USA:** Announced Amanda Lemos tested positive for a prohibited substance and accepted a two-year sanction for her anti-doping policy violation.

**COLLEGE**

**Brown:** Named Katie Reifert and Aubrey Marsellis assistant volleyball coaches.  
**DePaul:** Announced junior G Max Strus will declare for the NBA draft.  
**Duke:** Announced freshman C Marvin Bagley III has declared for the NBA draft.  
**Georgia Southern:** Announced junior G Tackie Brown has declared for the NBA draft.  
**Hofstra:** Named Rick Cole, Jr. director of athletics.  
**Loyola (Md.):** Named Tavaras Hardy men's basketball coach.  
**Michigan State:** Announced sophomore F Miles Bridges will enter the NBA draft.  
**New Jersey City:** Named Shawn Tucker associate vice president and director of athletics.  
**Texas:** Junior guard Eric Davis Jr. will enter the NBA draft.  
**Toledo:** Signed men's basketball coach Todd Gostzyk to a two-year contract extension through 2022-23.

## LATEST LINE

**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
**THURSDAY**  
**Cubs** -185 at Miami +170  
 at New York -143 St. Louis +133  
 Philadelphia -123 at Atlanta +113  
 Milwaukee -223 at San Diego +113  
 at Los Angeles -277 San Fran. +247  
 Colorado -106 at Arizona -104

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
**THURSDAY**  
 at Kansas City -160 White Sox +150  
 at Baltimore -120 Minnesota +110  
 Houston -160 at Texas +150  
 New York -144 at Toronto +134  
 Boston -164 at Tampa Bay +154  
 Los Angeles -127 at Oakland +117  
 Cleveland -165 at Seattle +155

**INTERLEAGUE**  
 Pittsburgh -119 at Detroit +109

**NBA**

**pregame.com**  
 at Miami 13 Bulls  
 at Detroit off Washington  
 at San Antonio off Oklahoma City  
 Indiana 7% at Sacramento  
 at Golden State off Milwaukee

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

**THURSDAY**  
 Penn St 4 Utah  
**NCAA FINAL FOUR**  
 Michigan 5 Saturday  
 Villanova 5 Kansas

**NHL**

**THURSDAY**  
 Winnipeg -170 at Blackhawks +158  
 at Boston off Tampa Bay off  
 Pittsburgh -123 at New Jersey +113  
 at Buffalo -118 Detroit +108  
 Florida -160 at Ottawa +154  
 at Nashville -155 San Jose +145  
 at Minnesota -150 Dallas +140  
 at Calgary off Columbus off  
 Edmonton -128 at Vancouver +118  
 at Los Angeles -240 Arizona +220

## SOCCER

**U.S. MEN'S SOCCER**  
**May 28:** vs. Bolivia, 6  
**June 2:** vs. Ireland, 1:45

## MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

**EASTERN**

TEAM	W	L	TPTS	GF	GA
<b>Columbus</b>	3	0	1	10	8
<b>N.Y. City FC</b>	3	0	1	10	8
<b>New York</b>	2	0	6	6	6
<b>Atlanta FC</b>	2	1	0	6	7
<b>Philadelphia</b>	1	0	4	2	0
<b>New England</b>	1	1	4	4	5
<b>Montreal</b>	1	2	0	3	4
<b>D.C. United</b>	0	2	0	2	4
<b>Orlando City</b>	0	2	1	2	5
<b>FIRE</b>	0	2	0	0	4
<b>Toronto FC</b>	0	2	0	0	3

**WESTERN**

TEAM	W	L	TPTS	GF	GA
<b>Sporting KC</b>	2	1	1	7	9
<b>Vancouver</b>	2	1	1	7	5
<b>Los Angeles FC</b>	2	0	6	6	6
<b>Minnesota</b>	2	2	0	6	6
<b>FC Dallas</b>	1	0	2	5	2
<b>Houston</b>	1	1	4	4	4
<b>LA Galaxy</b>	1	1	4	3	3
<b>Salt Lake</b>	1	1	4	3	3
<b>San Jose</b>	1	1	0	3	5
<b>Colorado</b>	0	1	1	3	4
<b>Portland</b>	0	2	1	2	7
<b>Seattle</b>	0	2	0	0	4

**NOTE:** Three points for victory, one point for tie.

**FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE**  
 Real Salt Lake at Toronto FC, 7  
**SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE**  
 Portland at Fire, 5  
 New York at Orlando City, noon  
 Los Angeles FC at LA Galaxy, 2  
 Stokeland at Real Stars, 2  
 Atlanta United FC at Minnesota United, 7  
 New York City FC at San Jose, 7  
 D.C. United at Sporting Kansas City, 7:30  
 New England at Houston, 7:30  
 Philadelphia at Colorado, 8  
 Montreal at Seattle, 9

## NATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE

**CLUB**

TEAM	W	L	TPTS	GF	GA
<b>North Carolina</b>	1	0	0	3	1
<b>Seattle</b>	1	0	0	3	2
<b>RED STARS</b>	0	0	1	1	1
<b>Orlando</b>	0	0	1	1	1
<b>Utah</b>	0	0	1	1	1
<b>Sky Blue FC</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Portland</b>	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Washington</b>	0	1	0	0	2

**NOTE:** Three points for victory, one point for tie.

**FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE**  
 Utah at Houston, 7  
**SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE**  
 Portland at Stars, 7:15  
 Sky Blue FC at North Carolina, 2:30  
 Orlando at Washington, 2:30

## ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	W	T	L	GF	GA	PTS
<b>Man City</b>	26	3	1	85	20	81
<b>Man United</b>	20	5	5	58	23	65
<b>Liverpool</b>	18	9	4	73	34	63
<b>Tottenham</b>	18	7	5	59	25	61
<b>Chelsea</b>	17	8	2	52	27	56
<b>Arsenal</b>	14	6	0	55	41	48
<b>Burnley</b>	11	10	9	27	43	40
<b>Leicester</b>	11	10	10	45	43	40
<b>Everton</b>	10	7	13	37	50	40
<b>Bournemouth</b>	9	13	27	49	36	36
<b>Watford</b>	6	15	39	55	36	36
<b>Brighton</b>	8	10	12	28	40	34
<b>Newcastle</b>	8	14	30	40	32	32
<b>Swansea</b>	8	7	15	25	42	31
<b>Huddersfield</b>	8	16	25	31	31	31
<b>Crystal Palace</b>	7	9	15	30	48	30
<b>West Ham</b>	7	9	14	36	37	30
<b>Southampton</b>	5	13	29	44	28	27
<b>Sheff Wed</b>	6	9	16	29	58	27
<b>West Brom</b>	3	11	17	24	29	20

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## BLACKHAWKS



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Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane, left, and Duncan Keith and Brent Seabrook, right, look befuddled Jan. 22 in a loss to the Lightning. Eight years earlier, the four Hawks stars posed for a photo promoting the 2010 Olympics, a few months before their first Stanley Cup.



**JOE KNOWLES**  
On the Blackhawks

The Blackhawks' core players got old in the same way Mike Campbell, a character in Ernest Hemingway's "The Sun Also Rises," famously went bankrupt: Gradually, then suddenly.

Here's how the last three seasons have ended for the Blackhawks:

- **2015-16:** First-round elimination in a seven-game series.
- **2016-17:** First-round elimination in a humiliating sweep.
- **2017-18:** Failure to make playoffs. (In fact, they will miss the playoffs by a country mile and finish last in the Central Division, just one year removed from having the best record in the Western Conference.)

The effects of aging can be sneaky. Things that once were done automatically and with ease begin to require more effort, more energy, more focus. You adjust and compensate, and for a while, you stave off the inevitable.

Then at some point, the bell tolls and your youth is irretrievably behind you. Next season, Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane will be 30. They were still teenagers when they made their NHL debuts in the 2007-08 season, the last year before this one that the Hawks failed to qualify for the playoffs. Over their 10 seasons in the league, Toews and Kane have played in more than 120 postseason games, the equivalent of 1½ regular seasons.

Toews and Kane aren't washed up by any means. Toews, despite his decline in production, is still a formidable player — or at least he was the last time we saw him; he has missed the last five games with an unspecified injury. Kane, while well off the pace he set a couple of years ago when he led the league in scoring and won the Hart Trophy, remains one of the game's most dynamic performers.

But time is not on their side anymore. In terms of their NHL careers, they are playing on the back nine. This is the beginning of a second decade in a young man's league.

***The Hawks' biggest need for the 2018-19 season is not an acquisition from outside the organization. More than anything, they need their core players to return to form, to play up to their contracts. Unless that happens, it's hard to see them improving enough to get back to the playoffs.***

General manager Stan Bowman's plan for this year's team was heavy on hope and heavily reliant on his core of stars. With so much of the salary cap devoted to veteran players — Toews, Kane, Duncan Keith, Brent Seabrook and Corey Crawford — the Hawks would rely on them to be their best selves while filling the rest of the roster with inexpensive youngsters and role players.

It didn't work. Expecting it to work next year, when all of those players will be a year older, seems more like a prayer than a plan.

"I think next year's team is going to look very similar to this year's team, not identical," Bowman said in February. "We're going to have some changes."

The phrase "very similar to this year's team" is probably not something Hawks fans want to hear. But Bowman's ability to make changes is limited by the salary cap and the no-movement clauses he gave his stars. Of the five players mentioned previously, only Crawford — 33 and inactive for much of this season with a puzzling injury — has no such restriction in his contract.

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A mash-up of a few highly paid veterans and a supporting cast of youngsters and role players can succeed. The Penguins are a similarly constructed team, with a bulk of their payroll going to a handful of stars. But the difference between them and the Hawks is that

Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin still are performing like \$10 million-a-year players despite having passed their 30th birthdays.

The Penguins also effectively made the transition from an aging goaltender, Marc-Andre Fleury, to a tandem of youngsters, 23-year-old Matt Murray and 22-year-old Tristan Jarry. They found a terrific young defenseman, Olli Maatta, with the 22nd overall pick in the 2012 draft. And, needless to say, they will be in the playoffs again and competing for their third straight Stanley Cup.

Back in October, the Hawks opened the season spanking those Penguins 10-1. Brandon Saad hit for the hat trick, making the Artemi Panarin trade look like a smart gamble. Things seemed promising for the Hawks then, didn't they?

But that was before the Crawford injury in December. It was before an atrocious January stretch, a 2-10-2 slide from which the Hawks never recovered. It was before Saad's inexplicable off year, a season in which he has managed only 34 points (fewer than half as many as Panarin's 71) and become a minus player for the first time in his career.

At 25, at least Saad still has youth in his favor. It's not inconceivable that he reverts to the productive two-way threat that he was for the first five seasons of his career.

Can his older teammates summon their younger selves and bounce back next season? It's an open question. Father Time — who, we should point out, is undefeated — has been stalking the Hawks stealthily for some time now.

Suddenly, it seems like he finally may have caught up to them.

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## BULLS

# New deal not main focus for LaVine

Guard leaving that task to agents, will zero in on physical improvement

By K.C. JOHNSON  
Chicago Tribune

HOUSTON — Maximum contracts aren't simply about generational wealth in the NBA. They're also about respect and status.

Zach LaVine is set to enter a fascinating restricted free agency this offseason, and he and Bulls management have emphatically stated a deal will get done.

But does LaVine think he's worth the max?

"There are things you work for," LaVine answered diplomatically. "Max players are top of the line. There are a lot of dudes in the NBA who haven't been top of the line because of money situations or the cap is bigger or a weird offseason."

"You are what you're worth. Obviously, you can't say no to getting one. I see myself being an elite player in this league. I'm going to work for that every day until I get there."

LaVine is too savvy — and too much of an organizational guy — to negotiate in the media. Reiterating that his main focus this offseason will be on improving his game, he said he trusts that the strong relationship his representation has with Bulls management will prove beneficial.

Bill Duffy, the head of LaVine's agency, worked with Bulls management through the Jay Williams contract settlement after Williams' career-ending motorcycle accident in 2003.

"There's a lot that goes into it," LaVine said. "The agency and front office, they're both trying to get the better of each (other), but I think this situation is a little bit different because there's mutual respect on both sides and understanding. There's no bad blood between us, so I think everything will go smoothly."

"I'm not stressed at all. Whatever the number is or terms they're going to come to, it will happen. That's why I have great agents. And we have respect, communication and understanding with the front office (so) we'll let that work itself out."

"I can't let it get to me. It's not going to. I have to prepare myself for next year and be ready to take on a bigger role and help the team get better."

It's a strong possibility LaVine, who has embraced his role in the rebuild as the main acquisition from the Jimmy Butler trade, is shut down for the season because of his left knee tendinitis. If that happens, LaVine will finish with an average of 16.7 points in 24 games.

To some, that may not be a lot; to LaVine, it means plenty.

"I was able to continue to improve and show some of the things I'm capable of doing," he said. "Above all, I was just happy to get back and play."

"There are so many different timetables for coming off an ACL. Bulls fans know firsthand since (Derrick Rose) didn't play the whole year. Jabari (Parker) came back a month after me and is just getting back into a groove. It's always good to get back into the rhythm."

"It's not (as if) I want to miss any games; I already missed enough. (I'm) just trying to get all the soreness out and they're just being extra cautious. I'm always working. I've been shooting, (plus doing) strength work (and) rehab to address the soreness."

It's the life of someone who has experienced an ACL tear.

"It's something (I) have to work on," LaVine said. "This summer will be big because I'll get an extra year of working out through it."

"You have soreness and little pains here and there from the surgery — that's just how it is. You have to deal with that. It gets better and it goes away."

"There's still scar tissue getting broken up. There are movements I do that my knee hasn't done in a year. This is part of my rehab, just the advanced stage."

And the next step will involve advanced contract negotiations.

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## BULLS AT HEAT

TV/radio: 6:30 p.m. Thursday;

WGN-Ch. 9, WSCR-AM 670.

**Storylines:** The Bulls get their first look at Dwyane Wade back in a Heat uniform. The Heat are coming off a blowout home win over the Cavaliers.

**Trending:** The Bulls are 6-6 in the first of back-to-back games and will be short-handed again. The Heat have won two of three meetings and were led in scoring by Goran Dragic each time.

# — eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

## For 10th straight time, it's 'King' for an opening day

BY TJ COTTERILL  
Tacoma (Wash.) News Tribune

PEORIA, Ariz. — Felix Hernandez finally got a semblance of a spring training start. He nearly quadrupled his total innings compared with the rest of spring training — from 1⅓ innings to five after delivering against the Cubs on Saturday.

But is that really enough to throw the first pitch of the first game of the 2018 season in front of what will most likely be a packed house at Safeco Field?

"I think so," Hernandez said at his locker afterward. "I feel good."

After just five innings?

"Yeah," he said. "That's the kind of guy I am."

He's the kind of guy who has a Cy Young Award — and maybe should have a few more — with six All-Star appearances, two ERA titles and the franchise record for career strikeouts, which is 48th all time.

He's the kind of guy who has earned a moniker of "King."

On Sunday, manager Scott Servais officially handed Hernandez the keys to opening day against the Indians on Thursday at Safeco Field. It's his 10th consecutive season-opening start, which only six other pitchers in baseball history have accomplished: Roy Halladay, Walter Johnson, Steve Carlton, Tom Seaver, Robin Roberts and Jack Morris.

Hernandez was asked about that and the meaning for him after his Saturday start.

"That would be awesome," he said, smiling and looking toward his feet. "It means I've been here a lot — a long time."

Servais beamed about Hernandez, saying this is the best spot in which he's seen the ace pitcher since Servais took over before the 2016 season. And that's not just true on the field.

"He's had a good spring training other than he hasn't thrown a lot of innings," Servais said. "Everything else we've asked him to do is off the charts. I'm excited to get him out there."

Not that this is Cy Young Hernandez. Servais was quick to point out that hitters will get him. He's not superhuman these days.

But one meeting was particularly encouraging.

Servais asked Hernandez a question in front of the team in their clubhouse: What completes Felix Hernandez?

"And he looked around and said to his teammates, 'It's pitching in the playoffs with you guys,'" Servais said. "He's just in a different spot. I can't really describe it, (but) when you're around it every day, it just feels different."

"I like where he's at right now. I really feel he's engaged with his teammates, and it's very clear what the goal is here. And he wants to be a big part of it."

But Hernandez knows he has a lot of proving to do.

Saturday was a prove-it start against the Cubs, his first appearance since taking a comebacker off his right forearm Feb. 26. And it didn't start out well.

Hernandez's first pitch, a 91 mph fastball, was outside, belt high and just right for Ian Happ, who parked it over the left-field wall for a home run.

"That was the wind," Hernandez said. "If that was in Seattle, it doesn't even land on the warning track."

But he struggled with command compared with his minor-league start the previous Tuesday. Here's how he explained it: "Blah, blah, really bad. I threw ugly. I think I was too tense."

That homer to Happ was the only run Hernandez allowed in 3⅓ innings, but he used 28 pitches in the first two, finishing at 63 in front of 12,601 in attendance — the eighth-largest crowd in the history of Peoria Stadium, which the Mariners share with the Padres.

The Mariners won't let Hernandez throw 100 pitches on opening day. They hope to keep him around 75 or 80 pitches or five good innings before turning it over to the bullpen. He hasn't pitched enough to be full go Thursday.

But Servais, as he said earlier, has been just as impressed with how Hernandez is off the field.

"Felix has been a much different Felix in my time here and what I've seen this spring training,"



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Although he has pitched little this spring, Mariners veteran Felix Hernandez makes his 10th straight opening-day start Thursday at Safeco Field.

Servais said. "From day one, we had really clear expectations coming into this camp. Unfortunately, it got derailed a little bit when he took the line drive off the elbow, but he hasn't backed off his work and he's engaging with his teammates in the clubhouse."

"He's been much more a part of the group. And (he) really just wants to be a contributor and do his part for our season."

And Hernandez was fired up for his Saturday start — a little too much maybe.

"Today was like (the) first time out there in a long time," Hernandez said. "Talking to (catcher Mike Zunino), it was about trying not to be too quick to the plate. Trust the 85 percent you have and you'll be good."

Hernandez had the toughest season of his major-league career in 2017, throwing 16 starts, hitting the disabled list twice and finishing with a 4.36 ERA in 86⅓ innings.

His fastball topped out at 92 mph Saturday after he averaged

just over 91 over the last two seasons, according to Fangraphs. He averaged 94.3 mph on the pitch in his Cy Young season of 2010.

And that first-pitch home run rekindled thoughts of last season, when Hernandez was dinged for 1.8 home runs per nine innings. The next-highest total of his career was a tie between his first full season in 2006 and 2016, when it was 1.1.

"He gave up some homers last year in a year (when) a lot of guys gave up homers," general manager Jerry Dipoto said in one of his podcasts. "But we saw his strikeout rate go up because he started adapting to his pitch selection."

"It's not in his control, and in some ways it's not in our control, how much he could take the mound last year. The combination of a long offseason, new training regimen and better understanding of who he is leads us to (have) high hopes for 2018."

The Mariners are not looking for Cy Young Felix. They're looking for the same approach they

liked out of him last season, but they want the bulk of 2016, when he made 25 starts — and even that was his lowest total since his half-season rookie year in 2005, when his fastball consistently approached 99 mph.

But Hernandez still has his dive-off-a-cliff changeup, which the Mariners consider among the best pitches in baseball, and Servais said Hernandez has added some adjustments to his pitches and how he sequences them to disrupt hitters.

"We're not talking about Felix's fastball as if it's Jamie Moyer's heater," Dipoto said. "It's moving forward at a crisp pace."

"He has succeeded because he's confident. We don't want to take that confidence away. We believe in him, and he believes in himself. At some point the player adapts, and I really do think that what we saw last year from Felix is he started to adapt. He's still confident in himself and he knows what to do."

"2016 was a big adjustment for

him. In 2017, I think we saw what Felix can be capable of. If you extrapolate what he did over a long season — the results are there."

And now, for the 10th consecutive season and 11th time in his 13-year career, Hernandez will have all eyes on him for opening day. Who would start the first game of a playoff series is a different question.

James Paxton had a 2017 season that certainly seems deserving of supplanting Hernandez for that. But for opening day — nothing wrong with giving Hernandez a chance to prove he's still got some royalty left in his arm.

"With the track record Felix has, he's certainly worthy of being mentioned in that group," Servais said of Hernandez's comparison with the six other pitchers with 10 straight opening starts.

"We've had the luxury of having Felix here for his entire career. Hopefully he still has plenty left in the tank and can get us in a good spot as far as the playoffs."

# eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE



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The Twins take their cuts against the host Cardinals in a spring training game in Jupiter, Fla. Twins executives are big on analytics but acknowledge stats can't account for everything.

## Injuries, attention spans escape reach of analytics

BY CHRIS HINE  
Minneapolis Star Tribune

Thad Levine's office at Hammond Stadium in Fort Myers, Fla., contains little decor.

His L-shaped desk is mostly empty save for his computer and a 3-foot bookshelf that's bare except for a handful of books.

One is called "Managing the Millennials." Levine said he has yet to read it, but he will soon.

Levine, the Twins' general manager, got the book after a speaker gave the Twins a presentation on how to better connect with that generation.

"The sense I got was maybe they're a little bit less patient and you have to be a little more creative in your verbal communication," Levine said. "It's a lot more visual learning, quick-hitting communication — the proverbial Twitter impact and Instagram impact on that generation."

In the post-Moneyball era of baseball, few advanced statistics will give teams a competitive edge. Everyone has access to fielder-independent pitching, batting average on balls in play and other deeper statistics. Everyone has their own versions of WAR (wins above replacement) or projections systems like ZIPS and PECOTA.

The data war in baseball, to hear Levine and Twins chief baseball officer Derek Falvey tell it, revolves around two fronts that really aren't that exclusive to baseball — predicting which players are more susceptible to injuries and getting players to use advanced information to improve their play.

What good are projections and WAR values if players aren't on the field to live up to those numbers?

And what good is advanced statistical data if you can't communicate it to the people who could use it the most?

"We're all trying to find competitive advantages," Falvey said. "We're all looking for an edge, whether that's in analytics or the medical space or what we're doing with roster construction, culture or otherwise. We're all looking for that advantage."

### Disseminating information

If you walk into the Twins clubhouse after a game, you'll see why Levine has a copy of that book. You'll hear very little talking, just players from the generation known as millennials scrolling through smartphones. Attention spans are short. You can send players in-depth scouting reports on certain teams or pitchers, but odds are not everybody is going to make it through.

So the Twins front office has to adapt. Falvey said he has guiding mantras for the team to streamline communication.

"You can't bring anything to a player that's more than two or three bullet points," Falvey said. "You can have a 15-page dissertation on all of the reasons why that player should do something, but he can't get that. If you can't get it across in two to three bullet points, try harder."

Another rule Falvey has is "never bring a piece of information to a player or a coach or a staff member without a solution. Don't just say, 'Here's all the data that shows this is what you're doing.' And the player looks at you like, 'What do I do with that? OK, I'm bad at this. Now what?'" Falvey said.

"The key is, 'Well, how do I fix it?' ... That's a big next step."

For instance, Twins outfielders have index cards in their back pockets that contain information on where opposing hitters usually spray their batted balls. The cards are succinct, easily digestible and actionable.

"Everything that we do they try and explain it and give us a reason why," center fielder Byron Buxton said. "We try to take grasp of it as best we can."

Said Falvey: "Some people think it's all about the data. It's not at all about the data. It's all about the trust. If you can build relationships with players and they understand that deep down you want them to perform at their best and you build trust, they're more likely to be open to you bringing something to them to help them developmentally."

### Practical use

An important player in this funnel of information is catcher Jason Castro, who works with the coaching staff to distill the reports from the front office into something he and the pitchers can use. A lot of research goes into every series for Castro.

"When I came into (the league), we didn't do much in the way of advanced stuff," Castro said. "It was whatever I compiled myself watching video. The shift in the last few years really has been hugely beneficial for pitchers, just knowing weaknesses at any given time with any pitch."

Castro is the final step in the filtration process of information that begins with a computer and ends with him.

"If I had to probably put a number on it, I would say maybe half of the stuff I get I relay to the pitchers," he said. "I try to keep it as simple as possible for them to remember a few takeaways for every hitter. Even then, I don't expect them to memorize everything or remember any of that really."

Castro said he has to be wary of providing too much information, and when he's calling pitches he sometimes has to feel for how a pitcher is throwing that day or an opponent is hitting. In other words, numbers haven't turned the players into robots. Baseball still has a human element.

### Predicting injuries

One very human element has remained elusive for front offices to predict injuries. This, Levine said, is the next "gold mine" for the sport.

"It's going to be monumentally impactful," he said. "When you look at baseball, no different from most

sports, everyone is looking for those competitive advantages. I think a lot of them are theoretical. Very few of them are real. That would be real in my mind."

There are many metrics, but what is hard to track is just how much a player will be available to live up to his traditional WAR values or projections.

"If you look at teams that have made the playoffs, year over year, any given season, if the variable you knew at the end was (disabled list) days or percentage of DL days or rank of DL days among that group, you'd have a much higher likelihood to predict playoff teams," Falvey said.

"If you can figure out a way to keep that number low, you give yourself a real shot to get there."

Falvey said Twins position players stayed healthy last season, allowing them to exceed expectations. According to the website mangameslost.com, the Twins were the 16th-most-injured team in baseball last season, but they were 24th when the site factored in who was injured and those injuries' impact on the team's performance.

The Twins have reorganized how they handle team nutrition, hydration and even sleep in an effort to keep players as healthy as possible.

"It seems crazy that we didn't have the awareness to understand the 360 degrees around a player," Levine said. "Effectively when that player was in our purview, we tried to handle him more responsibly, but ... it's really not up until four or five years ago that we started employing more of an attentive eye toward nutrition, sleep studies and traveling, for instance."

### Where else is baseball headed?

Falvey said that when it comes to culling data and statistics, a decade has closed gaps.

"We know all the projections (systems)," Falvey said. "Most teams are loosely based on similar types of math, but then you get to layer on more variables that we have access to."

Those layers include their own internal scouting information and what types of statistics the Twins value over others to form their own statistical stew. That's how the Twins' numbers might be unique in the league.

Falvey said Statcast, which MLB has been using since the 2015 season, can revolutionize how teams analyze players. Statcast tracks player movement and compiles pitch data in ways previously unknown in baseball. "Launch angle," "exit velocity" and other terms have become in vogue thanks to Statcast.

"I don't think every team has fully wrapped their heads around it," Falvey said. "Not because we can't digest the data right now. It's because we don't have 10 years of preceding data or sample size for us to know how it tracks. It just doesn't exist. We're trying to learn from that as best we can."

Eventually, teams will have a handle for the data. But will they be able to communicate what they get to players, and will players be healthy enough to act on it in games? Those variables might never change.

*“The world could be on fire, but when I’m on the floor with these people here? I wouldn’t care.”*  
 — Nick Piel



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Orbit Skate Center regular Jimmy Dean, of Lisbon, at the Palatine roller rink, which is set to close Saturday after 46 years in business.

# Rolling into the past

Palatine’s Orbit Skate Center closes Saturday, scattering its universe of enthusiasts

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI  
 Chicago Tribune

The House Heads of Illinois will need a new jam. And the Jam Skaters of Wisconsin will need a new house. The R&B Skaters will look for a new rink to slow it down real nice. And the Striders, who prefer a little hip-hop with their R&B, will look for a new place to coffin, and to toe jam, and to iceberg. The Freestyle Skaters will need a spacious new room to shoot the duck. And what will become of the Skate Dynasty of Peoria? Or the JB Skaters, who wish every night was James Brown Night? Where will they

go? Smiley from Ohio, who shows up to launch himself into leaping 360-degree spirals?

What becomes of Smiley? And Matthew Eggleston, 24, of Rockford, who drives a semi all week, but come Saturday nights, his legs wave and curl and scissor like a windsock in a hurricane?

And Linda Zaleski, 62, of Northbrook, who works as a librarian, but weekends, spirals her arms outward, working inside lanes, to the thump of ’80s-era Swedish EDM?

When Orbit Skate Center in Palatine closes Saturday night — or more likely, early Sunday morning — after 46 years

as a community fixture and beloved stalwart of the crumbling Midwest roller-rink scene, more than just another suburban pastime bites the dust. We lose seven disco balls. We lose a massive 19,000-square-foot floor that once held 1,100 skaters. We lose neon tube necklaces, and black-light space-themed carpeting, and 38 feet of sci-fi murals that could hold their own in a Spencer’s gift shop. We lose more than a “Dazed and Confused”-esque brick-facaded rec-centerlike teen hangout, sandwiched between Arlington Park and a Postal Service processing facility.

This is not a story about a roller rink closing.

This is a story about a happy, mismatched, multigenerational family being pulled apart.

“It’s broken my heart,” Zaleski said, “to the point where I have needed consoling. Friends were calling: ‘Linda, are you OK?’ I’m like, ‘NO! I’m not OK — OK?!!!’” Sandy Fontana, of Palatine, carrying the same red, white and blue metal case for her skates that she carried in 1972, glanced across the wooden oval track: “It’s just a terrible feeling. Where will the children go? Shame on the government for not working on this!” Bill Siglasky, who has

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‘READY PLAYER ONE’ ★★★

## Pop culture saves the day in Spielberg’s dystopian vision

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS  
 Chicago Tribune

Of all the frenzied races in Steven Spielberg’s “Ready Player One,” the closest one pits the director’s mastery against the material’s banality. By a whisker, Spielberg wins it.

If you’re a fan of the 2011 Ernest Cline best-seller, you wouldn’t use “banality,” but you’d have to concede “familiarity” as an acceptable substitute.

**MPAA rating:** PG-13 (for sequences of sci-fi action violence, bloody images, some suggestive material, nudity and language)

**Running time:** 2:20

**Opens:** Thursday

We’re back in the realm of Young Adult dystopia, in this case (as revised by screenwriter Zak Penn, working with co-adaptor Cline), the miserably overcrowded year 2045 in

Columbus, Ohio. There our Young Hero, Wade, played by Tye Sheridan, lives a life the way millions of his fellow citizens are living it. They’re hooked on their virtual-reality devices and wired for hours and hours at a stretch into the multistrand worlds of the OASIS (Ontologically Anthropocentric Sensory Immersive Simulation), created by the late tech genius played, thank God, by Mark Rylance.

The story is “Charlie and the



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Tye Sheridan stars as Wade, competing in a virtual reality race for his life in 2045 in “Ready Player One,” based on Ernest Cline’s 2011 book.

Chocolate Factory,” digitized. The sweetly mad inventor has hidden clues to three keys inside the OASIS, and whoever secures all three becomes heir to a massive fortune. Much of “Ready Player One,” and the artistic reason for Spielberg’s involve-

ment, concerns the ever-shifting parameters and rules and environments within the OASIS. For an hour, “Ready Player One” is terrific fun with a necessary ominous edge. At its heart is a

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Lorde performs Tuesday at the Allstate Arena in Rosemont.

IN PERFORMANCE

## Lorde infuses her pop with anxious energy

BY GREG KOT  
 Chicago Tribune

Back in 2014 when Lorde was a newly minted pop star on her way to selling 3 million copies of her first album, she made her Chicago debut at the Aragon. “Can you go back to being a kid?” she asked. “Where does it stop? It’s something that keeps me up all the time.”

She was all of 17. The New Zealand singer is now 21, and she’s apparently had a few sleepless nights since that first Chicago concert, because the questions kept coming and the anxieties mounting Tuesday at the Allstate Arena. The big house was nearly full, but Lorde shrank it to a more intimate scale with a performance that became increasingly personal as it unwound.

### Man of all seasons

Bob Gendron reviews Justin Timberlake’s Tuesday show at United Center. **Page 3**

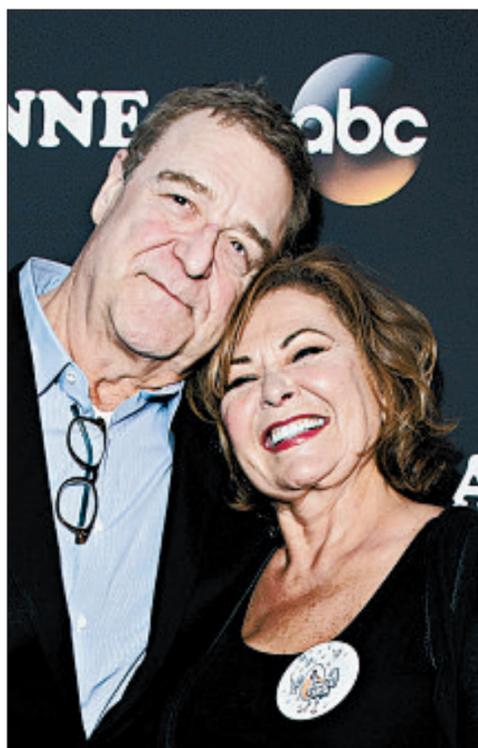
Opening in blue-tinted darkness, the pigtailed singer was obscured for nearly half of the opening song. In “Sober,” when the buzz wears off, what’s next? Whereas her world-conquering first album, “Pure Heroine,” was about her peers, the 2017 follow-up, “Melodrama,” turns inward. That treacherous bridge between adolescence and adulthood? Lorde, for this night at least, was standing in the middle of it.

Her songs brimmed with internal contradictions, often

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# CELEBRITIES

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John Goodman and Roseanne Barr are back in ABC's reboot of "Roseanne," which premiered Tuesday.

## 'Roseanne' reboot scores huge ratings

A Trump-loving "Roseanne" is making the Nielsen ratings great again for ABC. The reboot of the sitcom starring Roseanne Barr premiered Tuesday to an audience of 18.2 million viewers, according to Nielsen data. The series was one of prime time's biggest hits during its run from 1988 to 1997. The only scripted network program to score more viewers during the 2017-18 season is the post-Super Bowl episode of NBC's "This Is Us," which had 27 million. The revived "Roseanne" reunited the cast of the original series that was praised for honestly portraying the travails of a working-class family. The new version received significant public discussion ahead of the premiere because of Barr's outspoken support for President Donald Trump, and Barr's support has been written into her character on the show. The 18.2 million viewers who watched Tuesday's episode topped the number for the final episode of the original series in May 1997 — 16.6 million — when the TV landscape was far less competitive.

— Stephen Battaglio, Los Angeles Times



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**More allegations against Smiley:** PBS says more witnesses have detailed sexual misconduct allegations against talk-show host Tavis Smiley, above, who was suspended in December and later fired. In court papers, PBS said the witnesses spoke to an independent investigator and corroborated accounts. "Over a dozen individuals reported that they were either subjected to or witnessed unwelcome, inappropriate sexual comments or conduct or otherwise inappropriate behavior by Mr. Smiley," the court filing said. Smiley and his representatives stuck by their denials.

**"Beetlejuice" musical premiere set:** Producers announced that a musical stage version of the 1988 comedy "Beetlejuice" will have its world premiere in October in Washington, D.C., at the National Theatre. The show has a score by Australian composer Eddie Perfect and will be staged by Alex Timbers, the director responsible for such Broadway projects as "Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson." "Beetlejuice's" book is by Scott Brown, a former theater critic for New York magazine, and comedy writer Anthony King.

**CBS renewals:** CBS' freshman dramas "SEAL Team" and "S.W.A.T." have been renewed for second seasons. The dramas are the most recent CBS shows to be renewed for second seasons after "Young Sheldon."

**March 29 birthdays:** Comedian Eric Idle is 75. Actor Christopher Lambert is 61. Comedian Amy Sedaris is 57. Model Elle Macpherson is 54.



# ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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## Friendship tested by sexual come-on

**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 relationships.

**Dear Amy:** I'm a 28-year-old straight male. My best friend from childhood and I rent an apartment together. He came out to me when he was 18. I care about him as a brother. We respect each other's boundaries and I support and accept him.

A couple of months ago my girlfriend of four years ended our relationship. I was crushed. During that time, my best friend told me he needed to tell me a secret — that he had sexual feelings toward me. He wanted to know if I felt the same way. I told him I loved him as a brother only and did not share any sexual feeling toward him.

After that night, I thought everything was OK between us. Things went back to normal, but a couple of weeks ago he came home drunk. He crawled into bed with me and tried to be sexual with me.

I have been avoiding him. I don't want to be in the same room alone with him right now. I'm not sure what to do. I really do care for him. I don't want to lose our friendship, but how do I get the point across that I'm not interested in him sexually? What can I do about this problem?

— Sad Dude

**Dear Sad:** Crawling into bed and coming on sexually to a sleeping person is assault. Unfortunately, like many victims of unwanted sexual contact, you seem to be blaming yourself and wondering what you can do to repair the relationship with the aggressor. But he is the one who has disrespected and violated you. An ongoing friendship between the two of you might be impossible. This represents a huge loss for you, which is why you would like to try to repair what he broke.

What happened is not your fault! It is his. You should think very seriously about whether you want to continue to cohabit with him. If you want to try to have a friendship, you two will have to talk about it. He should apologize and assure you this will never happen again. If it does, the friendship is over, and you should consider calling the police. — September 2015

**Dear Amy:** I am an 18-year-old girl. I have been dating my boyfriend for nearly two years. My boyfriend means everything to me. Although I have made mistakes, we've always talked things out.

Last year we both went to university in different parts of the country, so it was like we were having a long-distance relationship. I was OK with it until I met another guy who gave me everything I have been missing. We were not really dating but I had sex with him many times.

Earlier this week my boyfriend found out and broke up with me. It was only after he was gone that I realized he has always

been and always will be my everything. I still love him. I want him back, but he doesn't want to hear from me. Please help me, Amy. — M

**Dear M:** Perhaps you've studied the famous "marshmallow test" in college. In this study, preschoolers were presented with a choice — they could eat one marshmallow now or eat two marshmallows if they waited 20 minutes. (If you aren't aware of this study, there is some wonderful video on YouTube of children suffering through it.)

This fascinating study demonstrates the relative ability of people to delay gratification in order to receive a larger reward later.

You have flunked the "marshmallow test" — big time. You were not willing to hold out long enough to receive a larger reward (staying in a loving, long-term relationship) later.

You sound as if you are a little surprised that your infidelity has had such an extreme consequence. Why is that? Breaking up is the foreseeable and natural consequence of cheating.

My take is that you are probably still too immature to bank your two marshmallows for later. You are 18; you don't have the fortitude to be in a long-distance relationship. Let this be your wake-up call in terms of personal ethics. When you make an ethical lapse that hurts someone else, apologize and ask for forgiveness. — February 2015

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## A+E NOTES

### Lolla passes sell out; 1-day tickets go on sale Thursday

Eight days after going on sale, four-day passes for Lollapalooza have officially sold out. Fans who waited to see what the lineup had in store will be able to purchase single-day tickets beginning at 10 a.m. Thursday.

Marking some of the slowest ticket sales for the mega-festival in recent memory, concert industry executives and consumers told the Tribune's Greg Kot that several factors plagued this year's rollout; from greater competition from other festivals, cost (\$335 for a four-day pass

plus fees), stale headlines and security concerns after a series of shootings at music events, including the 2017 mass killing at the Route 91 Harvest country music festival in Las Vegas that left 58 dead and 851 injured. It was then discovered that shooter Stephen Paddock had booked rooms at the Blackstone Hotel coinciding with Lollapalooza last year, fueling even more security concerns.

Charles Attal, co-owner of C3 Presents, the Texas-based promoter that has staged the festival since it moved to Chicago 13 years ago, told Kot that slow sales weren't a major concern — considering that not much promotion was done outside of the Chicago area.

The day-by-day lineup will be announced Thursday at 8 a.m., a few hours before single-day tickets become available through the Lollapalooza website. Daily ticket prices start at \$120 (plus fees), or \$38.38

per payment on the lay-away plan. — Jessi Roti

### Sweeney's solo show coming to Second City e.t.c.

"Saturday Night Live" veteran Julia Sweeney will perform her one-woman show on the Second City's e.t.c. stage next month, it was announced Wednesday.

"Julia Sweeney: Older and Wider," Sweeney's first stand-up show in front of a live audience, recently closed its workshop production in Judy's Beat Lounge at The Second City. "My show is observational and strewn with funny stories," said Sweeney in a statement. "I'm older and yes, a wee bit wider, but I think you'll laugh and have a good time."

"Older and Wider" runs April 24-May 30 at the Second City, 230 W. North Ave. — Morgan Greene

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## IN PERFORMANCE

# Timberlake embraces an array of roles

Vocalist mixes rusticism, grooves at United Center as he blurs lines between entertainer, singer, actor

By **BOB GENDRON**  
Chicago Tribune

Forget about being a self-proclaimed “man of the woods.” Justin Timberlake emerged as a man for all seasons Tuesday at the first show of a two-night stand at United Center.

Taking advantage of a sprawling stage that snaked end-to-end via a winding pathway connected to two satellite platforms, the 37-year-old refused to stay in one mode for long. Parade leader. Spurned lover. Assertive dancer. Down-on-his-knees relationship savior. Bartender who handed shots out to his large ensemble. Outdoors lover who gathered around a campfire to play familiar songs. Timberlake embraced an array of roles, blurring the lines between entertainer, singer and actor.

Fittingly, the surroundings often resembled film sets — complete with mobile visual screens, cutting-edge laser lights, fake trees, rotating bandstands and an illuminated dance floor straight out of “Saturday Night Fever.”

The milieu didn’t always jibe with projected images of forests and mountains, which also made for strange bedfellows with the nightclub flash of material such as “Midnight Summer Jam” and “Montana.”

No matter. Timberlake, not two months removed from a shaky Super Bowl performance and in the midst of attempting to reclaim a paramount spot in a pop world that favors youth, seemed determined to convince the packed audience that rusticism and electro-spiked grooves could coexist. Despite a few hiccups, he primarily succeeded during the breathlessly paced first half of the two-hour show. The vocalist had help in the form of a 15-piece band eager to get down and a dance troupe schooled in fluid choreography.

Even as Timberlake’s shouted, James Brown-inspired instructions to his group came off as affectation rather than impulsive commands, there was no denying the brass-punctuated pulse driving “LoveStoned” or wah-wah strut pushing “Higher Higher.”



NUCCIO DINUZZO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Justin Timberlake performs Tuesday at the United Center on a sprawling stage with satellite platforms.

Timberlake and company built “SexyBack” into a seamless hybrid of hard rock and suggestive R&B, and fused Latin accents and call-and-response choruses to turn “Senorita” into a rhythm machine. The group’s momentum carried over to a devotional, if bombastic, “Mirrors,” sent up with the kind of triumphant crescendos designed to signal a costume change.

Absent fleet footwork, sleek breakdowns or edgy funk, Timberlake’s later turns as an acoustic guitar-strumming troubadour failed to connect. In the same

manner the lament “Drink You Away” lacked any hint of heartbreak, the sight of the musicians sitting beside an old-fashioned campfire felt forced and overdone — not to mention ironic, given the arena’s air-conditioned confines. Mercifully, backup singer-led covers of tunes by the likes of Fleetwood Mac and Lauryn Hill remained brief.

Save for the country-laced ballad “Flannel” (which, yes, Timberlake crooned while wearing a plaid flannel shirt), the ill-fitting roots diversions stood as poor trade-offs for truncated

renditions of “What Goes Around.../...Comes Around” and “Rock Your Body.” For a singer who displayed pride belting out the disco-etched “Can’t Stop the Feeling!” and understood the eternal appeal of its carefree message, losing sight of slinky beats and fun-loving sounds proved out of character — no matter the frontier heritage implied by his last name.

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## MY WORST MOMENT

## Beatriz persevered despite pain, bad luck

By **NINA METZ**  
Chicago Tribune

To play Rosa Diaz, the smart and intimidatingly no-nonsense detective on the Fox sitcom “Brooklyn Nine-Nine,” actress Stephanie Beatriz transforms herself. She lowers her natural speaking voice, and because she styles herself differently than Rosa, when she’s off the clock she’s able to walk around without attracting too much attention. “I wear glasses a lot and my hair will look different,” she said, “so unless I’m wearing a leather jacket, I don’t really get recognized.”

Before she landed the role five years ago, “I actually used to wear exactly what Rosa wears almost all the time, and now I can’t because it looks like I’m dressing like the character I’m playing on TV. I can’t do it!”

Getting cast on the show was a deeply meaningful moment, Beatriz said. She knew that Melissa Fumero had already been hired to play Detective Amy Santiago on the show, and conditioned by years of seeing Latinas tokenized on television, Beatriz was convinced producers wouldn’t hire another Latina. “I was so excited for Melissa, but I thought I was screwed. Because growing up and watching shows, I would just never see Latina characters. Everyone was white. If there was Latinas, they were at the margins. Or playing stereotypes.”

She had convinced herself that she was out of the running — and was beyond thrilled when she got the call telling her she got the part.

Before making the move to television, Beatriz did quite a bit of theater earlier in her career. When asked to share a worst moment, she recalled an especially memorable performance at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

“At the Shakespeare Festival, everything is repertory, so most of the time you are in two or three plays and understudying another one. You’re switching gears daily — sometimes you’re switching gears between a matinee and an evening performance. You could be doing a contemporary play in the afternoon and then ‘Cat on a Hot Tin Roof’ at night, so your brain is really switching all the time. It’s like a scrambled egg.”

During a preview for the Tennessee Williams classic, it was one challenge after the next — “Even telling it I’m having PTSD flashes,” she said — but she came through it like a champ.

## My worst moment ...

“I was at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival doing ‘Cat on a Hot Tin Roof.’ I think it was 2009. I don’t know if you’ve ever seen the play, but in the beginning of the first act, it opens with Maggie and Brick — and Brick is laying in their bed and pretty much says nothing for most of the first act, he’s got a broken leg and he’s laid up in bed, and it’s just Maggie monologuing away. It’s some-



TOMMY GARCIA/FOX

Stephanie Beatriz plays a detective on “Brooklyn Nine-Nine.”

thing like a 25-minute monologue and I played Maggie.

“As actors, we both had so much riding on it. Especially for me, this was a role that I don’t think anyone thought I could play. I know that there was an all-African-American production of the play in New York, but I had never seen a production where the lead characters were not cast as white people. So I felt as if my performance was going to be held under a microscope in a way that perhaps a different actress’s performance wouldn’t be. I was putting a lot of pressure on myself to make everything great. I was really nervous about it, and I wanted everything to be perfect.

“So we’re doing a preview, and everything’s going smoothly. I glide onto stage in this beautiful dress, and the first thing that happens in the play is that Maggie is talking about how her brother-in-law’s kids — she calls them the ‘no-neck monsters’ — spilled something on her and that’s why she’s in the room to change. Brick is in the shower, and she’s monologuing and talking about how she’s got to get out of this dress, and that’s how she ends up in the slip.

“So I reach back behind me to pull down the zipper of this dress — and it’s stuck.

“I’m stuck in this dress. And I’m alone onstage. And I’m like, ‘Well, I have to get this dress off.’ So I yank this beautiful handmade dress — it’s basically a piece of haute couture, this big, poufy, lacy thing and the lace had gotten caught in the zipper — and I’m just ripping through this dress. Shredding it to get it off. Because Maggie has to be in the slip for the play to make sense.

“Meanwhile I’m in ‘50s underwear, which is this big torpedo bra and a system that feels like a cage — it’s a girdle and thigh-high stockings attached to a garter. It’s a whole thing. So I’m trying to continue the monologue while I’m ripping at this dress and finally I feel the zipper pull away from the fabric. If a dress could scream, it was a guttural rip! I yank it down over my hips, toss it off and think, ‘All right, they’ll fix

it later. Not a big deal, it’s just one thing. Nothing else bad can happen.”

“Then Brick makes his way onstage on crutches and sits down on the bed listening to the monologue. Now, this was a really beautifully modern production with a really interesting set. Instead of a dilapidated plantation-type house, it was this beautiful pristine white set with a white fluffy dense carpet and a milky white armoire, a beautiful chair and a white bed upstage and then a small settee downstage, and all along the back was glowy white curtain.

“So Brick’s on the bed, I’m still yammering away as Maggie. I walk over to the settee and I open my makeup box and I’m reapplying makeup and preening a little bit for Brick as I’m talking, and I go to close the top of the makeup box and I slam it down on my manicured hand — these 1950s long red talons — and a whole fingernail just snaps off. And I’m not just talking about the top of it. The whole thumb nail comes off. And I can’t scream, I can’t do anything! I have to just swallow the pain and continue talking. I can’t even tell you, it was so painful — I had my thumb wrapped inside my hand and was still just going along.

“And then I realize the next thing I have to do is cross over to the bed and remove my stockings and put on a new pair. And now I had to do that with my hand bleeding on this white set! So as I’m crossing over, I see this look of panic on Brick’s face, and I’m trying to figure out what he’s panicked about, and I turn around to put my foot up on a chair to take my stockings off — and the chair is not there. They forgot to place the chair.

“Normally this wouldn’t matter, I would just turn and put my foot on the bed, which is what I did. But while I did that I’m thinking, there’s a part later in the same scene where Maggie fully tries to seduce Brick and he picks up the chair and uses it like a lion tamer to keep her away. And he has to do it — it’s in the script. And both of us are com-

pletely panicked staring at each other like, ‘What do we do? Where is the chair?’

“So now, with my bleeding thumb tucked into my hand, one stocking off, still talking, I go offstage — I’m just sweating at this point — I go offstage still talking, and I find a stagehand and I’m trying to make a chair motion with my hands and they can’t figure out what I need! So I cross back behind the set. I find the chair! I grab the chair! And I run back around — still talking — come back onstage and set the chair down!

“When I came charging back onstage with a chair in my hands, he had this look on his face like, ‘You (rock star)! I’m so glad you did that!’ He knew that he was trapped because his character’s whole leg is in a cast.

“This all happened in the first 20 minutes of the show!”

“It was like a disaster emergency, and I just let my adrenaline take over. You have to figure it out because the show must go on! You don’t want anyone in the audience to know — I don’t want them to think they got anything but the best, most honest performance.”

## How was the rest of the performance?

“I think it felt very electric. When things like that happen to me onstage, you have to be so utterly present to fix the problem. You can’t go through the motions at all. And there’s an echo of that for the rest of the performance. You want things to feel very alive and real and sometimes you can get into a bit of a pattern — and this shakes you out of that. Whenever something unexpected happens — or a freaking chair isn’t on set — whatever happens after that is going to be very electric and alive.”

## The takeaway ...

“I’ll never forget the sound of that dress ripping! They fixed it so that the lace wouldn’t get caught again, it was no big deal.

“But the takeaway is: Check your stage! Always check your stage! Meaning, I was being a lazy actor. We can get lazy because a lot of stuff is done for us — someone lays out your costume at the theater, and it’s all clean and tidy. You put on your own makeup, but someone puts your wig on, someone sets your props. There’s a lot of people backstage doing a lot of work for you to be able to go onstage and do your work. But you still need to go and look and check your props. Look at your dress, check the zipper. You get to the theater an hour early, and you’re doing what, wasting time talking to people? Be a responsible artist and don’t leave it in the hands of somebody else.

“But the broken nail, I couldn’t prevent that. It was a fluke. And it hurt so bad.”

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Lorde at Allstate Arena.

## Singer features stylish mix

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juggling opposing ideas and impulses that gave her pop songs a bitter aftertaste. “The Louvre” was emblematic, as it amplified the “violence” in her heart and vowed to “make ‘em all dance to it.”

This wasn’t pop spectacle by numbers. It was stark, personal, a little weird — and more engaging and relatable because of it. On a bare-bones stage with the moodiest of lighting, her band little more than silhouettes, Lorde gestured and danced with a coltish awkwardness that contrasted with the maturity in her big, confident yet confiding voice. A transparent enclosure shaped like a box car leaned at precarious angles above her, while dancers inside struck ritualistic poses. The dancers often moved with painstaking deliberation, much like the songs.

All the accompaniment save for a keyboard vanished as Lorde sat center stage midway through the set. She delivered an a cappella version of Kanye West’s forlorn “Love Lockdown” and then married a couple of self-lacerating songs: a snippet of West’s “Runaway” with her “Liability.” The rueful “Writer in the Dark” morphed into a massive audience sing-along, punctuated by a threat: “I’ll love you till you call the cops on me.”

Lorde ended her set with what sounded like a celebratory kick. It was difficult not to get caught up in the thunder of “Supercut,” only to hear it unravel. “Royals,” a celebration of the defiant outsiders of her youth, sent another charge through the arena, only to get caught in the emotional tangle of “Perfect Places.” The narrator tries to hang on to the endless summer party for one more night, sustained by one more drink, one more sniff. But the big beats sputter, and the questions once again squirm back into focus. “All the nights spent off our faces/ Trying to find these perfect places/ What the f--- are perfect places anyway?”

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# Skate Mafia in need of new home

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taught years of skating lessons at Orbit, said: "I want to know what idiot in Cook County would allow this to happen. People forget, so it's important that someone says *now* what it means when a community loses a place this loved."

Indeed, even as he said it — on a Wednesday, around 10:00 a.m. — a line had formed at the box office. John Mellencamp became the Gap Band, which drifted into "Electric Avenue." The place got busy, though the office phone never rang once because, said manager Leah Ramirez, they took it off the hook: "It got frustrating — like 75 calls a day, 'Are you really closing? Sad!' You want to say, 'Where were you for the past 40 years?'"

What killed Orbit? Sandra Levin, who has owned the rink since 1992 with her 92-year old father, Richard Klotz, said the last eight years of Cook County property taxes "have made this business prohibitive. It's already hard by nature, you don't make much money — you charge \$5, \$6, \$7 to skate and the bills never match up. People see this place packed, but by the time you pay wages, costs — you're working to pay off your property taxes." Taxes, though, were just the deepest of a million tiny cuts: Levin and her staff point to shorter school vacations, and a flood that damaged the floor in 2016, daylight saving time and even climate change — their skating season was seven months, now it's closer to four. ("People would rather be outside longer," said Danielle Mendoza, the house DJ.)

There's also a problem harder to combat:

Inertia. When Orbit closes March 31, it joins the Axle and the Oak Lawn and the Swank and the Fireside and Disco Wheels and Madison Gardens and North Avenue Rollerway and the Rainbo and Hot Wheels and the Loop and the Elm and the Hub — the endless litany of once-formidable rinks in the Chicago area that have long since expired. In that context, Orbit regulars say, losing their home has created a last stand, a stage for the one place where the refugees of so many defunct rinks had converged. They refer to themselves as the Rolling Skate Mafia, and before this is all over, they plan one last run.

Nick Piel is a 46-year old IT guy from Schaumburg, long hair in back, little hair on top, thick owl glasses, a physique that does not suggest his elegance on wheels. "The world could be on fire, but when I'm on the floor with these people here? I wouldn't care."

**Last week, the Saturday night** just before the final Saturday night, the crowd spilled out the door, teenagers and children and parents and couples and ironic hipsters and serious skaters wiggling ankles in anticipation, creeping toward an overrun box office. Inside, smoke and cold from the parking lot wafted in and mixed with the smell of popcorn. Mark



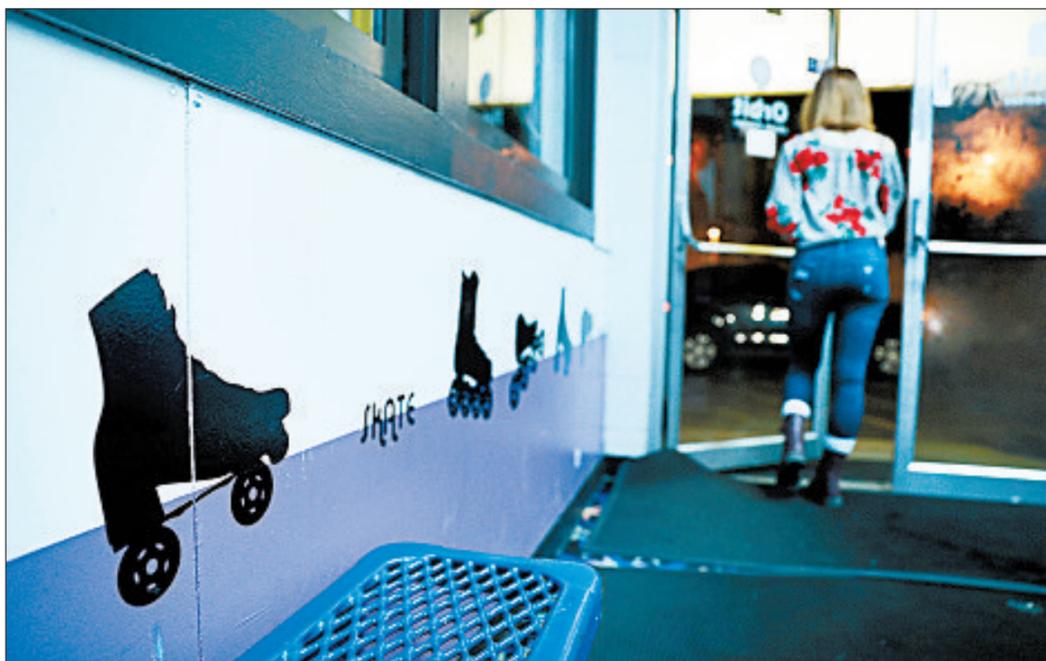
Roller skaters of varied abilities circle the rink while others watch from tables Saturday at Orbit Skate Center in Palatine.



Orbit still draws crowds, but its owner and staff say property taxes and flood damage have taken a toll on the rink.



The rental stakes are being sold off, along with other fixtures at the roller rink. Its regulars are losing their home.



Orbit, one of the last Chicago-area roller rinks, will shut its doors for good this Saturday — or more likely, early Sunday.

Basich, the general manager, surveyed the hall. He had been through the closing of a rink before: His father ran the 60,000-square-foot Fireside Roll-Arena in Hoffman Estates, which during its brief 10-year heyday was listed by Guinness Book of World Records as the largest indoor roller rink in the world. It closed too, 33 years ago. "So do I feel nostalgic about this? I don't, but I'm not nostalgic about dinosaurs either."

From where he stood,

watching the scene, this penultimate Saturday, nothing had changed. The world was as the world had been: Boys crowded into Burger King-orange booths and grabbed at mounds of cheese fries. An air hockey table pushed out tiny jet streams. An ice machine churned, and an organ, once the music of choice for older skaters, sat beneath its tarp, as always. At 7 p.m., lights dimmed, neon pulsed and a gridlock of waiting skaters spilled out on the floor in a stream, like

a faucet opening.

Henry Bolden, a long-time rink manager, grabbed a microphone in the DJ booth.

"Let's hear you, Orbit!"

The crowd roared and Bolden, satisfied, curled a nob on the console and the bass surged. Mendoza, the DJ, grinned, lowering the volume down again: "Really, Henry?"

By 8:30 the rink was a highway of young and old, white and black, skinny and round and tall and short, the skilled and the stum-

bling. It was Lake Shore Drive with no pause, on a night when the fastest speed in and out of congestion, copycats trailing close on their bumpers. A guy danced sideways. A small girl lost her balance as a man clipped her unknowingly, skating on. Everyone was present. Lumberjacks who skated like Olympians. High school athletes unable to stand. Backward skaters. Couples oscillating in time, arms curled across each other's backs. Franken-

steins, hands outstretched to soften inevitable falls. Men in sleeveless hoodies, no shirts beneath. Wisconsinites on road trips. Trains of teenage girls, in seamless waves, dipping and rising to Rihanna.

Eduardo Kamhayi, of Hoffman Estates, a fixture of the Rolling Skate Mafia — meaning, basically, one of several tight-knit regulars — rocked his hips and sank down on a leg, then sailed off the floor, his face a sheen of sweat. "My mentor!" he said, spotting Linda Everitt, who started skating here 11 years ago, after she moved from Southern California and went in search of a new home rink. She's a reservations agent with United. He had been taking his kids here for decades before deciding to skate. She gave him tips. Now he moves like he's making up for lost time.

"We're family," Kamhayi said.

"We are," Everitt said.

When Sandra Levin bought the rink from one of the original owners, she was newly divorced, no job, three kids, skating at Orbit herself to relieve stress. She encouraged the staff to bring their kids to work, as she did, to save on day care. What she could not anticipate was, decades later, becoming a caretaker of their memories and friendships. Steve Barath, 46, grew up a block away. He pointed into a corner: He break danced there Friday nights, and there, that was a coatroom, where kids made out: "These people took all my paper route money." He pushed onto the rink, beneath an "Orbit" sign, its letters shaped into a planet and circled with traveling rings of golden lights.

It's spoken for, by an Orbit amusement center in Ohio.

The rental skates too, cluttered in plastic tubs — all being sold off. As for the regulars: They will not exit so smoothly. Some of the Rolling Skate Mafia expect to gravitate to the Lombard Roller Rink, but they say this through grimaces, as if announcing they will soon cheat on their spouses.

They prefer not to think about it.

The last weeks have been a slow piling away, of people making vague plans to see each other, someday, probably. For now they would rather skate. At the stroke of 10 p.m., the floor became adults-only, a stream of 40-somethings and elderly, kids in their late teens and parents in their 30s.

Dennis Oszuscik, a floor ref, in black-and-white stripes, put his hands in his pockets and silently sang along to the Whispers' "Rock Steady," circling with a comfortable wistful placidity, soaking in every inch and second. Hours later — hours after Orbit's usual hours — several dozen remained, still moving fast, flowing into synopated packs, working around and around, left leg back, right leg back, left leg back, until these packs drifted apart too, and skater by skater, they left. Then the lights came up and it was done.

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## A steady stream of pop culture

**Spielberg**, from Page 1

lovelorn teen boy looking for a real connection. Wade's gaming avatar, a sleek, blond, tattooed, boy-band-looking dude named Parzival, longs to know the supercool Art3mis in the real world, where she is plain ol' supercool Samantha, played by Olivia Cooke.

If the whole of "Ready Player One" were as fluid and exciting as the first action showcase, we'd have a classic. Spielberg juices it, flinging the audience between virtual worlds, and between virtual and real ones. The visual referencing is relentless. The holy hand grenade from "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" flies by; so do

The forces of corporate evil conspire against Wade and, eventually, his OASIS posse. Ben Mendelsohn portrays the sniveling face of adversity, and he makes for a surprisingly ineffectual antagonist. Or maybe I'm at the point in my life when I want Rylance to play every available supporting role, not just one or two.

The movie runs 140 minutes, which feels overgenerous for the amount and the quality of the narrative. Spielberg juices it, flinging the audience between virtual worlds, and between virtual and real ones. The visual referencing is relentless. The holy hand grenade from "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" flies by; so do



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Olivia Cooke plays Samantha, whose gaming avatar is Art3mis, in Steven Spielberg's "Ready Player One."

King Kong, "The Breakfast Club" and "The Godfather."

Spielberg's control of pacing, rhythm, action dynamics and tonal juggling is so astute that the story of Wade never quite gets lost in all the fly-by-

jokes and references.

But there's a big difference between a movie content to surf a tsunami of nostalgia, and science fiction sturdy enough to invent tomorrow's nostalgia, today. Let's not forget, "E.T.," "Close Encounters of the

Third Kind," "A.I." and "Minority Report" to name four of the director's achievements, sampled all sorts of established literary and screen classics. "Ready Player One" is a different and more disposable diversion.

But as I say: By a whisker, Spielberg wins the race against his own material.

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## WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Eline Powell

**"Siren"** (7 p.m., FREE): This new supernatural-tinged drama series is set in the placid coastal town of Bristol Cove, which local legend touts as the erstwhile home of mermaids. What may have worked well for the local Chamber of Commerce takes a dark turn, however, when a mysterious beauty (Eline Powell) who calls herself Ryn appears in the town and begins wreaking havoc among its residents. Alex Roe, Ian Verdun, Rena Owen and Fola Evans-Akingbola also star.

**"Gotham"** (7 p.m., FOX): Directed by series regular Ben McKenzie, the new episode "A Dark Knight: One Of My Three Soups" puts his character Gordon and comrade Bullock (Donal Logue) onto the plan by several Arkham patients to escape from the site. Bruce (David Mazouz) also becomes aware of the scheme. Barbara (Erin Richards) has a new opportunity to consider. Morena Baccarin, Robin Lord Taylor and Cory Michael Smith also star.

**"Supernatural"** (7 p.m., CW): Here's something you don't see very often ... or ever, until now: This show's main characters team with a certain cartoon group in the new episode "Scoobynatural," and the title should indicate that the animated gang in question is that from "Scooby-Doo." Sam, Dean and Castiel (Jared Padalecki, Jensen Ackles, Misha Collins) join Scooby, Shaggy and the others to probe a mystery that naturally — or supernaturally — involves ghosts.

**"A.P. Bio"** (7:30 p.m., NBC): Jack (Glenn Howerton) comes up with the seemingly perfect plan to help a former flame (guest star Collette Wolfe) stage a charity event in the new episode "We Don't Party." He offers his student Victor's (Jacob Houston) house as the site, and the occasion inspires Victor and his peers to do something alien to them: loosen up. Patton Oswalt, Lyric Lewis and Mary Sohn also star.

**"Station 19"** (8 p.m., ABC): Andy and Jack (Jaina Lee Ortiz, Grey Damon) continue to clash over leading the firefighters in the new episode "Contain the Flame," and the presence of the new battalion chief (guest star Leslie Hope, '24") does little to ease the tension. Pruitt (Miguel Sandoval) goes against his doctor's wishes and returns to the station house. Jay Hayden and Barrett Doss also star.

**"Nobodies"** (9:02 p.m., PARMT): Previously seen on TV Land, this scripted comedy series from executive producers Melissa McCarthy, Ben Falcone and Michael Macdonald returns for a second season, now with a new Paramount Network home and Mark-Paul Gosselaar joining the cast in a heavily recurring role. Another new episode immediately follows.

**"Conan"** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Sean Penn; actor Claudia O'Doherty.\*

**"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Bill Hader; singer-songwriter Jimmy Buffett; Troye Sivan performs.\*

**"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Emily Blunt; journalist John Heilemann; TV host Alex Wagner; Kacey Musgraves performs.\*

**"Jimmy Kimmel Live"** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Former professional basketball player Kobe Bryant; comic Mike Epps; Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds perform.\*

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	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	<b>CBS</b> 2	Big Bang Theory (N)	Young Sheldon (N)	(8:01) Mom (N) ©	Life in Pieces (N)	S.W.A.T.: "Crews." (N) ©	News (N) ♠	
	<b>NBC</b> 5	Superstore (N) ©	A.P. Bio (N) ©	Will & Grace (N) ©	Champions: "Lumps." (N)	Chicago Fire: "The One That Matters Most." (N)	NBC 5 News (N) ♠	
	<b>ABC</b> 7	Grey's Anatomy: "One Day Like This." (N) ©	Station 19: "Contain the Flame." (N) ©			Scandal: "The Noise." (N) ©	News at 10pm (N) ♠	
	<b>WGN</b> 9	* (6:30) NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Miami Heat. From the American Airlines Arena in Miami. (N) ©					WGN News at Nine (N) ©	WGN News at Ten (N)
	<b>Antenna</b> 9.2	3's Comp. Soap ©	Benson ©	Wings ©		Murphy Becker ©	Coach ©	
	<b>This TV</b> 9.3	Broadway Danny Rose (PG,'84) *** Woody Allen.					Shadows and Fog (PG-13,'92) *** ©	
	<b>PBS</b> 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Jesus: Countdown to Calvary ©			Rick Steves Special: European Easter ©	Jewish Film Showcase ♠
	<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 ♠
	<b>Bounce</b> 26.5	Living Single	Living Single	Tyler Perry's Temptation: Showtime at the Apollo: "Week 5." (N) ©		Confessions of a Marriage Counselor *		
	<b>FOX</b> 32	Gotham (N) ©		Blue Bloods: "Blowback."		Blue Bloods ©	Modern Family ©	
	<b>Ion</b> 38	Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods: "Blowback."		Blue Bloods ©	Blue Blood ♠	
	<b>TeleM</b> 44	José José, el príncipe (N)		Al otro lado del muro (N)		Enemigo íntimo (N) ©		Chicago (N)
	<b>CW</b> 50	Supernatural (N) ©		Arrow (N) ©		Law Order: CI		Law CI ♠
	<b>UniMas</b> 60	La niña		La tierra prometida		Reto 4 elementos		Noticias ♠
	<b>WJYS</b> 62	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Monument
<b>Univ</b> 66	El rico y Lázaro (N)		Papá a toda madre (N)		Por amar sin ley		Noticias (N)	
CABLE	<b>AE</b>	The First 48 (N) ©		Marcia Clark Investigates The First 48 (Series Premiere) (N) ©				Grace
	<b>AMC</b>	* (4:30) The Departed ***		The Green Mile (R,'99) ***		Tom Hanks, David Morse. ©		♠
	<b>ANIM</b>	Lone Star Law		Lone Star Law (N)		Lone Star Law ©		Lone Star ♠
	<b>BBCA</b>	Planet Earth: Africa ©		Planet Earth: Africa ©		Thursday Night Darts (N)		
	<b>BET</b>	* (6:05) Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son ('11) *		Black (N)		Mancave (N)		Rundown (N)
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	<b>BRAVO</b>	Housewives/Atl.		Next Friday (R,'00) ** Ice Cube, Mike Epps. ©		Watch (N)		
	<b>CLTV</b>	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics
	<b>CNBC</b>	Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		American Greed ©		Greedy ♠
	<b>CNN</b>	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♠
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	<b>DISC</b>	Invisible Killers (Series Premiere) (N) ©		(8:01) Naked and Afraid: "Rookie Survival." (N) ©		Afraid ♠		
	<b>DISN</b>	Hop (PG,'11) ** James Marsden.		Raven		Gravity Falls	Gravity Falls	Stuck
	<b>E!</b>	Step Brothers (R,'08) ** Will Ferrell. ©		Step Brothers (R,'08) ** Will Ferrell. ♠				
	<b>ESPN</b>	* MLB Baseball: Giants at Dodgers (N)		MLB Baseball: Indians at Mariners (N) ♠				
	<b>ESPN2</b>	* (6) E:60		College Basketball (N)				SportCtr (N)
	<b>FNC</b>	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	<b>FOOD</b>	Chopped: "Taco Time!"		Chopped ©		Beat Flay (N) Beat Bobby		Beat Bobby
	<b>FREE</b>	Siren: "Pilot." (Series Premiere) (N) ©		(8:01) Siren (N) ©		(9:02) Shadowhunters		700 Club ♠
	<b>FX</b>	* (6) Straight Outta Compton (R,'15) *** ©		Atlanta (N)		Atlanta ©		Atlanta ♠
	<b>HALL</b>	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	The Middle	The Middle	Golden Girls
	<b>HGTV</b>	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip/Flop (N)	Flip/Flop	Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Hunters
	<b>HIST</b>	Swamp People (N)		Swamp People (N)		Truck Night (N)		Swamp ♠
	<b>HLN</b>	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	<b>IFC</b>	Underworld: Evolution (R,'06) ** Kate Beckinsale. ©		Underworld: Awakening ♠				
	<b>LIFE</b>	Project Runway (N)		Project Runway All Stars (N) ©		Project Runway ♠		
	<b>MSNBC</b>	All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	<b>MTV</b>	Jersey Shore (N)		Jersey Shore (N)		(9:02) Jersey Shore ©		Jersey ♠
	<b>NBCSCH</b>	* Pregame (N) NHL Hockey: Winnipeg Jets at Chicago Blackhawks. (N) (Live) ©		Postgame				
	<b>NICK</b>	The LEGO Movie (PG,'14) *** Voices of Chris Pratt.		Full House		Friends ©		Friends ♠
	<b>OVATION</b>	* (6) Fury (R,'14) *** Brad Pitt, Shia LaBeouf.		Panic Room (R,'02) *** Jodie Foster. ♠				
	<b>OWN</b>	20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 ©		20/20 ♠
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<b>PARMT</b>	Friends ©	Lip Sync Battle (N) ©	Lip Sync (N)		(9:02) Nobodies (Season Premiere) (N) ©		Lip Sync	
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<b>TBS</b>	Seinfeld ©	Seinfeld ©	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N) ♠	
<b>TCM</b>	The Golden Touch (NR,'35) Voices of Billy Bletcher.		Mickey's Trailer ♠					
<b>TLC</b>	My 600-Lb. Life: "Supersized: Sarah's Story." (N)		Skin Tight (N)		My 600-Lb ♠			
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<b>TVL</b>	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Mom ©	Mom ©	King	
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PREMIUM	<b>HBO</b>	Atomic Blonde (R,'17) *** Charlize Theron. ©		Silicon		(9:25) Here and Now ©		
	<b>HBO2</b>	Barry ©	Silicon	High Main.	Observe and	Report (R,'09) **	Security ♠	
	<b>MAX</b>	The Conjuring 2 (R,'16) *** Patrick Wilson. ©		(9:15) Annabelle: Creation ('17) ***				
	<b>SHO</b>	Wakefield (R,'16) *** Bryan Cranston. ©		Billions ©		Toon Pres.		
	<b>STARZ</b>	* (6:59) Switchback (R,'97) * Dennis Quaid. ©		Ash vs Evil		Trumbo (R,'15) *** ©		
<b>STZNC</b>	* (6:30) Zombieland ***		John Q (PG-13,'02) ** Denzel Washington. ©		Stand ♠			

## BOOK REVIEW

## Finding paths amid changes in feminism

Wolitzer's novel reaches satisfying end despite missteps along the way

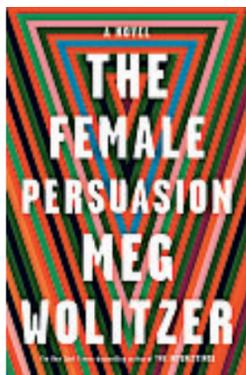
BY AMY GENTRY  
Chicago Tribune

*Becoming*, one of the hardest verbs to capture in any art form, is the big fish the realist novel was more or less invented to catch. Meg Wolitzer, long known for her sprawling, satisfyingly funny novels, has managed it a handful of times.

Her most ambitious novel to date, "The Interestings," traced a group of precocious high school students through lives that were, for better or for worse, only occasionally as interesting as initially promised. Published in 2013, "The Interestings" was lauded for sketching the slow gradations of its characters' lives, their periodic lurches forward along with their regressions and dead ends and stalemates.

"The Female Persuasion," Wolitzer's 10th book for adults (she has also written for middle-grade and young-adult audiences), aims just as high, merging two subjects she returns to again and again: talented young people growing to adulthood, and women's changing lives in the aftermath of second-wave feminism.

Greer Kadetsky, the soft-spoken but ambitious daughter of aimless Massachusetts hippies, longs for greater things; she and her high-school sweetheart Cory Pinto are described early in the book as "twin rocket ships." But while Cory's rocket makes it to Princeton, Greer, hampered by her parents' (and



### "The Female Persuasion"

By Meg Wolitzer, Riverhead, 464 pages, \$28

her) lack of follow-through, winds up at a third-tier liberal arts college, a disappointment that leaves her with a permanent case of status anxiety. At Ryland College, Greer meets two women who will change her life: Zee, a queer activist who becomes her best friend, and Faith Frank, a gorgeously aging Gloria Steinem-lite whose book "The Female Persuasion" is an enduring if dated classic of second-wave feminism. These four characters form the compass points for a drama of becoming, although Greer matters most, the other three serving, often unwillingly, as catalysts for her moral development.

Wolitzer is at her best when dropping wry but casual observations. The pages are peppered with little bonbons of accuracy



NINA SUBIN PHOTO

The ambitious new novel "The Female Persuasion" is Meg Wolitzer's 10th book for adults.

— "After college, sheets would immediately shorten to their normal length" — as well as more poignant truths. These are particularly shrewd when Greer ruminates on her relationship with Faith, who becomes her mentor and eventually gives her a job at a women's foundation: "It was awful to displease Faith, and wonderful to please her. ... Her approval was soft as velvet, and the desire for that approval was, also like velvet, a little vulgar." Greer's eventual liberation from this desire, along with her delivery from a certain ironclad aspirationalism, feels true to life, and bittersweet.

For all its tongue-clucking over Greer's snobbery, though, the narrative itself has a strangely snobbish cast. To be given full narrative weight, or even passing

approval, characters must be either preternaturally good or hyperintelligent, preferably both. Meanwhile, the girl whose poor reading skills Cory and Greer used to mock in high school (really!) grows up to be a working-class nobody, and is treated callously by Cory and the narrator alike. From an author so good at imagining women's inner worlds, it's a startlingly limited view of what non-precociousness looks like.

Moreover, the Zee and Faith chapters feel somewhat superfluous, with long stretches of exposition, so that years of change whoosh by on generalizations. Consider: "The war dominated conversations, and everything was punctuated by the best music she'd ever heard." During these sections, one longs to get back to Greer

and Cory, whose evolving conceptions of themselves and each other over the course of their long-distance relationship form the heart of the book.

More seriously, Wolitzer's prose is oddly resistant to intensity. The main characters experiment with heroin or casual sex, but never become ensnared in nasty, brutish addictions; they sleep with married men, but only by accident; they speculate on cash-flow problems but never grow even moderately desperate. This allergy to extremes blunts even the horrifying family tragedy that disrupts Cory's rocketlike trajectory midway through the book. This trauma feels gravely out of proportion, not because it is implausible, but because the narrative never quite stretches to accommodate it.

And yet, in the end, traumas large and small in "The Female Persuasion" get processed much like they do in real life: over a long time, through conceptual working and reworking, accompanied by a drifting and resetting of intentions. As Greer says near the end of the book, "It's weird ... the way sometimes you're *in* your life, but other times you're looking back at it like a spectator. It kind of goes back and forth, back and forth." By this point in the novel, the characters seem, despite the odds, to have become what they were always going to become. If we never quite catch them in the act, there's still something satisfying about seeing them arrive.

Amy Gentry is the author of the novel "Good as Gone."

## Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (March 29): Shared assets grow with care this year. Practice your skills and professional opportunities develop. Summer home improvement projects lay the stage for family fun and flowering romance. Team efforts reach a turning point before bearing fruit this winter.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Maintain health and fitness routines despite a busy schedule. Encourage others to participate, and delegate what you can. Underscore your statements with feeling.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 7. Relax, and play the game. Stick to fundamental rules and strategies. Compile the data so it makes sense. Fantasies prove flimsy. Seek out simple solutions.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 7. Authorize home improvements. Keep domestic routines and practices. Do laundry and wash dishes; ignored chores can accumulate. Don't bend the rules.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 7. Write and express your message. Dig deeper into a favorite subject. Read the background story to distill a summary. Make a persuasive case. Invite participation.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Get into a lucrative venture. Profit from your labors and stash your prizes. Education overcomes old fears. Take advantage of a lucky break.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Follow personal priorities and enthusiasms. Do what you love, and it feeds your spirit. Dress for success. Practice and share your talents.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 5. Rest and review plans for upcoming action. Take a refreshing pause. Recharge batteries. Restore health and energy levels. Process news and emotions.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. You have more friends than you realized. Parties, gatherings and social events provide fun and business connections simultaneously. Go for substance over symbolism.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Your good work reflects you well. Your influence is rising. Check the fine print on contracts and agreements before signing. No gambling.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Your studies and travels present new views. Draw logical conclusions and express them powerfully. Your experience and the structures you've built give you the edge.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. It's easier to manage your money when you're clear what you have and what's expected. A windfall is always nice. Steady discipline pays higher dividends.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Together, pursue a shared dream. Reality may clash with fantasy. Things may not look as imagined. Don't count chickens until they're hatched. Stay in action.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater



### Bliss



## Bridge

Both vulnerable, South deals

### North

- ♠ K 7 4 2
- ♥ A 7 6
- ♦ Q 6 5
- ♣ J 10 2

### East

- ♠ 10 8 6 5
- ♥ 8 4 3
- ♦ A 10 4 2
- ♣ 6 4

### West

- ♠ 9 3
- ♥ Q J 9 5
- ♦ K 9 8
- ♣ A 9 8 3

### South

- ♠ A Q J
- ♥ K 10 2
- ♦ J 7 3
- ♣ K Q 7 5

Some hands have all the tricks that you need to make your contract, but you still have to figure out how to take them. Some are very complicated, like the popular puzzle cube that appeared over 30 years ago and is still seen today. Today's deal is not especially complicated, but it takes some careful planning.

There appear to be nine easy tricks — four spades, two hearts, and three clubs. Should declarer win the opening heart lead in his hand, however, he will not be able to take those nine tricks against proper defense. Say that he wins the king of hearts and attacks clubs. West will hold up his ace until the third round of the

**The bidding:**  
**South West North East**  
 INT Pass 3NT All pass  
**Opening lead: Queen of ♥**

suit and lead a diamond to East's ace for the heart return that will set up two heart tricks for him. South will not be able to take four spade tricks unless the spades split 3-3. Declarer can cash the ace, queen, and jack of spades before leading clubs, but the defense can still defeat him. South will cash the king of spades while in dummy with the jack of clubs, but West will hold up his ace of clubs until the third round of the suit and proceed as before. South will not have an entry to his hand for the third club trick.

Declarer must win the opening lead with dummy's ace of hearts. Then he can play off the three top spades in his hand before leading clubs. He can discard a diamond on the king of spades while in dummy with a club and then continue clubs until West takes his ace. He will still have the king of hearts in his hand to reach his third club trick. Making three!

— Bob Jones  
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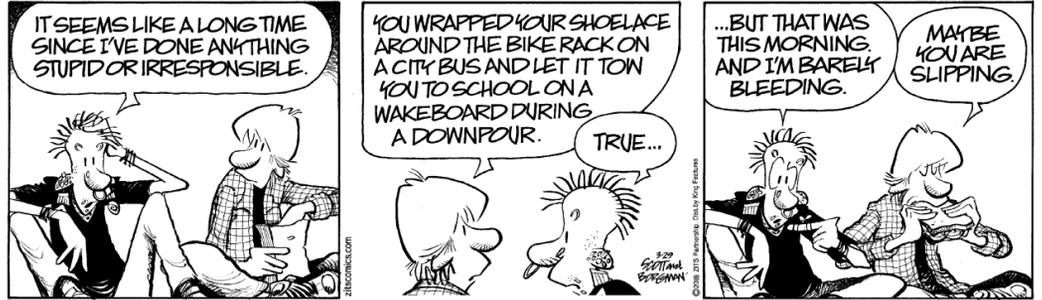
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### Baby Blues



### Zits



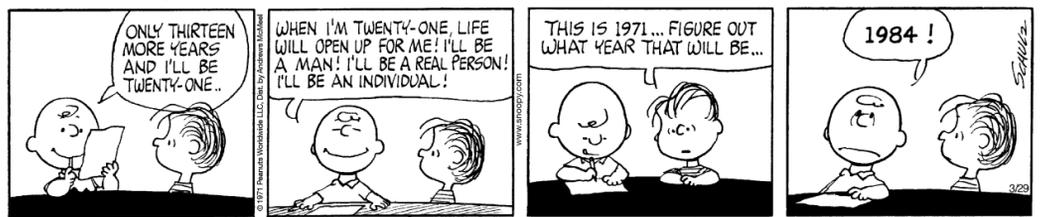
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### Frazz



### Classic Peanuts



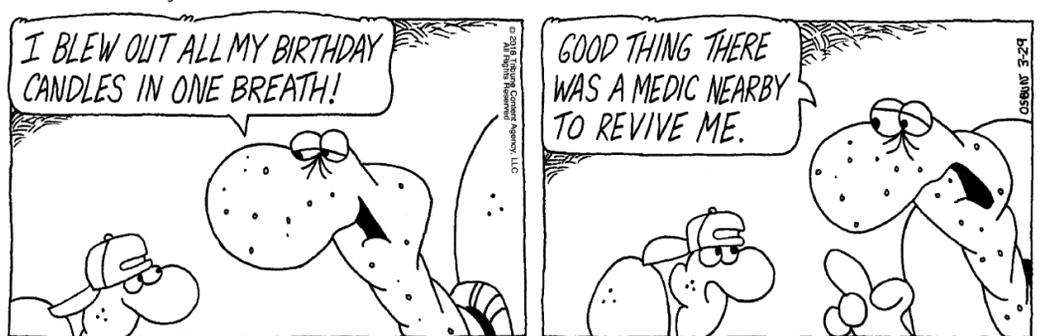
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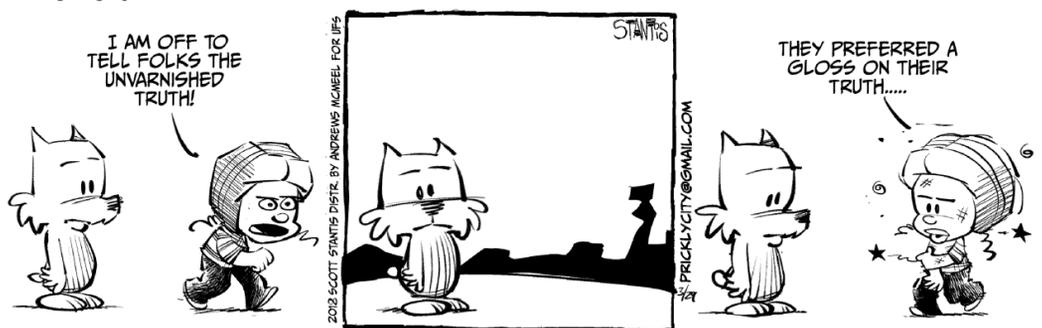
### Dick Tracy



### Animal Crackers



### Prickly City



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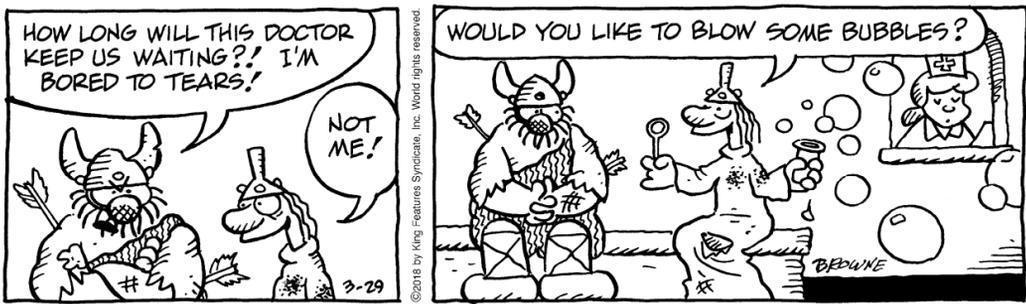
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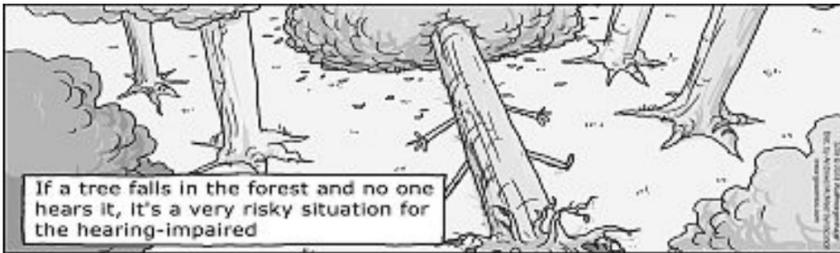
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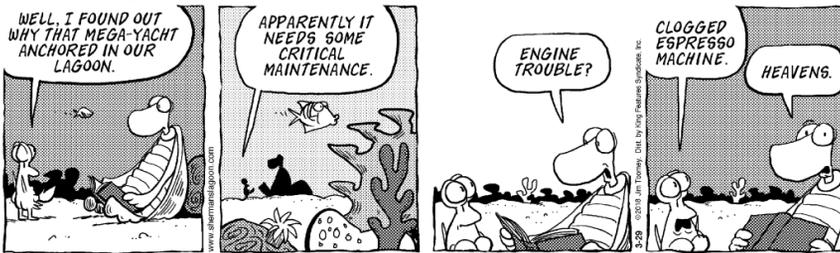
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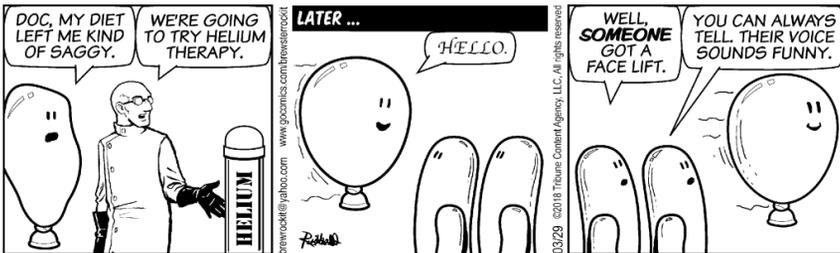
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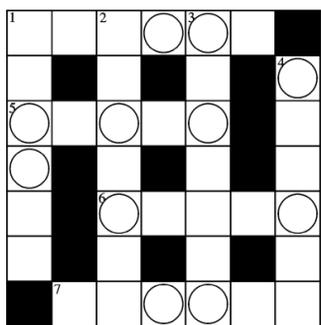
**Broom-Hilda** By Russell Myers



**Trivia Bits**

The Economist magazine measures purchasing power parity of various world currencies by comparing the cost of what item in countries around the world?  
 A) Pint of Guinness  
 B) McDonald's Big Mac  
 C) Cup of Starbucks coffee  
 D) Milky Way candy bar  
 Wednesday's answer: Corgi.  
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**Jumble Crossword**



**CLUE ACROSS**  
 1. Cunning  
 5. Enlists, enrolls  
 6. Talk  
 7. Single \_\_\_\_

**CLUE DOWN**  
 1. Coax, flatter  
 2. One of 50  
 3. Having a will  
 4. Play

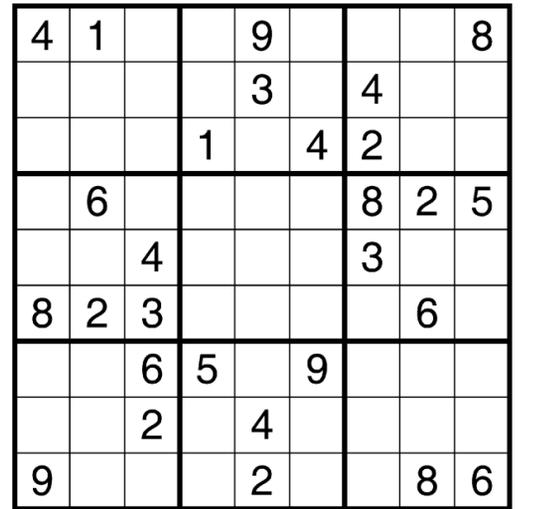
**ANSWER ACROSS**  
 FYCART  
 NJSIO  
 AEOTR  
 ENPATR

**ANSWER DOWN**  
 JOECLA  
 ZNRAAIO  
 EASTETT  
 CDFTEE

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.  
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 ANSWERS: 1A-Johns 6A-Arizona 5D-Teletext 4D-Direct 5D-Judith Foster  
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**Sudoku** 1 2 3 4

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7	1	6	8	5	4	3	9	2
2	8	5	9	3	7	4	6	1
4	3	9	2	6	1	8	5	7
8	6	3	1	4	9	7	2	5
5	9	7	6	2	8	1	4	3
1	4	2	3	7	5	6	8	9
9	2	1	4	8	3	5	7	6
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3	5	8	7	9	6	2	1	4

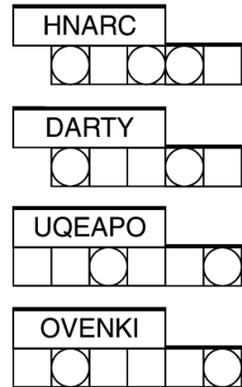
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

**Wednesday's solutions**

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**Jumble**

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



Answer here



**Wednesday's answers**

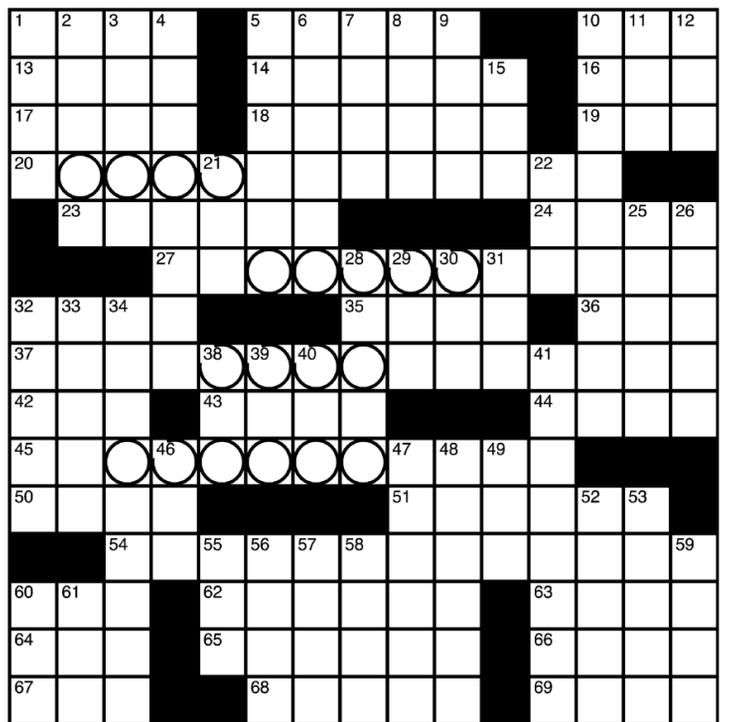
Jumbles: TEMPO TWEAK SALMON PICKLE  
 Answer: When telescopes were invented, people were excited to — TAKE A LOOK-SEE

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**Crossword**

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**Across**  
 1 "... — a pudgy tat!"  
 5 Bygone 26-Down rival  
 10 Limit  
 13 Small rodent  
 14 Bold alternative  
 16 Have a mortgage  
 17 "... two fives for \_\_\_?"  
 18 Helix-shaped pasta  
 19 Pince—  
 20 Surprisingly little, pricewise  
 23 Picasso's birth city  
 24 Desertlike  
 27 Superfast  
 32 RR stops  
 35 Healthy drink  
 36 Immigrant's subj.  
 37 Maxim about frugality  
 42 Comic strip cry  
 43 "Deadliest Catch" narrator Mike  
 44 View from Catania

45 It's learned the hard way  
 50 Put away  
 51 Split up  
 29 "That is sooo cute!"  
 54 Confusing statements ... and a hint to the circled letters  
 60 MSNBC's "Morning \_\_\_"  
 62 Add value to  
 63 Avian digestive system part  
 64 Brewpub order  
 65 School bud  
 66 Singer Horne  
 67 "Not \_\_\_"  
 68 Bond and others  
 69 Macron's state

25 "Show time!"  
 26 Co-founder of the SkyTeam alliance  
 28 Skin care name  
 29 "That is sooo cute!"  
 30 Wasikowska of "The Kids Are All Right"  
 31 Engine starter: Abbr.  
 32 DNA lab items  
 33 Unspoken  
 34 Call for an appointment  
 38 Before, in ballads  
 39 Scand. land  
 40 Temple athlete  
 41 Squid appendage  
 46 Light opener?  
 47 Coined money  
 48 Pageant bands  
 49 Anesthesiologists' work sites, briefly  
 52 White-plumed wader  
 53 "Strawberry Wine" country singer Carter  
 55 Gen—  
 56 First family grandson?  
 57 Let go of  
 58 Actress Rogers  
 59 Rescue team acronym  
 60 Word with hawk or walk  
 61 "¡Viva el matador!"

**Wednesday's solution**



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# CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

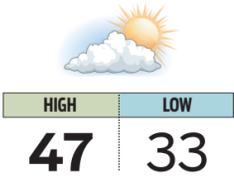
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THURSDAY, MARCH 29 NORMAL HIGH: 52° NORMAL LOW: 33° RECORD HIGH: 88° (1986) RECORD LOW: 9° (1887)

## Brisk northeast winds, with light rain Thursday

### LOCAL FORECAST



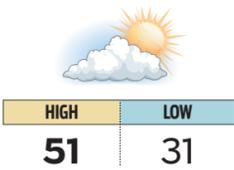
■ The passage of a weak cold front overnight will reinforce north to northeast winds before dawn that will continue.  
 ■ Post-frontal clouds and light showers will persist a good portion of the day.  
 ■ Trending cooler in the wake of another cold front. Mostly cloudy with occasional light rain. Highs in the middle to upper 40s with readings closer to 40 degrees right along the Lake Michigan shoreline.  
 ■ Rain should end from the west later in the day, becoming partly cloudy with winds diminishing overnight – lows 30-35.

### NATIONAL FORECAST



We experienced light easterly winds Wednesday across the Chicago area, with the occasional breaks in clouds allowing the late-March sun to raise readings into the mid- and upper 50s well inland, while lakefront locations braved upper 30s.  
 A cold front will move through before daybreak Thursday, with reinforcing north-to-northeast winds expected to prevail areawide through the daylight hours along with cloudiness, occasional light rain and temperatures ranging from the 30s again along the lakefront to the middle-upper 40s well inland.  
 Much below-normal temperatures are expected to continue through next week, starting off with perhaps the coldest Easter here since 1978 – even abundant sunshine will be unable to boost Sunday readings out of the 30s.

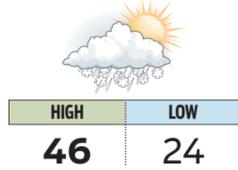
### FRIDAY, MARCH 30



Abundant sunshine allows temperatures to reach into the lower 50s by afternoon. Clouds increase at night with a chance of a rain/snow mix toward morning. Southwest winds.



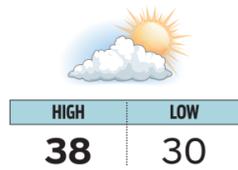
### SATURDAY, MARCH 31



Mostly cloudy with occasional light rain or rain/snow mix early, becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Windy, cool. Highs peak early in the mid 40s – falling in the afternoon. Gusty SW winds shift north midday. Cold overnight.



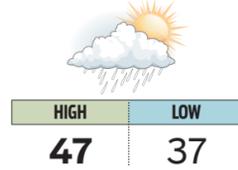
### SUNDAY, APRIL 1



Partly sunny and chilly with a brisk northwest breeze. Highs struggle to reach the upper 30s. Cloudy overnight.



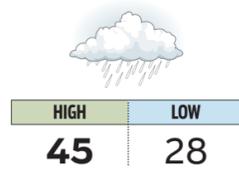
### MONDAY, APRIL 2



A little sun early but clouding over fairly quickly with a chance of rain spreading into the area from the south and west. Still cool with highs in the middle 40s. Clouds and a chance of rain overnight. S/SE winds.



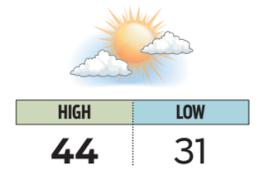
### TUESDAY, APRIL 3



Cloudy, gusty N/NE winds with occasional light rain possibly becoming mixed with wet snow at times. Highs in the low/mid 40s. Precipitation ending in the afternoon. Becoming partly cloudy at night.



### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4



Mostly sunny but continued cool – high temperatures in the mid 40s. Clear skies overnight. Brisk winds out of the northwest gradually diminish toward sunset – becoming light and variable overnight.



### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
 Why does air pressure never cause problems?  
 – Vince Pamelio

Dear Vince,  
 Air pressure, a measure of the weight of air, is determined by the amount of air extending upward to the top of the atmosphere. A barometer measures the number of inches of mercury (in a vertical tube) that weigh exactly the same amount as the air pressure. The average air pressure at sea level is 29.92 inches of mercury, or about 14.7 pounds per square inch.

Air pressure is a benign weather phenomenon in the sense that its effects on the human body are minor within the limits that air pressure varies (below about 12,000 feet). Chicago's air pressure extremes are 30.98 inches (Feb. 16, 1989) and 28.70 inches (March 12, 1923). The difference, 2.28 inches, represents only about one pound per square inch, or an elevation change of 2,160 feet.

Write to: ASK TOM  
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## April to open with the coldest Easter Sunday in 40 years

**CHILLIEST EASTER IN 40 YEARS POSSIBLE THIS SUNDAY**

Forecast for this Easter Sunday: **38°** (Normal High: 53°)

■ Coldest Easter Sunday since 1978 (33°)  
 ■ It will rank among the chilliest 10% of Easters

RECENT EASTER SUNDAY DAYTIME HIGHS IN CHICAGO:  
 2017 April 16 73°  
 2016 March 27 63°  
 2015 April 5 66°  
 2014 April 20 79°  
 2013 March 31 59°

RANGE IN EASTER TEMPERATURES:  
 WARMEST: 85° (1977)  
 COLDEST: 19° (1895)

■ Of 147 Easters in Chicago 59% had precipitation, and 15% had snowfall

### CHICAGO AREA TO BE BRUSHED BY WET SPRING STORM



### LATE WEEK/EARLY WEEKEND SNOWSTORM FRI. NIGHT/SAT.



### LATE-WEEK/EARLY WEEKEND STORM TO TUG COLDER AIR INTO CHICAGO



### EASTER SUNDAY



### CHICAGO DIGEST

**WEDNESDAY TEMPERATURES**

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	53	34	Midway	53	39
Gary	48	39	O'Hare	54	39
Kankakee	51	40	Romeoville	53	39
Lakefront	46	38	Valparaiso	53	37
Lansing	52	39	Waukegan	47	30

**CHICAGO PRECIPITATION**

PERIOD	2018	NORMAL
WED. (through 7 p.m.)	0.00"	0.09"
Month to date	1.59"	2.22"
Year to date	7.77"	5.74"

**CHICAGO SNOWFALL**

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
WED. (through 7 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	32.9"	35.4"
Normal to date	34.8"	35.8"

**LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS**

THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Wind	N 15-25 kts. NE/SE 6-16 kts.
Waves	4-7 feet 3-6 feet
WED. shore/crib water temps	40°/39°

**WEDNESDAY PEAK POLLEN LEVEL**

POLLEN	LEVEL
Tree	Moderate
Grass	0
Mold	Low
Ragweed	0
Weed	0

**CHICAGO AIR QUALITY**

Wednesday's reading: Good  
 Thursday's forecast: Good  
 Critical pollutant: Particulates

**THURSDAY RISE/SET TIMES**

Sun	6:39 a.m.	7:13 p.m.
Moon	5:19 p.m.	5:54 a.m.

**THURSDAY PLANET WATCH**

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	6:47 a.m.	7:57 p.m.
Venus	7:30 a.m.	8:44 p.m.
Mars	2:24 a.m.	11:27 a.m.
Jupiter	10:52 p.m.	8:52 a.m.
Saturn	2:32 a.m.	11:46 p.m.

**BEST VIEWING TIME**

MERCURY	NOT VISIBLE
Venus	7:45 p.m. 10.5° W
Mars	5:45 a.m. 22.5° SSE
Jupiter	4:00 a.m. 31° S
Saturn	5:45 a.m. 23° SSE

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

MIDWEST CITIES				OTHER U.S. CITIES				WORLD CITIES							
THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	THURSDAY	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	rn	54	39	pc	57	39		Albany	rn	52	49	sh	51	33	
Carbondale	rn	48	32	pc	52	37		Albuquerque	pc	63	39	sh	70	54	
Champaign	rn	48	32	pc	52	37		Albany	rn	52	49	sh	51	33	
Decatur	rn	49	33	pc	53	38		Amarillo	pc	58	36	pc	70	47	
Moline	pc	51	28	pc	53	38		Anchorage	pc	36	23	pc	36	20	
Peoria	rn	48	32	pc	52	37		Asheville	cl	70	54	pc	59	34	
Quincy	sh	50	33	pc	55	40		Aspen	pc	42	26	pc	50	31	
Rockford	pc	49	27	pc	51	37		Atlanta	sh	74	56	pc	66	42	
Springfield	pc	51	34	pc	55	39		Atlanta City	pc	56	49	rn	59	39	
Sterling	pc	50	28	pc	52	37		Austin	su	84	53	sh	76	56	
Indiana	rn	56	36	sh	54	36		Baltimore	sh	68	60	rn	63	42	
Bloomington	rn	59	38	sh	56	38		Billings	pc	46	32	sh	51	15	
Evansville	rn	48	31	sh	50	34		Birmingham	ts	70	52	pc	67	43	
Fort Wayne	rn	48	31	sh	50	34		Bismarck	pc	42	27	ss	29	4	
Indianapolis	rn	54	35	sh	52	34		Boise	pc	59	39	pc	65	42	
Lafayette	rn	48	31	sh	50	34		Boston	cl	53	46	sh	61	39	
South Bend	rn	45	28	sh	48	33		Brownsville	pc	89	64	cl	84	65	
Wisconsin	pc	45	24	pc	48	29		Buffalo	rn	51	37	sh	44	31	
Green Bay	pc	45	24	pc	48	29		Burlington	sh	54	42	sh	47	29	
Kenosha	sh	44	28	pc	48	35		Charlotte	pc	79	62	sh	75	42	
La Crosse	pc	47	26	cl	51	36		Charlottesville	pc	74	62	rn	69	50	
Madison	pc	47	24	pc	50	34		Chicago	pc	51	37	sh	44	31	
Milwaukee	cl	45	27	pc	49	36		Cincinnati	rn	63	42	sh	52	34	
Wausau	pc	40	23	cl	42	29		Cleveland	rn	50	35	sh	40	34	
Michigan	rn	46	30	pc	48	33		Colorado Spgs	pc	51	29	pc	62	39	
Detroit	rn	46	30	pc	48	33		Columbia MO	sh	50	34	pc	56	43	
Grand Rapids	sh	50	28	pc	48	33		Columbia SC	pc	84	64	sh	77	46	
Marquette	cl	32	19	ss	33	17		Columbus	rn	61	38	sh	49	32	
St. Ste. Marie	pc	36	20	ss	37	22		Concord	pc	55	43	sh	56	32	
Traverse City	sh	39	25	pc	45	29		Conroe Christi	su	89	62	su	81	66	
Iowa	cl	45	28	pc	53	39		Copeland	pc	70	49	sh	72	54	
Ames	cl	45	28	pc	53	39		Dallas	pc	70	49	sh	72	54	
Cedar Rapids	pc	48	27	pc	52	38		Daytona Bch.	pc	83	63	sh	86	61	
Des Moines	cl	49	30	pc	55	42		Denver	pc	54	31	pc	65	37	
Dubuque	pc	50	27	pc	52	37		Duluth	su	39	20	pc	34	24	
Florida	pc	86	66	pc	89	64		El Paso	su	76	49	sh	83	55	
Alaska	ss	34	12	pc	33	9		El Paso	su	76	49	sh	83	55	
Arizona	ss	34	12	pc	33	9		Fairbanks	ss	34	12	pc	33	9	
California	ss	34	12	pc	33	9		Flagstaff	su	60	28	su	65	32	
Colorado	ss	34	12	pc	33	9		Fort Myers	pc	86	64	su	85	67	
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Delaware	pc	81	55	pc	84	56		Fresno	pc	81	55	pc	84	56	
District of Columbia	pc	60	37	pc	66	41		Grand Falls	pc	46	31	rs	46	9	
Florida	pc	86	66	pc	89	64		Great Falls	pc	46	31	rs	46	9	
Georgia	pc	86	66	pc	89	64		Harrisburg	sh	61	55	sh	60	36	
Hawaii	pc	86	66	pc	89	64		Hartford	sh	57	49	sh	58	38	
Idaho	pc	86	66	pc	89	64		Helena	pc	51	36	sh	50	16	
Illinois	pc	86	66	pc	89	64		Honolulu	pc	83	69	pc	83	69	
Indiana	pc	86	66	pc	89	64		Houston	pc	86	60	sh	79	59	
Iowa	pc	86	66	pc	89	64		Int'l Falls	cl	35	3	pc	24	8	
Kansas	pc	86	66	pc	89	64		Jackson	pc	79	71	ss	27	11	
Kentucky	pc	86	66	pc	89	64		Jacksonville	pc	84	64	sh	81	58	
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### Invest in garage storage:

For most homeowners, the garage is the black hole of their home's universe. Unwanted items from all areas of the house are stored, stacked and forgotten.

In pursuit of garage organization, cabinet-based storage systems are the most popular place to start. Cabinets have shelves, which provide a home for your tools, paints, camping equipment and other belongings. Once everything has a place, it will be easier to keep the garage clean.

The other big benefit of installing garage cabinetry: doors. The space will look neater when you're able to hide your mess behind a piece of particle board, wood or stainless steel.

— HomeAdvisor

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# 7 essentials to master modern farmhouse style

BY LAUREN WHITE  
HomeAdvisor

Modern farmhouse design is one of this year's hottest trends, and for good reason. The style combines the warmth of a traditional farm home with a streamlined, minimal aesthetic. And the result is not only stunning — it's timeless. There are lots of ways to achieve the look, but incorporating a few essentials will help you capture the core of the design and create the space you're envisioning.

**Open shelving.** Open or visible shelving is an important aspect of this design. It lends itself to a cozy, make-yourself-at-home feeling. Homeowners most commonly install floating shelves in a raw wood grain or a clean white, with or without visible brackets. If your kitchen already has cabinets, you don't need to pull them out to get this look. Simply remove the doors or replace them with glass door inserts.

**Whites and neutrals.** This style marries clean lines with cozy textures and accents. Choose white, black and neutral colors that keep the space airy and minimal. Incorporate clean-line materials like bead board, shiplap and subway tiles. For accents like throw pillows, use hand-hewn textures such as burlap.

**Barn doors.** Barn doors can go a long way in anchoring your theme. Install them as sliding doors for



DREAMSTIME

The modern farmhouse style — a hot trend this year — embraces reclaimed wood, lots of natural light and neutral colors to create an oasis for our busy lives.

pantries or bathrooms in either a sleek white finish or a rustic paint color. You can even use a reclaimed barn door to make a table.

**Farmhouse sinks.** The quintessential farmhouse sink is also known as an apron-front sink. These are deeper than other sinks, and you can find them in both single and double-basin styles. They are typically made from porcelain. However, stainless steel and copper sinks are popular in modern farmhouse designs.

**Windows and natural light.** To truly achieve the modern farmhouse style, incorporate lots of natural light. Your windows should let in as much light as possible. Keep them clean; cut back on shady trees; and swap dark, heavy curtains for light window treatments. If you have an opportunity to resize or reconfigure your windows, consider floor-to-ceiling fixtures in living spaces and rows of window panes in the kitchen. This softens the barrier to the outdoors and maxi-

mizes natural light.

**Reclaimed wood.** This is a staple feature of the style, and you can incorporate it in a number of ways. One popular installation is a beamed ceiling, constructed using reclaimed wood with its grain proudly exposed. Another great installation is a plank wall, which you can either leave raw or white-wash for the look of painted barn wood. Otherwise you can use reclaimed wood in accent pieces such as tables and benches.

**Antiques.** Sprinkle these sparingly and purposefully. This style leans toward minimalism, so you don't want to litter your shelves and counters with memorabilia. Vintage light fixtures, such as wiry pendant lights with Edison bulbs, are a perfect choice for overhead lighting. Industrial stools, vintage signs, porcelain jugs and functional Mason jars also make great accent pieces.

The increased demand for this style can be attributed to much more than aesthetic tastes. In today's fast-paced culture, homeowners need their houses to be both an escape and a comfort. Clear, defined surfaces and neutral tones are calming. Familiar, earthy textures are grounding. And natural light allows us to connect to the outdoors as our busy lives keep us inside and away from nature. Now that you have the formula, you can make an in-home oasis that is uniquely yours.

## FINDS

# Smart sprinkler units can save water, cash

BY GREGG ELLMAN  
Tribune News Service

The Rachio intelligent sprinkler controller has a number of merits — for one, chances are it will save you money on your monthly water bills.

Now Rachio has just launched an even smarter system with the Rachio 3 smart sprinkler controller and Rachio 3 wireless flow meter ([www.rachio.com](http://www.rachio.com)).

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Other new features include buttons on the unit for controlling the system (Rachio 2 is button free, controlled only via app), upgraded weather intelligence and easy-press connectors for 14- and 18-gauge wiring.

I'm not an electrician nor a plumber, but installing the Rachio



RACHIO

The Rachio 3 smart sprinkler controller can monitor a local weather station to check rainfall.

2 was as simple as plugging in a lamp. The Rachio 3 is the same.

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The Rachio app lets users control their watering, scheduling when and how much to dose lawns.

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# Go bold at bedtime

## Comforters, duvets get dramatic

BY MELISSA KOSSLER DUTTON  
Associated Press

Colored, textured and patterned comforters and duvets are telling a dramatic bedtime story these days.

"Bedding acts as a narrator to set the tone of the room," said Anthropologie's home textiles buyer Brittany Peacock. "As the focal point of the room, the bed is a natural location for a pop of color or pattern."

Taking their cue from manufacturers and high-end design projects, consumers are moving away from the pale colors that once dominated bedroom decor and toward vibrant tones and patterns, said Joy Coulter of Couture Designs in New Albany, Ohio.

"In the more upscale magazines, I am starting to see more bright colors,

especially in master suites," she said. "The new trends seem to be getting away from so much neutral and gray. People are tired of having just white bedding, and they're ready to try something bold."

Louise Traficanti, creative director for Eastern Accents, a bedding company in Chicago, thinks that homeowners were decorating with muted palettes for several years in response to the economic downturn and their own financial constraints. Things have begun to change, she said.

"Over the last two years, we've been really pushing more color, and seeing our customers respond enthusiastically to patterns and designs," she said.

More color in the bedroom also is a reflection of how much time people spend there, added Chris Chapin, co-founder at



ANTHROPOLOGIE

Anthropologie's Floral Bedding Collection by artist Lillian Farag is vivid and playful (anthropologie.com).

Company C, a home furnishings company in Concord, N.H. With the bedroom functioning as a place to watch television, read a book or use technology, it's not surprising that people are craving livelier looks realized through florals, prints and geometric patterns in dramatic colors, she says.

"People want color and some excitement in their lives. Color can represent what someone's passionate about," she said. "You walk in, you feel good."

The desire to decorate in a way that tells your story also has helped drive the use of color, Traficanti said. "As people get more expressive about their own personality," they are choosing more interesting colors and patterns for a "more curated look," she said.

Eclecticism is in and "matchy matchy" is out, added Andrew Howard of Andrew Howard Interior Design in Jacksonville, Fla. A room should look as if "it grew over time — that it wasn't bought on the same

day with all the fabrics perfectly coordinating."

The practice of buying bedding in a bag — a complete set of sheets, comforter, bedskirt and shams — is on the wane, Coulter said.

Texture and layering also contribute to the bold look, Chapin said. Increasingly, customers are mixing quilts, waffle-weave blankets, rich throws and other fabric pieces to create an interesting look, she said.

Going bold with your bedding is also one of the most affordable ways to

change the look of a room, said Suzy Cacic, an interior designer who blogs at BetterDecoratingBible.com.

"Bedding is an easy way to dress up your bedroom without having to stick to a commitment like painting your walls or purchasing new statement furniture," she said. "Leaving your walls neutral and playing up your decorating with accessories such as your bedding is an easy and commitment-free way to bring in some great style to your space."



DREAMSTIME

Organization professionals recommend hanging tools on a wall or pegboard — and drawing an outline to remind you where they go.

## HOME REMEDIES

# How to spring forward with a more organized garage

BY PAUL F.P. POGUE  
Angie's List

Spring is closer than you think, and with all that winter stuff cluttering up your garage, it's time to think about bringing order to your space. These tips will help you keep your garage organized for good.

**Think like an organizer.** The right mindset is the most important tool you'll use in organizing your garage. Before you create a new storage system, go through your belongings and decide what you want and need to keep. Are you storing old paint you'll never use again? Electronics that you thought you'd eventually repair? Be honest with yourself, and ruthlessly pare down what you don't need. Decluttering is a liberating process. And you'll be surprised by the amount of space it will free.

**Prioritize by size.** The biggest stuff should receive the most consideration. Freezer, secondary refrigerator, lawn tractor — these items take up the most space and are hardest to move. Determine where the big stuff goes and work around it from there.

**Maximize wall space.** Hang trimmers, extension cords, long-handled tools and even bikes on simple hooks to free floor space and assign each item a dedicated place. Mount a peg board on the wall to neatly store tools. (It helps to draw an outline of each tool so you can easily see where it belongs when it's time to put it back.) Take care to mount these hooks on wall studs to ensure they're secure.

**Raise the roof.** Use overhead storage to make the most of otherwise wasted space. Many garages have built-in attics or high-pitched roofs that lend themselves perfectly to skyward storage. If you don't have a second level for storage in your garage, consider installing a ceiling-mounted storage unit, hanging shelves or building an entire overhead loft, complete with ladder access. Many off-the-shelf storage solutions can stash your entire family's bicycle collection, camping gear or holiday decorations all above your parking space.

**Spring for shelves.** Deep shelves are a must — whether they're in custom-

built cabinets or a simple stand-alone rack. Ideally, garage shelves should be at least 24 inches deep and strong enough to hold the weight of your stored belongings and more. Keep the items you use infrequently in the back and the tools and equipment you use most frequently in the front for easy access.

**Put safety first.** Store hazardous items such as engine oil, paints and household cleaners safely and out of reach of little hands. And when you decide to get rid of them, be sure to dispose properly. Follow the instructions on chemical containers for safe disposal, and check with your local municipality regarding rules for potentially toxic waste.

**Hire a professional organizer.** If organizing your garage sounds like too overwhelming a task to tackle on your own, consider hiring a professional organizer. A pro can help you with everything from purging your belongings to creating a multi-solution organization system that will help you make the most of your space for years to come.

# What to do before you start your early planting

BY TIM JOHNSON  
Chicago Tribune

Is it too early to start planting trees and shrubs? I would like to get an early start on garden improvements this year.  
— *Monica Jackson, Grayslake*

It is OK to start planting trees, shrubs, perennials and ground covers in early spring, as long as the soil conditions permit. For instance, there are some shady areas in my garden that still have frost in the ground — avoid working the soil in any areas that are still frozen or too wet. The structure of the soil can be damaged if you dig while the soil is too wet.

The soil will take longer to dry out after snow and rain because it's cooler in spring. One way to check if the soil is dry enough to plant is to make a golf ball-size ball of soil in your palm. Press your thumb on the ball. If the soil crumbles or breaks apart, then the soil is fine to work. If the soil sticks together, then it needs more time to dry out before you begin planting.

When you buy plants this early in the year, it is best to purchase those that are in a similar stage of growth as established plants growing in gardens. Plants that are brought in from a warmer gardening zone or greenhouse can be further along in foliage or flower development; those leaves or flowers can be damaged by freezing temperatures outdoors. (You can likely count on more hard freezes yet to come in the Chicago area.)

For example, if you were to purchase a hosta in full leaf and plant it now, the foliage would surely be killed by a frost. The plant may resprout later as the weather warms up, but it would be put under considerable stress, which



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

In early April, plant cool-season annuals such as pansies and primulas, pictured here, which can tolerate a light frost. But monitor the weather.

would affect its performance in the garden. It is fine to plant dormant perennials now — if there is a slight bit of new growth (similar to what you may be seeing in your perennial border) in the container, then you can use mulch to help protect it from the cold.

Install bare root plant material as soon as you can after it arrives in the mail. Unpack plants, and make sure the packing around the roots is moist. Store the plants in a cool place where they will not freeze before planting. It is a good idea to soak the roots of trees and shrubs in water for a short time before planting. Do not let the roots dry out. Prune only broken branches and roots before planting. There is no need to prune to compensate for transplant shock.

The freeze and thaw cycles occurring at this time of year can heave newly installed plants that were grown in small con-

tainers out of the ground. Mulch your new plants to prevent this from happening. I generally use about an inch of mulch for new perennial and ground cover plantings and 2 inches for trees and shrubs.

Plant cool-season annuals, such as pansies and primulas that can tolerate a light frost, in early April. Monitor the weather, as temperatures that drop into the low 20s can damage even the more cold-tolerant annuals, such as pansies. Temperatures that go down to 25 degrees will likely damage the flowers on pansies — the plants should survive, but their spring flower display will be severely affected. It is OK to plant some pansies in a pot outside now and bring the pot inside when very cold nights are predicted.

*Tim Johnson is director of horticulture for the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe.*

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# How you can win battle against water

BY TIM CARTER  
Tribune Content Agency

Unless you live in the Atacama Desert, you need to deal with water in and around your home. Even if you live in an arid climate where rain only falls a few months of the year, you have to protect your home.

Every spring I get more messages about wet basements and crawl spaces and soggy soil in the yard. I'll share a few stories I got recently on AsktheBuilder.com.

Sara lives in the greater Washington, D.C., area. A few weeks ago, a horrible nor'easter caused water to leak over her basement wall. She described it as a miniature Niagara Falls.

Sara lives in a brick-veneer home that's only 30 years old. She has only been in the home for a year and didn't have a leakage problem before the storm. As you might imagine, she was quite distraught.

I explained to Sara that the ferocious storm lashed her house with wind-driven rain. The force of the wind, coupled with the weight of the water crashing against her brick walls, drove water through the brick/mortar interface much like you'd hammer a nail into a soft piece of balsa wood. That water then ran down the back of the brick and found a way inside her basement.

The builder and bricklayer who built Sara's home didn't install the proper flashings and water-containment mem-



In a close-up view of a mortar joint between two layers of brick, note the tiny cracks where wind-driven water can seep into the wall and cause damage.

TIM CARTER PHOTO

branes to deal with this water. It's a known fact in the industry that brick walls leak water. I shared with her a clear water repellent and a secret method to apply it that should stop almost all future water from leaking into her home.

A man in New Jersey landed on my website and was desperate. He's building a new home, and the same storm that pummeled Sara caused his basement to flood. The builder had yet to install the sump pump, and all the

water that cascaded down from the roof soaked into the fluffed-up soil around the foundation.

The photos the homeowner sent me were distressing. The water that poured into his basement through the sump pit was filled with silt. The floor and walls were coated with the brown film. I pointed out that if the builder had installed a deep layer of straw or a layer of felt paper on top of the foundation drain tile, the silt would have never made it

into the basement.

Backfill soil around new homes gets fluffed up, and water flowing into the soil transports the small silt particles until they hit a filter or barrier or the soil self-compacts. If the silt is not stopped, it can clog the gravel covering the drain tile and, in the worst case, clog the drain tile.

The homeowner is going to dig a test pit along the foundation to see what happened. It's possible the foundation was not waterproofed and the drain tile was not installed correctly.

Finally, I heard from Erica, who lives on the West Coast. She's dealing with a few issues, not the least of which is water that drips from her roof and splashes up onto her wood siding. She also told me that when there's a heavy rainstorm, water flows overland down the hill behind her and hits her back wall.

Gutters at the bottom of roofs are a great way to minimize water issues on a home. A 1-inch rainstorm drops about 1,870 gallons of water on the roof of an

average three-bedroom home. Gutters and generous roof overhangs can prevent wood siding from rotting because of all this water.

The overland water that hits up against Erica's home can be prevented by ensuring the top of the foundation or house slab is high enough so the ground around the entire home can be sloped away from the surrounding natural ground. All too often builders put houses too deep into the ground, causing drainage nightmares.

The building code in most states mandates that at least 6 inches of foundation be exposed above the soil around a home. The ground around the home must then tilt away from the foundation and fall at least 6 inches in the first 10 horizontal feet of run.

This creates a swale or trough so water doesn't come crashing against the house. It's important to realize these dimensions are minimum standards. It's best to have more fall so water never runs up against the foundation.

I've created a free downloadable document that has the sealer Sara needs, a hand drawing of how drain tile and gravel should be installed along a foundation, a drawing of how high to place a foundation or slab to prevent flooding, and lots of links to other helpful stuff you need to keep your home dry. Just go to [go.askthebuilder.com/B1239](http://go.askthebuilder.com/B1239) to get the free PDF.

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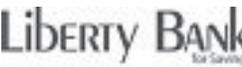


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If you're buying a brand-new home, pay to upgrade features if waiting would not only cost more, but also cause headaches — such as cabinetry, countertops and electrical.

## Be shrewd about pre-move upgrades on a new house

BY PAT SETTER  
The San Diego Union-Tribune

One of the most exciting parts of buying a brand-new home is picking out the cabinets, flooring, fixtures and finishes to make it your own. Going into a designer showroom is like being a kid in a candy shop, and there's a lot to choose from.

Homebuyers need to keep in mind, however, that it all comes with a price tag, and the model home that made them fall in love with the development features thousands of dollars' worth of upgrades. The standard or "included" version of a home can look much different.

How do you create the home of your dreams without breaking the bank? You will need to decide what's worth spending money on and what can wait. To do that, consider how long you plan to stay in the home. If it's a starter home that you plan to sell in a few years, get only the upgrades with a good resale value.

Before you talk to designers, create a priority list and have a budget. Most homebuyers spend an average of 12 percent of the cost of a home on upgrades.

Be sure to ask whether upgrades can be included in the mortgage.

Although it's a nice aim to have everything perfect by the time you move into that new home, it's rarely practical. Many cosmetic things can be done later and probably for less money, but be sure to check the home warranty: You won't want to make changes that will void the builder's warranty.

Make the upgrades for which waiting would not only cost more money, but also cause a lot of headaches — things such as cabinetry, countertops and electrical.

If you're buying a two-story home, the stairs often set the tone in the entryway. Many standard homes will come with carpeted stairs that have plywood underneath, so if you plan on having hardwood floors, now is the time to add hardwood stairs.

Also, add any electrical connections you think you will need. This includes lighting, outlets, built-in speakers and alarm systems. You won't want any one tearing into the walls of your new home. This is also true for insulation. Getting the highest R-value available will save money

in heating and air conditioning in the long run.

Don't get caught up in the glam and glitz of selecting upgraded lamps, hardware range hoods or even paint colors. These things can be easily replaced, and you'll have more choices than the builder can offer. If the backsplash is a budget-buster, consider leaving it out for now so it can be easily added later.

The most important thing is to do your homework. Come with a list and have a pretty good idea of your top wish-list items, as well as a must-haves list. Then try your best to stick to it. While fulfilling that wish list is often the most fun part of buying a new home, navigating the budget and identifying needs versus wants can also cause their fair share of headaches.

Don't be afraid to add the items you feel are necessary, and realize that every \$1,000 in options added to the price of the home often results in \$6 to \$8 more per month in a mortgage. Instead of spending your cash on hand, including it in your mortgage can give you more flexibility and a slightly larger tax write-off later.



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"Even though the townhomes at Victoria Park are not custom in the strict sense of the term, buyers can experience a high degree of customization in these homes," Samuels says. "I have always taken a hands-on approach to the design of each home, and over the years, I have been asked to incorporate elements such

as an antique fireplace surround, antique mantles, stained glass pieces and the restoration and use of a variety of other antiques. A buyer at Victoria Park is incorporating an antique stove into the master bedroom and a fireplace of cut granite boulders.

"People often bring me photos of fireplaces and other elements and ask if I can replicate a similar design in their home. This requires searching for the appropriate materials and working with suppliers to obtain additional elements. The elements also must be incorporated into the home's floor plan and be of a complementary scale within the room. Custom creations like the fireplace in the accompanying photo can be a dramatic addition to a room," he says.



Shodeen Homes created this custom kitchen at Norton Lake in Campton Hills.



Custom cabinets, wine bar and entertainment center create the ultimate game room in this Toll Brothers home.

Shodeen Homes is developing new home communities in the far western suburbs and in the Lake Geneva area of southern Wisconsin. The company has a custom homes division, Sjodin Homes, as well as offering customization in homes throughout various communities.

"We've recently customized a kitchen for clients at Norton Lake, a new community in Campton Hills, west of St. Charles," says Jeremy Lund, sales manager. "We worked closely with the cabinet company to configure this kitchen, and the attention to every detail has resulted in an individualized look that reflects the preferences of the buyers."

Among the highlights of this kitchen are the light glazed 42-inch cabinets with crown molding, custom milk-glass backsplash, custom pendants with bronze stems and blown glass shades. These highlights are added to an extra-large island, stainless-steel appliances and decorative stone hood and contrasting dark wood floors, he says.

At the Woods of South Barrington, the Duke model home features a custom conservatory that is emblematic of the many custom creations offered by Toll Brothers in its upscale new home communities.

"Toll Brothers offers a Design Studio

at the Woods of South Barrington which features a wide variety of options to customize the homes," says Danielle Slutzky, Design Consultant. "In addition, we incorporate these features with creativity to maximize their effectiveness. For example, we offer a 'pass-thru' wine bar, which includes cabinets and wine storage, but it is unique because it is open to both the dining room as well as the family room, for ease of entertaining with access to the bar from both rooms. We also offer custom creations such as full-wall bookcases, planning centers and built-in entertainment centers.

"The conservatory in the Duke model is a multipurpose room that showcases some of the built-in options that we can create. One side of the room features a casual seating area with a built-in wet bar, open shelves and wine storage, and the other side is accented with a pool table and additional built-in cabinetry for a television, glass cabinets for decorative pieces and plentiful storage. It is easy to see how this room will be a popular retreat," she says.

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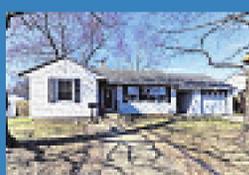
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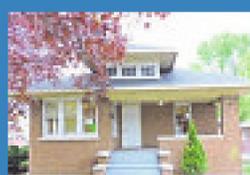
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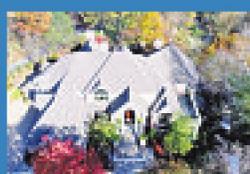
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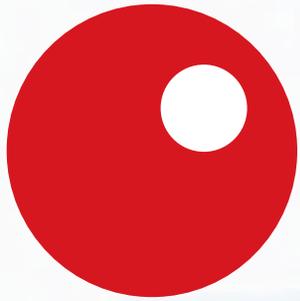
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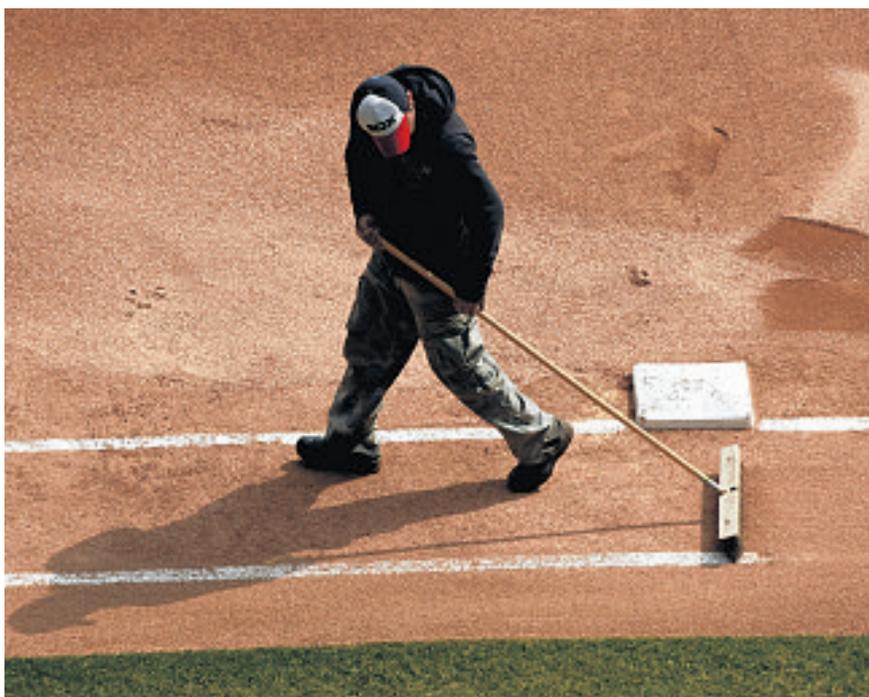
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Tribune dining critic Phil Vettel checks out Band of Bohemia, run by rising star Chef Ian Davis. The dishes are gorgeous but approachable — we definitely recommend a visit.



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Black camo mocha.

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Looking for a new drink that's as delicious as it is Instagrammable? The black camo mocha at Sawada in Merchandise Mart is a nutty, aromatic drink made with charcoal-roasted green tea.

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A reader asks sex columnist Anna Pulley: How do I maintain my queer identity as a bisexual person in a hetero relationship? It's all about maintaining your LGBTQ community.



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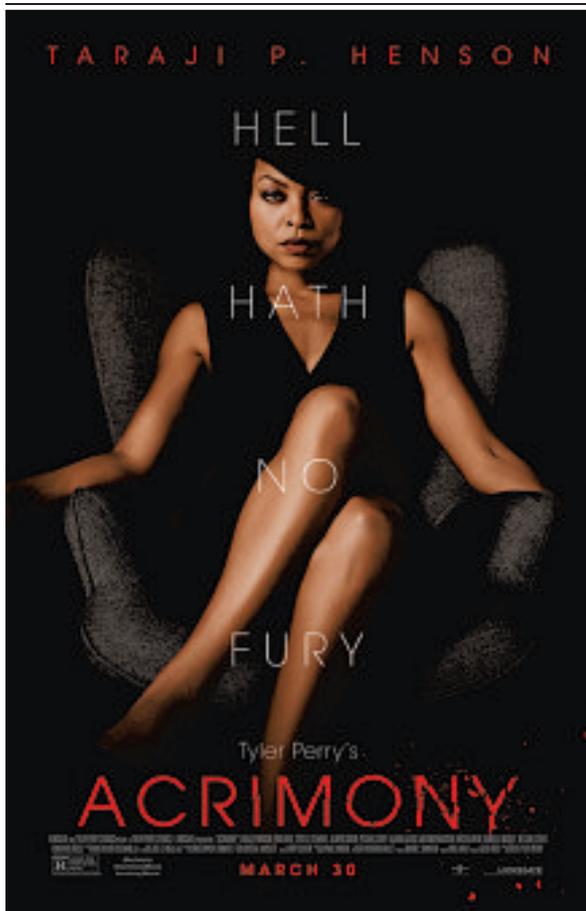
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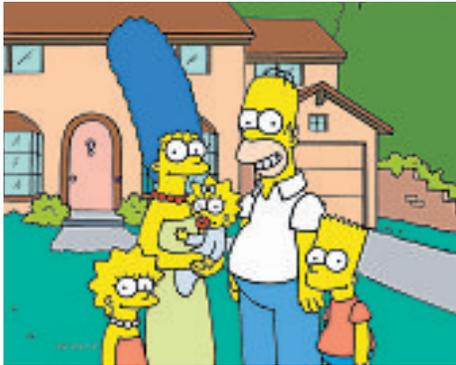
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Everybody's favorite "Simpsons" podcast comes to Chicago, as **"Everything's Coming Up Simpsons"** will host a live show at 8:30 p.m. Friday at Thalia Hall (1807 S. Allport St.). Chicago's resident wrestler, CM Punk, will be the special guest on hand to discuss his favorite "Simpsons" episode with hosts Allie Goertz and Julia Prescott. WOO HOO! Classic Simpsons Trivia Chicago will host "Simpsons"-themed trivia as well. It's like a variety show, only "Simpsons"-ified. Tickets: \$20. [thalia-hallchicago.com](http://thalia-hallchicago.com)

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'She the People' in the UP Comedy Club, with Katie Caussin and Alex Bellisle.

## LOLs for ladies

A perfect way to celebrate Women's History Month: **"She the People"** is Second City's recent show that has been critically acclaimed, and it was created entirely by women cast and crew members at the comedy club. The show, which plays at 8 p.m. Thursday through Sunday until May 27 at UP Comedy Club (230 W. North Ave.), skewers a slew of modern issues that affect women (and everyone else) while still leaving you laughing until you cry (and maybe crying until you laugh?). Tickets: \$26-\$43. [secondcity.com](http://secondcity.com)

## Ladies first

Bump and Grindcore is celebrating women with its March party, dubbed **Ladies to the Front: A Celebration of the Women in Rap**. DJs Rae Chardonnay and All The Way Kay will handle the music, full of legendary women like Queen Latifah, Da Brat, Nicki Minaj, Cardi B and many more acts, spanning generations of hip-hop, beginning at 9 p.m. Friday at Beauty Bar (1444 W. Chicago Ave.). The evening also features photos by GlitterGuts, custom nail art by Beauty Bar's nail team and will be hosted by writer and Tribune columnist Britt Julious. \$5 cover. [do312.com](http://do312.com)

## Get your grape on

Don't whine; be happy, because you have the option to wine instead. The former River North Wine Festival has rebranded to become the **Chicago Wine Fest**, although it will return to the same spot at Moe's Cantina (155 W. Kinzie St.) from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. Sip vino from more than 35 different wineries worldwide, enjoy a little something from the continuous cheese plates and maybe use the photo booth to help you document the day, in case you can't remember. Tickets: \$50+. [chilifevents.com](http://chilifevents.com)



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## FRIDAY

Get immersed in French culture from 6 to 8 p.m. at **20 East** (20 E. Delaware Place 312-397-3633) with a language lesson and macaron-making demonstration including two glasses of wine, bites and macarons to take home for \$30. Tickets: [nightout.com](http://nightout.com)

## SATURDAY

**MAK: Modern Asian Kitchen** (1924 W. Division St. 773-772-6251) offers half-price wine and sake from 5 to 9 p.m.

## SUNDAY

Everything except shots is half price from 5 to 7 p.m. at **AliveOne** (2683 N. Halsted St. 773-782-0459).

## MONDAY

Beer and cocktails are half price from 6 to 8 p.m. at **The Owl** (2521 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-235-5300).

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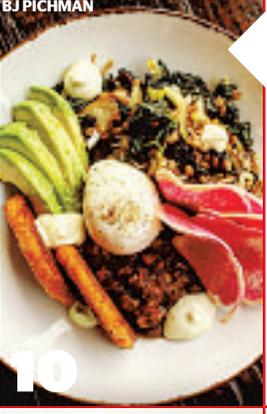
**The Kitchen** (316 N. Clark St. 312-836-1300) offers \$8 select cocktails, a trio of snacks for \$15, \$4 beer and \$8 glasses of house wine in the bar area from 3 to 6 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY

Sample six wines from Sonoma paired with appetizers for \$25 from 5 to 7 p.m. at **Ill Forks** (180 N. Field Blvd. 312-938-4303).

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By Samantha Nelson | FOR REDEYE

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# Cover your bases

## WITH TACO BELL GONE, HERE ARE 7 OTHER CHEAP SPOTS TO EAT NEAR WRIGLEY FIELD

By **Samantha Nelson** | FOR REDEYE

Wrigleyville's Taco Bell is closing this summer to make way for a climbing gym, which is decidedly not somewhere you can eat before a Cubs game to avoid concession stand prices. It's also not a place you can visit after a day of drinking leaves you craving a chalupa. Luckily, the re-development around Wrigley Field hasn't shut down all the options for budget bites. Check out one of these seven spots offering meals for \$10 or less and save your money for another round of beer.

### 5411 Empanadas

2850 N. Clark St. 773-755-5411

The BYOB spot's baked empanadas are \$2.75 each, so try a few from the list of favorites including shredded beef slow-roasted in malbec with onions, carrots and rosemary, and crispy bacon mixed with goat cheese and thin slices of dates, both of which you can dip in their house-made chimichurri sauce.

### Al's Beef

3420 N. Clark St. 773-935-2333

Get some ballpark style fare without actually setting foot in Wrigley Field by ordering a one-third-pound Polish sausage topped with mustard, relish, onions and sport peppers and served with a side of fries for \$6.50. You can also opt for the chain's namesake Italian beef sandwich, served with as much gravy as you want (\$5.65-\$8.95).

### Byron's Hot Dogs

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5411 Empanadas' baked empanadas are \$2.75 each.

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### Cheeseburger from Rockit Burger Bar.

the Red Line at this neighborhood classic known for fast food favorites like a Chicago-style hot dog (\$3.29), Italian beef sandwich (\$5.99), bacon cheeseburger (\$6) and French fries (\$2.45).

### Dimo's Pizza

3463 N. Clark St. 773-525-4580

For nearly 10 years, this spot has been satisfying the weirdest of late night cravings by serving up quirky slices like Chicken n' Waffles (\$4.50) made with mozzarella, melted butter, creme fraiche, fried chicken, house-made mini-waffle bites and honey, along with seasonal options like the White Pie (\$4.50) featur-



AL'S BEEF

### Italian beef from Al's.

ing whipped ricotta, roasted garlic, basil, Italian seasoning and olive oil. Complete your meal with an order of their new truffle or seasoned fries (\$4.50 or \$3.50).

### Rockit Burger Bar

3700 N. Clark St. 773-645-4400

When the restaurant reopens for Cubs season on April 9, they'll be sporting a new, simpler menu including a jumbo Chicago-style hot dog (\$8) and a five-ounce burger topped with lettuce, tomato, onion and American, cheddar, Swiss or pepper jack cheese (\$10). Both options come with your choice of French fries, sweet potato fries or truffle fries.

### Wrigley BBQ

3555 N. Broadway 773-472-1227

Pregame at the BYOB counter-service spot while packing in a brisket or pulled pork sandwich, served with a side of corn bread or mac and cheese (\$8.95), or a six-piece order or smoked or fried jumbo chicken wings (\$9.95). Drench your meats in one of their numerous vinegar-based, sweet or spicy sauces.

### Si-Pie Pizzeria

3477 N. Broadway 773-360-1862

With a new location opening at 3349 N. Sheffield Ave. on April 4, you'll soon have two places to grab a giant slice of pizza and a 16-ounce fountain drink for just \$5.50. That deal always applies to sausage, cheese, pepperoni and veggie pizzas, but depending on how many pies they're turning out that day, you snag a slice of one of their signature pies like the kabob pizza topped with beef, lamb or chicken shawarma plus green peppers and onions, or the Mediterranean pizza, where the same meats are paired with mushrooms, romaine lettuce, peppercini and garlic sauce. No matter what you pick, add on one of their beloved garlic bites for \$1 or get three for \$2.75.

Samantha Nelson is a RedEye freelancer.

# Hey, batter batter

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE WHITE SOX AND CUBS GOING INTO THE 2018 SEASON

By Paul Sullivan | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

It's the start of another baseball season, and Chicago's two ball clubs are in very different places. To get a handle on how the Cubs and White Sox are doing, turn to Tribune sports writer Paul Sullivan to break down the narratives surrounding each team.

### Cubs hoping clubhouse chemistry stays same despite changes

The Cubs reportedly handed out 1,908 World Series rings last year, seemingly rewarding anyone with a passing relationship with the organization.

But only 25 men were on the actual roster when the drought ended in 2016, and that group will always be linked for ending the 107-year drought.

As catcher Miguel Montero put it when he was booed upon returning to Wrigley Field with the Blue Jays last summer: "They cheered a lot of big hits when I was here, and whether they hate me or love me, they're going to remember me forever."

Amazingly, with Jake Arrieta signing with the Phillies and Justin Grimm getting released and catching on with the Royals, only 13 players remain from that World Series roster as the Cubs prepare to open the 2018 season.

Clubhouse leaders including Arrieta and Dexter Fowler left via free agency, while David Ross retired and John Lackey apparently has done likewise. The only pitchers remaining are starters Jon Lester and Kyle Hendricks and relievers Carl Edwards Jr., Mike Montgomery and Pedro Strop.

It's hard to believe you can lose that many key players and retain the same clubhouse chemistry, but most of the championship core remains.



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Chicago Cubs' Ian Happ, from left, Anthony Rizzo and Kris Bryant stand on the steps of the dugout during spring training.



Addison Russell high fives Efen Navarro.

CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY

"That's the way the game goes sometimes," shortstop Addison Russell said. "I think we have the core that we need, the players that we need right now to make a pretty good run for the postseason. We may have lost a few pieces, but we picked up pieces I think are going to be very vital for our success down the stretch."

"They all seem like they're professionals, the way they carry themselves, and are great guys in general. Having guys like that will make things easier now that we don't have the Jake Arrieta or the Lackey in the locker room. We can definitely go the dis-

tance with the guys we have."

The Cubs aren't going to lose their joie de vivre. They showed it again during spring training when Anthony Rizzo went out to his position before the start of the game against the Indians at Cashman Field, while the rest of the starters remained in the dugout and made him wait.

There's no doubt Yu Darvish and Brandon Morrow are quality players and seem to fit in well in the Cubs clubhouse. But the edginess of Arrieta and Lackey can't be easily replicated.

Arrieta basically was the conscience of

### OPENING DAY

#### March 29

Cubs @ Miami Marlins - 11:40 a.m.

White Sox @ Kansas City Royals - 3:15 p.m.

the clubhouse, saying things that no one else would dare to utter in public, as when he said after the Cubs passed the Brewers in July "we expect to remain in first" the rest of the season. The Cubs backed up Arrieta's boast and went on to win the division.

At the start of spring training, Lester was anointed by Joe Maddon as one of the leaders of the 2018 Cubs, a process Maddon said occurred "organically." Lester already was one of those guys, though typically he did it behind the scenes, such as arranging a party for the team at a Wrigleyville bar after the 2015 clincher or getting Grimm a suite at the NCAA national championship football game in January so Grimm could watch his beloved Georgia Bulldogs.

This will be is Lester's first season without either Ross or Lackey in the Cubs clubhouse. The three former Red Sox teammates went through the wars together, including the 2013 championship in Boston, the fried-chicken-and-beer episode and the end of the Cubs' championship drought.

Lester conceded at the start of camp it



Lucas Giolito laughs while pretending to pitch during White Sox spring training at Camelback Ranch.

was “weird” to be without Lackey, his teammate for most of the last decade.

“It’s fun, it’s just a different time now for me,” Lester said. “I get to see now what ‘Lack’ got to see for so long, being one of the older guys.”

Former Cub Ryan Dempster, who played with the three on the ‘13 champs, said Lester won’t suffer from empty-nest syndrome.

“We’ll have to make sure we have a reunion and bring them all in,” Dempster said. “But that’s the nice part about this team. It’s one tight team. Lester has people over to his house after a game, and everybody’s there. Just because those guys are gone, there are other guys here. I’m around, and Rossy comes around. He’s got buddies.”

Some young players will have to step up and be more vocal in ‘18. Or maybe not. Russell said he’s not going to change his personality.

“I’m always going to be the kind of person I am, stay humble and go about my business,” he said. “For the most part, it’s pretty much the same guys. We’ve reached an (understanding) where everyone knows they can be themselves — ‘Don’t shy away from being yourself, from being an individual.’

“It’s what we welcome over here in the Cubs organization. If you (be yourself) you’ll fit right in. ... The personalities in our clubhouse will be pretty much the same.”

### White Sox may be in race to bottom, but fans don't seem too concerned

As the White Sox were working out at Camelback Ranch during spring training, players union head Tony Clark was on the other side of the valley discussing the “race to the bottom.”

Clark didn’t name names, of course, but the Sox are considered one of the so-called tanking teams that avoided spending on big-name free agents this winter while they continued to rebuild. Instead of trying to contend, the Sox and several other teams were seemingly content to endure a losing season to compete for a better draft pick and strengthen the organization from the bottom up.

It’s not a particularly novel idea. The Cubs and Astros had the same basic plan and wound up winning World Series titles in 2016 and ‘17, respectively.

But the number of tanking teams seems to have grown, and Clark said Thursday he knew at the start of the offseason something was amiss “when we started to hear public commentary from clubs suggesting they weren’t as interested in competing, and/or they were focused in on a race to the bottom. You start to see those types of comments, then you start to question the integrity of what’s really going on.

“I know I’ve said it now a few times, but that type of commentary not being in the

forefront of the public or the private dialogue is when you really start to question what’s happening. So I’d say that’s when the motor started moving a little quicker than it had been.”

There’s little doubt the “race to the bottom” means fewer teams spending money on free agents, less lucrative contracts for some of the bigger-name free agents who signed and no contracts at all for many players who are still waiting for a phone call.

But the only way it matters is if a team’s fan base stops going to games or paying any attention to them because they’re fed up with the lack of winning, or perhaps the lack of trying to win. If that fan base buys into the rebuild, there’s really nothing wrong with tanking a few years for the sake of long-term success.

As long as a team is open about its plan, as Cubs President Theo Epstein was when he came to Chicago in 2012, and as White Sox general manager Rick Hahn was when he announced the start of the Sox rebuild after the 2016 season, there should be little complaining about the lack of spending in the free agent market.

Hahn said before the start of spring training he didn’t care what outsiders said about their plan.

“Our focus is on putting the White Sox in the best position to win a championship, and regardless of what may be happening in baseball at a macro level, I know that this



MATT YORK/AP

Chicago White Sox Yoan Moncada during spring training.

path puts us on the best course to do it,” he said. “That’s what my concerns are, not with any outside criticism or scrutiny of that process.”

Sox fans upset with the plan can go watch the Cubs or perhaps tune out baseball altogether. From what I’ve heard the last few weeks from Sox fans following the team in Arizona, that attitude is almost non-existent.

The Sox have a few obvious holes, and there are still some free agents who could make this team better in 2018, including starter Alex Cobb and closer Greg Holland.

But no one expects the Sox to change their tune and fork out money at the last minute just for a few more victories, knowing the future is bright with young players such as Yoan Moncada, Lucas Giolito and Reynaldo Lopez on the big-league club and prospects such as Eloy Jimenez, Michael Kopech, Luis Robert and Dylan Cease.

Sox fans are as hopeful as they have been in years, even if 2018 isn’t going to be the year they turn things around. The lack of Sox spending doesn’t seem to bother them, even if the strange free agent market upsets the union and players in general.

I asked Clark if he would describe the mood of the players as “angry,” as one agent suggested before the start of spring training. Clark wouldn’t go that far but said: “The group we have now is more focused now than they’ve ever been. And that in and of itself changes the conversation. Regardless of where you’re at in the scheme of things, and regardless of what your individual experience is, whether it be agitation or however you want to characterize it, the guys are engaged in a fashion I haven’t seen before.”

But as long as fans buy into the concept of rebuilds, and as long as it keeps working in some cities, the players union won’t get much sympathy whether right or wrong.



PHIL GREER/TRIBUNE FILE

Tony Melone paints a new logo on a wall at Wrigley Field on March 27, 1987.

# Can we still call the Cubs 'lovable losers'?

## ASSESSING THE NICKNAME'S PLACE IN HISTORY

By Adam Lukach | REDEYE

Several weeks ago, the Cubs announced a sweet (and salty) new partnership with Garrett Popcorn. Naturally, RedEye covered the collaboration between these two Chicago institutions.

In the story, I referred to the Cubs using a nickname — the old “lovable losers” moniker. I am, after all, a writer invested in imbuing stories with color. I might also be a White Sox fan invested in poking fun at the team from the North Side of town.

Whatever my intention, many readers were not amused! The slight, 125-word story elicited no fewer than 30 written responses from Cubs fans, expressing everything from bemusement to genuine outrage. Some suggested that we write a retraction for using the term, others suggested we apologize to the Cubs organization. If I ever need to reference the Cubs' record or playoff resume from the last five years, I need to look no further than my inbox.

We here at RedEye always enjoy having fun and interacting with our readers, but the volume of the readers' collective response got us wondering: Is it still appropriate to invoke the “lovable losers” nickname when talking about the Chicago Cubbies in 2018?

Rest assured, Cubs fans: No one thinks I was correct.

“Is lovable losers appropriate? No, absolutely not, and the citizens of Chicago were right to berate you,” said sports historian Jack M. Silverstein with a laugh.

Doug Sohn — one-time founder and owner of Hot Doug's, lifelong Cubs fan and current owner of a Hot Doug's stand in the Wrigley Field bleachers — totally agreed.

“To me, that's history,” he said. “That just isn't germane to the team's current situation.”

Silverstein is also a Cubs fan, but given his work, he naturally took an academic approach to the nickname question.

“(Lovable losers) is inappropriate for a couple of reasons. No. 1 is the obvious one. We just won the World Series, and we went to the NLCS three-straight years ... It just doesn't fit,” he said. “The second reason



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Ryne Sandberg, left, Rick Sutcliffe and the Cubs won the NL East in 1984, earning their first playoff berth since 1945.

why it's inappropriate is because it was kind of always inappropriate. It was demeaning, and it was a marketing gimmick.”

Silverstein looked through the newspapers.com archives and said the first reference he found of the term was in 1963, when it was applied to the New York Mets, fresh off their infamous debut season in which they lost a still-record 120 games. Like the team's “Amazin' Mets” tag, “lovable losers” was a facetious way to reference a bad ballclub.

Perhaps it was by proximity in their “rivalry” as baseball's two most consistent losers during the '60s and '70s, but somehow, the “losers” tag made its way over to Chicago's North Side. The first time a Chicago publication used the term to reference the Cubs was in 1977, when an unattributed column about both the Cubs and White Sox having surprising seasons used it to juxtapose their history against that season's success.

The next time the term appeared in print wasn't until 1982, when the Tribune purchased the Cubs and changed the front office and team manager. Even in these 36-year-old references, the conversation is strikingly familiar: “Will the Cubs always be our lovable losers?” reads one headline, while a blurb in another issue reads, “What's in store for the Chicago Cubs next season, now that new management has taken over and vowed to change the image ... of baseball's lovable losers?”

“Yeah, I mean, (the Cubs) were not —



Chicago Cub fans waiting for Game 7 to end in the World Series. ERIN HOOLEY/TRIBUNE FILE

(laughs) ... Post-'69, there were a lot of years there, really until '84, when they would just fight the Mets for last place in the NL East every year, and people didn't go," said Sohn.

Silverstein argued the application of the term to the Cubs was enabled by former team owner PK Wrigley, who was famously more of a businessman than a baseball man.

According to the Society of American Baseball Research's website, Wrigley once said, "Our idea in advertising the game, and the fun, and the healthfulness of it, the sunshine and the relaxation, is to get the public to see ball games, win or lose." Basically, Wrigley thought winning didn't matter when it came to selling a day in the sun at Wrigley Field.

"If you started Cubs history in '84, I don't think that we would be called the lovable losers," said Silverstein. "So there's '84, five years later we were in the playoffs in '89, nine years later we were in the playoffs in '98, five years later we were in '03. 2004 and 2001 are basically playoff seasons that ended before the playoffs ... I know a Yankee fan would never be like, 'Oh, remember that year we almost made the playoffs?' But a Cubs fan does say that ... It's not like we were the Buffalo Bills."

Whatever the application was then, it clearly doesn't work now. Both Silverstein and Sohn agreed that the Ricketts era has caused a sea-change, top-to-bottom among the organization.

"Prior to the Cubs, I think the great example was the Blackhawks," Sohn said. "For years, they were considered maybe the worst-run franchise in all of profes-

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sional sports. They were horrible. And the moment — I even think it was as he was exhaling his last breath — when Arthur Wirtz died, the fortunes of that team and the image of that team instantaneously changed. I literally think as he was exhaling his last breath, Rocky was signing the contract to put the games back on TV. All of a sudden, it was like 'Whoa, this is now the best-run franchise in Chicago.' And since the Ricketts family took over the Cubs, just like that, everything changed."

Silverstein takes it a step further: "Lou Pinella used to have 'Cubby occurrences'... Those teams were saddled with history that had nothing to do with them. I feel this iteration of the Cubs ... did not feel that burden. They did not feel they themselves were afflicted by any kind of curse. That affliction was on the fans, not them. They had a power."

And if the players had bucked the burden of that nickname (or the Billy Goat curse, or whatever affliction the Cubs may have had), the fans' response to my invocation of the nickname shows they're ready to move past it as well.

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REVOLUTION BREWING

The Revolution Brewing #SoxSocial Tap Room, shown here in a mock-up, will pour several beers ready-made for baseball, including the brewery's flagship Anti-Hero IPA.

# White Sox, Revolution team up for bar at ballpark

By Josh Noel | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The White Sox have embraced the craft beer revolution, and now they're embracing Revolution Brewing, which will operate a branded bar along the left field line at Guaranteed Rate Field for at least the next two seasons.

Revolution, which had nine draft handles at the ballpark last year, will see a marked expansion at Sox games in 2018 and beyond: 38 draft handles, plus eight more taps at the bar in what was previously a private event space only occasionally open to the public.

What will be dubbed the Revolution Brewing #SoxSocial Tap Room will be open to all ticket holders and will sport a social media focus, including a wall of screens displaying White Sox social media channels, ample outlets for fans to charge their phones and a designated spot for selfies.

Thanks to a two-year marketing deal, Revolution will be well-represented in the #SoxSocial Tap Room, where taps will pour several beers ready-made for baseball, including the brewery's flagship Anti-Hero IPA, Fist City Chicago Pale Ale, Rev Pils Chicago Pilsner and Sun Crusher Hopy Wheat Ale.

Tap handles will also be reserved for beers unimaginable in a Chicago ballpark even five years ago: Revolution's rotating series of "Hero" IPAs (first up: Galaxy Hero), beers made at Revolution's brewpub on Milwaukee Avenue and Deth's Tar, an imperial oatmeal stout aged in bourbon barrels that's a bruising 14.8 percent alcohol. Ballpark prices were not yet available.

"A barrel-aged beer and a rotating pub beer? That's really bringing the experience to the fans," said Donn Bichsel, Revolution's director of sales and marketing. "Having that experience at a ballpark — that's the exciting thing for us."

Teaming up with the White Sox is the highest-profile marketing deal to date for Revolution, which has grown swiftly since opening as a brewpub eight years ago. In the Brewers Association's most recent rankings, Revolution has become the nation's 40th largest craft brewery and



Revolution Brewpub in Logan Square.

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50th largest brewer overall. As a partner of the White Sox, Revolution will be able to promote the relationship not only in the ballpark, but where people buy beer — including bars, liquor stores and grocery stores.

While Wrigley Field's beer menu remains dominated by Anheuser-Busch (despite a late season incursion by Lagunitas last year), the White Sox continue to embrace a progressive beer lineup. The launch of a "Craft Kave" last year featured more than 75 craft beers in what was previously stocked with Miller products and called the Bullpen Sports Bar.

Despite fewer fans in the ballpark in 2017 than 2016, the Craft Kave made more money than its predecessor concept, said Brooks Boyer, senior vice president of sales and marketing for the White Sox. The lesson is clear, Boyer said: People want options. They'll be getting even more of them in 2018, not only with the expanded presence of Revolution, but also with a Craft Kave Express on the 500 level of Guaranteed Rate, where 40 to 50 craft beers will be available.

"I'm not breaking any news here, but White Sox fans like to drink, and we've heard over and over that people appreciate a wider selection," Boyer said. "That led us to be more proactive in the amount of flavors we provided."

Other Chicago-area breweries that will be represented at Guaranteed Rate in 2018 will include Pipeworks, Pollyanna, Off Color and Baderbrau.

But Revolution will be the dominant brand, thanks to a partnership hatched last year with a minor marketing deal that Revolution knew it wanted to expand as the season wore on. At the same time, the White Sox were looking to expand its #SoxSocial Lounge, which was housed in a space too small for its popularity with fans. "Oddly, it all came together at the same

time," Boyer said. "Our social (media) people made it clear they were cramped, and Revolution was looking for something that could be theirs."

As a result, Revolution gets its highest-profile partner to date, and the White Sox get a local, ascendant brand whose beer and logo will be dotted through the park.

Of Revolution's 38 draft handles beyond the #SoxSocial Tap Room, 18 will be Anti-Hero and 14 Sun Crusher, a summer seasonal that debuted last year. This year's version was released last week and will continue to be brewed through August. Additional Revolution tap handles in the ballpark will feature Fist City and Rev Pils.

But the heart of its presence will be the Revolution Brewing #SoxSocial Tap Room, which has a capacity of 250 people — slightly smaller than Revolution's spacious taproom on Kedzie Avenue. A patio overlooking the field has room for another 60 people. What were Miller Lite-branded tables on that patio in recent years — when the space was called the Miller Lite Extra Base Club — will be replaced by used bourbon barrels to reflect Revolution's growing barrel-aging program.

Bichsel said Revolution is "very excited" to be in its deal with the White Sox. He also described himself as "a die-hard Cubs fan" who was in the stands when the Cubs won the 2016 World Series in Cleveland. Teaming up with the White Sox is "painful for me," he joked. But the South Side was where the opportunity arose, and brewery executives were thrilled to grab it.

"We like to say we make beer for everyone," he said. "We'd love to be a partner on both sides of the city."

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By Hannah Steinkopf-Frank | REDEYE

As the weather gets warmer, now is the perfect time to explore a new hobby and finally shake off the winter blues. From coffee roasting to iPhone photography to flying trapeze, here are 10 classes to try out this spring and summer.

### Brooklyn Boulders

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**Featured class:** Intro to Climbing. Those new to climbing will feel comfortable in this small group setting as they learn techniques and how to navigate walls. \$49 for a 45-minute class.

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**Details:** For complete calendar and tickets, check out [brooklynboulders.com/chicago](http://brooklynboulders.com/chicago)

### The Pursuit Supply Co.

4316 W. Irving Park Road, 312-985-6652

**Featured class:** Coffee Roasting Basics. Have a hard time becoming an early riser? Dive into the world of home coffee roasting, from green beans to a cup of Joe. \$30.

**Other classes offered:** beer brewing, winemaking, black and white film developing, fermenting and pickling food and composting.

**Details:** For complete calendar and tickets, check out [pursuitsupply.com](http://pursuitsupply.com)

### Japanese American Service Committee

4427 N. Clark St., 773-275-0097

**Featured class:** Ikebana

Turn the beautiful spring flora into your own artistic creation with Ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arrangement that dates back to the seventh century. \$140 for four classes.

**Other classes offered:** cooking, Japanese language, ink painting, calligraphy, origami and Shubu-Kai, Japanese classical dance.

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### Chicago Printmakers Collaborative

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**Featured class:** Screen Printing: Posters and Tees. Study the basics of silk-screening for posters or T-shirts. Bring your creativity and whatever you want to print on; all other materials provided. \$120 for two classes.

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### Chicago Botanic Garden

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**Featured class:** iPhone Photography. Get ready to be the envy of all of your social media friends as you learn how to harness



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Chef instructor Brian Enyart supervises a class at The Chopping Block.

the photography power of your smart-phone with a focus on nature images. \$99 for three one-hour classes.

**Other classes offered:** botanical painting and art, garden design, gardening techniques, yoga and tai chi.

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### The iO Theater

1501 N. Kingsbury St., 312-929-2401

**Featured class:** Comedic Storytelling. iO Theater's comedic storytelling workshop is the perfect place to turn your personal stories into crowd pleasers, whether you're performing onstage or over cocktails. \$53 for a three-hour class.

**Other classes offered:** improv, talk show portfolio, musical improv, video production and writing comedy videos.

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### ReBuilding Exchange

1740 W Webster Ave., 773-252-2234

**Featured class:** Make It Take It: Yard Games. What's more impressive than winning a game of cornhole? Making the wooden backyard activity yourself! The Rebuilding Exchange offers a variety of woodworking workshops using reclaimed materials. \$100 for a three-hour class.

**Other classes offered:** woodworking 101, and Make It Take It workshops in benches, wine racks and mirrors.

**Details:** For complete calendar and tickets, check out [rebuildingexchange.org](http://rebuildingexchange.org)

### Trapeze School New York

5917 N. Broadway, 773-484-8861

**Featured class:** Flying Trapeze Class. Never fulfilled those dreams of joining the circus? The Chicago Trapeze School will have you flying in the air. This course has a focus on safety as students of all

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**Other classes offered:** silks, trampoline, balancing and acrobatics and Spanish web.

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### Old Town School of Folk Music

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### The Chopping Block

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The fried eggplant at Band of Bohemia is served on naan brushed with Old Bay butter, along with Old Bay aioli and pickled sport peppers.



The baked 'foie-laska.'



Spiced duck with crisped rice and bok choy.

# Ian Davis is a chef to watch

**STUNNING BUT APPROACHABLE DISHES WORK WITH BREWPUB'S CREATIVE QUAFFS**

By Phil Vettel | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Band of Bohemia describes itself as the country's "first Michelin-rated brewpub," and the restaurant indeed makes various beers on the premises, and does have one or two menu items that might pass for pub food.

But "brewpub" is a mighty weak descriptor for the sophisticated, unique synthesis of this Ravenswood destination.

The beers, by co-founder and head brewer Michael Carroll, are creative quaffs that incorporate such ingredients as beets, pears, toasted fennel and jasmine rice (the creations change regularly).

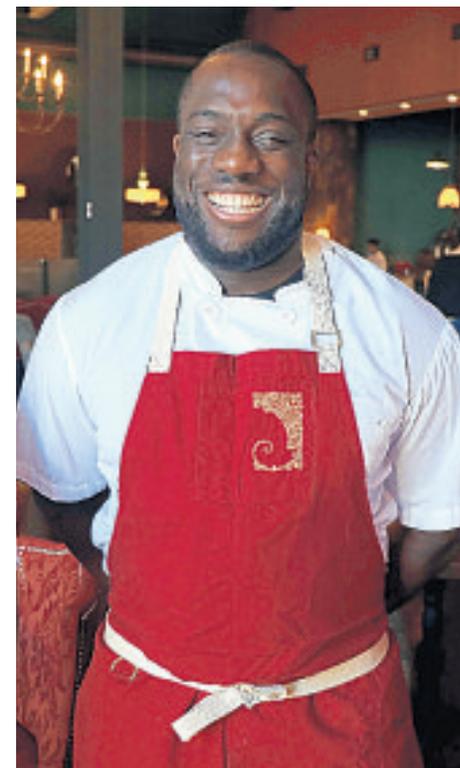
There's also a remarkable wine list, overseen by co-founder Craig Sindelar, and a terrific sommelier in the well-traveled Richard Richardson (Alinea, A10 and more).

The clever cocktail program is run by bar lead Chris Vicic, who, when my wife made her temporarily-without-alcohol status known, accommodated her with a couple of bright, nicely balanced, ad hoc mocktails.

The newish executive chef (on board since July) is Ian Davis, and remember that name. The 33-year-old has a glittering resume that lists work at Jean Georges and Momofuku (where he was chef de cuisine) in New York, and Blackbird and Tru in Chicago. At Band of Bohemia, he's creating visually stunning yet highly approachable dishes that work hand-in-glove with Carroll's creative urges.

In what surely is a sentence that never will be uttered again, Sindelar praised Davis' beer-friendly work: "He's got a new carrot lasagna coming out," he said, "which will go great with our new beet beer."

There may indeed be food-beer affinities in Davis' dishes, but they exist in some back-of-the-mind realm, undetectable



The kitchen team is led by executive chef Ian Davis, who has been on board since July.

without some hint from Band of Bohemia's omniscient servers. Davis' stand-on-their-own compositions would impress even if beer were not part of the equation. (Though, at this place, where's the fun in that?)

At his simplest, Davis manages to make smoky pieces of sturgeon on toasted sour-dough sing, with the help of huckleberry jam and just-this-side-of-liquid egg yolk. Overlapping sheets of nearly translucent kohlrabi hide a treasure of heirloom carrots and hazelnut-pistachio crumble. Tightly wound strips of lobster tagliatelle



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Kiah Bacon, left, and Keyesa Green sit at the lively bar at Band of Bohemia.



For dessert, fermented-banana cheesecake.

are graced with king crab meat and matsutake mushroom butter, in a bit of richness-on-richness indulgence.

More in-depth work pairs cornmeal-fried eggplant with rounds of in-house naan brushed with Old Bay butter, abetted by Old Bay aioli and pickled sport peppers. A thick cube of suckling pig rests in a broth made from milk in which the pig was braised, fortified with clams, oyster leaf and poblano in a most improbable surf and turf.

The baked “foie-laska,” a seared and cross-hatched slab of foie gras blanketed by a torched meringue of duck-egg whites and pears, surrounded by vanilla-pear foam, nimbly balances sweet and savory notes; this is the sort of dish for which diners will clamor.

Main courses include duck in two forms. There are the circular ravioli of spinach, ricotta and duck confit, topped with hearts of palm and grated pecorino, a fine entree. And then there is the superstar entree: duck breast coated with toasted curry spices, presented in long rectangles with crisped-rice cubes, dots of coconut puree and scorched bok choy; this dish is sensational.

I was also wowed by the chicken, dusted with guajillo spice and lime and served

### Band of Bohemia

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with a deep and dark ancho-pasilla mole, dots of horchata and sesame, and mezcalf-infused sesame crumble, and by beautifully prepared monkfish with chestnut puree, saffron pearl pasta and Brussels sprout leaves.

George Kovach offers some nifty desserts, chief among them a tuffet of fermented-banana cheesecake with guava-passionfruit gelele, coconut sorbet, macadamia crumble and finger lime, a dish so pretty that the intrusion of my fork felt briefly like desecration. I had fewer qualms about the “foie-sicle” (they do love foie gras here), mostly because the combination of foie, blackberry, white chocolate and white-chocolate crunch was served, as I suppose it should be, on a stick.

When Band of Bohemia made its debut in late 2015, the menu was explicit in its food-beverage match instructions. Today, the restaurant’s mission well-established, Sindelar and Carroll are content to let servers handle that task, which they do with considerable grace.

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## SAWADA'S BLACK CAMO LATTE

By **Joseph Hernandez** | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Fans of perennially popular Sawada Coffee are in luck: Hogsalt Hospitality has quietly opened a sister spot in River North, dubbed Sawada Matcha.

The colorful new spot is the latest collaboration with Japanese barista extraordinaire Hiroshi Sawada, with a decidedly more polished vibe than its West Loop counterpart. Whereas the West Loop spot is hip, industrial and

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spacious, the tinier Sawada Matcha is a modern counter-service spot with a

low-slung couch and limited window seating. (Ostensibly, it will serve as a lounge for Hogsalt's Radio Anaga izakaya, located behind some curtains and set to open any day now.)

While the Instagram-famous, matcha-fueled Military Latte, an artful green tea

and espresso drink, is the signature offering, don't miss the Black Camo Latte (\$5.95).

Forgoing grassy, vibrant matcha, the Black Camo Latte instead uses hojicha tea, a green tea roasted over charcoal, as the base along with espresso. Whereas the Military Latte is pleasantly balanced between the grassy tea, earthier espresso and light kiss of vanilla, the Black Camo is nuttier and more aromatic, the tea's scent seductively wafting off the creamy, silky foam.

Elsewhere on the menu, you'll find other tea-driven drinks, like the matcha cortado (\$4) and pour-over teas. If you're looking for a snack, a rotating dozen macarons are available, as are matcha doughnuts from another Hogsalt property, Doughnut Vault.

If you can take a moment of your day to sit and savor a cup of tea-infused java, there's no better place than this tiny spot in the shadow of the Merchandise Mart.

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Sawada Matcha's artful black camo latte replaces matcha tea with a charcoal-roasted green tea called hojicha.

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CHAMPION HARD-TO-ADOPT ANIMALS WITH ALIVE RESCUE

By Gwendolyn Purdom | FOR REDEYE

Kristen Gerali knew she wanted to devote her life to animals after traveling to New Orleans more than a decade ago to help affected dogs and cats in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Afterward, she did more traditional rescue work in Chicago for a couple years before she shifted her approach and launched Alive Rescue.

"I wanted to focus more on harder animals," Gerali said. "My dream is to open up a sanctuary so if animals are deemed unadoptable for whatever reason, I want them to be able to have a place to go."

Gerali hasn't had a chance to open her sanctuary quite yet, but Alive just celebrated its 10th year and plans are underway to set up a new facility in Salem Lakes, Wisconsin by 2019, in addition to the nonprofit's existing Roscoe Village shelter. Gerali and her team mostly work with animals that are older, that might have medical or behavioral problems, or that might be pregnant or considered feral. Last year, Alive launched The Hutch, a rescue program focused on finding homes for rabbits, as well. The group also offers assistance programs like vaccine and spay/neuter clinics and works with Chicago Animal Care and Control to step in and help when families are considering surrendering their pets.

"We'll pay for bedding if they can't

afford bedding. If they can't afford food, we'll provide food, or vaccines, and we just work with them with the goal of the animal staying with them," Gerali said.

Alive volunteers are gearing up for their 10th annual Pet Bowl bowling fundraiser at Timber Lanes in Irving Park on April 14 and have other regular events planned for the coming months as well. Those who are interested in supporting the rescue's mission can fill out a volunteer application online. To work with the dogs and cats staying at the Roscoe Village facility, you must be at least 21 and take part in a 90-minute orientation. Alive is also always in need of new foster pet parents to add to its extensive foster network, as well as help with committees like fundraising or marketing. Every little bit helps, Public Relations Coordinator Nicole Cadwell said, even if someone can only come by and take the dogs out once a month.

The organization is similarly flexible with its attitude toward animals that require some extra attention, Gerali said.

"We've had dogs in our rescues that have taken years to be rehabilitated and we're fine with that," she said. "They can stay with us for as long as they need. Because we know some dogs need a lot more time, so we try not to give up on them."

Gwendolyn Purdom is a RedEye freelancer.

**GET INVOLVED**  
For more information about volunteering with Alive Rescue, visit [aliverescue.org](http://aliverescue.org).



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Liam O Maonlaí and Cassandra Wilson perform at the Old Town School of Folk Music.

## better together

### CONCERT THEN COCKTAILS

By Gwendolyn Purdom | FOR REDEYE

Rather than putting a ton of effort into an outing and then only hitting one spot, why not extend the adventure? This week, we're pairing a concert at Old Town School of Folk Music with cocktails at The Victor Bar.

#### MAIN ATTRACTION

##### Concert at Old Town School of Folk Music

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#### IT TAKES TWO

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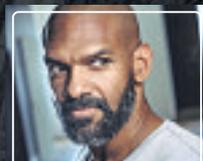
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## music

# show up

### 5 MUST-SEE CONCERTS IN CHICAGO THIS WEEK

By **Efrain Dorado** | FOR REDEYE

Rap, rock and electronic – there is something for everyone this week in Chicago's concert scene.

#### THURSDAY

### Hijo Pródigo, Miss Twink USA, CDVR

#### Smartbar

3730 N. Clark St. 773-549-4140

Throughout March, Smartbar has been hosting its fourth annual Daphne festival, a monthlong event that spotlights women, female-identifying and non-binary musicians in electronic music. This weekend will be the final portion of the event, and Thursday's party is a particular standout: Fluxxxxus – another inclusive local party – will play host for the evening, featuring sets from Hijo Pródigo, Miss Twink USA and CDVR (which is pronounced “cadaver”). Be a live body on one of the city's best dance floors. \$5.10 p.m., 21+. Tickets: [smartbarchicago.com](http://smartbarchicago.com)

#### FRIDAY

### Kyle Dixon and Michael Stein

#### Athenaeum Theatre

2936 N. Southport Ave. 773-935-6875

Kyle Dixon and Michael Stein are one half of the Austin-based electronic group Survive, better known as the composers of “Stranger Things.” The nostalgic Netflix series became a runaway hit in 2016, and that was in large part due to Survive's eerie score. Heavily inspired by the '80s synth waves of Jean-Michel Jarre and John Carpenter, the duo brings the nostalgic sound to Chicago. \$34-\$44. 8 p.m. Tickets: [athanaeumtheatre.org](http://athanaeumtheatre.org)

#### SATURDAY

### Beyond the Gate

#### Bohemian National Cemetery

5255 N. Pulaski Road 773-539-8442

Now in its fifth year, Empty Bottle's Beyond the Gate concert series showcases musicians Julie Byrne, Brett Naucke and Sam Wagster. In celebration of the spring equinox, this performance take place in the historic Bohemian National Cemetery. Julie Byrne's finely tuned compositions headline this celebration of experimentation and creativity. \$20. 8:30 p.m., 21+. Tickets: [emptybottle.com](http://emptybottle.com)

#### MONDAY

### Dan Auerbach

#### Riviera Theatre

4746 N. Racine Ave. 773-275-6800

When he isn't keeping busy fulfilling his



A\$AP Ferg.

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duties as the Black Keys' frontman, Dan Auerbach is working on a laundry list of solo projects. The album “Waiting on a Song” is his latest independent endeavor and a first for his new label, Easy Eye Sound. His new work is more of the same, but in the best way possible: a concoction of pop rock with a twinge of country and soul influence. \$40. 6:30 p.m., 18+. Tickets: [rivieratheatre.com](http://rivieratheatre.com)

#### TUESDAY

### A\$AP Ferg, Denzel Curry, Jay IDK

#### House of Blues

329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000

Second to Rocky, Ferg is one of the most prolific rappers in the entire A\$AP collective, and his mixtape from last year, “Still Striving,” proves that he is yearning to be the best. Rhyming by his side is one of the best lyricists in the game, Denzel Curry, and up-and-comer Jay IDK. \$35-\$40. 5 p.m. Tickets: [houseofblues.com/chicago](http://houseofblues.com/chicago)  
Efrain Dorado is a RedEye freelancer. RedEye reporter Adam Lukach contributed.



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## Can I be bi in my heterosexual relationship?



ASK ANNA

**Anna Pulley**

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**Dear Anna,**

I'm bisexual. I met a guy. We're going steady. Can I be in a stable, long-term heterosexual relationship without losing part of myself? —Anon.

**Dear Anon.,**

The short answer is that you should never feel like you're losing any parts of yourself in any relationship.

You are a whole person loving another whole person.

That said, bisexuals do face challenges that monosexuals (straight or gay) don't often have to contend with. Namely that we're largely invisible to the broader world and especially so when in monogamous relationships. Woo! Team Bi!

I've written roughly 1,400 essays and advice columns on bisexual identity, but am still often presumed to be either a lesbian (because I'm long-term partnered to a woman, and, you know, wrote a book with lesbian in the title), or straight.

So, lesson one: Assume people will misidentify you based on who you're screwing, but don't take it personally. Whether you speak up to these people and/or correct them is up to you. You might decide you don't have any f---s left to give on certain days, and that's fine. Choose your battles! The world is trying enough without having to defend one's sexual identity all the time. But, I will say, that if it's a person who is important to you, speaking up is helpful in the long run. This doesn't have to involve a speech. A simple, "I'm bi, actually" is fine. Or name-dropping an ex-girlfriend in conversation will help

you feel more seen.

Lesson two: What other people think has no bearing on who you are. Your sense of self, your strength and resilience — no one can take these away from you. People will try! Don't get me wrong. People will think and say all kinds of dumb things about you. Let them be wrong. Let their dumb words float by you like clouds in a summer sky and know that it doesn't matter.

Lesson three, the hardest one: Stay connected to people who affirm your identity. "I think the thing that is so painful to lose is access to the queer community," said A.V. Flox, a pansexual woman married to a man. "The answer to me has been to show up for the queers. That's how you stay in community."

Because of invisibility, discrimination and a slew of other appalling statistics (that you should not read right now but do keep in your arsenal of depressing facts to hurl at people who say bisexuality doesn't exist), bisexuals tend to isolate. Don't do this. Hold on to the good, queer folks in your life. Not just other bis, but gays, lezzies, trans folks, pansexuals and genderqueers. If you don't have any, find some. Join queer groups, either online or in person; if none exist in your area, start your own group; volunteer (even if it's only a few times a year. Pride is only a few months away!); and be a family to someone who doesn't have one (or has a shitty one).

Lesson four: Give yourself permission to take up space and unapologetically live the life you want. This is how you keep your many diverse, beautiful selves intact. No one else will do this for you. You have to do it for yourself. And you can! And you will.

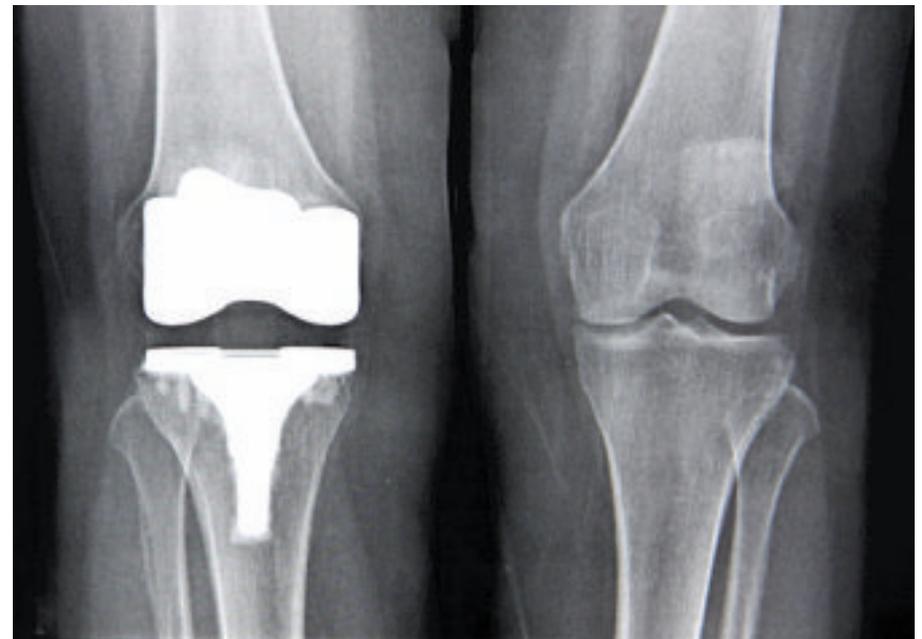
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## Restaurant reviews

Restaurant reviews and profiles from Tribune food critic Phil Vettel, staff reporters and freelance writers. No stars indicates a restaurant has been profiled but not reviewed, and does not reflect on quality of dining.

**Ratings key:** ★★★★★ outstanding; ★★★ excellent; ★★ very good; ★ good.

### GOLD COAST

**Booth One** ★★★ Helmed by veteran chef Doug Psaltis, Booth One is something of a resurrection of the famed Pump Room. Scan through the menu, and you'll find such nods to the past as steak Diane, seven-vegetable salad, salmon asiatique and curried chicken brochette. But you'll also spot dishes the old Pump Room never would have touched — snapper ceviche and tuna sashimi, for instance — and modern updates (the crab Louie salad is now a lobster Louie and comes with jalapeno crema) that might have been viewed as sacrilege years ago. *Open:* Dinner daily, lunch Monday through Friday. *Prices:* Entrees \$22-\$43. 1301 N. State Parkway, 312-649-0535. — *Phil Vettel*

**Maple & Ash** ★★★ This steakhouse knows how to cook *and* how to have fun. Standards such as French onion soup are nicely rendered, and pastry chef Aya Fukai offers some of the most beautiful (and delicious) desserts you've ever seen. *Open:* Dinner daily; downstairs bar open lunch and dinner daily. *Prices:* Entrees \$18-\$54. 8 W. Maple St., 312-944-8888. — *P.V.*

**Margeaux Brasserie** ★★ Chef/restauranteur Michael Mina has landed in Chicago at last with this glamorous, 1920s-inspired brasserie inside the Waldorf Astoria. It's as pricey as the Gold Coast address would have you expect, but superb quality and generous portions ease the sting, as do the more casual bar menu and its bargain happy-hour specials. Look to cooked seafood appetizers (roasted oysters, moules frites) to start, and make room in the budget for the splendid lobster bouillabaisse. *Open:* Breakfast and dinner daily. *Prices:* Entrees \$28-\$59. 11 E. Walton St., 312-646-1300. — *P.V.*

**Nico Osteria** ★★★ New chef Bill Montagne has done luxury-level (C Chicago) and neighborhood-level (Snaggletooth) restaurant work in Chicago, and at this well-established Gold Coast seafooder, he's



Snapper ceviche at Booth One.

BRIAN CASSELLA/TRIBUNE FILE

trying to do a bit of both, positing Nico as a place to drop in for a glass of wine and small pasta, as well as a legitimate dining destination. Pastas are indeed drop-in worthy, particularly the tagliolini tossed with uni butter, and higher-end main dishes such as "white Negroni" halibut and whole-baked branzino display Montagne's deft touch with subtle flavors. Factor in Leigh Omilinky's desserts and breads, and Nico Osteria has few, if any, weaknesses. *Open breakfast, lunch, dinner daily; weekend brunch.* *Prices:* Entrees \$17 to \$42. 1015 N. Rush St., 312-994-7100. — *P.V.*

**Somerset** ★★★ Lee Wolen gives his seasonal American cooking a less formal, more rustic touch in this Gold Coast newcomer in the Viceroy Chicago (nee Cedar Hotel). Fans of Wolen's work at Boka know

to look for signature ingredients such as octopus and whole-roasted chicken (the latter served Sunday-supper style, with two side dishes), but keep an eye out also for beef tartare, tossed in a mayo mixed with its rendered fat. The ever-reliable Meg Galus contributes stellar desserts, such as caramel-apple tart with burnt-cinnamon ice cream. *Open:* Breakfast, lunch/brunch, dinner daily. *Entrees* \$23-\$55. 1112 N. State St., 312-586-2150. — *P.V.*

### HUMBOLDT PARK

**Café Marie-Jeanne** ★★ Run by husband-wife partners Michael Simmons (chef) and Val Szafranski (front-of-house), Café Marie-Jeanne is an intensely personal operation, one whose easygoing attitude and excellent kitchen work make the

Humboldt Park spot a neighborhood treasure. Don't miss the duck frites dish, which mixes sliced duck breast and roasted leg pieces with duck pate and plenty of duck-fat fries. *Open:* Breakfast, lunch and dinner Wednesday-Monday. *Prices:* Main courses \$12-\$35. 1001 N. California Ave. 773-904-7660. — *P.V.*

### HYDE PARK

**A10** ★★★ Named for a motorway that connects Italy to France, A10 offers traditional-with-a-twist Italian and French dishes from Yusho chef Matthias Merges. Small plates include bar-food riffs; large plates shine with interesting accompaniments. *Open:* Dinner Tuesday-Saturday, brunch Sunday. *Prices:* Entrees \$14-\$30. 1462 E. 53rd St., 773-288-1010. — *P.V.*

## LAKEVIEW

**Ceres' Table**★★ This accomplished restaurant is respectful of Italian regional cuisine without being tradition-bound. The all-Italian wine list is budget-sensitive when it needs to be; that and the under-\$9 cocktails make this an attractive place to imbibe. *Open: Dinner daily, brunch Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$15-\$32. 3124 N. Broadway, 773-922-4020. — PV.*

**Ella Elli**★★ This restaurant is a sexy space filled with curvy pendant lamps and handsome couches, but it's not all looks: Chef Nolan Narut is putting out some destination-worthy plates, including ricotta gnocchi, sourdough slathered with avocado and everything seasoning, and baby carrots drizzled with harissa-spiked lemon vinaigrette. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Main dishes \$14-\$27. 1349 W. Cornelia Ave., 773-935-3552. — Michael Nigrant*

**Entente**★★★ Ty Fujimura (Arami) has another hit restaurant with this cozy Lakeview restaurant, which opened in late 2016 and features the talents of chef Brian Fisher (previously at Schwa and, believe it or not, Saved by the Max). The delicious, robust food (don't pass up the gorgeous octopus and pork loin entrees, nor the prettiest wedge salad in town) is abetted by a robust beverage program and whip-smart, engaging service. The small, two-room space has an appealing, comfortable rusticity, but it can get pretty noisy. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. 3056 N. Lincoln Ave., 872-206-8553. — PV.*

**mfk**★★★ With just 28 seats, mfk is tough to get into but worth the effort. Boquerones with shaved fennel should be part of any meal you assemble, and the platters — a notable fish stew starring cobia collar and a surprisingly painstaking chicken ballotine — are superb. *Open: Dinner daily, lunch Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$20-\$24. 432 W. Diversey Parkway, 773-857-2540. — PV.*

**Sal's Trattoria**★ Allen Sternweiler (Butcher & the Burger) is the chef behind this Lakeview charmer, so popular with young families in the neighborhood it will need a stroller valet long before it needs one for cars. A single-page, budget-conscious menu offers the usual suspects, plus efforts such as calamari under a profusion of tomatoes, lemon and capers; offbeat daily crostini (blueberry-sage jam with goat cheese, for instance); and a gorgeous spinach-arugula salad with pear, pancetta and gorgonzola. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Pasta and main courses \$15-\$25. 2834 N. Southport Ave., 773-857-1401. — PV.*

## LINCOLN PARK

**Boka**★★★ Chef Lee Wolen (ex-Eleven Madison Park) brings an exciting menu to a restaurant that's been a Chicago mainstay for more than a decade. While the ingredients are familiar, the execution is



Seared rushing water trout with braised short rib agnolotti at Ceres' Table.

BRIAN CASSELLA/TRIBUNE FILE

beautifully complex. Cocktails are first-rate, too. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$22-\$33. 1729 N. Halsted St., 312-337-6070. — PV.*

**Chopo Chicken** Chopo Chicken in Lincoln Park looks similar to dozens of other quick-service joints popping up around town that hope to mimic the success of Chipotle (at least before all the health scares). The shtick: a short, Peruvian menu of four or five proteins that you can endlessly customize with toppings to your liking. *Open: Lunch and dinner daily. Prices: \$11-\$13. 2460 N. Clark St., 773-666-5925. — Nick Kindelsperger*

**De Quay**★ Chef and owner David de Quay dips into his heritage for this 42-seater; the menu is principally Dutch-inspired, with the occasional nod to Indonesia. The hearty foods are particularly good; Indonesian representations are mild, occasionally to a fault. Very affordable wines and interesting, generer-heavy cocktails highlight the beverage program. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$18-\$28. 2470 N. Lincoln Ave., 872-206-8820. — PV.*

**Naoki Sushi**★ Chef Naoki Nakashima, who for years has overseen the sushi at Shaw's Crab House, is helming a small spot. The menu provides the sushi basics,

all well-executed, but the specials, often including a whole-fish presentation, are where you'll get the true measure of the chef's talent. *Open: Dinner Wednesday-Sunday. Prices: Main dishes \$16-\$29. 2300 N. Lincoln Park West, 773-868-0002. — PV.*

## LOGAN SQUARE

**Daisies**★★½ Chef Joe Frillman has succeeded in creating simple, satisfying fare from local produce. You will want to order all the pastas, including stracci, tiny napkin-like noodle shreds strewn with perfectly toothsome peas and tender lamb. There is also a cornflake chicken, which is

sort of like a Japanese chicken katsu or a German schnitzel, where the cornflake crust acts like a panko breading and makes for a superior and epic chicken nugget. Daisies is the ultimate in dad food — simple dishes made great. *Open: Dinner Wednesday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$15-\$19. 2523 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773-661-1671. — M.N.*

**Dos Urban Cantina** ★★★ In a 100-seat brick-and-oak space, Topolobampo alums Brian Enyart and Jennifer Jones crank out irresistible Mexican-inspired dishes that aren't afraid of a little influence from Italy, the American South or Eastern Europe. Desserts are terrific, there's a budget-conscious wine list and cocktails include a first-rate margarita. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$16-\$21. 2829 W. Armitage Ave., 773-661-6452. — P.V.*

**Giant** ★★★ Jason Vincent (ex-Nightwood) is operating an eclectic 44-seater with co-chef Ben Lustbader and partner Josh Perlman (beverage honcho). The only common element in a menu that embraces liquefied sea urchin in fried pasta, sweet-and-sour eggplant and pecan-smoked ribs is that everything's delicious. The dining room is cheerfully noisy and unpretentious. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. Prices: Main courses \$16-\$19. 3209 W. Armitage Ave., 773-252-0997. — P.V.*

**Mi Tocaya Antojeria** ★★ Diana Davila, the opening chef at Cantina 1910, is back with her own place, serving her own style of Mexican food that's creative, but still rooted in tradition. Try the "peanut butter y lengua," crisped cubes of braised beef tongue in a complex and delicious sauce of peanuts, cured tomato and chile de arbol. There are also four tacos on the menu, generously portioned and well-made. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. Prices: Small plates \$8-\$13, large plates \$24. 2800 N. Logan Blvd., 872-315-3947. — P.V.*

**Quiote** ★★ This bilevel Logan Square Mexican restaurant wants to be your round-the-clock dining destination — your local morning cafe, casual lunch-hour taqueria, trendy neighborhood dinner spot and even late-night bar. It mostly succeeds, with considerably good tacos and some of the best tortas in the city. The basement mezcal bar is a great place to drink. *Open: Breakfast, lunch, dinner and late-night Wednesday-Monday. Prices: Tacos \$4; tortas and entrees \$11-\$24. 2456 N. California Ave., 312-878-8571. — N.K.*

**Ugo's Kitchen and Bar** ★ On a stretch of Armitage Avenue in Logan Square increasingly populated with some of the hottest restaurants in town (Osteria Langhe, Dos Urban Cantina and Table, Donkey and Stick), Ugo's is wonderfully untrendy. Highlights of the vaguely Italian menu include the chicken liver mousse, the spreadable pork rillettes and anything fried. Build a meal out of these appetizers, and you'll leave happy. *Open: Dinner*



ANTONIO PEREZ/TRIBUNE FILE

Fried eggplant with tomato jam served up at Ugo's Kitchen and Bar.

*Wednesday-Monday. Prices: \$8-\$15. 2833 W. Armitage Ave., 773-698-8984. — N.K.*

### THE LOOP

**Acanto** ★★★ A redesign gives Acanto a more casual look than its former life as Henri, and the pasta-heavy menu is more budget-friendly, though pricier dishes, such as veal breast, are worth the money. A heavily Italian wine list and good cocktails make this a fine place to bend an elbow. *Open: Dinner and lunch daily. Prices: Entrees \$14-\$38. 18 S. Michigan Ave., 312-578-0763. — P.V.*

**Cherry Circle Room** ★★ A quiet alternative to the Chicago Athletic Association

hotel's relentlessly crowded rooftop bar, Cherry Circle Room is also one of the most handsome dining spaces in the city, with leather, wood and clubby good looks. Executive chef Peter Coenen's menu recalls steakhouse classics in his refined takes on Caesar salad and tuna tartare, even though there's just one steak on the menu. Roasted leg of lamb for two and duck for one are highlights, and Kristine Antonian's superb desserts deliver an exciting finish. *Open: Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$16-\$38. 12 S. Michigan Ave., 312-792-3515. — P.V.*

**Gayle's Best Ever Grilled Cheese** Farmers market favorite Gayle Voss panini

presses grilled cheese sandwiches at her new permanent home in the Block 37 pedway. Follow your nose to find butter-browned slabs of sourdough stuffed with fatty farm cheese and seasonal ingredients, plus lobster grilled cheese on Fridays only. Dunk them all in a fragrant tomato pesto soup. *Open: Breakfast and lunch weekdays. Prices: Sandwiches \$6 and up. 108 N. State St., pedway level, 312-285-2202. — Louisa Chu*

**Pearl Brasserie** ★★ With veteran chef and partner Jason Paskewitz joined by cocktail whiz (and general manager) Steve Carrow, it's easy to see how this 5-month-old operation could be a hit. Sitting on Wacker near the Civic Opera House, Ogilvie and Union Stations, Pearl Brasserie is a great pre-dinner or pre-commute option, but it's strength is being the best Saturday-night hidden secret in town. Paskewitz's cooking remains strong as ever, but his menu is simpler and more affordable — dinner is presented in a three-course, \$35 format, and lighter eaters may order a la carte, but the three-course option is an excellent value, with choices like Berkshire pork chop, beautiful in taste and texture, aided by rosemary-scented jus, apples, savoy cabbage and lardons. *Open: Dinner Monday to Saturday, lunch Monday to Friday. Prices: Three-course dinner, \$35. 180 N. Wacker Drive, 312-629-1030, pearlbrasserie.com. — P.V.*

**Revival Food Hall** Featuring 14 impressive food stalls and a cocktail bar, Revival is easily the best place to eat lunch in the Loop. Try hot chicken sandwiches at The Budlong, poke bowls at Aloha and more. *Open: Lunch and early dinner Monday-Friday; bar until 9 p.m. Monday-Friday. Prices: Entrees \$8-\$15. 125 S. Clark St., 773-999-9411. — N.K.*

**Steadfast** ★★ The most ambitious restaurant to hit the Loop in a long time is a small-plates American spot. There's a lot to love: the complex cooking of chef Chris Davies, the superb bread and dessert from pastry chef Chris Teixeira, and impressive charcuterie. *Open: Dinner Monday-Saturday, lunch Monday-Friday. Entrees \$24-\$39. 120 W. Monroe St., 312-801-8899. — P.V.*

### MAGNIFICENT MILE

**The Albert** ★ Just off the lobby of the Hotel EMC2, the Albert has yet to achieve the genius of Einstein, but is a worthy addition to the dining scene. The arts-meets-science decor is highlighted by a collection of thousands of science books in high-mounted bookcases. Similarly dramatic are the plates from chef Brandon Brumback's kitchen (look for the aguachile-style kampachi crudo, quinoa-coated octopus and dry-aged duck), and Vanarin Kuch's gorgeous desserts. *Open: Dinner daily, brunch Saturday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$24-\$44. 228 E. Ontario St., 312-471-3883. — P.V.*

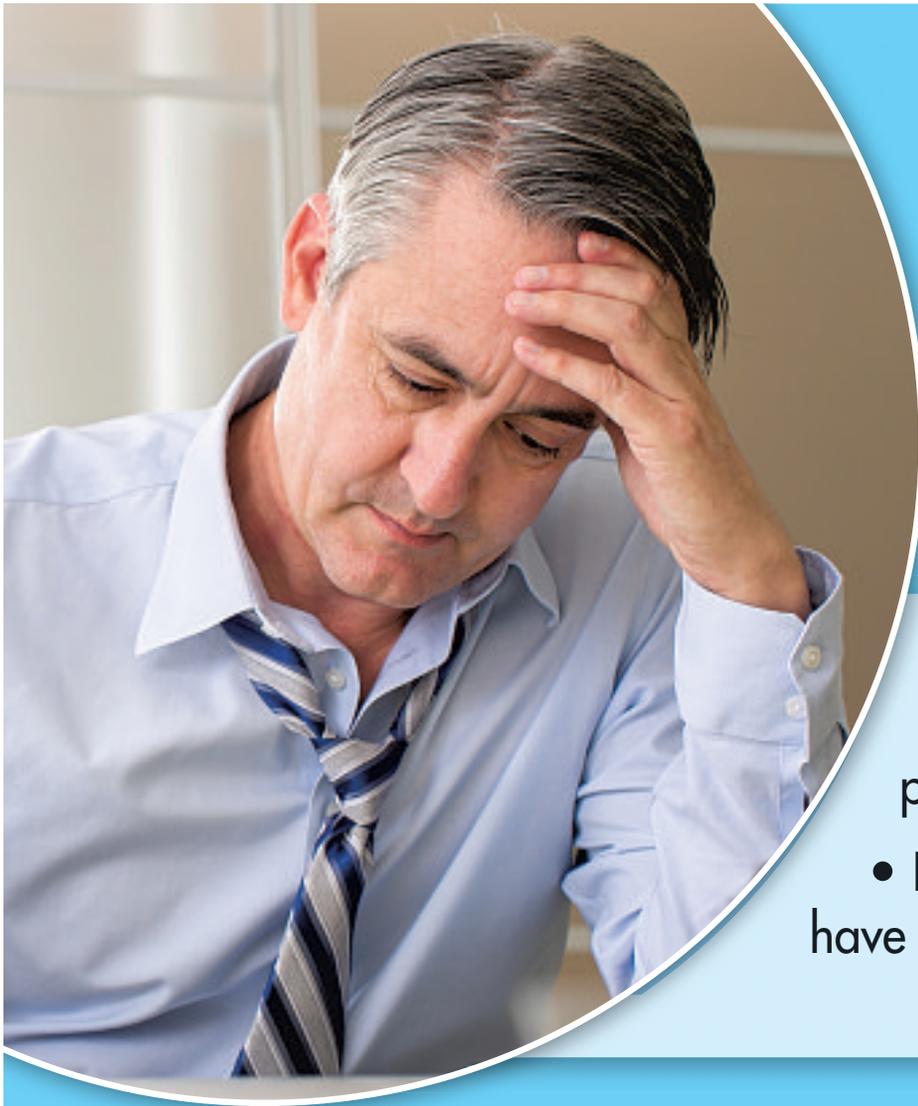
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Charred eggplant pierogi at Blue Door Kitchen.

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#### NEAR NORTH SIDE

**Blue Door Kitchen** ★★ Art Smith's Table Fifty-Two has been transformed with a revamped decor and a remade menu under chef Rey Villalobos. You'll still find such T52 staples as fried chicken and hummingbird cake, but new dishes, including an excellent Brussels-kale salad, reflect a Midwestern slant (and are a little more health-focused). *Open: Lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$16-\$44. 52 W. Elm St., 312-573-4000. —P.V.*

**GT Prime** ★★★ Giuseppe Tentori (also GT Fish & Oyster) turns his back on steakhouse conventions in his second restaurant. There's no raw bar, no oversize potatoes, and steaks are served in precisely trimmed slices, rather than doorstep-sized slabs. The star entree is the Carnivore platter (beef filet, beef strip loin, venison, wagyu), starters range from foie gras terrine to gnocchi with sweetbread "croustons," and desserts include simple dough-

nuts and an artistic apple cake. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Steak \$14-\$56. 707 N. Wells St., 312-600-6305. —P.V.*

**Il Porcellino** ★ Take Italian-American food, make it with top-notch ingredients and finish with bargain prices (for the neighborhood, at least). That's the recipe for the latest from Melman siblings RJ, Jerrod and Molly, overseen by chef Doug Psaltis. Housemade pastas, \$17 or less, are the stars, particularly the gnocchi Bolognese. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Pastas \$15-\$17, entrees \$22-\$30. 59 W. Hubbard St., 312-595-0800. —P.V.*

#### NOBLE SQUARE

**Temporis** ★★★ Two young veterans of Les Nomades run this 20-seat dining room in Noble Square. From the outside, it's barely noticeable as a restaurant; inside, you'll be delighted by courses like rabbit three ways (rack, tandoori-spiced loin, confit leg) and foie gras ice cream domes

sprinkled with guava salt, all part of a 10-course, \$125 menu. Hidden downstairs, a hydroponic garden supplies chefs with microgreens and other basement-to-table goodies. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. 933 N. Ashland Ave., 773-697-4961. —P.V.*

#### NORTH CENTER

**Kitsune** ★★★ This latest effort from Elizabeth chef/owner Iliana Regan is, like every other concept she's opened, intimate, highly personal and as adorably precious as the cartoon-y figurines she employs as decoration. The 24-seat spot offers dishes rooted in Japanese flavors, but incorporating the local, foraged ingredients Regan is known for. For example, chawanmushi, a savory Japanese custard, comes with shredded Jonah crabmeat and overlapping coins of local radish. Don't miss the thickly sliced porridge bread served with house-cultured butter. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday, brunch Sunday. Prices: Large*

*plates \$16-\$26. 4229 N. Lincoln Ave., no phone. —P.V.*

#### PILSEN

**HaiSous** ★★★ It may seem odd to travel to Pilsen to experience Chicago's best Vietnamese restaurant. You'll get over it. At the brilliant HaiSous, Thai and Danielle Dang offer a pleasant (if occasionally noisy) 115-seat dining room with excellent service and price-conscious drinks, all in service to Thai Dang's skillful cooking and appealing, cliché-free menu. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Large plates \$16-\$25. 1800 S. Carpenter St., 312-702-1303. —P.V.*

#### RAVENSWOOD

**Band of Bohemia** ★★★ In a sprawling brewery loaded with offbeat furnishings, find a menu so focused on suds that appetizers are listed by beer match. Yet there is also a great wine list to browse, not to mention forward-thinking dishes (vegetables



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### RIVER NORTH

**Arbella** Drinks reign at the latest project from the team behind Peruvian powerhouse Tanta. The menu is divided by country or region; mezcal plays heavily into drinks in the Mexico section, while you'll find pisco and rum in Cuba. The short list of food hops around the globe, too. But beware: Cobbling together enough small plates for a meal can be deceptively expensive. *Open: Dinner and late night daily. Prices: \$8-\$15. 112 W. Grand Ave., 312-846-6654. — N.K.*

**Beacon Tavern** ★★ This project by Billy Lawless (The Gage, The Dawson) is tucked into a plaza just west of the Wrigley Building. Seafood is a focus, with shrimp toast coated in truffle butter and a prawn salad that pops thanks to peppadew peppers, but there's also a towering burger. Don't skip the cheddar bay biscuits, a tongue-in-cheek homage to Red Lobster. *Open: Lunch and dinner daily. Prices: \$12-\$40. 405 N. Wabash Ave., 312.955.4226. — P.V.*

**Boarding House** ★★★ There are cute touches on the menu here, such as fried polenta planks, but chef Tanya Baker's best efforts are marvels of seamlessly matching flavors, such as honey-glazed chicken with Calabrian chilies. Owner and master sommelier Alpana Singh naturally offers a stellar wine list. *Open: Dinner Monday-Saturday. Prices: Entrees \$22-\$34. 720 N. Wells St., 312-280-0720. — P.V.*

**Dolce Italian** ★★ A little bit of South Beach shows up in River North with the opening of Dolce Italian, a concept that originated in Miami. Thin, Roman-style pizzas are a strength, along with pastas (such as a sweet-pea tortelli). *Open: Breakfast, lunch, dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$19-\$39. 127 W. Huron St., 312-754-0700. — P.V.*

**Katana** ★★★ A concept that originated on LA's Sunset Strip, Katana combines nightclubby visuals with ambitious, high-level cooking, highlighted by the dishes emerging from the sushi and robata bars. The a la carte menu offers a dizzying array of choices, and one can opt for an omakase (chef's choice) menu for \$175. Beverage options are long and deep, including an impressive sake selection curated by manager (and "sake sommelier") Dila Lee. General manager and veteran Chicago restaurateur Jason Chan puts a local face on what might otherwise seem like an imported operation. *Open: Dinner daily. 339 N. Dearborn St., 312-877-5544. — P.V.*

**Portsmith** ★★★ The Dana Hotel in River North has been home to a few shrug-worthy restaurants over the years, but in Portsmith, a restaurant operated by the Fifty/50 group (Homestead on the Roof, Steadfast, more), the Dana has a restaurant



Arbella's ode to peanut butter and jelly.

KAILLEY LINDMAN

worthy of attention. New England native Nate Henssler offers seafood dishes that are thoughtful and delicious, skirting the usual clichés; there's no lobster roll on the menu, for instance, but there's a crabmeat-stuffed bao with herbed mayo. Pastry chef Chris Teixeira follows the fishy theme with desserts inspired by coastal cities worldwide, and a bread program that offers nori ciabatta and bonito-flake sourdough. *Open: Breakfast, lunch, dinner daily. Entrees \$29-\$62. 660 N. State St., 312-202-6050. — P.V.*

**River Roast** ★★ Well-known chefs Tony Mantuano and John Hogan are behind this riverfront restaurant. The sized-for-two roasted entrees are the stars, including an insanely good chicken. *Open: Dinner daily, lunch Monday-Friday, brunch Saturday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$22-\$25, entrees-for-two \$39-\$42. 315 N. LaSalle St., 312-822-0100. — P.V.*

**Texican** ★★ This restaurant from chef Kim Dalton, formerly of Dodo, brands itself

as Tex-Mex, but it isn't what you think. Take the Texican King Ranch casserole, a soulful lasagna with crispy layers of El Milagro tortilla sandwiching perfectly braised chicken breast; or the breakfast tacos that overflow with creamy scrambled egg curds and salty bits of queso fresco. The chili, made from top round and five different chiles, is the best I've had in Chicago. *Open: Breakfast and lunch daily. Prices: Entrees \$7.50-\$10. 869 N. Larrabee St., 312-877-5441. — M.N.*

### SOUTH LOOP

**Acadia** ★★★ Chef Ryan McCaskey has quietly turned his South Loop restaurant into one of the finest in Chicago. The five- and 10-course tasting menus include homages to McCaskey's beloved Maine; in the front lounge, a bar menu includes oysters, chicken wings and a seriously good burger. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Five-course menu \$115, 10-course \$175. 1639*

*S. Wabash Ave., 312-360-9500. — P.V.*

### UNIVERSITY VILLAGE

**Jade Court** ★★★ The restaurant is home to arguably the best Chinese food in town. The owners are Eddy Cheung and his daughter, Carol, who owned and operated Phoenix restaurant for 20 years. The menu is typical of most Chinese menus — dozens of poultry, pork, beef, seafood and noodle dishes — but the way to order, as it was for in-the-know Phoenix regulars, is to ask what the kitchen is up to that evening. Typhoon lobster, one of many Hong Kong specials available here, is stir-fried and briefly deep-fried, the seafood redolent of garlic, aromatic chiles and fish flakes. *Open: Lunch and dinner Wednesday to Monday. Prices: Main courses \$13.95-\$26.95. 626 S. Racine Ave. 312-929-4828. — P.V.*

### WEST LOOP

**Bad Hunter** ★★ Greens and grains rule at this almost-vegetarian restaurant, though skewers of chicken thigh or charred sirloin will keep any carnivore companions happy. The drink list is notable for its clever cocktails and painstakingly sourced wines. *Open: Lunch and dinner daily; brunch weekends. Prices: Main courses \$14-\$20. 802 W. Randolph St., 312-265-1745. — P.V.*

**Blackbird** ★★★ Paul Kahan's masterpiece offers both an a la carte menu and a tasting menu (9 or 10 courses). The latter, which is built around a single animal and changes monthly, offers the best insight into the chef's art. Pastry chef Nicole Guini's sweets follow seamlessly. *Open: Dinner daily, lunch Monday-Friday. Prices: Entrees \$30-\$42, tasting menu about \$115. 619 W. Randolph St., 312-715-0708. — P.V.*

**Bonci** ★★★ This Roman import serves pizza with a light-as-air crust that's topped with hundreds of different high quality toppings, from traditional tomato sauce and cheese to 'nduja, burrata, potato and fresh mint. While serving some of the best pizza in Chicago, this is mostly a to-go operation, with no tables and only a few counter seats. *Open: Lunch and dinner seven days a week. 161 N. Sangamon St., 312-243-4016. — N.K.*

**City Mouse** ★★ From the team that created Giant, in Logan Square, comes this casual, brunch and dinner restaurant in the Ace Hotel in the Fulton Market District. Executive chef Patrick Sheerin oversees the eclectic menu, ranging from seriously good pastas to offbeat dishes such as fried artichokes buried under pork ragu and fried cheddar bites topped with caviar. During daytime hours, the brunch menu features griddle cakes, a double-patty burger and a "gas station" breakfast sandwich. The open-to-the-lobby is lively and loud, and there's a delightful outdoor patio equipped with fire pits. *Open: Brunch and dinner daily. 311 N. Morgan St., 312-764-1908. — P.V.*

**Cruz Blanca** ★★ Cooks heap freshly grilled meat and tortillas on a paper-covered platter for DIY assembly at Rick Bayless's long-awaited taqueria. The spot is also a brewery with food-friendly beers. *Open: Lunch and dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$13. 904 W. Randolph St., 312-733-1975. — N.K.*

**Duck Duck Goat** ★★★ Reservations stretch months in advance for a shot at Stephanie Izard's sometimes playful, always balanced Chinese plates. Noodle dishes are a must, and the Peking duck is among the city's best. Cocktails are excellent, which is fortunate, because you'll have one or two if you walk in without a reservation (not a bad strategy). *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$16-\$58. 857 W. Fulton Market, 312-902-3825. — P.V.*

**Elske** ★★★ Danish is more a state of mind than of menu at David and Anna Posey's West Loop restaurant, named for the Danish word for "love" and as warm as a lingering hug. Fans of David Posey's work at Blackbird will find his creativity flowing freely. Choose the six-course tasting menu or order a la carte, save room for Anna Posey's desserts and prepare to be wowed. *Open: Dinner Wednesday-Sunday. Prices: Tasting menu \$80; a la carte dishes \$15-\$22. 1350 W. Randolph St., 312-733-1314. — P.V.*

**La Josie** ★★ The kitchen is led by executive Saul Chavez, a Mercadito vet. He and his crew dish up supple, house-made tortillas that waft splendid corn perfume. The fillings include a silky veal cheek barbacoa and tender cochinita pibil, featuring a sinus-clearing habanero salsa that gives you a serious chile high. The carbon-flecked al pastor is crispy, juicy and riddled with smoky pineapple. It has a serious case for best al pastor in Chicago. Guacamole, too, is inspired. Chef/owner Pepe Barajas is not yet a big star just yet, but his vision and execution of a gourmet Mexican experience on Randolph means he's about to be a household name. *Open: Lunch and dinner Tuesday-Sunday, weekend brunch. Prices: Entrees \$14-\$35. 740 W. Randolph St., 312-929-2900. — M.N.*

**The Loyalist** ★★ One flight below the acclaimed Smyth restaurant lurks John and Karen Shields' more casual spot. It's dark enough to work as a lounge and offers a menu deep enough to entertain serious diners. Start with biscuits with 'nduja butter, and know that the cheeseburger might be the best of its kind in Chicago. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. Prices: Entrees \$16-\$27. 177 N. Ada St., 773-913-3774. — P.V.*

**Smyth** ★★★ This is a triumphant homecoming for chefs John and Karen Shields, who worked together at Charlie Trotter's before making a name for themselves in Virginia. Choose between the 8- or 12-course menu (\$135 and \$195, respectively) and sit back for an onslaught of dishes of extraordinary complexity. It's a



Cheesecake with frozen yogurt at Elske.

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joyous experience. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. 177 N. Ada St., 773-913-3773. — P.V.*

## WEST TOWN

**Arami** ★★★ The reverence with which sushi chefs handle rice here is reason enough to visit, but this is one of the rare Japanese restaurants in which the hot dishes are even better than the sushi. Pay attention to the cocktail list, and don't skip the black-sesame shortbread and salted-miso ice cream sandwich. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Maki rolls and entrees \$15-\$17. 1829 W. Chicago Ave., 312-243-1535. — P.V.*

**Boeufhaus** ★★ Five of the seven entrees involve slab beef cooked in cast iron pans, but calling Boeufhaus a mere steakhouse might be an oversimplification. Chef Brian Ahern takes French and German influences to create a variety of dishes with finesse. Yet the steaks are indeed the standouts, in particular the 55-day dry-aged rib-eye. *Open: Lunch Tuesday-Saturday, dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$26-\$60. 1012 N. Western Ave., 773-661-2116. — K.P.*

**Heritage Restaurant & Caviar Bar** ★★ Chef Guy Meikle is out to take the mystery, and sticker shock, away from caviar in this Humboldt Park spot. More than a half-dozen roes are available each day, costing as little as \$10 for an a la carte nibble to \$145 for a full-blown platter of osetra, whitefish and tobikko caviars with accompaniments. Elsewhere on the menu you'll find odes to Eastern Europe fare,

including pierogi and pelmeni dumplings, pork goulash and roast duck with Czech bread dumplings. Partner Jan Henrichsen created the fascinating wine list (which sources from Croatia, Slovenia and the Republic of Georgia, among other regions) and the whimsical, seasonal cocktail menu. Pastry chef Alan Krueger veers from rustic (hand pies) to creative (pop-corn semifreddo) to classic (souffles). *Open: Dinner daily, brunch weekends; entrees \$16-\$35. 2700 W. Chicago Ave., 773-661-9577; heritage-chicago.com — P.V.*

**Tempesta** ★★ Everything about Tempesta Market in West Town packs a punch. The shop has room for only a deli counter, a couple of refrigerated cases of food and a few tables, but the owners have stuffed it to the breaking point with a staggering amount of meat, cheese, gelato and other goods. Tempesta is taking 'nduja — a spreadable spicy sausage made by the other family business, 'Nduja Artisans in Franklin Park — along with other fine cured meats at its disposal, and crafting some of the best sandwiches in Chicago, like the Dante, which features six different kinds of meat. *Open: Daily, lunch and dinner. Prices: Sandwiches \$10-\$13. 1372 W. Grand Ave., 312-929-2551. — N.K.*

## WICKER PARK / BUCKTOWN

**Animale** Conceived by Italian-trained chef Cameron Grant and owner Aldo Zaninotto (both of Logan Square's Osteria Langhe), Animale traffics in meat. You'll find so-called "off cuts"—sweetbreads, tripe and oxtail, for example—next to a

smattering of lovely pastas and sandwiches. *Open: Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$11-\$44. 1904 N. Western Ave., 872-315-3912. — Joseph Hernandez*

**The Delta** Chicago abounds with tamales, but The Delta manages to set itself apart by serving Mississippi Delta tamales, a distinct style that, if it weren't completely obvious by now, originated in the Mississippi Delta (basically, the northwest part of that state). They differ from ubiquitous Mexican tamales in that they are constructed from cornmeal instead of masa (nixtamalized corn), and cooked in a liquid instead of being steamed. The regular red hot tamales (\$5) come three to an order and are astoundingly tender, all without a trace of grittiness, each morsel soaked in a spicy red tomato and chile broth. Also check out the catfish (grilled not fried), which is finished with coriander, parsley, dill, tarragon, chives and marjoram. *Open dinner and late night, daily. Prices: Entrees \$5 to \$18. 1745 W. North Ave., 773-360-1793. — N.K.*

**Pork & Mindy's** Jeff Mauro, the star of "Sandwich King" on Food Network, picked his native Chicago for his first restaurant; more likely than not, he'll be the guy taking your order or making your meal. A lineup of sandwiches feature smoked meats, house-made sauces and Pig Candy, Mauro's name for brown-sugar-glazed bacon. *Open: Lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Sandwiches \$8 and up. 1623 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773-799-8759. — Marissa Conrad*

## What to do this week in Chicago

Listings are subject to change. Please call the venue in advance.

### THURSDAY

**Cyrano** A sharp, lean, nine-person translation of the classic French love story keeps the poetry but ditches the pretension to create a work full of energy. In 17th century France, a great swordsman with a beautiful soul has a huge nose that makes him feel too unattractive to be loved. He enlists a handsome soldier to speak his words of love to Roxane, the beautiful woman Cyrano loves. 8 p.m., *Theater Wit*, 1229 W. Belmont Ave., \$30, 773-975-8150

**Soundscapes and Percussion Composition** This lecture and performance by Lisa Schonberg and the Secret Drum Band is presented by International House Global Voices Performing Arts and Lecture Series. Lisa Schonberg is a composer and percussionist with a background in ecology and entomology. Her practice uses field recording, writing and music composition. 5 p.m., *International House, University of Chicago*, 1414 E. 59th St., free, 773-753-2270

**Hang Man** The Gift Theatre presents a world premiere about a man's mysterious death in a Southern town. 7:30 p.m., *The Gift Theatre*, 4802 N. Milwaukee Ave., \$30-\$40, 773-283-7071

**Anarchy: Burn It Down** Anarchy is a completely sung, completely improvised rock opera featuring some of Chicago's finest musical improvisers. Anarchy performs with keyboard, guitar and drums and a special guest joining them every week. 8 p.m., *The Annoyance Theatre*, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$12, 773-697-9693

**pH Comedy and The Annoyance Present: College Night** pH Comedy and The Annoyance team up to bring you a night of amazing college improv. 10:30 p.m., *The Annoyance Theatre*, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$6, 773-697-9693

### FRIDAY

**Dontrell, Who Kissed the Sea** First Floor Theater presents a hero's quest about an 18-year-old who ventures into the Atlantic Ocean in search of a lost ancestor. 7:30 p.m., *The Den*, 1333 N. Milwaukee Ave., \$10-\$20

**Merchant on Venice** A present-day re-imagining of Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice," set on Venice Boulevard in a section of the Los Angeles area where hatred and intolerance among Hindus and Muslims has grown to a boiling point. 7:30 p.m., *The Greenhouse Theater Center*, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave., \$25 general admit; \$20 students, seniors, groups, 773-404-7336

**Organic Theater - Why Do You Always Wear Black?** This original work weaves together the women of Anton Chekhov's plays who confront the joy, despair and absurdity of being a woman in 19th-cen-



Singer Andy Grammer.

LYNNE SLADKY/AP

tury Russia and the modern backwardness of contemporary America. This production is directed by company member Anna H. Gelman, and devised by the ensemble. 8 p.m., *The Greenhouse Theater Center*, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave., \$25; \$18 students and seniors, 773-404-7336

**The Great Show-Down** Hosted by a different character every week, The Great Show-Down sees a group of six comedians get whittled down by the audience until only one remains standing. 10 p.m., *Laugh Out Loud Improv Theater*, 3851 N. Lincoln Ave., \$12 adults; \$5 students, 773-857-6000

**TGIF Dance Party** This is a Latin, swing and ballroom dance party, with a high energy mix of music, open to beginners through advanced dancers, singles and couples. Each Friday night starts with two half-hour lessons and then the dance floor opens up for social dancing the rest of the evening. 8 p.m., *May I Have This Dance*, 5246 N. Elston Ave., \$15 before 9 p.m.; \$10 after 9 p.m., 773-635-3000

### SATURDAY

**Roots in the Alley** Honey and Blanca are twin fish out of water in Chicago until they stumble into the Ceiba Network, an online game with real world consequences. Our hero sisters struggle to level up in a mysterious digital underworld where they discover something strange to them — a heritage worth fighting for. In his new play "Roots in the Alley," Lucas Baisch reinvents the Mayan creation myths of the Popol Vuh, provoking questions about history and heritage. 4 p.m., *Vittum Theater*, 1012 N. Noble St., \$12-\$17, 773-342-4141

**Timeless Magic** Sean Masterson's Timeless Magic is a magic show interwoven with the story of the souvenir coin that Sean's great uncle received from a magician at Chicago's Columbian Exposition of 1893. 2 p.m., *Theater Wit*, 1229 W. Belmont Ave., \$15, 773-975-8150

**Indie Comedy Open Mic and Day Drinking** Indie stand-up open mic takes place on

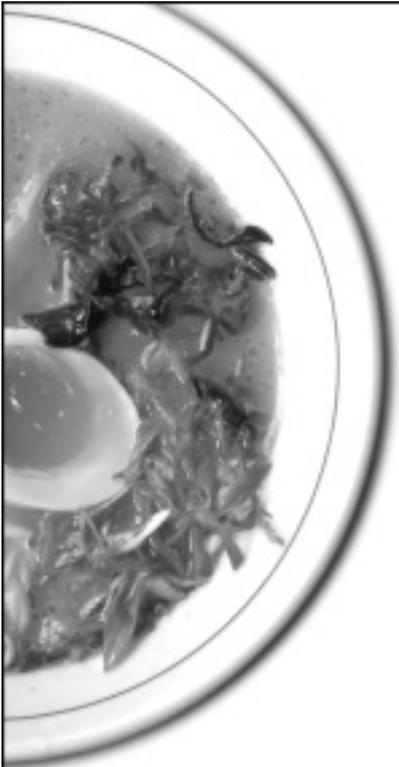
Saturdays at 4 p.m. at North Bar. 4 p.m., @North Bar, 1637 W. North Ave., free, 773-697-3563

**Andy Grammer** 6 p.m., *House of Blues*, 329 N. Dearborn St., \$30.50-\$32, 312-923-2000

### SUNDAY

**The Spitfire Grill** The Spitfire Grill will be performed environmentally and acoustically in the Windy City Cafe, a breakfast restaurant just around the corner from Chicago Dramatists. 7 p.m., *Windy City Cafe*, 1062 W. Chicago Ave., \$30, 312-492-8010

**Hot, Pink, or Ready to Blow** Pompeii meets "Heathers" in this '80s-themed comedy by the New American Folk Theatre. New Pompeii sacrifices three virgins to the local volcano, but it fails to satisfy — that's when three '80s teenage girls come in. Watch as they attempt to save themselves with the idea to get laid or die trying. 6 p.m., *The Den Theatre*, 1331 N. Milwaukee



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Ave., \$10-\$25, 773-697-3830

**How I Learned to Drive** This Pulitzer Prize winner and pioneering drama examines pedophilia and sexual abuse of women. It follows a young woman, named L'il Bit, from age 11 to age 18 and her friendship and sexual affair with her uncle. This production is directed by Kayla Adams and features Elizabeth Birnkrant and John Mossman. 3 p.m., *The Artistic Home*, 1376 W. Grand Ave., Chicago, \$20-\$28, 866-811-4111

**Magic Tree House: Showtime with Shakespeare** Climb into a musical time machine with Jack and Annie and travel back to Shakespearean England. This is a hit with kids and grown-ups alike, and is based on the book series by Mary Pope Osborne. Discover how history is shaped by those who learn to overcome their fears. 10:15 a.m., *Apollo Theater Chicago*, 2540 N. Lincoln Ave., \$19 plus, 773-935-6100

**Animales Nocturnos** When a new law gives citizens the power to turn in anyone they suspect is an undocumented foreigner, that pesky upstairs neighbor thinks he's found the cure to his troubles. Playwright Juan Mayorga presents an enigmatic piece on immigration, skewed power structures and the inherent loneliness of big cities. In Spanish with English super-titles. 6 p.m., *Aguijon Theater*, 2707 N. Laramie Ave., \$10-\$25, 773-637-5899

## MONDAY

**We're Gonna Die** A singer takes the stage, backed by her rock band compatriots, to share Young Jean Lee's life-affirming show about the one thing we all have in common: "we're gonna die." Drawing from true stories of people's experiences with tragedy, despair and loneliness, this personal and rejuvenating play with live music reminds us that in our darkest, most isolated moments, we are not alone. 8 p.m., *1700 Theatre*, 1700 N. Halsted St., \$18, 312-335-1650

**Buzzed Spelling Bee** Compete and drink for three rounds and try to spell for a shot at prizes. 8 p.m. Monday, *Elbo Room*, 2871 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, free, 773-549-5549

**Dirty Ditties** BimBamBoom presents "Dirty Ditties." This 45-minute musical production presents a mix of original and classical songs about genitals, carousing and sexual prowess (or failure thereof). 8 p.m., *The Playground Theater*, 3209 N. Halsted St., \$10, 773-871-3793

**Bughouse!** Literate Ape presents Bughouse!, a 75-minute show designed to interrogate concepts, proselytize truth, and dissect popular thought through a lens of skeptical artistry. 7 p.m., *Haymarket Pub & Brewery*, 737 W. Randolph St., \$10, 312-638-0700.

**Student Jam** A night for Annoyance students to jam. 9:30 p.m., *The Annoyance Theatre*, 851 W. Belmont Ave., free, 773-697-9693



Villanova's Jalen Brunson.

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## TUESDAY

**Open Mic Hip Hop** 10 p.m., *Subterranean*, 2011 W. North Ave., free, 773-278-6600

**Chicago Underground Comedy** Original stand-up performed by a weekly group of rotating comics. 9:30 p.m., *Beat Kitchen*, 2100 W. Belmont Ave., \$5, 773-281-4444

**MINT: Music Improv Night** Four ensembles of improvisers, together for four months, doing weekly music improv sets. Opportunity for good ol' community-in-song. And if you want to throw your hat in, they have auditions every four months. There are no restrictions for trying out. 7:30 p.m., *The Annoyance Theatre*, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$10, 773-697-9693

**Super Human** These humans are super funny. Come watch this group of seasoned pros take the stage for a night of extreme comedy. 9:30 p.m., *The Annoyance Theatre*, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$6, 773-697-9693

**Ratas de Dos Patas** Ratas de Dos Patas is

a variety comedy show with opening acts ranging from improv, sketch, stand-up and musical acts. The main team, Ratas, is composed of four spicy Latinas who will be doing a sketch/improv set in which they will poll the audience in a word or phrase that they'd like to learn before the show is up. Las Ratas will then use that word/phrase in their improv set repeatedly so that the word is retained by the end. Helping the public assimilate with Latino culture one show at a time! 8 p.m., *The Annoyance Theatre*, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$8, 773-697-9693

## WEDNESDAY

**Stand Up Stand Up: Weekly Wednesday Comedy Show** Stand Up Stand Up features the best local and national comedy acts, drink specials and a casual, relaxed atmosphere. 7:30 p.m., *Whiskey Business*, 1365 N. Milwaukee Ave., \$5, 773-698-7362

**Dead Meadow** 8 p.m., *Beat Kitchen*, 2100 W. Belmont Ave., \$12, 773-281-4444

**Live Music** Every Wednesday we welcome a local band to the Logan stage. 9 p.m., *Logan Bar & Grill*, 2230 N. California Ave., free, 773-252-1110

**Cinderella** The king and queen have invited all the young ladies of the kingdom to a ball and Cinderella can't wait to go. But her stepmother and stepsisters give her so many chores she's sure to be left behind. What will happen when Cinderella's Fairy Godmother grants her wish to attend the royal ball? Find out if dreams really do come true in this magical tale. All CKC productions feature professional actors, colorful scenery and costumes, sing-along songs and plenty of audience participation. 10:30 a.m., *Beverly Arts Center of Chicago*, 2407 W. 111th St., \$12, 773-205-9600

**Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale** Join us on the hunt for your dearest stuffed animal, Knuffle Bunny, in this comedic musical adaptation of the Caldecott Honor book by Mo Willems. After losing the beloved rabbit at the laundromat, a desperate dad, a merry mom and toddler Trixie learn the power in communicating, even when there are no words. With stage design inspired by illustrations straight from the book, this treasured tale is an ECT audience favorite. 10:15 a.m., *Apollo Theater Chicago*, 2540 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, Tickets start at \$19, 773-935-6100

## March Madness bars

If you're looking for a place to cheer on your alma mater or catch a game with like-minded fans, we have you covered.

### KANSAS

- » Benchmark (1510 N. Wells St. 312-649-9640)
- » Lottie's Pub (1925 W. Cortland St. 773-489-0738)
- » Theory (9 W. Hubbard St. 312-644-0004)

### LOYOLA

- » Bar 63 (6341 N. Broadway 773-942-6269)
- » Bulldog Ale House (6606 N. Sheridan Road 773-274-9331)
- » Ireland's Pub 10 (Lower Level, 6511 N. Sheridan Road 773-508-2172)

### MICHIGAN

- » Celtic Crown (2356 W. Cullom Ave. 773-588-1110)
- » Diag Bar and Grill (2856 N. Southport Ave. 773-404-8400)
- » Duffy's (420 W. Diversey Pkwy. 773-549-9090)
- » Matilda (3101 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-883-4400)
- » Rokit Bar & Grill (22 W. Hubbard St. 312-645-6000)
- » WestEnd (1326 W. Madison St. 312-981-7100)

### VILLANOVA

- » Derby (1224 W. Webster Ave. 773-248-0900)

## Movie listings

Want to catch something on the big screen this weekend? Here's what's in theaters from blockbusters to independent films.

**Ratings key:** ★★★★★ excellent; ★★★ good; ★★ fair; ★ poor.

### OPENING

**Ready Player One** Steven Spielberg adapts Ernest Cline's novel about a teen (Tye Sheridan) who enters a virtual-reality game in hopes of winning a prize that would make him the wealthiest human in the world. First, though, he must defeat an evil corporation and stop a war.

**Acrimony** Tyler Perry directs as a wife (Taraji P. Henson) who tires of her husband's (Lyriq Bent) cheating and decides to get revenge.

### NOW PLAYING

**Annihilation** ★★½ The plot sounds like a straight-ahead "Predator" scenario, but with a weirder variety of predators and a predominantly female ensemble. An extra-terrestrial life form crash-lands by a lighthouse somewhere along the Florida coast. The resulting, amorphous phenomenon, called "The Shimmer" ("Area X" in VanderMeer's novel) invites exploration and human intervention, since it may well destroy Earth as we know it. A dozen separate teams on a dozen separate missions, however, have gone missing once inside the translucent Shimmer. It doesn't quite fall together in that transporting way of top-flight science fiction. The occasional jolts are jolting, all right, as the mission encounters a speedy, hungry albino alligator and, later, a mutated bear-beast (the latter makes for a particularly grueling attack sequence). But the movie feels torn between styles and intentions. It's trippier than "Ex Machina," and writer-director Alex Garland makes a valiant go of its concerns, but "Annihilation" feels like a short-story amount of story pulled and twisted into feature length. — *Michael Phillips, Chicago Tribune*

**Black Panther** ★★★★★ "Black Panther" in brief: Wakanda was blessed by a magical substance called vibranium. The metal provides superhuman ability, and turns the king of the moment into Black Panther. King T'Chaka expires and his son, T'Challa, is crowned. There are two antagonists: Andy Serkis is vibranium fanatic Ulysses Klaue, and Michael B. Jordan is the American black ops ace known as Killmonger. He's got ambitions for the throne, and a belief in getting stunningly advanced weaponry in the hands of oppressed people of color throughout the world. May Marvel learn its lesson from "Black Panther": When a movie like this ends up feeling both personal and vital, you've done something right. — *M.P.*

**Game Night** ★★½ Most of the truly great action pictures (this isn't trying to be one of



Nick Robinson in 'Love, Simon.'

BEN ROTHSTEIN/TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX

them) are spiced with wit. A lot of our best comedies (and "Game Night" is not trying to be one of those, either) move like crazy and take the pursuits and evasions seriously, or at least mock-seriously, so that the audience can, too. So where does this ensemble effort, led by two extremely adroit leading performers (Jason Bateman and Rachel McAdams), fit into the equation? "Game Night" itself is not a long night; it's reasonably snappy. But co-directors John Francis Daley and Jonathan Goldstein place a misjudged emphasis on keeping the violence and the action "real," so at its most routine and generic, the movie forgets it's supposed to be a comedy. — *M.P.*

**Gringo** ★½ A mild-mannered middle-management stooge gets lost, only to find himself, south of the border, in the mostly middling action-comedy "Gringo," directed by Nash Edgerton (brother of Joel). David Oyelowo tests out his comedy chops as Harold, a nice-guy Nigerian immigrant scraping by and scrapping for his slice of the American Dream, which involves an inattentive wife (Thandie Newton), a tiny dog, a mountain of debt and a couple of truly abusive, criminal individuals as bosses. Living the dream. — *K.W.*

**Isle of Dogs** ★★★★★ "Isle of Dogs," is worth seeing and often very droll, as well as exactly, rigorously, fastidiously composed, stop-motion frame by frame. 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." Just as limiting: Wes 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. — *M.P.*

**The Leisure Seeker** ★½ There are Alzheimer's movies that cut to the quick, like "Still Alice," and then there are Alzheimer's movies that pander to the worst sort of cheaply manipulative old-folks cutesiness, like "The Leisure Seeker." Maybe if there were one crumb of genuine flavor in this stale cheese, it could have passed muster, but this is ersatz curd, dressed up by the presence of Helen Mirren and Donald Sutherland without doing credit to either. — *Jay Weissberg, Variety*

**Love, Simon** ★★★★★ "Love, Simon" is a universal story, even if you're not a gay teenager. The challenge of figuring out who we are and standing comfortably in that identity might begin in high school, but often lasts a lifetime. As Simon so aptly says: "No matter what, announcing who you are to the world is pretty terrifying." — *Sandy Cohen, Associated Press*

**Pacific Rim Uprising** ★★ John Boyega of the "Star Wars" franchise takes the leading role here as well as a producing credit. He plays Jake, the wastrel son of the Idris Elba world-saver in the first picture. Honestly, that's already enough plot, except to say Jake cleans up his act, and becomes trainer of the young cadets prepping for the next big showdown. Charlie Day and Burn

Gorman return as the wonky Jaeger-meisters Newt and Herrmann, and one of them figures prominently into the destructive riddle of the rogue Jaeger wrecking havoc in Australia. This movie gets around! — *M.P.*

**Red Sparrow** ★½ Rising ballerina Dominika (Jennifer Lawrence) suffers an onstage injury. Her incestuous-minded uncle (Matthias Schoenaerts) has a new career in mind for her: He blackmails her into attending "Sparrow" school, which trains a new generation of sexually manipulative spies. The faculty head trains her young women and men in the art of seduction. Much of "Red Sparrow" concerns Dominika's primary assignment: Cozying up to an American agent and learning the identity of the apparent double agent in his employ. Half of the "Red Sparrow" audience will spend part of the running time fighting off memories of "Salt" and "Atomic Blonde" and the Black Widow storyline from "The Avengers." The other half, meantime, will wonder when spy movies became quite so punishing. — *M.P.*

**The Strangers: Prey at Night** ★½ Teenage Luke (Lewis Pullman) and his younger sister, Kinsey (Bailee Madison), aren't so much people as pawns. During a stopover on the way to drop Kinsey off at boarding school, they're stalked by the same trio of psychopaths we met 10 years ago. Mom and Dad, played by Christina Hendricks and Martin Henderson, get dispatched fairly quickly. One sequence takes place in and around a neon-lit swimming pool, where the Man in the Mask goes after Luke, injuring him. The whole thing has the air of a knockoff of something that wasn't very good to begin with. — *Michael O'Sullivan, The Washington Post*

**Tomb Raider** ★★ "Tomb Raider" turns Lara into a punching bag and an onlooker. Moviemakers may believe such grueling violence to be obligatory, a natural prelude to the usual digital fakery. Here it has the condescending effect of telling the main character to shut up and take it like a man. Here's hoping the sequel tries something a little more enlightened. Alicia Vikander is a fine Lara Croft. Moviewise, however, she could use a better set of clues. — *M.P.*

**A Wrinkle in Time** ★★½ Meg and her younger, "different" brother, Charles Wallace (Deric McCabe), live with their physicist mother (Gugu Mbatha-Raw) in Los Angeles. Meg's father (Chris Pine), a NASA scientist, has been missing for four years. Mr. and Mrs. Murry had been on the verge of cracking the secret of the tesseract, enabling humans to magically zwoop to other planets, new dimensions. Megan learns the ropes with the guidance of Mrs. Whatsit (Reese Witherspoon), Mrs. Who (Mindy Kaling) and Mrs. Which (Oprah Winfrey). Zach Galifianakis pops up as the Happy Medium, a seer who points the way to the missing father. — *M.P.*

## Run this town

The next few months of Chicago race season.

### Bunny Rock 5K at Montrose Harbor

601 W. Montrose Ave.

Don a pair of bunny ears and get pumped up by '80s rock music at this lakefront race, which also features an Easter egg hunt and petting zoo for kids.

**When:** 9 a.m. March 31

**Entry fee:** \$40-\$45 at [bunnyrock5k.com](http://bunnyrock5k.com)

### World Health Run at Lincoln Park

1650 N. Stockton Drive

The first-time 5K race and one-mile walk raises money for health initiatives around the world.

**When:** 8:30 a.m. April 7

**Entry fee:** \$37-\$45 at [worldhealthrun.org](http://worldhealthrun.org)

### Chi Town Half Marathon at Montrose Harbor

601 W. Montrose Ave. 224-757-5425

Run a 10K or half-marathon to raise money for Special Olympics and then celebrate at the finish line with a Portillo's hot dog, beer and live music.

**When:** 7 a.m. April 7

**Entry fee:** \$80-\$100 at [allcommunityevents.com](http://allcommunityevents.com)

### Chicago Lakefront 50K George Cheung Memorial Race at Jackson Park

6300 S. Lake Shore Drive 847-648-8843

Run three loops along the Lakefront Bike Path at the South Side race, which finishes with a meal of red beans and rice.

**When:** 7:30 a.m. April 14

**Entry fee:** \$55-\$65 at [chicagoultra.org](http://chicagoultra.org)

### Runners for Research 5K Run/Walk at the Chicago Fallen Firefighter and Paramedic Memorial Park

2301 S. Lake Shore Drive

The fifth annual race supports the American Association for Cancer Research.

**When:** 7:30 a.m. April 14

**Entry fee:** \$25-\$50 at [aacr.donordrive.com](http://aacr.donordrive.com)

### 5Kto1K Neighborhood Run

1000 W. Fulton Market

Run through the Fulton Market and West Loop neighborhoods at the fourth annual race, which ends with a party at Federales.

**When:** 9 a.m. April 15

**Entry fee:** \$50 at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com)

### Wintrust Lakefront 10 Miler & 5K at Montrose Beach

Wilson and Lake Shore drives

Choose your distance and run, walk or jog before celebrating with Lagunitas beer, food and music.

**When:** 9 a.m. April 21

**Entry fee:** \$39-\$65 at [caralakefront10.com](http://caralakefront10.com)

### Walk & Roll Chicago at Soldier Field Stadium Green

1410 Museum Campus Drive

Run or walk 5K, skate 10K or bike 15K at the fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.



World Vision's Global 6K for Water

WORLD VISION

**When:** 8:30 a.m. April 21

**Entry fee:** \$15-\$20 at [chicagoevents.com](http://chicagoevents.com)

### Quid Pro Run at Washington Park Refectory

5531 W. Russell Drive

Run or walk 5K to raise money for the Cook County Bar Association Foundation's Legal Clinic.

**When:** 9 a.m. April 21

**Entry fee:** \$40 at [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com)

### Race Against Extinction Earth Day 5K at Lincoln Park

2430 N. Cannon Drive 617-312-6268

Run, walk or skate at the second annual pet-friendly benefit for the World Wildlife Fund.

**When:** 10 a.m. April 22

**Entry fee:** \$30 at [active.com](http://active.com)

### Breakthrough for Brain Tumors Run & Walk at Soldier Field Stadium Green

1410 Museum Campus Drive

Running in nine cities across the country, the 5K raises money for the American Brain Tumor Association.

**When:** 9:30 a.m. April 22

**Entry fee:** \$30-\$40 at [abta.org](http://abta.org)

### Wildwood PAC Earth Day 5K and 2K Fun Run/Walk at Wildwood Park Field House

6950 N. Hiawatha Ave.

Explore the neighborhood and then stick around to help clean up the park and mulch trees.

**When:** 8:30 a.m. April 22

**Entry fee:** \$10-\$30 at [active.com](http://active.com)

### Ravenswood Run 5K

4550 N. Hermitage Ave.

The bells at All Saints Episcopal Church signal the start of this 5K run.

**When:** 8 a.m. April 29

**Entry fee:** \$45-\$49 at [ravenswoodrun.com](http://ravenswoodrun.com)

### Cinco de Miler at Montrose Harbor

601 W. Montrose Ave.

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with live mariachi music, piñatas and breakfast tacos, Dos Equis and other Mexican food and drinks at the finish line of the five-mile race.

**When:** 8:30 a.m. May 5

**Entry fee:** \$44-\$49 at [cincodemiler.com](http://cincodemiler.com)

### Don't Tell Me to 'Slow Down' at Northwestern University

1841 Sheridan Road, Evanston 704-654-5611

The first-time fun run and walk celebrates National Stuttering Awareness Week.

**When:** 8 a.m. May 5

**Entry fee:** \$25-\$30 at [westutter.org](http://westutter.org)

### Run to Remember at Gold Star Families Memorial & Park

1410 S. Museum Campus Drive 312-499-8899

The Chicago Police Memorial Foundation's 14th annual 5K run and walk kicks off with a helicopter flyover.

**When:** 8 a.m. May 5

**Entry fee:** \$35-\$45 at [give.classy.org/run2remember2018](http://give.classy.org/run2remember2018)

### Be The Match Walk + Run at Grant Park

Balbo and Columbus drives

The annual 5K and 1K run and walk raises money for bone marrow transplants for people with blood cancer.

**When:** 8:30 a.m. May 6

**Entry fee:** \$30-\$35 at [bethematchfoundation.org](http://bethematchfoundation.org)

### Race to Wrigley at Wrigley Field

1060 W. Addison St.

Run through Lakeview and end up at the Wrigley Field marquee at the 13th annual benefit for Cubs Charities, which includes a post-race beer.

**When:** 8 a.m. May 6

**Entry fee:** \$44-\$53 at [race-cubs.com](http://race-cubs.com)

### Near North Health Mother's Day 5K Run/Walk at Komed Holmen Health Center

4259 S. Berkley Ave.

Follow the route along the lakefront through the Kenwood, Oakland and Bronzeville neighborhoods.

**When:** 8 a.m. May 12

**Entry fee:** \$20 suggested donation at [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com)

### Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure at Montrose Harbor

601 W. Montrose Ave. 773-444-0061

Celebrate Mother's Day at the 21st annual benefit for breast cancer research.

**When:** 9 a.m. May 13

**Entry fee:** \$35-\$50 at [komenchicago.org](http://komenchicago.org)

### Universal Sole Four Mile Classic at Montrose Harbor

601 W. Montrose Ave. 773-868-0893

Run or walk along the lakefront to raise money for Chicago Run.

**When:** 7 p.m. May 17

**Entry fee:** \$35-\$45 at [universalsole.com](http://universalsole.com)

### World Vision's Global 6K for Water at Montrose Harbor

4400 N. Lake Shore Drive 888-511-6548

Run or walk the distance most people in the developing world must travel to get water to raise money to improve water access.

**When:** 9 a.m. May 19

**Entry fee:** \$50 at [teamworldvision.org](http://teamworldvision.org)

### Night Nation Run at Soldier Field

1410 Museum Campus Drive

The running music festival features DJs, dancers, glow gear giveaways, lights shows and selfie stations.

**When:** 8 p.m. May 19

**Entry fee:** \$60 at [nightnationrun.com/chicago](http://nightnationrun.com/chicago)

### StemStep5K at Humboldt Park

1301 N. Humboldt Drive

The fundraiser for community science, technology, engineering, math and athletics program is expected to draw 1,000 runners.

**When:** 8 a.m. May 19

**Entry fee:** \$27-\$30 at [stemstep5k.com](http://stemstep5k.com)

### Move for the Kids at Soldier Field

1410 Museum Campus Drive

Run or walk 5K along the lakefront at the 14th annual benefit for the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago.

**When:** 11 a.m. May 20

**Entry fee:** \$40 at [luriechildrens.org](http://luriechildrens.org)

### Chicago Spring Half Marathon & 10K at Maggie Daley Park

337 E. Randolph St.

Take in views of the skyline and Lake Michigan on your run.

**When:** 7 a.m. May 20

**Entry fee:** \$65-\$115 at [chicagospringhalf.com](http://chicagospringhalf.com)

### Soldier Field 10 Mile at Soldier Field

1410 Museum Campus Drive

Three waves makes the race perfect for runners of all levels along with walkers. The event ends with a party featuring music and food.

**When:** 7 a.m. May 26

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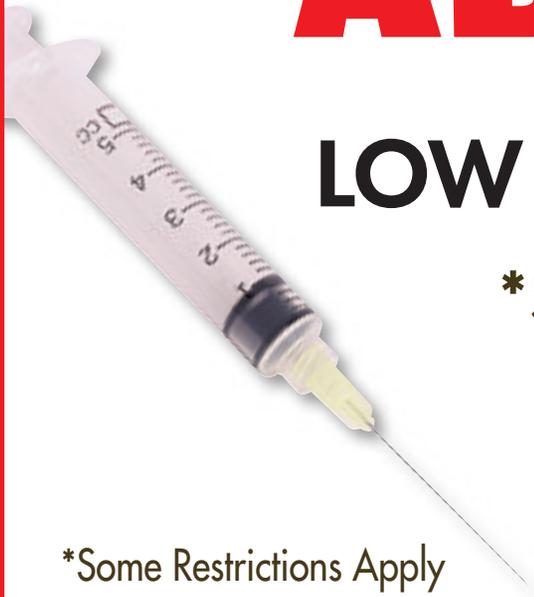
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WEEK OF MARCH 29 | TAROT.COM



### **Aries** March 21-April 19

This might be one of the most dramatic weeks of the year for your love life so buckle up: Change is coming. You might run off and have a one-night stand or sudden affair with someone. If you're in a relationship, it's possible that you'll be tempted to stray from your partner ... or that you already have, and now it's time to pay the price.



### **Taurus** April 20-May 20

You might be tired of all the secrets in your love life or you might be tired of keeping your love life a secret. If you're involved in a clandestine relationship for one reason or another, this is the week you're going to make it come out of the closet. Even if your partner isn't on board, you know it's time to shake things up.



### **Gemini** May 21-June 20

Your love life might need some TLC this week. It might be due to sexual incompatibility or your partner's unwillingness to dive into anything that's truly intimate. If you're not getting any then you might feel as though it's time to move on.



### **Cancer** June 21-July 22

A major shakeup at home this week will likely threaten the emotional harmony you feel with your mate. This could be a family emergency that happens, and if so, you might not get the type of support you need from your partner when you need it. Another possibility is that your partner will be the one having the emergency, and you'll have to be the one there to put out any fires.



### **Leo** July 23-Aug. 22

Difficult communication between you and your partner might need to happen this week, whether you like it or not. Although you might not come to an agreement, you may still be able to salvage your relationship simply because you'll both be willing to do the uncomfortable work of having this conversation together. It might simply be a matter of a decision you need to make that is not exactly clear-cut.



### **Virgo** Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Perhaps you and your love have been tip-toeing around sharing what you both truly need from each other sexually. If this is the case, all of a sudden you'll find that your inhibitions seem to melt away. You'll have no trouble telling your mate exactly what you need, even if it's a bit experimental. Guess what? Your partner will be up for it — you have nothing to worry about.



### **Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Your partner might act in an unusual way, sparking a real opportunity for you both to feel alive again in your relationship. Enjoy it while it lasts because by Saturday, you might feel hypersensitive and emotionally reactive. This probably has more to do with a family situation than your love life, but your poor sweetheart is the one likely to be on the receiving end of your hysteria.



### **Scorpio** Oct. 23-Nov. 21

You might be the only sign this week that is in a happy place when it comes to love and romance, so you better enjoy it! You will notice that your partner has ramped up his or her energy to please your senses. Don't be surprised if you come home at night to candlelit dinners, romantic music playing in the background, and sweet massages followed by incredible time in the bedroom.



### **Sagittarius** Nov. 22-Dec. 21

If you're single then you can look forward to someone shaking you out of your isolation and possibly straight into your heart. This might not be anything with staying power, but you'll certainly enjoy the passion between you that is aroused. Live in the moment and have no regrets!



### **Capricorn** Dec. 22-Jan. 19

If you're in a relationship, then there might be a shakeup between you and your lover. It might have more to do with some domestic drama that distracts you from experiencing any pleasure together. Another possibility, however, is that you and your sweetheart will make a snap decision to move in together. It'll be quite an exciting ride!



### **Aquarius** Jan. 20-Feb. 18

An unexpected short trip with your lover might be exactly what you need to spice things up in your relationship this week. The two of you might wake up one morning and decide to hop into your car, call out sick from work, and drive somewhere romantic and fun. Go for it. You'll have no regrets! After Saturday it'll be a great time to introduce a new love to your family for the first time.

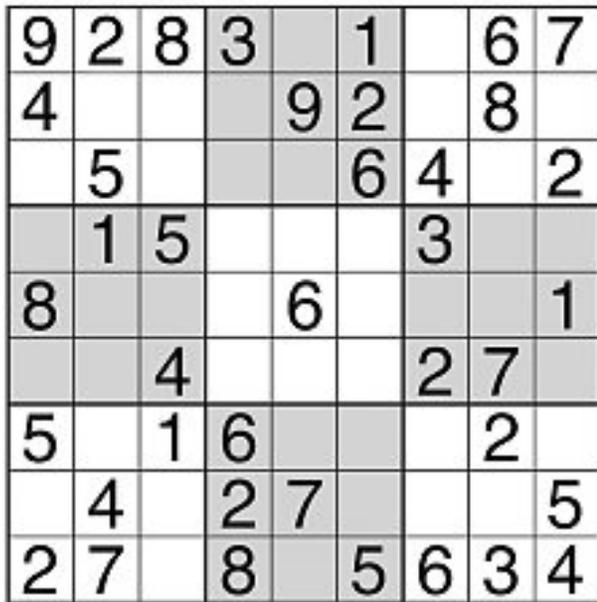


### **Pisces** Feb. 19-March 20

You and your partner might have a fallout this week due to finances. Early in the week you could make a decision that isn't exactly responsible. In fact, it might be a foolish risk and even though your partner is warning you against it, you seem to move straight toward it. Be forewarned: It won't end well.

# PUZZLES FOR THE WEEK

## PUZZLES FOR MONDAY, MARCH 26



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆



### SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS



### TODAY IN THE YEAR ...

**1812:** An earthquake devastated Caracas, Venezuela, causing an estimated 26,000 deaths, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

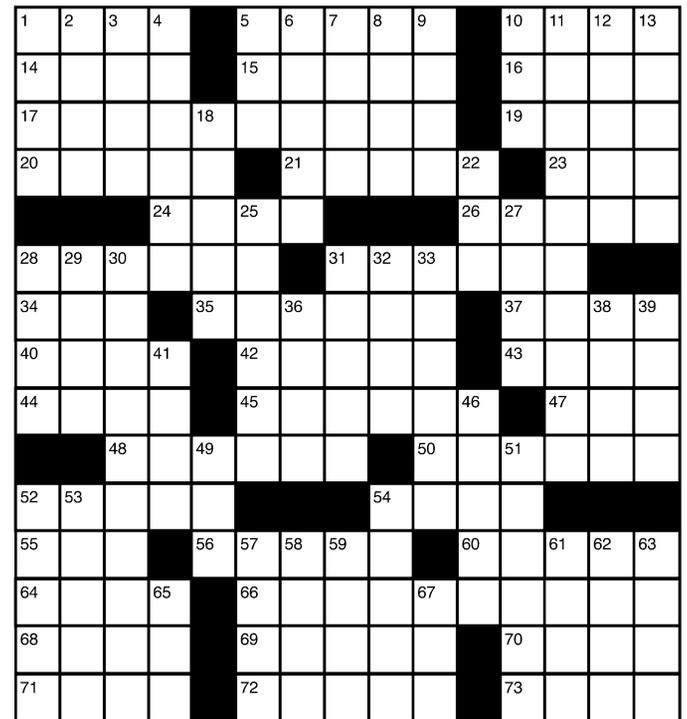
**1917:** The Seattle Metropolitans became the first U.S. team to win the Stanley Cup as they defeated the Montreal Canadiens in Game 4 of the finals by a score of 9-1.

### ACROSS

- 1 Cut short
- 5 Dissolves
- 10 — for; picks
- 14 —and-mighty; arrogant
- 15 Move about stealthily
- 16 Peddler's wagon
- 17 Fear of heights
- 19 The Bee Gees, for example
- 20 Greek letter
- 21 Signs of a minor accident
- 23 1, 2, 3 and 4
- 24 — in a blue moon; seldom
- 26 Ascend
- 28 Error remover
- 31 Unchanging
- 34 Youth
- 35 Morley's family
- 37 Pistols
- 40 Kardashian and Delaney
- 42 Releases
- 43 Dinner in a sty
- 44 Slender
- 45 Provide a home for
- 47 As sly — fox
- 48 Cuts of beef
- 50 Whispered confidence
- 52 Male animals
- 54 Paper towel brand
- 55 Boone or Sajak
- 56 Populous Israeli city
- 60 Boo-boo
- 64 Dayton's state
- 66 Clavicle
- 68 Housetop
- 69 Author Mark
- 70 Out in the —; visible to all
- 71 Camp shelter
- 72 Pitcher Koufax
- 73 Hornet's home

### DOWN

- 1 Informal talk
- 2 Well-to-do
- 3 Mean guy
- 4 Snapshots
- 5 Letters on a speedometer
- 6 Eat away at
- 7 Part of the ear
- 8 Jacob, to Esau
- 9 Strip of wood
- 10 Fall month: abbr.
- 11 Choosy



- 12 Attempts
- 13 Oliver or Sharon
- 18 Window pieces
- 22 Took a load off
- 25 Arts and —
- 27 Big —; semiis
- 28 Antlered animals
- 29 Word attached to road or way
- 30 Great respect
- 31 Looks for
- 32 Alder or aspen
- 33 St. Francis' home
- 36 Campus group
- 38 Sniffer
- 39 Falling-out
- 41 Air pollution
- 46 At no time
- 49 Bit of soot
- 51 Element whose symbol is C
- 52 Wear
- 53 Lake near Reno
- 54 Legitimate
- 57 Play divisions
- 58 Midwest state
- 59 Caramel-topped custard
- 61 Thick cable
- 62 Singles
- 63 Monthly charge
- 65 Many a time
- 67 Not — longer; no more

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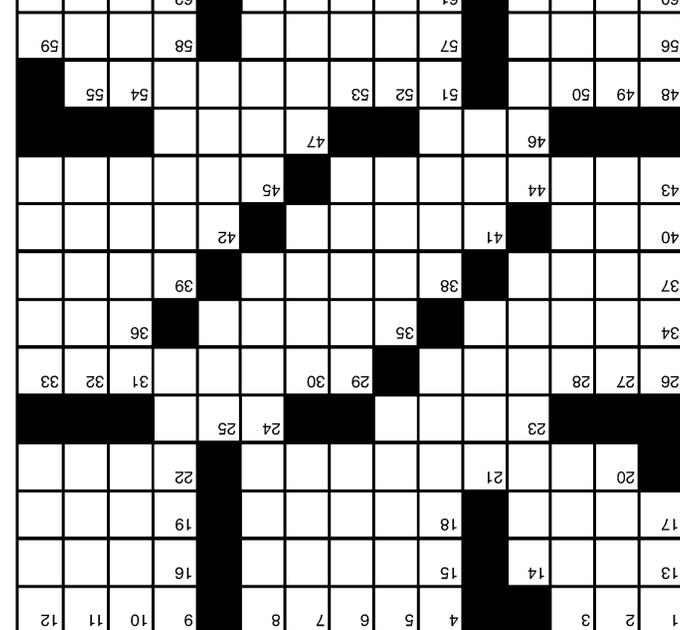
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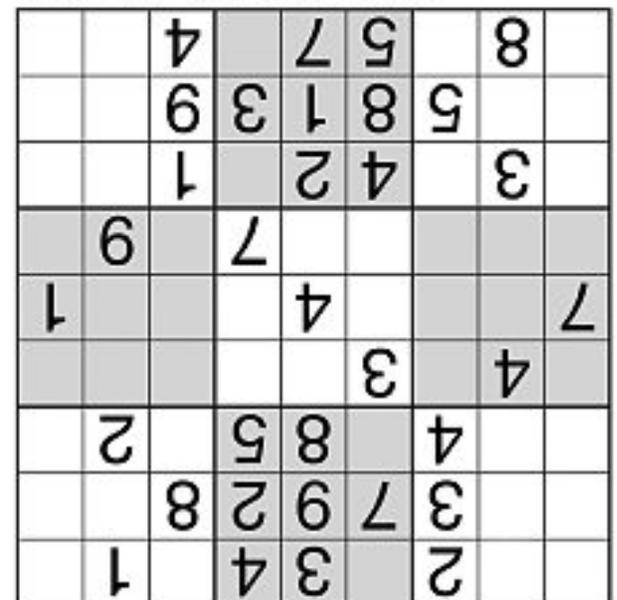
- ### ACROSS
- 1 Clinton's successor, for
  - 4 — to the wise is
  - 9 Actor Hartman
  - 13 Golf hole averages
  - 15 Political activist Ralph
  - 16 Le Mans event
  - 17 Eve's man
  - 18 Old —; hag
  - 19 Baker's need
  - 20 Coasts
  - 22 Hospital furniture
  - 23 In just a bit
  - 24 Feminine pronoun
  - 26 19th-century U.S. president
  - 29 Agreeable
  - 34 Actor Tyrone
  - 35 As — as an ape
  - 36 "Swing —, Sweet Charlot"
  - 37 Grew older
  - 38 Makes fun of
  - 39 Floating sheet of ice
  - 40 Regret
  - 41 India's currency
  - 42 Waterbirds
  - 43 Tied to a rope
  - 45 Having antlers
  - 46 Unusual
  - 47 Veal or venison
  - 48 Sultor
  - 49 Adorn
  - 51 Charitable gift
  - 56 Lion's den
  - 58 Line of travel
  - 59 Toward shelter
  - 60 Pompous or Corby
  - 62 Jealousy
  - 63 Be impudent
  - 64 Actress Winger
  - 65 "We're off to — the Wizard..."
- ### DOWN
- 1 Student's avg.
  - 2 up; presses into a ball
  - 3 Scottish hillside
  - 4 News program host
  - 5 Bitter
  - 14 Drum
  - 12 Camera's eye
  - 11 Frosted
  - 31 TV's — funt
  - 32 Slipnot loop
  - 33 Rough woolen fabric
  - 35 Actress Lange
  - 38 Assassinated name
  - 39 Like rich soil
  - 41 as a beet
  - 42 Objective
  - 44 Dwellings
  - 45 U.S. state capital
  - 59 Dell leaf
  - 52 Internal spy
  - 53 Future tulip
  - 54 Without
  - 55 Bee colony
  - 59 Dell leaf



### MONDAY'S SOLUTIONS



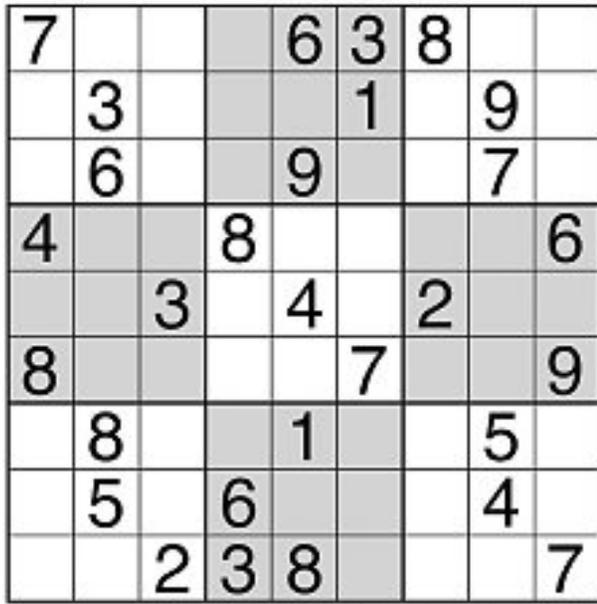
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## PUZZLES FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 27



PUZZLES FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 30



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THURSDAY'S SOLUTIONS



TODAY IN THE YEAR ...

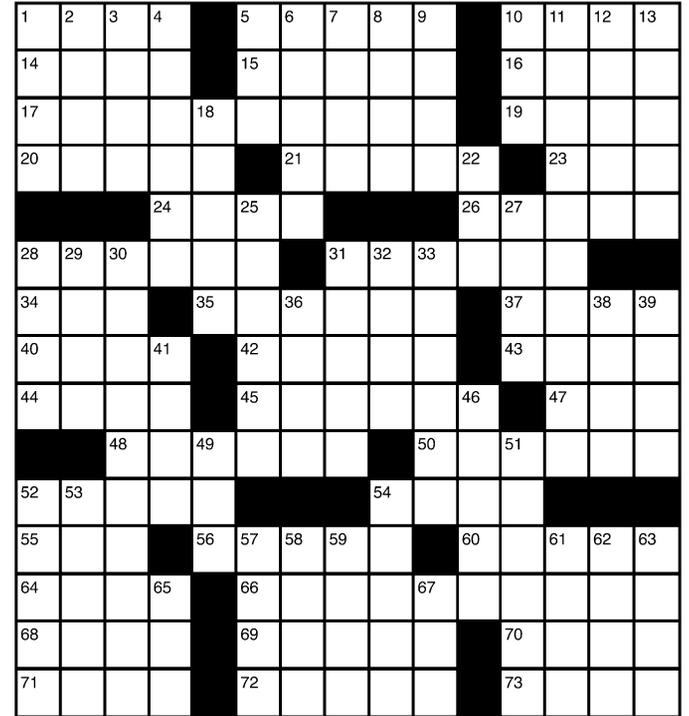
**1923:** The Cunard liner RMS Laconia became the first passenger ship to circle the globe as it arrived in New York.

**1964:** The original version of the TV game show "Jeopardy!," hosted by Art Fleming, premiered on NBC.

**1981:** President Ronald Reagan was shot and seriously injured outside a Washington, D.C. hotel by John Hinckley, Jr.; also wounded were White House press secretary James Brady, Secret Service agent Timothy McCarthy and a District of Columbia police officer, Thomas Delahanty.

ACROSS

- 1 Rips off
- 5 Dirtiness
- 10 NFL officials
- 14 "Once... a time..."
- 15 "Bye, Pierre!"
- 16 Way out
- 17 Choices
- 19 Actress Delany
- 20 Set foot in
- 21 \_ go; very active
- 23 Droop
- 24 Meander
- 26 Granny Smith or McIntosh
- 28 Penitentiary
- 31 Guarantee
- 34 " \_ a Rock"; 1960s song
- 35 Fate
- 37 Magnet metal
- 40 Magazine title
- 42 Money, slangily
- 43 Manufactured
- 44 Neighbor of Wyoming; abbr.
- 45 Grown-ups
- 47 Tricycle rider
- 48 Basement
- 50 Says
- 52 Bea Arthur TV role
- 54 Smokey or Yogi
- 55 " \_ you can eat"; buffet ad phrase
- 56 Child's school composition
- 60 Rising to a great height
- 64 Cabbage dish
- 66 Asian nation
- 68 Carry
- 69 " \_ crow flies; in a straight line
- 70 Walk in the \_; easy task
- 71 Eur. language
- 72 Baffling riddle
- 73 Totals



DOWN

- 1 Trick
- 2 Ready for business
- 3 Leave suddenly
- 4 Derisive smiles
- 5 Too heavy
- 6 Common expression
- 7 Roaring beast
- 8 Circus shelter
- 9 "Pipe down!"
- 10 " \_ as a beet

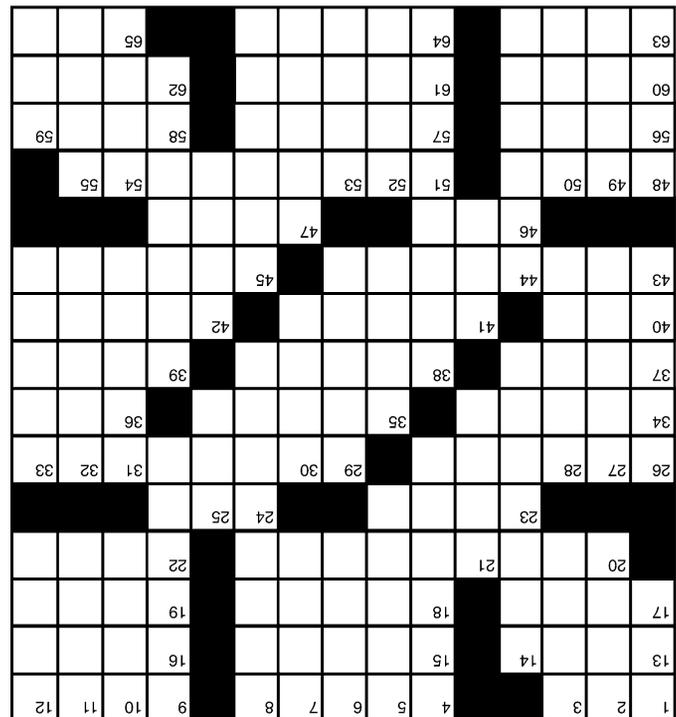
- 11 Try the patience of
- 12 Ultimate
- 13 Put on, as a play
- 18 Thief
- 22 Parisian water
- 25 " \_ Farm"; novel by Orwell
- 27 Overly proper
- 28 Craters
- 29 Bug spray
- 30 Spotless

- 31 Western author Louis L'
- 32 Peddle
- 33 Museum piece
- 36 Malt shop order
- 38 Stench
- 39 "Trawlers' needs
- 41 " \_ out a living; got by
- 46 Follow stealthily
- 49 Actor Bruce \_
- 51 Scout groups

- 52 Ship poles
- 53 Put up with
- 54 " \_ way; incidentally
- 57 Jacket fastener
- 58 Mediocre
- 59 " \_ and crafts
- 61 German wife
- 62 Semester or quarter
- 63 Hairy oven
- 65 Get hitched
- 67 That lady

- 45 Seashores
- 47 Actor Gable
- 48 Forehead
- 49 Talk wildly
- 50 Elderly
- 52 Keep for later
- 53 Dollar bills
- 54 Christmas carol
- 55 No longer here
- 59 Hair bonnet
- 29 Yearned
- 30 Wood splitters
- 31 Know- \_ smart aleck
- 32 Ruckus
- 33 Punctured
- 35 Slimy skirt
- 38 Off-kilter
- 39 Coming up short
- 41 Fast plane
- 42 Linear measure
- 44 Passengers
- 28 " \_ could eat no fat..."
- 26 Temple leader
- 27 Of the East
- 25 Most common conjunction
- 24 Reduced prices sharply
- 21 Secured valley
- 12 Angers
- 11 VP AI
- 10 " \_ wasn't built in \_"

- 1 Fish-and-chips fish, often
- 2 Fills with wonder
- 3 " \_ as ye sow, so shall ye \_"
- 4 Actress Bea
- 5 Piss's famous structure
- 6 Disregard
- 7 Vane direction
- 8 Informed
- 9 Second
- 65 Allow
- 64 Writing tables
- 63 Ties the knot
- 62 Kelly or Wilder
- 61 Cris of tennis
- 60 Dove
- 58 AM/PM divider
- 57 In a \_ turnous
- 56 Quarantining
- 48 Actor Garrett
- 47 Chilly
- 46 " \_ don't judge a book by \_"
- 45 shape
- 43 Fearless; brave
- 42 Untue
- 41 Actor James Earl \_
- 40 Lamb's cry
- 39 Impartial; just
- 38 Like a pricey coat
- 37 Robin or raven
- 36 time
- 35 None \_ soon; just in
- 34 Jumbled
- 29 Landscape or portrait
- 26 Bacon portion
- 24 Summer blower
- 23 Insulting remark
- 22 Watches
- 20 Italian staple
- 19 Gospel writer
- 18 1960s dance
- 17 Good buy
- 16 claim to fame
- 15 Limburger cheese's
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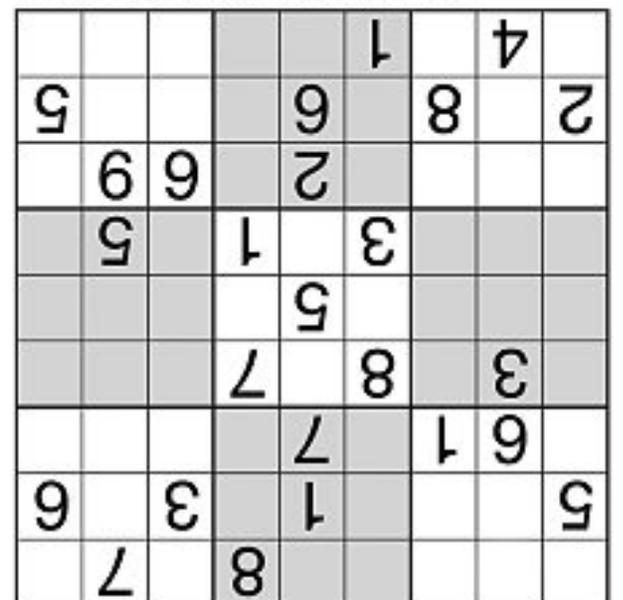
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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★



PUZZLES FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 31

**1923:** The first U.S. dance marathon, held in New York City, ended with Alma Cummings, who had danced with six consecutive male partners, setting a world record of 27 hours on her feet.

**1943:** "Oklahoma!," the first musical play by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, opened on Broadway.

**1995:** Mexican-American singer Selena Quintanilla-Perez, 23, was shot to death in Corpus Christi, Texas, by the founder of her fan club, Yolanda Saldivar, who was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison.

TODAY IN THE YEAR ...

# cheat sheet

By Ben Meyerson | FOR REDEYE

Quick! Think of something interesting to say at dinner Friday night. If nothing's coming to you, here are your conversation starters for the weekend.



## Amazon robots can see your fear

Our overlords at Amazon have a new innovation: **Fear-sensing robots!** The company has a new patent on technology that allows drones to analyze people's gestures, such as a thumbs-up or a shooing-away motion. The package-delivery robot could then react accordingly, changing its flight path, asking the human a question or aborting the delivery. Amazon drone deliveries have already been tested: A drone delivered a package to a customer in the U.K. in 2016.

Amazon delivery drone. MCT

## Kanye's dating plan

Kanye lovers, rejoice: A dating site may be in the works just for you. A U.K.-based lad named Harry Dry says he's working on a site called **Yeezy Dating** that would bring together fans of Mr. West (though it's not officially affiliated with 'Ye in any way). The website — [yeezyfans.dating](http://yeezyfans.dating) — is still pretty sparse, but it does have one warning: No Taylor Swift fans allowed.



## Easter Fools' Day

Easter is on April 1 this year, marking the first time since 1956 that the celebration of Jesus' resurrection overlaps with the official day for tricking your girlfriend into thinking there's a bear outside. So how will people celebrate? Tech companies may be hesitant to roll out **April Fools' Day** pranks on a religious holiday, but your uncle hosting Easter brunch may not care as much. Beware of booby-trapped eggs, things wrapped in foil and anyone offering Peeps, ever.

## Shaggy, Sting and the queen walk into a birthday party

**Queen Elizabeth II** is still the world's most famous 90-something (sorry, Sister Jean), and Vanity Fair reports her 92nd birthday party performers will include Kylie Minogue, Sting, Tom Jones and, yes, Shaggy. All the musicians have one thing in common: They're from Commonwealth countries, made up of Britain and its former colonies. Who planned this? It wasn't me.



## The digit: 21

That's how many seconds it would take to finish the shortest possible game of **Monopoly**, according to a professor at the University of Notre Dame. The two-player game would take only four turns to complete, essentially requiring the first player to move around the board very quickly, buying Park Place and Boardwalk and setting up houses there. The second player then hits a stroke of bad luck and gets sent to Boardwalk through a "Chance" card. But where's the fun? Three-hour games build character.

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