



BARBARA BUSH 1925-2018

First lady and singular force in political dynasty

Wife to 1 president, mother to another promoted literacy

BY MICHAEL GRACZYK
 Associated Press

HOUSTON — Barbara Bush, the snow-haired first lady whose plainspoken manner and lack of pretense made her more popular at times than her husband, President George H.W. Bush, died Tuesday.

She was 92. The office of her husband issued a statement Tuesday evening announcing her death but did not disclose the cause. Mrs. Bush was reportedly battling chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and congestive heart failure. Her family announced two

days earlier that she had “decided not to seek additional medical treatment” after recent hospitalizations amid her “failing health.”

As the matriarch of one of America’s political dynasties, Bush spent a half-century in the public eye. She was portrayed as the consummate wife and homemaker as her husband rose from Texas oilman to commander in chief. They had six children, the eldest of whom, George W. Bush, became president.

George H.W. Bush held his wife’s hand all day Tuesday and was at her side when she died, according to Jean Becker, chief of staff at George H.W. Bush’s office in Houston.

A funeral is planned Saturday at St. Martin’s Episcopal Church in Houston. Mrs. Bush will lie in repose Friday at the

church for members of the public who want to pay respects. Saturday’s service will be by invitation only, according to the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation.

“My dear mother has passed on at age 92. Laura, Barbara, Jenna, and I are sad, but our souls are settled because we know hers was,” George W. Bush said in a statement Tuesday. “Barbara Bush was a fabulous First Lady and a woman unlike any other who brought levity, love, and literacy to millions. To us, she was so much more.”

As news of the former first lady’s death spread, reactions poured in from many who had known her.

Former President Bill Clinton and his wife, former Secretary of State Hillary

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Former first lady Barbara Bush attends the 2008 GOP National Convention in St. Paul, Minn. She died Tuesday at the age of 92.



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Nathan Etter gets a hug after speaking to the school board Monday. District 301 officials deny Etter’s discrimination claim.

Gay teacher gets support after discrimination claim

Group rallies for educator who says he was chastised for comments to students

BY AMANDA MARRAZZO
 Chicago Tribune

A bouquet of flowers sent to a teacher by his husband on Valentine’s Day set off a controversy and claims of discrimination in a rural community at the edge of the Chicago area, resulting in a standing-room-only school board meeting Monday evening.

When Nathan Etter, a first-year music teacher at Prairie View Grade School near Elgin, received the bouquet from his husband, some first-grade students asked who they were from. He said he

answered honestly and that some students reacted with comments like “ewwww” and “gross.”

Etter, 30, who has been married to Philip Etter since August, said he used the interaction as a “teachable moment,” making brief comments about respect and tolerance and explaining how some families have two moms or two dads.

According to administrators in Kane County-based Central Unit School District 301, the parent of one student contacted the district with “serious concerns” about Etter’s comments, prompting the principal to meet with the

teacher to learn more about what had occurred.

School board President Jeff Kellenberger told the crowd at Monday’s gathering that, after that meeting, “the district had no further concerns and considered the matter resolved. Mr. Etter’s employment ... was never in jeopardy.”

But Etter and his union apparently interpreted the meeting differently. Nearly two months later, according to district officials, the vice president of the

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Patrons give Art Institute a \$70M day

Officials say donations allow a future of ‘new ambitions’

BY STEVE JOHNSON
 Chicago Tribune

The Art Institute of Chicago publicly revealed the largest announced monetary gift in its history Tuesday, an unrestricted \$50 million donation from trustee Janet Duchossois and her husband, Craig Duchossois, officials said.

In addition, trustees at Tuesday’s board meeting received news that board Chairman Robert Levy and his wife, Diane v.S. Levy, had ponied up \$20 million for operations and acquisitions at the not-for-profit institution.

“In our history, these are among the single greatest gifts,” said President and Eloise W. Martin Director James Rondeau. “These are two donor families who are making a commitment to the museum but recognizing that our sustainability is deeply connected to serving our audience in Chicago.”

There are no specific, immediate plans for the new money, Rondeau said, but he suggested it could be influential in shaping the museum’s future. The muse-

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Nagy looks ready to put fun back in Bears football

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Doctor spent \$248K on unauthorized purchases

2014 review led to resignation, reimbursement, not discipline

BY GREGORY PRATT
 Chicago Tribune

A Cook County doctor quietly resigned after a government watchdog uncovered \$248,322 in unauthorized spending, some of which benefited him personally, records and interviews show.

Cook County Inspector General Patrick Blanchard concluded in 2016 that Bala Hota had improperly taken grant money and spent it for his “personal benefit.”

The case illustrates how bureaucracy in Cook County can slow investigations for years. Hota repaid the money last year — more than three years after he resigned amid the inspector general’s investigation. He has not been charged with a crime nor disciplined by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

Hota “fraudulently” claimed that expenses he was reimbursed for were work-related and furthered the Cook County Health and Hospitals System’s mission, the inspector general said in the office’s quarterly report released in January.

Instead, Hota spent nearly a quarter of a

million dollars on meals, iTunes purchases, airfare for his wife and children, a radar detector, a piano, designer accessories and clothing, and a “Star Wars” toy, the inspector general said.

The report noted for the first time that the county had implemented all his recommendations, including that it seek reimbursement and refer the matter to the state for review and disciplinary action.

“This wrongdoing was uncovered in a routine audit and we moved quickly in notifying the Office of the Inspector General. Our audit process worked exactly

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Talk of recently fired FBI Assistant Director Andrew McCabe was noticeably lacking in Sunday's "20/20" interview.



JOHN KASS

Comey, Stephanopoulos eviscerate like intriguers

If you closed your eyes and listened to former (and fired) FBI Director James Comey in conversation with former Clinton aide (and Clinton Foundation Donor Zero) George Stephanopoulos on ABC, you would have heard two things that were disturbing.

One was the gossipy silkiness of their voices, Comey and Stephanopoulos cooing at each other, eviscerating President Donald Trump like the intriguers Varys and Littlefinger in "Game of Thrones."

The other was the lack of talk about Andrew McCabe, the former assistant director of the FBI who was fired recently and became something of a hero to the anti-Trumpers, with \$500,000 stuffing his GoFundMe account.

According to the Department of Justice inspector general's office, McCabe arranged for information to be leaked to The Wall Street Journal about investigations into the Clintons. He did this to shield himself from a Journal story about how his wife had accepted hundreds of thousands of dollars in campaign funds from Clinton-related politicians in a failed run for office in Virginia.

After setting up that leak, McCabe lied four times to FBI investigators, and threw other FBI officials under the bus, according to the report.

It is the kind of lie that has led to criminal charges against Trump loyalists. And there's more to the McCabe/Clinton story expected in an upcoming Department of Justice inspector general's report on how the Clinton investigations were handled.

McCabe wasn't a focus of the ABC interview. Instead, Comey and Stephanopoulos feasted on salaciousness about Trump.

"He had impressively coifed hair, it looks to be all his," Comey said of Trump, who fired Comey for leaking and whom Comey loathes.

It didn't sound like an FBI director. It sounded like a catty takedown by a fashionista.

"I confess, I stared at it pretty closely and my reaction was, 'It must take a heck of a lot of time in the morning, but it's impressively coifed.' He looked — his tie was too long, as it always is," Comey said. "He looked

slightly orange up close with small white half-moons under his eyes, which I assume are from tanning googles. And otherwise looked as I had expected him to look from tele-, as I thought he looked on television."

Stephanopoulos: "You even clocked the size of his hands?"

There was plenty of fodder for Trump haters: hints that the so-called Steele dossier, paid for by Hillary Clinton's campaign, about Russian prostitutes and golden showers may "possibly" be true, though Comey supplied absolutely no evidence it was true.

He just left it out there. Littlefinger or Varys would have smiled, faintly as is their way, at this mastery of technique.

And Comey's likening the president to a mob boss demanding loyalty rings true, and helps sell his book.

Of course, Trump did his part to sell the book too, unleashing his angry Twitter thumbs to play the Presidential Troll. And in doing so, Trump affirms the criticism — from Democrat and Republican establishmentarians alike — that he doesn't quite have the temperament for the job.

Trump was vulgar and loud with his ridiculous un-presidential tweets, but is this new?

Stephanopoulos: "Did you tell him that the Steele dossier had been financed by his political opponents?"

Comey: "No. I didn't — I didn't think I used the term 'Steele dossier.' I just talked to him about additional material."

Stephanopoulos: "Did — but did he have a right to know that?"

Comey: "That it had been financed by his political opponents? I don't know the answer to that. It wasn't necessary for my goal, which was to alert him that we had this information."

He doesn't know the answer to that?

Whenever Comey would dish on something particularly disgusting, Stephanopoulos would respond delightedly. "Stunning," he'd say.

Watching the two of them on ABC, you couldn't miss that they're well practiced in the dark arts of Washington.

Those who read history probably

understand that our American capital is the Versailles of the modern age. The French of old had their courtiers, ministers, intriguers, and we have them too.

Among the French of those times and among the establishmentarian American bigwigs of our new century, there is the art of hinting and letting the damage dangle in the air.

But there is also great art in knowing what not to say, of inscribing the negative space around an issue, avoiding the inconvenient truths, and this marks them as masters of the game.

They're not alone. Pro-Trump Fox news pundit Sean Hannity has proved he's practiced in what not to say too.

Hannity has loudly been vilifying the investigation of Trump by special counsel Robert Mueller, and recently the raids on the offices of Trump's personal lawyer and fixer, Michael Cohen.

But Hannity hid the fact that he was a Cohen client, as recently revealed in court.

Hannity is now in the same boat as selective truth tellers Comey and Stephanopoulos, where lack of candor and the sins of omission are the moist currency in our politics.

One who doesn't appear to play it that way is Justice Department Inspector General Michael Horowitz, an Obama administration holdover, who issued his report on McCabe. You should read it for yourself.

Horowitz's report on the FBI and the Obama Justice Department's handling — or not handling — of the Clinton investigations is due out in a few weeks. And in it, Americans expect to learn about the political intrigues in the FBI and the Justice Department under Obama.

It will be an ugly but necessary thing, just as the Mueller report is necessary once it's complete.

Sunlight is always necessary, especially now, with so many players like Varys and Littlefinger in the Washington shadows.

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CouponCabin CEO, 'Real Housewives' star seen here



Mortimer

"The Real Housewives of New York City" star **Tinsley Mortimer** and CouponCabin CEO **Scott Kluth** were spotted in Chicago on Saturday — the latest indication that the on-again, off-again couple is back on again.

Mortimer and Kluth were seen at the Chicago Theatre for a show featuring "Real Housewives" executive producer **Andy Cohen** and his bestie, CNN anchor **Anderson Cooper**. Mortimer and Kluth were also spotted at a Chicago bar.

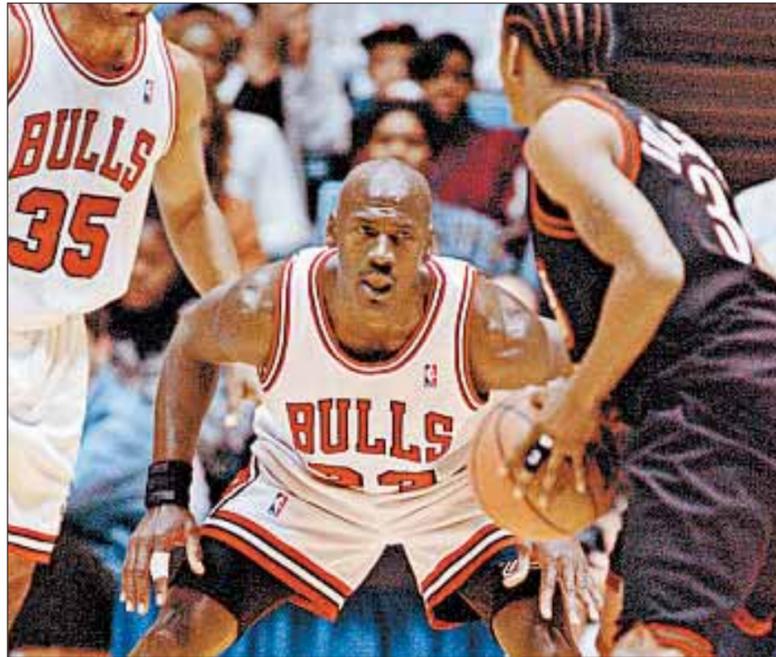
The two were introduced last year by "The Real Housewives of New York City" star **Carole Radziwill** on a blind date that was featured on the show. Things seemed to be going well, with Mortimer even joining CouponCabin, a deals site based in the Chicago area, as an account manager.

The tabloids reported the couple split in October, but Mortimer told the Tribune she was optimistic about their future after she and Kluth attended a Bulls game and the Magnificent Mile Lights Festival in November. Mortimer was also spotted at Bounce Chicago on the Near North Side neighborhood in December. She filmed a CouponCabin commercial this month in New York City with Radziwill and their co-star **Dorinda Medley**.

Mortimer's relationship drama is currently playing out on Season 10 of "The Real Housewives of New York City," which premiered this month and airs at 8 p.m. Wednesdays. Filming for the Bravo network show took place in the fall.

Meanwhile, Cohen and Cooper were spotted all over Boystown on Saturday, and they posted video from O'Hare International Airport on Sunday. Their friendship appears to be going strong.

— Tracy Swartz



KARL DEBLAKER/AP

Chicago Bulls player Michael Jordan guards Philadelphia 76ers player Allen Iverson in 1997.

Allen Iverson reflects on epic moment with Jordan

What's most striking every time retired NBA players tell old **Michael Jordan** stories is not the Bulls legend's physics-defying athleticism. It's his bluntness.

And it's on full display in a recent anecdote from **Allen Iverson**, the former 76ers great who famously sent Jordan into GIF history with a nasty crossover dribble during a Bulls win on March 12, 1997.

Iverson shared an interaction he had earlier this year with Jordan, now Hornets majority owner and chairman, in his office after a game in Charlotte, N.C. "It was just me and him and one of my friends, I was telling him how much he meant to me and how much I love him," Iverson tells an audience in a video by ThePostGame.com. "And he was like — 'MF, you don't love me, you wouldn't have crossed me like that.' But that's my man."

And that's Jordan, acerbic on and off the court.

Iverson adds that he didn't realize the magnitude of the play at the time. The Sixers, then 16-45, hosted Jordan's 54-8 Bulls, so few expected to see a rookie leave Jordan grasping at air.

"I remember that play vividly because Michael Jordan was my hero," he says in the video. "I remember, I came off a screen or something, and I heard (then Bulls coach) **Phil Jackson** say his name, called him to switch out on me, and looking back on it, I'm thinking to myself, like, 'Damn, did you get nervous or did you think about it?'"

"All I saw was him. I just backed up, and I gave him a little one, and he went for it, and I was like, 'I got his ass now,' and all I was thinking about after the fact (was) no one never probably would have known anything about that move if I wouldn't have made the shot afterwards because they don't do that on ESPN."

— Phil Thompson

Patti hopes Trump saw Fox pitch to free Rod Blagojevich

Hours after the U.S. Supreme Court rejected what is likely ex-Gov. **Rod Blagojevich**'s final plea to overturn his conviction and prison sentence, **Patti Blagojevich** went on Fox News Channel in a not-so-veiled attempt to sway President **Donald Trump**.

The president has the authority to pardon the disgraced governor.

On Monday night, Patti Blagojevich appeared on "Tucker Carlson Tonight," which airs on Fox — said to be Trump's favorite news source. Carlson started the interview by asking her what "her pitch" would be to the president for pardoning her husband.

Blagojevich's televised comments drew similarities between her husband's prosecution by former U.S. Attorney **Patrick Fitzgerald** and that of former vice presidential adviser **Lewis "Scooter" Libby**, whom Trump pardoned last week.

"My husband is probably the only person in the entire history of the United States who is serving any kind of sentence for simply asking for campaign contributions," Blagojevich told host **Tucker Carlson** during the brief interview. The disgraced governor was a contestant on Trump's program "The Celebrity Apprentice" in 2010 as he faced charges that he tried to sell off President **Barack Obama**'s U.S. Senate seat.

On Tuesday, a spokesman for Patti Blagojevich said her appearance "wasn't a direct appeal to the president as much as it was an opportunity to highlight the unfairness of the sentence and conviction while expressing disappointment in the SCOTUS decision." But he added that "Patti and the rest of the family certainly hope Trump saw her interview."

— William Lee



Blagojevich

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Detective Hope renews search for Chicago's spring



MARY SCHMICH

Snow boots! In spring, God, she hated this town. She hated her filthy coat. She hated her ugly hat. She hated Boyle's beefy mug, which was even ruddier than usual.

"Boyle," she said. "What happened to your face?"

"It's my tan!" he said. "Don't you follow me on Facebook? I've been in Florida!"

Detective Hope shuddered, and not only because the station was as cold as the bleepin' case she'd just been assigned. Her shudder was also a show of contempt for all those Chicago wimps who'd recently been to Florida, or San Diego, or Arizona and spent their time gloating about it on Facebook.

She hated them all, their stupid bathing suits and their silly flip-flops and their mojitos with the stupid swizzle sticks.

Above all, she hated that while they'd had the foresight to go somewhere warm in so-called springtime, she was stuck in this pot-hole-pitted tundra working this bleepin' cold case, again.

She glanced down at her desk, at the label on the old folder.

"Missing: Chicago Spring"

Every bleepin' April the boss dumped this duty on her. Every. Bleepin'. Year.

"You! Hope!" the captain had shouted a couple of days ago. It was snowing. "Figure out where spring went! Get it back here."

Right. As if she could do the thing no one else, not even Tom Skilling, could, and just because she had this stupid name.

"Hey," said Boyle, interrupting her self-pity. "You see what the president just tweeted?"

She hated this, too, how every conversation now turned to the president. She hated it as much as she hated this bogus spring, though sometimes she wondered: Would she feel better about one of them if the other weren't so bad?

"Listen to this," cried Boyle. "He tweeted ..."

Before he could finish, Detective Hope grabbed the cold-case folder and a sheaf of flyers, and stomped back into the freezing day, muttering to herself, "You gotta pick your pain."

She drove for a while, past the bare trees and the barren lots, over potholes the size of swimming pools, thinking about her parents. Old hippies, they were. Named her April Hope because they believed, in her dad's words, "Your name is your destiny" and they wanted to give her something they'd never had as kids in Chicago.

And she tried, she really did, to hold on to hope through the cruelties and deceptions of a Chicago spring, but it got harder as she got older.

She glanced at herself in the rearview mirror — did everyone look old in Chicago this time of year? — and shuddered again.

She drove on, past parks as brown as deserts and the occasional patch of stubborn ice, wondering what it would be like to live somewhere where spring was reliable. Finally, near a busy intersection, she stopped the car and got out with her stack of flyers. She posted one at the bus stop.

"HAVE YOU SEEN THIS?" the flyer asked. "MISSING!"

Below the bold words were several photos. One showed a riot of yellow daffodils, another a tree flushed with pink blossoms, another a family picnicking on green grass.

A young man waiting for the bus looked up from his phone, peered at the flyer, rolled his eyes, sneezed and resumed his study of Twitter.

For the next two hours, Detective Hope went from place to place, posting the "Missing" flyers. She'd done the same thing a few days earlier but the ones that hadn't been destroyed by the recent storms had been defaced by angry Chicagoans.

The first batch of flyers had elicited only one response, a caller to the station who insisted that, yes, he'd seen spring. He provided an address. But after speeding to the scene, Detective Hope found only the Garfield Park Conservatory spring flower show.

"Fake news," Boyle and his buddies had joked when she got back to the station, which made her even crankier.

Now, she had only one more flyer to post, and decided to place it next to a desiccated park. As she stepped out of the car, she spotted an old woman sitting on a bench, wearing only a light sweater.

"Ma'am," said Detective Hope. "Aren't you cold?"

The woman looked up at her, smiled, patted the bench.

"Sit, child," she said, and the detective, exhausted by this endless, endless winter, obeyed. She showed the woman her flyer and the woman took her hand.

"Oh, dear girl, don't you understand?" the woman said. "Spring isn't missing. In Chicago, this is spring. You'll make yourself miserable wishing against something that simply is. The spring you're searching for will come. In May."

In that moment, Detective April Hope felt all the possibility of her name, and vowed that next year she would remember what April in Chicago really is.

And maybe take a trip to Florida.

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Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, left, is considered the favorite to replace Joseph Berrios, right, as party chairman.

Preckwinkle expected to rise to chief of Cook County Dems

Victory would make her 1st black, woman to chair party

BY HAL DARDICK

Chicago Tribune

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle on Wednesday is expected to become the first African-American and woman chosen to lead the county Democratic Party, a sign of a changing political landscape and her ability to weather a storm.

Just a few months ago, Preckwinkle was viewed as politically vulnerable, given her headlining support of the much-loathed and now-repealed pop tax, but then she easily won the Democratic primary and the commissioner candidates she backed also prevailed.

Now Preckwinkle is the favorite to be elected party chairman when 80 city and suburban committeemen meet at 2 p.m. to pick a successor for Joseph Berrios, who lost his assessor re-election bid and isn't running again for the party job.

"I certainly intend to vote for her, and it's my understanding that she has the weighted votes to be the chair," said Recorder of Deeds Karen Yarbrough, a west suburban committeewoman who plans to seek re-election as the party's sergeant-at-arms. "Toni has been true to the party. She has always been true to her voice of seeing diversity in the party, and she's a prolific fundraiser."

The chairmanship is an insider post, but the politician who holds it runs slating sessions where Democrats battle for coveted endorsements on the party ticket. Judicial candidates, who otherwise get little publicity, particularly benefit from that leg up.

Last month, 22 of the 26 candidates endorsed by county Democrats won their primary elections. Berrios, however, was one of the four who lost, defeated by Fritz Kaegi, who made much of revelations of widespread problems with the county property tax assessment system chronicled by the Chicago Tribune and ProPublica Illinois. "The Tax Divide" was a finalist for a Pulitzer Prize.

Every two years, potential candidates line up to make their pitches to party leaders. The ones who win endorsement are asked to contribute \$40,000 to the party, which uses the money on election mailings, robocalls and get-out-the-vote efforts. And when the primaries are done, the party works to elect the nominees in

the general election.

The names of endorsed candidates are placed on palm cards — lists of party-endorsed candidates handed out by precinct committeemen. But what was once a monolithic effort is no longer. Many ward and township committeemen now go their own way, omitting the names of endorsed candidates and sometimes replacing them with their preferred candidates — as happened with Kaegi in many townships and wards.

That's one pattern 34th Ward Ald. Carrie Austin, who is seeking re-election as the party's city vice chairman, would like to see change. "I don't like it," she said. "That's not what our party stands for. It's got to be unified."

Preckwinkle has pledged to work toward "lasting change," but she is viewed as a transitional leader, given that she doesn't plan to seek re-election to her County Board post. That's seen as a potential plus among some backers: If she comes under fire as the party's leader, she has no re-election effort to harm.

Preckwinkle also is viewed as comfortable with two sometimes-divergent camps within the county Democratic Party: old-school politicians who have seen their strength slip as the power of patronage politics wanes, and self-styled progressives who rely more on issues than political troops to win elections.

The progressives' growing strength — and the split with regulars — played out last month, when a slate of three candidates backed by County Commissioner Jesus "Chuy" Garcia defeated candidates backed by establishment Democrats.

"I would say the party needs to move in a more progressive direction and embrace progressive causes and candidates, and I think Toni Preckwinkle is committed to doing just that," said state Sen. Don Harmon, an Oak Park Democrat expected to remain suburban vice chairman.

Preckwinkle, who lives in Hyde Park, where politicians have long declared themselves independent from party dictates, has a working relationship with Garcia, who serves as her County Board floor leader. And she has pushed progressive causes, like criminal justice reform and public health care for all.

At the same time, Preckwinkle backed Berrios, an old-school politician who came up through the patronage system, over Kaegi. And she gets along with House Speaker Michael Madigan, chairman of the Illinois Democratic Party, and

14th Ward Ald. Ed Burke, who heads up the party committee that endorses judicial candidates.

"I'm pleased to be the longest-serving member of the Democratic Party central committee, and I'll be proud to cast my vote on behalf of Chairman Preckwinkle," Burke said Tuesday. "I think she's the best chance the Democratic Party has here for success in the future."

When Preckwinkle announced her bid for the top spot last month, she pledged to "reject politics as usual. Our Democratic Party cannot and must not be a good old boys' club." She also said she would promote diversity, embrace "openness" and make changes from the bottom up.

Yarbrough said she expects Preckwinkle to back election of party executive committee officials who balance the interests of both the city, which accounted for 57 percent of the 795,000 Democratic votes cast last month, and the suburbs, which accounted for 43 percent. Preckwinkle also will take into account issues of gender and diversity — something Berrios has been given credit for focusing on during his 11 years leading the party.

Changes could include Michael Rodriguez, who represents Garcia's 22nd Ward as committeeman, taking Preckwinkle's current spot as city executive vice chairman; Thornton Township Committeeman Frank Zuccarelli, whose south suburban township led Democratic voter turnout, filling the first vice chairman seat left vacant after the death of Tim Bradford; and state Sen. Laura Murphy, the Maine Township committeewoman, taking the place now held by Robert Martwick Sr., who did not run for committeeman in March. The rest of the executive committee would not change.

Not everyone, however, is looking for something entirely new.

"I certainly had my differences with Joe Berrios as assessor, but honestly, compared to his predecessors, I thought he did a pretty good job as the party chair: very inclusive, very fair, you know beginning to shift the party into a more grass-roots-oriented direction," said Ald. Joe Moore, 49th Ward committeeman. "If he were running for re-election as party chair, I wouldn't have any problem supporting him."

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Police oversight plan to get a public airing

Proposal would give elected residents power over agency

BY JOHN BYRNE

Chicago Tribune

Police oversight hearings to be held in Chicago neighborhoods will include discussion of a long-shot proposal to give an elected board power to investigate and fire police officers, after an alderman agreed to pull back his threat to force a vote.

A vote on the Civilian Police Accountability Commission ordinance at Wednesday's City Council meeting could have led Mayor Rahm Emanuel and aldermen to take politically dangerous public stances against a plan that would give elected residents power over the Police Department.

But the plan's backer, Ald. Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, said he'll stand down. Ald. Ariel Reboyras agreed to include the long-languishing CPAC plan along with three other less-strident police oversight

packages in a series of meetings around the city and on Tuesday canceled a committee hearing that could have upended Ramirez-Rosa's plans for a vote.

It still seems unlikely that many facets of the CPAC plan will get included in a final-compromise civilian oversight ordinance that Reboyras, 30th, hopes will come out of the hearings. But Ramirez-Rosa, 35th, said backers of the proposal are happy it will get a public airing alongside the others.

"That's how it should be," Ramirez-Rosa said.

Reboyras still hasn't scheduled the community meetings but said he would hold them "in the very near future." He recently said he would set hearings on the North, South and West sides.

Emanuel has pledged to include some kind of civilian police oversight in the reforms that are moving forward after the police shooting of black teen Laquan McDonald. But it's highly doubtful he would endorse key facets of the CPAC ordinance.

The plan, which has been stuck in City

Council committee since it was introduced in summer 2016, includes a board with members elected from each of the city's 22 police districts. They would have their own staffs and the power to investigate police misconduct. Findings could be referred to federal grand juries for possible criminal indictments.

The full board could fire officers and would hire the Police Department superintendent. It would replace most of the city bureaucracy currently in place to oversee the Police Department.

Emanuel would be unlikely to allow an elected board to have that kind of power. After a competing proposal was introduced by the Grassroots Alliance for Police Accountability to allow the police superintendent and command staff to run the day-to-day operations of the department while an elected commission got final say on policy decisions, Reboyras brought forward two of his own ordinances that would allow the oversight board to play a more advisory role.

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CPS funding bump to cover salaries, help special education

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Chicago Public Schools will provide about \$60 million in additional funding to schools for the next academic year, an increase district officials said will cover salary increases for unionized teachers and restore a special education funding model that was abandoned amid much controversy in 2016.

The modest per-school spending bump will allow principals to maintain staff levels from this year. The district also said 129 schools that have suffered sharp enrollment declines and struggled to provide a basic education will share an additional \$10 million to \$15 million to protect against staff or program cuts.

"If you look at the budget that we rolled out today, there are two themes. No. 1, equity. And the other one is stability for schools," CPS CEO Janice Jackson told reporters Tuesday. "If you are in a school where you're experiencing an enrollment decline year over year, it's important to know that the district is going to be there to support you until enrollment stabilizes."

Still, Jackson acknowledged, some emptying schools will see net budget cuts, partly because of a loss in federal funding.

The total budget for schools for the 2018-19 year is \$3.1 billion, which will be part of a larger operating budget the school board will consider late this summer.

CPS said the amount of money schools receive for each enrolled student will jump by 2.5 percent, boosting the district's base per-pupil rate to \$4,397. That corresponds with a cost-of-living salary increase in the latest Chicago Teachers Union contract.

City charter schools will also enjoy that per-student funding increase. The extra spending on the privately operated schools is expected even though CPS said recent changes to state law require the district to cut \$38 million worth of charter funding next year.

District officials said they would work with the charter community to lobby for changes to state charter funding requirements.

"We wanted to make sure that charter schools were treated in the same fashion, in regards to the 2.5 percent increase, as the district-run schools," CPS Chief Operating Officer Arnaldo Rivera said.

The Chicago Teachers Union was dismissive of the district's proposal, describing the school budget increases as "trivial."

"Emanuel's so-called increase represents barely 2 percent of CPS' budget — far short of what we need to solve neighborhood schools' funding crisis," union Vice President Jesse Sharkey said in a statement. "We've documented that CPS needs to provide least \$400 million just to restore Emanuel's past cuts. This budget increase represents a fraction of that need."

During budget crises of previous years, principals often didn't get their budgets until just weeks before classes started. Issuing the budgets in April allowed Mayor Rahm Emanuel's administration to project an image of relative fiscal stability at CPS and gave school leaders a leg up on preparing for the coming year.

"It's awesome, for me," Principal Augustine Emuwa of Gale Elementary said while standing next to district officials Tuesday.

"We fell into a little bit of a staffing hiccup last year, just because of the simple fact that, you know, we didn't have the funds that we needed completely. But now we have the funds that we need, so I'm just excited about the continuity that's going to happen as far as staffing," he said.

Emanuel and Jackson this week praised district finances — which still rely on short-term cash loans to make ends meet — after one bond ratings agency said there was a chance it might upgrade its junk level appraisal of the district's debt in the coming year.

S&P Global Ratings largely credited that potential improvement to a better cash flow, money the dis-

trict receives from Illinois' revamped education funding formula, some expensive borrowing, and new state and local tax revenue devoted to shoring up the city's half-funded teacher pension system.

"Seven years ago, we inherited a school district with shaky finances that struggled with legacy pension costs and today Chicago Public Schools is on much stronger financial ground because of our collective efforts — especially

working with the General Assembly to pass historic school funding reform," Emanuel said in a statement Monday.

CPS enjoyed A-level bond ratings from three prominent firms as recently as 2013.

CPS said about \$10 million will be reserved for 129 low-enrollment schools to ensure they can keep teachers or maintain after-school programs. The district said it also would provide \$5 million in "supplemental

funding" for schools that would have otherwise lost more than 3 percent of their student-based funds.

"I personally believe in student-based budgeting, I think it's the right approach and it's the most equitable approach," Jackson said. "But I also know that some schools have experienced enrollment declines and transitions, and we need to support them so that students can continue to get a high-quality education in those schools."

In addition, a change in a state funding formula will provide an extra \$14 million for low-income students, according to CPS. In another boost for schools with dwindling enrollments, budgets for 2018-19 will be based on enrollment from this school year, as opposed to the previous policy of using the enrollment on the 20th day of classes of the budgeted year.

The district also will return to a past method of assigning schools specific

numbers of special education teachers and paraprofessionals, instead of allocating a set amount of money to cover the cost of those jobs. The proposed return to a previous funding model comes a day before a State Board of Education panel is scheduled to lay out findings from a probe of the district's special ed policy that was prompted by complaints about that move.

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Rauner, Pritzker spent big to win their primaries

Governor hopefuls dished out more than \$100 per vote

BY RICK PEARSON
Chicago Tribune

Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner and Democrat J.B. Pritzker spent a combined \$105.2 million to win their respective party nominations — the equivalent of more than \$100 per vote cast in last month's primaries, new campaign finance records show.

Pritzker, a billionaire Hyatt Hotels heir and philanthropist, led the way by spending a record \$68.3 million to win the crowded Democratic primary at a cost of \$119.04 per vote. Pritzker collected more than 573,000 votes, or 45.2 percent of ballots cast, and won by nearly 20 percentage points based on unofficial vote totals. Pritzker is self-financing his campaign.

Rauner, a wealthy private equity investor seeking a second term, spent nearly \$37 million in eking out a narrow 2.8 percentage-point win over state Rep. Jeanne Ives of Wheaton. Rauner got around 361,300 votes — 51.4 percent — at a cost of \$102.33 per vote. In contrast, Ives spent nearly \$4.3 million in getting more

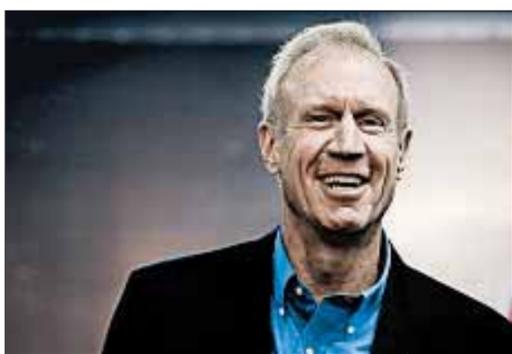
than 341,000 votes at a cost of \$12.55 per vote.

The unprecedented campaign spending foretells a state — if not national — record to be set for the fall general election between two wealthy politicians with a propensity to reach into their wallets to finance their campaigns.

Rauner put \$50 million into his re-election campaign in December 2016 and received an additional \$22.5 million from ally Ken Griffin, founder and CEO of the Citadel investment firm. Counting the money spent to win election in 2014, Rauner has put \$95 million into his campaigns.

Pritzker poured a record \$76.3 million into his campaign and has shown no inclination to seek outside donations. His decision to self-fund his bid helped him gain support from labor unions and other Democratic Party-allied groups that can now devote money to try to keep and expand Democratic majorities in the state House and Senate.

Campaign finance reports filed with the State Board of Elections show a combined \$123.2 million spent by Rauner and Ives in the Republican governor primary and by Pritzker, state Sen. Daniel Biss of Evanston and businessman



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Gov. Bruce Rauner spent nearly \$37 million on his squeaker.

Chris Kennedy on the Democratic side.

The \$68.3 million Pritzker has spent since announcing his candidacy last April already exceeds the \$65.3 million Rauner spent on the 2014 race, when he won a crowded primary and went on to defeat Democratic Gov. Pat Quinn by 4 percentage points.

Pritzker spent \$44.3 million on media, including TV ads, \$8.4 million on consulting, \$6.3 million on salaries, \$3 million on direct mail and \$1 million in contributions to local Democratic organizations, candidates and allies. In the campaign's final month, he spent \$12.5 million, with \$7.2 million devoted largely to TV ads and \$1.3 million to direct mail.

In contrast, Biss, the Democratic runner-up with 26.6 percent of the vote, raised \$5.5 million to go with \$1.6 million he already had in his campaign fund. Biss spent \$7.2 million, with \$4.5 million used for TV ads and an additional \$500,000

on digital advertising as he sought to appeal to younger voters. His spending, based on the more than 337,000 ballots he received, amounted to \$21.56 per vote.

Kennedy, a wealthy heir to the iconic Massachusetts political family, raised \$77 million, including \$2.3 million out of his own pocket, since he announced his bid in February 2017. He spent \$6.9 million, including \$2.3 million in consulting fees, \$1.9 million on media, \$1.4 million on payroll and \$300,000 on polling. Kennedy finished third with 24.3 percent and the more than 308,000 ballots he got amounted to \$22.35 per vote.

Rauner spent more than \$20 million on TV and radio ads, including \$305,000 on behalf of the GOP nominee for attorney general, Erika Harold. Rauner also gave the state Republican Party, which he largely funds, \$7 million.

Much of Rauner's campaign spending was focused on attacks on Pritzker.



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J.B. Pritzker spent a record \$68.3 million on his primary bid.

When Ives entered the race late last year, Rauner dismissed her as a "fringe" candidate. But Ives began gaining ground, an issue likely to have surfaced in the nearly \$250,000 Rauner spent on polling. Rauner then went on to attack Ives and spent \$5.3 million in March, more than half of it on attack ads.

In other statewide races: ■ In the eight-way Democratic attorney general primary, victorious Kwame Raoul of Chicago raised nearly \$2.7 million since Sept. 20 and spent nearly \$2.9 million. The state senator already had some money in his account to start the contest.

Runner-up Quinn, the former governor, raised \$1.8 million since last October, with about half of it in the form of loans from himself and allies. He spent \$2 million.

Looking ahead to the fall, Raoul had \$99,000 to start April and has since added \$40,000 in donations.

Republican opponent Harold raised nearly

\$730,000, with almost half coming from Rauner's donation of TV ads. She spent \$322,482 in handily defeating DuPage County Board member Gary Grasso. Harold started the month with \$91,557 and has since collected an additional \$21,455 to take on Raoul.

■ Democratic Secretary of State Jesse White listed \$803,421 as he seeks a record seventh term against Grundy County State's Attorney Jason Helland, who reported \$30,960 in his campaign fund at the end of March.

■ Democratic Comptroller Susana Mendoza reported \$1.1 million to start the month as she takes on former Republican state Rep. Darlene Senger of Naperville, who reported \$22,561 available.

■ Democratic Treasurer Michael Frerichs had \$719,349 in his campaign fund while Republican challenger Jim Dodge, an Orland Park trustee, reported \$15,353 available.

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During trial, city settles suit by man shot in his garage by cop

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY
Chicago Tribune

In the midst of trial Tuesday, attorneys for the city of Chicago settled a lawsuit brought by a Northwest Side man shot in his garage by a Chicago police officer who mistook a socket wrench in the man's hand for a gun in 2011.

Opening statements in

the federal case filed by Erick Fields began Monday before U.S. District Chief Judge Ruben Castillo at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse.

When court reconvened Tuesday, attorneys for Fields, 37, and five Chicago police officers named in the suit met in Castillo's chambers for about 45 minutes before emerging and leaving the courthouse.

Attorneys on both sides declined to comment.

Bill McCaffrey, a spokesman for the city's Law Department, said he could not discuss any proposed settlements before the City Council's Finance Committee takes up the matter. That could take weeks, if not months. Settlements of \$100,000 or more need City Council approval.

The Independent Police Review Authority ruled the shooting justified because Officer Petain Navez thought Fields had a gun and feared for his life when he opened fire. Fields was changing his car's license plate in his garage when he was shot in the abdomen.

Officers entered Fields' garage through a side door in the 2200 block of North

Keystone Avenue one night in February 2011 while responding to a call of shots fired. Navez told investigators Fields stood up, "spun around" and came toward officers in an aggressive manner with a shiny object in his hand.

When Fields got out of the hospital, he was charged with aggravated assault of a police officer and drug pos-

session.

He appealed the drug conviction, alleging that police illegally searched his home in hopes of finding evidence to justify the shooting, but lost that ruling in March 2017, court records show. Court records show the assault charges were later dropped.

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Cardinal Blase Cupich joins Loyola Medicine's Dr. Mark Cichon, center, at Tuesday's news conference in Maywood.

Cupich seeks 'courage' on gun law

Cardinal demands state lawmakers override veto

BY JOHN KEILMAN
Chicago Tribune

Cardinal Blase Cupich lent his moral authority Tuesday to the veto override effort that seeks to impose new regulations on gun shops in Illinois, saying the bill at issue is a "commonsense" measure that could help to stem the violence in Chicago's streets.

"While debates continue, balancing death and maiming against the inconvenience and cost of licensing gun dealers ... I come here today to stand with those who are the real authorities on the epidemic of gun violence," the archbishop said at a news conference at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, whose emergency room treats hundreds of gunshot victims a year.

"All of us today are united in demanding that those we elect have the moral courage to take the steps that can save lives."

His statement came as legislators scramble to secure enough votes to override Gov. Bruce Rauner's March veto. Those who favor the bill will have to find six new supporters in the Senate and seven in the House, and Cupich conceded that could be a tricky task.

"The vote is very close, is my understanding," he said. "It's going to take bipartisan support ... so I want to be sure that people on both sides of the aisle take their responsibilities seriously."

Though the federal government already licenses gun dealers, the bill would require an additional state license, along with training on how to conduct proper background checks and prevent straw purchases. It also would compel retailers to install video surveillance systems and conduct

more regular inventories.

Rauner said the new rules would be costly and do little to improve public safety, noting that many guns used to commit crimes in Illinois come from out of state. Opponents, though, say Rauner's veto was mostly an attempt to boost his status with conservative voters and stave off a primary election challenge from Rep. Jeanne Ives.

Cupich, who said he had been a hunter, didn't wade deeply into the politics of the vote but said Illinois legislators should be brave enough to set an example even at the peril of being voted out.

"It seems to me that leadership at times demands that people stand up for what's right and educate those they serve," he said. "It is not just a matter of taking a poll on where people are; moral leadership that we expect of those we elect to office requires them at times to say what is right. And that,

I think, is important for them to consider at this moment."

A representative of the Federal Firearms Licensees of Illinois, a trade group that opposes the bill, did not return a call seeking comment.

Loyola Medicine officials joined Cupich at the news conference to express their support for the override. The Rev. Michael Hayes, an overnight chaplain at the hospital, said people who work there regularly witness devastating scenes when families lose loved ones to gun violence. Dr. Mark Cichon, director of emergency medical services, said that takes a toll on staffers too.

"Coming in and constantly having to address traumatized individuals, dealing with their families ... it's taxing," he said. "It's a part of your soul that goes along with each of the patients you care for."

Police Department spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said police officials at the 19th District that includes the Vic raised concerns based on Wright's gun charge. Police officials requested an enhanced secu-

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Rapper G Herbo makes pitch to play concert at the Vic

Show was canceled following arrest on gun charges

BY JOHN BYRNE
Chicago Tribune

Chicago rapper G Herbo was at City Hall on Tuesday trying to get officials to let his Friday show at the Vic Theatre go forward after it was halted following police concerns about the potential for violence in and around the Lakeview venue.

Herbert Wright, who raps under the name G Herbo, huddled with Ald. Tom Tunney outside City Council chambers. Afterward, the rapper said he and his manager were heading to the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection to talk to officials about how to allow the concert to proceed.

Wright was arrested in February when police said they found guns in his limousine. His case is pending in Cook County Circuit Court. He said on Tuesday that police officials told management at the Vic that there could be trouble at the concert, and called for enhanced security.

He said Tuesday there's no history of problems at his shows.

"It's never been any problem, any acts of gang violence or anything like that, that should restrict me from trying to do shows, so I'm just trying to get to the root of the problem, whether I have to hire more security or whatever the case may be," Wright said.

Police Department spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said police officials at the 19th District that includes the Vic raised concerns based on Wright's gun charge. Police officials requested an enhanced secu-

ry plan because they were worried the venue doesn't normally have enough security to handle a serious problem. The venue then canceled the event, not the police, Guglielmi said.

A person who answered the phone at the Vic on Tuesday said an independent promoter was putting on the G Herbo show and canceled it following the police calls for more security. The promoter, Pete's House, could not be reached for comment.

Tunney said he wasn't involved in the cancellation decision but said he told Wright on Tuesday that he supported whatever request for added security the police deemed appropriate.

The Vic show is the second one slated to include

G Herbo this year that has faced cancellation after Chicago police raised concerns. The Chicago Theatre canceled the WGCI Take Over Jam in March after police said they had information that there could be gang violence at the concert.

Wright was one of three passengers in a limousine pulled over Feb. 22 in the South Loop. Prosecutors said officers saw him placing a handgun in the pocket directly in front of him before exiting the vehicle. Wright was charged with aggravated unlawful use of a weapon. Two other guns were also recovered from the limo, and the two other passengers face the same charges.

Wright has worked with fellow Chicago rapper Lil Bibby, as well as Nicki Minaj, Chance the Rapper and Common.

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Court upholds ruling in ex-COD president's favor

Judges say his contract was valid at time of firing

By Stacy St. Clair
Chicago Tribune

A federal appellate court agreed Tuesday that former College of DuPage President Robert Breuder deserved a termination hearing before his contract was nullified, shooting down one of the primary legal arguments school officials used to justify firing the controversial administrator. In a unanimous opinion, the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld an earlier district court ruling that found Breuder had a valid employment deal when the college's board of trustees rescinded his severance package in 2015 and voted to terminate him instead. The case will now return to district court, where Breuder is suing for defamation and breach of contract.

The board gave eight reasons for its decision when it fired Breuder, including excessive spending at the state's largest community college, poor financial oversight and failure to respond to requests made under the state's open records law. Breuder had a right to dispute those allegations and was not allowed to do so, the appellate court ruled.

"When discharging Breuder without giving him an opportunity for a hearing, the Board issued a statement declaring that he had committed misconduct," Judge Frank Easterbrook wrote in a nine-page opinion. "Case law holds that even a person who has no property interest in a public job has a constitutional entitlement to a hear-

ing before being defamed as part of a discharge, or at a minimum to a name-clearing hearing after the discharge."

Trustees declared Breuder's contract void in September 2015 based on the theory that his first extension was approved in April 2009 — four months after he began — by a lame-duck board that knew it was handcuffing incoming trustees with a long-term contract. The trustees insisted that boards in Illinois cannot legally bind future boards to lengthy employment agreements and based that argument on 19th-century case law.

Without a valid contract, trustees said they were no longer obligated to award Breuder the \$763,000 severance package that a prior board had promised in exchange for retiring in March 2016, three years early.

Trustees later moved to fire him, prompting Breuder to file a wrongful termination lawsuit the next day.

In March 2017, U.S. District Court Judge Andrea Wood rejected the college's argument that trustees cannot shackle future boards to lengthy contracts. The 19th-century case law used to justify the COD board's actions has been overridden by current Illinois state law, she ruled.

Because that argument is so crucial to the Glen Ellyn-based college's defense, school officials appealed Wood's ruling in the middle of litigation. However, the three-member appellate panel dismissed the board's position entirely.

"A college in Illinois would have considerable difficulty hiring a quality president if it could offer only brief employment,

while colleges elsewhere were offering the five-year (or longer) contracts common for a college's top office," Easterbrook wrote.

It's unclear how the ruling will affect the lawsuit, which some trustees previously have signaled they would be open to settling. The college did not rule out the possibility of a settlement in a statement released after the appellate ruling.

"The College of DuPage respects that the Court of Appeals has ruled on the College's appeal of the denial of its motion to dismiss the Breuder lawsuit. We will continue to evaluate whether to pursue additional procedural options," college spokeswoman Wendy Parks said in a statement.

As is typical at this stage in the litigation, neither the appellate court nor Wood have rendered an opinion on the board's other reasons for firing Breuder. He is suing four current and former trustees as individuals, including former Chairwoman Katharine Hamilton and current Chairwoman Deanne Mazzochi.

"Dr. Breuder is very pleased that the Seventh Circuit has affirmed that his claims are merited. His reputation has been unfairly smeared ... and the Seventh Circuit's opinion validates that their actions were not just unjust but unconstitutional," Breuder's attorney, Melissa Eubanks, said in a statement. "Dr. Breuder had rights in his employment contract with COD and those rights were and remain entitled to the protections afforded under state and federal law."

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142 take citizenship oath at high school ceremony

By Karen Berkowitz
Pioneer Press

The 142 immigrants who became U.S. citizens April 16 during a naturalization ceremony in Highland Park came from 46 countries across the globe.

They included Javier Gainza Gonzalez, a 35-year-old electrical engineer who left Spain to seize a professional opportunity nearly a decade ago.

"I was born in a small city of northern Spain called Pamplona, and I came here for an incredible opportunity to work," explained Gainza Gonzalez, after the citizenship ceremony.

"After a couple of years, I got used to everything here and I love it," he said. "I am grateful for the opportunity to become a citizen."

Rogelio dela Rosa from the Philippines also was part of the mosaic of people raising their hands and reciting the oath of allegiance in unison in the auditorium at Highland Park High



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Luis Nunez of Cary during an April 16 naturalization ceremony at Highland Park High School.

School.

After coming to the U.S. seven years ago to be close to his adult daughter, dela Rosa became a U.S. citizen at the age of 65. His son-in-law Chris Fabillon said preparing for citizenship — particularly the oral interview — was difficult be-

cause his father-in-law speaks little English.

"He's never had a problem writing in English, but he was a little intimidated speaking in his non-native language," said Fabillon, noting he went twice for the oral interview but passed the civics test with ease.

For Jordanian-born Samaher Saleh, the journey to citizenship started when she and her U.S.-born husband, Omar, met in Jordan and later married. Samaher Saleh accompanied her husband back to the U.S. about a decade ago. Two of the couple's four children were on hand April 16 to watch their mother become a U.S. citizen.

"You sort of take it for granted when you are born here," said Omar Saleh. "You forget how much of an honor it is. It is a great privilege to be an American."

It was the third time in as many years that Highland Park High School has hosted a naturalization ceremony. The idea originated with the student board of the Highland Park-Highwood Legal Aid Clinic. During the ceremony, school Principal Elizabeth Perez Robertson shared the story of how her parents fled Havana for the U.S. after learning on New Year's Eve in 1959 of the sweeping changes coming to Cuba. They became U.S. citizens in 1965, she said.

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County rebuffs innocence claim in 2002 slaying

Inmate's attorney: 'We will wage our battle' in court

BY GREGORY PRATT
Chicago Tribune

For the second time in a month, the Cook County state's attorney has declined to further investigate an inmate's 2002 murder conviction stemming from a dice game slaying.

Attorney Kathleen Zellner had asked Cook County prosecutors to look deeper into Antonio Porter's innocence claim from the fatal shooting, arguing that police had an "axe to grind" against her client and urging prosecutors to review a DNA analysis performed by an expert.

But prosecutors in a statement Tuesday said they "exhaustively reviewed" Porter's case, do not believe recent DNA test results exonerate Porter, and said there's "insufficient new evidence to demonstrate that (Porter) is probably innocent of the crime."

"The (state's attorney) will not be further investigating this matter," said

Robert Foley, an office spokesman.

In response, Zellner said: "The evidence against (Porter) is nonexistent and the DNA excludes him. To accept his conviction in light of these facts is contrary to every concept of justice in a democratic society. From this point forward, we will wage our battle inside a courtroom."

Zellner sent prosecutors a letter dated April 10 about Porter's conviction for shooting Laymond Harrison at a dice game outside a South Side school.

Prior to Harrison's shooting, police believed that Porter was involved in a number of robberies in the Roseland neighborhood, according to Zellner's letter. "They placed Antonio in a number of lineups, and nobody ever identified him as the perpetrator," she wrote. "Unable to find sufficient evidence to charge him in these cases, the police told him, 'We're going to get you for something.'"

In a story published this month, the Tribune explored Porter's case and new DNA testing agreed to by Zellner and the Conviction Integrity Unit of the



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Antonio Porter, above, was convicted in the fatal shooting of Laymond Harrison at a dice game on Chicago's South Side.

state's attorney's office.

Witnesses at the scene said the gunman picked up money from the dice game and dropped it as he fled. Recent forensic testing excluded Porter as the source of the DNA on the money.

Testimony showed that a man walked up to the dice game in Chicago's Grand Crossing neighborhood and declared, "This is for Doogie!" before shooting Harrison nine times. "Doogie" referred to Robert Kizer, who was slain at a gas

station in October 2001, authorities said previously.

In her letter, Zellner notes Porter's claim he didn't know Kizer and said prosecutors should look at those who were close to Kizer to determine whether there are other suspects.

Zellner also notes that prosecutors should look at a potential suspect brought to their attention just before Porter's 2003 trial.

In addition, Zellner said it's unclear to her whether prosecutors understand

that Porter was excluded from \$5 bills tested for his DNA that were left at the crime scene. Her letter includes a detailed analysis by an expert, Karl Reich, and underlying data from the lab.

At Porter's 2003 trial, prosecutors called four eye-witnesses to testify about who killed Harrison and all recanted previous identifications of Porter. The key witness, said he was coerced by authorities to ID Porter. Prosecutors had no

physical evidence pointing to Porter. And Porter, who is average height and was overweight at the time, did not match the description of the shooter, whom witnesses called tall and lanky.

No other testimony or evidence presented at the 2003 trial implicated Porter, but a Cook County jury convicted him. He remains incarcerated on a 71-year sentence.

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Woman accused of \$50K spending spree on company credit

BY JASON MEISNER
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A former executive assistant at one of Chicago's largest asset management firms was charged Tuesday with using company money to pay for a string of extravagant personal expenses, including her rent, catering for her son's birthday party and box seats for Cubs and Bears games.

Kristine Lazzara, 53, is accused of stealing more than \$50,000 over three

years when she was an assistant to the CEO at Nuveen, a 120-year-old investment firm headquartered at 333 W. Wacker Drive that manages more than \$970 billion in assets around the world.

A spokeswoman for Nuveen confirmed Lazzara had worked there and left the company. She declined to comment on the charges.

According to the charges, Lazzara used her own company credit card as well as the credit card information

of other employees to buy a wide range of goods and services for herself, her family and her friends from 2012 to 2015.

Among the expenses: catering birthday parties for her son and nephew, paying off her son's traffic tickets, paying for a car service for her daughter and purchasing gift cards to hair salons, restaurants and hotels, according to the charges.

Lazzara also used the company credit card to buy tickets to Six Flags Great

America amusement park in Gurnee, then sold the tickets for cash to Nuveen employees and pocketed the money, the charges allege.

In another alleged scheme, Lazzara persuaded Nuveen to pay for box seats to a Cubs game at Wrigley and a skybox for a Bears game at Soldier Field by falsely telling her employer that the tickets would be "provided to the winners of a charity auction to which the company had donated,"

according to the charges.

The charges also allege Lazzara had Nuveen "unwittingly" pay rent on the apartment she shares with her husband by claiming their landlord was a job applicant entitled to reimbursement for "interview-related travel expenses." After Lazzara submitted false check requests and fabricated travel expense records, Nuveen sent rent payments directly to her landlord, according to the charges.

When confronted by company executives in November 2015 about irregularities in her expense reports, Lazzara tried to cover up the fraud by deleting emails and other files from her computer, the charges allege.

Lazzara, of Crystal Lake, is scheduled to be arraigned next week on a single count of mail fraud, court records show.

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Trump: U.S., N. Korea already talking

Report says CIA director met with Kim over Easter weekend

BY NOAH BIERMAN
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Tuesday that direct talks with North Korea have already begun at “extremely high levels” and that five undisclosed sites are being considered for his meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, signals that plans for a once unlikely summit between the two have new momentum.

“There’s a great chance to solve a world problem,” Trump said. “This is not a problem for the United States. This is not a problem for Japan or any other country. This is a problem for the world.”

Late Tuesday, The Washington Post reported that CIA Director Mike Pompeo made a top-secret visit to North Korea over Easter weekend to meet with Kim, according to two people with direct knowledge of the trip.

The extraordinary meeting was part of an effort to lay the groundwork for direct talks between Trump and Kim about North Korea’s nuclear weapons program, according to the two people, who requested anonymity because of the highly classified nature of the talks.

The clandestine mission came soon after Pompeo was nominated to be secretary of state.

The CIA declined to comment. The White



Japanese leader Shinzo Abe and President Donald Trump share a light moment Tuesday at Trump’s Mar-a-Lago resort.

House declined to comment as well. Diplomats at the North Korean mission to the United Nations in New York also declined to comment.

About a week after Pompeo’s trip to North Korea, U.S. officials said that officials there had directly confirmed that Kim was willing to negotiate about potential denuclearization, according to administration officials, a sign that both sides had opened a new communications channel ahead of the summit meeting and that the administration believed North Korea was serious about holding a summit.

Trump’s comments came as he tried to reassure Japan, a key ally in the region. With Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at Trump’s Mar-a-Lago retreat for two days of talks,

the president said that the United States and Japan “are very unified on the subject of North Korea.”

Trump also praised negotiations between North Korea and South Korea, which were reported Tuesday, to officially end the war between them that concluded in 1953 without a peace treaty. A treaty would be a crucial step toward ending North Korea’s isolation.

Trump did not name any of the potential sites for a meeting between him and Kim, though he shook his head no when asked whether the United States was a potential venue.

“We’ll be having discussions with Kim Jong Un very soon,” Trump said. He added that talks could take place by early June “assuming that things go well.”

“It’s possible things won’t go well and we won’t have the meetings and we’ll just continue to go on this very strong path we have taken,” Trump added.

The prospect of talks between Trump and Kim have Japan on edge, given the risk to Japan posed by North Korea, a hostile, nuclear-armed neighbor. Japan has depended on the U.S. for its defense since the end of World War II and views any potential shift in strategy with apprehension, particularly any deal that would require the U.S. to pull back some of its troops from the region.

The Japanese were neither consulted nor informed before Trump announced last month that he would meet with Kim. The Japanese are also frustrated with Trump’s recent round

of steel and aluminum tariffs, which exempted other allies but left Japan subject to higher import taxes.

Even so, Trump and Abe, who is facing heightened political troubles at home because of a land sale scandal, have forged a bond. As they sat down Tuesday amid the gilded chandeliers of Trump’s club, Trump and Abe exchanged smiles and talk of another round of golf, which has been the basis of their personal diplomacy.

Abe emphasized the success of the joint U.S.-Japan “maximum pressure” strategy that prompted Kim to request talks with Trump.

The Japanese prime minister employed the approach that he pioneered and that other foreign leaders have since taken with Trump: prodding him with

flattery.

Abe praised Trump for his “courage” in agreeing to meet with Kim, emphasizing the potential to make history while underscoring “the importance of achieving the complete verifiable and irreversible denuclearization” of North Korea.

“Donald’s unwavering conviction as well as the determination that you demonstrated,” he said, “...made it possible to achieve this major change.”

Trump tried to smooth over any disagreements with Abe.

“Our nations, I think, have never been closer than they are right now,” he said. Trump said the two countries had made “a lot of progress” leading up to this week’s meeting in talks over trade and security.

Trump’s top economic adviser, Larry Kudlow, told reporters earlier Tuesday that the Trans-Pacific Partnership was also expected to be discussed during the meeting, though he downplayed the possibility of the United States re-entering the multi-nation trade deal that Trump abandoned soon after taking office to keep a campaign promise.

Trump said last week that he would review his decision to withdraw from the proposed 12-nation pact, and ordered Kudlow to look into re-entering the deal.

Japan was among the countries disappointed with the United States’ withdrawal, and Abe has urged Trump to reconsider.

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1 dead after jet engine fails, breaks window

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PHILADELPHIA — A Southwest Airlines jet blew an engine at 32,000 feet and got hit by shrapnel that smashed a window, setting off a desperate scramble by passengers to save a woman from getting sucked out. She later died, and seven others were injured.

Passengers dragged the woman back in as the sudden decompression of the cabin pulled her partway through the opening, but she was gravely injured.

The pilot of the plane, a twin-engine Boeing 737 bound from New York to Dallas with 149 people aboard, took it into a rapid descent and made an emergency landing in Philadelphia as passengers using oxygen masks that dropped from the ceiling said their prayers and braced for impact.

“I just remember holding my husband’s hand, and we just prayed and prayed,” said passenger

Amanda Bourman, of New York. “And the thoughts that were going through my head of course were about my daughters, just wanting to see them again.”

The dead woman was identified as Jennifer Rioridan, a Wells Fargo bank executive and mother of two from Albuquerque, N.M. She was the first passenger killed in an accident involving a U.S. airline since 2009. The seven other victims suffered minor injuries.

The National Transportation Safety Board sent a team of investigators to Philadelphia.

NTSB chairman Robert Sumwalt said the engine will be taken apart and examined to understand what caused the failure. Photos of the plane on the tarmac showed a missing window and a chunk gone from the left engine, including part of its cover.

Passengers commended one of the pilots for her cool-headed handling of the emergency. She walked through the aisle and talked with passengers to make



DAVID MAIALETTI/PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

Firefighters spray a Southwest Airlines plane with a damaged engine Tuesday in Philadelphia. A woman who was nearly sucked from the plane died later from her injuries.

sure they were OK after the plane touched down.

“She has nerves of steel. That lady, I applaud her,” said Alfred Tumlinson, of Corpus Christi, Texas. “I’m going to send her a Christmas card, I’m going to tell you that, with a gift certificate for getting me on the ground. She was awesome.”

Tracking data from FlightAware.com showed Flight 1380 was heading west over Pennsylvania at about 32,000 feet and trav-

eling 500 mph when it abruptly turned toward Philadelphia.

Bourman said she was asleep near the back when she heard a loud noise and oxygen masks dropped.

“Everybody was crying and upset,” she said. “You had a few passengers that were very strong, and they kept yelling to people, you know, ‘It’s OK! We’re going to do this!’”

In a recording of conversations between the cockpit

and air traffic controllers, an unidentified crew member reported that there was a hole in the plane and “someone went out.”

Tumlinson said a man in a cowboy hat rushed forward a few rows “to grab that lady to pull her back in. She was out of the plane. He couldn’t do it by himself, so another gentleman came over and helped to get her back in the plane, and they got her.”

Another passenger, Eric

Zilbert, an administrator with the California Education Department, said: “From her waist above, she was outside of the plane.”

Passengers struggled to somehow plug the hole while giving the badly injured woman CPR.

Passengers did “some pretty amazing things under some pretty difficult circumstances,” Philadelphia Fire Commissioner Adam Thiel said.

After IRS site fails, tax-filing deadline extended a day

BY SARAH SKIDMORE
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Associated Press

The Internal Revenue Service extended its tax-filing deadline for all filers to midnight Wednesday after those who waited until Tuesday to pay their taxes online got an unwelcome surprise: The IRS website to make payments and access other key services was down.

The agency said no additional paperwork would be

needed to get the one-day extension.

The agency’s website for making payments and gaining access to other key services crashed amid the filing flood. The website appeared to be back to normal late Tuesday.

Earlier that day, the IRS said that “certain IRS systems are experiencing technical difficulties” due to a hardware issue.

“We’ll make sure taxpayers have extensions once the system comes up to

make sure they can use it and it in no way impacts people paying their taxes,” Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin told reporters in New Hampshire. “It was just a technical issue we’re working through. A high volume technical issue that impacted the system.”

Pages on the IRS website (www.irs.gov) used to view account information, make a direct payment or set up a payment plan were all not functioning most of the day Tuesday.

It’s unclear when and why the failure occurred. But it appears, based on a message on the site, that the online payment system became unavailable at 2:50 a.m. ET.

It’s unclear how many people were affected Tuesday but, by comparison, about 5 million tax returns were filed on the final day of last year’s tax season.

The IRS glitch also caused problems for popular third-party tax preparers such as Turbo Tax and

H&R Block. Both said that they planned to hold onto customer tax returns and would file them as soon as the IRS system reopened.

Tax day fell on April 17 this year because April 15 was a Sunday and April 16 was Emancipation Day, a holiday in Washington, D.C.

IRS Acting Commissioner David Kautter testified during a House Oversight Hearing on Tuesday that the agency was working to resolve the issue.

Trump’s top economic

adviser Larry Kudlow offered a deadpan reaction when asked about the failure.

“The IRS is crashing? Sounds horrible. Really bad,” he said during a briefing with reporters in West Palm Beach, Fla. “I hope it gets fixed.”

The IRS typically recommends that taxpayers use electronic filing to avoid common mistakes. Online filing is quicker than the mail — when the site works.

Gorsuch's key vote stops immigrant's deportation

BY DAVID G. SAVAGE
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — With Justice Neil Gorsuch casting the deciding vote, the Supreme Court on Tuesday spared an immigrant from deportation because his conviction for home burglary was not clearly the kind of “aggravated felony” that would require removing him from the country.

The decision narrows one provision of a broad federal immigration law that calls for mandatory deportation for noncitizens — including longtime lawful residents — who are convicted of a crime which involves a “substantial risk” of force or violence. Federal law makes clear that dozens of violent crimes, including murder, rape and robbery, would trigger deportation, but the justices have struggled in recent years to decide which other state crimes qualify as aggravated felonies under federal law.

A federal immigration judge had decided James Dimaya, a native of the Philippines who immigrated legally and had lived in Northern California since 1992, was slated for deportation because he had pleaded

guilty twice to residential burglary under California law. Though a lower court found Dimaya had gone into an unoccupied home, the immigration judge found that a residential burglary is a crime of violence because it carries a “substantial risk” that “physical force” may be used, citing the words of the law.

But by a 5-4 vote, the justices reversed that ruling on Tuesday and held that the burglary law is too vague and uncertain to be deemed a crime of violence in all instances.

It marked the first time that Gorsuch, President Donald Trump's appointee, joined with the four liberals to form a majority.

A spokesman for the Department of Homeland Security slammed the ruling. “By preventing the federal government from removing known criminal aliens, it allows our nation to be a safe haven for criminals and makes us vulnerable as a result,” said DHS press secretary Tyler Houlton.

The ruling in Sessions v. Dimaya was a defeat for the Trump administration. Lawyers for the Obama administration had taken a similar position, first appealing the case in 2016 and

urging the court to uphold the deportation decision.

The justices differed on whether the ruling would have a significant impact beyond home burglaries. While the dissenters said it would cast doubt on other crimes such as racketeering and money laundering, the majority said it would only prevent the government from relabeling crimes such as car burglary or residential trespassing as violent offenses.

“The Supreme Court delivered a resounding message today: You can't banish a person from his home and family without clear lines, announced up front,” said New York lawyer Joshua Rosenkranz, who represented Dimaya. “Congress cannot write a mushy standard that leaves it to unaccountable immigrant officials and judges to make it up as they go along.”

Justice Elena Kagan, speaking for the court on Tuesday, relied heavily on a ruling handed down by the late Justice Antonin Scalia in 2015. He said then the court would not add an extra 15-year prison term for “armed career criminals” unless Congress spelled out what it meant by a violent felony. The law had been interpreted in that case to apply to possession of a gun.

“Deportation is a particularly severe penalty,” Kagan said, and it is unconstitutional to mandate deportation based on a “hopelessly” vague provision.

Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer and Sonia Sotomayor agreed.

Gorsuch filed a separate opinion agreeing with the outcome. “Vague laws invite arbitrary power,” he wrote. “They can invite the exercise of arbitrary power all the same — by leaving the people in the dark about what the law demands and allowing the prosecutors and courts to make it up.”

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Douma is the site of a suspected deadly poison gas attack by the Syrian government.

Syria: Site of alleged attack getting security clearance

BY BASSEM MROUE AND PHILIP ISSA
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DAMASCUS, Syria — Syrian media said international chemical weapons inspectors on Tuesday entered Douma, where an alleged poison gas attack was carried out earlier this month, but a Syrian diplomat said later that only a U.N. security team visited the Damascus suburb.

The reported poison gas attack led to Western airstrikes against the Syrian government over the weekend.

Syria's U.N. ambassador, Bashar Ja'afari, told the Security Council that the U.N. team went to Douma to decide whether investigators from the international chemical weapons watchdog could safely visit the site. If the team decides “the situation is sound,” the fact-finding mission from the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons will start work there Wednesday, Ja'afari said.

The team's entry into Douma came 10 days after the alleged attack, raising concerns that any evidence the inspectors find could be useless.

On Monday, OPCW Director-General Ahmet

Uzumcu said Syrian and Russian authorities had blocked its inspectors from going to Douma and instead offered them 22 people to interview as witnesses. The team arrived in the Syrian capital of Damascus on Saturday.

Journalists in Damascus were prevented by government minders from contacting the OPCW inspectors, and The Hague-based organization refused to comment on “operational details regarding the Douma deployment.”

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said it was the “obligation of the Syrian government to provide all the conditions for (OPCW inspectors) to work without any restrictions.”

British Prime Minister Theresa May accused the Syrian government and its ally Russia of trying to cover up evidence and obstruct the investigation.

The OPCW is investigating reports that government forces gassed sites in Douma on April 7, when the town was still held by rebels and home to tens of thousands of people — residents and others who were displaced by fighting elsewhere.

Syrian activists said more than 40 people were

killed in the alleged attack. Less than two days later, the Army of Islam rebels surrendered the town, which was the last stronghold in the once rebellious eastern Ghouta region.

The U.S. and France say they have evidence that Syrian President Bashar Assad's military was behind the poison gas attack, but they have made none of that evidence public. On Saturday, the U.S., France and Britain attacked sites they said were linked to Syria's chemical weapons program.

Originally, Nikki Haley, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, had said the Trump administration would announce additional sanctions on Russia.

But Larry Kudlow, President Donald Trump's chief economic adviser, said Tuesday that Haley “got ahead of the curve” and may have been suffering from “momentary confusion” on new sanctions but added that additional ones are under consideration.

Haley fired back at Larry Kudlow, saying, “With all due respect, I don't get confused.”

Kudlow apologized Tuesday for his comments.

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Elephants see memorable gains

Decline in ivory trade, GPS have helped rangers

BY CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA
Associated Press

MIKUMI NATIONAL PARK, Tanzania — The elephant staggered and keeled over in the tall grass in southern Tanzania, where some of the world's worst poaching has happened.

It wasn't a killer who targeted her but a conservation official, immobilizing her with a dart containing drugs. Soon she was snoring loudly, and officials propped open her trunk with a twig to help her breathe. They slid a 26-pound GPS tracking collar around the rough skin of her neck and injected an antidote, bringing her back to her feet. After inspecting the contraption with her trunk, she ambled back to her herd.

The operation was part of a yearlong effort to collar and track 60 elephants in and around Tanzania's Selous Game Reserve, widely acknowledged as "Ground Zero" in the poaching that has decimated Africa's elephants in recent years.

The Associated Press traveled to the area to witness how the battle to save the continent's elephants is gaining some momentum, with killings declining and some herds showing signs of recovery. Legal ivory markets are shrinking worldwide, and law enforcement has broken up some key trafficking syndicates, say experts.

But it's far too early to declare a turnaround. Poachers are moving to new areas and traffickers are adapting, aided by entrenched corruption. The rate of annual elephant losses still exceeds the birth rate. And the encroachment of human settlements is



Wildlife veterinarians use a 4x4 vehicle and a rope to turn over a tranquilized elephant in order to attach a GPS collar. **BEN CURTIS/AP**

reducing the animals' range.

"The trend in poaching is going in the right direction, but we have a long way to go before we can feel comfortable about the future for elephants," said Chris Thouless of Save the Elephants, a group based in Kenya, where elephant numbers are rising again.

In a move to crack down on demand, Britain this month announced a ban on ivory sales. In China, trade in ivory and ivory products is illegal as of 2018. And in the U.S., a ban on ivory apart from items older than 100 years went into place in 2016.

If poaching can be brought under control here in Tanzania, there is hope that the killing of elephants can be stemmed elsewhere on the continent.

Africa's elephant population has plummeted from millions around 1900 to at least 415,000 today. Intelligent and emotional, with highly developed social behavior, elephants have been hunted for their ivory for

centuries. A ban on commercial trade in ivory across international borders went into effect in 1990, but many countries continued to allow the domestic buying and selling of ivory.

Increased demand from consumers in China fueled a new wave of killings.

In Tanzania alone, the elephant population declined by 60 percent to 43,000 from 2009 to 2014, according to the government. Much of the slaughter happened in an ecosystem comprising the Selous and the adjacent Mikumi National Park. A tourist guide told The Associated Press that several years ago, he and a client saw an elephant family at sunset in the Selous reserve. They returned the next day to the ghastly sight of carcasses of elephants slaughtered for their tusks.

The killings in Tanzania appear to have slowed down. A count in the Selous-Mikumi area last year added up 23 carcasses of poached elephants, just

20 percent of the number found four years earlier. And African elephant poaching has declined to pre-2008 levels after reaching a peak in 2011, according to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species.

It's a positive trend, but there is speculation there is a dearth of elephants to kill in many areas.

"All the 'easy' elephants are dead," said Drew McVey, East Africa manager for the WWF conservation group.

In Tanzania's Selous region, more newborn elephants are visible and confident elephants are moving more widely outside unfenced, officially protected areas, said Edward Kohi, principal research officer with the state Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute and leader of the GPS collaring program funded by WWF.

The collars are designed to allow rangers to track the movement of elephant herds, and then mobilize to

protect them if they move into poaching hotspots. By receiving satellite-transmitted data on mobile phones, rangers could also intercept elephants that drift into a human settlement or fields of crops.

Adam Rajeta, a farmer and cattle herder living next to Mikumi park, said elephants sometimes cause havoc.

"During the harvesting season, they come close to our homes," Rajeta said. "When they do, we beat drums and make noise to scare them and thus protect ourselves. Only with God's mercy do they leave our neighborhood."

There has also been movement to crack down on trafficking. Tanzanian President John Magufuli, who took office in 2015, took a hard line and authorities have arrested key suspects linked to trafficking syndicates.

However, the fight against the illegal ivory trade is like squeezing a balloon — when gains are

made in one area, such as Tanzania, the killings intensify in another spot, like Mozambique's Niassa reserve to the south, which is linked to the Selous by a wildlife corridor. And international seizures of smuggled ivory appear to be as large as ever, a possible sign of hurried efforts by traffickers to move stockpiles before business gets too difficult.

Last week, media in Mozambique reported the seizure by authorities of more than a ton of elephant ivory in a shipping container by traffickers. It had been bound for Cambodia, the reports said.

Some poaching gangs in Niassa are Tanzanian and "there is a lot of movement across the border" that includes other illicit trade, including in timber and minerals, said James Bampton, Mozambique director for the New York-based Wildlife Conservation Society. The group co-manages Niassa with the government.

There are probably fewer than 2,000 elephants in Niassa, Bampton said. That's a small fraction of the estimated number a decade ago in Mozambique's main elephant refuge. Thefts of confiscated ivory and rhino horn in Mozambique also raise concerns about official collusion with traffickers.

Another worrying development is evidence of increased processing of ivory tusks into jewelry and trinkets within Africa.

This allows traffickers to transport ivory in smaller quantities that are hard to detect and avoids increased scrutiny of ivory-carving operations in Asia.

The challenges of protecting wildlife were apparent to AP journalists who traveled with the collaring team in Mikumi park next to the Selous reserve, a U.N. world heritage site.

Plans to deploy a helicopter to help spot and herd the elephants fell through.

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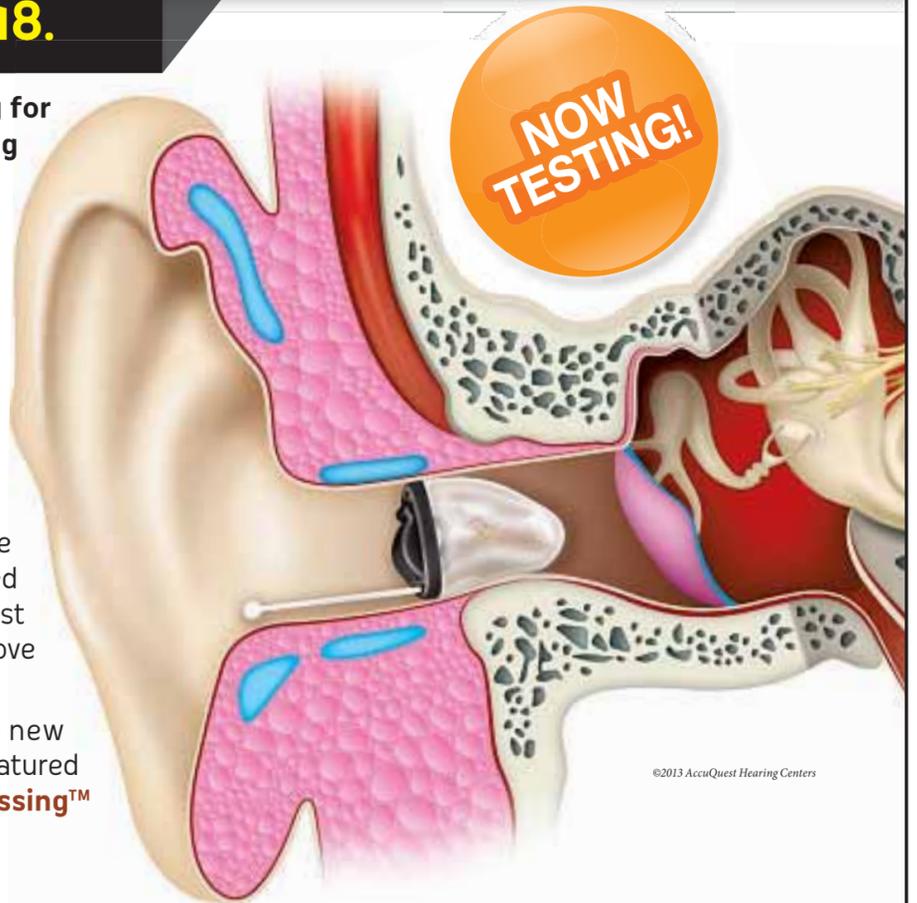
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McConnell foils effort to shield Mueller

Some in GOP bristle at creating political crisis with Trump amid bipartisan effort

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell on Tuesday thwarted a bipartisan effort to protect special counsel Robert Mueller's job, saying he will not hold a floor vote on the legislation even if it is approved next week in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

McConnell said the bill is unnecessary because President Donald Trump will not fire Mueller.

"We'll not be having this on the floor of the Senate," McConnell said on Fox News.

His comments came amid widespread opposition to the bill among members of his caucus, with several GOP senators saying the bill is unconstitutional. Others said it's simply not good politics to try and tell Trump what to do, likening the legislation to "poking

the bear."

The bipartisan legislation was introduced last week as Trump publicly criticized Mueller, who is investigating potential ties between Russia and Trump's 2016 campaign as well as possible obstruction of justice by the president. Trump, fuming about a raid of his personal lawyer's office by a different division of the FBI, said last week that the Mueller investigation is "an attack on our country" and is "corrupt."

Trump has also privately pondered firing Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, who is overseeing Mueller's investigation.

Within a day of Trump's criticism, Republicans Thom Tillis of North Carolina and Lindsey Graham of South Carolina combined two bills they introduced last summer to protect special counsels. They introduced the new bill along with Democratic Sens. Chris Coons of Delaware



J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

Sen. Mitch McConnell told Fox News: "We'll not be having this on the floor of the Senate."

and Cory Booker of New Jersey, and Senate Judiciary Chairman Chuck Grassley, a Republican, announced that his committee would vote on the bill.

The legislation would give any special counsel a 10-day window to seek expedited judicial review of a firing, and would put into law existing Justice Department regulations that require a firing to be for "good cause."

Democrats immediately jumped on the legislation, but many Republicans have been cool to it.

At least three of the 11 GOP members of the Judiciary panel have said they

will vote against it and another five have said they have questions about its constitutionality. Grassley is one of those with concerns, but said he felt obligated to hold a vote.

Republicans off the committee also had questions — and some acknowledged that it could be politically difficult.

South Dakota Sen. Mike Rounds said Tuesday that Trump should make the decision on his own and be responsible for the consequences.

"I think having Congress tell him what we believe he should do in this case is simply poking the bear, and

I'd just prefer not to do that," Rounds said.

Oklahoma Sen. Jim Lankford said the bill is a "political distraction."

Others said there was little point.

"It's about as popular as cholera with the leader in the Senate, and it's about as popular as malaria in the House," said Louisiana Sen. John Kennedy, a member of the Judiciary panel. "I think most people think we're picking an unnecessary fight with the president."

Coons bristled at the criticism that the legislation is unconstitutional, noting that several courts have upheld similar special

counsel statutes.

"If I were convinced this were unconstitutional, I would not be moving it," said Coons, a lawyer.

At a September hearing on the two separate bills, before they were combined, scholars were divided on whether the bills were constitutional, with some voicing concerns that allowing the judicial branch that authority over an executive decision may not pass muster in the courts.

"I think it's probably unconstitutional and I don't think there's any realistic chance that the president will fire Mr. Mueller," Sen. John Cornyn, the No. 2 Republican in the Senate and the former Texas attorney general, said Tuesday.

McConnell agreed, adding that Trump would never support the legislation.

"Just as a practical matter, even if we pass it, why would he sign it?" McConnell said in the Fox interview.

Republicans who have talked to the White House almost uniformly have held the line that Trump will not fire Mueller or Rosenstein — including Tillis and Graham, who say they are pushing the legislation because it would be good policy under any president.

"I don't think he's going to fire Mueller, but I think institutionally it would be nice to have some protections," Graham said Tuesday.

Trump's power to fire heads to court

Lawyers seek ruling on president's ability to dismiss officials

BY DAVID G. SAVAGE
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court is set to hear a seemingly minor case this month on the status of administrative judges at the Securities and Exchange Commission, an issue that normally might draw only the interest of those accused of stock fraud.

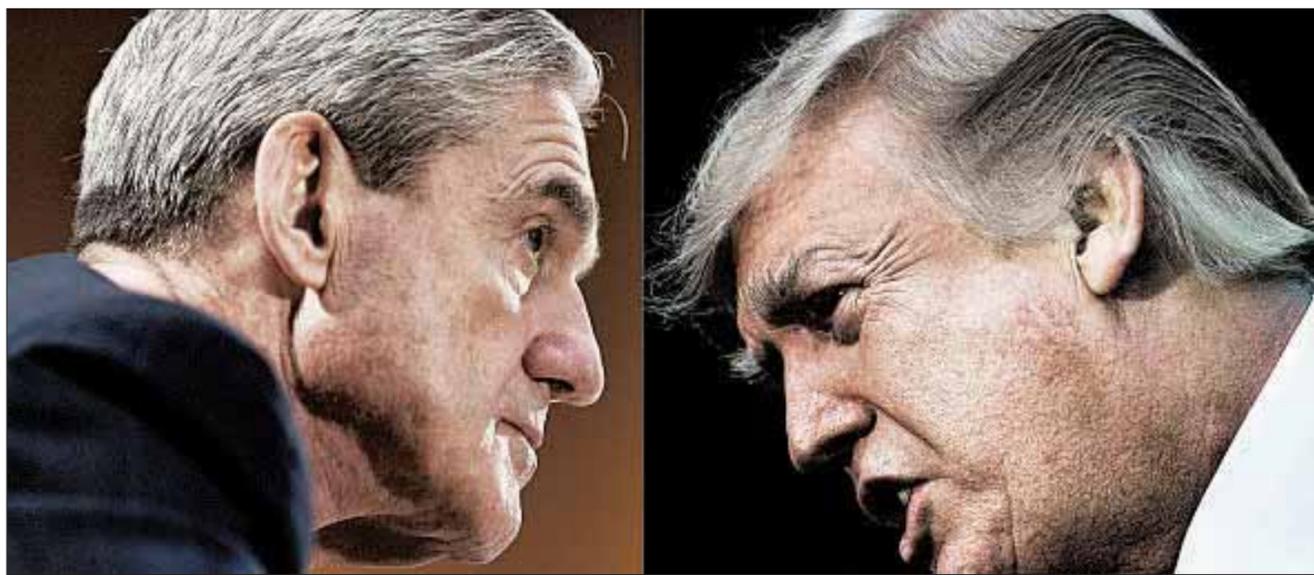
But the dispute turns on the president's power to hire and fire officials throughout the government. And it comes just as the White House is saying President Donald Trump believes he has the power to fire special counsel Robert Mueller.

Trump Solicitor General Noel Francisco intervened in the SEC case to urge the high court to clarify the president's constitutional power to fire all "officers of the United States" who "exercise significant authority" under the law.

"The Constitution gives the president what the framers saw as the traditional means of ensuring accountability: the power to oversee executive officers through removal," he wrote in *Lucia v. SEC*. "The president is accordingly authorized under our constitutional system to remove all principal officers, as well as all 'inferior officers' he has appointed."

In addition to representing the administration before the Supreme Court, Francisco, a former law clerk for the late Justice Antonin Scalia, could be in line to oversee the Mueller inquiry if Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein is fired.

Peter Shane, a law professor at Ohio State University, called Francisco's argument a "radical proposition" and one that goes beyond what is at issue in the case. The justices said they would



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Lawyers for President Donald Trump, right, argue that he has the power to fire any official, which would include special counsel Robert Mueller, left.

focus only on how the SEC in-house judges are appointed. But Francisco is asking them to go further and rule on the "removal" issue.

"The solicitor general is obviously trying to goad the court into a broad statement about the removability of all officers of the United States," Shane said. "Were the court to make any such statement, it would surely be cited by Trump as backing any move by him to fire Mueller directly."

For decades, constitutional experts have fundamentally disagreed about the balance of power between Congress and the president.

Many of them, especially liberals, argue that because Congress has "all legislative powers," it can structure the government as it sees fit, including by creating independent agencies that are not under the president's direct control.

But others, mostly conservatives, adhere to what is sometimes called the "unitary executive" theory. They argue that because the Constitution puts executive power in the hands of one

president, he is thereby entitled to hire and fire all those who wield significant executive authority.

Francisco points to two provisions of the Constitution as giving the president very broad authority. One says the president shall appoint ambassadors, judges and "all other officers of the United States." The other says the president "shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed."

"The president's constitutional responsibility to faithfully execute the laws requires adequate authority to remove subordinate officers," Francisco told the court in February. "The framers understood the close connection between the president's ability to discharge his responsibilities as head of the executive branch and his control over its personnel. ... The president's ability to execute the law is thus inextricably linked to his authority to hold his subordinates accountable for their conduct."

Francisco's defense of broad presidential power is likely to win favor with Chief Justice John Roberts

and the court's other conservatives. In 2010, Roberts spoke for a 5-4 majority that struck down a provision in the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, which created an independent public accounting board at the SEC whose members could be fired only for "good cause."

Roberts said shielding these "officers of the United States" from presidential control was unconstitutional. "Since 1789, the Constitution has been understood to empower the president to keep these officers accountable — by removing them from office, if necessary," he wrote in *Free Enterprise Fund v. Public Company Accounting Oversight Board*.

The SEC accused Raymond Lucia of marketing a deceptive wealth-management strategy called "Buckets of Money." After a nine-day hearing, an administrative law judge decided Lucia had misled investors and recommended a civil penalty of \$300,000. The SEC itself made the final decision, but Lucia appealed, contending the procedure for choosing the administrative judges was

unconstitutional.

The Obama administration defended the SEC, arguing these in-house judges were mere employees, not officers of the United States, because they had no final decision-making power. But the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C., split 5-5 on the issue.

Last year, Trump's lawyers switched sides and joined in challenging the SEC's approach as unconstitutional. This was in line with the conservative backlash against the so-called "administrative state," which includes an effort to bring these agencies and their employees under presidential control.

In January, the high court agreed to decide the "Appointments Clause" question, but Francisco filed a brief urging the court to also rule that such "officers" may be removed if they fail to "perform adequately."

Lawyers who have followed the case predict the justices will try to decide the SEC dispute narrowly and without signaling their views on the president's potential control over the special prosecutor at the

Justice Department.

Mueller was appointed under department regulations that say the special counsel may be removed only for "misconduct, dereliction of duty, incapacity, conflict of interest or for other good cause."

Under those rules, only Rosenstein currently would have the power to fire Mueller. Some lawyers argue that the regulations have the force of law and would prevent Trump from directly firing Mueller.

But Francisco's brief suggests the administration lawyers believe the Constitution itself authorizes the president to remove officials who wield executive power in the government. Last week White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said the administration had been advised that the president has the power to fire the special counsel.

On Friday the court agreed to participate in the April 23 argument so he can advocate for a ruling on the president's removal power.

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"The View" co-host Joy Behar, left, adult film star Stormy Daniels and attorney Michael Avenatti appeared on the daytime talk show Tuesday.

Stormy Daniels repeats story of threat

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The Washington Post

Stormy Daniels, the adult film star who alleged an affair with Donald Trump years before he took office, sharply defended her credibility Tuesday while releasing a sketch of a man she says threatened her not to speak out about Trump years earlier.

Daniels' story about a man threatening her in a Las Vegas parking lot in

2011, which she first disclosed during a widely seen "60 Minutes" interview, prompted quick pushback from the president and Michael Cohen, his personal attorney, who in 2016 negotiated the \$130,000 settlement with Daniels requiring her silence.

During an appearance Tuesday on ABC's "The View," Daniels and her attorney, Michael Avenatti, made public a sketch of the man she said approached her shortly after she sought to sell her story about a brief

affair with Trump to a tabloid magazine.

Avenatti said he is offering a \$100,000 reward for information leading to the man's apprehension. After Daniels' "60 Minutes" interview, representatives for Trump and Cohen said both men do not believe there was any threat.

Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, described her overall campaign to speak out about Trump as being necessary to vouch for her integrity.

"It is my chance to de-

fend myself and to make people realize how and why this happened so I can tell my side," Daniels said. She also pushed back at the suggestion that people might question her story about Trump because of her profession, saying: "I think that what I do for a living should not matter."

She defended not telling the police about the threat, saying that if she had, her story about Trump would've emerged "and then the whole world would've known."



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DIRCK HALSTEAD/LIAISON 1980

George and Barbara Bush pose for a picture with their children Dorothy, Neil, Marvin, Jeb and George in Maine.



RON EDMONDS/AP 1992

President George H.W. Bush kisses his wife, Barbara, during a pre-election rally at the Astro Arena in Houston.



CHRIS WILKINS/GETTY-AFP

First lady Barbara Bush and her son, George W. Bush, attend the 1992 Republican National Convention.



DOUG MILLS/AP 1990

First lady Barbara Bush poses with her dog Millie in Washington. She wrote "Millie's Book" about the dog, with all proceeds going to support literacy programs.

From first lady to first mom

Bush, from Page 1

Clinton, called Mrs. Bush a remarkable woman with "grit and grace, brains and beauty."

President Donald Trump also paid tribute to Mrs. Bush.

The White House said in a statement that the Trumps "join the nation in celebrating Barbara Bush."

Former President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama said, "Barbara Bush was the rock of a family dedicated to public service, and our thoughts and prayers are with both Presidents Bush and the entire Bush family tonight."

Mrs. Bush brought a grandmotherly style to buttoned-down Washington, often appearing in her trademark fake pearl chokers and displaying no vanity about her white hair and wrinkles.

"What you see with me is what you get. I'm not running for president — George Bush is," she said at the 1988 Republican National Convention, where her husband, then vice president, was nominated to succeed Ronald Reagan.

The Bushes, who were married Jan. 6, 1945, had the longest marriage of any presidential couple in American history. And Mrs. Bush was one of only two first ladies who had a child who was elected president. The other was Abigail Adams, wife of John Adams and mother of John Quincy Adams.

"I had the best job in America," she wrote in a 1994 memoir describing her time in the White House. "Every single day was interesting, rewarding, and sometimes just plain fun."

The publisher's daughter and oilman's wife could be caustic in private, but her public image was that of a self-sacrificing, supportive spouse who referred to her husband as her "hero."

Eight years after leaving the nation's capital, Mrs. Bush stood with her husband as their son George W. was sworn in as president.

They returned four years later when he won a second term.

Mrs. Bush insisted she did not try to influence her husband's politics.

"I don't fool around with his office," she said, "and he doesn't fool around with my household."

In 1984, her quick wit got her into trouble when she was quoted as referring to Geraldine Ferraro, the Democratic vice presidential nominee, as "that \$4 million — I can't say it, but it rhymes with rich."

"It was dumb of me. I

shouldn't have said it," Mrs. Bush said in 1988.

In her 1994 autobiography, "Barbara Bush: A Memoir," Mrs. Bush said she did her best to keep her opinions from the public while her husband was in office. But she revealed that she disagreed with him on two issues: She supported legal abortion and opposed the sale of assault weapons.

She also disclosed a bout with depression in the mid-1970s, saying she sometimes feared she would deliberately crash her car. She blamed hormonal changes

and stress.

"Night after night, George held me weeping in his arms while I tried to explain my feelings," she wrote.

Mrs. Bush raised five children: George W., Jeb, Neil, Marvin and Dorothy. A sixth child, 3-year-old daughter Robin, died of leukemia in 1953.

In a speech in 1985, she recalled the stress of raising a family while married to a man whose ambitions carried him from the Texas oil fields to Congress and into influential political po-

sitions that included ambassador to the United Nations, GOP chairman and CIA director.

"This was a period, for me, of long days and short years," she said.

Along with her memoirs, she wrote "C. Fred's Story" and "Millie's Book," based on the lives of her dogs. Proceeds from the books benefited adult and family literacy programs.

The 43rd president was not the only Bush son to seek office in the 1990s. In 1994, when George W. was elected governor of Texas,

son Jeb narrowly lost to incumbent Lawton Chiles in Florida. Four years later, Jeb was victorious in his second try in Florida.

"This is a testament to what wonderful parents they are," George W. Bush said as Jeb Bush was sworn into office.

Sons Marvin and Neil both became businessmen. Neil achieved some notoriety in the 1980s as a director of a savings and loan that crashed. Daughter Dorothy, or Doro, has preferred to stay out of the spotlight. She married lobbyist Robert Koch, a Democrat, in 1992.

In a collection of letters published in 1999, George H.W. Bush included a note he gave to his wife in early 1994.

"You have given me joy that few men know," he wrote. "You have made our boys into men by bawling them out and then, right away, by loving them. You have helped Doro to be the sweetest, greatest daughter in the whole wide world. I have climbed perhaps the highest mountain in the world, but even that cannot hold a candle to being Barbara's husband."

Mrs. Bush was born Barbara Pierce in New York. After attending Smith College for two years, she married young naval aviator George Herbert Walker Bush. She was 19.

The couple's final move, after Bush lost the 1992 election to Bill Clinton, was to Houston, where they built what she termed their "dream house."

In 1990, Barbara Bush gave the commencement address at all-women Wellesley College.

"Cherish your human connections," Mrs. Bush told graduates. "At the end of your life, you will never regret not having passed one more test, winning one more verdict or not closing one more deal. You will regret time not spent with a husband, a child, a friend or a parent."

The Washington Post contributed.



GREGORY SMITH/CORBIS VIA GETTY

President George Bush and first lady Barbara attend the 1992 Republican National Convention in Houston.

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

EPA's Pruitt upgraded to larger, costlier SUV, records indicate

WASHINGTON — Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt upgraded his official vehicle last year to a costlier, larger vehicle with bullet-resistant covers over bucket seats, according to records and interviews with current and former agency officials.

Recent EPA administrators have traveled in a Chevrolet Tahoe, and officials had arranged for Pruitt to use the same

vehicle when he joined the administration in February. But he switched to a more high-end Chevy Suburban in June.

One former EPA official said Pruitt remarked that he wanted the larger vehicle because it was similar to ones in which other Cabinet officials rode. The first year's lease of the SUV cost \$10,200, according to federal records.

The monthly payment on the SUV is \$839, according to the contract.

Attorney says mental health of drug lord 'El Chapo' declining

NEW YORK — Notorious Mexican drug lord and escape artist Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman is having psychological problems that could hinder his ability to fight U.S. drug-trafficking charges, his lawyer said Tuesday.

"We have noticed that his mental state has deteriorated, not just his memory but the way he understands things," attorney Eduardo Balarezo told reporters following a pre-

trial hearing in federal court in Brooklyn.

Guzman has repeatedly complained about conditions at a Manhattan jail where he's being held in solitary confinement.

He has pleaded not guilty to charges that his Sinaloa cartel laundered billions of dollars and oversaw a campaign of murders and kidnappings. He faces life in prison if convicted at trial, which is set to begin in September.

San Diego County board votes to back Trump's sanctuary suit

SAN DIEGO — Leaders of California's second-largest county voted Tuesday to officially support the Trump administration's lawsuit against the state's so-called sanctuary law that limits police cooperation with federal immigration agents.

The decision by San Diego County's Board of Supervisors comes amid a growing conservative backlash in California against Democratic Gov.

Jerry Brown's stance on immigration enforcement.

Brown said nothing prevents local officials from notifying immigration officials that suspects are about to be released.

The board voted 3-1, with one member absent. The board made the decision in closed session after hearing 45 minutes of public comment. Most of the more than 24 speakers urged the supervisors not to support the lawsuit.



RODRIGO BUENDIA/GETTY-AFP

The presidential palace in Quito, Ecuador, puts up banners of black ribbons Tuesday to honor victims kidnapped and killed by rebels — a splinter faction of the demobilized Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC — on the Ecuador-Colombia border.

GOP legislative leaders urge Missouri governor to resign

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Missouri's Republican legislative leadership called on Gov. Eric Greitens to resign Tuesday after the state's attorney general suggested that Greitens' use of a charity donor list for political purposes may have broken state law.

"I will not be resigning the governor's office," Greitens replied.

The GOP governor already is facing a felony invasion-of-privacy charge related to an extramarital affair that occurred as he was preparing to run for governor in 2015. Legislative leaders said the poten-

tial of a second felony charge was too much for the state to bear.

"When leaders lose the ability to effectively lead our state, the right thing to do is step aside," House Speaker Todd Richardson said in a joint statement with House Speaker Pro Tem Elijah Haahr and House Majority Floor Leader Rob Vescovo.

Greitens said he plans to remain in office as his May 14 trial date approaches on the invasion-of-privacy charge.

If Greitens doesn't quit, Senate President Pro Tem Ron Richard said the

House should begin impeachment proceedings.

Earlier Tuesday, Republican Attorney General Josh Hawley said an investigation by his office shows that Greitens took computer data listing the top donors to The Mission Continues without the consent of the St. Louis-based veterans' charity he had founded and used it to raise money for his gubernatorial campaign.

Hawley said he referred the matter to St. Louis Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner, who has jurisdiction to decide whether to charge Greitens with a crime.

Sandy Hook families file suit against Alex Jones

HARTFORD, Conn. — The families of two children slain in the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre have filed lawsuits against radio host and conspiracy theorist Alex Jones for claiming the shooting in Connecticut did not happen.

Neil Heslin, the father of

Jesse Lewis, and Leonard Pozner and Veronique De La Rosa, the parents of Noah Pozner, filed separate defamation lawsuits seeking over \$1 million in damages. The suits were filed late Monday in Travis County, Texas, where Jones' media company, InfoWars, is based.

Jesse and Noah were among the 20 first-graders and six educators gunned down inside the school Dec. 14, 2012, in Newtown.

The lawsuits allege that Jones' insistence that the shooting was staged encouraged others to make death threats against the victims' families.

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Study points to meteorite coming from a lost planet

BERLIN — Fragments of a meteorite that fell to Earth in 2008 provide evidence of a lost planet that once roamed the solar system, according to a study published Tuesday.

Researchers from Switzerland, France and Germany examined diamonds found inside the Almahata Sitta meteorite and concluded they were most likely formed by a proto-planet at least 4.55 billion years ago.

The diamonds in the meteorite, which crashed in Sudan in October 2008, have crystals inside them that would have required great pressure to form, said Philippe Gillet, one of the study's co-authors.

Scientists have theorized that the solar system once contained more planets. One of these planets, dubbed Theia, is believed to have slammed into a young Earth, ejecting debris that later formed the moon.

Bitcoin escape: Sindri Thor Stefansson, a prisoner in Iceland suspected of masterminding the theft of 600 computers that were being used to mine bitcoin, fled Tuesday on a passenger plane to Sweden. He was being held at the unfenced Sogn prison. Prime minister Katrin Jakobsdottir was reportedly on the plane.

Opioid charges: Dozens of people were charged with distributing heroin and fentanyl during the takedown of a drug distribution network in Michigan and West Virginia, federal authorities said Tuesday. Authorities said they seized enough fentanyl to kill more than 250,000 people. Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid.

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EDITORIALS

City of daring cloud-busters ...

As the soon-to-be-former occupants of Tribune Tower, we admit we're protective about the future of this historic building and its surrounding land.

On Monday, we, and the rest of the world, got the first glimpse of the developers' plans for this site. We're excited to say their proposal is big. Developers intend to build a stiletto of metal and glass soaring to 1,422 feet, only 29 feet shorter than Willis Tower. (Why not go higher? We'll get to that in a minute.)

The building would be Chicago's second-tallest skyscraper. Its pointy top has already drawn comparisons, for good or ill, to the ears on Batman's mask.

By the numbers, it's a \$1 billion-plus project to bring more than 700 residences and 200 hotel rooms to a spot north of the Chicago River. If built, the tower by Chicago-based Golub & Co. and CIM Group of Los Angeles, would nudge out Trump International Hotel & Tower (1,389 feet) as the city's second tallest. (Can't wait to see what the president has to tweet about that.)

No matter what you think of the design — we'll leave that judgment to the critics — this is a dazzling moment in Chicago architecture, business and culture. Another Goliath stalks the city's Magnificent Mile. Another developer seeks to plunk down a huge bet on the future robust health of Chicago's economy. Another set of investors, knowing the dire state of Illinois finances, votes to spend a fortune here.

That's a thrilling vote of confidence in this city and state. (Amazon, are you watching this?)

Yes, there are taller skyscrapers

around the world. That list changes every decade as developers who seek to be biggest challenge each other, and structural engineers, to pierce the clouds. But this always will be the city where the first skyscrapers rose.

The big question on Monday for Golub Executive Vice President Lee Golub: Why not go 30 more feet to claim the Chicago title? Height, he told reporters, wasn't a priority. The developers instead sought an ideal mix of units and floor heights. "Why didn't we do it?" he said. "We don't have that big of an ego."

Hmmm. Developers without vast egos? Maybe Golub and his bankers recall the long and disappointing history of the Chicago Spire, the twisty candle high-rise designed by Santiago Calatrava. That project, launched in 2005, was supposed to dethrone the then-Sears Tower as the city's tallest. But the Spire never reached altitude higher than a big hole in the ground.

Since then, however, many other skyscrapers have launched, including the Vista Tower, the 1,191-foot-tall development under construction on East Wacker Drive.

We say the same thing to the developers of this Batman Tower (or maybe The Splendid Splinter?) that we said to the Chicago Spire backers: Welcome to Chicago. And thanks for your vote of confidence that this metropolis will continue to grow and prosper.

As we wrote of the attempt to revive the Chicago Spire in 2014: *Chicago isn't just about architectural legacy, about great buildings preserved for generations. It thrives in the dreams of those who want to build something the city that rises from the prairie — the world — has never seen.*



GOLUB & CO. AND CIM GROUP

Developers on Monday revealed plans for a 1,422-foot high-rise to be built next to Tribune Tower.

... but for North Branch parks, Emanuel's 'little plans'

Mayor Rahm Emanuel may think he's channeling famed architect Daniel Burnham. But when it comes to creating park space within the planned redevelopment of the North Branch Industrial Corridor, the mayor is not, as he claims, "still making no little plans." He is, alas, making little plans.

Emanuel this week talked about expanding the amount of space along the Chicago River that Chicagoans can enjoy. He touted the idea of making the Riverwalk, already a downtown gem, even bigger. And he dangled the notion of building a trail to connect the Riverwalk to Ping Tom Memorial Park in Chinatown.

But his vision for capitalizing on the unique aesthetic that the North Branch of the Chicago River represents for the industrial corridor redevelopment is far from

Burnhamesque.

That redevelopment promises to be one of the largest the city's ever seen. When done, it will feel like a city within a city — hotels, apartment towers, stores and tech office space sprouting on 760 riverfront acres.

It also presents a rare opportunity to endow Chicago with a transformative swath of green.

Instead, Emanuel continues to embrace the current North Branch framework plan, which calls for more than 60 acres of open space, but in scattered patches of green — ballfields, tot lots and bike paths sprinkled here and there on the 3.7-mile-long tract.

In doing so, he signals a lack of interest in a far more ambitious proposal by Ald.

Michele Smith, 43rd, and Ald. Scott Waguespack, 32nd, to build a 24-acre park along the North Branch with baseball fields, a boat launch, a bike path and nature trail, among other amenities.

We've said before that Smith and Waguespack's idea is just one vision, and that there may be some other blueprint out there for a riverfront park at the site with scale and sweep that lives up to Burnham's directive. The North Side aldermen's idea doesn't come cheap: \$40 million to clean up pollution at the site and landscape it into a park, along with what is sure to be a hefty price tag for the land itself, which is owned by ComEd, Peoples Gas and other entities.

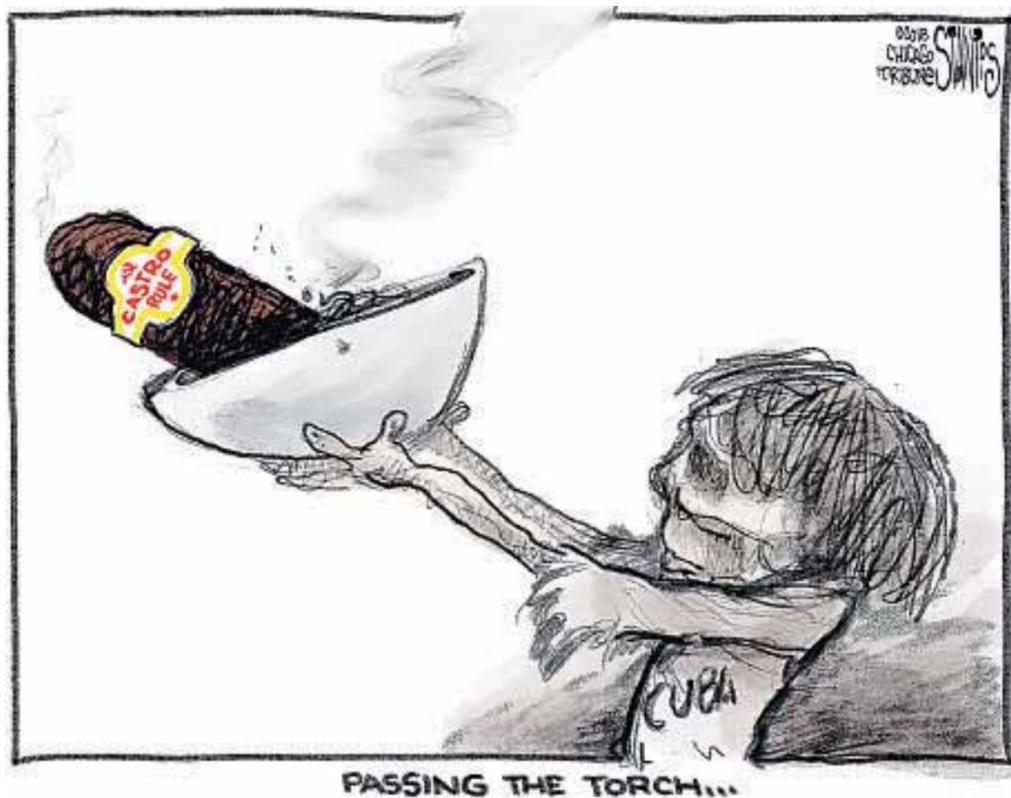
But City Hall is thinking small. The city has seen before how bold, ambitious plans for open space — Millennium Park, the Museum Campus, The 606 trail — can

profoundly change the look and feel of Chicago. The North Branch site represents a tantalizing canvas for a park with that kind of scope.

We know that big, bold park plans are in Emanuel's wheelhouse. He's brought them to fruition numerous times. He's right to tout the completion of the downtown Riverwalk, the project to split the Lakefront Trail into separate paths for running and cycling, the planned Navy Pier Flyover that will keep walkers, runners and cyclists clear of traffic.

A well-planned riverfront park along the North Branch — one with enough heft and purpose to be a draw for all Chicagoans, not just North Siders — would make a great addition to that list. Mayor, don't squander this chance to think big. If you want to invoke Burnham, back it up with action.

SCOTT STANTIS



WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

(President Donald) Trump's populism is the direct result of the establishment's hypocrisy. He is implementing policies that more-mainstream figures from both political parties have promised for years but then failed to accomplish. In this way, they built the demand for the actions they now denounce as destructive and even racist. Moving the U.S. Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem, pushing back against China's unfair trade practices, securing the border — aren't those just empty campaign promises? No candidate thinks he can actually get them done, right? Somebody forgot to tell Mr. Trump. ...

Establishment politicians have been borrowing nationalist rhetoric to win elections and then maintaining the same old activist foreign policy, free trade and lax immigration enforcement. They have spent years offering cheap talk, with no intention of following through. Now they are shocked that Trump, an outsider, does not play their sophisticated game.

Bobby Jindal, *The Wall Street Journal*

London has been suffering a spate of homicides recently, bad enough that some contend the murder rate is now worse than New York's. It is, but only if you look at the past couple of months. February, for instance, saw 11 homicides in New York and 15 in London, most of them committed with knives. In light of that crime spike London's mayor, Sadiq Khan, has laid down the law. "No excuses," he declared the other day on Twitter. "There is never a reason to carry a knife. Anyone who does will be caught, and they will feel the full force of the law." Britain imposes strict gun control. It also imposes absurdly strict knife control. The government forbids carrying a knife in public "without good reason, unless it has a folding blade with a cutting edge 3 inches long or less." ...

When gun-rights advocates warn that if gun-control groups win, they'll go after knives next, it sounds like an absurd exaggeration. In Britain, it's now official government policy.

A. Barton Hinkle, *Richmond Times-Dispatch*

Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE



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Based on Boehner's reversal, pot politics can depend on when you ask



CLARENCE PAGE

For the politics of pot, the times they are a-changin'. But in which direction? For some politicians, that can depend on when you ask.

For example, former House Speaker John Boehner, who was "unalterably opposed" to marijuana legalization as recently as 2015, announced on Twitter last week that he is joining the weed industry and the legalization cause.

Boehner, who served as speaker from 2011 to 2015 — and voted against legalizing medicinal marijuana in the District of Columbia in 1999 — announced that he is joining the advisory board for Acreage Holdings, a company that cultivates, processes and dispenses cannabis in 11 states.

More than half of the states have legalized marijuana for medicinal or recreational purposes, although the laws and regulations vary widely.

"I'm joining the board of #AcreageHoldings because my thinking on cannabis has evolved," Boehner wrote in a tweet linked to a company news release. "I'm convinced de-scheduling the drug is needed so we can do research, help our veterans, and reverse the opioid epidemic ravaging our communities."

That's quite a pivot. My reaction is twofold: Welcome aboard the legalization movement, Mr. Speaker, and what took you so long?

With no pun intended, Boehner's announcement came in a joint statement with Bill Weld, the former Republican governor of Massachusetts who ran on the Libertar-

ian Party's ticket in 2016 with former New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson. Unlike Weld, a longtime supporter of legalization, Boehner has not often been associated with much of anything that is more exotic than cigarettes, golf and a nice glass of merlot.

Now, in a living example of the old adage, "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em," Boehner's joining the cannabis industry and legalization cause (neither Boehner nor Weld would reveal whether they are being paid) illustrates the way Americans think about weed.

President Donald Trump has been on both sides of the marijuana legalization issue. As a presidential candidate, he said in a Colorado TV interview that legalization is "up to the states," which sounded like he supports the right of individual states to legalize weed, despite the existing federal prohibition.

But after Trump's election, Jeff Sessions, his very conservative attorney general, announced that he was revoking a policy from President Barack Obama's administration that discouraged prosecutors from enforcing federal marijuana laws in states that had legalized the drug.

That reversal, an apparent part of President Trump's ongoing campaign to undo everything President Obama did, outraged Sen. Cory Gardner, a Republican from Colorado — a state that legalized cannabis for recreational use in 2014.

During Sessions' confirmation hearings, Gardner had asked him to promise that the feds wouldn't interfere with pot businesses and users that complied with state laws. After Sessions rescinded Obama's policy, Gardner chastised him from the floor of the Senate and began to hold up Trump's Justice Department nominees in a

political hostage drama.

That standoff appears to have ended last Wednesday, coincidentally the same day as Boehner's announcement. Trump told Gardner in a phone call that he would support congressional efforts to protect states that have legalized marijuana. Gardner expressed satisfaction with the call, although skeptics suggested that he should get Trump's promise in writing first.

Gardner says he hopes to do better than that. He has been talking quietly with other senators about possible legislation to bar federal interference with states that have voted to legalize marijuana. I wish him luck. If there is any grand experiment that should be tested in the laboratory of the states, not our currently polarized and gridlocked national government, this is it.

Federal law has irrationally classified marijuana as a "Schedule 1" drug, the most restrictive category, under a law passed in 1970 during President Richard Nixon's "war on drugs." By listing marijuana as having no acceptable medical use and a potential for abuse and dependency as high as heroin and ecstasy, that law actually prevents useful research into the actual effects of the drug.

Removing federal interference from states that have decided to legalize pot would not be the same as a national legalization bill, but it would be an important step at a time when common sense seems to have gone up in smoke.

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Controversial Chicago magazine article is good journalism, but ...



ERIC ZORN

"The Stairwell," a nearly 8,000-word article in the May issue of our sister publication Chicago magazine, has been branded "morally repugnant" by Mayor Rahm Emanuel, "ill-timed, self-indulgent, and cruel" by the Fraternal Order of Police and "an insult to everything that I stand for" by Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson.

The seed for these and other criticisms of the piece is planted by one ill-chosen word in the fourth paragraph:

"In the aftermath," says that paragraph, referring to the slaying earlier this year of a Chicago Police Department commander during an altercation with a fleeing suspect in the Loop, the victim and alleged perpetrator "have been portrayed in black-and-white terms: (Commander Paul) Bauer as the hero who met a tragic end, and (his accused killer Shomari) Legghette as the career criminal who should never have been free to walk the streets in the first place. But the story of how they wound up in the stairwell that February 13 afternoon is much more complicated."

Looking for reasons why this particular person ended up repeatedly violating the law and then allegedly shooting a policeman to death isn't repugnant, it's imperative.

The problem word is "But."

The conjunction suggests mitigating nuances, shades of gray that ought to change our fundamental understanding of a terrible crime. It places a filter of ambiguity over the nearly 100 paragraphs that follow, paragraphs in which writers Adeshina Emmanuel and Jake Malooley go deep into the lives of both men.

"But ..." creates an expectation — even a dread — that the article will go on to ask us to reconsider our horror or to withhold moral judgment on the killing of a police officer.

In fact, the article does neither.

Is the story of how Legghette and Bauer ended up in a fatal struggle "much more complicated" than we knew from the news reports? Yes. Of course. The story of every crime, of every encounter between perpetrator and victim, is complicated. It's a long, thick web of back stories, coincidences and twists of fate.

People are complicated. Life is complicated.

Nonfiction books, sometimes multiple books, are written about evildoers — John Wayne Gacy, Son of Sam, Charles Manson, Lee Harvey Oswald, and on and on — and the accumulation of biographical details is intended to explain, not to excuse; to provoke understanding, not pity.

Good journalism gets behind the what, where and when to explore the depths of who and why.

"The Stairwell" attempts to do just that.

Legghette was born to an 18-year-old single mother and grew up poor in Bronzeville. He washed out of college, had a child while holding down only a part-time minimum-wage job, got into drug dealing and was convicted and imprisoned for participating in an

armed robbery in January 1998. He had trouble finding legitimate employment after he left prison in 2005 and his life became a litany of arrests, convictions and bafflingly speedy releases.

Many people grow up disadvantaged and don't turn to crime. Many people don't make it through college yet stay out of prison. Looking for reasons why this particular person ended up repeatedly violating the law and then allegedly shooting a policeman to death isn't repugnant, it's imperative.

Dismissing Legghette as pure evil is pat. Yes, the crime with which he is charged is evil and his overall criminal record indicates he was an irredeemable menace to society who ought to have been in prison on the day Bauer was slain.

But it's just empty posturing to damn him as a cartoon villain, born wicked without a shred of humanity.

"Crime is the most pressing issue facing our city, and if we don't attempt to understand why it happens, we will never be able to fully address it," is how Chicago magazine Editor-in-Chief and Publisher Susanna Homan put it in a statement responding to the controversy.

The in-depth treatment of Bauer's life of achievement, heroism and devotion that's interwoven with

Legghette's biography does not, as the most vocal critics imply, suggest a moral equivalence, invite a re-interpretation of the crime or insinuate that the alleged killer deserves sympathy.

If anything, the contrast established between the two men deepens the tragedy at the heart of the story, the killing of a man who truly deserved to be called Chicago's finest, allegedly by a man who amplified his misfortunes with bad choices at nearly every turn.

It is a black-and-white story and much more complicated than we knew.

Critics are on more solid ground when they complain that the magazine "was disingenuous, in that they didn't tell (Erin Bauer, the commander's widow) what they were planning on doing with their story," as Superintendent Johnson said in a radio interview. "They should have correctly framed it for her so she would have known what was going on" when she agreed to sit for lengthy interviews.

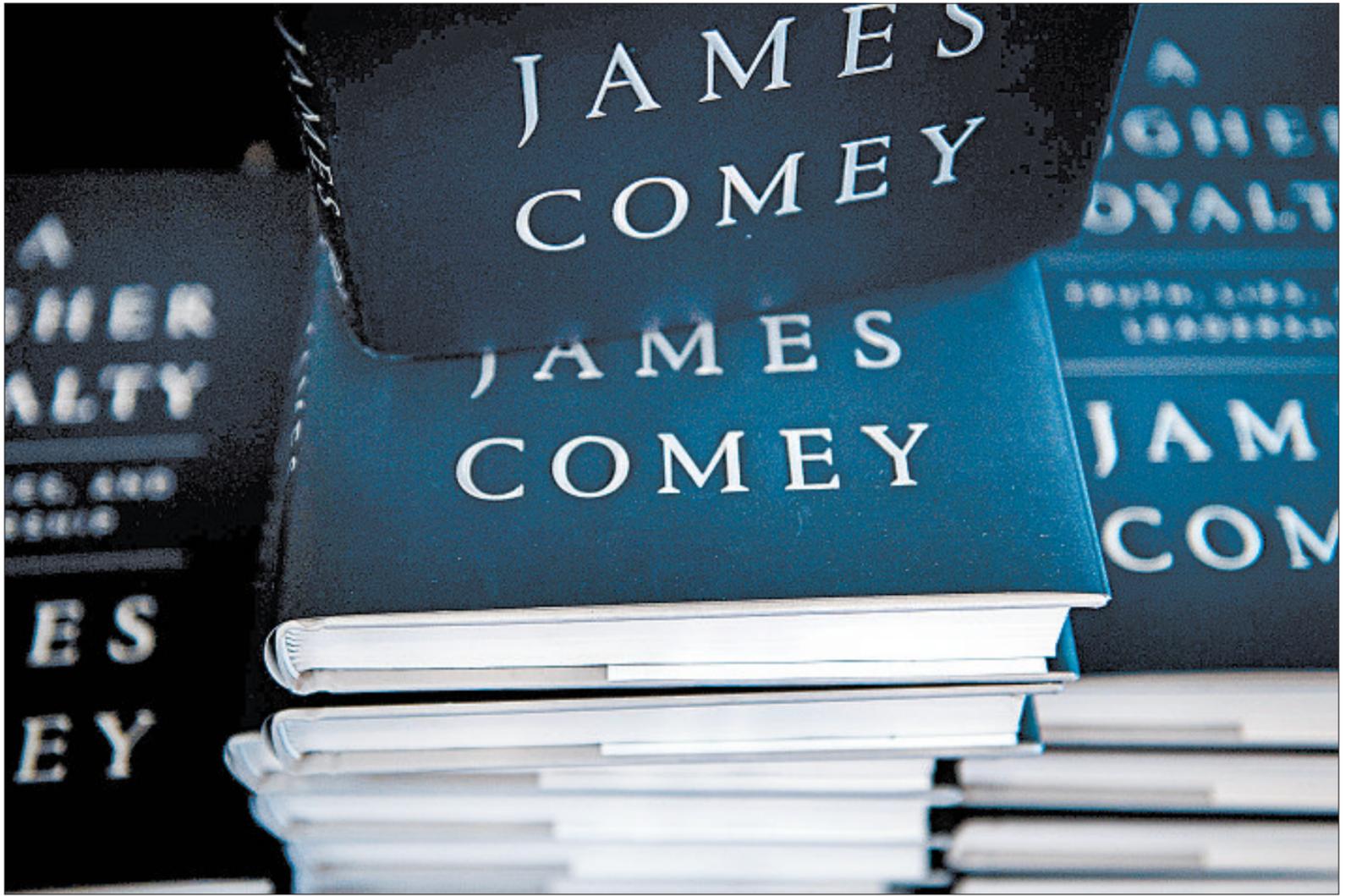
Challenged about this on WTTW-Ch.11's "Chicago Tonight," co-author Malooley said only, "I didn't really get into a whole lot of the architecture of the piece with her." When I reached out, Homan declined to offer further comment.

Malooley owed Erin Bauer a frank disclosure under the circumstances. Even though "The Stairwell" ultimately further ennobles her late husband and deepens our understanding of how much was lost that afternoon, she ought to have been given a choice about cooperating with an effort to juxtapose his life story with the story of his alleged killer.

No buts about it.

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PERSPECTIVE



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Donald Trump's weird power over his adversaries

BY KAREN TUMULTY

Donald Trump is contagious. He turns everyone he touches into Donald Trump. Now he has done it to James Comey.

The former FBI director has a book to sell, one that knits a compelling and credible story about his experiences with a president who built "a cocoon of alternative reality that he was busily wrapping around all of us."

If only Comey had stayed focused on what is important. But instead, he stooped, revealing a pettiness, insecurity and need for affirmation that are among the hallmarks of Trump's own character.

He noted that the president's hands

were not as large as his own, and we know what that means. Comey, who is 6 feet 8 inches, observed that Trump is shorter than he appears to be on television, that his face is "slightly orange, with bright white half-moons under his eyes where I assumed he placed small tanning goggles." All that was missing was a middle-school-worthy nickname. Liddle Donald? Eye Socket Man?

The former FBI director also wanted us to know that President Barack Obama respected his integrity and his ability, even after Comey's handling of the Hillary Clinton email investigation contributed to her 2016 defeat. He tells us that a tearful Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer,

D-N.Y., sympathized with his "impossible position." As he blasts Trump for being driven by ego, Comey reveals that his own stays in high gear as well.

In Trump's orbit, it would seem, there can be no such thing as a hero. Another case in point: White House chief of staff John Kelly. The four stars that Kelly earned as a Marine were not enough to shield him from what has rubbed off through his prolonged exposure to Trump.

Comey writes that after he was fired by the president, Kelly — then secretary of the Department of Homeland Security — called him to say that he wanted to resign, rather than work for "dishonorable people

who would treat someone like me in such a manner." Less than a year later, Kelly would show that he was capable of calling a top staffer accused of spousal abuse "a man of true integrity and honor." Nor could he resist humiliating former Secretary of State Rex Tillerson on the way out, making sure that reporters were informed that Tillerson was on the toilet when Kelly delivered the news of his dismissal.

In big ways and small, everyone around Trump ends up being Trump.

The Washington Post

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Why isn't this GOP scandal huge national news?

BY HELAINE OLEN

Eric Greitens, the married Republican governor of Missouri, allegedly tied his mistress to a piece of exercise equipment, blindfolded her and took a picture without asking her permission, informing her that if she went public about their affair, he would make sure the photo went public too.

Last week other allegations came to light, contained in a 24-page report commissioned by the state's legislature. The details were damning and explicit. Greitens, his now-former paramour claimed, had hit her, kissed her and coerced her into giving oral sex without her permission.

Greitens, who only last summer was heralded as a "rising star" in the Republican Party, is now under indictment on a charge of invasion of privacy, with a trial set to begin in mid-May. He's declared his innocence, claiming all that happened was a consensual affair between adults prior to his election as governor that he now — shockingly — regrets. As for the rest? It's all "lies" and "fake charges."

And I am betting that unless you live in Missouri or a nearby state that shares a media market, you know nothing about this.

This is no doubt partly because the Trump presidency is a news black hole, sucking up so much of our attention that almost nothing else can break through.

But it's also because the Trump administration, by ratcheting up the bounds of what is acceptable — at least to Donald Trump — is ensuring that actions that would normally shock all of us fly under the news radar.

Even the most intrepid political junkies struggle to keep up. Sunday night, former FBI Director James Comey claimed on national television that Trump is "morally

unfit to be president," saying he believes it is possible the Russian government could be blackmailing him since, after all, "I don't know whether the current president of the United States was with prostitutes peeing on each other in Moscow in 2013."

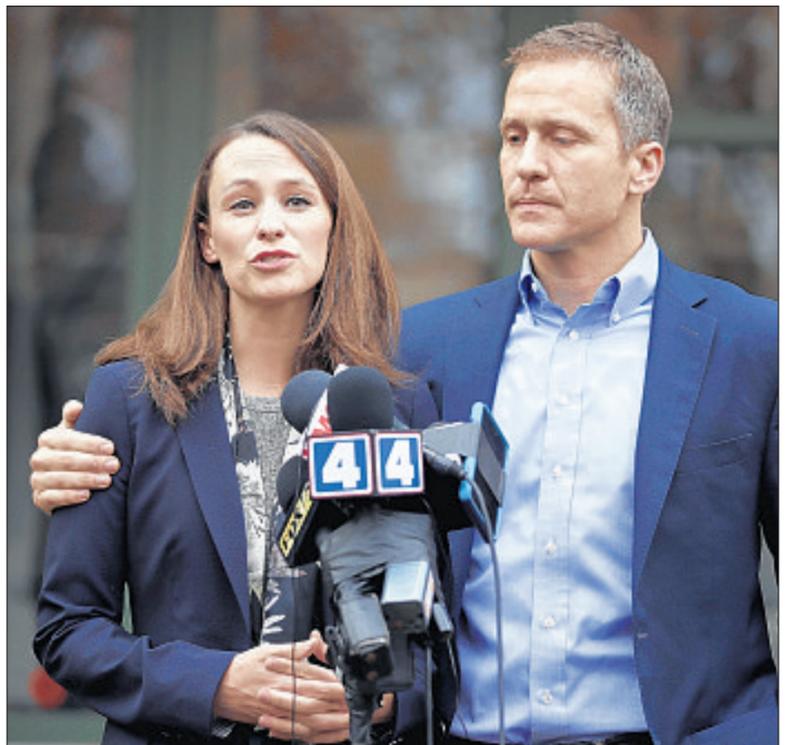
Meanwhile, porn star Stormy Daniels is in court, seeking a public confrontation with Trump lawyer Michael Cohen — who appears to have had a lucrative business negotiating nondisclosure agreements between women, well beyond just Stormy Daniels, who alleged sexual encounters between themselves and Trump or other Republicans. Then it was revealed in the Monday afternoon court hearing that Fox News host Sean Hannity is a Cohen client.

Then there is the ongoing corrupt soap opera that is the Trump Cabinet. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson's \$31,000 dining room set is so six weeks ago.

This month, attention shifted to Environmental Protection Agency head Scott Pruitt, who is alleged to have rented an apartment from the spouse of an energy lobbyist at under-market rates, who has insisted on flying first class claiming security threats no one appears to be able to document, and who has demanded his security detail use emergency sirens to speed through Washington traffic.

How can a governor of a flyover state accused of what once would have been a three-ring-circus sex scandal break through the media noise? Answer: He can't.

True, Some of Greitens' fellow Republicans, increasingly concerned the sheer disgust of this spectacle will cost them politically in the #MeToo era, would like to see the back of him. The editorial board of The Kansas City Star called on Republicans and Democrats to work together to impeach Greitens if he doesn't promptly



JEFF ROBERSON/AP

Sheena and Eric Greitens, shown in 2016, after he was elected governor of Missouri. He is under pressure to resign his post after admitting to an extramarital affair.

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resign.

But other Republicans remain silent. After all, even as polling shows 48 percent of Missouri voters think their governor should resign, that position is not shared by self-identified Republicans, 58 percent of whom say he should remain on the job. Greitens received a standing ovation at a fundraiser held last weekend, and rumors are flying that local donors are threatening to withhold support from Republicans

who speak out against their governor. That in turn led Missouri's Democratic Sen. Claire McCaskill — who is running for re-election this fall — to take to Twitter: "That is rampant corruption. Hope someone in law enforcement investigates."

Out-and-out corruption and incredibly sleazy, potentially criminal sexual behavior are getting more and more normalized with each passing scandal. At a certain point, we risk that it will all become so much background noise — and we'll get used to it.

We shouldn't. It seems — incredibly — that we are doing just that. And that's the greatest scandal of them all.

The Washington Post

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PERSPECTIVE

Immediate help needed: IRS badly needs a new computer system

BY STEPHEN MIHM

Taxpayers who rushed to complete Form 1040 by Tuesday's deadline can take some comfort from the fact that they're exceedingly unlikely to get a follow-up visit from the Internal Revenue Service. Over the past 50 years, audit rates have fallen pretty steadily. Today, the average taxpayer has one chance in 200 of getting audited.

The downward trend has led to concerns that the IRS needs more funding to do its job correctly and competently. That's true, but before Congress throws money at hiring more auditors, it should take aim at the agency's antiquated computer system. It has helped drive audit rates to all-time lows, but it desperately needs an upgrade.

By hand only

After the creation of the first permanent income tax in 1913, IRS agents would scrutinize returns by hand, laboriously poring over the numbers, checking the math, and flagging returns that looked suspect. This was insanely time-consuming. It also led to a very high audit rate. One taxpayer in 10 was subjected to a "field examination" from IRS personnel, according to one estimate from 1926.

This was possible because so few taxpayers actually filed Form

1040; most didn't because their income fell well below the threshold. As government spending increased from the late 1930s onward, more and more Americans found themselves paying income tax. That trend only intensified in the postwar years.

And therein lay a problem: How could IRS agents possibly check so many tax returns, much less run audits on this scale? As audit rates plummeted in the late 1940s, concerns over lost revenue fueled a search for solutions. Conveniently, a means of fixing the problem appeared at that precise moment in history: the computer.

The first mainframe computers may look like dinosaurs now, but they offered a way of reviewing tax returns on a mass scale. In the late 1950s, the IRS began using computers to correlate and compare the information submitted by taxpayers on their 1040 forms with the income figures supplied by employers. In 1959, The Washington Post, capturing the mood of the moment, warned of "brain machines" that would soon audit taxpayer returns; The Wall Street Journal called them "robot revenuers."

The almighty Martinsburg Monster

By the early 1960s, the IRS had amassed a staggering amount of computing power in the service

of compiling, collating and auditing returns. The stars of this brave new world consisted of a number of IBM mainframe machines, many of which resided in a non-descript brick building in Martinsburg, W. Va. This was the heart — or brain — of the new order. And it triggered serious warnings that the jig was up.

"The Martinsburg Monster is going to get us all," Charles Seib wrote in Harper's Weekly. "The imaginative taxpayer, who in the past has had at least as good a chance as a devotee of Russian roulette, now must face the certainty that all the chambers are loaded and the trigger set."

Under the new system, the data contained in paper tax returns — along with all the other forms issued by employers, brokerages, and banks — would be coded onto paper punch cards by an army of clerical workers. The data would then be "read" by the computer and stored on thousands of magnetic tapes.

The Martinsburg facility's L-shaped array of mainframe computers and tape-reel machines became something of a destination for those looking for a glimpse of the future. "So many visitors come to gawk," explained The New York Times in 1964, "that a glass enclosure was built for them to sit in."

Throughout the 1960s, the IRS labored to build what it called the "Individual Master File" of all

taxpayers, each identified by his or her Social Security number. This database would contain all the information relevant to each taxpayer. "By 1966," predicted Seib in Harper's, "every tax return in the nation will be under the Monster's cold, electronic eye."

This proved a blessing and a curse for the IRS. Between 1963 and 1967, the Times reported, the number of taxpayers who reported any interest income rose 45 percent; the total amount of interest and dividend income reported to the IRS rose by \$2.8 billion in the same period. "The hot eyeball of the computer was the goad to virtue," reported the paper.

At the same time, the sheer number of possible leads on underpayment of taxes threatened to overwhelm the very human staff responsible for overseeing audits. The IRS solved the problem in two ways.

Hello, this is the IRS

First, it began using the computers to issue automated letters demanding that taxpayers correct errors. In effect, it relied on form letters to achieve what field audits had formerly accomplished. At the same time, it began using historical data to build algorithms designed to sniff out suspect returns. Such returns might not contain any errors, but because of certain red flags — an unusual

deduction, a deviation from some norm — the computer could flag the return. The higher the "dif" or "discriminate function," score, the more likely something fishy was taking place. Audit rates drifted downward, a trend that continues to this day.

Though the IRS has periodically upgraded its computing system, today's system is still running the same code, which was written nearly 60 years ago. The number of programmers who can understand and maintain the code dwindles with every passing year. According to the Government Accountability Office, it is the oldest computing system used by the federal government. (The runner-up in this dubious contest is the software used to coordinate the nation's nuclear weapons.)

Plans to replace the system have faltered. As a consequence, the likelihood of a catastrophic computer failure during tax season increases every year. That may not pose quite the same danger as an errant missile, but the prospect of lost refund checks, unnecessary audits and other errors suggests that the time has come to bring the IRS into the 21st century.

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Trump's message to Syria is muddled



JONAH GOLDBERG

President Donald Trump was right to punish Syrian President Bashar Assad with airstrikes on Friday.

Some have said that the bombing campaign didn't go far enough, and I'm sympathetic to that argument. Empty buildings in the middle of the night are useful targets if you want to demonstrate symbolic disapproval, but the strikes did not do lasting damage to the Assad regime. That was the goal — to make a point: Don't do that again.

I am also sympathetic to those who were concerned that the strikes could cause a precipitous escalation, drawing in Iran and, more importantly, Russia.

By all accounts, Secretary of Defense James Mattis and his Pentagon comrades won the internal arguments in the administration for erring on the side of symbolism. Ideally we would have destroyed the aircraft — and the personnel — that carried out the suspected chemical warfare, but it's hard for me to second-guess someone who has seen so much war and knows the region as well as anybody alive. I'm willing to defer to the generals on this one.

I am less deferential when it comes to the arguments used to defend the strikes. Over and over



HASSAN AMMAR/AP

A soldier films the Syrian Scientific Studies and Research Center in Barzeh, which was hit by U.S., British and French military strikes in response to President Bashar Assad's alleged use of chemical weapons on civilians.

again, we hear that this was a "humanitarian" effort.

Trump has expressed justifiable horror in response to the use of chemical weapons. In announcing the bombings, he laid out the rationale for the attacks: "To deter the use and proliferation of chemical weapons, and to avert a worsening of the region's current humanitarian catastrophe." The British government was more explicit, stating that the "intervention was directed exclusively to averting a humanitarian catastrophe."

But what catastrophe did they avert? The chemical attack, as far as we know, had already hap-

pened.

Chemical weapons are a moral horror, and enforcing the near-century-old ban on them can be justified on humanitarian grounds. But when you talk to experts about why we should enforce the ban, the argument quickly turns to realpolitik: We don't want chemical weapons used on our troops or civilians.

"This very easily could happen in the United States if we're not smart, and if we're not conscious of what's happening," U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley said on "Fox News Sunday" (Full disclosure: My wife works

for Haley.)

That is wholly legitimate. It's the same logic we use for preventing rogue regimes from developing nuclear weapons. We don't do much of anything to prevent North Korea or Iran from brutalizing their own people, but we don't want them to have the ability to threaten our people or our allies.

But that argument has little to do with humanitarianism. We haven't told Assad that if he kills his own people — by dropping barrel bombs on hospitals, by firing squads, or by blocking humanitarian aid — we will punish the regime. We've said only

that if he uses chemical weapons, he will pay a price.

Even here, our message is more muddled than it seems. If the National Security Council is to be believed, the Assad regime has used chemical weapons on its own people some 50 times since the Syrian civil war began in 2011. We've punished the regime twice.

Why those two times? Because there was video.

After the 2017 chemical attack that elicited our first attack, Trump told The New York Times: "I think it's a disgrace. I think it's an affront to humanity. Inconceivable that somebody could do that." He added: "Those kids were so beautiful. To look at those scenes of those beautiful children being carried out."

It was a disgrace. But so is all the ongoing slaughter in Syria, including the 48 other times the Assad regime allegedly used chemical weapons away from the cameras.

The U.S. was right to penalize Assad, but it is not obvious to me that we are sending the Syrian president and his Russian patrons a coherent message.

They know they can get away with mass murder if they use conventional weapons, and they know they can get away with using chemical weapons — as long as the images never appear on "Fox & Friends."

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Time's up

As the 76-year-old father of seven accomplished women — the owners of six advanced degrees — I write in favor of your timely editorial in favor of the Equal Rights Amendment. My daughters, highly accomplished in journalism, information technology, teaching, urban planning, archaeology and care for soon-to-be new mothers, are remunerated significantly less than men in their respective fields, while contributing significantly more.

Thirty-six years of treading water in our country, making a gain here and there, is enough. The Me Too and Time's Up movements are signs of a new and egalitarian era where women stand shoulder to shoulder with their brothers and are entitled to

equal status.

Time's past for the naysayers to be put aside. Pass the Equal Rights Amendment. It is the right thing to do.

— Anthony E. Catania, Buffalo Grove

A call for accountability

I read Ted Z. Manuel's Saturday letter suggesting that "Springfield 'bite the bullet,'" and I can't agree more; however, I strongly disagree on who should be doing the bullet-biting.

Manuel suggests in his letter that taxes on "the rich" (aka anyone who is employed in Illinois) and corporations should be raised in order to pay the "piper."

I would point out that the state of Illinois raised income taxes by

1.2 percentage points permanently last year, property taxes continue their skyward trajectory, and ancillary fees continue to increase. There has been continued discussion about raising the gasoline tax or putting in place some form of vehicle tracking system in order to charge by the mile. The net result is that the increasing out-of-pocket cost of simply residing within the state has led to a net loss in state population for the past several years, increasing the financial burden on those of us who remain.

Perhaps another, revolutionary, idea needs to be tried: Spend less! It seems each new tax increase or fee is accompanied by a new program or expansion in spending. Never do we reduce spending, nor do we seriously consider consolidating the myriad of bureaucratic entities whose missions often overlap. Never do we pay down the debt. Instead, our politicians spend like drunken sailors (all apologies to sailors who actually will stop spending when they run out of money). I

guess paying down the debt would eliminate the "crisis reason" for raising taxes in the future, so we really shouldn't be surprised that doesn't happen.

Manuel laments that "taxes" has become "a dirty word for political gain," but I point out that it was the politicians themselves who created and continue to propagate this situation. Until we get serious about addressing the issue and hold reckless politicians accountable, we shouldn't really be surprised by either increases in taxes or the mass exodus from the state that follows.

— Tom Sheridan, Mount Prospect

A half-truth

Hillary Clinton claims that what cost her the presidency was then-FBI Director James Comey's revelation 11 days before the election that a new batch of Clinton emails were found on Anthony Weiner's computer, which his wife, a top

Clinton aide, unfortunately also used for official messages.

That's only half the truth, but it begged this question from ABC news anchor George Stephanopoulos: Why didn't Comey check out the relevance of those emails before notifying Congress of their discovery and then learning they were not relevant? Comey's curious answer — that it would have been "deeply irresponsible" if he did that — was left unexplained even though it made no sense.

Now, for the second half of the truth. Clinton, while she had the governing experience Donald Trump lacked, ran a deplorable campaign with no message to win just a small (but significant) enough piece of Trump's base for her to prevail. So Comey and Clinton herself, possibly with some help from Russian trolls on social media, assured her defeat. Comey wasn't wrong in declaring Trump morally unfit to be president, but that didn't quite even the score.

— Ed Stone, Northbrook

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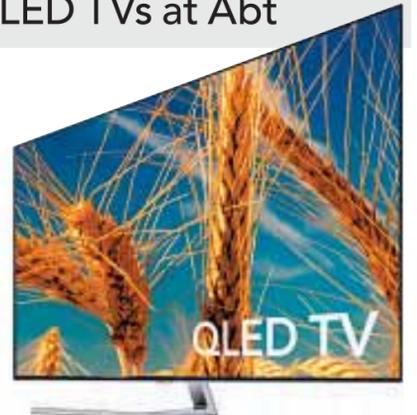


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Starbucks to do bias training on May 29

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH
Chicago Tribune

Starbucks has announced plans to close all U.S. stores and corporate offices on the afternoon of May 29 to train employees against racial bias after the arrest last week of two black men waiting at one of the company's Philadelphia stores.

The training, which will close the more than 8,000 company-owned stores in the U.S., is designed to address implicit bias, promote conscious inclusion and prevent discrimination, the company said.

Meanwhile, outrage over the arrest is prompting calls for protests and boycotts, including some planned Wednesday at 10 Chicago stores.

"I've spent the last few days in Philadelphia with my leadership team listening to the community, learning what we did wrong and the steps we need to take to fix it," Starbucks CEO Kevin Johnson said in a news release Tuesday. "While this is not limited to Starbucks, we're committed to being a part of the solution."

Nearly 175,000 current employees and all new hires will receive the training, developed with national and local experts from groups including the Equal Justice Initiative, NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, Anti-Defamation League and former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder.

Starbucks isn't the only company introducing the training in an effort to combat discrimination. American Airlines said it planned to roll out annual implicit bias training in January after the NAACP issued a travel advisory last fall that accused the airline of mistreating African-American passengers. Since last summer, more than 400 CEOs signed on to a pledge to roll out or expand unconscious bias education and take other steps to promote diversity, according to the CEO Action for Diversity & Inclusion initiative.

Phillip Jackson, chairman and founder of Chicago nonprofit The Black Star Project, called Starbucks' plans to offer training "too little, too late."

The Black Star Project announced plans to boycott the chain and organize demonstrations Wednesday at 10 Chicago locations, including five Loop coffee shops and one store each in the Near North, Bronzeville, South Shore, Hyde Park and Buena Park neighborhoods.

Protests have already hit the Philadelphia store where the men were arrested Thursday, and the hashtag #BoycottStarbucks trended on Twitter as video of the incident spread online.

Video shows officers, who said the men were being arrested for trespassing, handcuffing them and leading them out of the store. Other customers protested, saying they weren't doing anything wrong, including a man who told officers the men were waiting to meet with him. Both men were later released.

Starbucks also is reviewing its training and practices, and Johnson met with the two men Monday to personally apologize, The Washington Post reported.

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CIM GROUP AND GOLUB & CO.

Tribune Tower's owners plan to convert the Michigan Avenue landmark into 163 residential condominiums and 47,500 square feet of retail space.

Will tower plans hit deadlines?

Tribune Tower project also testing limits of \$1,000-per-square-foot living spaces

After unveiling ambitious plans for Tribune Tower's redevelopment, owners of the Michigan Avenue landmark are facing the question that's been posed for decades in the building: Can you meet deadlines?

Chicago-based Golub & Co. and Los Angeles-based CIM Group on Monday night held the first community meeting as they seek city approval to redevelop the existing tower — home to the Chicago Tribune since 1925 — and add a 1,422-foot-tall skyscraper on an adjacent parking lot. The newspaper will relocate to One Prudential Plaza in June.

Hitting deadlines is vital for developers of complicated, high-end projects. Developers can hit the jackpot by completing construction during peak demand, but bad timing can have catastrophic results.



RYAN ORI
On Real Estate

The last recession torpedoed plans for what would have been the tallest tower in the city, the Chicago Spire. All that remains of the planned 2,000-foot tower is a deep hole along Lake Shore Drive. That recession also halted construction of the planned 90-story Waterview Tower and Shangri-La Hotel about a decade ago. The partially constructed, 27-story shell loomed over Wacker Drive for years before Related Midwest eventually bought the distressed property and completed it as a 60-story apartment tower called OneEleven.

Neighbors at Monday's Tribune Tower meeting seemed largely supportive of the design of the proposed residential and hotel tower, which would become Chicago's

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Ill. law could force Facebook to pay billions

Lawsuit alleges violations of biometric privacy in facial tagging

BY ALLY MAROTTI
Chicago Tribune

A federal judge's ruling this week means Facebook could face billions of dollars in damages if the court finds the company violated Illinois residents' privacy rights with its facial tagging feature.

The potential penalty stems from a federal lawsuit filed in Illinois in 2015 that alleges the social media giant violated a state law protecting residents' biometric information, such as data from facial, fingerprint and iris scans. Use of the increasingly popular technology by employers has come under fire in Illinois, which has one of the strictest biometric privacy laws in the nation.

The Facebook lawsuit, which has since been moved to federal court in San Francisco, was one of a string of suits filed in recent years alleging violations of the Illinois Biometrics Information Privacy Act. U.S. District Judge James Donato on Monday granted the suit class-action status.

Facebook has argued that if its collection of biometric information did not harm individuals, they do not have grounds to sue under Illinois' biometrics law. But Donato wrote in his order that an alleged invasion of privacy was injury enough to allow users to sue.

The ruling is a win for privacy advocates, who are fighting in the Illinois legislature against proposed changes they say would gut the biometrics privacy law.

Donato's ruling validates Illinois law, said Abe Scarr, director of the Illinois Public Interest Research Group, a consumer advocacy organization.

"(It will) demonstrate hopefully to other states that they can and should be protecting their citizens' privacy rights," Scarr said. "For years, public policy has allowed the Googles and Facebooks of the world to be able to collect an incredible amount of information about us. ... It has a lot of unintended consequences."

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ANDREW HARNIK/AP

South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley leaves court after justices considered a challenge to a tax ruling.

High court hears online sales tax case

Justices say Congress should pass legislation to deal with the issue

BY JESSICA GRESKO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court sounded concerned Tuesday about doing away with a rule that has meant consumers don't get charged sales tax on some online purchases.

The justices heard arguments in a case that deals with businesses' collection of sales tax on online purchases. Right now, under a decades-old Supreme Court rule, if a business is shipping a product to a state where it doesn't have an office, warehouse or other physical presence, it doesn't have to collect the state's sales tax.

More than 40 states are asking the Supreme Court to abandon that rule, however. They say that as a result of the rule and the growth of internet shopping, they're losing billions of dollars in tax

revenue every year.

But several Supreme Court justices suggested that Congress should act to correct the problem if it sees an issue, not the court. Justice Elena Kagan called the issue a "very prominent" one that Congress is aware of, and she suggested a high bar for those who want the court to overrule its past decisions. Chief Justice John Roberts suggested that perhaps the problem "has peaked" and is "diminishing."

Large retailers such as Apple, Macy's, Target and Walmart, which have brick-and-mortar stores nationwide, generally collect sales tax from their customers who buy online. But other online sellers that only have a physical presence in a few states can sidestep charging customers sales tax when they're shipping to addresses outside those states. Customers are generally supposed to pay the tax to the state themselves, but the vast majority don't.

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Poland's labor shortage is so bad, it can't staff job-placement offices

BY DOROTA BARTYZEL
Bloomberg News

WARSAW, Poland — Poland is so short of workers that even its employment offices are struggling to find staff.

A glut of vacancies has meant that lines for the permits required to hire foreign workers — a procedure that should last no more than two months — now extend for up to a year in parts of the country, according to consultancy Deloitte Poland.

Construction companies alone are in need of “thousands, maybe tens of thousands of foreign workers,” said Piotr Kledzik, chairman of the executive board at the Polish unit of Porr AG, an Austrian builder.

“It's impossible for Poland to complete its investments projects without them,” Kledzik said. “And lines of Ukrainian applicants, instead of shrinking, extend forever.”

The arrival of an estimated 1.5 million Ukrainians in recent years has

provided enough relief to keep Poland's economy growing at its fastest in six years while taking pressure off wages.

But strains are beginning to show.

Years of emigration by Polish workers to the richer West, compounded by the government's flat-footed response as the labor market tightens, sent domestic vacancies up nearly 40 percent last year.

Almost two-thirds of public-sector employers are seeking new personnel, hamstringing the government's management of a labor shortage that risks becoming a major drag on the European Union's biggest eastern economy.

Poland's employment offices have 380 vacancies for positions handling foreign job applications, Deputy Labor Minister Stanislaw Szwed said. That averages out to more than one per each outpost across the country.

“There are no people interested in jobs at public offices,” Szwed said. A

computer system that's expected to “fundamentally solve the issue” won't be ready until 2019, he said.

Meanwhile, half of Polish companies are struggling to fill vacancies, according to a survey conducted in January by Warsaw-based recruiting and human services provider Work Service SA. There are also calls for Poland to look to Asia for workers even as it struggles with newcomers from neighboring countries.

Even the most prestigious multinational employers are on edge. Jolanta Jaworska, government and regulatory affairs director at the Polish unit of IBM, said she has seen no such shortage before in her 17 years with the U.S. technology company.

“It's not on a whim that we want to hire foreigners,” she said.

“We just need people to complete projects that bring benefits to Poland, and if we won't have people to do that, the projects will be taken over by other countries.”

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Sellers who defend the current rule say collecting sales tax nationwide is complex and costly, especially for small sellers. Justices brought up that issue Tuesday too. Justice Sonia Sotomayor expressed concern for the “costs that we're going to put on small businesses” if the court overturns its current rule. Justice Stephen Breyer put it slightly differently. “What does it cost the mandolin seller?” he asked, acknowledging there were good arguments on both sides.

That complexity of collecting sales tax nationwide was a concern for the

Supreme Court when it first addressed the issue in a case involving a catalog retailer in 1967. The court reaffirmed the rule in 1992. But states say software has now made collecting sales tax easy.

Three justices — Neil Gorsuch, Clarence Thomas and Anthony Kennedy — have expressed a willingness in past writings to rethink the court's sales tax collection rule. On Tuesday, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg seemed willing them to join them, suggesting the court's past decisions were “obsolete precedent.”

The case the court is hearing has to do with a law passed by South Dakota in 2016, a law designed to

challenge the Supreme Court's physical presence rule.

The law requires out-of-state sellers who do more than \$100,000 of business in the state or more than 200 transactions annually with state residents to collect and turn over sales tax to the state.

The state wanted out-of-state retailers to begin collecting the tax and sued Overstock.com, home goods company Wayfair and electronics retailer Newegg. The state has conceded in court, however, that it can only win by persuading the Supreme Court to do away with its current physical presence rule.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

From news services

On trade, an olive branch from China

Facing the risk of a trade fight with the United States, China announced plans Tuesday to allow full foreign ownership of automakers in five years.

The change would scrap rules that require global automakers to work through state-owned partners — an arrangement that forces those foreign companies to share technology with potential competitors in China. It was unclear whether Beijing's action might mollify President Donald Trump, who has threatened to slap tariffs on \$150 billion of Chinese goods in response to complaints that Beijing pressures foreign companies to hand over technology.

The possibility of a trade war between the world's two largest economies has shaken financial markets and could threaten global economic growth.

“If you keep poking at the economic expansion, it could turn around and bite you,” Maurice Obstfeld, the International Monetary Fund's chief economist, said Tuesday. There aren't “going to be any winners coming out of a trade war.”

The lending agency kept its forecast for global economic growth this year at 3.9 percent, which would be the fastest pace since 2011. But Obstfeld warned that that bright outlook depends on avoiding a major trade conflict.



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Iceland is the only country where fin whales, the world's second-largest, can be hunted commercially.

Freeze on fin whale hunting to end

A whaling company in Iceland said Tuesday it is preparing its fleet to bring commercial hunting of fin whales back to the Nordic island nation after a two-year freeze.

Whaling company Hvalur hf said it is readying two vessels for the summer whaling season. Fin whale hunting stopped in Iceland after the 2015 hunt, when Japanese authorities refused

to import Iceland's catch because of unmet health code requirements.

Fin whales are the world's second-largest whales after blue whales, and Iceland is the only country where the marine mammals can be hunted commercially.

The fin whale population is considered critically low outside the Central North Atlantic region surrounding Iceland.

Reports: Tesla shuts down output

Shares of Tesla Inc. traded lower, falling 1 percent Tuesday after reports that the company had shut down production of its Model 3 mass-market electric car to solve manufacturing bottlenecks.

The automaker told employees this week there would be a four- or five-day production hiatus. The company says it

warned of future production pauses when it shut down the line to improve automation in February.

Tesla said shutdowns are common when a new model is launched and will improve production rates. But AutoPacific analyst Dave Sullivan said manufacturing doesn't normally stop for days, especially nine months after production began.

THE BOTTOM LINE

\$25B That's the amount in mortgage loans that Quicken said it closed during the final three months of last year, enough to pass Wells Fargo, Bank of America and JPMorgan Chase for the top spot in lending directly to consumers. Mortgage Daily confirmed that Quicken ranked first during the fourth quarter as the nation's largest retail mortgage lender for making loans directly to consumers. Wells Fargo continued to rank as the largest lender overall.

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Meijer's new app offers more checkout options

Self-scan shopping set for the summer

BY GREG TROTTER
Chicago Tribune

Meijer plans to launch a self-scanning mobile application in Chicago-area stores by the end of the summer, a move likely to be followed by some larger retailers in the near future.

The Shop & Scan service allows shoppers to scan products as they shop with a Meijer app downloaded on their phones and bag the groceries on the go. To check out, shoppers hold their phones up to a self-checkout register, then walk out the door.

Throughout the grocery industry, in Chicago and nationally, retailers have been ramping up mobile ordering, delivery and pickup options for increasingly tech-savvy consumers on the go. The self-scanning technology is yet another option for shoppers who don't want to deal with lines



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The Shop & Scan app option will be in addition to traditional checkout services.

at checkout, said Meijer spokesman Frank Guglielmi. The old-fashioned way of paying for groceries will still be available.

"We want our shoppers to shop the store the way they want," Guglielmi said.

Since beginning testing

in some Michigan stores in November, about 12,000 people have downloaded the app, Guglielmi said. Shoppers can bring reusable bags from home; they also can use plastic or paper bags available at the stores. Meijer is installing new

produce scales that print out stickers with bar codes that can be scanned with the app, he said.

Shoppers using the service also receive customized promotions from food companies via the app, Guglielmi said.

Meijer has 21 Chicago-area stores, including northern Indiana and Rockford locations. Last year, Meijer closed underperforming stores in Berwyn and Melrose Park.

Though Meijer may be the first major Chicago grocery retailer to introduce this technology, it certainly won't be the last, according to Randy Hofbauer, digital and technology editor for Progressive Grocer, an industry trade publication. Walmart and Mariano's parent Kroger also have announced plans to roll out similar offerings, Hofbauer said.

Sam's Club already has a comparable Scan & Go app.

"We're going to see an explosion of this in the not-so-distant future," Hofbauer said.

The technology could allow grocery retailers trying to eke out a profit in a tough industry to cut front-of-store jobs.

"There will be retailers that eliminate cashier positions, but you'll also have

retailers who are more progressive, who see retail as a career and move those cashiers to other positions in the store for more complex tasks and face-to-face interactions," Hofbauer said.

Cutting jobs is not the objective of the Shop & Scan service and Meijer has no plans to do so, Guglielmi said.

Offering the self-scanning technology is another way for stores to improve the experience for shoppers looking to spend less time in the grocery aisles, said Jon Hauptman, a grocery industry analyst for Inmar Analytics.

"While many area stores have removed self-checkout — believing that doing so would improve service by increasing their personal touch with shoppers — the reality is that some shoppers are not looking for the personal touch," Hauptman said in an email.

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How Facebook's ads target you

Tools enable advertisers to specify audience

BY BARBARA ORTUTAY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — If you want to tailor a Facebook ad to a single user out of its universe of 2.2 billion, you could.

Trying to pitch your boutique bed and breakfast to a 44-year-old "trendy mom" who lives in Seattle, leans conservative and is currently traveling in the Toronto area but hasn't booked a hotel for the night yet? Go right ahead. Interested in mail-ordering pet treats to a 32-year-old cat owner in Madison, Wis., who enjoys Japanese food, doesn't like pizza and has an anniversary coming up in the next two months? Not a problem.

Targeting ads, it turns out, is almost infinitely customizable — sometimes in surprising ways. The ads you might see can be tailored to you down to the most granular details — not just where you live and what websites you visited recently, but whether you've gotten engaged in the past six months, are interested in organic food or share characteristics with people who have recently bought a BMW, even if you've never expressed interest in doing so yourself.

Facebook made \$40 billion in advertising revenue last year, second only to Google when it comes to its share of the global digital advertising market. Even with a recent decision to stop working with outside data brokers to help advertisers target ads based on things like offline purchases or credit history, this number is expected to grow sharply this year.

Here are some ways advertisers can target you through Facebook:

By now you've probably gathered that Facebook uses things like your interests, age and other demographic and geographic information to help advertisers reach you.

Then there's the stuff



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Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg announces ad-targeting features in 2007. Advertisers can specifically define the audience they want to reach.

your friends do and like — the idea being that it's a good indicator for what you might do and like. So, if you have a friend who has liked The New Yorker's Facebook page, you might see ads for the magazine on your Facebook feed.

But that's just the tip of the iceberg. Facebook and advertisers can also infer stuff about you based on things you share willingly. For example, Facebook categorizes users into an "ethnic affinity" based on what it thinks might be their ethnicity or ethnic influence.

It might guess this through TV shows or music you've liked. Often, Facebook is wrong — and while it's possible to remove it, you can't change it. There is also no "ethnic affinity" option for whites.

While there are plenty of good reasons advertisers may want to target people of a particular ethnicity, this

became a problem for Facebook in 2016, when ProPublica found that it let advertisers exclude specific ethnic groups from seeing their ads. When it comes to housing and employment ads, this is illegal.

In late 2017, Facebook said it was temporarily blocking advertisers' ability to target based on ethnic affinity, along with other things such as religious or LGBT affinity. Advertisers can still target those groups — just not exclude them. Facebook, which said it is conducting an audit of how the feature can be misused, did not say when it would lift the block.

While some advertisers want to reach large swaths of people, others like more specific targeting. As Facebook explains in a guide for advertisers, it's possible to refine an ad's audience on things like what people post on their timelines, apps they use, ads they click, demo-

graphics such as age, gender and location, and even the mobile device they use or their network connection. Based on this information, advertisers can either include or exclude categories such as homeowners, "trendy moms," people who moved recently, conservatives, or people interested in cooking, for example.

That said, Facebook warns advertisers not to narrow their audience too much by being overly specific, which can make the ads less effective — since fewer people will see them.

An ad offering called "custom audiences" lets advertisers target anyone who has already bought stuff from them or has visited their websites.

They can also target anyone who has shared an email address or downloaded their app. So, if you use Netflix, you may see an ad on Facebook for a new TV show that might interest

you. Or, if you gave your email address when you bought a pair of slippers from Land's End, you might get an ad for an upcoming slipper sale, since Facebook has your email address too.

Then there are "lookalike audiences." These are people who are similar to a business's existing customer base, but are not customers themselves. This can help advertisers reach people in different countries, for example. Advertisers can use this tool by first uploading their customers' data through the "custom audiences" feature.

Then, Facebook's algorithms look for people similar to them. In addition, advertisers can also install a Facebook "pixel" on their site, a piece of code that tracks what people do off of Facebook.

A new type of ad Facebook launched recently, this lets businesses target people who have already shown

interest in them. It uses "retargeting" — that sometimes-annoying way that a handbag you looked on a website can follow you around the internet regardless of whether you want to buy it. Dynamic ads, though, go a step further, and know if you were just browsing or if you put that handbag in your online shopping cart, and may nudge you with a 10 percent off coupon.

As Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Sandberg explained in a recent earnings call, dynamic ads let Holiday Inn target people who searched for hotels on its website but hadn't yet booked. The ads these Facebook users saw had a video personalized to the dates and places they searched for. The result: The hotel chain got three times the return on what it spent on these ads than on their previous ad campaigns, according to Sandberg.

Apple said to plan a 'Netflix for news' in latest services push

BY MARK GURMAN
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Bloomberg News

Apple plans to integrate recently acquired magazine app Texture into its Apple News app and debut its own premium subscription offering, according to people familiar with the matter. The move is part of a broader push by the iPhone maker to generate more revenue from online content and services.

The Cupertino, California company agreed last month to buy Texture, which lets users subscribe to more than 200 magazines for \$9.99 a month. Apple cut about 20 Texture staff soon after, according to

one of the people.

The world's largest technology company is integrating Texture technology and the remaining employees into its Apple News team, which is building the premium service. An upgraded Apple News app with the subscription offering is expected to launch within the next year, and a slice of the subscription revenue will go to magazine publishers that are part of the program, the people said. They asked not to be identified discussing private plans. Apple declined to comment.

Apple used to have an app called Newsstand that combined several magazines and newspapers, but the publications were only

provided on an individual subscription basis. When Apple News started in 2015, it took a similar approach.

A new, simplified subscription service covering multiple publications could spur Apple News usage and generate new revenue in a similar manner to the \$9.99 per month Apple Music offering. That streaming service was also built through an acquisition: Apple bought Beats Music and the Beats audio device business in 2014 for \$3 billion. At the time, Beats Music had fewer than a million subscribers, and Apple has turned that into more than 40 million paying users.

Apple needs successes like that to meet a bold

target for its services division. Sales from that segment grew 23 percent to \$30 billion in the company's 2017 fiscal year. Executives have said they're targeting services revenue of roughly \$50 billion by 2021. During a recent earnings conference call, Apple told analysts it had a total of 240 million paid subscriptions, with 58 percent year-over-year growth.

Repeating the success of the Beats deal with a Netflix for news will be difficult, according to Gene Munster, a longtime Apple analyst and co-founder of Loup Ventures.

"People pay for music, they pay for video, and most news services are ad-sup-

ported," he said. "If Apple launches this as a similar business to Texture, they likely won't have many subscribers."

If Apple charges a few dollars per month versus the current \$9.99 cost for Apple Music or Texture as it exists today, the company could boost subscription numbers, he said. Still, the initiative probably "won't move the needle for Apple's subscription business," Munster added.

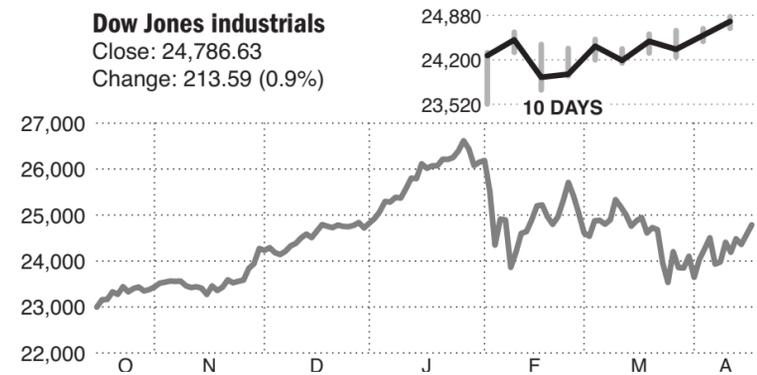
Currently, Apple sells subscriptions for iCloud storage and Apple Music. It also gets a cut of subscriptions sold by third-party apps on the App Store. The company could also choose to turn its original video

content efforts into its own Netflix-like video subscription service. Apple also gets services revenue from Apple Pay transactions, App Store downloads, iTunes music, movie, and TV show purchases, and digital book downloads.

Job reductions at Texture aren't necessarily a sign that the news subscription effort is off to a slow start. Apple rarely cuts positions, but after the company acquired Beats, it released about 200 people. This time, Apple let roughly 20 people go from Texture, including assistants, software engineers, and managers, according to one of the people familiar with the matter. Texture had about 100 staff.

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CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 18	383	384.50	379.75	380.25	-2.25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 18	1043.25	1049.25	1040	1046	+4
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 18	31.27	31.41	31.16	31.19	+0.01
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 18	378.40	381.70	377.40	381.10	+3.30
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl.	May 18	66.42	66.75	65.56	66.52	+3.30
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	May 18	2.747	2.761	2.711	2.738	-0.14
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	May 18	2.0457	2.0503	2.0253	2.0412	+0.013

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Ill. biometrics law one of strictest

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Privacy advocates say that protecting biometric information is critical because, unlike a credit card number, it can't be changed if it's stolen. Illinois' 2008 law mandates that companies collecting such information obtain prior consent from consumers, detailing how they'll use it and how long it will be kept. The law also allows private citizens to sue.

Facebook started rolling out its facial tagging feature for photos in 2010. The social media platform does have information on its website regarding the feature and points users toward their settings to disable it. However, the lawsuit alleges that the company did not obtain written consent from users or properly notify them about how the information would be used or how

long it would be kept.

Three Illinois residents, Nimesh Patel, Adam Pezen and Carlo Licata, brought the suit against Facebook on behalf of fellow users in the state. They declined to comment Tuesday through their attorney.

The judge's order defines the class as Facebook users in Illinois from whom the Menlo Park, Calif.-based company created a stored face template after June 7, 2011, the date Facebook said its tag suggestion feature was available in most countries. The feature uses facial recognition software to match users' new photos with other photos they're tagged in. It groups similar photos together and suggests the names of friends in the photos.

Millions of Illinoisans could be included in the class, according to the court order.

The lawsuit asks the

court to award damages of \$5,000 for each reckless violation of Illinois' biometrics law and \$1,000 for each negligent violation. Damages could amount to billions of dollars, Donato noted in his order.

Facebook is reviewing Monday's ruling, spokeswoman Genevieve Grdina said in an emailed statement.

"We continue to believe the case has no merit and will defend ourselves vigorously," she said.

A mediation session is scheduled for May 4. If the case isn't settled, it is expected to go to trial in July.

This case will likely stick with Facebook for a while, said Matthew Kugler, an assistant professor at Northwestern University's Pritzker School of Law who has published work on privacy policies related to biometrics.

Donato's order also could affect biometric privacy lawsuits brought against other tech companies and employers, Kugler said. Arguments similar to Facebook's — that the collection of biometric data caused no real harm to the people suing — have been used in other cases.

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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	59.80	+5.3	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	88.59	+6.7	McDonalds Corp	N	162.55	+9.2
AbbVie Inc	N	93.59	+9.9	Equity Residential	N	62.43	+7.5	Middleby Corp	O	125.29	+1.71
Allstate Corp	N	97.75	+2.2	Exelon Corp	N	39.07	+4.8	Mondelēz Intl	O	41.91	-3.2
Apargroup Inc	N	96.13	+1.82	First Indl RT	N	29.16	+5.5	Morningstar Inc	O	101.65	+1.94
Arch Dan Mid	N	66.98	+5.7	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	59.16	+2.4	Motorola Solutions	N	110.65	+1.73
Baxter Int'l	N	66.98	+5.7	Gallagher AJ	N	69.25	+5.7	Navistar Intl	N	40.94	+2.3
Boeing Co	N	336.72	+4.95	Graininger WW	N	283.55	-5.7	NiSource Inc	N	24.14	+2.5
Brunswick Corp	N	61.65	+1.16	GrubHub Inc	N	103.72	+5.22	Ntnn Trust Cp	O	106.45	+1.56
CBOE Global Markets	O	110.09	+1.28	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	87.83	+7.7	Old Republic	N	21.59	-2.5
CDK Global Inc	O	65.64	+5.0	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	77.93	+8.2	Packaging Corp Am	N	115.91	+1.99
CDW Corp	O	71.46	+8.1	IDEX Corp	N	144.52	+2.03	Stericycle Inc	O	60.48	+3.0
CF Industries	N	39.08	+6.3	ITW	N	157.97	+1.61	TransUnion	N	60.15	+1.47
CME Group	O	164.76	+7.4	Ingredion Inc	N	130.92	+4.8	Tribune Media Co A	N	39.94	-2.4
CNA Financial	N	49.08	-4.1	John Bean Technol	N	118.85	+3.65	USG Corp	N	41.28	+2.6
Caterpillar Inc	N	153.31	+1.7	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	173.86	+7.4	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	233.59	+5.66
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	37.51	+3.0	KapStone Paper	N	34.66	-0.1	United Cont'l Hldgs	N	67.34	+0.3
Deere Co	N	149.15	+1.7	Kraft Heinz Co	O	61.69	+5.0	Ventas Inc	N	48.84	+1.6
Discover Fin Svcs	N	71.92	+3.6	LKQ Corporation	O	39.04	+4.2	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	65.97	-2.5
Dover Corp	N	94.00	-3.0	Littelfuse Inc	O	210.99	+7.08	Wintrust Financial	O	88.71	-4.3
Equity Commonwealth	N	30.75	+2.0	MB Financial	O	41.80	-3.9	Zebra Tech	O	144.28	+2.49

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Bank of America	30.04	+1.1
Gen Electric	13.79	+4.6
Twitter Inc	31.54	+3.26
McDermott Intl	6.32	+0.4
Ford Motor	11.38	+0.0
Ambev S.A.	6.76	+0.9
Chesapeake Engy	3.04	-0.7
Brist Myr Sdb	52.38	-1.70
Wells Fargo & Co	50.57	-2.3
Nokia Corp	5.86	+2.5
Transocean Ltd	12.01	+1.9
Vale SA	13.44	+4.8
AT&T Inc	35.36	-2.6
Hewlett Pack Ent	17.75	-1.3
Citigroup	69.74	-3.9
Pfizer Inc	36.33	-2.0
Eldorado Gold Cp	.98	+0.1
Alibaba Group Hldg	178.70	+4.00
Lloyds Banking Grp	3.93	-0.2
JPMorgan Chase & Co	110.21	...
Merck & Co	59.27	+6.2
Penney JC Co Inc	3.05	-0.9
Marathon Oil	18.15	-0.4
Stwhstn Energy	4.47	+0.4

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Neovasc Inc	.05	+0.0
Adv Micro Dev	10.52	+4.3
Netflix Inc	336.06	+28.28
Comcast Corp A	33.27	-2.6
Micron Tech	52.26	+6.1
Helios and Matheson	3.96	-2.5
Apple Inc	178.24	+2.42
Microsoft Corp	96.07	+1.90
Facebook Inc	168.66	+3.83
Cisco Syst	44.59	+1.29
Intel Corp	53.54	+1.14
VEON Ltd	2.35	+0.5
Altaba Inc	71.09	+1.17
Roku Inc	35.98	+2.96
ChinaNet Online Hldg	3.15	+6.8
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.25	+0.8
Yandex NV	33.03	-6.0
Nvidia Corporation	237.54	+6.05
Celldex Therapeutics	.79	+0.3
Caesars Entertain	11.55	+2.0
Genor Corporation	3.99	+2.0
Applied Matis	57.86	+9.9
JD.com Inc	40.27	+3.4
vTv Therapeutics	1.19	+3.6

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3066.80	-43.9/-1.4
Stoxx600	380.77	+3.0/+0.8
Nikkei	21847.59	+12.1/+0.1
MSCI-EAFE	2050.36	+6.5/+3.3
Bovespa	84086.13	+1224.6/+1.5
FTSE 100	7226.05	+27.9/+4
CAC-40	5353.54	+40.6/+0.8

LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alphabet Inc C	1074.16	+36.18
Alphabet Inc A	1079.36	+33.26
Amazon.com Inc	1503.83	+62.33
Apple Inc	178.24	+2.42
Bank of America	30.04	+1.1
Berkshire Hath B	199.27	+1.05
Chevron Corp	121.46	+7.1
Exxon Mobil Corp	78.33	-2.6
Facebook Inc	168.66	+3.83
F5Tr SenFITRincoll	13.35	+0.1
Intel Corp	53.54	+1.14
JPMorgan Chase	110.21	...
Johnson & Johnson	130.54	-1.22
Mexico Fund	17.11	+1.3
Microsoft Corp	96.07	+1.90
Source Cap	40.50	+1.4
Unitedhealth Group	238.55	+8.23
WalMart Strs	87.90	+1.06
Wells Fargo & Co	50.57	-2.3

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.74	1.76
6-month disc	1.95	1.945
2-year	2.42	2.38
10-year	2.83	2.83
30-year	3.02	3.02

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1347.20	\$1347.50
Silver	\$16.772	\$16.662
Platinum	\$933.90	\$925.70

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	4.75
Discount Rate Primary	2.25
Fed Funds Target	1.50-1.75
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.34

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys...	
Argentina (Peso)	20.1776
Australia (Dollar)	1.2872
Brazil (Real)	3.4042
Britain (Pound)	.6999
Canada (Dollar)	1.2554
China (Yuan)	6.2820
Euro	0.8086
India (Rupee)	65.681
Israel (Shekel)	3.5195
Japan (Yen)	107.02
Mexico (Peso)	18.0034
Poland (Zloty)	3.36
So. Korea (Won)	1067.07
Taiwan (Dollar)	29.36
Thailand (Baht)	31.19

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCpA m	33.47	+5.0	+22.9
American Funds AmcnBAlA m	27.19	+1.6	+11.2
American Funds CrtWldGrInca m	25.20	+3.9	+12.2
American Funds CrtInlncBldra m	61.57	+2.6	+7.5
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	57.32	+2.3	+21.6
American Funds FdmltInvsA m	63.36	+5.7	+18.6
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	52.63	+8.6	+24.3
American Funds IncAmrcA m	23.14	+1.1	+9.4
American Funds InvCAMrcA m	40.65	+3.7	+15.0
American Funds NwPrsctvA m	45.16	+4.8	+23.1
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	46.02	+3.7	+17.1
DFA EMKtCorEq	23.56	...	+21.3
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.52	...	+1.7
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	46.36	+2.9	+14.8
Dodge & Cox Stk	201.68	+1.12	+14.7
DoubleLine TtIRetBdl	10.47	...	+1.2
Fidelity 500IdxIns	94.61	+1.00	+17.5
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrrm	94.60	+9.9	+17.5
Fidelity 500IndexPrrm	94.60	+9.9	+17.4
Fidelity Contrafund	128.13	+2.29	+28.0
Fidelity ContrafundK	128.09	+2.29	+28.1
Fidelity InvMGradeBd	11.01	+0.1	+9.9
Fidelity LowPrStk	55.38	+3.9	+17.8
Franklin Templeton Inca m	2.32	+0.1	+4.8
Metropolitan West TtIRetBdl	10.44	+0.1	+3.3
Oakmark IntlInv	28.65	+2.3	+20.3
PIMCO Inclnstl	12.17	+0.1	+4.8
PIMCO TtIRetIns	10.07	...	+1.1
Schwab SP500Idx	41.48	...	+17.2
T. Rowe Price BCGr	104.90	+2.27	+34.5
T. Rowe Price GrStk	67.06	+1.37	+28.4
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	250.06	+2.64	+17.5
Vanguard DivGrInv	26.61	+1.	

OBITUARIES

CARL KASELL 1934-2018

NPR anchor, comic foil of 'Wait Wait ... Don't Tell Me!'

By **ADAM BERNSTEIN**
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Carl Kasell, a radio personality who brought gravitas and goofiness to the airwaves, first as a staid newsreader on NPR's "Morning Edition" and later as the comic foil and scorekeeper on the delightfully silly news quiz show "Wait Wait ... Don't Tell Me!," died Tuesday at an assisted-living center in Potomac, Md. He was 84.

The cause was complications from Alzheimer's disease, said his wife, Mary Ann Foster.

Kasell's voice, resonant and reassuring, with a lilt-trace of his North Carolina tobacco country heritage, helped define NPR as an emerging force in news broadcasting. He joined the public radio network in 1975 and, four years later, helped inaugurate "Morning Edition," writing and reading five-minute top-of-the-hour news updates from pre-dawn to the lunch hour.

For 30 years, he was an unflappable anchor of that digest, bringing a no-frills seriousness to unfolding history, from the 1979 Iranian hostage crisis to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. His skill was conveying the drama of the news while maintaining an unforced conversational delivery, what an NPR executive once described as the warm voice of an informed companion.

He parlayed that stolid reputation into unexpected laughs when he signed on for "Wait Wait" in 1998. He became the semi-straight man to host Peter Sagal, becoming public radio's institutional voice in playful harmony with a Chicago-based actor, writer and all-around wisecracker who declared his intent to run a weekly show that boasted the motto "NPR without



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NPR newscaster Carl Kasell joined the network in 1975 and helped inaugurate "Morning Edition" four years later.

the dignity."

Some NPR executives initially fretted that Kasell's participation on a program that lampooned the news and public radio tropes would collide with the venerable anchor's normally sedate on-air reputation.

But as Sagal once told The Washington Post, "Deep inside that serious newscaster persona was a huge piece of cured North Carolina ham."

"Wait Wait" executive producer Doug Berman, known to credit-attuned listeners by his moniker, "The Subway Fugitive," had been trying to cast the show when he heard Kasell field questions at a public radio conference. A woman asked what time Kasell woke to do his job.

"1:05 a.m.," the newscaster replied.

Someone bit. "Why 1:05?"

"Because 1 is too damn early."

The quip showcased the possibilities, in Berman's view, of pairing Kasell as a dry-witted second banana to the first "Wait Wait" host, the short-lived Dan Coffey, and then to Sagal.

One of the recurring games, "Who's Carl This Time?," featured Kasell impersonating newsmakers as varied as O.J. Simpson,

President George W. Bush and Keith Richards. For a quiz called the "Listener Limerick Challenge," he read doggerel that tested call-in contestants on their knowledge of the week's news.

For "Not My Job," he prodded guests such as writer Salman Rushdie to answer questions outside their area of expertise — in his case, Pez dispensers.

"I'm not a mimic," he told the Chicago Tribune, saying he was merely following a tradition set by George Fenneman, Groucho Marx's sidekick on the radio and 1950s TV quiz show "You Bet Your Life." "I try my best and sometimes, often times, it fails. But I'm told there's a certain charm about it that people like."

Carl Ray Kasell was born April 2, 1934, in Goldsboro, N.C.

He loved radio from an early age, saying he would play his grandmother's records on a wind-up record player and take commercial breaks. He majored in English at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and helped inaugurate a news program at the university's WUNC station.

Associated Press contributed.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON APRIL 18 ...

In 1790 Benjamin Franklin died in Philadelphia; he was 84.

In 1861 the Virginia State Convention voted to secede from the Union.

In 1961 about 1,500 CIA-trained Cuban exiles launched the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in an unsuccessful attempt to overthrow Fidel Castro.

In 1964 Ford Motor Co. introduced the Mustang. **Also in 1964** Jerrie Mock of Columbus, Ohio, became the first female pilot to make a solo flight around the world.

In 1970 the astronauts of Apollo 13 splashed down safely in the Pacific, four days after a ruptured oxygen tank crippled their spacecraft.

In 1982 Queen Elizabeth II proclaimed a new constitution for Canada, giving that nation independence from Britain.

In 1983 Polish police in Warsaw routed 1,000 Solidarity supporters participating in an unofficial ceremony marking the 40th anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising.

In 1993 a federal jury in Los Angeles convicted two former police officers of violating the civil rights of beaten motorist Rodney King. Two other officers were acquitted.

In 1996 Lyle and Erik Menendez were spared the death penalty by a Los Angeles jury, which recommended they serve life in prison without parole for killing their wealthy parents.

In 1999 U.S. Gen. Wesley Clark, NATO's commander, bluntly told Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to change his policies in Kosovo or see his military machine destroyed.

In 2001 Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants hit his 500th career home run, becoming the 17th major leaguer to reach the mark.

In 2002 a federal judge ruled the Justice Department couldn't interfere with Oregon's assisted-suicide law. (The law was ultimately upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.)

In 2006 former Gov. George Ryan was convicted of corruption. (He was sentenced to 6 1/2 years in prison.)

In 2012 Dixon, Ill., comptroller Rita Crundwell was arrested on charges of misappropriating more than \$30 million in city money in the past six years. (Crundwell pleaded guilty in November 2012 to embezzling \$53.7 million since late 1990.)

In 2013 an explosion at a fertilizer plant in West, Texas, killed at least 15 people, injured more than 150 others and damaged or destroyed hundreds of buildings.

In 2014 diplomats from the U.S., Russia, Ukraine and the European Union signed an agreement to tamp down tensions in the Ukrainian crisis.

In 2015 Cardinal Francis George, the first Chicago native to serve as the local archbishop and a man who during his 17-year tenure became the intellectual leader of the American church, died in Chicago after a yearslong struggle with cancer; he was 78.

In 2016 Illinois Comptroller Leslie Geissler Munger announced plans to delay monthly paychecks for lawmakers and statewide officials in an attempt to spur a resolution to the state's budget deadlock.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS	
April 17	
Mega Millions	12 34 44 47 65 / 22
Mega Millions jackpot: \$67M	
Pick 3 midday	507 / 1
Pick 4 midday	9147 / 9
Lucky Day Lotto midday	05 16 27 34 41
Pick 3 evening	889 / 6
Pick 4 evening	8280 / 6
Lucky Day Lotto evening	17 25 30 37 42
April 18 Powerball: \$122M	
April 19 Lotto: \$11M	
WISCONSIN	
April 17	
Pick 3	138
Pick 4	2964
Badger 5	06 20 23 24 29
SuperCash	05 06 09 10 13 38

INDIANA	
April 17	
Daily 3 midday	043 / 1
Daily 4 midday	6397 / 1
Daily 3 evening	874 / 9
Daily 4 evening	8729 / 9
Cash 5	01 05 19 20 25
MICHIGAN	
April 17	
Daily 3 midday	924
Daily 4 midday	0761
Daily 3 evening	206
Daily 4 evening	5652
Fantasy 5	04 09 19 34 35
Keno	05 07 11 16 19 22
	23 24 25 27 30 31 33 34
	35 38 41 55 63 66 68 74

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Chicago Tribune Death Notices

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

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In Memoriam

John G. Brecka

April 18, 1969

Dear Father and Grandfather:

We cannot believe you are gone;

49 years ago today,

You answered God's call,

But in our hearts you will live forever.

Loving wife Estelle

(Answered God's call March 24, 2004)

Children and Grandchildren

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Death Notices

Becker, Natalie "Neshie"

Natalie "Neshie" Becker, nee Freeman, 87, passed away peacefully on April 16, 2018, on her 68th wedding anniversary; beloved wife of the late Raymond; loving mother of Alan (Mary), Arnie (Becky), Tammy (James) Woodring and Mitchell (Donna); cherished grandmother of Michael, Keilah, Jared, Evan, Elana, Connor, Nathan and Sarah; dear sister of the late Abraham, Benjamin and Minnie; treasured aunt, cousin and friend of many. Chapel service Thursday 10 AM 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 Jewish United Fund (JUF). For information and condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Bernard, Thomas

Thomas E. Bernard (73) of River Grove passed away April 15. Beloved husband for 47 years of RoseMary (nee Dziedzic); dear brother of Ronald, Richard, and JoAnne (Bill) McElroy; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews; loving nephew of Adrienne Grainer and Lenore Grainer; dear brother-in-law of Paulette (Ken) Bannack, Michael (Dee) Dziedzic, and the late Barbara (Dennis) Bogumill. Thomas was a long time member of St. Cyprian Church. Visitation Friday 9AM until time of Mass at 10:30 AM at St. Cyprian Church. Entombment at St. Joseph Mausoleum. Please omit flowers. For more info, call (847) 678-1950 or www.sax-tiedemann.com

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Bianchi, Charles Peter

Charles Peter Bianchi 87 of Des Plaines. Charles was born April 29, 1930 to the late Charles and late Mary Bianchi and passed away April 11, 2018. Charles was the beloved husband of Mary Ellen nee Sebastian Bianchi; loving father of Charles J. (Kellie) Bianchi and Mary (John) Harrington; devoted grandfather of Mark and Scott Bianchi and Emilia and Abigail Harrington; dear brother of Rita Kraushaar. Services were private. Memorials may be made to North Shore Hospice by calling 224-364-7200. Funeral info: 847-824-5155 or www.oehlerfuneralhome.com

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Boltax, Ethel

Ethel Boltax (Bernard Hankin, 2nd), 94, loving aunt of Larry (Myra) Herbstman, Arthur (Annee) Herbstman, Bryna (Alan) Plofker, and Paulette (Sandy Sloane) Herbstman. Beloved step-mother of Nicki (Dan) Daley and grandmother to Gabe (Jesse) Daley. Cherished great-aunt of Ari (Myfanwy Callahan) Herbstman, Yael (Andy Corn) Herbstman, Randy (Marissa) Herbstman, Jeffrey Herbstman, Benjamin (Annie) Herbstman, Rebecca Plofker, Jeremy Plofker, Lilah (fiancee, John Barrett) Sloane, and Molly Sloane, and great-great aunt to Viola, Miranda, Archer, Adira and Nora. Also held in special remembrance by Mark and Judy Sloane and family. Funeral services Friday, April 20 at 2:30 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 Feed the Children at feedthechildren.org. For information or to leave condolences: (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Boudas, Nicholas T

Nicholas T. Boudas, 89, a long time resident of Elk Grove Village passed away April 16, 2018. He was a Navy Veteran. Nick was the loving companion of June J. Hansen for 26 years; loving father of Steve Boudas and Cary Boudas; and the dear grandfather of Valerie and Matthew Boudas. Nick also leaves many loving nieces, nephews and friends. Visitation Friday, April 20, from 12 to 4 pm with a chapel service at 3:30 at Grove Memorial Chapel, 1199 S. Arlington Heights Road, Elk Grove Village. Interment private. For info: 847-640-0566 or grovememorialchapel.com

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Brunacci, Angela Elizabeth

Angela Brunacci 1922-2018 Died peacefully with family by her side at age 95. Born in Rock Island, IL to Frank and Irma Cassini. Loving wife of 69 years to the late Joseph J. Brunacci. Survived by her children Frank (Lynn) and Joan (Ralph); grandchildren Laura (Matthew) and Joseph; and great-grandchildren Michael and Anna. Beloved aunt to her nieces and nephews. Funeral Mass: 4/20/18, 11 a.m., at Our Lady of the Woods Parish, Orland Park, IL. Private interment at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Cemetery, Elwood, IL.

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Callham, Daniel

Daniel Callham, age 63. Beloved son of the late Eleanor and Donald Callham. Loving brother of Gloria Jean Callham, Michael (Michelle) Callham, Patrick Callham, and Teresa (Robert) Cassano. Dear uncle of Daniel (Amanda), Gia, Roberto and great uncle of Emma, Matthew, Ryan and Anna. Beloved godson of Devona Singer. He will also be missed by his cherished caregivers and friends, Fofoaivoese Ioane and Mei C. Feng. Also survived by many loving relatives and friends. Dan was an accomplished computer programmer for various major corporations for over 35 years. Visitation Friday 3-9 PM at the **Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home**, 11028 Southwest Hwy. (7700W) Palos Hills. Funeral Saturday 9:30 AM from the funeral home to St. Germaine Church for 10:30 AM Mass. Please make donations to Hospice of the Valley-Phoenix, 1510 E. Flower St. Phoenix, AZ 85014. Express your thoughts and memories in the online Guest Book at www.palosgaidasfh.com (708) 974 4410



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Cangelosi, Peter A.

Peter A. Cangelosi, 72, U.S. Army Veteran. Beloved son of the late Joseph and Concetta Cangelosi; loving brother of the late Vignere Cangelosi; dear nephew of the late Salvatore (Anna) Fiduccia; fond cousin of Cindy Schmitt, Joseph (Pamela), John (Wendy), Vera (late Luigi) DiStefano, Vincent (Jennifer) Fiduccia and the late Peter (Donna) Cangelosi; godfather to Michael DiStefano and many cousins in Italy. Dear friend of Mady Doan. Funeral Friday, April 20, 2018 prayers at 9:15am from Matz Funeral Home 410 E. Rand Rd., Mt. Prospect to St. Zachary Church, Mass 10am. Entombment All Saints. Visitation Thursday 3-9pm at the funeral home. Info: 847-394-2336 or www.matzfuneralhome.com

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Capparelli, Carmella

Carmella Capparelli, nee Gualtieri, of Hillside, beloved wife of Frank for 60 years; loving mother of John (Kelly) Capparelli and the late Anna Marie (Curtis) Berland; dear grandmother of Andrew and Alec Capparelli and Matthew, Elizabeth and Nicholas Berland; fond sister of Sam Gualtieri, Rose Hutchinson, Mary (Edward) Jamrozik and the late Ida Cadetto; aunt of many. Carm was always the life of the party and will be deeply missed by her family and friends. Visitation Thursday 3:00 - 9:00 pm at **HURSEN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY**, SW corner of Mannheim & Roosevelt Roads, Hillside/Westchester. Prayers Friday 9:00 am from the funeral home to St. Domitilla Church, Hillside. Mass 10:00 am. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to The National Kidney Foundation. Funeral info: 800-562-0082 or www.hursen.com.



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Cohen, Elaine L.

Elaine L. Cohen, 73. Beloved daughter of the late Leo and Ida; loving sister of the late Albert; will be deeply missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends. Elaine was a 1962 graduate of Lakeview High School. Graveside service Thurs, April 19, 1 PM, at Shalom Memorial Park, 1700 W. Rand Rd (enter off of Wilke Rd), Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. For info, please call **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**: 847-256-5700.



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Cook, Fredrick "Fred" J.

Fredrick "Fred" J. Cook, age 88, passed away on April 15, 2018. Funeral arrangements entrusted to **Modell Funeral Home**. For complete obituary information please visit www.modellfuneralhome.com

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Culbert, Harvey V

Harvey V. Culbert, 82, formerly of LaGrange, IL, died February 25, 2018, in Oberlin, OH. He grew up on a dairy farm in Mountainville, NY. He received his BA in physics at Oberlin College and a MS and PhD in physics at Western Reserve University. He started his physics career at Argonne National Laboratory and later moved into medical physics at Michael Reese Hospital, LaGrange Memorial Hospital, and teaching at the University of Chicago. Harvey was active in the Unitarian Church of Hinsdale and was the secretary of the LaGrange chapter of the NAACP for nearly 30 years. After retiring, Harvey and his wife Alice moved to Kendal at Oberlin where he sang with the Oberlin Musical Union. He was preceded in death by his wife of 46 years, Alice S. Culbert. In 2009, he married Louise Luckenbill. He is survived by his wife, Louise; four children, Laurel Culbert, Timothy Culbert, Marie Smith, and Peter Culbert; six grandchildren; and his siblings Rita Chansen, Patricia Hall and Stephen Culbert. A memorial service will be May 5 at 2 p.m. at Kendal at Oberlin, 600 Kendal Dr., Oberlin, OH. Memorial contributions may be directed to Southern Poverty Law Center.

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Cunningham, Mary Theresa

Mary Theresa Cunningham, nee Keating, "Grandma Mary," 88, of Western Springs. Beloved wife of the late James. Loving mother of Gary (Jeanne) Cunningham, Lynn (Chad) Castro and the late Michael Cunningham. Adored grandmother of Ryan, Sean and Brennan Cunningham, Michael and Mark Castro. Survived by brothers Edward and James Keating and preceded in death by 5 other siblings. Fond aunt of many. Grandma Mary attended every sporting event of her grandchildren and she was an avid bowler and golfer. Visitation 9 to 10:45am Friday, April 20, 2018 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside to St. John of the Cross Church, Western Springs for Mass at 11:15am. Private interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Alzheimer's Assn. appreciated. Funeral home phone 708/352-6500 or www.hjfunerals.com

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Dreger, John M.

John M. Dreger, PhD of Niles. Suddenly on April 15, 2018. Beloved son of Irene nee Shanahan and the late Joseph T. Dreger. Devoted brother of Marianne and Thomas (Agata) Dreger. Loving uncle and godfather of Kathleen Dreger. Cherished nephew, cousin and friend to many. An exceptional person, John will be loved and remembered by all for his compassion, kindness, love of family and friends, and great sense of humor. Visitation Thursday April 19, 4-8 p.m. at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy. (2 blks. S. of Touhy), Park Ridge. Funeral Service Friday, 11 a.m. at funeral home. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Misericordia/Heart of Mercy Center, www.misericordia.org or GiGi's Playhouse, www.gigisplayhouse.org appreciated. Funeral Information, www.ryan-parke.com.

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Farren, Lillian

Lillian Farren, age 93, of LaGrange, formerly of Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Edgar Farren. Loving mother of Karen (Dennis) Olszewski, Nancy Matthews, and the late Harley (Lynda) Farren. Devoted grandmother of Jonathan (Melissa) Karabowicz. Fond aunt and friend of many. Lillian was a longtime member of the Medical Missionaries of Mary and Our Lady of Czestochowa. She was an avid member of TOPS. Visitation 3 to 8pm Thursday, April 19, 2018 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Meet at Funeral Home 9:15am Friday, April 20 for prayers and procession to St. Cletus Church, La Grange for 10am Mass. Interment at Resurrection Cemetery, Justice. In lieu of flowers, memorials to The Birches, Encore Unit, 215 55th St., Clarendon Hills, IL 60514 appreciated. Service info: (708) 352-6500 or hjfnerals.com

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Flanagan, Florence M

Florence "Flo" M. Flanagan, nee Lewandowski, age 91, of Schaumburg. Beloved wife of the late Joseph Flanagan. Loving mother of Peggy Flanagan and Judy Flanagan. Loving sister of Harriet Kamin, the late John Lewandowski, Helen Skraban, Stanley Lewandowski and Joe Lewandowski. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Cherished friend of Margie Aquino. Flo was born July 17, 1926 in Chicago, Illinois to the late Peter and Josephine Lewandowski. Flo will be missed by her family and many friends. Visitation Thursday from 3 to 8 PM at **Ahgrim & Sons Funeral and Cremation Services**, 330 W. Golf Road, Schaumburg. Funeral Mass Friday 10:00 AM at St. Marcelline Catholic Church, 822 S. Springinsguth Road, Schaumburg. Interment will be at St. Michael the Archangel, Palatine. In lieu of flowers, memorials will be appreciated to Mercy Home for Boys & Girls, 1140 W Jackson Blvd, Chicago, IL 60607-298 or Avenues to Independence, 515 Busse Hwy., Park Ridge, IL 60068. Funeral information or online condolences, www.ahgrimfuneral.com or 847-882-5580.

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Flanigan, Rae Marie

Rae Marie Flanigan, age 46, of Homer Glen, formerly of Hickory Hills. Beloved wife of Christopher. Loving step-mother of Kristin (Andrew) Whooley, Kari (Jeff) Kopf and Kimberly Flanigan. Devoted daughter of John and the late Karen Gleason. Dear sister of Kelly (Joanne) Gleason. Visitation Thursday 3pm until time of service 8pm at **RICHARD J MODELL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES**, 12641 W. 143rd St., Homer Glen. Interment private. Member of Chicago Zoological Society and Brookfield Zoo Docent Member for over 6 years. 708-301-3595 or rjmodellfh.com.

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Gordon, Jerry M.

Jerry M. Gordon, 93, beloved husband of 73 years to Ruth Gordon (nee Levy); loving father of Jeff (Barb) Gordon, Dan (Judy) Gordon, Janice (Marty) Sobelman and Diane (Dean) Shaw; with cherished grandfather of Laura (Brian) Golden, Marcy (Pete) Knysz, Alana (Nemrod) Levine and Rachel (Greg) Rosenfeld, Darren and Alex Gordon; great grandfather to Gabe, Sam and Noah Golden, Jorie and Rena Knysz, Kol Levine, Ryan and Reese Rosenfeld, treasured uncle of Nancy and David Foldi, Gena Schneider and Steven Penn; preceded in death by parents, Myrtle and Max Gordon and sister, Miriam (Sonny) Penn. Jerry was a proud WWII Veteran. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Chapel services Thursday April 19, 12:15PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment following at Shalom Memorial Park. For information and condolences 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

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Gordon, Joseph John

Doomed at birth, the life of Joseph John Gordon, US Army, came to a close on April 16, 2018 in Libertyville. He was born on August 30, 1944 with a rare disease known as Erythroblastosis fetalis. Born at Lutheran Deaconess Hospital, so grave was his condition that a baptism was hastily arranged. He was only given hours to live and was transferred immediately to Mt. Sinai Hospital in Chicago where he was correctly diagnosed which at the time was a very rare disease. Born to Edward and Ann Gordon. Joe is survived by his wife Louise (nee Gamauf) of 48 years; his children Peter and Patricia (Trevor) Rubenzer of South Carolina; four grandchildren Logen and Quinn of Wadsworth, IL. And Grace and Ethan of South Carolina; his brothers Edward (Beatrice) Gordon of Santa Ana, CA. and Fr. Charles Gordon of Compton, CA. Per Joe's request there will be no funeral service. Interment Ascension Cemetery, Libertyville. Funeral info: **McMurrugh Funeral Chapel** (847) 362-2626. Guestbook at www.libertyvillefuneralhome.com

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Greenswag, Ph.D, Louise

Louise Greenswag, Ph.D, nee Rubin, age 90, beloved wife of the late Sidney Greenswag; loving mother of Deborah (Alan) Chausow, Richard (Deborah) Greenswag, and Douglas (Linda Rusch) Greenswag; adored Nana of Lara (Lauren Weiss) Chausow, Jeffrey Greenswag, Kari (Travis Bryde) Greenswag, Jared Chausow, Sarah (Travis Hackwell) Greenswag, Anna Greenswag, and Amy Greenswag; cherished sister of the late Donald Rubin; dear sister-in-law of Ida (Richard) Mayer and the late Reg (late Roy) Gale and treasured friend to many. Louise was born in Schenectady, New York in 1927. She and Sidney were married in 1950 and lived the remainder of their lives in the Iowa Quad Cities. She graduated from Keuka College with a degree in nursing. In 1973, she returned to school eventually earning her Ph. D. in educational psychology from the University of Iowa. Her work focused on Prader-Willi Syndrome and this work took her and Sidney around the globe to help families coping with this disorder. In addition, she spent years teaching nursing at Marycrest College in Davenport, Iowa. Her legion of students remembered her often and always with fondness. Memorial service will be held out of state. Contributions can be made to the Prader-Willi Syndrome Association, www.pwsausa.org. For condolence information: contact **The Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.

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Groundwater, Jean S.

Jean S. Groundwater, 87, died April 13, 2018 after a struggle with dementia. She is survived by her sons, David (Tracy) and Paul (Christine); grandsons Collin, Will, Brian, and Josh and her sister, Lorraine Lundy. Preceded in death by her beloved husband William and by her parents Edith and George Strobel. She was a native of Chicago, raised her family in Arlington Heights and retired to Tucson, AZ. She was an alumna of Calumet HS and North Park College and had a career in retail, working as a buyer for Charles A. Stevens in its heyday and for Lord and Taylor. She traveled the globe, from Scandinavia to Australia, was active in many social and charitable groups, a PEO sister, and never met a dog she didn't like. Above all, her family was her greatest joy. A visitation will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Hts., on Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 10:00 AM until the time of funeral service at 11:00 AM. Donations in her memory may be made to the church, in lieu of flowers. Interment will be at Memory Gardens. Funeral information and condolences www.GlueckertFH.com or (847) 253-0168.

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Haliotis, Sophie

Sophie Haliotis (nee Fouridakos/Foffos) 100, of Chicago passed away April 13. She was the beloved wife of the late Harry; loving mother of Margo Prenta and the late Thomas Haliotis; mother-in-law of Joanne Haliotis; fond grandmother of Ronald (Norma), Christine (Ken), Karen (Tom), David and Vicki; great-grandmother of Sarah, Brittany, Amber, Tyler, Justin and Jeremy; sister of the late Julia (Martin) Huska; sister-in-law of the late Tina and Frank Pantelakis and the late Tony and Helen Stefanos. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, family, and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Norwood Crossing appreciated. Visitation Thursday, April 19 at 10:30 AM until time of Mass at 11AM at Transfiguration of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Chapel. Interment at Elmwood Cemetery. For more information contact **Sax-Tiedemann Funeral Home** (847) 678-1950 or www.sax-tiedemann.com

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Heald, Margo M.

Margo M. Heald, formerly of Westchester, Beloved wife of the late William; Loving mother of Michele (Joseph) Adams & Erin (Craig) Messmer; Dear grandmother of Jason (Candice) & Jared Adams, Kelly (Herbie) Roberts, Patrick (Kait) & Daniel Messmer; Dear great grandmother of Audrey, Caleb, Owen, Caiden & Carson; Fond sister of Beverly Schwellenbach & the late Vern Gikling; Retired librarian for the Westchester School district. Lying in-State Saturday 10:00 a.m until time of service 11:00 a.m at Immanuel Lutheran Church 2317 S Wolf Rd, Hillside, IL. Interment Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery. **HURSEN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY** INFO: 800-562-0082 OR WWW.HURSEN.COM

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Hennessy, James Francis

Passed away peacefully and with quiet dignity. Native of Carhugar, Lahinch, County Clare, Ireland. Beloved husband of Ann and cherished father of James Patrick and Sean Leo. Dear son of the late Patrick and Bridget, and devoted brother to the late Mary, Bridget, Margaret, Sister Mary Patricia, R.S.M., Susan, Stephen, Michael, Sean, Patrick, Martin, Austin, and Nancy. Fond uncle of many nephews and nieces in the United States, Ireland, England, and Australia. James will be missed by all whose lives he touched and we shall not look upon his likes again. His love of family was a precious gift and legacy to all both far and near. The family would like to thank all those who gave strength, support and encouragement, especially those who prayed for him, cared for him, and visited him. He will lie in state at St. Mary of the Woods Church, 7000 N. Moselle, Chicago on Thursday from 10-11 AM until the funeral Mass at 11 AM. Interment at All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines. In lieu of flowers, donations would be appreciated in his memory to St. Mary of the Woods Church. For information call 847-685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Herold, Charlotte R.

Charlotte R. Herold, age 89, of Joliet, IL, former longtime resident of Chicago, IL, passed away on Monday, April 16, 2018. She was born on January 10, 1929 in Chicago. Loving mother of Holly (Michael) Junkroski, adored grandmother of Rebecca (Jason) Baker, Sara Junkroski and Jason (Rachael) Junkroski, cherished great-grandmother of Cameron and Makenzie Junkroski and Drake Baker, devoted daughter of the late Alfred and Louise Herold, dear sister of the late Dora Sears and the late Alfred Herold, fond aunt, great-aunt and friend of many. Visitation Thursday, April 19, 2018, 3:00-8:00 PM at **Overman-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 15219 S. Joliet Rd., Plainfield, IL. A prayer service will be held Thursday, 7:00 PM in the funeral home with Rev. Jessica Harren officiating. Private interment: Evergreen Cemetery, Evergreen Park, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: American Heart Association. For a complete obituary please visit www.overman-jones.com or for more information call (815) 436-9221.

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Hickey, Leo

Leo Hickey 77 of Arlington Hts. Beloved husband of Sue (nee Vaughan) Hickey; loving father of Tim (Stefanie), Kevin (Nichole) and dear brother of Patricia (Ron) Fretts, James (Hazel) Hickey and Dennis (Pat Lykins) Hickey and fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday, from 4:00 PM until the time of memorial service at 7:00 PM at the **Glueckert Funeral Home, Ltd.**, 1520 N. Arlington Heights Road, (4 blocks south of Palatine Rd) Arlington Hts. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 230 E. Ohio St, suite 500, Chicago, IL 60611 or online at <http://www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org/ways-to-give/donate-now> Funeral info & condolences www.GlueckertFH.com or (847) 253-0168

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Hill, Jacquelyn "Jackie"

Jacquelyn "Jackie" Hill Age 76, late of Flossmoor. Beloved wife of Wayne McKee. Loving mother of Helen Lekavich and John Lekavich. Jackie was well loved by everyone. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Portiuncula Center for Prayer 9263 W. St. Francis Rd Frankfort, IL 60423. Funeral Thursday 10:00 AM from the **Hickey Memorial Chapel** 4201 W. 147th St. Midlothian to Queen of Angels Chapel at St. Francis Woods, Frankfort for Mass at 11:00 AM. Interment private. Visitation Wednesday 2 - 8 PM. For more information and online register www.hickeyfuneral.com or 708-385-4478

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Holmquist, Margie Pytel

Margie Pytel Holmquist, 90, of Clermont, Florida, passed away on April 11, 2018. Born in Chicago of Lois and Katherine Pytel, she is the last surviving child. Divorced, she is survived by her many nieces and nephews. She will be privately interred with her brother in Illinois. A special thank you to the staff at Cornerstone Hospice Center in Clermont, Florida who helped her during her final days.

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Jachowski, Richard John

Richard John Jachowski, 81, of Buffalo Grove. Beloved husband of Bernadine (nee Zaremba) Jachowski; loving father of Carrie Ann Fox, Theresa (Ron) Paguirigan and Sheryl (Don) Anderson; cherished grandfather of Christopher, Ryan, Brandon, Tyler and great grandfather of Liliana, Giana and Maxwell; dear brother of late Florence (late Louis) Glowacki. Funeral mass 11:30 AM, Sat. April 21, 2018 at St. Mary's Parish, 10 N. Buffalo Grove Road, Buffalo Grove. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 150 N. Michigan Ave., Suite #400, Chicago 60602. Funeral info. & condolences www.GlueckertFH.com or (847) 253-0168.

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Kramer, Eileen "Big Ei"

(nee Curtin). Beloved wife of 32 years of the late William J. Kramer, Korean War Veteran. Loving mother of Donna (Michael) Sweeney, Karen (Michael) Broderick, William Jr (Tina) Kramer, Richard (late Susan Cosgrove) (Teresa) Kramer, Jeannie Kramer-Casciato, Mark (Denise) Kramer, Michael (Sheryl) Kramer, late Eileen F. Kramer, Florence (Raymond) Webster, and Joanne (James) Murray. Proud grandmother of 23. Cherished G.G. of 11. Devoted aunt and sister-in-law and friend to many. The most important things in Eileen's life were family, friends, knitting, traveling, and playing board games. She always had FOMO. Eileen loved life! Visitation Thursday 3-9 p.m. Funeral Friday 8:45 a.m. from the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to Queen of Martyrs Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Joliet Area Community Hospice Home, 250 Water Stone Circle, Joliet, IL 60431 or Mulliganers, 612 72nd Court, Downers Grove, IL 60516 would be appreciated. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Kruse Jr., Kenneth A.

Kenneth A. Kruse, Jr., 86, of Wheaton, IL, dearly beloved husband of Patricia; devoted and loving father to Catherine (David) Testyon, Elizabeth Kruse and Kenneth A. (Kristine) Kruse III, proud grandfather of Taylor, Cassandra and David M, and Wren, Rose and Kenneth C. Born Oct 4, 1931 in Covington, KY, he died Sat, Apr 7, 2018, at Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield, IL. After serving in the Army during the Korean War, Ken returned to civilian life where he worked for many years in education, teaching at Naperville Central High School and later in developing education materials as a Senior Editor at Laid Law Brothers Publishing Company in River Forest. For more than twenty five years he was an active member of the Wheaton Elks Lodge No. 2258 where he served as an officer and trustee encouraging the work of the Lodge. Ken will be remembered as a good and always helping friend to those who knew him. Visitation, Fri, Apr 20, 2018 from 3-7 p.m. at at **Hultgren Funeral Home**, 304 N. Main St., in Wheaton, IL. Prayers at the funeral home on Sat, Apr 20, 2018 at 12:15 p.m. Funeral Mass will follow at 1:00 p.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church, 310 S. Wheaton Avenue, in Wheaton, IL. Interment will be private. Call **Hultgren Funeral Home** at 630-668-0027 for more info, or visit hultgrenfh.com.

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Kulovitz, Dorothy J.

Dorothy J. Kulovitz, nee Stephens, age 91. Visit colonialchapel.com for complete family and service information. 708-532-5400

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Kutulas, Presbyteria, Angeline

Angeline Kutulas, nee Vlahos, Presbyteria, Beloved wife of the late Rev. John G. Kutulas. Loving mother of George (Frances) Kutulas and Kiki Bartholomew. Proud grandmother of Jonathan (Demetria West, fiancée) Kutulas, Stacy (Bryan) Usher, James and John Bartholomew and Paula (Jonathan) Mueller. Great grandmother of Addison and Brittany. Devoted daughter of the late Peter and Vasiliki "Bessie" Vlahos. Daughter-in-law of the late George and Angeline Kutulas. Dear sister of George and Christine Liarakos. Fond aunt of Nicholas (Lisa) Liarakos. Special cousin to many and their families both here and in Greece. Visitation Thursday from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm with Trisagion Service at 7:00 pm at Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 6150 N. Cicero Ave, Chicago. Family and friends will meet Friday morning from 9:30 am - 10:30 am for Visitation, then 10:30 am, for Funeral Service at St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. Kindly omit flowers. Memorial donations may be made to St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church, 5649 N. Sheridan Rd., Chicago, IL 60660. Arrangements by John G. Adinamis Funeral Directors, Ltd. (847) 375-0095.

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Lindquist, Myrtle Helen

Myrtle Helen Lindquist (Windebank)

Age 86, of Melrose Park, passed away on Monday, April 16, 2018. Loving wife of Fred Lindquist; beloved mother of Nancy (Dr. Arthur) Nazarian, late Dawn (Tony) Floramo, Alyssa (Keith) Becker and Julie (Eric) Schuemer; dearest sister of the late Sylvia (late Carter) Forsberg, late John (Shirley) Windebank and late Patricia (late Tom) Brooks; proud grandmother of Kenneth, Nicholas, Jessica, Owen, Maggie, Benjamin and Ryan; fond aunt to many nieces and nephews. Family will receive friends at St. Paul Lutheran Church 1025 Lake St. Melrose Park, IL, 60160 from 9:00AM until time of funeral service at 11:00AM Interment will follow to Queen Of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside. Flowers or memorial donations to the donor's choice would be appreciated. Funeral Arrangements handled by **Kurtz Memorial Chapel, Frankfort**. For information, www.kurtzmemorialchapel.com or 815-806-2225.

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Lisowski, Daniel R.

Daniel R. Lisowski: 59 of Lindenhurst, IL, 1976 graduate of Prosser Vocational High School. Daniel worked at Esperanza Church, Illinois Bell, and Borquist until 2005; Beloved husband of Mary Ellen (nee' Anichini) Lisowski; loving son of Leona Lisowski and the late Steven Lisowski; cherished brother of: David (Maria) Lisowski, Matthew (Susan) Lisowski, Mary Ann (Michael) Price and the late Steven Lisowski Jr.; and dear uncle to many. Memorial Services 2PM Saturday April 21, 2018 at the **Strang Funeral Home of Antioch** 1055 Main St. (Rte. 83) Antioch, IL 60002, with visitation beginning at 11AM. In lieu of flowers, donations to The Salvation Army, appreciated. INFO 847-395-4000 or www.strangfh.com.

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Long, Herbert D.

Herbert D. Long age 84; Beloved husband of the late Rosemary; loving companion of the late Grace Bonsignore; devoted stepfather of Phillip (Mary Lou) Maita, Mary Ellen Bielinski and the late Kathleen Jardine; devoted grandfather of 10 and great-grandfather of 23; cherished son of the late Joseph and Anna; dear brother of the late Loretta Anklam and the late Helen Long; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday, April 20th, 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. with service, 7:30 p.m. at **The Oaks Funeral Home** 1201 E. Irving Park Road (at Prospect), Itasca. Family and friends will meet Saturday, April 21st, 11:30 a.m. for Herbert's entombment at All Saints Cemetery 700 N. River Road, Des Plaines. For funeral info: 630-250-8588 or www.theoaksfh.com

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Marchioretto, Ann

Ann Marchioretto, nee DiPasquantonio, of Westchester, age 90. Beloved wife of the late Alfonso; loving mother of Laura Spangle and Linda (Dr. Louis) Scannicchio; proud grandmother of Brian and David Spangle, Yolanda (Christopher) Lufrano and Louis (Marcia) Scannicchio, Lisanne (fiance Anthony Vac) Scannicchio and Brittany Scannicchio; great Nonna of Louis Rocco, Gabriela Ann, Jaelynn Marie, Dominic Jude and Joseph Christopher; dear sister of the late John (late Elide) DiPasquantonio; sister-in-law of the late Peter (late Virginia) Marshe and the late Aldo (late Nancy) Marchioretto; special extended family of the Hermans; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews, especially Gianna Drews. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Thursday, April 19, 2018 from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Funeral Mass to follow at 10:00 a.m. at Divine Providence Church. Entombment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Divine Providence Church and School, 2550 S. Mayfair, Westchester, IL 60154 appreciated. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Markowski, Stanley D.

Stanley D. Markowski. Proud Korean War Army Veteran. Beloved husband of Josephine, nee Abbinauti; Loving father of Dean(Anne), Diane(Paul) Malinowski, Debbie(Mark) Hanks, Daniel(Lisa), Dawn(William) McElligott, David(Colleen) and the late Baby Stanley; Cherished grandpa of Sam, Lisa, Kelly, Joey, Lauren, Steven, Deven, Daniel, Brandon, Ryan, Sean, Brian, Liam, Nicholas, Anthony and Alexander; & great grandpa of Aniyah and Kaylee; Dearest brother to 4 sisters and 2 brothers; Dear uncle & great uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday 3:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. at BELMONT FUNERAL HOME 7120 W Belmont. Funeral prayers Friday 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home followed by Mass of Christian Burial at St. Ladislav Church 12:30 p.m. Entombment St. Joseph Cemetery. Info 773.286.2500 or www.belmontfuneralhome.com

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Mc Laughlin, Charles A.

Charles A. Mc Laughlin 55, U.S. Navy Vet. Beloved son of Kay and the late Jay Mc Laughlin. Dear brother of James, Daniel (Gail), Mary Ruth (Michael) Rudd, Sharon (Arman) Mohseni and Sean (Connie). Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Docent for the Chicago Architectural Foundation. Memorial Visitation Friday, April 20th from 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass 10:30 a.m. at Most Holy Redeemer Church 9525 S. Lawndale Ave. Evergreen Park, IL. Arrangements entrusted to **Donnellan Funeral Home**. Info (773) 238-0075. Sign guestbook www.donnellanfuneralhome.com



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O'Sullivan, Patrick J.

Patrick J. O'Sullivan beloved husband of Mary nee Kelliher; loving father of Patrick, Michael (the late Jeannette), Tom, Maureen (Michael) Swaiko, Brendan (Mary Jo), Katie (Joe) O'Brien, Kevin (Lisa), Tim (Vicki), Brian and the late Dan O'Sullivan; devoted grandfather of many; Dearest brother of Katherine and the late Mike, William, John, Nora and Hannah; dear uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday 3-9 P.M. Funeral Friday 9:15 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home** 17909 S 94th Ave Tinley Park IL 60487 to St. Elizabeth Seton Church Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Funeral info (708) 532-3100.



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O'Toole, John Kenneth

John O'Toole, 58, of Chicago, at peace April 3, 2018. Loving son of the late Mary and James O'Toole. Preceded in death by his brother Michael (Margaret) O'Toole. He is survived by his siblings James O'Toole, Carol (Bernie) Heemstra, Daniel (Mary) O'Toole, Mary Anne O'Toole (Michael DuBois), Colette (Martin) Swiatkowski, Nancy (Anthony) Zordan, Diane (Ron) Ziolkowski, Catherine (Terrence) Zordan, Charles O'Toole (Mary Anne Kulchawik), 27 nieces and nephews and 9 great nieces and nephews. Visitation at 9:30 AM and Mass at 10:30 AM on Saturday, April 21 at St. Cajetan Church, 2445 West 112th Street, Chicago. Interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery will be private.

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Peterson, Gust V.

Gust V. Peterson, U.S. Army Veteran. Beloved husband of Norma nee Nordholm. Cherished father of Linda Peterson, Neil Peterson, Mark Peterson & Diane (David) Thompson. Devoted grandfather of Justin (Samantha) Thompson, Kevin (Alicia) Thompson & Daniel Thompson. Proud great-grandfather of Tori-Lynn. Dear brother of the late Donald (Barbara) Peterson. Kind uncle of many nieces and nephews. Lying-in-State Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. until the time of Funeral Service at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 Brandt Ave., Oak Lawn. Interment Evergreen Cemetery. Visitation Friday from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, 5570 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn. In lieu of flowers donations to Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 Brandt Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453 or CurePSP, 1206 York Rd., Ste. L-4, Lutherville, MD 21093 greatly appreciated. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500.

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Peterson, Josephine G.

Josephine G. Peterson, nee Grelock of Mancelona, MI, age 96, passed away peacefully on April 6, 2018. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 72 years, Raymond Peterson, and is survived by her Children Marian (Paul King) of Las Vegas, NV, Dr. Raymond (JoAnn) Peterson of Tucson, AZ, Ann (Tom Dunklau) of Antioch, IL, and Thomas (Tina) Peterson of Mancelona, MI; fond grandmother of 17; great-grandmother of 21; great-great-grandmother of 2. While her husband was fighting in WWII, she worked at Douglas Aircraft (now known as O'Hare Airport) as a wing inspector - a true "Rosie the Riveter." She also enjoyed being a member of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary for 41 years devoting her time helping Veterans at Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital in Hines, IL, an Election Judge for 13 years in Chicago, IL, and a Girl Scout Troop Leader for 8 years at St. Tarcissus Church in Chicago, IL. Visitation will be held on Friday, April 20, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at **Salerno's Galewood Chapels**, 1857 N. Harlem Ave., Chicago. Saturday, April 21, 2018 family and friends are asked to meet at St. Tarcissus Church, 6020 W. Ardmore Ave., Chicago for a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in River Grove, IL. For info (773) 889-1700 or www.salernofuneralhomes.com



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Prasal, Leopold

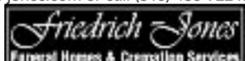
Leopold "Leo" Prasal, age 94, passed away on April 16th surrounded by his loving family. Leo was the beloved husband of the late Genowefa, nee Szewczyk; loving father of Barbara (John) Hazlett and Christina (Ziggy) Sapieja; cherished grandfather of Mandy (Ryan) Murphy, Jonathan (Emily) Hazlett, Michael and Ashley (Matt Mayer) Sapieja; great grandfather of Bradley, Tyler and Jemma; dear brother of Wacek (Lodzia) and Stefan (Ala) Prasal and the late Helen and Janina; fond uncle of many. In Lieu of flowers, donations to: The Alzheimer's Association www.alz.org would be appreciated. Visitation will be Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Funeral services will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, at the funeral home, and will then proceed to Our Lady, Mother of the Church for Mass 10:30 a.m. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Info www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708-456-8300.



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Rinehart, Kathleen M.

Kathleen Mary Rinehart (nee Kelly), age 68, a resident of Plainfield, IL since 1976, passed away on Sunday, April 15, 2018 at Presence St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet, IL. She was born on January 18, 1950 in Chicago, IL. Beloved wife of the late Richard R. Rinehart; loving mother of Kristin (Timothy) Laszlo, David Rinehart and Jenny Rinehart, PhD. Arrangements by **Overman-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Plainfield, IL**. For service times and a complete obituary, please visit www.overman-jones.com or call (815) 436-9221.



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Ryan, Raymond "Jerry"

Raymond "Jerry" Ryan, of LaGrange Park, a history teacher who brought the world into his classroom, and a husband, father, and grandfather who loved quietly but completely, died Sunday after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. He was 79 and left us almost exactly 8 months after the death of his wife, Nancy (Simon) Ryan. Mr. Ryan had initially set out

on a very different path: At age 14, he took a first step to joining the De La Salle Christian Brothers, a religious order dedicated to teaching the poor. He took the name Brother Cormac, and fate in 1965 put him on Chicago's Southwest side at St. Paul High School, where he met a pretty young nun who would become his wife. They accidentally fell in love, and love can change everything. Brother Cormac left for a posting in Kenya, but an 8,000-mile romance played out via letter. "I wish you could see the Kenyan stars with me," Mr. Ryan wrote in November 1970 from Nyeri. "They are nothing without you!"

His studies took him traveling from the Kremlin to the Pyramids, but it was that love that changed Brother Cormac's world. The couple married and had four children: Elizabeth A. Labrador of LaGrange; Joseph R. Ryan, of The Bronx; Andrew C. Ryan of Boston; and William J. Ryan of Queens. Mr. Ryan was a man of habit and discipline whose nickname was the "Sarge," at Chicago's Saint Patrick High School, where he taught for more than 40 years and coached volleyball and chess.

Born on Chicago's north side on November 4, 1938, Mr. Ryan was the third of four children. His father, Raymond J. Ryan, worked as an engineer at a pumping station for the city water department. His mother, Adele (McGrath) Ryan, raised the family. Although not a natural student, Mr. Ryan applied himself with a rigid discipline. At St. Mary's College in Winona, Minn., he earned a Bachelor's degree (1961) and Master's of education (1966). He won a Fulbright to study in Ethiopia (1965) and his graduate work took him to the Soviet Union (1967).

That discipline came to define his life. He woke at 4:45 a.m. to beat the traffic for his drive to school. At home, he corrected his students daily quizzes, often based on required reading in Newsweek magazine. He relaxed in a recliner with a hefty presidential biography or other door-stop-worthy nonfiction tome. He was partial to pretzels, root beer, the sitcoms Barney Miller and Cheers, PBS Newshour, Chicago Bears, and Masses with short homilies.

Mr. Ryan is also survived by his son-in-law Robert Labrador; daughters-in-law Brenna Fitzgerald; Jennifer Peter; and Clare Ryan; and eight grandchildren: Owen, Helen, and Nancy Labrador; Jack and Liam Ryan; Clara and Cormac Ryan; and Frances Ryan; and his sister, Mary (Ryan) Reckamp.

Visitation 4 to 8pm Wednesday at Hallowell & James in Countryside. Funeral Mass 10am Thursday at St. Francis Xavier in LaGrange. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to The Lasallian Volunteers: lasallianvolunteers.org.

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Schaeffer, Cecelia A.

(nee Justinic), employed for over 40 years at Farmers Insurance. Beloved wife of the late Robert J. Schaeffer Sr. Loving mother of Susan (Kevin) Ross, Nancy Keller, late Linda Schaeffer & Robert (fiancé Sandi Bryja) Schaeffer Jr. Cherished grandmother of Kevin Jr., Robert, Ashley, Lauren, Johnathan & Victoria. Adoring great grandmother of Kendall, Kaylee & Malia. Dear sister of Delores (late Leo) Prinster & Helen (late Frank) Webb. Kind aunt of many nieces & nephews. Visitation Thursday, April 19th from 3 until 9 p.m. Chapel prayers Friday, April 20th, 9:30 a.m. at the **Kerry Funeral Home & Cremation Care Center**, 7020 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights proceeding to Saint Alexander Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the American Cancer Society, 225 Michigan Avenue, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60601 would be appreciated. www.kerryfh.com - (708) 361.4235 - www.facebook.com/kerryfuneral



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Sommerfeld, Dr. Marvin J.

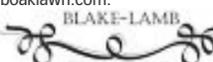
Dr. Marvin J. Sommerfeld, 80, beloved husband and best friend of Marilyn for nearly 56 years; loving father of Julie (Bruce) Erickson and Dr. Barry Sommerfeld (Dr. Rani Sharma); adored grandpa Marvin of Zachary, Isaac and Eli; cherished brother of Hubert (Judith) Sommerfeld; dear cousin, uncle and friend. Marvin was a long-time Schiller Park dentist who was dedicated to multiple generations of patients and their families for over 50 years. Chapel service Friday 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Celiac Disease Foundation (www.celiac.org). For information or to leave condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Stashak, Robert W.

Robert W. Stashak, 73, Vietnam Marine Veteran. Beloved husband of Alice, nee Grzeskowiak. Devoted father of Allison (Fred) Zgobica, Nicholas (Shannon) and Amanda (fiance'), Jason Hannan). Proud grandfather of Alexandra (Eric) Wisniewski, Rebecca Zgobica, Collin Stashak, Brooklyn, Braelyn and Zachary Hannan. Great grandfather of Payton Wisniewski. Loving brother of Carol Ann Stashak (William Schroeter). Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Funeral Friday 9:15 AM from **Blake-Lamb Funeral Home**, 4727 W. 103rd St., Oak Lawn to St. Terrence Church. Mass 10:00 AM. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Member Chicago-Land Railroad Club, member Johnson-Phelps Oak Lawn VFW Post 5220. Info 708-636-1193 or www.blakelamboaklawn.com.



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Torrence, Gerald Martin

Gerald Martin Torrence, April 16, 2018, age 74. Late of Homewood, formerly of Harvey. Beloved son of the late Terry and Mabel Torrence. Special friend of Linda Dasey and the late Ann Dasey. Former English teacher at Thornwood High School and an authority in Chinese Art and Iconography. Resting at the **Tews-Ryan Funeral Home**, 18230 S. Dixie Hwy. Homewood, Monday, April 23rd from 10:30 a.m. until the time of services at 12:00 p.m. Graveside Services at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery 2:00 p.m. www.tews-ryanfh.com or 708-798-5300.



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Truchan, Leonard J.

Age 70, of Mokena formerly of Chicago and Crestwood, passed away on Sunday, April 15, 2018. Loving husband of Pamela Truchan (Paukstis); beloved brother of the late John Truchan; dearest brother-in-law of Pat (Dennis) Caswick; cherished uncle of Robby, Leeann, Alisa, late John, Jason (Alison) Caswick and Jeff (Kandace) Caswick; proud great uncle of Aleksandra, Harper and Clay Caswick. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving in Vietnam and was awarded the Purple Heart. The family will receive friends at Kurtz Memorial Chapel, 65 Old Frankfort Way, Frankfort, IL 60423 on Thursday, April 19, 2018 from 3-9 PM. Prayer service Friday, April 20, 2018 in the funeral home chapel at 8:30AM. Interment with military honors will follow to Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, 20953 Hoff Rd, Elwood, IL 60421 on Friday, April 20, 2018 at 10:00AM. In lieu of flowers memorial donations to the Illinois Veterans Home of Manteno or Kankakee Valley Hospice would be appreciated. For Info www.kurtzmemorialchapel.com or 815-806-2225.

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Velky, Kenneth C.

Kenneth C. Velky, 75, beloved husband of the late Carol A., nee Perak; loving father of Jill C. (Steve) Sipos and Todd C. (Michelle); proud grandfather of Maddie, Luke, Morgan, Chayse and Ben; devoted son of the late Charles and Irene Velky; dear brother of the late Russell (Bernie); dearest brother-in-law of Paul (Cheryl) Perak, Helene (Jerry) Wyrobek; also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Funeral Friday, 10:15 AM from **Blake-Lamb Funeral Home**, 4727 W. 103rd St., Oak Lawn to St. Terrence Church. Mass 11:00 AM. Entombment Resurrection Mausoleum. Visitation Thursday 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Info. 708-636-1193 or www.blakelamboaklawn.com.



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Vivacqua, Rita Ann

On the evening of Friday March 9, 2018, Rita Ann Vivacqua passed away suddenly in Iowa City, IA. Rita Ann was 97 yrs young and born on July 22, 1920 in Chicago. She was the youngest of nine children of Teresa and John Cantalupo. She is survived by her daughter, Lynette; her son, John; her grandson, Jeffrey and wife Nicole and great granddaughter Francis; her grandson, Frank and great granddaughter, Gabriella. She is preceded by her husband, Frank L. Vivacqua Sr.; and her son, Frank L. Vivacqua Jr. On Saturday April 21, 2018, a memorial service will be held at 11am at St Philip the Apostle Catholic Church located at 1223 W Holtz Ave. in Addison, IL.

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Waxstein, Martin D.

Martin D. Waxstein, 65, of Rolling Meadows, IL. Born March 15, 1953 in Chicago, passed away April 14, 2018. Marty is survived by his daughters, Jennifer, Madeleine and Katherine Waxstein, grandson, Nolan Martin Fischer, mother, Dolores Waxstein, siblings, Marcia (Leon) Moore and Robert (David Beyak) Waxstein, and nephews, William Moore and Michael (Alexandra) Moore. Preceded in death by his father, Milton H. Waxstein. Former trader at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Marty's name to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association. Memorial visitation Sunday, April 22, 2018 from 2-8 PM at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 185 E. Northwest Hwy., Palatine. Memorial Mass Monday, April 23, 9:30 AM at Our Lady of the Wayside Church, 450 S. Mitchell, Arlington Heights. Interment will be private. 847-359-8020 or www.smithcorcoran.com.



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Williams, Sr. Margaret M.

Sr. Margaret, Obl.O.S.B. passed away on April 12, 2018, at her residence at Sacred Heart. Sr. Margaret was born to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Zidek on October 4, 1925, in Chicago, IL. Raised as a Presbyterian, Sr. Margaret spent some time in her early work life helping in a kitchen of a large Motherhouse of Religious Sisters. This eventually led her to the Catholic

Church. Also during those early working years, Sr. Margaret was involved as an operator with "war calls," which were highly sensitive phone calls during WWII. Her last working years were spent at Holy Cross Hospital on the Southwest Side of Chicago as a telephone switchboard operator. After coming into contact with the Scholastica Mission House, Sr. Margaret made her final profession vows on August 15, 1977. In 2008, the sisters moved to Benedale where she was the last remaining sister of the group founded to assist St. Procopius Abbey in spreading the Catholic Faith, especially in the Chinese Missions. Beloved mother of Diane Williams and a dear grandmother. Loving sister of the late Anthony (the late Betty) Zidek, twin sister of the late Joyce Larson Stelzner, the late John Zidek, and the late Robert (the late Betty) Zidek. Dear aunt to the late Don Zidek, Bill (Judy) Zidek, Bob (Dianne) Zidek, Larry Zidek, Carol Straub, the late Bob Nieubuur, the late Betty Krois, the late John Nieubuur, Joy (Jim) Douglas, Mike (Carla) Zidek, Sheri Zidek and a great-aunt to many. Visitation will be held Thursday, April 19 at 10am until time of funeral mass at 11am at the Sacred Heart Monastery, 1910 Maple Ave. Lisle, IL. Interment to follow at St. Procopius Abbey Cemetery. Arrangements by **Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale**. For information 630-703-9131 or www.powellfunerardirectors.com



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Wyller, Marie L.

Marie L. Wyller, 60, born in Chicago on November 12, 1957, and passed on April 14, 2018. Marie was the beloved wife of James; loving mother of Matthew (Katherine); adoring grandmother of Miles, and Dean; caring sister of Judith (Gregory) Kruszcak, Joseph (Eileen), Daniel (Sarah), and Jacqueline Agnew; dear daughter of the late John & Rita; and fond friend of many.

Visitation Thursday from 4PM to 8PM, Final Viewing Prayers Friday 9:45AM from Montclair-Lucania Funeral Home, 6901 W. Belmont, Chicago, to 10:30 AM Mass at St. Priscilla Church, 6949 W. Addison, Chicago; Committal at Maryhill Cemetery, Niles.

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Zarek, Donald M.

Donald M. Zarek, Age 89. Loving and devoted husband of 65 years to Joan; wonderful dad of Glenn (Christine), Mary Welsch, Nancy (Mark) Haynes, Mark (Nita), Barbara (the late Dan) Sanello and Christine (Robert) Zeman; proud grandpa of Michael, Angela, Matthew (Elizabeth), Jenna (Bryce), Cheryl (Andy), Ryan, Elyse, Bryan (Jordan), Kim, Karen, David and Laura. Visitation, Thursday from 3 to 8 P.M. Funeral Prayers Friday, 9:15 A.M. at The Elms Funeral Home, 7600 West Grand Ave. Elmwood Park (North on 76th Ave.) Procession to St. Celestine Church for 10 A.M. Mass of Christian Burial. Interment All Saints Cemetery. For info www.elmsfh.com or (708) 453-1234.



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LEGAL NOTICE ASSUMED NAME

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct of transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was registered by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County.

Registration Number: D18153948 on March 27, 2018. Under the Assumed Business Name of WORDSMITH COMMUNICATIONS with the business located at: 940 W Cullom Ave Chicago, IL 60613.

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DISCLAIMER OF DEBTS

PUBLIC NOTICE On April 4, 2018, an application was filed seeking FCC consent to transfer control of the license for radio broadcast station WKQX(FM), 101.1 MHz, Chicago, IL from the Current Shareholders of Cumulus Media Inc. to the Shareholders of Cumulus Media Inc. (as Reorganized).

The officers, directors and parties holding an attributable interest in the transferor prior to the transfer of control are John F. Abbot, Jan Baker, Mary G. Berner, Jill Bright, Richard S. Denning, John W. Dickey, Lewis W. Dickey, Jr., Ralph B. Everett, Suzanne M. Grimes, Blis A. Marcus, Todd McCarty, Ross A. Oliver, Suzanne G. Smith, Radio License Holdings LLC, Cumulus Network Holdings Inc., Cumulus Intermediate Holdings Inc., Cumulus Media Inc., and Crestview Radio Investors, LLC.

Crestview Radio Investors, LLC is controlled by Crestview Partners II, L.P., Crestview Partners II GP, L.P., and Crestview, L.L.C. Parties with attributable ownership interests in those controlling entities are Jeffrey A. Marcus, Barry S. Volpert, Thomas S. Murphy, Jr., Richard M. DeMartini, Robert V. Delaney, Evelyn C. Pellicone, Ross A. Oliver, Brian Cassidy, Quentin Chu, Robert J. Hurst, and various trusts and other entities formed by these members.

The executive officers, directors and attributable interest holders of Reorganized Cumulus Media Inc. will be Mary G. Berner, Andrew W. Hobson, Brian G. Kustner, Joan H. Gilman, Thomas H. Castro, Matthew C. Blank, David M. Baum, John F. Abbot, Richard S. Denning, Suzanne M. Grimes, Todd McCarty, Suzanne G. Smith, Radio License Holdings LLC, Cumulus Network Holdings LLC, Cumulus Intermediate Holdings LLC, Cumulus Media Holdings Inc., Intermediate Co., and SP Signal, LLC. SP Signal, LLC's sole attributable interest holder is SP Signal Manager, LLC. SP Signal Manager, LLC's sole attributable interest holder is Edward A. Muile.

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Cicero School District 99 is requesting sealed bids for districtwide security cameras. Bid Specifications will be available in the Administration Building beginning Wednesday, April 18, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. until beginning day Friday, May 4, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Bids must be received at the Business Office at 5110 W. 24th Street, Cicero, Illinois, 60804, before 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 4, 2018 or may be presented in person prior to the bid opening at the Administration Building Board Room, 5110 W. 24th Street, Cicero, Illinois, on Friday, May 4, 2018. Bids must be clearly marked on the face of a sealed envelope. "SEALED BID FOR DISTRICTWIDE SECURITY CAMERAS - FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2018 AT 10:00 A.M." Unsigned or late bids will not be considered.

LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF COOK

In the matter of the revision of the assessment of Real Property for 2018:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Section 14-35 of the Illinois Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/14-35) that the Assessor of Cook County will sit for the purpose of reviewing the proposed 2018 assessment of Real Property located in the following townships(s) or taxing district(s) in Cook County.

CICERO

Identified also as Area(s) 16, under the Permanent Real Estate Index Numbering System of Cook County.

The last date within which applications for revisions of assessment (Real Estate Assessed Valuation Appeals) may be filed for consideration at said sitting is May 17, 2018.

Such sitting will be held at the office of the Assessor of Cook County, Room 301, in the County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, and will continue thereafter until such time as necessary until all such revisions in said townships(s) or taxing district(s) have been completed.

Done by the Assessor of Cook County this 16th day of April, 2018.

JOSEPH BERRIOS ASSESSOR OF COOK COUNTY

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Taurial D Mintz AKA Taurial Donnell Mintz

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Taurial Mintz, Sr. (Father) of a Taurial Mintz, respondent, and to ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, that on January 31, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Terrence Sharkey in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois, ON 05/01/2018 at 9:00 AM IN CALENDAR 63 COURTROOM 13,

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.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT April 18, 2018

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY: N. GALLO ATTORNEY FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS ADDRESS: 1100 SOUTH HAMILTON CITY/STATE: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60612 TELEPHONE NUMBER: (312) 433-7000 ATTORNEY NO.: 33182

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LEGAL NOTICE ASSUMED NAME

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct of transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was registered by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County.

Registration Number: D18153948 on March 27, 2018. Under the Assumed Business Name of WORDSMITH COMMUNICATIONS with the business located at: 940 W Cullom Ave Chicago, IL 60613.

The true and full real name(s) and the residence address of the owner(s)/partner(s) is: Kristen Lewis Renner 940 W Cullom Ave Chicago, IL 60613.

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Fifth Third Bank, an Ohio banking corporation with its principal office in Cincinnati, Ohio, intends to apply to the Federal Reserve Board and the Ohio Division of Financial Institutions for permission to establish a branch 2086 1/2 Quest Road, Kildeer, Illinois 60047. The Federal Reserve considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the application including the record of performance of applicant banks in helping to meet local credit needs. You are invited to submit comments in writing on this application to the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, 1455 East Sixth Street, Cleveland, OH 44114. The comment period will not end before May 3, 2018. The Board's procedures for processing applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262.2. Procedures for processing protested applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. 262.25. To obtain a copy of the Federal Reserve Board's procedures, or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the application, contact Allen M. Brown, Banking Supervisor, at (216) 579-3091. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the application if they are received in writing by the Division on or before May 2, 2018.

Dated: April 18, 2018 Fifth Third Bank Cincinnati, Ohio

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BEARS MINICAMP

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Bears coach **Matt Nagy** looks and sounds like everything his recent predecessors at Halas Hall were not



DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

Before the Bears opened their minicamp practice Tuesday at the Walter Payton Center, coach Matt Nagy called reporters together along the sideline.

Grinning with excitement, Nagy asked the group for flexibility and understanding as he learns the various team rules governing player access. Nagy sounded enthusiastic enough to end the huddle by saying, "Ready, break!"

This struck quite a contrast with predecessor John Fox's approach at the exact same point in his Bears tenure three years ago when, before the first minicamp practice, Fox actually warned reporters on hand he would be vague and evasive. That was about the only promise Fox kept in going 14-34 over three painful seasons.

Turn to **Haugh, Page 7**

ON THE CLOCK

8 Days until the first round of the NFL draft. The Bears have the eighth pick overall.

POSITION PREVIEW | Edge rushers

N.C. State's Bradley Chubb is arguably the most talented player in the draft, and the Bears would love to find someone to pair up with Leonard Floyd. Is there any chance Chubb falls to No. 8? **Back Page**

Howard's role will be determined by Howard



BRAD BIGGS
On the Bears

The one person who will have the most say in how Jordan Howard fits in Matt Nagy's offense is the Bears running back.

That was established Tuesday at Halas Hall after the team wrapped up the first practice in its voluntary minicamp, the first time the new coach has had his team on the field for football activities.

Howard will be the main cog in the rushing attack in 2018 and what he does with that opportunity will go a long way toward determining the arc of his Bears career. Howard's fit in what the Bears want to do has been the subject of considerable debate — and even more innuendo, some of it baseless — and Nagy was asked if Howard will be the feature back in 2018.

Turn to **Biggs, Page 7**

BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Cardinals looking to rekindle rivalry



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the Cubs

At the general managers meetings in Florida last November, Cardinals GM John Mozeliak was asked a question about the Cubs. "Who?" he replied.

That's was a bit of Mozeliak humor, dry and understated. But at least he knew his audience.

It once was easy to mock the Cubs, a franchise so inept they made losing in sunshine into a viable marketing plan. That was the way it was for many years, until the rebuild that changed everything. Now the tables have turned, and it's the Cardinals in a supine position, looking up at the Cubs since the 2015 postseason.

They finished out of the postseason for a second straight year in 2017, finishing nine games behind the Cubs and losing 14 of 19 in the season series, including eight of nine at Wrigley Field. This was not the world they knew.

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NUCCIO DINUZZO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CARDINALS 5, CUBS 3

Rally falls short on cold night at Wrigley

Kyle Schwarber reacts after a strikeout. He also fanned with a man on in the ninth. **Page 3**

OPENING SHOT

Steve Rosenbloom
The Choice (and remember, death is not an option): Watching Dwyane Wade star in the playoffs after leaving the Bulls or watching Artemi Panarin star in the playoffs after leaving the Blackhawks? **More Rosenbloom, Page 2**



- NBA playoffs, **Page 5**
- NHL playoffs, **Page 6**

GETTING HIS SHOT

Former Northwestern basketball player and assistant coach Tavaras Hardy is the new head man at Loyola University Maryland — and he's hoping to pull off a turnaround similar to another Loyola. **Page 5**

TOP OF THE SECOND



STEVE ROSENBLUM

Good Wade finally reappears

The forecast calls for chilly temperatures and scattered snarkiness:

With the Heat about to blow every bit of a 16-point lead and fall to a 2-0 deficit in the playoffs Monday, Dwyane Wade, playing this season on a contract paying less than \$2.4 million, gave his team 28 points against the 76ers in Philadelphia.

With the Bulls about to blow every bit of a 2-0 lead against the Celtics last year, Wade, playing last season on a contract worth \$23.8 million, gave the Bulls two points. Thanks for playing our game.

Carrying a grudge against a guy who stiffed the Bulls as a free agent when he was great and then took their money when he wasn't anywhere close to that might wane someday, but today is not that day.

After Wade's game-changing performance Monday, The Undeclared tweeted, "I wonder what wine @DwyaneWade would compare himself tonight to."

To which Gabrielle Union tweeted, "2 buck chuck from Trader Joe's ... didnt cost much but gets the job done."

For those of you scoring at home, Wade's wife just hit as many shots on Twitter as Wade did in his last Bulls game.

If Blackhawks fans who remember the roar want to watch Doug Wilson's Sharks sweep Bob Murray's Ducks in the first round, then tune in to the Golf Channel. True fact. Wednesday at 9:30 p.m. And when you think about it, wouldn't David Feherty be more entertaining than Pierre McGuire?

While you were sleeping, young White Sox starter Reynaldo Lopez delivered a quality start, allowing just two runs in six innings, and then the bullpen and defense turned into a joke, giving up six runs in the seventh and eighth innings to make sure the Sox couldn't steal it. That's pretty much the ideal game for a tank season.

In Lopez's 19 innings this season, he has struck out 21, produced a strikeout-to-walk ratio of nearly 2-1, has an ERA of 1.42 and a WHIP of 1.0. The Sox have scored two runs while he was the pitcher of record. Total. Two runs total. Someone apparently has been watching the old Jose Quintana instructional DVD.

The Cubs should suggest that Quintana watch the old Quintana instructional DVD.



CHRIS SZAGOLA/AP

Dwyane Wade scored 28 points Monday as the Heat evened their series against the 76ers.

Baseball owners who refuse to cut the schedule to 140 games and start the season May 1 should have to wear those White Sox shorts uniforms each day there's a rainout.

The Cubs' back-to-back snowouts will force them to find a sixth starter, and while that likely will be Mike Montgomery or Eddie Butler, I find myself wondering where John Lackey is these days and figuring he's probably just as cranky as anybody watching the Cubs rotation last week, except in better weather.

Akiem Hicks tweet: "Alert!! Women if you have a 300lb man do don't i repeat do not touch the damn AC, we can break out in a sweat at any moment... including 3am."

(h/t I'm Fat Podcast.)

For what it's worth, the I'm Fat Podcast, the tasty product of WSCR-AM 670 producers Jay Zawaski and Rick Camp, should line up girthsome former White Sox pitcher Terry Forster as a guest to relive the time when David Letterman called him a "fat tub of goo" and then Forster came on Letterman's show eating a sandwich and later uttered the wonderful mantra: "A waist is a terrible thing to mind."

What's up, Mick Kelleher?

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ASK THE REPORTER K.C. JOHNSON



Let's assume Deandre Ayton, Luka Doncic, Marvin Bagley, Jaren Jackson and Michael Porter are off the

board when the Bulls are on the clock. Do the Bulls bet on Mo Bamba? Or do they go with the safe pick in Mikal Bridges, who ticks all the boxes John Paxson said he requires in a wing? *Kurt, Chicago*

You're also assuming the Bulls draft sixth. You don't believe in lottery luck? There's going to be a lot of guessing and mock-draft-dom between now and June. This is just my initial gut feeling, but I think if the Bulls stay at 6, that's too high for Bridges. I do agree he fits what Paxson described. So maybe they try to trade down? It's way too early to speculate.

With Kris Dunn having a very inconsistent season, do you expect the Bulls to take a serious look at either Trae Young or Collin Sexton with the sixth pick? *Rick Z., Streamwood*

I'd disagree that Dunn had a very inconsistent season. Maybe injury-plagued. But there was enough of a body of work to feel confident with him as the starting point guard for the future. That said, if the Bulls love either of those players — and I'd guess they would favor Sexton over Young based on size — I don't think they're in position to be picky. You add who you think is the best talent. And that's not saying the Bulls believe that about either of those players.

What's the likelihood the Zach LaVine contract negotiations are long and drawn out? Or is there common ground already in terms of years, money? *Dan A., Los Angeles*

There's common ground in that LaVine wants to be the centerpiece of the rebuild and the Bulls traded Jimmy Butler for him to be that centerpiece. There will be some bumps. Negotiations typically feature those. But I think this deal gets done more easily than not this summer.

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CARDINALS 5, CUBS 3



NUCCIO DINUZZO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Cubs first baseman Anthony Rizzo returned Tuesday night against the rival Cardinals after missing eight games due to tightness in his lower back.

A chilly reception

Rival Cardinals, cold, loss greet Rizzo in his return to lineup

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

Anthony Rizzo's return Tuesday night was offset when Ben Zobrist had to be scratched from the Cubs lineup with his own stiff lower back against the National League Central rival Cardinals.

The Cubs' lack of lineup stability has coincided with a choppy start to the season that continued with the control issues of Tyler Chatwood, who turned in another short outing from the club's rotation.

Chatwood's seven walks overshadowed his seven strikeouts as he was pulled after throwing 97 pitches in 4²/₃ innings of the eventual 5-3 loss.

"I have to be better with my command," Chatwood said. "My stuff is always going to be there. It's a matter of commanding it."

Whether it's the raw conditions or the fact the Cubs have played only six games in the last nine days, a lack of rhythm persists in helping to prevent the team from getting off to a strong start.

"I don't think we've played our best baseball by any stretch," general manager Jed Hoyer said before the game. "That's for sure. It has been a choppy schedule, and it has made it hard to get into much of a rhythm. I think we had some games early we let get away a bit."

Hoyer took note that the Cubs' .500 record wouldn't look so pedestrian if they had not lost all three of their one-run games entering play Tuesday.

"We definitely didn't play our best early," he said. "We definitely struggled in situational hitting early. It's not the fast start we're looking for."

Inconsistency have plagued Chatwood's starts. Thirteen of his 14 walks have occurred in two of his three starts, and his lack of control haunted him when con-



Cubs starter Tyler Chatwood struck out seven and gave up just one hit but allowed two earned runs and walked seven in 4²/₃ innings Tuesday.

secutive walks to Dexter Fowler and Tommy Pham to start the fourth led to two runs.

Chatwood threw 66 pitches through the first three innings and he was pulled after his 97th resulted in a walk to Marcell Ozuna with two outs in the fifth. This marked the fifth time in six games a Cubs starter failed to pitch more than five innings.

And, if Mother Nature cooperates, the rainouts will cease and manager Joe Maddon won't be afforded the extra days off to keep his bullpen rested.

The Cubs did manage a 4-4 record while Rizzo was sidelined.

"Hopefully this is the end of it," Rizzo said of his latest back woes, adding that he would incorporate more stretching and maintenance work before starting his daily workouts.

Rizzo subtly dismissed Maddon's suggestion that he may need to curtail his early work in the batting cage.

"I have a pretty simple routine when it comes to hitting and taking grounders," Rizzo said. "So

if I do any less, I'll probably have to just stop doing it in general."

Rizzo went 0-for-3 with a walk in his return.

Zobrist's late scratch with back trouble may require close monitoring. Zobrist could do only light work as he missed nearly two weeks of games in spring training because of lower back stiffness. That occurred around the time Maddon and he agreed it would be beneficial to give Zobrist, 36, ample rest throughout the season.

But after not playing in the season opener, Zobrist reached base safely six times in the next two games and became a mainstay in the lineup because of his ability to reach base frequently and the high strikeout rates of many of his teammates.

Maddon wasn't sure of the severity of Zobrist's back ailment.

As for the Cubs' malaise ... "this team is going to come through sooner or later," Rizzo said. "It's just a matter of time."

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THE BOX SCORE

ST. LOUIS	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Fowler rf	3	2	0	0	.190
Pham cf	3	1	1	0	.223
Carpenter 2b	4	0	2	3	.185
Holland p	0	0	0	0	—
Lyons p	0	0	0	0	—
Norris p	0	0	0	0	—
Ozuna lf	4	0	0	1	.271
Martinez 1b	4	0	0	0	.339
Molina c	4	0	1	0	.286
Garcia 3b-2b	4	0	1	0	.292
DeJong ss	5	1	1	2	.242
Wainwright p	2	0	0	0	.000
a-Wong ph	0	0	0	0	.150
Leone p	0	0	0	0	—
Hicks p	0	0	0	0	—
c-Bader ph	1	1	1	0	.235
Gyorko 3b	0	0	0	0	.500
TOTALS	34	5	7	5	

CUBS	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Happ cf	4	0	0	0	.204
Morrow p	0	0	0	0	—
Bryant 3b-1b	4	0	0	0	.328
Rizzo 1b	3	0	0	0	.097
Contreras c	4	0	1	0	.286
Schwarber lf	3	1	0	0	.222
Baez 2b	4	1	3	2	.235
Russell ss	3	1	1	0	.220
Heyward rf-1b	4	0	1	1	.204
Chatwood p	1	0	0	0	.000
Cishek p	0	0	0	0	.000
b-Caratini ph	1	0	0	0	.250
Edwards p	0	0	0	0	—
Strop p	0	0	0	0	—
Duensing p	0	0	0	0	—
d-Almora ph	0	0	0	0	.276
e-La Stella ph-3b	1	0	0	0	.286
TOTALS	32	3	6	3	

ST. LOUIS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wainwright, W, 1-2	5	4	1	0	4	5	3.45
Leone, H, 2	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.14
Hicks, H, 2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Holland	0	1	2	2	2	0	11.57
Lyons, H, 5	½	1	0	0	0	0	3.14
Norris, S, 4-4	½	1	0	0	0	0	1.93
CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Chatwood, L, 0-3	4½	1	2	2	7	4	4.60
Cishek	½	2	0	0	1	2	1.00
Edwards	1	0	0	0	3	1	1.12
Strop	½	3	3	3	1	1	3.68
Duensing	½	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Morrow	1	0	0	0	1	1	0.00

a-walked for Wainwright in the 6th, b-lined out for Cishek in the 6th, c-singled for Hicks in the 8th, d-pinch hit for Duensing in the 8th, e-struck out for Almora in the 8th. **E:** Wainwright (1). **LOB:** St. Louis 12, CUBS 11. **2B:** Carpenter (3), Baez (3). **HR:** DeJong (5), off Strop; Baez (5), off Holland. **RBI:** Carpenter 3 (10), Ozuna (11), DeJong (7), Baez (2) (16), Heyward (8). **S:** Chatwood. **SO:** Fowler (2), Pham (1), Carpenter (2), Ozuna (1), Martinez (1), Molina (1), Garcia (1), DeJong (4), Wainwright (1), Happ (3), Bryant (2), Contreras (1), Schwarber (2), La Stella (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** St. Louis 6 (Pham 2, Ozuna, Martinez, Molina, Wainwright); CUBS 5 (Bryant, Schwarber 2, Russell, Heyward). **RISP:** St. Louis 3 for 14, CUBS 1 for 6. **Runners moved up:** Ozuna, Martinez.

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Duensing	½	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Morrow	1	0	0	0	1	1	0.00

Holland pitched to 3 batters in the 8th. **Inherited runners-scored:** Lyons 1-0, Norris 1-0, Cishek 2-0, Duensing 3-2. **HBP:** Wainwright 2 (Rizzo, Contreras). **Umpires:** H, Manny Gonzalez; 1B, Jeff Nelson; 2B, Laz Diaz; 3B, Andy Fletcher. **Time:** 3:33. **A:** 35,103 (41,649).

HOW THEY SCORED

CARDINALS THIRD: Fowler walked. Pham walked. Fowler to second. Carpenter doubled, scoring Fowler. Pham to third. Ozuna grounded out, scoring Pham. Martinez grounded out, Carpenter to third. Hicks grounded out. **Two runs.** **CARDINALS 2-0.** **CUBS FOURTH:** Baez flied out. Russell reached and advanced to second on Wainwright's error. Heyward singled, scoring Russell. Chatwood sacrificed. Heyward to second. Happ walked. Bryant grounded into fielder's choice. Heyward out at third. Happ to second. **One run.** **CARDINALS 2-1.** **CARDINALS EIGHTH:** Strop pitching. Molina struck out. Garcia grounded out. DeJong homered. Bader singled. Fowler walked. Bader to second. Pham singled. Bader to third. Fowler to second. Duensing pitching. Carpenter singled, scoring Bader and Fowler. Pham to third. Ozuna grounded into fielder's choice. Carpenter out at second. **Three runs.** **CARDINALS 5-1.** **CUBS EIGHTH:** Holland pitching. Schwarber walked. Baez homered, scoring Schwarber. Russell walked. Lyons pitching. Heyward popped out. Norris pitching. La Stella struck out. Happ flied out. **Two runs.** **CARDINALS 5-3.**

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WHITE SOX NOTES

Losses drain fun out of success

Abreu feels sting of defeat, error despite late homer vs. A's

BY JOHN HICKEY
Chicago Tribune

OAKLAND, Calif. — Jose Abreu poked his head into manager Rick Renteria's office in the visiting clubhouse before the White Sox's 10-2 loss to the A's on Tuesday just to talk.

Abreu had made a bad defensive play at first base Monday night in an 8-1 loss, and that combination had him down. He had homered in the ninth inning for the Sox's only run, but that didn't ease the sting.

"That tells you that you don't relent or stop fighting," Renteria said. "He said it was kind of tough to celebrate a homer like that when you're down. I told him, 'Let me tell you something. It's not necessarily the homer that you celebrate, it's the fact that you kept fighting. You celebrate that because everybody has to watch that.'"

Even so, the Sox's overall poor play — 0-for-5 with runners in scoring position and four errors on defense — made the homer, his fourth of the season, difficult for Abreu to enjoy.

"For me and for the team it wasn't a good game," Abreu said through an interpreter. "Even though I had the opportunity to hit the ball hard and hit that homer, I didn't celebrate. I didn't feel in the mood. For me, I take a lot of pride in winning and being part of the team. I'm not going to put myself ahead of the team."

"Even though the situation right now for us isn't good, we still keep trying. We are trying to figure it out and find a way to move forward as a team, as a group. And as a team, you have to be proud of that because we are not quitting. We are still fighting."

Castillo sits: Catcher Wellington Castillo wasn't in the lineup Tuesday, but Renteria said that wasn't because he had been winged on a Khris Davis swing in the first inning Monday. Castillo said he momentarily had "felt dizzy," but he remained in the game.

Renteria said Castillo could have played, but he opted for Omar Narvaez.

"We have an afternoon game (Wednesday)," the manager said. "I was debating a couple of things: Do I not catch him and have him catch tomorrow? But I thought, to be honest, to give Narvy an opportunity tonight and have Wellie catch (Carson) Fulmer tomorrow and have a day off the next day. It would give Wellie a day to recover."

"I want to do the best I can to keep both guys fresh, Wellie in particular. Yes, he took a pretty good jolt, but that had nothing to do with the lineup today."

Apparently Castillo made a good plea to remain in the game Monday night when Renteria and trainer Herm Schneider came to examine him.

"I asked him 'How many Hermies do you see?'" Renteria said. "He said one, so he was OK."

Cordell out for months: The White Sox were disheartened to learn Triple-A Charlotte outfielder Ryan Cordell figures to be out at least a couple of months after fracturing his right clavicle Monday night.

"We're wishing him well," Renteria said. "It was disappointing. We're hoping he'll recover properly, but we can't speed up the process."

The Sox picked up Cordell from the Brewers last July 26 in exchange for pitcher Anthony Swarzak.

John Hickey is a freelance reporter for the Chicago Tribune.

THE LATE SHOW

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UP NEXT

White Sox (Fulmer 0-1, 4.66) at **Athletics** (Triggs 1-0, 2.87) 2:35 p.m. Wednesday, NBCSCH

CUBS NOTES

Cold comfort: Hoyer says blame weather for walks

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

General manager Jed Hoyer isn't about to jump to conclusions about the Cubs' lack of clutch hitting and the short outings from starting pitchers that have resurfaced from last season.

Hoyer believes his starters' high walk rates, particularly those with normally good command, are attributable to the cold weather.

"We have to wait until we're playing in better (weather) conditions," Hoyer said of judging control problems. "That said, the situational hitting is a work in progress we have to work out."

Hoyer admitted the recent postponements have relieved the

stress on a bullpen that has accounted for 46 percent of the innings through the first 14 games.

Still, he knows that's not a permanent remedy.

"To be effective and stay healthy long-term, we have to get long starts," Hoyer said.

Tuesday's raw elements were not ideal, and almost as if to prove his point, starter Tyler Chatwood walked seven Cardinals in 4²/₃ innings while throwing 97 pitches.

"But we have to play games," Hoyer said. "Backing these games up and having doubleheaders doesn't help anybody."

Patch up: Willson Contreras planned to give Yadier Molina a warm greeting in their first face-

to-face meeting since Molina took exception to comments Contreras made in January about aiming to be better than the Cardinals' All-Star catcher and Buster Posey of the Giants.

"I wish I could be better than him," Contreras said.

"I know I have a long way to go. And I wish I could play at the same level. But he has 13 more years than I do, and I want to keep improving and be humble listening to my coaches and teammates. Any advice they have for me, I'll take it."

"(Molina's) going to be a Hall of Famer, and I look forward to see him getting that special ring. I still think he has a few more good years to keep playing baseball."

BASEBALL

PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

NATIONAL LEAGUE	2018 TEAM	2017 VS. OPP
TEAM PITCHER	W-L ERA REC	W-L IP ERA
STL Weaver (R)	2-0 2.08 2-1	0-1 3.0 24.00
Cubs Lester (L)	1-2 4.40 3-0	2-1 30.2 2.93
Col Freeland (L)	0-2 4.50 1-2	1-1 11.2 4.63
Pit Kuhl (R)	1-1 5.74 1-2	0-2 11.0 5.73
Cin Mahle (R)	1-2 5.63 1-2	0-0 0.0 0.00
Mil Davies (R)	0-2 6.75 0-3	1-1 19.2 3.20
Was Roark (R)	1-1 3.50 1-2	1-0 12.2 4.26
Ny Matz (L)	1-1 3.77 2-1	0-1 14.0 2.57
Phi Velasquez (R)	1-1 3.52 2-1	0-0 7.0 0.00
Atl McCarthy (R)	2-0 3.31 3-0	0-0 5.0 7.20
SF Stratton (R)	1-1 2.60 2-1	1-1 17.0 3.18
Ari Ray (L)	2-0 5.74 3-0	3-0 24.1 1.48
LA Maeda (R)	1-1 2.08 1-1	1-2 20.0 5.85
SD Ross (R)	2-1 3.50 2-1	0-0 0.0 0.00

AMERICAN LEAGUE	2018 TEAM	2017 VS. OPP
TEAM PITCHER	W-L ERA REC	W-L IP ERA
Oak Fulmer (R)	0-1 5.59 1-1	0-0 0.0 0.00
Sox Triggs (R)	1-0 2.87 2-1	0-0 0.0 0.00
Tex Hamels (L)	1-2 4.50 1-3	0-0 0.0 0.00
TB Faria (R)	0-1 8.18 0-3	0-0 0.0 0.00
Det Gausman (R)	1-1 6.60 2-1	0-0 7.0 1.29
Bal Boyd (L)	0-1 1.38 0-2	0-0 6.2 13.50
KC Kennedy (R)	1-1 1.00 1-2	0-1 5.0 3.60
Tor Happ (L)	2-1 3.94 2-1	0-1 13.1 1.35
Cle Carrasco (R)	3-0 3.48 3-0	3-0 19.2 0.92
Min Berrios (R)	2-1 2.18 2-1	1-0 7.2 1.17
Los Porcello (R)	3-0 1.83 3-0	1-1 14.1 3.77
LA Skaggs (L)	2-0 1.69 3-0	0-0 0.0 0.00
Sea Cole (R)	2-0 1.29 3-0	0-0 0.0 0.00
Hou Leake (R)	2-0 3.50 3-0	0-0 0.0 0.00

TEAM REC-Team's Record in games started by today's pitcher. VS OPP-Pitcher's record versus this opponent 2017 statistics.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

TUESDAY'S RESULTS	Cleveland at Baltimore, 6:05	Toronto at N.Y. Yankees, 6:05	Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 6:05
ST. LOUIS 5, CUBS 3	OAKLAND 10, WHITE SOX 2	TORONTO 11, KANSAS CITY 3	TORONTO 5, KANSAS CITY 4 (10)
Detroit 4, Baltimore 2	Colorado 2, Pittsburgh 0	Miami 9, N.Y. Yankees 1	Texas 7, Tampa Bay 2
Cleveland 6, Minnesota 5	Washington 5, N.Y. Mets 2	Philadelphia 5, Atlanta 1 (10)	MILWAUKEE 2, Cincinnati 0
Arizona 1, San Francisco 0	HOUSTON 4, Seattle 1	Boston 10, L.A. Angels 1	L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, late
THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE	Baltimore at Detroit, 12:10	Houston at Seattle, 2:40	Toronto at N.Y. Yankees, 5:35
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 6:05	N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, 6:35	Miami at Milwaukee, 7:10	San Francisco at Arizona, 8:40
Boston at L.A. Angels, 9:07	FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE	Houston at White Sox, 7:10	Cubs at Colorado, 7:40

NL LEADERS

BATTING	G	AB	R	H	BA
Grandal LAD	12	43	7	16	.372
Mauer MIN	13	44	7	16	.364
Martinez STL	16	55	5	20	.364
Cabrera NYM	16	54	9	19	.352
Bryant CHC	14	54	9	19	.352
Dickerson PIT	14	57	10	20	.351
Hoskins PHI	15	44	10	15	.341
DeRosa Ari	12	50	11	17	.340
Herrera Phi	14	53	9	18	.340

AL LEADERS

BATTING	G	AB	R	H	BA
Betts Bos	15	54	19	21	.389
Mauer Min	11	37	6	14	.378
Moustakas KC	15	61	10	22	.361
Lowrie Oak	18	74	9	28	.351
Judge NY	16	59	15	20	.339
Cano Sea	15	48	13	17	.333
Gregorius NY	16	51	14	16	.333
HRamirez KC	14	55	10	18	.327
Andrus Tex	14	52	7	17	.327

AMERICAN LEAGUE

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Cleveland	9	6	.600	—	7-3	W-1	6-2	3-4
Minnesota	7	5	.583	½	6-4	L-1	4-3	4-2
Detroit	5	9	.357	3½	4-6	W-1	2-5	3-4
WHITE SOX	4	10	.286	4½	2-8	L-3	1-5	3-5
Kansas City	3	12	.200	6	2-8	L-7	1-7	2-5

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Boston	14	2	.875	—	9-1	W-5	8-1	6-1
Toronto	11	5	.688	3	7-3	W-3	6-3	5-2
New York	8	8	.500	6	4-6	L-1	4-4	4-4
Baltimore	5	12	.294	9½	3-7	L-4	2-4	3-8
Tampa Bay	4	13	.235	10½	3-7	L-1	2-7	2-6

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Los Angeles	13	4	.765	—	8-2	L-1	4-3	9-1
Houston	11	7	.611	2½	5-5	W-1	6-3	5-4
Seattle	9	6	.600	3	6-4	L-1	5-3	4-3
Oakland	8	10	.444	5½	5-5	W-3	5-5	3-5
Texas	7	12	.368	7	4-6	W-1	2-8	5-4

through Tuesday

ROYALS

Boyer in different kind of relief role

The Kansas City Star
TORONTO — Royals relief pitcher Blaine Boyer is not a hero. Or so he declared Tuesday afternoon at the Rogers Centre, some 36 hours after he took the wheel of the Royals' chartered bus on a highway in Toronto and successfully steered the team to safety after a large sheet of ice cracked the bus windshield and shards of glass hit the driver. "I'm fine — we're fine," he said. "I'm not a hero. It's crazy!" An apropos word to describe the Royals' last two days. After extreme cold forced the Royals to postpone Sunday's series finale at

NATIONAL LEAGUE

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Pittsburgh	11	6	.647	—	5-5	L-2	4-4	7-2
St. Louis	10	7	.588	1	7-3	W-5	2-4	8-3
Milwaukee	9	9	.500	2½	4-6	W-1	3-6	6-3
CUBS	7	8	.467	3	5-5	L-1	2-4	5-4
Cincinnati	3	14	.176	8	1-9	L-1	1-7	2-7

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	12	4	.750	—	7-3	L-2	6-4	6-0
Philadelphia	10	6	.625	2	8-2	W-1	5-1	5-5
Atlanta	9	7	.563	3	5-5	L-1	5-3	4-4
Washington	9	9	.500	4	5-5	W-2	3-7	6-2
Miami	5	12	.294	7½	3-7	W-1	3-9	2-3

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Arizona	12	4	.750	—	7-3	W-1	6-1	6-3
Colorado	11	8	.579	2½	6-4	W-3	2-4	9-4
Los Angeles*	6	9	.400	5½	4-6	W-2	4-5	2-4
San Diego*	7	11	.389	6	5-5	L-1	4-8	3-3
San Francisco	6	10	.375	6	3-7	L-4	3-4	3-6

*late game not included

ON THIS DATE

1923: In the first game at Yankee Stadium, a record crowd of 72,400 watched Babe Ruth lead the Yankees to victory over the Red Sox with a home run.
2005: The Yankees scored one out in the second inning of a 19-8 win over Tampa Bay. The last time New York scored 13 runs in an inning was June 21, 1945, in the fifth inning of a 14-1 victory at Boston.
2007: Mark Buehrle of the White Sox faced the minimum 27 batters in a 6-0 no-hit victory over the Rangers. Buehrle walked Sammy Sosa with one out in the fifth, then promptly picked him off first base.

Rockies 2, Pirates 0

COLORADO	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
LeMahieu 2b	3	0	1	0	.297
Parra lf	3	1	0	0	.203
Blackmon cf	4	0	1	0	.309
Gonzalez rf	3	0	0	0	.122
Desmond 1b	3	1	0	0	.277
Story ss	4	0	2	0	.217
McMahon 3b	4	0	0	0	.097
Walters c	4	0	0	0	.143
Bettis p	3	0	0	0	.100
Shaw p	0	0	0	0	—
McGehee p	0	0	0	0	—
Davis p	0	0	0	0	—
TOTALS	31	2	5	2	

PITTSBURGH	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Rodriguez 2b	4	0	0	0	.143
Polanco rf	3	0	0	0	.197
Marte cf	3	0	1	0	.308
Castro 3b	4	0	0	0	.000
Dickerson lf	4	0	0	0	.328
Cervelli c	3	0	0	0	.269
Moran 3b	3	0	1	0	.298
Mercer ss	3	0	0	0	.260
Williams p	2	0	1	0	.143
Santana p	0	0	0	0	—
a-Frazier ph	1	0	0	0	.212
Rodriguez p	0	0	0	0	—
TOTALS	30	0	5	0	

Colorado	100	100	000	—2	5	0
Pittsburgh	100	000	000	—0	5 <td>0 </td>	0

a-grounded out for Santana in the 8th. **LOB:** Colorado 6. **Story (3), Mercer (5), RBIs:** Gonzalez (11), McMahon (2). **SB:** Story (4). **CS:** Story (2). **Strikeouts:** 2 (Parra, LeMahieu), Desmond (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** Colorado 1 (Cervelli), RISP: Colorado 1 for 6; Pittsburgh 0 for 3. **Runners moved up:** Dickerson, Frazer. **FIPB:** Rodriguez. **GIDP:** Williams (2), Parra (2), LeMahieu, (Desmond, Story).

COLORADO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Betts W,3-0	7½	5	0	0	2	3	1.44
Shaw, H,4	½	0	0	0	0	0	3.72
McGehee, H,5	½	0	0	0	0	0	2.16
Davis S,8-9	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.16

PITTSBURGH	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Williams L,3-1	6	4	2	2	3	4	1.93
Santana	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.00
Rodriguez	1	1	0	0	0	2	0.00

Inherited runners-scored: Shaw 1-0, McGee 1-0, Williams 1-0, Hernandez 1-0, Zimmerman 1-0. **Runners moved up:** Harper (1), Duffy (1), Garcia (2), Davis (2), Pat Hoberg; 3B, Dan Laska. **Time:** 2:31. A: 8,869 (38,362).

Blue Jays 11, Yankees 3

GAME 1	KANSAS CITY	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Jay If	4	0	1	0	0	.240
Alfonso 2b	1	0	0	0	.083	
Moustakas 3b	4	1	2	1	.339	
Duda 1b	4	2	2	1	.344	
Soler rf	4	0	2	0	.202	
Cutbert 1b	4	0	0	0	.000	
Orlando cf	4	0	0	0	.000	
Escobar ss	2	0	0	0	.149	
Goins ss	1	0	0	0	.250	
Gallagher c	2	0	0	0	.071	
TOTALS	35	3	11	2	.200	

TORONTO	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Pearce dh	3	2	2	0	.473
Grandin ph-dh	2	0	0	0	.000
Hernandez lf	5	2	2	0	.308
Smook 1b	4	1	1	1	.268
Solarte 3b	3	0	2	0	.311
Ngoepe 3b	3	0	0	0	.071
Martin c	3	0	0	0	.139
Pillar cf	4	1	1	2	.304
Diaz ss	4	1	2	0	.262
Ngoepe 2b	3	1	1	0	.098
Travis ph-2b	3	1	1	0	.098
TOTALS	36	11	13	11	.270

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CUBS

Cards want to make rivalry great again

Sullivan, from Page 1

Before the Cardinals' 5-3 win over the Cubs on a freeze-dried Tuesday night at Wrigley Field, manager Mike Matheny said he was unaware of the lopsided record in last year's season series.

"I don't keep track," he said. "I knew we didn't play well against them. We have to beat every team in our league. It's funny. All winter long, we go to our Winter Warm-Up (fan festival) and 20 percent of the people who were out there mentioned the Cubs.

"There are a whole bunch of other teams we're going to have to beat. I get it. When you play inside our division it means a lot. And inside a rivalry, especially to our fans, it means a lot. So we don't stick our heads in the sand and act like that doesn't exist. The truth of the matter is we have to win every night, no matter who we're playing.

"And we didn't play very well against them last year, and that's something we would like to fix."

You can understand why Mozeliak and Matheny would be sick of hearing about the Cubs. Generation after generation of Cardinals fans enjoyed mocking their peers in Chicago for the Cubs' predictable ways. Now the two are under the gun to bring some sanity back to the rivalry.

It's a new year, and things seemingly have changed.

Nacho Man, the Cardinals' fan Addison Russell made famous last September by spilling his nachos and then bringing him a new tray, has returned to obscurity. Dexter Fowler, two seasons removed from being a Cubs icon, no longer merits standing ovations when he comes to the plate at Wrigley.

The animosity between the two rivals, which peaked again in 2015 when manager Joe Maddon compared the Cardinals' brain trust in the dugout to Tony Soprano, seems to be at an all-time low. Once Tony La Russa complained about cold water in the visitors' showers. Before Tuesday's game, Matheny was lauding the new visitors' dugout.

"I don't have to worry about jumping up and hitting my head and forgetting my name for a couple of hours," he said. "It's really nice."

Truth be told, Matheny needs to win now, or the Cardinals may have to bring in someone else to jump up and down in the dugout. The team hasn't missed the playoffs three straight years since 1997-99, and another October-free season could be the final straw.

While Matheny took the Cards to the postseason in each of his first four seasons, and to the World Series in 2013, that's now old news. St. Louis doesn't tolerate mediocrity, and Mozeliak admitted to me at the GM meetings in November he felt more pressure from Cardinals fans.

"I definitely feel it a little more than you might normally," he said. "I always say about St. Louis, it's a Midwest city, but they demand winning."

Mozeliak immediately went to work on acquiring Marlins slugger Giancarlo Stanton, which would have made them instant contenders. Everything seemed to be in order until Stanton announced he would not accept a trade to St. Louis.

So Mozeliak went back to the drawing board, winding up with a decent consolation prize, Marcell Ozuna, who fits in quite nicely in the middle of the Cardinals lineup. And after waiting for the free-agent freeze to thaw, he picked up veteran closer Greg Holland.

Perhaps Mozeliak's most important acquisition was pitching coach Mike Maddux, who spent the last two seasons in Washington under Dusty Baker and is considered one of the best in the business. The Cardinals entered Tuesday's game with the fourth-best ERA in the National League, despite having only one stud, Carlos Martinez, in the rotation.

If Maddux can resurrect Adam Wainwright, who has posted ERAs of 4.62 and 5.11 the last two seasons, the Cardinals should be back in business. Wainwright was sharp in the 29-degree wind chill on Tuesday, allowing one unearned run in five innings and looking rejuvenated after striking out Kyle Schwarber to escape a third-inning jam.

Wainwright pumped his fist walking back to the dugout like he was pitching in the thick of a pennant race, not the middle of April.

If this rivalry is to become great again, someone has to start the fire.

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Former Cubs outfielder Dexter Fowler scores a run for the Cardinals in the second inning Tuesday night.

BASKETBALL



DANNY KARNIK/GEORGIA TECH ATHLETICS

Former Northwestern player and assistant coach Tavaras Hardy is heading up his first program as the new coach at Loyola Maryland.

COLLEGES

Awakening another Loyola

Former NU player Hardy has high hopes in Maryland

By TEDDY GREENSTEIN | Chicago Tribune

As Tavaras Hardy bounced around San Antonio during Final Four weekend, countless fans wished his team good luck. He was, after all, wearing Loyola gear.

Here's the thing, though: Hardy's Loyola wears green.

The former Northwestern player and assistant is the new head coach at Loyola University Maryland, and he is tasked with reviving the basketball program at an academically minded school located near a big downtown.

OK, so there are parallels to Porter Moser's early days.

"What Loyola of Chicago did was good for all of us," Hardy said by telephone. "It shows that you don't have to be in the Power Five to win at a high level.

"They had toughness, teamwork and energy. It's something we will try to mirror."

Loyola Maryland's location, about 25 minutes north of downtown Baltimore, reminds Hardy of Evanston. And he would know, having starred at Northwestern (he

was a third-team All-Big Ten selection as a senior) and then coaching there under Bill Carmody for seven seasons and Chris Collins for two months.

Hardy helped the Wildcats retain Drew Crawford during the coaching transition but then chose to branch out, working for John Thompson III at Georgetown and Josh Pastner at Georgia Tech.

Three strong academic schools helped prepare him for his first head coaching gig in the Patriot League, home to Carmody's current school, Holy Cross. Hardy beat out a host of impressive assistants who reportedly interviewed, including Villanova's Ashley Howard, Xavier's Luke Murray and Northwestern's Billy Donlan.

"What attracted me to the job is the model here: Jesuit values, education as a whole person," said Hardy, a Joliet native who graduated from Providence. "It's also how I like to coach the game — take a holistic approach.

"I don't want the players in bubbles. It will be a better experience for them (if they're not)."

Hardy received congratulations via text from a number of NU coaches, administrators and former players, including Collins, deputy athletic director Mike

Polisky and Evan Eschmeyer.

Funny coincidence: Northwestern beat Loyola Maryland in its 2017-18 season opener. Hardy would like to bring his team to the new Welsh-Ryan Arena but joked, "I'm not in a position to beat Chris Collins' door down to try to get a game."

The Greyhounds have had only five winning seasons and made two NCAA tournaments since 1994. Before this dream season, Loyola Chicago had not made the tournament since 1985, so anything's possible.

Hardy was a popular guy in San Antonio not only because of the "L" on his gear. He met with candidates for jobs on his staff after receiving more than 400 texts from those either inquiring or recommending someone.

When people wished Hardy's team good luck, he corrected them. Or if it was a quick interaction, he simply said thanks. After all, he's a Chicago-area guy who is friends with Moser.

"Everybody assumed I was there (pulling) for them," Hardy said of the Ramblers. "And I was."

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NBA PLAYOFFS

Raptors go up 2-0 thanks to DeRozan's 37

Associated Press

DeMar DeRozan matched his career playoff high with 37 points, Jonas Valanciunas had 19 points and 14 rebounds, and the Raptors defeated the Wizards 130-119 on Tuesday night in Toronto to take a 2-0 lead in their Eastern Conference first-round series.

It's the first time in franchise history the Raptors have won the first two games of a playoff series. Game 3 is in Washington, D.C. on Friday night.

C.J. Miles scored 18 points and Kyle Lowry added 13 points plus a playoff career-high 12 assists as the Raptors set team playoff records for points in a quarter (44), half (76) and game. Also reaching double figures were Delon Wright with 11 points and Serge Ibaka with 10.

John Wall scored 29 points to lead the Wizards. Mike Scott had 20 points and Ty Lawson 14.

Wizards guard Bradley Beal missed eight of 11 shots and finished with nine points. Beal had more fouls in the first half (three) than made baskets (two).

Celtics 120, Bucks 106: Jaylen Brown had a playoff career-high 30 points and the Celtics pulled away in the second half to earn a win over the Bucks and take a 2-0 lead in their Eastern Conference first-round series.

Game 3 is Friday night in Milwaukee. Terry Rozier added 23 points for the Celtics, who led by as many as 20 in the fourth quarter. Marcus Morris had 18 points to lead the Celtics reserves, who outscored the Bucks bench by 16.

Giannis Antetokounmpo finished with 30 points, nine rebounds and eight assists for the Bucks, and Khris Middleton added 25 points. The Bucks hurt themselves by missing 10 free throws and committing 15 turnovers, which led to 21 points for the Celtics.

George, Mitchell uncertain: Thunder forward Paul George and Jazz rookie guard Donovan Mitchell, who led their respective teams in scoring their Western Conference first-round playoff series opener, are uncertain for Game 2 on Wednesday because of injuries.

George scored 36 points in the opener and set a team playoff record with eight 3-pointers in the Thunder's 116-108 win, but he missed the last minute to get treatment for a bruised right hip.

Mitchell suffered a left foot bruise in Game 1. He had 27 points and 10 rebounds in the opener.

Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 By the __; incidentally
- 4 Fiends
- 9 Sound the horn
- 13 Talus or tibia
- 14 Dried fruit
- 15 Capital city on the Tiber River
- 16 Big coffeepots
- 17 Crushes into powder
- 19 Enjoy a winter sport
- 20 Sweetheart
- 21 Some tennis tournaments
- 22 Holdup
- 24 Boulder's state: abbr.
- 25 Fly a plane
- 27 Least risky
- 30 Common ailments
- 31 __ onto; grasps
- 33 Dog __; soldier's ID
- 35 Poet's contraction
- 36 Flightless New Zealand birds
- 37 Alpha's follower
- 38 "Ready, __, go"
- 39 __ mignon
- 40 __ dolls; little girls' cutouts

DOWN

- 1 Labor
- 2 Wipe out
- 3 Simple reply
- 4 Be against
- 5 Hog's sound
- 6 Bylaw
- 7 Be jealous of
- 8 Observe
- 9 Batter's delight
- 10 Leak out
- 11 Foreboding sign
- 12 Nickname for Teresa
- 41 Leave
- 43 Has bats in one's __; is wacko
- 44 Diving bird
- 45 Bamboo shoot muncher
- 46 Run __ of the law; do wrong
- 49 Explosion
- 51 Your, to
- 54 Rowdy
- 56 Canton's state
- 57 Path
- 58 Gallant; upright
- 59 Bouquet greenery
- 60 BPOE folks
- 61 Perspire
- 62 "You __ My Sunshine"

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- 13 Public transport
- 18 Housetops
- 20 Swats
- 23 Actor George
- 24 Womanizers
- 25 Performances
- 26 Promised
- 27 Thin cut
- 28 Onassis, to
- 29 Spud
- 31 To the __; fully
- 32 Be in the red
- 34 City in Indiana
- 36 Actor Douglas
- 37 Hairless on top
- 39 Shortcoming
- 40 __-up; confined
- 42 Stops for a bit
- 43 __ hound; long-eared dog
- 45 Abdul or Zahn
- 46 Qualified
- 47 Young horse
- 48 Pig's comment
- 49 Forehead
- 50 Part of the ear
- 52 Bring on board
- 53 Hither and
- 55 Nav. rank
- 56 "Son __ gun!"

SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
	STL 1:20 ABC-7 AM-670		@COL 7:40 WGN-9 AM-670	@COL 7:10 NBCSCH AM-670	@COL 2:10 NBCSCH AM-670		@CLE 5:10 WGN-9 AM-670
	@OAK 2:35 NBCSCH AM-720		HOU 7:10 NBCSCH AM-1000	HOU 7:10 WGN-9 AM-720	HOU 1:10 WGN-9 AM-720	SEA 7:10 NBCSCH AM-720	SEA 4:10 NBCSCH AM-720
				@NYRB 2:30 AM-1200			

WEDNESDAY ON TV/RADIO

TIME	Event	Network
12:30 p.m.	Reds at Brewers	MLBN
1:20 p.m.	Cardinals at Cubs	ABC-7, WSCR-AM 670
2:35 p.m.	White Sox at Athletics	NBCSCH, WGN-AM 720
6 p.m.	Indians vs. Twins in Puerto Rico	ESPN
6 p.m.	G2, Pacers at Cavaliers	TNT, WMVP-AM 1000
7 p.m.	G2, Jazz at Thunder	NBA TV
8:30 p.m.	G2, Timberwolves at Rockets	TNT
NHL PLAYOFFS		
6 p.m.	G4, Penguins at Flyers	NBCSN
6:30 p.m.	G4, Lightning at Devils	Golf Channel
9 p.m.	G4, Predators at Avalanche	NBCSN
9:30 p.m.	G4, Ducks at Sharks	Golf Channel

PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER

1:40 p.m. Manchester United at Bournemouth NBCSN

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

4 p.m. Wisconsin at Minnesota (2) BTN

TENNIS

3 a.m. Thu. ATP Monte Carlo Masters Tennis Channel

GOLF

FEDEX CUP STANDINGS	PK. GOLFERS	PTS	EARN
1. Justin Thomas	1,769	5,221,300	
2. Patrick Kitzire	1,329	3,177,988	
3. Bubba Watson	1,281	3,674,254	
4. Phil Mickelson	1,248	3,366,551	
5. Dustin Johnson	1,176	3,209,658	
6. Patrick Reed	1,161	3,453,052	
7. Jon Rahm	1,139	2,877,698	
8. Justin Rose	1,014	3,025,483	
9. Tony Finau	1,006	2,430,435	
10. Paul Casey	947	2,277,395	
11. Luke List	930	2,366,550	
12. Jason Day	915	2,034,258	
13. Brendan Steele	912	2,178,209	
14. Patrick Cantlay	904	2,624,060	
15. Rickie Fowler	882	2,164,942	
16. Brian Hartman	876	2,190,741	
17. Pat Perez	844	2,082,502	
18. Chez Reavie	830	2,183,059	
19. Alex Noren	806	2,150,387	
20. B. DeChambeau	800	1,934,717	
21. Gary Woodland	795		

RYDER CUP STANDINGS

United States	UK, GOLFERS	PTS
1. Patrick Reed	6,321,901	
2. Justin Thomas	6,049,773	
3. Dustin Johnson	5,038,458	
4. Jordan Spieth	4,061,793	
5. Bubba Watson	3,738,197	
6. Rickie Fowler	3,464,658	
7. Brooks Koepka	3,392,197	
8. Phil Mickelson	3,032,285	
9. Matt Kuchar	2,778,331	
10. Kevin Kisner	2,197,452	
11. Gary Woodland	1,953,808	
12. Bryson DeChambeau	1,844,305	
13. Chey Reavie	1,826,215	
14. Luke List	1,754,444	
15. Luke List		
16. Matt Kuchar	3,096,447.75	
17. Tyrrell Hatton	2,961,330.27	
18. Justin Rose		

IN BRIEF NHL

Police arrest former Blackhawk Panik

Tribune news services

Authorities said Coyotes and former Blackhawk **F Richard Panik** was arrested for trespassing for refusing to leave the entrance of a bar. Police in Scottsdale, Ariz., said Panik, 27, was arrested the night of April 8, the day after the Coyotes' season ended. Police said Panik appeared to be intoxicated during his contact with officers. He was booked into the Scottsdale City Jail and later released on a criminal citation. In a statement, Coyotes officials said they are aware of the incident and are gathering information. ■ The Flames fired coach **Glen Gulutzan**.

BOSTON MARATHON: Cancer survivor **Mary Shertenlieb** crossed the Boston Marathon finish line at 12:18 a.m. Eastern time Tuesday, about 13 hours after she started the race. The leukemia survivor was at mile 15 on Monday when she became ill. She called her husband, Boston sports-radio host **Rich Shertenlieb**, and he suggested she come home, take a hot shower, put on dry clothes, then restart the run.

COLLEGES: North Carolina State released a timeline of steps the university has taken to cooperate with investigators since the federal probe into college basketball became public last fall. In January, the school received a grand jury subpoena seeking records involving former G **Dennis Smith Jr.** Last week, a rewritten federal indictment alleged a former Adidas representative arranged \$40,000 for the parent of an athlete who committed to the school. It also alleged an unnamed Wolfpack coach was involved in delivering the money. Last week's rewritten indictment didn't specifically name the player involved, and no one tied to the school is facing criminal charges. But the grand jury subpoena sought records such as communication involving Smith's representatives — including his father — and members of the Wolfpack's former coaching staff, as well as records tied to former head coach **Mark Gottfried** and assistant **Orlando Early**. ... South Carolina's top scorer and rebounder, **Chris Silva**, has decided to enter the NBA draft. Silva said he won't hire an agent, which allows him to return to the Gamecocks for his senior year if he chooses. ... Wake Forest C **Doral Moore** said he will skip his senior season and turn pro. ... Nebraska men's basketball coach **Tim Miles** has been given a one-year contract extension through 2020-21.

SOCCER: **Thomas Mueller** scored a hat trick as Bayern Munich booked its place in the German Cup final with a 6-2 win at Bayer Leverkusen.

ALSO: Olympic gold medalist **Jordyn Wieber** is the latest gymnast to sue Michigan State University, USA Gymnastics and the U.S. Olympic Committee over former sports doctor **Larry Nassar's** sexual abuse. ... Eclipse Award-winning filly **Heavenly Prize** was elected to the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame.

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

TAMPA BAY 2, NEW JERSEY 1
April 12: Tampa Bay 5-2
April 14: Tampa Bay 5-3
Monday: NEW JERSEY 5-2
Wednesday: at New Jersey, 6:30
Saturday: at Tampa Bay, TBA
x-April 23: at New Jersey, TBA
x-April 25: at New Jersey, TBA

BOSTON 2, TORONTO 1
April 12: Boston 5-1
April 14: Boston 7-3
Monday: TORONTO 4-2
Thursday: at Toronto, 6
Saturday: at Boston, TBA
x-April 23: at Toronto, TBA
x-April 25: at Boston, TBA

COLUMBUS 2, WASHINGTON 1
April 12: Columbus 4-3 (OT)
April 15: Columbus 5-4 (OT)
Tuesday: Washington 3-2 (2OT)
Thursday: at Columbus, 6:30
x-Saturday: at Washington, TBA
x-April 23: at Columbus, TBA
x-April 25: at Washington, TBA

PITTSBURGH 2, PHILADELPHIA 1
April 11: PITTSBURGH 7-0
April 13: Philadelphia 5-1
Monday: Philadelphia 5-1
Wednesday: at Philadelphia, 6
Friday: at Pittsburgh, TBA
x-April 22: at Philadelphia, TBA
x-April 24: at Pittsburgh, TBA

AMERICAN LEAGUE

at Oakland -205 **White Sox** +185
at Tampa Bay -126 **Texas** +116
at Toronto -180 **Kansas City** +165
Baltimore -122 **Cincinnati** +139
Cleveland -127 **Minnesota** +117
at Los Angeles -128 **Boston** +118
Houston -165 **Seattle** +155

NBA
at Cleveland 8 **Indiana**
at Okla. City 3½ **Utah**
at Houston 10½ **Minnesota**

PHILADELPHIA 2 **at Miami**
at New Orleans 3 **at Portland**
Golden State off **at San Antonio**

NHL
at Toronto -140 **at Philadelphia** +130
Tampa Bay -146 **at New Jersey** +136
Nashville -165 **at Colorado** +155
at San Jose -170 **Anaheim** +158

TENNIS
ATP WORLD TOUR MONTE-CARLO ROLEX MASTERS
At The Monte-Carlo Country Club
Monaco | clay-outdoor
First Round
#1 **Stefanos Tsitsipas** d. **Ilya Ivashka**, 6-4, 7-5
Gilles Simon d. **Adrian Panarino**, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2
Marco Cecchinato d. **Damir Dzumhur**, 6-3, 6-2
Fernando Verdasco d. **Pablo Cuevas**, 5-7, 7-6 (4), 6-1
Tommy Haas d. **Benoit Paire**, 5-7, 7-6 (5), 6-4
Andreas Seppi d. **Kyle Edmund**, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2
Jan-Lennard Struff d. **Yuchi Sugita**, 6-3, 6-2
Richard Gasquet d. **Jeremy Chardy**, 6-4, 7-6 (5)
Diego Schwartzman d. **Guilio Pella**, 6-5, 6-2, 6-3
Philipp Kohlschreiber d. **Tennys Sandgren**, 6-2, 6-2

Second Round
#1 **Alexander Zverev** d. **Gilles Muller**, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2
Pierre-Hugues Herbert, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4
#5 **Dominic Thiem** d. **Andrey Rublev**, 5-7, 7-5, 7-5
#6 **David Goffin** d. **Stefanos Tsitsipas**, 7-6 (4), 7-5
Mischa Zverev d. **Lucas Pouille**, 2-6, 6-1, 7-6 (3)

WTA SCHEDULE
H-hard, RC-red clay, GC-green clay, G-grass
April 21-22: Fed Cup semifinals
April 23-29: TEB BNP Paribas Istanbul Cup, RCO
April 23-29: Porsche Grand Prix, Stuttgart, Germany, RCJ
April 30-May 5: Grand Prix de SAR La Princesse Lalla Meryem, Rabat, Morocco, RCO
May 20-26: Nuernberger Versicherungscup, Nuernberg, Germany, RCO
May 20-26: Internationaux de Strasbourg, RCO
May 27-June 10: Roland Garros, Paris, RCO

WESTERN CONFERENCE

NASHVILLE 2, COLORADO 2
April 12: Nashville 5-2
April 14: Nashville 5-4
Monday: COLORADO 5-3
Wednesday: at Colorado, 9
x-Friday: at Nashville, TBA
x-April 24: at Colorado, TBA
x-April 26: at Nashville, TBA

WINNIPEG 3, MINNESOTA 1
April 11: WINNIPEG 3-2
April 13: WINNIPEG 4-1
April 15: MINNESOTA 6-2
Tuesday: Winnipeg 2-0
Friday: at Winnipeg, TBA
x-April 22: at Minnesota, TBA
x-April 25: at Winnipeg, TBA

VEGAS 3, LOS ANGELES 0
April 11: VEGAS 1-0
April 13: VEGAS 2-1 (2OT)
April 15: Vegas 3-2
Tuesday: Vegas 1-0
SAN JOSE 3, ANAHEIM 0
April 12: SAN JOSE 3-0
April 14: at Anaheim, TBA
x-April 22: at San Jose, TBA
x-April 24: at Anaheim, TBA
(best-of-7; x-if necessary)

INDIANA 1, CLEVELAND 0
April 15: Indiana 98-80
Wednesday: at Cleveland, 6
Friday: at Indiana, 6
x-April 22: at Indiana, 7:30
x-April 25: at Cleveland, TBA
x-April 27: at Indiana, TBA
x-April 29: at Cleveland, TBA

PHILADELPHIA 1, MIAMI 1
April 14: PHILADELPHIA 130-103
April 16: Miami 113-103
Thursday: at Miami, 1:30
Saturday: at Philadelphia, TBA
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BEARS

Howard will determine how he fits in

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"Absolutely, yeah," Nagy said. "That's the beauty right now of where we're at. We're very strong at that position. To have (Tarik) Cohen there as well, you're seeing all these teams that are out there right now, they're going with multiple backs. So to sit here and say a feature back? Yeah, he's going to be the guy that lines up and gets the ball. But at the same time, we're crazy if we use one back. That's not going to happen."

The Bears reassured Howard of his standing before free agency when there were rumors a Howard trade was possible. Management called his agent, Adisa Bakari, and made it clear they planned to keep Howard. Whether that was done after the team floated the possibility of a trade is unknown and is a moot point.

If Howard was content with the team's word in early March, he put a scare into fans when photos of him in a Bears uniform disappeared from his verified Instagram account in early April.

"Wasn't nothing to it," Howard said. "Just a story people made up."

The photos were gone from the account @jh, and now plenty of action shots of him populate his social media page.

Howard dodged questions about the temporarily missing photos like he dodged would-be tacklers on some of his more exciting runs the last two seasons when he became the first back in franchise history to begin his career with consecutive 1,000-yard seasons.

Did he remove the photos?
"Don't know. Did I?" he replied.
Don't know?

"I don't know," he replied.

Was he surprised there was a firestorm of reaction from the fan base?

"Yeah, I guess so," he said. "I really wasn't expecting a reaction."

Howard sure did get a reaction. If the Bears had sought to trade him, they might not have gotten the kind of return a lot of people would have expected. That's not a knock on Howard but reality for a two-down back in a year in which the draft is strong at the position. Howard comes off the field on third down because he hasn't been a big contributor in the passing game.

He caught 23 passes for 125 yards last season and will absolutely have to improve on the paltry average of 5.4 per catch. It's worth noting he caught 23 of 32 targets after catching only 29 of 50 targets in 2016. From



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Bears coach Matt Nagy says Jordan Howard will be the team's feature back.

that standpoint, he was more productive.

The comparison everyone wants to make is to Chiefs running back Kareem Hunt because Nagy is bringing much of the playbook and philosophies from Kansas City. Hunt caught 53 passes for 455 yards as a rookie, including a 78-yard touchdown in the season opener against the Patriots. Hunt made plays in the passing game, but it's not like he's a matchup guy in the passing game like Alvin Kamara of the Saints or even Cohen.

Keep in mind Nagy knows his personnel is different than what he had in Kansas City. Howard was candid and so was Nagy.

"I feel like I can fit in pretty much (any) offense," Howard said. "Yeah, I have had struggles receiving, but anytime people doubt me, they just push me to do better and improve. That is definitely one thing I want to improve on."

"Every running back has their own strengths and weaknesses," Nagy said. "There are some that are better as pass receivers. There are some that are better inside, tight zones and mid zones and outside zones. Jordan has his own way of running. Anything that he does that's a weakness, we're going to try to focus on that and try to get it better. Just because he struggles in one area, we're going to get him better. To sit there and say he doesn't fit this offense I don't think is very fair."

If Nagy can't find a good way to make use of a back who averaged 4.6 yards per carry through his first two seasons and tied for the NFL lead with 12 100-yard games, he's not the offensive mind the Bears figure him to be. Howard's footwork and cutback ability suit him better to the inside zone running game the Chiefs used a good deal.

It's a big year for Howard, a fifth-round pick who will be eligible for a new contract after this season. His future is in his control, and if he gets a better handle on the passing game, he can help himself out.

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Nagy proves breath of fresh air to media, players — soon, fans

Haugh, from Page 1

The Nagy era promises to be more transparent, vibrant and full of hope based on the way the Bears coach, who turns 40 next week, conducted day one. The styles of Nagy and Fox don't compare as much as they contrast and, clearly, the only thing they have in common is that they both parked in the head coach's spot at 1920 Football Drive.

Nagy, for example, described the three-by-five-inch notecards he uses to stay organized vividly enough to include the Bears logo in the center. He happily revealed rules that require players to tuck their shirts in and keep their helmets off the ground. Defensive tackle Akiem Hicks used the word obsessive to describe Nagy's attention to detail.

"I wouldn't say OCD — yet," Hicks kidded. "But very detailed."

Not to mention very open. Nagy again acknowledged turning the entire defense over to veteran coordinator Vic Fangio by telling him: "Take these guys and do your thing." He strongly but respectfully disagreed with a popular offseason narrative that running back Jordan Howard was a bad fit for his offense, calling it "unfair." He showed no defensiveness explaining the organization's illogical position on former wide receiver Cameron Meredith, who was allowed to sign an offer sheet with the Saints without compensation. He never hesitated explaining why he used the team's indoor facility on a chilly spring day, causing some of us to conclude Chicago's springtime weather is so bad you have to go to football practice to warm up.

"I wanted every little variable out of the equation," said Nagy, who admitted he would have practiced outside if it was the regular season. "I was upfront. I said, 'This is a little different. We want you guys to focus on nothing but your job.'"

What a difference to have a Bears coach who grasps that part of his job involves speaking to fans through the media. Realize, however, that the Bears did more than hire Mr. Congeniality in Nagy; they improved their football IQ with a coach who understands moving pockets, misdirection and offensive diversity. They weren't looking to replace Fox with somebody who had the opposite personality. They were trying to catch up with a league that rapidly has passed the organization during the last four seasons of 10 or more losses.

"The goal for today's practice was to exit the session with confidence," Nagy said during a thorough, thoughtful 17-minute session after practice.

"I can see I'm connecting with them, and they're connecting with me."

— Bears coach Matt Nagy

Suffice to say Chicago has every reason to feel confident about Coach *NEH-gee*.

Words mean nothing without actions and Nagy obviously needs to win to be popular but, boy, what a breath of fresh air at Halas Hall. Fox was combative and never respected the way perception shaped his reality. Marc Trestman was too eccentric to be effective in front of players. Lovie Smith offered more substance than style — a guy who had to leave to be fully appreciated but never enjoyed the public aspect of the job. In the same chair now sits Nagy, smart and sincere, full of energy and without a hint of insecurity detected so far during his football honeymoon.

"I want them to know that we want to win now," Nagy said.

Outside Nagy's office every morning, he looks at the construction project going on at the facility and likens that to the task at hand for the Bears. A fan of analogies, Nagy shared that one with this team — "Building from the bottom up," he said — frankly wasn't as sharp as it was long. But Trubisky's grasp of Nagy's offense made a good impression, and nobody on the field matters more.

"I just told him how amazed I was how he got through this first day," Nagy said.

The days will get longer. The job will get harder. But Nagy relishes both realities with an authenticity that immediately stood out as he ran his first NFL practice as a head coach.

"That was fun," Nagy said when it was over.

Yes, this could be.

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Bears coach Matt Nagy was "amazed" at how well quarterback Mitch Trubisky handled the first day of minicamp.

BEARS NOTES

A good 1st impression

Nagy gives high marks to Trubisky, offense on opening day of minicamp

BY COLLEEN KANE
Chicago Tribune

Matt Nagy pulled Mitch Trubisky aside for a few moments after their first practice together as Bears coach and quarterback inside the Walter Payton Center on Tuesday.

The Bears opened their three-day veteran minicamp with endless details to iron out as Nagy installs his new offense, but he said his feeling after Day 1 was overwhelmingly positive.

"I told (Trubisky) how amazed I was at how he got through this first day," Nagy said. "He was impressive."

"I don't want to put too much on him, but he needs to understand that was pretty good what just happened. Not just Mitch, but the rest of the offense. And I'm talking about the offense because we've never been together."

Nagy said he has tried to present Trubisky with enough information to see what he can and can't handle. Fellow quarterbacks Chase Daniel and Tyler Bray and tight end Trey Burton, who are familiar with the offense's terminology from playing in similar systems, can help Trubisky assimilate.

"Mitch is a very smart kid," Nagy said. "He's intelligent, very driven, motivated. A lot of the things we talk about (wanting) as a team, he has. For him to be our quarterback and to have those traits, it's hard to not smile."

Help wanted: Nagy knows he could use more talent and depth in his receiving corps, a need that became heightened after Cameron Meredith's exit last week.

Meredith departed for New Orleans after the Bears chose not to match the Saints' offer sheet for the restricted-free-agent receiver. Meredith led the Bears in catches (66) and receiving yards (888) in 2016 but missed all of last season after tearing the anterior cruciate and medial collateral ligaments in his left knee.

The Bears' medical evaluation of Meredith's knee was the primary deterrent in the decision not to keep him around. The Saints, though, opted to give Meredith a two-year deal worth up to \$9.6 million with \$5.4 million guaranteed.

Nagy and general manager Ryan Pace met with Meredith to inform him of that decision last week and, according to Nagy, the separation was amicable.

"Those are the tough decisions in this business," he said. "We sat down and explained to him that, 'Hey, man, things happen for a reason. This is the direction we're going to go, (but) you have a good opportunity with another great team. Take this and use it as a positive. There are no hard feelings in any of this.'"

Nagy was asked directly about his assessment of the Bears' depth at receiver and diplomatically made it clear that there's a "help-wanted" ad posted and the Bears will get their next big opportunity to address that need next week through the draft.

Robinson report: Nagy said new wide receiver Allen Robinson is

focused right now on the "mental, mental, mental" aspect of his job as he sits out drills while recovering from a torn ACL in his left knee.

"When I talk about installing plays and watching guys' eyes, seeing what they're doing as far as taking notes, he's at the forefront of that," Nagy said.

Nagy said he has no doubt Robinson will push himself each day to be ready by the time the season opens.

"Our training staff did a hell of a job looking into him and understanding where he's at," Nagy said. "We feel good about that. I'd hate to put pressure that (he has) to be ready or else because I know he'll be ready."

Odds and ends: Nagy said inside linebacker Danny Trevathan was absent from practice Tuesday for a personal reason and added it is nothing that concerns the team. ... The Bears are looking to convert defensive lineman Rashaad Coward to an offensive lineman. ... Five players were brought in for tryouts, including a wide receiver and defensive end who are both named Nick Williams. Cornerback Tharold Simon, wide receiver Marlon Brown and outside linebacker Ryan De-laire also tried out. ... Cornerback Bryce Callahan has signed his restricted free-agent tender to return to the Bears.

Chicago Tribune's Dan Wiederer contributed.

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DRAFT PREVIEW EDGE RUSHERS

Bears will need some assistance for Floyd

BY COLLEEN KANE | Chicago Tribune

As the NFL draft nears, we're taking a 10-day position-by-position look at what's out there and what the Bears need. Here's our assessment of edge rushers.



Bears status

Leonard Floyd returns as the Bears' top edge rusher after recording 4 1/2 sacks in 10 games last season. Floyd is recovering from right knee surgery after damaging his medial collateral and posterior cruciate ligaments in a November game against the Lions, but general manager Ryan Pace said Floyd's rehab "couldn't be going better" and that he should be ready for the offseason program. The Bears parted with Willie Young and Pernell McPhee in February, but they re-signed Sam Acho to a two-year deal that guarantees him \$3 million. The Bears took a chance that defensive coordinator Vic Fangio can help reignite Aaron Lynch, who is on a one-year, prove-it contract after his production fell off in his last two seasons with the 49ers. Isaiah Irving and Howard Jones return as depth.

Level of draft need



High: With the departures of Young and McPhee, the Bears almost certainly will be in search of another good edge rusher to pair with Floyd.

Top prospect



Bradley Chubb
N.C. State, 6-4, 269 pounds

Worth a look: ESPN analyst Mel Kiper Jr. has said Chubb is arguably the top player in the draft. "Great attitude, great approach," Kiper said. "He's not the elite talent Myles Garrett is, but he's more consistent." Chubb had 25 sacks and 54 1/2 tackles for a loss in three seasons as a starter at N.C. State. He possesses a standout mix of size, explosiveness, athleticism, good use of his hands and an impressive repertoire of pass-rush moves.

Stay away: Most draft boards have Chubb being selected before the Bears pick at No. 8. Some argue Chubb shows more consistency than awe-inducing plays, especially when he's being compared with Garrett, but that's nitpicking.

Intriguing options



Marcus Davenport
Texas-San Antonio, 6-6, 264 pounds

Worth a look: NFL Network analyst Bucky Brooks believes Davenport has the ability to develop into "a freak off the edge." Davenport had 8 1/2 sacks, 17 1/2 tackles for a loss and three forced fumbles in 2017. **Stay away:** He's still raw, and there are some questions about how he'll perform against elite-level competition. Some analysts say he needs to develop more pass-rush moves and better instincts and be quicker off the ball.



Arden Key
LSU, 6-6, 238 pounds

Worth a look: He had 12 sacks, 14 1/2 tackles for a loss and three forced fumbles as a sophomore in 2016 before numerous issues hindered him in 2017. He has length and flexibility to get around blockers, which helps give him potential as an elite pass rusher.

Stay away: The red flags from Key's final season at LSU make him a riskier pick than others. He missed last spring for personal reasons, had offseason shoulder surgery and didn't return in great playing shape.



Harold Landry
Boston College, 6-3, 252 pounds

Worth a look: Landry was among the nation's leaders with 16 1/2 sacks, 22 tackles for a loss and seven forced fumbles as a junior in 2016. He has great burst and displays exceptional bend.

Stay away: His playmaking dwindled in 2017 due in part to an ankle injury, and he finished with just five sacks.

Sleeper



Shaquem Griffin
Central Florida, 6-1, 227 pounds

Worth a look: Griffin is one of the best stories in the draft. Despite having his left hand amputated as a child, he rose to have two big years at UCF, where he totaled 18 1/2 sacks and 33 1/2 tackles for a loss. A late invitee to the combine, he ran a 4.38-second 40-yard dash and did 20 reps of 225 pounds on the bench press with a prosthetic hand. He played safety and linebacker in college.

Stay away: NFL teams will have questions about Griffin's physical limitations and his exact fit on a defense given he would be very undersized as a pass rusher.

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Red Sox players Joe Kelly, left, and Mitch Moreland tangle with the Yankees' Tyler Austin during a brawl last Wednesday that had its origins in a hard slide into second by Austin.

Out at the old brawl game

Baseball scuffles may be on the rise, but they're not new

BY BOB HERZOG
Newsday

NEW YORK — Last week's Yankees-Red Sox brawl at Fenway Park that cleared both dugouts and bullpens was just the latest act in one of baseball's longest-running plays.

As Billy Joel sang in his 1989 smash hit, "We didn't start the fire. It was always burning since the world's been turning."

Hard-sliding baserunners from Ty Cobb to Chase Utley and hard-throwing pitchers from Walter Johnson to Roger Clemens have always been part of baseball. Last Wednesday's brawl came after a pitch from Red Sox reliever Joe Kelly hit Yankees DH Tyler Austin, who four innings earlier had made a controversial slide — one reminiscent of Hall of Famer Cobb — into Red Sox shortstop Brock Holt.

"The basepaths belonged to me, the runner," Cobb once said. "I always went into a bag full speed, feet-first. I had sharp spikes on my shoes — if the baseman stood where he had no business to be and got hurt, that was his fault."

The Yankees-Red Sox brawl was viewed over and over on TV and websites, and baseball suddenly seemed a lot more interesting to casual fans.

Hall of Fame pitcher Pedro Martinez, who was involved in many Yankees-Red Sox skirmishes, fired off a series of #YankeesvsRedSox tweets, including: "Sliding with the cleats up is a no-no in baseball. That means fight fight fight!"

Chipper Jones, recently elected to the Hall of Fame after a 19-year career with the Braves, echoed the sentiment in a tweet of his own: "U slide in with ur spikes up and catch a piece, ur gonna get thrown at young fella. That's how baseball works. It polices itself, whether people like it or not. That will never change. Love the spirit in both squads though."

In another tweet, Martinez said, "The only thing I would have done different than Joe Kelly is I would've hit Tyler Austin at his previous at-bat. Other than that, Kelly executed perfectly."



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Red Sox pitcher Bill Lee's throwing shoulder was hurt when he was body-slammed to the ground during a 1976 brawl.

Major League Baseball has invoked sliding rules to protect players from injury, although some believe the rules go too far.

"We're babying the game way too much nowadays," Martinez tweeted.

"I wouldn't mind a brawl if it started at second base," former Mets manager Bobby Valentine said. "As a fan, I don't mind boys being boys. If the guy slides into second and you don't like it and want to whack him, c'est la vie."

"But I'm not a proponent of pitchers' retaliation. When the first guy threw a ball at a hitter, if everyone stood up and told him it was stupid, we wouldn't have that situation. Eventually, some lawyer is going to get a hold of this and get some pitcher for premeditated manslaughter."

No charges, but Kelly drew a six-game suspension for drilling Austin, who was suspended five games for charging the mound and fighting. The bad blood may leave a stain.

"I don't think it's good for baseball because people can get hurt," former Yankees player and manager Lou Piniella said from his Florida home. "These players are making a lot of money and these teams have a lot of money invested in these players. From a financial standpoint, brawls aren't good for the game at all."

"But from the fans' standpoint, to see some excitement on the field and see that the teams are competing at their maximum to win, that's probably a win-win for them."

Piniella, 74, has experienced firsthand the fire of the Yankees-Red Sox rivalry.

He triggered a memorable brawl between the two teams on May 20, 1976, when he and Red Sox catcher Carlton Fisk tangled after Piniella tried to dislodge the ball from Fisk's glove on a tag play at home plate. Neither Piniella's slide nor Fisk's tag to the head was especially gentle.

In an all-out melee on the field involving players from both dugouts, Yankees third baseman Graig Nettles threw Red Sox pitcher Bill Lee hard to the ground, damaging his left (throwing) shoulder permanently. Lee never threw as hard again.

"I was involved in some of them, so I'm guilty of these things too," Piniella said. "Do as I say, not as I did, OK?"

His nickname, "Sweet Lou," belied Piniella's feisty persona as a player and manager.

"When I was with the Yankees, we got into some serious confrontations on the field with the Red Sox," he said. "There were people (who) got hurt — Bill Lee, to mention one, when Nettles

picked him up and body-slammed him to the ground. So there are consequences from these things."

Piniella, who was involved in a couple of bench-clearing incidents against the Yankees when he managed the Mariners, said he understands the genesis of most brawls.

"You have to protect your own players and that's what usually happens in those circumstances," Piniella said. "Somebody gets thrown at (or) slid into very hard, and all of a sudden the other team retaliates. But the problem is injuries occur, and people get fined and suspended. The fines are OK. Suspensions aren't, though, because that hurts the teams."

"Don't take matters into your own hands. You've got to let the baseball executives handle it — that's what Joe Torre (MLB's chief baseball officer) gets paid for. I don't condone the fights on the field. I can see why they happen, but you've got to let cooler heads prevail."

Torre, who issued the suspensions to Kelly and Austin, acknowledged that the game has changed regarding brushbacks.

"I got knocked down in every city my first week in the big leagues (in 1961)," Torre, 77, said in a recent interview. "Those pitchers certainly didn't have a chance to dislike me yet, but

they threw at my head to see if I could get out of the way and where I'd stand in the box the next time. Even though guys had control, if you were too comfortable against them they'd do something about it."

But rarely did those knock-down pitches result in drag-out brawls.

"Even when you were competitive, you didn't see the anger you sometimes see now," Torre noted. "Today, unfortunately, every time somebody hits someone it's looked on as (being) on purpose, that somebody had a plan in mind."

Torre experienced major bench-clearing incidents as Yankees manager against the Red Sox and Mets. He brought that perspective to Los Angeles.

"I was managing the Dodgers in '08 and we were playing the Red Sox in spring training," Torre said. "We hit Manny (Ramirez) and I sort of exhaled when nothing happened. I said, 'Boy, that's a relief!'"

"Nobody was accusing us of anything; it was just a hit batsman. There's no question it's different now."

Jim Kaat, a contemporary of Torre's who pitched for 25 years in the major leagues, said rule changes regarding inside pitches and sliding into bases have made today's players "much more sensitive."

"When they get a pitch

up and in, they react to it because they're not accustomed to seeing it," Kaat, 79, said from his Florida home. "Baseball has taken that pitch away from pitchers and I don't think enough attention has been paid to that."

The former Yankees broadcaster, who now does work for the MLB Network, believes today's sluggers have become fearless.

"It's really affected the swings and home runs," Kaat said. "If a pitcher does come inside, he gets warned and you'll see a hitter over-react. If a pitch is above the shoulders, that's reason to get alarmed."

"Pitchers should be able to command their pitches better than that, but the problem today, especially late in games, is you have these hard-throwing relievers who don't have much command. With all due respect to Joe Kelly, he's got an electric arm, but by his own admission he doesn't have great command. So if he starts thinking about knocking a hitter down, boy, that's dangerous. He might miss by a foot, and if you're a hitter you've got to react to that."

Kaat said he did not see the Yankees-Red Sox game, so he didn't know if Austin's slide was dangerous. But he said that in his era, "Players (such as) Frank Robinson, Don Baylor and my old (Twins) teammate Bob Allison were going to barrel into you at second base, and the other team knew that. They didn't slide dirty, but they slid hard. If someone slid dirty, the guys on the other team knew it and they handled it themselves."

"I don't think there were that many brawls because, in general, the players weren't as sensitive and we did a better job of policing it ourselves and protecting our teammates."

So while Kelly's pitch to Austin was a show of solidarity for the slide into Holt, the nuances of today's rules and the infrequency of so-called "purpose pitches" led to a full-scale fracas that, according to Valentine, showed the sport in an unfavorable light.

"When the pitcher gets involved throwing at hitters to retaliate, it gets way out of hand," Valentine, 67, said. "It's the worst face we could possibly show for baseball and the worst thing we can have our children think is proper."

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Former college QB and former Ravens and Browns scout Daniel Jeremiah, left, talks with co-host Rhett Lewis during a taping of "Path to the Draft" at the NFL Network studios.

Draft a growth industry

New generation of gurus bring analysis to media outlets, internet

BY RICK MAESE
Washington Post

LOS ANGELES — Ten men gathered in the war room to run through NFL draft scenarios, what-ifs and trade possibilities. The conversation soon turned to the subject of Johnny Manziel, the former first-round bust who is attempting an NFL comeback, and the seasoned scouts and draft enthusiasts around the table wondered how he compared with Baker Mayfield and the other top quarterbacks in this year's draft class.

"Johnny Manziel was a better football player to me than Mayfield," someone said.

"They're totally different," offered another. "I think Mayfield's better in the pocket. Johnny's more athletic."

"This is getting way in the weeds," Daniel Jeremiah piped in, "but to me Manziel is in the developmental category, which puts him with Josh Allen. Whereas Mayfield is less of a developmental guy. He can play in a normal structure."

This draft discussion happens every day, but it takes place away from any NFL team's headquarters. It is show prep that includes Jeremiah, a former college quarterback turned former NFL scout turned current TV draft analyst, and an NFL Network crew that churns through draft-related topics for an hour every weeknight on a show called "Path to the Draft," plus an additional hour every Tuesday on another program called "Mock Draft Live."

The network's lively war room amounts to just a small window into the all-consuming, round-the-clock, unending frenzy that the NFL draft has exploded into.

Jeremiah, 40, is part of a new generation of analysts in what was essentially a one-man media monopoly until relatively recently. ESPN's Mel Kiper Jr. endured years of mockery for his interest in a niche event that's essentially a series of roster transactions. Today it's second to only the NFL playoffs on the football calendar in terms of fan interest and media coverage.

The draft is spread over three days and will be held in a football stadium in front of 30,000 fans. Its opening night will be broadcast live on three major networks this year — with Fox joining ESPN and NFL Network —

and will be preceded by hundreds of hours of TV updates and a nonstop stream of Twitter analysis, YouTube clips and speculation from a growing class of self-appointed experts armed primarily with an internet connection and varying degrees of football smarts. It's a cottage industry that suddenly features a handful of skyscrapers and no shortage of folks trying to get into the neighborhood.

"All the sarcasm and the ridicule and the negativity about the draft and about who covers it back in the day ... you don't hear any of that anymore," Kiper said. "That's kind of satisfying. Nobody is getting criticized anymore. There's none of the commentary that's negative about, 'Why do people do this? Who would care about that? They're wasting their time doing this,' and all that garbage."

Barely a decade ago, the draft was presided over primarily by three knowledgeable kingpins: Kiper and Todd McShay from ESPN and the NFL Network's Mike Mayock.

There are now dozens of podcasts, websites and social media accounts dedicated to the draft, several others dedicated to aggregating them, and several more focused on critiquing them. In addition to mainstream media and traditional football outlets, fans can type in seemingly interchangeable words and come up with a mock draft, among them: NFLDraftScout.com, DraftSite.com, MyNFLDraft.com, DraftBlaster.com, NFLDraftExpress.com, DraftKing.com, NFLMocks.com. You get the idea.

There is even a website, WalterFootball.com, that houses a database of more than 300 mock drafts from a variety of gurus, experts and bar stool general managers. For the most part, the authors aren't former players or scouts.

"It's not just seasonal, like it used to be," said Phil Savage, a longtime NFL personnel executive who is now the executive director of the Senior Bowl. "Mel Kiper blazed the trail and you've seen a lot of people follow. I would say there's certain media members you're going to listen to a bit more — that you can trust — and Daniel is right near the top of that."

Savage is the one who gave Jeremiah his first scouting job 16 years ago.

Back then, scouts had to travel around and lay eyes on a prospect. They carried cases of Betamax tapes, then DVDs and later external hard drives. Nowadays, information is accessible to anyone with an internet connection. Virtually every player has highlights available on YouTube, their vital measurements and football stats all readily available.

"I know it can frustrate some people — 'Oh, these people don't know what they're talking about.' But I think it's great," Jeremiah said. "The more interest there is in this event, the better it is for all of us."

Jeremiah starts most days early, leaving his home in Murrieta, Calif., by 4 a.m. to beat traffic. He records podcasts and writes for NFL.com, but the draft-specific television programming offers his biggest platform, and his entire year builds to the few weeks in March and April when draft interest peaks.

On a recent morning, after the war-room production meeting and a quick bite, Jeremiah walked into the smaller of the network's two studios to rehearse and pre-record a couple of segments.

"Deej, what'd you do for lunch?" a cameraman asked.

"Little turkey sandwich," Jeremiah explained. "I give it a C-minus."

He can't help himself. Jeremiah assigns grades to everything. It's what he learned at his first scouting job with the Ravens.

Jeremiah played quarterback in college, first at Northeastern Louisiana and then Appalachian State. He knew early on that the NFL draft wasn't in the cards for him as a player, but he was invited to work for ESPN as a production assistant on draft coverage while he was still in college. Jeremiah's father is the nationally renowned pastor David Jeremiah, who'd befriended ESPN reporter Chris Mortensen.

"I answered his phone calls," Jeremiah recalled, "all the GMs calling him while he was on the air. I was enamored."

After college, ESPN kept Jeremiah around as a low-level crew member for its "Sunday Night Football" telecasts. In the press box at one game, he found himself chatting with a scout for the Ravens. A seed was planted, and before long Jeremiah was talking to Savage, the team's former personnel executive.

"It never even crossed my mind before that," he said.

Jeremiah scouted for the Ravens for four years, rising

quickly up the ranks before moving on to the Browns, with whom Savage had taken a job as general manager. After a 10-6 season in 2007, the Browns finished 4-12 in 2008 and the whole staff was shown the door.

"Honestly, the way it was all sort of setting up after the 2007 season, I felt like he was on a really fast track," Savage said. "If I hadn't have gotten released at end of that year and we had a bit more time, I think Daniel would've easily been a GM candidate over these last few years."

Jeremiah was still paid by the Browns for another 18 months, so he didn't need to race to another NFL team. After consulting Mortensen, he jumped on social media, writing "Twitter scout" in his bio. He was ready to finally scratch that media itch.

In the lead-up to the 2010 NFL draft, Jeremiah found himself opposite Skip Bayless on the set of "First Take" on ESPN's Bristol, Conn., campus. The first topic the two were asked to debate: Should the Rams take Sam Bradford or Tim Tebow with the first overall pick?

"He was all-in on Tebow," Jeremiah recalled with a chuckle. "I said it makes sense if they want to take Tebow — he'd do a nice job blocking for Steven Jackson."

With an NFL lockout looming, ESPN, which had been using Jeremiah for some remote on-air hits to discuss draft prospects, didn't have a job to offer him. So Jeremiah went back into scouting, hired in 2010 by Howie Roseman, the Eagles' general manager. The job already felt different than when he started eight years earlier.

"My favorite part of scouting was watching players," he said. "But the whole profession has drifted away from that."

He estimates that when he broke into the NFL, 70 percent of the job involved evaluating talent and 30 percent was doing background research on players.

"It's totally flipped," he says. "Scouts spend so much time working as some sort of private investigator. ... I think scouts have been marginalized to a great degree. They're information-gatherers now."

He figured that jumping back to media likely meant abandoning any hopes of running an NFL franchise. But he also knew a career analyzing prospects on television could be lucrative, might offer a better work-life balance and would enable him to share his opin-

ions with a wider audience — not just a handful of team executives.

"For a long time, I was kind of thinking about getting in the league," said ESPN's McShay, 41, once a walk-on quarterback at the University of Richmond. "My friends in the league were like, 'Don't be crazy, man. You got a great gig. I was gone for 120 of the last 150 days, I haven't seen my wife in two months, she's mad at me, I never see my kids.'"

After two seasons with the Eagles, Jeremiah says he passed on an offer from ESPN and joined the league's media arm, which had identified the draft as a major growth area. That was nearly six years ago, and as NFL.com and the NFL Network have ramped up their draft coverage, Jeremiah has seen his role increase. This year will mark the second straight draft for Jeremiah on the network's main desk for the opening night, which puts him in the spotlight for one of the league's marquee events.

Jeremiah has a clean-cut look, hair sculpted for the camera and not a hint of stubble. On a recent day, he wore a gray suit with a vest but no tie. He tends to move briskly across NFL Network's campus, his schedule usually packed with TV, his "Move the Sticks" podcast, meetings or outside media interviews.

The job of talking about draft prospects on television leaves few work hours for actually studying them, which is why Jeremiah's player evaluation is done almost entirely in the evenings or on weekends in front of a computer or tablet, accessing the same video NFL teams use. His goal was to finish 380 players by early April.

As an NFL scout, he was largely responsible for a region of the country and had to cast his net over everyone, including guys who might be free-agent options.

"You're watching more bad players than good players," he said. "With this job, I'm focusing just on the guys who are draftable."

He can often tell quickly whether a player is a real prospect, and he values the same qualities today as he did in his former life. For quarterbacks, he likes accuracy more than arm strength, he wants his interior offensive linemen to serve as an anchor more than he needs them to be athletic, and linebackers must be strong both against the run and in pass cov-

erage.

Jeremiah attends a handful of regular-season college games and a half-dozen bowl games each year. Then he'll make the rounds to the NFL scouting combine and postseason all-star games. That includes the Senior Bowl, which can be a socializing job fair of sorts, but Jeremiah makes a point of grabbing Chik-fil-A each night and retiring to his room to watch practice footage.

"I don't drink, don't smoke, I'm happily married. There's nothing for me. I'm there to see football players," he says.

While all this information will be churned into bite-sized nuggets after each selection in the draft, it's also essential for the weeks of pre-draft content, especially his prospect rankings and his mock drafts — the scorecards that are treated like gold by networks and like junk food for draft enthusiasts, and offer a projection of which players will go to which teams on draft night.

"Mock drafts are the big thing for everybody else. It's not the big thing for me," Jeremiah said. "My big thing is my top-50 list. How I rank my players is what I put the most pride into. That's the job of any scout. I will defend my top-50 list. I won't put a lot of energy into defending my mock draft. The mock draft is based on what I'm hearing. The top-50 list is based on what I'm seeing."

As an NFL scout, if he missed on a player, only a handful of colleagues knew. While a bad draft projection might not carry the same consequences now that he's a TV analyst, his work is open for public scrutiny.

"You can't hide. I've been in plenty of rooms where we've been way off on players," he says, "but nobody ever knew."

"That transparency holds you accountable to the masses," explains Bucky Brooks, Jeremiah's colleague at NFL Network.

Brooks served as a scout for the Seahawks and Panthers after his five-year NFL playing career, and he expects to see others follow the path from scouting jobs to media outlets.

"The vehicle is there now," he said. "The appetite is there for knowing what the scout sees."

Jeremiah has no regrets about making the leap. After this year's draft, he plans to take a couple of weeks off in May before diving back into tape. It'll be time to turn his focus to the 2019 class. After all, talking about the NFL draft is a year-round job.



LIZ LAUREN PHOTOS

Kirsten Fitzgerald, from left, Ryan Kitley, Caroline Neff, Krystal Ortiz and Matt Farabee in the world premiere of "Lettie," written by Boo Killebrew and directed by Chay Yew.

IN PERFORMANCE 'Lettie' ★★★ 1/2

A MOTHER'S LOST YEARS

Ex-con tries to reconnect with family in powerful drama of heartbreak and hope

BY CHRIS JONES | Chicago Tribune

Playwright Boo Killebrew's "Lettie" begins with a woman staring at her half-sister, who just got out of jail.

"This wasn't supposed to happen for two or three years," the woman says, annoyed at the situation and thus stunning a relative who, in this moment, needs all the help she can get.

Lettie, reeling from the transition back into real life, can barely even muster a reply. "Getting out early," she says, her verbal energy dissipating as she talks, as if she were a leaky balloon, "is not a bad thing."

Unless, maybe, you are the one who took care of the kids. Unless, maybe, you are one of those teenage kids, with recollections of your drug-loving mother's terrible parenting and her broken promises. So the little scene that starts the play is an indicator of a story that will be told from all sides.

Quite beautifully, as it turns out. "Lettie," wherein Caroline Neff gives one of the most moving performances of what already has been a formidable career on Chicago stages, is a play at the Victory Gardens Theater about trying to pick up the pieces, to make reparations, to rebuild trust. And, above all, about learning to be present.

There are many dramas, of course, that involve watching the reconstitu-

When: Through May 6

Where: Victory Gardens Theater, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave.

Running time: 1 hour, 40 minutes

Tickets: \$15-\$56 at 773-871-3000 or www.victorygardens.org

tion of a family fractured before the play begins. We generally go to the theater for hope, not to be told we are no good, and it is nice to leave believing that, whatever the mistakes, love will eventually mean reconciliation.

But the best of these plays, and this is one, tell that story with the awareness that being away from children means those children will have changed when



Charin Alvarez, left, and Neff play former inmates in "Lettie."

you return — and, in this case, will have grown up a great deal. To be incarcerated means that you lose time that never can be returned to you. And there are moments in "Lettie" with so much awareness of this truth that they will likely move you greatly. Absence,

after all, does not have to mean you were in prison. It can just be a consequence of a choice — career, relationship issues, whatever — that you made at a point in your life, maybe for good

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ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Singer-songwriter Patricia Barber plays the Green Mill on Monday.

Barber adds sparkle to Mondays at Green Mill



HOWARD REICH
My Kind of Jazz

It's easy to take for granted the musical treasures in our midst for decades on end.

But drop in on a long-running engagement, as I did Monday evening, and you're reminded of how a seemingly ordinary appearance can achieve extraordinary artistic results.

Chicagoan Patricia Barber has been performing weekly at the Green Mill Jazz Club since the early 1990s, but much has changed during that vast span of time. Most important, Barber long ago began evolving from a fine entertainer into a first-rate pianist, uncommonly subtle vocalist and composer of exquisitely

polished art songs embracing jazz and classical traditions.

So the audience that Barber has built through the years comes to her performances with somewhat different expectations than one usually encounters in prominent jazz rooms. The energy and rambunctious spirit that defines the Green Mill on weekends gives way to a hushed, intensely focused ambience, almost as if listeners were attending a lieder recital in a highbrow concert hall (albeit with rather more swing and between-song patter than you'd encounter there).

Once Barber sat down at the piano to lead her trio, even the casual listener had to be struck by the stillness that came over a room that otherwise buzzes with the sounds and sights of revelers out on the town. Gone were the nonstop conversations,

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Pulitzer for 'DAMN.' affirms Grammys still out of touch

High honor recognizes profound virtuosity in Kendrick Lamar's work



GREG KOT

The Pulitzer Prize committee gets it. The Grammy Awards don't.

Kendrick Lamar's 2017 album, "DAMN.," was snubbed by the Recording Academy for the album of the year Grammy a few months ago. But on Monday, the Pulitzer Prize for musical composition went to Lamar.

The honor made Lamar the first nonclassical or jazz performer to win the prize, which was established in 1917 and honors work in 21 categories, including journalism and literature as well as music. The Pulitzer's praised "DAMN." as "a virtuosic song collection unified by its vernacular authenticity and rhythmic dynamism that offers affecting vignettes capturing the complexity of modern African-American life."

Any way you say it, "DAMN." is a groundbreaking work that bridges hip-hop and popular music with a mix of high-art complexity and pop accessibility. It's not just an album that rose to No. 1 on the pop charts, but was acclaimed for its artistic ambition and thematic integrity.

Yet "DAMN." lost out in Janu-



TIMOTHY A. CLARY/GETTY-AFP

Kendrick Lamar got a rap album Grammy but not one for best album.

ary at the Grammys to Bruno Mars' "24K Magic" for album of the year. The Grammys remain out of touch with the music they purport to honor, and the paucity of rap albums accorded its highest honor is among its most glaring omissions (the only hip-

hop artists to win for album of the year in the Grammys' 60-year history have been Lauryn Hill and OutKast).

Lamar's work has set the bar for musical accomplishment for

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JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION

Carey said she'd dine with dead stars: report

In opening up last week to a national magazine about how she has bipolar disorder, Mariah Carey, above, seemed to downplay the extent to which this mental illness, perhaps coupled with alleged substance abuse issues, has spun her life out of control. The Blast is reporting one incident in particular: A night in 2016 when the 48-year-old singer apparently had a psychotic break and believed that Prince, Michael Jackson and Whitney Houston were coming to her home for a dinner party. That night, Carey's estranged husband Nick Cannon called the singer's former manager Stella Bulchnikov in a panic, The Blast said, citing sources close to the situation. Cannon in turn had received a call from the star's nanny, saying she found Carey "wearing a ball gown and a tiara" and sporting a Ring Pop she claimed was given to her "from the royal family." Carey asked the nanny to prepare her two young children for dinner with Prince, Jackson and Houston — who were all dead at the time, The Blast said. Even on the way to the hospital, Carey reportedly was out of control and tried to jump out of a moving vehicle, sources told The Blast. Doctors at the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center suggested to Carey's team that she be placed on an involuntary psychiatric hold, but The Blast reported that her high-powered friends wanted to keep her breakdown as private as possible.

— Martha Ross, East Bay Times



CHRIS PIZZELLO/INVISION

Jordan Peele or Obama?

Don't believe everything you see and hear in an internet video. That's the message from Jordan Peele, above, and BuzzFeed, who teamed up for a public-service video announcement that puts Peele's words into the mouth of former President Barack Obama. The 72-second segment begins as what appears to be a message from Obama. Halfway through, it is revealed to be Peele delivering his Obama impression as a voice-over to a digitally manipulated video. "We're entering an era in which our enemies can make it look like anyone is saying anything at any point in time, even if they would never say those things," Peele-as-Obama says. As a courtesy, prior to releasing the video, BuzzFeed shared it with aides who work with Obama.

Cosby update: The jury at Bill Cosby's sexual assault trial can hear his decade-old testimony about giving quaaludes to women before sex, a judge ruled Tuesday, handing the prosecution a key victory in its effort to portray the comedian as a serial predator. Judge Steven O'Neill said prosecutors can have the "Cosby Show" star's deposition testimony read into the record. Cosby, 80, is on trial on charges he drugged and molested former Temple University basketball administrator Andrea Constand at his suburban Philadelphia mansion in 2004.

April 18 birthdays: Actor James Woods is 71. Actor Rick Moranis is 65. Actor Eric Roberts is 62. Talk-show host Conan O'Brien is 55. Actress America Ferrera is 34. Actress Alia Shawkat is 29.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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'Sister' worries about girl's media use

Dear Amy: I am a 30-year-old woman with no children. I am mentoring a 12-year-old girl through the Big Sisters program. "Sandie" is a great, strong-willed kid, but has been through the wringer, with a history of sexual abuse, her dad in prison for most of her life, serious poverty and her mom giving up custody (just to name a few).

This doesn't faze me; my question is regarding the kind of media she consumes. She has never had any supervision at all and has always had unlimited access to a smartphone and the internet.

As a result, her favorite music is the most intense kinds of "gangsta rap," with shocking and horrible language. She loves horror and R-rated movies and her idols are all incredibly trashy reality/YouTube teens with prison records.

I am a total bookworm square and was raised in white upper-middle-class suburbia, so this was definitely new territory for me.

I know this kind of stuff can't be healthy for a little kid to be taking in, and my question is how I should handle it when she (regularly) pulls up her favorite videos or songs to show me. I have to keep myself from cringing. I want to be a good role model, and I do not want her to feel like I am judging her or putting down her favorite stuff.

Should I gently say ... anything? Should I just keep my mouth shut and nod neutrally?

— No Kid Experience

Dear No Experience: Your mentor at the Big Sisters program might have recommendations for

how to handle this. My view is that you should approach this the way parents the world over are forced to tackle media use — through paying attention and gentle inquiry, and by exposing this adolescent to more positive messages.

When "Sandie" shows you something, you can ask her, "What do you like about this?" "What is it about?" Encourage her to interpret some of what she is consuming, instead of just letting it wash over her. You can also share your own reaction: "When I hear this, it sounds like they are putting down girls. I worry that this language is not good for kids to hear, because it is violent and negative."

You should also encourage her to express herself through writing slam poetry, rap, or whatever medium speaks to her.

Fortunately, there are more positive media messages for kids to consume. (The reboot of "One Day at a Time" (Netflix) presents a great, funny, family positive atmosphere, where characters regularly talk about racism and class differences.)

Most important, you two should do things together that don't involve media use. Sharing experiences will give you other things to talk about. Volunteering together at a Habitat for Humanity build or at your local Head Start program will widen her world and encourage her to develop her own strengths to help others.

Dear Amy: My daughter has been living with her boyfriend for five years. She has a very good-paying job, and is supporting this

boy, who has not worked at all since he moved in with her. He says that he cannot find a job. My daughter has bought her own home (and put his name on it, too).

He does not do any housework, yardwork, or anything. She does it all when she gets home from work. He plays computer games all day long.

I want to tell her that she should get him motivated, because I cannot keep quiet about this. It is driving me crazy. She is such a beautiful, hard-working and ambitious girl. I know that she can do better. What should I say to her?

— Losing Patience

Dear Losing: Stay out of it. Don't trash your daughter's partner. You have no role in motivating him. If she approaches you and wants to talk about this, encourage her to see in herself what you see in her — a lovely, smart and successful woman who deserves the very best in life. She will have to get the rest of the way on her own.

Dear Amy: The question from "Anxious Mother" made my head hurt. We faced the same situation with a teen son who was disrespectful and rude to us, who had a girlfriend we didn't like. We decided not to compromise our own standards, and told him he needed to move out. Their relationship lasted about a year, and we are still close.

— Survived

Dear Survived: Many parents seem to relate.

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'The Cher Show' hits Chicago in June

By MORGAN GREENE
Chicago Tribune

Stephanie J. Block, Teal Wicks and Micaela Diamond will star in "The Cher Show" in Chicago, producers Flody Suarez and Jeffrey Seller announced Tuesday.

Block, previously self-announced as one of three actors playing the Oscar, Grammy and Emmy Award-winning diva, will be joined by Wicks ("Wicked") and Diamond (making her Broadway debut) in the role of Cher.

The complete cast of the pre-Broadway premiere production of "The Cher Show" also will include Jarrod Spector as Sonny Bono, Michael Berresse as Bob Mackie, Michael Campayno as Rob Camilletti, Matthew Hydzik as Gregg Allman and Emily Skinner

as Georgia Holt. Also featured in the production will be Marija Abney, Carleigh Bettiol, Tauren Everett, Michael Fatica, Ashley Blair Fitzgerald, Michael Gracetta, Blaine Alden Krauss, Sam Lips, Allie Meixner, Tiana Okoye, Amy Quanbeck, Angel Reda, Dee Roscioli, Michael Tacconi, Tory Trowbridge, Christopher Vo, Alena Watters, Charlie Williams and Ryan Worsing.

It was also announced that video designer Darrel Maloney ("American Idol") has joined the creative team, which includes Mackie, Cher's longtime collaborator, as costume designer.

"The Cher Show," based on the life of the pop phenomenon and featuring a book by Rick Elice, direction by Jason Moore, chor-



BROADWAY IN CHICAGO

Stephanie J. Block will star in "The Cher Show."

eography by Christopher Gattelli and orchestrations, arrangements and musical supervision by Daryl Waters, plays June 12-July 15 at the Oriental Theatre, 24 W. Randolph St.

After Chicago, the show heads to New York; it begins previews Nov. 1 and opens Dec. 3 on Broadway at the Neil Simon Theatre.

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TELEVISION REVIEW

New 'Lost in Space' needs to find some better writing

By MAUREEN RYAN
Variety

A better title for "Lost in Space" would be "Mired in Mediocrity."

Updating the 1960s series for the Netflix age was a good idea, but the execution is lacking in this new chronicle of the Robinson family's spacefaring adventures. Once the drama gets past its first three episodes — which take too long to lay out a very simple series of premises — much of the action plays out, inevitably, in a forest outside Vancouver. Lots of sci-fi shows have similarly familiar and utilitarian settings, and far less money than this 10-episode drama, so they focus on creating meaty, surprising relationships and supplying vivid adventures.

"Lost in Space" not only has trouble doing those kinds of things on a consistent basis, it also doesn't successfully dabble in the light comedy of the original. Those behind this version of "Lost in Space" seem to think that a genre show aimed at families must be as anodyne and blandly aspirational as possible. By contrast, "Doctor Who," which debuted not long before the original "Lost in Space," has run for more than five decades by assuming that its audience will settle for nothing less than brisk plotting, heart-breaking moral dilemmas, and very scary scenarios and complex characters.

"Lost in Space," on the other hand, has trouble building interest in its characters or their challenges, in part because many members of the Robinson family are predictable, annoying or both. Set 30 years in the future, the Robinsons join a group of colonizers heading for new homes far from Earth, but things go awry very



NETFLIX

Molly Parker plays Maureen Robinson in "Lost in Space"

'Lost in Space'

Friday, Netflix

early in the pilot, and everyone is forced to improvise on a planet the settlers never expected to land on.

Molly Parker brings her usual verve, skill and charisma to the role of matriarch Maureen Robinson, and Parker Posey does what she can with the show's underwritten and one-dimensional Dr. Smith. Many other key performances on the show are either underwhelming or poorly served with treacly, contrived dialogue.

The array of characters begins to expand beyond the Robinson clan fairly early on, but, like the sneaky Dr. Smith, Don West (Ignacio Serricchio) starts out as a relatively irritating presence and doesn't progress much from there. Attempts to delve into problems in the marriage between Maureen and John Robinson (Toby Stephens) sputter, given that John is a standard issue TV father.

After five episodes of frequently slack pacing, meandering character development and derivative adventures, the only truly intriguing character

around is the Robot, who, unlike a number of other "Lost in Space" characters, rarely does anything dumb. He also isn't saddled with any painful exposition; his only line is the iconic, "Danger, Will Robinson!"

Viewers are often subjected to characters making rash or stupid decisions, mainly because the plot requires them to do so. This undercuts one of the show's core ideas, which is that the Robinsons, whatever their personal flaws, are all brave, savvy and intelligent.

Many sci-fi series, including various incarnations of "Star Trek," have had rocky first seasons. But the space programs that eventually earned their places in the TV pantheon offered something compelling early on — wit, winning romances, thoughtful moral dilemmas, visual daring, etc.

Perhaps by the end of their first season, the Robinsons and their fellow survivors will have built lives, homes and relationships worth latching onto. But with so many TV classics available for streaming, it's easy to wonder how many viewers will stick around to see what fates await the explorers at the end of 10 installments.

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JOHN VON RHEIN
Heard & Scene

Countertenors, males of the species who sing in the range of a female alto, continue to be the growth industry in classical music.

The global boom in early music performance and the proliferation of that repertory on recordings makes them a hot commodity harking back to the castrato singers of 17th and 18th century Europe, such as the celebrated Italian countertenor Farinelli, who were the rock stars of their day.

A new generation of gifted young countertenors is vying for attention in the classical sphere, and few seem better positioned to carve out a solo career comparable to what older colleagues such as David Daniels, Andreas Scholl and Bejun Mehta have achieved than Jakub Jozef Orlinski.

Already touted as the next countertenor sensation, the Warsaw, Poland-born singer, 27, is making it big in European early music circles, collaborating with some leading lights of period performance, including conductors Harry Bicket and Paul Agnew. Last month he took part in a critically praised concert performance of Handel's opera "Rinaldo" at Carnegie Hall, with Bicket leading the English Concert.

But Orlinski, who will make his Chicago debut this weekend in a program of baroque sacred vocal works, accompanied by the Music of the Baroque orchestra under Agnew's direction, has even more going for him besides an uncommonly beautiful voice and acute musical and dramatic instincts.

Thanks to his model good looks and acrobatic skills as — yes — a champion breakdancer, he also takes part, on occasion, in advertising campaigns for Levi's, Nike, Samsung and Mercedes-Benz.

Clever stage directors even manage to incorporate his breakdance routines into their opera productions. Orlinski had one of his power moves, the windmill, included in a staging of Francesco Cavalli's "Erismena" that delighted audiences last year at the Chateau de Versailles in France. (He's due to repeat his vocal and athletic tour de force when the production travels to St. Denis, France, in June.) You can catch several of his literally head-spinning routines in video clips posted on YouTube.

The singer's legion of followers on Facebook and Instagram know him only as a member of the Polish breakdancing/hip-hop collective Skill Fanatikz Crew, while early music devotees know him as a stylish interpreter of Handel, Vivaldi and Pergolesi. He quite naturally would like the two camps to meet in the middle, and he's using social media to expedite the process.

"I enjoy having direct connections over the internet with people all over the world who are interested in my lifestyle and what it looks like," the singer said in a recent phone interview. "I come across a lot of people who never have listened to baroque music, and it's exciting when they message me to say they are going to a concert because they saw me breakdancing on YouTube."

He believes that posting videos



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Jakub Jozef Orlinski, 27, already is being hailed as the next countertenor sensation. He performs in Skokie on Sunday and Chicago on Monday.

of himself backflipping as a warmup exercise before going out on stage can only help pull young people into classical music who are put off by the ritualized formality that convinces many of them that such music is not for them.

In recent years Orlinski has traveled around Europe to compete in breakdance competitions but found that the tensing of muscles required in breakdance moves is the exact opposite of the relaxation of muscles needed for singing opera or concerts.

"A lot of people do not realize it, but singing is very, very physical," he said. "Warming up before a performance is about waking up the breathing system. I had to spend quite a few years during my studies at the Juilliard School developing an awareness of muscle groups used in singing, particularly the diaphragm and stomach muscles. That's been extremely helpful for my career."

Also helpful has been the encouragement of influential colleagues such as Agnew, the Scottish tenor-turned-conductor who, since 2013, has served with William Christie as joint music director of the period ensemble Les Arts Florissants. They met at Juilliard, where Orlinski asked Agnew to coach him in Handel's music, and hit it off immediately, according to Agnew.

"It was such a pleasure to work with a young artist of such talent and who was open to different ideas," the conductor wrote in an email. "He is an enormously personable singer and someone who wears his talent lightly. We have various plans to work together again in the future, and I look forward to them with much anticipation and pleasure."

What impresses Bicket the most about Orlinski is the singer's natural ease as a performer.

"The voice was still a work in progress when I first heard Jakub at Juilliard," he said via email, "but he walked into the room with an unassuming confidence and charmed us all. Audiences love him, and he is a perfect colleague."

Orlinski began developing his love of early music and his interest in breakdancing around the same time. Without any early training in music, but inspired by the recordings he heard of the male vocal consort King's Singers, he began singing as a boy alto and soprano with an amateur choir in Warsaw. "I was already singing as a countertenor after my voice changed," he said.

Before the fall of communist rule in Poland, standards of operatic performance were pretty abysmal, he recalled, which is why young Jakub hated opera. "I assumed opera was only about divas — in the negative sense of the word — and that it meant three hours of sitting in a theater, listening to somebody screaming," he said with a laugh.

It wasn't until he enrolled in vocal studies at the music university in Warsaw that he discovered the joys of solo singing. Suddenly a whole new world opened for him, and he knew what he wanted to do with his life.

Orlinski worked jobs as a breakdancer and model to finance his early musical education back home. He found himself competing with music students far more advanced than him. "I did a lot of my studying at night," he said. "During the days I was doing breakdance shows and commercials for car and clothing companies, to have enough money to live on. Those first couple of years really were an incredible journey."

Orlinski describes himself as having been "a very active kid, jumping, running around, climbing trees" — exactly the kind of person who would want to take up breakdancing once he entered high school. When a friend invited him to take a free breakdance class, he literally leaped at the chance.

"I found that breakdancing combines freedom, creativity and the physical. There's no such thing as a wrong move; you can do it in totally different ways and it's still correct." The fact that breakdancing is impossible without music to drive it sealed the

deal. "My life is driven by music. Whenever I am sad, I listen to music, and it helps my mood. So does breakdancing. It keeps me mentally healthy."

Now that he is armed with a graduate degree from Juilliard and has a raft of concert and operatic appearances on his calendar, Orlinski has earned his place in a countertenor fraternity of rising young stars that includes Iestyn Davies, Anthony Roth Constanto, Franco Fagioli, Max Emanuel Cencic and the French countertenor Philippe Jaroussky, whose singing, Orlinski said, inspired him to take up singing professionally. The men are close friends.

"We countertenors usually are not jealous of one another," Orlinski said. "The problem is other people. They are constantly comparing you. Some people think I want to be like Philippe Jaroussky, and I don't. I just want to be myself."

Orlinski's efforts to create a distinct artistic profile amid a crowded field of star male altos got a major shot in the arm with his recent signing of an exclusive recording contract with Warner Erato.

The company had proposed introducing him with a recital disc of Handel arias, but he proposed a more unusual calling card — a program of virtuoso sacred vocal works, most of them world premiere recordings, by little-known 17th- and 18th-century composers such as Jan Dismas Zelenka, Johann David Heinichen and Johann Adolf Hasse. The album, with the European period ensemble Il Pomo d'Oro, is due out this fall. "I feel like it's my child," Orlinski said.

So what does attract him to baroque music, and what are the satisfactions he derives from singing it?

"It speaks to me and it touches me," said Orlinski, who resides in New York and Warsaw. "When I perform the baroque repertory, it's such a journey of different emotions. So many pieces from that period tug at me in a very emotional way. When I can make

people feel at least a little bit of the joy I experience when I am singing, that makes me incredibly happy."

Countertenor Jakub Jozef Orlinski will join conductor Paul Agnew, soprano Sherezade Parthaki and the Music of the Baroque orchestra in sacred works by Vivaldi, Handel and Pergolesi at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, and 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance, 205 E. Randolph St.; \$25-\$78; 312-551-1414, www.baroque.org

New music conference at NU

The Bienen School of Music and its Institute for New Music will host the third biennial Northwestern University New Music Conference from Friday through Sunday on the Evanston campus. The performances, lectures, master classes and panel discussions are open to the public, and most are free.

The conference will open at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Pick-Staiger Concert Hall with works by George Benjamin, Thomas Ades and David Lang, performed by the Bienen Contemporary/Early Vocal Ensemble, Northwestern Chorale and University Symphony Orchestra, under Donald Nally.

Other events include a free recital by flutist Claire Chase at 10 p.m. Friday in Galvin Recital Hall; the Contemporary Music Ensemble performing works by featured guest composers, 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Galvin; the JACK Quartet, 5 p.m. Sunday in the Regenstein Master Class Room; and a closing concert of works submitted by participants, along with music by Erin Gee, Brian Fernyhough and Amy Williams, 7 p.m. Sunday in Galvin.

For more information, call 847-491-5441 or go to www.concertsatbienen.org.

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Obstacles abound in mother's return to real world

Lettie, from Page 1

reason. But if you're not there, young people move on without you, lacking any other choice. You can't stop time. And in the best scene of "Lettie," Neff shows us how it feels when a mother realizes the lost years are not coming back.

In this play, which is set in Chicago, those children, played by Matt Farabee and Krystal Ortiz, are being brought up by Christian stepparents, played by Kirsten Fitzgerald and Ryan Kitley, without resorting to easy stereotype. Such characters often get short shrift in the theater, but not here. They're treated fairly. Killebrew is not afraid to make clear that without them, the kids would be all out of love.

But that does not mean the play's heart is not with Lettie,

whose quotidian struggles form the bulk of the action, and whose fellow ex-inmate Minny (Charin Alvarez) is there to offer wise counsel. It's a play with great compassion for the challenges of re-entry, not the least of which involves trying to get to a place that does not really want you and having to take several buses to get there.

Killebrew's writing is also wise when it comes to the dangers of having a temper. At times, you're right there with Neff's Lettie, banging on doors out of frustration, trying to make her family understand that she couldn't escape her own self. At other times, you're half-ready to jump up on stage and try to help her reconnect with her son, who Farabee ensures is less than forgiving and, on occasion, seems incapable of kindness. Except he's

just a teenager. Too much time has passed for trust. You ache for Lettie.

Chay Yew directs this world premiere with a warmth and generosity that matches the humanism and balance of the script. I have only one caveat to what is otherwise sincere admiration for a show with a design by Andrew Boyce that really matches the humanistic compassion of the whole: Killebrew has yet to write, to really write, the one scene that matters most, the one right before the reconciliation you always hope is coming, the one that really explains how everyone gets to this place, maybe by judging a little less and loving a little more.

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Caroline Neff and Matt Farabee play a mother and son in "Lettie."

Horror trope spoof from 3Peat

Improv group focuses on blacks camping in Comedy Central video

By NINA METZ
Chicago Tribune

A group of friends, all black, run through the woods one night and barricade themselves inside an empty house. “We’re being chased by a psycho killer!” one of them says. “I told y’all, black people have no business camping,” another says. “This is black karma!”

Skewering both horror movie tropes and racial stereotypes, “The Blackening” is a one-off video collaboration from Comedy Central and the Chicago-based improv group 3Peat and it is hilarious, both silly and smart and nothing short of a calling card for the collective talents herein.

Available on YouTube and directed by Chioke Nassor (a former writer on “Late Night with Seth Meyers”), the video’s premise asks: “The black cast member is always the first to die in a horror movie, but what happens when everyone is black?” What transpires next is a cascade of protestations:

“I am very white, I watch ‘Gilmore Girls’ every day!” And: “I’m so white, I let my dog kiss me on the mouth.”

The members of 3Peat play themselves: Lisa Beasley, Allison Blair, Shantira Jackson, Torian Miller, Nnamdi Ngwe, Dewayne Perkins, Patrick Rowland and John Thibodeaux. (There are nine members in total; “Saturday Night Live” cast member Chris Redd is also member of 3Peat but was unavailable for the video.)

“The Blackening” was an idea sparked by Perkins “because there’s this ongoing joke about



Lisa Beasley, left, Dewayne Perkins and Allison Blair, of the Chicago-based improv group 3Peat, in “The Blackening.”

how black people don’t like camping,” Jackson said in a phone interview, along with Beasley and Ngwe. “And he was like, ‘Hey, I want to turn this into something,’ and he brought the framework to the group and then we all added a part of ourselves to it — those characters are very rooted in who we are and those jokes (reference) our own personalities.”

Beasley added: “I actually do watch ‘The Gilmore Girls’ every day and right now I’m literally wearing a shirt that says ‘I drink coffee like a Gilmore.’ So we used our own lives to heighten the situation.”

Despite the video’s success, over the weekend she tweeted out: “Told my daughter ‘Mommy’s video got over 2 million views on Facebook. Wanna see it?’ and she said, ‘I wanna watch

llama llama on your phone.”

The group used to perform weekly at iO Theater but has paused that for the time being. They are currently performing in other cities including Atlanta, Dallas and Boston. “We’ll be back doing in Chicago this summer,” Ngwe said.

3Peat is a seriously talented group; I’ve seen them perform live and they are among the best. They’d like to get TV opportunities as 3Peat, but it’s the rare ensemble that’s been able to do that. You can count the exceptions on your hand: Broken Lizard (which formed at Colgate University and has a new “Super Troopers” movie coming out), the Upright Citizens Brigade (which includes Amy Poehler and had a cult-hit TV series on Comedy Central before launching the UCB Thea-

tre) and The Katydids (the Chicago-formed group that now stars on TV Land’s “Teachers”).

Improv and sketch still remains predominantly white and male, which is why 3Peat as a group feels especially vital. “Just the numbers, there’s more white dudes,” Jackson said. “Those are also the ones who can afford it. If you talk about classes — if you want to take a sketch class, it’s \$300. Whereas if you want to do standup, why not just get a pad (of paper) and do it for free? So economically the people who can afford it are usually affluent white people.”

Both Beasley and Jackson are Second City alums; Thibodeaux is a writer for “The Late Show With Stephen Colbert.”

At the moment, Comedy Central is not developing a TV show

with the group — but the video is an argument that the network should be.

As Robin Thede, a former Chicago performer herself and host of BET’s “The Rundown with Robin Thede” said on Twitter: “Why just one sketch when they could have their own show?!”

In other news, Comedy Central will begin shooting the workplace comedy series “South Side” in town this summer from Diallo Riddle (who can currently be seen on NBC’s “Rise”) along with Chicago natives (and brothers) Bashir and Sultan Salahuddin. Both Riddle and Bashir previously worked as writers for “Late Night With Jimmy Fallon.” All three writers will also have on-camera roles.

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Barber’s trio commands attention

Reich, from Page 1

ubiquitous selfies and generally high-decibel bonhomie. Instead, on this night virtually everyone’s attention seemed trained on Barber and her colleagues, bassist Patrick Mulcahy and drummer Jon Deitemyer, who enjoyed the hard-earned privilege of crafting sound amid relative silence.

If the wordless vocals with which Barber opened Cole Porter’s “Easy to Love” suggested she was finding her bearings regarding pitch, it didn’t take more than a few bars before she was reminding listeners of the distinctiveness of her vocals. The liquidity of her lines, delicacy of her expression and otherworldly quality of her tone pointed to a singer who has honed a profoundly autobiographical sound. By the time she reached the recap of the tune, she was fuller of voice, offering the legato phrases, breathy low notes, long-held whispers and dramatic pauses that conjure an air of intimacy.

That Barber began the night’s singing with music of Porter made perfect sense, and not only because she addressed the songwriter’s work head-on in her 2008 album “The Cole Porter Mix.” For the hyperliterate character and gentle melodic currents of Porter’s works long have been a leading influence on Barber’s songwriting, as she underscored with “Pygmalion,” from her “Mythologies” album of 2006. Inspired by Ovid’s “Metamorphoses,” Barber’s “Mythologies” offered tautly compressed character sketches of various mythological figures.

The sheer verbal economy with which Barber evoked an artist’s decidedly unrequited love for a cold-stone statue in “Pygmalion” stands as something of a marvel. For if she had done nothing more than recite these words, listeners would have been hearing poetry of fierce imagery with nary a syllable to spare.

But to hear these sentences in an austere and mysterious jazz setting was to understand why Barber has developed such a devoted following: The cerebral quality of her words and atmospheric nature of her music credit her audience with the intelligence to understand her message and the patience to allow it to unfold without haste.

As if to give listeners a chance to exhale amid all this intensity, Barber and the trio launched into a muscular, instrumental account of Juan Tizol and Duke Ellington’s “Caravan.” The glistening quality of Barber’s right-hand runs and the use of repeated notes to convey rhythmic and harmonic tension illuminated the increasing communicative power of her pianism. Meanwhile, the alacrity with which she and her colleagues switched from fortissimo to pianissimo in



Pianist Patricia Barber has been playing a weekly gig at the Green Mill for more than two decades.



Barber sheds the footwear during Monday’s show.

a moment’s notice said a great deal about how acutely these musicians listen to each other.

And no one could miss those mighty double octaves Barber thundered at the lowest reaches of the keyboard.

“I find that with lower notes, I can bury anyone on stage,” Barber quipped to the audience before hammering a couple more low-register blasts.

“It feels good!” That cathartic release set the stage for more introspective original songs to come.

In “Red Shift,” from her “Smash” album of 2013, Barber somehow drew upon a litany of scientific and astronomical terms to capture the fading light of a romance. “Pallid Angel,” a work-in-progress, emerged as one of Barber’s most ethereal songs, its words and musical phrases reaching for the mystical.

The set’s artistic climax came with “Muse,” from a still-evolving Barber song cycle on the

nature of singers and singing. Barber unveiled the song in 2016 at the Harris Theater during the Ear Taxi Festival, and it was intriguing to encounter then. Heard again in the close quarters of the Green Mill, where every vocal nuance mattered, the piece conveyed added meaning and emotional content. Its contemplation of the relationship between the divine and the mortal, between muse and musician, represents a high point in Barber’s songwriting.

In both music and word, Barber invited listeners into a realm of imagination more often found in novels and cinema than in contemporary songwriting. It takes a brave soul to attempt this in a jazz club, and an unrepentant audience to follow her there.

Both were present on this evening.

Patricia Barber performs at 9 p.m. Mondays at the Green Mill Jazz Club, 4802 N. Broadway; \$8; 773-878-5552 or www.greenmilljazz.com

milljazz.com.

Of special interest

Jeremy Pelt. Nimble of technique and charismatic in delivery, the trumpeter leads a quintet at 8 and 10 p.m. Thursday through Saturday; 4, 8 and 10 p.m. Sunday; at the Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Court; \$20-\$40; 312-360-0234 or www.jazzshowcase.com.

Joe Lovano and John Scofield. Inventive saxophonist Lovano and powerhouse guitarist Scofield front a quartet. 8 p.m. Friday at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie; \$39.50 to \$59.50; 847-673-6300 or www.northshorecenter.org.

Sheila Jordan. The irrepressibly creative singer and NEA Jazz Master revisits her breakthrough album of the early 1960s, “Portrait of Sheila”; 9 p.m. Friday and 8 p.m. Saturday at the Green Mill Jazz Club, 4802 N. Broadway; \$20; 773-878-5552 or www.greenmilljazz.com.

Stephan Crump. Bassist Crump may be best known for his work with pianist Vijay Iyer, but he also has been forging a significant career as bandleader and will collaborate with saxophonist Ellery Eskelin, trumpeter Adam O’Farrill and drummer Richie Barshay in music from Crump’s album “Rhombal.” 8:30 p.m. Friday at Constellation, 3111 N. Western Ave.; \$15; www.constellation-chicago.com.

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“DAMN.” asks big questions over stripped-down arrangements.

Pulitzer a proper nod to album’s virtuosity

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the last six years. His 2012 debut album, “Good Kid, M.A.A.D City,” explored his hardscrabble youth growing up in Compton, Calif., with nuanced insight. The 2015 follow-up, “To Pimp a Butterfly,” folded the history of black music — from jazz and gospel to soul and hip-hop — into a sprawling social commentary.

“DAMN.” is a leaner, more compressed statement but no less ambitious. It asks big questions over stripped-down arrangements, a quest for meaning, self-definition and redemption in an unforgiving world. The song titles are in capital letters, small words that allow Lamar to explore facets of human existence and to highlight the tension between these often-interwoven impulses: “PRIDE,” and “HUMBLE,” “LUST,” and “LOVE,” “FEAR,” and “GOD.”

Lamar asks how a person of color — a black kid from a ghetto where guns and drugs shadow home, school, church — struggles with these contradictions. As he raps in “DNA”: “I got power, poison, pain and joy inside.”

And yet there is celebration in the performances as well. At a United Center concert last year after the album was released, thousands of fans chanted along with Lamar — a lone, charismatic figure onstage — as he ripped through “DAMN.” tracks such as the addictive “HUMBLE.” and the politically incisive “XXX.”

Fans can quibble over which is Lamar’s finest album. If “DAMN.” is Pulitzer-worthy, where is the Nobel Prize for “To Pimp a Butterfly”? But the Pulitzers deserve credit for honoring greatness when they hear it. Here’s to a world in which the Pulitzers will be nationally televised and go head-to-head with the Grammys when it’s time to hand out music prizes.

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WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Joseph Morgan

"The Originals" (8 p.m., CW): This spinoff of "The Vampire Diaries" begins its fifth and final season with "Where You Left Your Heart," finding Hope (Danielle Rose Russell) desperate to lure Klaus (Joseph Morgan) back to New Orleans. The steps taken by Hope potentially have repercussions for many others. Elijah's absence has had a definite impact on Klaus, evident when he runs into Caroline Forbes (Candice King).

"Empire" (7 p.m., FOX): Cookie (Taraji P. Henson) resists Lucious' (Terrence Howard) efforts to get her to slow down in the new episode "Of Hardiness Is Mother," especially given her concern about a longtime friend, Tiana (Serayah) has a strong reaction to her sudden success. Jamal (Jussie Smollett) wants to revise his image. Hakeem (Bryshere "Yazz" Gray) positions himself as a mentor. Trai Byers and Gabourey Sidibe also star.

"Alex, Inc." (7:30 p.m., ABC): "The Mother-in-Law," played by guest star Anjali Bhimani, pays a visit in a new episode by that title. Alex (Zach Braff) tries anything and everything to be on her good side, inevitably leading to a big misstep on his part. Ben (Elisha Henig) sees the visitor's presence as an opportunity to learn more about his background. Tiya Sircar and Michael Imperioli also star.

"Star" (8 p.m., FOX): A song backed by a celebrated producer inspires a competition between Take 3 and Noah (Luke James) to record it in the new episode "Forward (E)Motion." Paola and Jahil (guest star Alani "La La" Anthony, Benjamin Bratt) assess the course of their relationship, while Noah and Alex (Ryan Destiny) do the same. Derek (Quincy Brown) brings someone to the reopening of the salon.

"Chicago P.D." (9 p.m., NBC): A woman with whom Voight (Jason Beghe) is familiar is abducted before his eyes in the new episode "Saved." The ensuing investigation reveals that she may be linked to a series of bank robberies. Olinsky's (Elias Koteas) future is in definite jeopardy as a grand jury is convened for his murder trial. Patrick John Flueger, Marina Squerciati and Amy Morton also star.

"Sell It Like Serhant" (9 p.m., Bravo): A surprisingly hairy situation awaits Ryan when Mariel summons him to help her at a waxing salon in Tribeca in the new episode "Wax On, Wax Off." His attempts to assist the flustered Mariel wind up landing him in a (literally) sticky situation, which includes trying to persuade skeptical customers to go ahead and book sessions for Brazilians and Manzilians.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Joe Manganiello; actor Natasha Leggero; Benjamin Gibbard performs.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Claire Danes; actress Letitia Wright; Kevin Delaney, director of visitor experience at the Museum of Discovery.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Cynthia Nixon; actor Alan Cumming; Franz Ferdinand performs.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Singer Gwen Stefani; actor Josh Holloway; Dierks Bentley performs.*

* Subject to change

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	FX		(6) Kingsman: The Secret Service (R,14) ***		©		The Americans (N) ©		Americans ♦
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	HGTV		Property Brothers ©		Property Brothers (N) ©		Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Property ♦
	HIST		American Pickers ©		American Pickers (N) ©		(9:03) American Pickers		Pickers ♦
	HLN		CNN Special Report ©		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC		There's Something About Mary (R,98) ***		Cameron Diaz, Matt Dillon. ©				Uncle B. ♦
	LIFE		Little Women: LA (N) ©		Little Women: LA (N) ©		(9:02) Glam Masters (Season Finale) (N) ©		(N) ©
	MSNBC		All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	MTV		Catfish: The TV Show ©		Catfish: The TV Show ©		Catfish: The TV Show (N)		Catfish ♦
	NBCSCH		MLB Baseball: Chicago White Sox at Oakland Athletics. ©						The Loop (N)
	NICK		Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©
OVATION		Overboard (PG,87) **		Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell.		The Wine Show (Series Premiere) (N)		Beetlejuice	
OWN		20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 on ID Presents		20/20 ♦	
OXY		NCIS: "Internal Affairs." ©		NCIS: "In the Zone." ©		NCIS: "Recoil." ©		NCIS © ♦	
PARMT		Friends ©		Friends ©		The Blind Side (PG-13/09) ***		Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw. © ♦	
SYFY		Superman: The Movie ©		The Expanse: "IFF." (N)		Krypton (N) ©		Superman ♦	
TBS		Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full (N)	Conan (N) ♦	
TCM		Casablanca (PG,42) ****		Humphrey Bogart.		Mildred Pierce (NR,45) ***		© ♦	
TLC		My 600-Lb. Life: "Bettie Jo & Susan." (N) ©				(9:02) Skin Tight (N)		My 600-Lb ♦	
TLN		Humanit	Humanit	Diane	Humanit	Exalted		Tru News	
TNT		NBA Basketball (N Subject to Blackout)		NBA Basketball (N Subject to Blackout)					
TOON		King of Hill	Amer. Dad	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	
TRAV		Expedition Unknown ©		Expedition Unknown (N)		Locations	Locations	Expedition ♦	
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USA		Law & Order: SVU		Suits (N) ©		Law & Order: SVU		Law-SVU ♦	
VH1		Black Ink Crew ©		Black Ink Crew (N) ©		Hip Hop	Hip Hop (N)	Black Ink ♦	
WE		Law & Order ©		Law & Order: "Refuge." ©		Law & Order: "Refuge." ©		Law ♦	
WGN America		Cops ©		Cops ©		Cops ©		Cops ©	
PREMIUM	HBO		Wyatt Cenac	Bad Boys II (R,03) **	Martin Lawrence, Will Smith. ©				Fight (N)
	HBO2		Wyatt Cenac	Barry ©		Here and Now: "It's Here."		VICE ©	All Eyez on Me (17) ***
	MAX		Tightrope (R,84) **		Clint Eastwood. ©		(8:55) Psycho (R,98) ***		© ♦
	SHO		Crimson Tide (R,95) ***		Denzel Washington.		Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man ♦		
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Bernie Taupin looks back now and says, 'Wow'

Lyricist reflects on 50 years working with Elton John, crafting hit songs

By Randy Lewis
Los Angeles Times

Two new star-studded albums saluting the music of longtime collaborators Elton John and Bernie Taupin were crafted with a couple of main goals in mind.

The albums coincide roughly with the 50th anniversary of when the composer and lyricist met in London through an ad posted in the New Musical Express weekly music magazine. They are designed to reconnect veteran musicians and longtime fans with one of the richest bodies of work in all of pop music, as well as introduce that music to younger performers and listeners.

They encompass more than two dozen John-Taupin songs — hits as well as deep cuts — from "Benie and the Jets," "Your Song" and "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road" to "Sorry Seems to Be the Hardest Word," "Candle in the Wind," "I Guess That's Why They Call It the Blues" and "Border Song."

They have been newly reinterpreted by a raft of pop, rock, R&B, urban, country and Americana artists, including Lady Gaga, Miley Cyrus, Don Henley and Vince Gill, Willie Nelson, Mary J. Blige, Mumford & Sons, Chris Stapleton, Coldplay, Pink, Demi Lovato and Q-Tip.

The albums are "Re-vamp" and "Restoration," both subtitled "Re-imagining the Songs of Elton John and Bernie Taupin."

The former is a pop-oriented collection curated by John, the pop star who

has prided himself over the years on keeping current on the latest trends in music. "Restoration" was assembled by Taupin and skews toward country and Americana, reflecting his lifelong interest in music and artists from the American South.

One unintended ripple effect of the project, however, is the impact it has had on the two artists whose music is being celebrated.

"I think in the past I've possibly been very cavalier about the songs and just accepted them as they are," Taupin said, relaxing in the Garden Bar at Le Montage Hotel in Beverly Hills on a recent jaunt to Los Angeles from his longtime home in the Santa Ynez Valley north of Santa Barbara. "But when you hear all of those songs, back to back on both albums, you do kind of pat yourself on the back a bit and say, 'Wow.'"

"I actually feel myself with them going around in my head when I go to bed, or I walk around singing them in my head during the day, and I've never done that in my life."

It took John and Taupin a couple of years to find their groove after they met randomly in 1967 — both men look back on it as "kismet" — when a publisher handed the budding pianist born Reginald Kenneth Dwight an envelope with some lyrics submitted by aspiring wordsmith Taupin.

But beginning with their 1970 hit single "Your Song," a ballad that eloquently channeled the notion of someone being tongue-tied in love, John and Taupin soon joined fabled songwriting teams — including John Lennon-Paul McCart-



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Bernie Taupin collaborated with Elton John on two new, all-star tribute albums.

ney and Mick Jagger-Keith Richards — that were among the most successful and continually inspired in rock history.

Over the next 45 years, John charted 71 singles on the Billboard Hot 100 singles chart (a smattering written with other lyricists or by other songwriters).

John's studio albums have reached the Top 10 of Billboard 200 albums chart 17 times, seven of those

climbing to the top. It all contributed to John's ranking as the best-selling recording artist of the 1970s, according to chart historian Joel Whitburn.

"We have so many great artists doing our songs, it's quite incredible," John, 71, said in a filmed interview for the project's electronic press kit.

"As soon as we started off as songwriters ... it meant a great deal when other people chose to sing one of our songs and reinterpret it in their own particular way"

Artists were generally given carte blanche for which songs they recorded, although Taupin wryly noted, "That's not to say I didn't nudge them in a certain direction." Both said they specifically requested gravel-voiced singer-songwriter Chris Stapleton to record their latter-day song "I Want Love."

And Taupin said that after inviting Henley — the first artist he approached about participating — Taupin suggested the song the Eagles co-founder

ended up recording.

"He said, 'What song do you want me to do?' and I said, 'There's only one song I can see you doing, and that's "Sacrifice," which happens to be one of my favorites I've ever written,' Taupin said. "Then I thought, 'Hmm. Would you mind doing it as a duet with Vince Gill?' He said: 'I've worked with Vince. That would be fine.'"

Henley's presence creates a bridge between the new albums and an earlier homage to the John-Taupin songbook. "Duets," in 1993, teamed John with a bevy of singers in conjunction with the 25th anniversary of their partnership. Among the other participants on that collection: Leonard Cohen, George Michael, k.d. lang, Little Richard, Gladys Knight and RuPaul.

Yet another all-star tribute came out a little more than a year earlier: "Two Rooms: Celebrating the Songs of Elton John and Bernie Taupin," a rare tribute album to crack the Billboard Top 20. It peaked at No. 18 and went platinum, selling more than 1.3 million copies since January 1992, according to the Nielsen Music sales monitoring service.

One key difference between those earlier recordings and the new ones, Taupin noted, is generational.

"A lot of the artists on these records weren't even born when most of those tracks were originally released," Taupin said. "Not that they don't like the songs — obviously they wouldn't do them if they don't like them — but they weren't as reverential of them. They hadn't grown up with them. They hadn't lived them."

"The artists who were on (the earlier tributes) were either contemporaries of ours or people that had been around maybe slightly longer. I think those people were more familiar with the material, and I think they tended to stick to the original blueprint and not get too adventurous with the material."

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (April 18): Together you rise this year. Review and reassess. Look back on ground covered. Reconsider rules, structures, foundations and traditions. Reconnect with a sense of purpose. Reduce, revise and simplify. Make plans for summer launch.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Plan adventures, travels and educational exploration over three months, with Saturn retrograde. Study, write and research, especially today and tomorrow.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. Follow budgets closely. For the next few months, with Saturn retrograde, financial discipline pays extra dividends. Today and tomorrow may get especially profitable.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Return to what worked before. Strengthen bonds between partners this quarter, with Saturn retrograde. Revise collaborative projects. Resolve misunderstandings. Make a personal change before tomorrow.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Review and revise your health practices over three months, with Saturn retrograde. Listen to your intuition today and tomorrow.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Follow rules closely to win over three months, with Saturn retrograde. Prioritize romance and fun. Invite the gang to play for a few days.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. For about three months, with Saturn retrograde, revise plans for home infrastructure. Finish old projects. Refine and polish.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Edit and revise, with Saturn retrograde for three months. Indulge nostalgic retrospection. Adapt the story to current circumstances.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Go over the numbers. Exert budgetary discipline over the next quarter, with Capricorn Saturn retrograde. A collaboration could get profitable today and tomorrow.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Personal self-discipline produces results, with Saturn retrograde. Learn from the past without repeating it. Compromise with your partner today and tomorrow.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. With Saturn retrograde, consider old dreams and visions. Measure ground taken over three months. Care for health and fitness for a few days.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Plan upcoming events and gatherings with friends. Lay the groundwork for community enthusiasm, with Saturn retrograde.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Review professional objectives this quarter, with Saturn retrograde. Backstage discipline earns eventual reward. Home restores you.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

North-South vulnerable, South deals

North
 ♠ K 10 5 3
 ♥ A
 ♦ 9 8 5 4
 ♣ Q 4 3 2

West
 ♠ 6 2
 ♥ Q 5 3
 ♦ A J 10
 ♣ K J 7 6 5

East
 ♠ A J 9 8
 ♥ 9 7 4
 ♦ Q 7 6 3
 ♣ 9 8

South
 ♠ Q 7 4
 ♥ K J 10 8 6 2
 ♦ K 2
 ♣ A 10

Today's deal, we are told, is from an all expert high-stakes rubber bridge game some years ago. South was Zia Mahmood, who has gone on to win several world championships. His partner was the late Omar Sharif.

West found the best opening lead of a spade, which went to the 10, jack, and queen. Zia led the ace of clubs and another club, losing to West's king. A second spade went to East's eight and he had to guess how to continue. Cashing the ace of spades and shifting to diamonds would have done the trick, but East thought he was perfectly safe leading a heart to

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	All pass		

Opening lead: Six of ♠

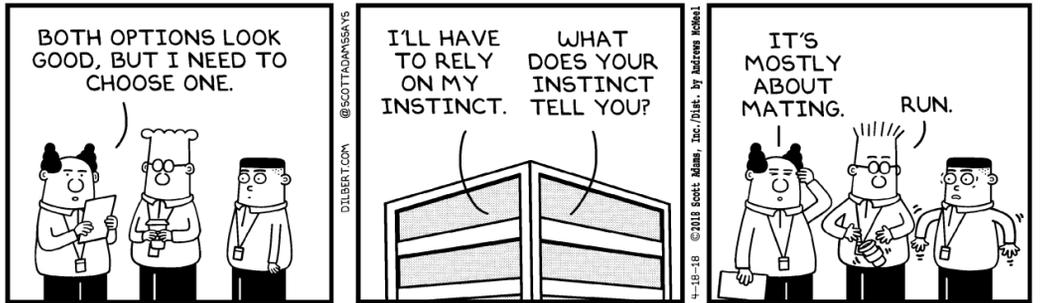
dummy's ace. That was dummy's only entry. Should declarer try to cash the queen of clubs, East could ruff it and he would still be sitting over dummy's spades.

Zia read the position perfectly. Instead of trying to cash the queen of clubs, Zia ruffed a low club, cashed the king of hearts, and exited with the jack of hearts to West's queen. West had an unpleasant choice between giving dummy the queen of clubs for a discard or setting up South's king of diamonds. Well played!

Zia's card reading was based on sound logic. West had led dummy's suit rather than either unbid minor. Zia reasoned that he probably held a high honor in each minor that he didn't want to lead away from. East's nine-eight of clubs looked like a doubleton. The more we look at the available clues, the more logical Zia's play becomes.

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Baby Blues



Zits



Mr. Boffo



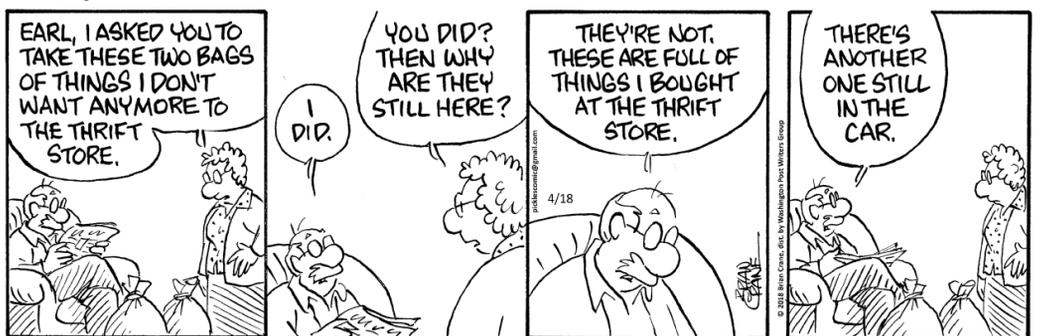
Frazz



Classic Peanuts



Pickles



Dick Tracy



Animal Crackers



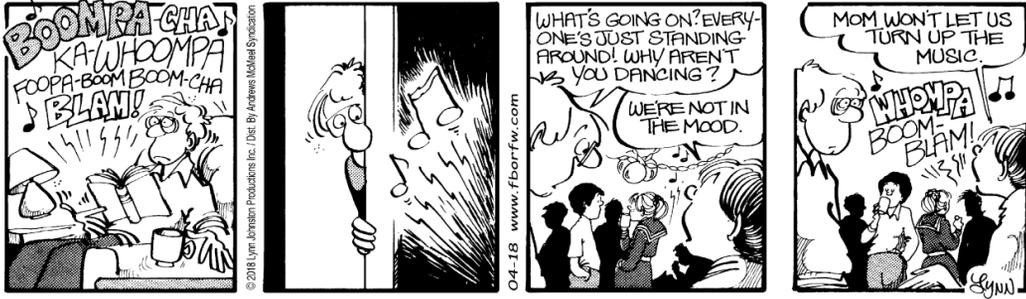
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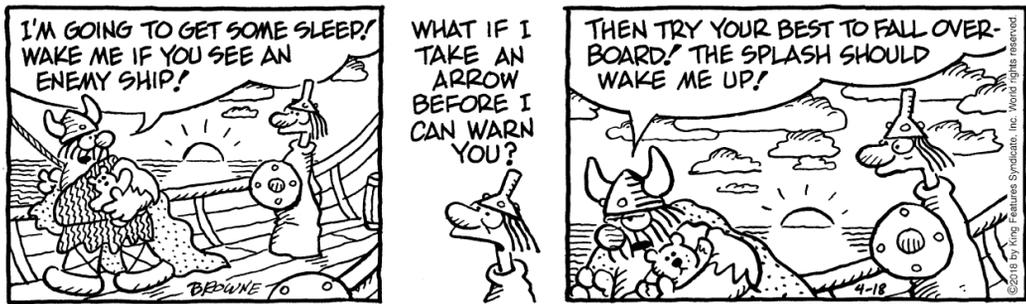
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Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall



Hägar the Horrible By Chris Browne



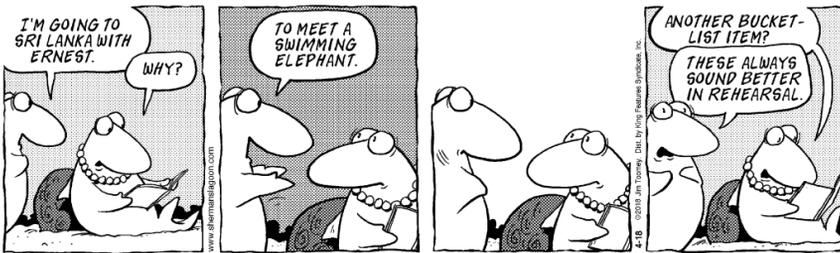
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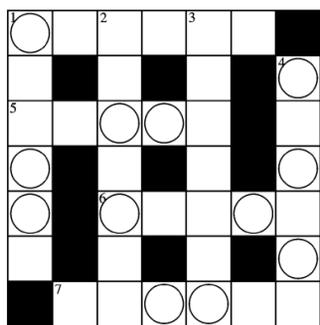
Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

In the 1940s, Duke of Iron, Lord Invader and Macbeth the Great were men with what occupation?
 A) Calypso singers
 B) Circus performers
 C) Professional wrestlers
 D) Spies
 Tuesday's answer: Peru's Yanacocha mine is among the world's top producing gold mines.
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Jumble Crossword



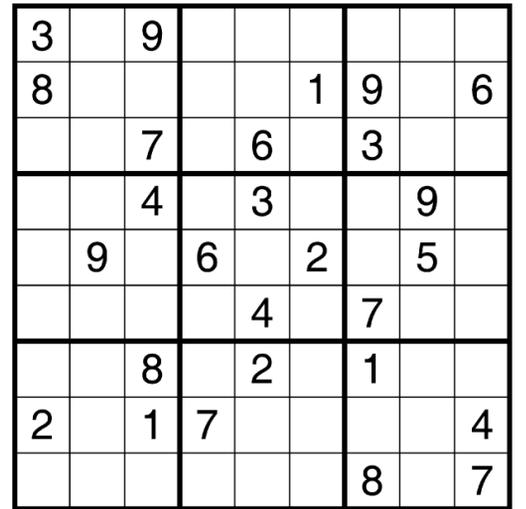
- CLUE ACROSS**
- Cured
 - Certain disease
 - Pig
 - Shirt
- CLUE DOWN**
- Kind, compassionate
 - Fleet commander
 - Trap
 - Twist, squirm
- ANSWER**
- DELAHE
 MPMSU
 STOAR
 VELESE
- ANSWER**
- NEUMHA
 DALRAMI
 SNENREA
 HERWTI

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.

4-18-18
CLUE: This is home to about 1.4 million people.
BONUS ○○○○ ○○○○○○○○○○
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 ANSWERS: 1A-Healed 5A-Wumps 6A-Coast 7A-Heard 8A-Wumps 9A-Heard 10A-Heard 11A-Heard 12A-Heard 13A-Heard 14A-Heard 15A-Heard 16A-Heard 17A-Heard 18A-Heard 19A-Heard 20A-Heard 21A-Heard 22A-Heard 23A-Heard 24A-Heard 25A-Heard 26A-Heard 27A-Heard 28A-Heard 29A-Heard 30A-Heard 31A-Heard 32A-Heard 33A-Heard 34A-Heard 35A-Heard 36A-Heard 37A-Heard 38A-Heard 39A-Heard 40A-Heard 41A-Heard 42A-Heard 43A-Heard 44A-Heard 45A-Heard 46A-Heard 47A-Heard 48A-Heard 49A-Heard 50A-Heard 51A-Heard 52A-Heard 53A-Heard 54A-Heard 55A-Heard 56A-Heard 57A-Heard 58A-Heard 59A-Heard 60A-Heard 61A-Heard 62A-Heard 63A-Heard 64A-Heard 65A-Heard 66A-Heard 67A-Heard 68A-Heard
 By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

4/18



6	9	4	2	1	3	5	8	7
1	8	5	7	9	4	3	2	6
2	7	3	6	5	8	4	9	1
9	4	8	5	7	1	6	3	2
7	6	1	4	3	2	8	5	9
3	5	2	9	8	6	1	7	4
5	1	9	3	6	7	2	4	8
8	2	7	1	4	5	9	6	3
4	3	6	8	2	9	7	1	5

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Tuesday'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.

TEERB
 ○○○○

SWYNO
 ○○○○

ITAXFE
 ○○○○

SGRNIT
 ○○○○



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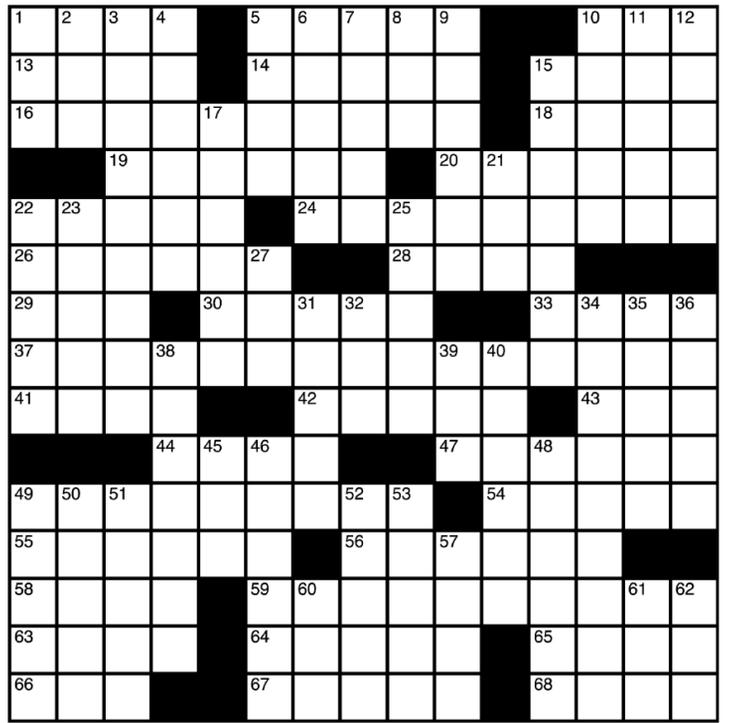


Tuesday's answers

Jumbles: GUAVA FLUTE FINALE THOUGH
 Answer: The stand-up comedian was a huge flop. It would be tough for him to — LAUGH IT OFF
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Crossword

4/18



- Across**
- 1 — Romeo: Italian car
 - 5 Machu Picchu people
 - 10 — Plaines
 - 13 Copier room quantity
 - 14 Spanish peak
 - 15 With 27-Down, Captain Picard
 - 16 What constant stress does, healthwise
 - 18 Disney woman loosely based on Andersen's Snow Queen
 - 19 Draw out
 - 20 Flustered state
 - 22 Bathroom fixture
 - 24 Old West folklore cowboy
 - 26 FedEx alternative
 - 28 Arsenal inventory
 - 29 "What was — was saying?"
 - 30 Japanese rolls
 - 33 Dip — in: test
- Down**
- 37 Things gathered by aficionados ... or what the ends of 16-, 24-, 49- and 59-Across can be?
 - 41 Patella's place
 - 42 Decorate
 - 43 Video game letters
 - 44 N.Y. Cosmos org.
 - 47 Wee bit
 - 49 Very expensive
 - 54 Indian —
 - 55 Enthusiastic reply to "Who knows the answer?"
 - 56 More lax
 - 58 Muscat money
 - 59 Taunts on the field
 - 63 Barracks beds
 - 64 Forest fixtures
 - 65 Citrus hybrid
 - 66 Brooklyn —, N.Y.
 - 67 Medicinal plant
 - 68 Techie, often

Today's solution



- 11 Studio support
- 12 Doghouse "Don't come any closer!"
- 15 Water-propelled craft
- 17 "Truman" actor
- 21 Belief ending
- 22 General Motors brand
- 23 — Martin: British car
- 25 Tahrir Square city
- 27 See 15-Across
- 31 Follow furtively
- 32 Mason's tray
- 34 Youngster's time of life
- 35 Luxury timepiece
- 36 City on the Ruhr
- 38 Soup legumes
- 39 Most Soc. Sec. recipients
- 40 Secret to the max
- 45 Give a leg up
- 46 Lawn care giant
- 48 Post-winter river thaw
- 49 Canoe wood
- 50 Nincompoop
- 51 Kids on a farm?
- 52 First name in daytime TV
- 53 Arcade coin
- 57 Mount of Greek myth
- 60 "— You Lonesome Tonight?"
- 61 Camera type, for short
- 62 Put in a secret place

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18 NORMAL HIGH: 60° NORMAL LOW: 40° RECORD HIGH: 89° (2002) RECORD LOW: 23° (1983)

More snow, then temperatures slowly rebound

LOCAL FORECAST

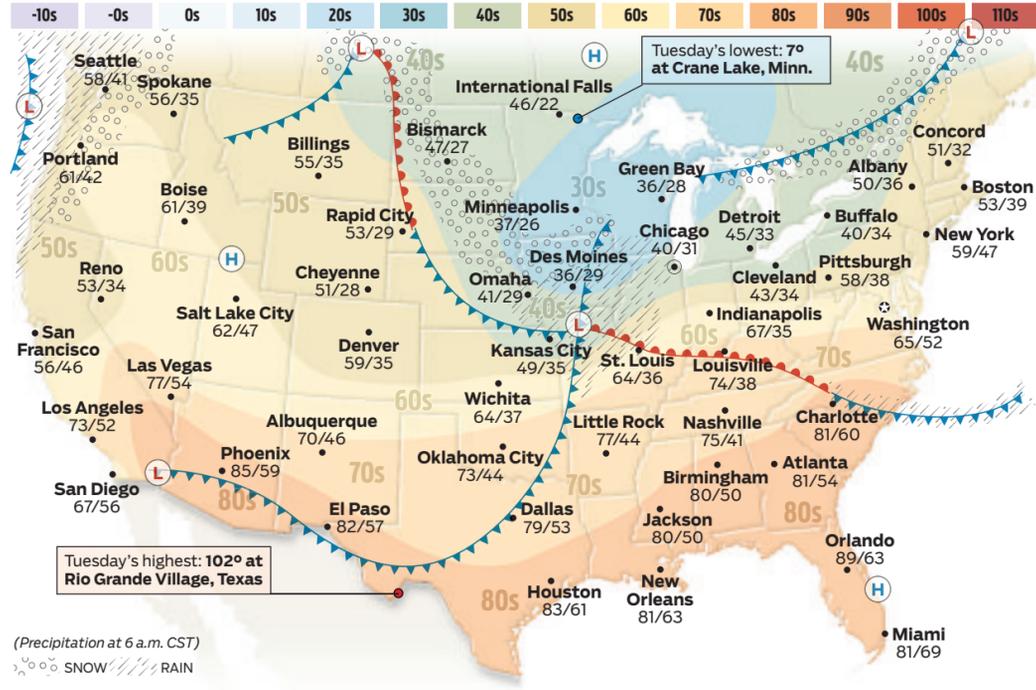
HIGH 40 **LOW** 31

■ **Winter Weather Advisory for up to 3" of snow across counties along and adjacent to the Illinois/Wisconsin state line from 10AM CDT Wednesday until later Wednesday night.**

■ Rain spreads east across the Chicago area mixed with sleet far north. As colder air sweeps in, precipitation changes over to wet snow covering paved surfaces, possibly as far south as I-80 during and after the afternoon/evening commute.

■ Temps peak early, falling into the 30s in the afternoon as gusty winds shift NE. System snow ends around midnight.

NATIONAL FORECAST



With cold air entrenched over the Chicago area, we are poised to be the recipient of more rain, sleet and snow Wednesday, as another eastward-moving low-pressure system tracks overhead.

A winter weather advisory is in effect in anticipation of up to 3 inches of snow in the Chicago area's northernmost counties along the Illinois-Wisconsin state line.

Snow could cover roads and make travel difficult during the afternoon and evening commute as far south as the Interstate 80 corridor.

The precipitation exits east overnight, and temperatures should modify slowly over the next few days.

We are looking at the possibility of 60s by the first part of next week.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

HIGH 44 **LOW** 32

Partly sunny, but continued chilly with highs in the low to mid 40s – upper 30s along the lakefront. Clear skies overnight. North to northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

HIGH 50 **LOW** 32

High pressure brings sunshine and tranquil weather. After a frosty start to the day, temperatures climb into the 50s far west/south suburbs – cooler 40s near the lake. Clear skies at night. North winds become light easterly.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

HIGH 53 **LOW** 35

Some increase in mid and high-level cloudiness. Temperatures in the mid 50s well inland – closer to 40 lakeside. Partly cloudy at night. Light easterly winds.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

HIGH 55 **LOW** 39

Sprawling high pressure centered to our east dominates. Highs 55 to 60 well inland, but an east-southeast breeze again keeps it cooler at the lake. Clear skies at night.

MONDAY, APRIL 23

HIGH 60 **LOW** 39

High pressure remains in control. Highs could reach the lower 60s well away from the lake, but a light on-shore breeze will keep readings in the 40s at the lakefront. Partly cloudy at night.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

HIGH 62 **LOW** 46

Increasing cloudiness with a high of 60 to 65. A slight chance of showers later in the day and overnight. Southwest winds.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
How rare is freezing rain in April?
— Bruce Becker, Lake County SKYWARN, Libertyville

Dear Bruce,
It is very rare. Glazing from freezing rain was reported in the far north and northwest suburbs Sunday, with the exception of areas close to the lake. Mundelein observer Phil Rider said the village received one-tenth of an inch of glaze, the first April glazing event in his memory. The city did not experience freezing rain during the weekend storm. Midway observer Frank Wachowski found that Midway Airport has seen freezing rain only six times in April since 1928, and none since 1957. Wachowski also noted that the latest into April glazing had occurred was on April 9, 1950. A seminal study of Illinois winter storms from 1900-1960 notes only six April glazing events affecting the state during that period.

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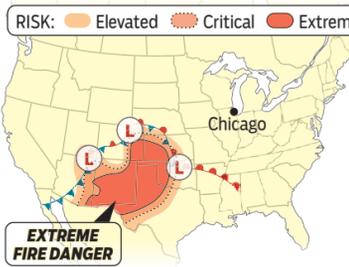


April chill to bring more snow; but pattern change follows

EXTREME FIRE DANGER TUESDAY
Portions of Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas positioned in the Extremely Critical Fire Danger Area

Reasons behind the extreme fire conditions:

- West-southwest winds gusting over 40 mph.
- Already in Exceptional/Extreme Drought
- Relative humidity less than 10% (temps 85°-90° with dew points of 0° to 10°).
- Partly sunny skies/no precipitation.

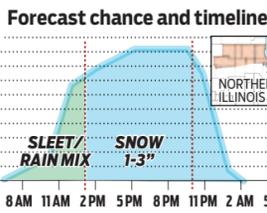


APRIL 1-17, 2018 TEMPERATURES

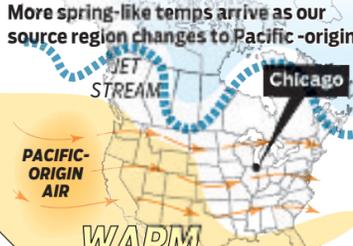
Chicago's 2nd coldest April 1-17 on record — the coldest since 1881

CHICAGO'S	34.6°	1881
TOP FIVE	36.1°	2018
COLDEST	36.9°	1874
APRIL 1-17	37.1°	1926
ON RECORD	37.4°	1907

WEDNESDAY'S WINTRY PRECIPITATION CHANCES



MILDER TEMPS BY NEXT MONDAY



Snow forecast through 6 a.m. THURS.



MIDWEST CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	pc	72	36	cl	53	35
Carbondale	pc	57	33	cl	53	30
Champaign	pc	57	33	pc	52	30
Decatur	cl	57	33	pc	52	29
Moline	rs	37	29	pc	52	36
Peoria	sh	45	32	pc	52	29
Quincy	rs	47	34	pc	53	32
Rockford	pc	36	27	pc	49	26
Springfield	rs	55	33	pc	54	30
Sterling	rs	36	28	pc	51	27
Indiana						
Bloomington	sh	68	35	sh	51	32
Evansville	pc	73	36	pc	52	34
Fort Wayne	sh	48	33	pc	48	28
Indianapolis	sh	67	35	pc	50	31
Lafayette	sh	53	33	pc	48	29
South Bend	rn	44	30	pc	41	26
Wisconsin						
Green Bay	ss	36	28	su	48	21
Kenosha	rs	35	29	pc	43	25
Madison	rs	36	27	pc	50	21
Milwaukee	rs	35	26	pc	44	20
Wausau	ss	36	25	su	48	20
Michigan						
Detroit	sh	45	33	sh	45	29
Grand Rapids	rs	35	26	pc	46	26
Marquette	sh	35	28	pc	40	28
St. Ste. Marie	pc	44	27	pc	39	25
Traverse City	pc	38	30	pc	41	26
Iowa						
Ames	sn	34	27	su	43	19
Cedar Rapids	rs	35	26	pc	48	22
Des Moines	sn	30	29	su	47	25
Dubuque	rs	35	27	pc	47	23

OTHER U.S. CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	sh	75	47	pc	73	49
Albuquerque	su	70	46	pc	75	48
Amarillo	pc	68	40	pc	68	44
Anchorage	sh	49	34	sh	53	36
Asheville	su	82	45	pc	50	33
Aspen	pc	52	32	pc	61	34
Atlanta	su	81	54	pc	62	39
Atlanta City	su	57	46	sh	59	36
Austin	pc	66	56	pc	78	55
Baltimore	pc	64	52	pc	58	39
Billings	pc	55	35	pc	58	35
Birmingham	pc	80	50	su	65	41
Bismarck	sh	47	27	pc	53	30
Boise	cl	61	39	pc	65	40
Boston	pc	53	39	rn	43	37
Brownsville	pc	85	69	sh	82	67
Buffalo	sh	40	34	rs	38	29
Burlington	sh	48	34	rs	42	34
Charlotte	pc	81	60	pc	64	40
Charlottesville	pc	76	61	pc	78	54
Charlottesville WV	pc	74	41	sh	45	32
Chattanooga	su	79	46	su	57	38
Cheyenne	pc	51	28	pc	58	35
Cincinnati	sh	70	37	sh	48	32
Cleveland	pc	43	34	ss	40	32
Colorado Spgs	su	57	30	pc	65	40
Columbia MO	pc	54	34	pc	54	35
Columbia SC	pc	85	64	pc	74	44
Columbus	sh	59	36	rs	46	31
Columbus OH	pc	51	32	rn	39	34
Croft Christi	pc	78	65	pc	76	65
Croft Christi	su	79	53	pc	75	52
Dallas	su	79	53	pc	75	52
Daytona Bch.	su	84	59	su	85	63
Denver	su	59	35	pc	68	42
Des Moines	sn	30	29	su	47	25
Duluth	rs	36	27	pc	52	28
El Paso	pc	82	57	pc	83	62

WORLD CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Fairbanks	su	43	18	su	39	17
Fargo	cl	46	28	pc	53	30
Flagstaff	su	62	30	pc	57	29
Fort Myers	su	80	64	su	59	47
Fort Smith	su	70	41	su	66	43
Fresno	pc	70	47	pc	69	47
Great Falls	pc	62	41	cl	75	46
Great Falls	pc	53	31	pc	57	32
Harrisburg	pc	61	46	pc	51	35
Hartford	pc	55	40	pc	45	36
Helena	pc	52	32	pc	58	32
Honolulu	sh	81	73	sh	79	73
Houston	cl	83	61	pc	78	56
Int'l Falls	pc	46	22	pc	52	24
Jackson	pc	80	50	pc	67	43
Jacksonville	su	86	61	su	85	60
Janeau	rn	45	38	rn	46	32
Kansas City	cl	49	35	pc	56	36
Las Vegas	pc	77	54	pc	64	54
Lexington	cl	73	37	sh	48	31
Lincoln	pc	45	31	pc	53	30
Little Rock	su	77	44	su	64	41
Los Angeles	su	73	52	pc	65	50
Louisville	cl	74	38	sh	52	34
Macon	pc	85	61	pc	72	43
Memphis	pc	77	44	su	57	40
Miami	su	81	69	su	83	68
Minneapolis	ss	37	26	pc	47	24
Mobile	pc	80	63	pc	77	50
Montgomery	pc	82	57	su	67	43
Las Vegas	pc	75	52	pc	74	55
New Orleans	pc	81	63	pc	74	55
New York	pc	59	47	pc	50	29
Norfolk	pc	72	60	pc	70	43
Norfolk	pc	73	44	pc	68	44
Oklahoma City	su	81	29	su	50	29
Omaha	su	89	63	su	88	64
Orlando	su	89	63	su	88	64

WORLD CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Palm Beach	su	82	64	su	85	66
Palm Springs	su	84	56	pc	76	54
Philadelphia	su	59	47	sh	57	36
Phoenix	su	85	59	pc	84	54
Pittsburgh	pc	58	38	sh	42	32
Portland, ME	pc	52	36	pc	53	36
Portland, OR	pc	61	42	pc	65	43
Providence	cl	55	39	pc	46	37
Raleigh	pc	82	62	pc	68	39
Rapid City	pc	53	29	pc	52	32
Reno	pc	53	34	pc	57	37
Richmond	pc	72	58	pc	64	38
Rochester	sh	44	34	rs	39	30
Sacramento	pc	65	42	su	72	47
Salem, Ore.	pc	60	39	pc	65	40
Salt Lake City	pc	62	47	sh	68	48
San Antonio	pc	86	59	cl	80	57
San Diego	su	67	56	sh	62	54
San Francisco	pc	56	46	pc	59	48
San Juan	sh	85	75	pc	86	75
Santa Fe	su	63	39	pc	66	40
Savannah	pc	86	60	pc	82	48
Seattle	cl	58	41	pc	63	43
St. Louis	pc	64	36	pc	53	35
Shreveport	pc	80	51	pc	72	48
Sioux Falls	su	35	24	su	44	22
Spokane	cl	56	35	pc	64	39
St. Louis	pc	64	36	pc	53	35
Tucson	su	86	54	pc	88	50
Tulsa	su	70	41	su	65	41
Tallahassee	su	84	59	pc	81	50
Tampa	su	84	63	pc	80	64
Topeka	pc	59	34	pc	58	34
Turkey	su	86	54	pc	88	50
Tulsa	su	70	41	su	65	41
Washington	pc	65	52	pc	58	39
Wichita	pc	64	37	pc	64	40
Winnemucca	su	52	38	sh	45	27
Yuma	su	84	56	pc	73	52

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HEALTH & FAMILY



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U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth is the first sitting senator to give birth, but she's also among an increasing number of women in their 40s and 50s who are becoming mothers.

BY CINDY DAMPIER
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Fertility over 50

Tammy Duckworth, other famous moms make it look easy. But is it?

When U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth welcomed her second child last week, it was cause for celebration — not only because she had become the first sitting senator to give birth or because she has already begun to challenge the Senate to change its rules to allow her to bring her infant on the floor with her during voting. In giving birth to Maile Pearl Bowsbey, Duckworth, a combat-injured veteran who has overcome considerable obstacles in her life, beat the odds yet again.

At 50, she became one of a growing number of women to have a child at an age once considered an unlikely, unwise or even irresponsible time to attempt new motherhood.

Times have changed. The most recent data from the National Center for Health Statistics shows that, though the overall U.S. birthrate continues to fall, among women over 40, there has been a 4 percent increase. Can the baby boom be explained by advances in medicine? Yes and no, says Dr. Helen Kim, chief of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at the University of Chicago.

"I don't think anything medically has happened that has dramatically increased the reproductive lifespan," she says. Instead,

the change has come with another, more readily available, technology: egg and embryo freezing, and donor eggs and embryos.

"There is a huge increase in the number of people who are doing egg donation or embryo donation," she says. "In the most recent reporting year, there were something like 20,000 embryo transfers of donor eggs or embryos. I think that's where the bulk of these older moms are coming from."

Duckworth has said that she used in vitro fertilization to conceive, but has not specified whether or not she used donor eggs. Other well-known women, including Janet Jackson, who gave birth last year at age 50, have adopted a similar policy when it comes to discussing the details of their treatment.

"There's such a positive portrayal of these older women who are having babies," says Kim, "and that's great. But people don't realize how rare it is and probably that they used an egg donor. I think many of these celebrities have

used egg donors, and they just don't come forward with that, and it gives people a false impression. It sort of makes you feel like maybe you can have it all, but there is still a biological clock."

Success rates for older mothers trying IVF with their own eggs, she points out, have not increased dramatically. The real changes around older mothers are at the intersection of medical science and societal norms.

"Something that has changed in my career," Kim says, "is the willingness of people to take care of older women. Decades ago, it was considered very controversial to even allow people who are post-menopause to access egg donation. People thought it was outrageous, 'How can you treat someone who's over 50 with egg donation? She's at the age of natural menopause.'"

But fertility doctors, who have spent decades wrestling with ethical and scientific questions ranging from helping unmarried mothers to egg donation and surrogacy for gay cou-

ples to how to deal with embryos left behind after a couple splits, now view older mothers differently. In part, it's due to a healthier population.

"People are saying, well, people are living longer now, women are healthier now," Kim says. "There's no evidence that someone who's 50 is any less healthy than someone who's 44, and I think that's another reason that there's an increase is that doctors are willing to do it."

The way doctors view patient choices around life circumstances and timing has also shifted as technology to freeze eggs and embryos has improved and become increasingly prevalent.

"There are a lot of things that were considered very controversial when I was in training," says Kim, "that now we do all the time." The list is as wide-ranging as our lifestyle choices: unmarried couples who aren't sure they will be together permanently but freeze embryos anyway; cancer patients; single parents. "We're a lot more

willing to use this technology that's been around for a while for different situations. There was a time when people were like, 'Oh that's so outrageous,' and now we say, 'We can do it — why not?'"

Similarly, the cutoff age for attempting motherhood has shifted. "When I was a resident," Kim says, "if you had a 35-year-old mother, that was an old woman having a baby. Today that's so normal." Many IVF clinics once refused to treat women over 45, but today that number is more typically set at 55.

Kim says the argument that older mothers might struggle to raise children or die while they are in childhood is also a fading consideration.

"We treat cancer patients," she says, "and there's a big push to help those women. So, who's more likely to die, a cancer survivor or the woman who's 54 years old?" Bottom line? "We can't decide for the patient; we don't know who's going to die."

Past age 45, most IVF patients will undergo addi-

tional counseling and testing, Kim says, to rule out underlying health issues. Women in their 50s are more likely to have serious complications during pregnancy, and are more likely to have a cesarean section. In addition, they require a careful doctor-patient relationship.

"They are at their end," Kim says. "They really know their time is short, so you just really want to be careful that you don't oversell or overestimate the likelihood of success for these people. Because I do feel like they are looking for any kind of hope, and sometimes I feel like we are preying on their emotions and vulnerability."

Experimental treatments that attempt to rejuvenate the ovaries or coax stem cells into producing new eggs are much talked about on the internet but still have not yielded concrete results. So, in spite of glowing stories about new motherhood over 50 and a trend that shows it's on the rise, Kim still offers her patients a message they've heard before.

"The traditional teaching is that you are born with all the eggs you're ever going to have, you lose them over time and there's no way to regenerate them," she says. "That still holds. So I still counsel patients that there's still a biologic clock."

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Secret to happy sex life could be at the grocery store



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Balancing Act

The key to relationship harmony — and a more robust sex life — is hidden at the grocery store, according to a new study presented Tuesday to the Council on Contemporary Families.

Heterosexual couples who divide specific chores

— especially grocery shopping — fare better in the bedroom and overall than couples in which one partner, regardless of gender, does the bulk of the work.

"Shopping is a really good measure of how collaborative a couple is in their daily life," said Steph-

anie Coontz, director of research and public education at the Council on Contemporary Families, a non-profit, nonpartisan organization that researches American families.

"Dividing it shows real trust in the other person's judgment, rather than, 'I

know exactly what kind of green onions I want, and I don't trust him to pick the right ones,'" Coontz told me. "Both partners feel trusted to spend the right amount of money and make the right choices. And if you do it together, you can sometimes have the sort of

easy, pleasant discussions that don't happen when you're looking into each other's eyes on date night."

The grocery store finding is part of a larger study on gender equity in heterosexual couples conducted by

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Is that a dessert or an e-cigarette flavor?

Study: Ads for some tobacco products linked to youth use

BY RACHEL BLUTH
Kaiser Health

Advertising for traditional cigarettes is strictly regulated: No cowboys looking cool, no cartoons and no bright colors that play up candy-flavored cigarettes that might appeal to kids.

Yet these bans don't apply to e-cigarettes or vapes — increasingly a choice for experimentation by adolescents and young adults. These smoking products use chemical solutions with nicotine flavored with “juices” that have names like “Bubble Pop,” “Strawberry Cotton Candy” and “Peanut Butter Cup.” People inhale these as if they were smoking a traditional cigarette.

Young adults who are exposed to advertisements for these non-cigarette tobacco products are significantly more likely to try them, according to a study of nearly 11,000 people ages 12 to 24 recently published in JAMA.

Anti-smoking advocates battled for decades against the tobacco industry's cigarette-marketing strategy geared to young people. What many viewed as “first-step” restrictions on traditional “combustible” cigarettes were advanced as part of the 2001 tobacco Master Settlement Agreement between state attorneys general and the industry. But many worry that gaps still exist.

“Our study reinforces that tobacco product marketing continues to be an important contributor to tobacco use among young people,” wrote the study authors.

Thirty-six percent of 12- to 17-year-olds who had never used tobacco but were receptive to ads ended up trying e-cigs by the end of the study.



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Flavored vaping supplies on display in the window of a New York store. Strict regulations in cigarette advertising don't apply to e-cigarettes or vapes.

Study participants were selected because they answered survey questions that indicated they were at low risk of using tobacco. They said they had never touched tobacco and “definitely” would not in the next year.

But almost 5 percent of them tried smoking e-cigarettes for the first time over the next 12 months, saying the ads for these particular products appealed to them more than ads for regular cigarettes.

That translates to 224,000 new smokers a year, according to John Pierce, the lead researcher and a professor in the Department of Family Medicine and Public Health at University of California,

San Diego Cancer Center. “If that happens every year, we're going to have a huge problem with cigarettes again,” Pierce said.

During the past 10 years, a “dramatic shift” has occurred in the tobacco product marketplace, with e-cigarettes, hookah tobacco water pipes and small cigars gaining significant heft in sales — especially among this young population, noted an editorial that accompanied the study by Adam Leventhal and Jessica Barrington-Trimis of the University of Southern California's Keck School of Medicine.

Sabina Rasoulov, 21, said she mostly sees people vaping on social media like Snapchat, and sees it as an easy alternative to ciga-

rettes. She was not part of the study.

She also said, though, that her vaping habits have less to do with ads and more to do with her peers.

Rasoulov, a senior at the University of Maryland, occasionally uses a Juul, a brand of e-cigarette, mostly when she's drinking. The floor of the bar near campus where she works becomes littered with them by the end of the night.

“When I work in the bar, every person has it in their hand,” Rasoulov said. “It's like the new fidget spinner.”

The researchers compiled a copy of every ad for cigarettes, vapes and e-cigs for a year in 2013. One of the study's limitations, though, is it did not include online or social media

marketing ad images.

The researchers randomly assigned each person 20 ads and asked if they had seen each one and if they liked it. Those two questions determined how “receptive” each person was to the different kinds of ads.

One 15-year-old freshman from Bethlehem, N.Y., said he has vaped for almost a year. He said his parents know and disapprove. He also said many of his friends use vapes. He was not involved in the study.

He sees a lot of ads for vapes online and on billboards but doesn't think the advertising makes much of a difference.

Still, he said, “it's a constant reminder that it's something out there for you to do.”

The study found that two-thirds of 18- to 21-year-olds and 44 percent of 12- to 14-year-olds were receptive to the ads. This finding was one of the alarms raised by researchers.

“If they're only advertising to people who can buy the products,” said Pierce, then the ads shouldn't be finding such traction among “almost half of the people (in the study) under the age of 18.” The odds, according to the study, were 60 percent higher that young people who were receptive to the ads would try e-cigarettes or vapes within a year.

That receptivity peaks around 21 years old, the age by which most tobacco users try tobacco for the first time.

We still find him in little things



CHRIS ERSKINE
The Middle Ages

With tender hearts, we appreciate the little things more than ever. A field of wildflowers. The jewels in the trees. More than anything, I know our late son would not want us sad.

We even appreciate the way the little guy, once in a blue moon, actually puts down his precious phone.

I try not to make too big a deal of it, yet I often can't resist.

“Ladies and gentlemen, did you see that?” I announce while standing and applauding. “The young man over here actually put down his cellphone! Let's have a big round of applause...”

He rolls his eyes, and just to torment me, immediately picks up the phone again. In losing our eldest son, Christopher, in a car accident last month, we may have lost the funniest Erskine. But we haven't completely lost the funny.

Life goes on, life goes on ...

You know, there are trends and phenomena I will never understand — the popularity of tattoos or Shia LaBeouf's career, which isn't so much a career as it is a series of magazine articles lamenting lost genius.

These indecipherable trends defy rigorous thought — at least rigorous thought by goofballs like me.

Such is my deal with smartphones.

One hundred thousand



CHRIS ERSKINE/LOS ANGELES TIMES

Our son isn't really gone. He exists in fields of flowers, or the laughter in our kitchen.

years of human evolution and we are left with kids on a couch forever playing “Fortnite,” the popular video game that is now a free phone app and apparently more addictive than nicotine.

I downloaded “Fortnite” the other day, just so the little guy and I would have something new to share, besides how annoying his sisters are, or how his mother can order him to do the same chore twice in a single sentence.

As in, “Didn't I ask you to take the trash out earlier, because I'm pretty sure I asked you to take the trash out?”

See that? Twice in one sentence. That's a gift. It's also a sign of what parenting will do — turn you into a crazy person who will incessantly repeat simple instructions, as if training schnauzers.

Yet, otherwise, how would you ever get them to take the trash out?

Back to “Fortnite,” which I tried to download and got this message.

ERROR

Not enough space on your device to finish downloading required content ...

Listen, if I had a buck for every ERROR message I get or rejected friend request ... well, I'd be a very wealthy and insufferable man. But I like to think I am wealthy and insufferable in other ways.

Like with daughters.

The other morning, I got a call from the lovely and patient older daughter that she'd been attacked by a pigeon while driving downtown.

She's older now and only calls when it's a legitimate emergency. Like when she needs a spider killed or hasn't had dim sum in more than a month.

“I haven't had dim sum in FOREVER,” she texted recently.

“Sounds serious,” I answered.

“So we can go to that ridiculous place?” she asked. “The one you love?”

Sure, so I can drop another 200 bucks on rice? As my buddy Bill noted the other day, our adult children now make more than we do. When do they start picking up a tab?

My prediction? Never. But back to that poor pigeon. This is not my older daughter's first run-in with nature. She once hit a deer on the Angeles Crest at night. According to her, “The deer was drunk ... you could see it in his pupils.”

Now it's this random pigeon that's crossed her path. What happened is that they flew into each other, the poor bird and my daughter's Accord. The pigeon lost and the remnants were now splattered all over her driver's side window and mirror.

She was too freaked to

get out of the car.

So she drove around a while trying to figure out what to do, texting friends of her plight, posting on Instagram and Snappy-chatter, before realizing: “Oh, that's right, I have a father; he'll do anything for me! He paid for college and my braces and the deductible when I hit that drunk deer. He'll do anything!”

Which is not without a pigeon of truth.

Next thing she knew, she was heading for the house, past all those amazing LA car washes — like gushing Class V rapids — to the garden hose in the front yard, where she waited for me to show up, so I could rinse the gunk away.

You know, when you get married, or start a family, they warn you of a lot of the trade-offs: bankruptcy, self-sacrifice, mental anguish, to name a few.

What they don't warn you about are moments like this, where you're standing in the front yard on a Monday morning, hosing down a car for someone who now makes more money than you do, but will always — in the slightest and sweetest respects — still be your little girl.

Life goes on, life goes on ...

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Better sex life for chore-sharing duos

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University of Utah sociologist Daniel L. Carlson, along with University of Indianapolis sociologist Amanda Miller and Cornell University sociologist Sharon Sassler. The findings will be released later this month in the journal *Socius*. Carlson presented a summary of the report to the Council on Contemporary Families ahead of publication.

“The gender revolution can be measured not only by the way we arrange our lives, but also by the consequences of those arrangements,” Carlson writes in his summary. “In earlier decades, couples who shared housework equally reported lower levels of marital and sexual satisfaction, and less frequent sex, than couples who adhered to a more ‘conventional’ division of labor. But for married and cohabiting couples since the early 1990s, the reverse is true.”

About one-third of the couples Carlson and his colleagues studied shared housework equally.

“These were the couples who, in contrast to couples in earlier decades, reported the highest marital and sexual satisfaction,” he writes. “In fact, this is the only group among which the frequency of sexual intercourse has increased since the early '90s.”

But chores are not created equal. Certain tasks are more closely associated with relationship satisfaction than others.

“Men who shared the shopping for their household not only reported greater sexual and relationship satisfaction than men who did the majority of this work, but also greater satisfaction than men whose partner did the majority of shopping,” Carlson writes. “For cleaning and laundry, men reported lower relationship and sexual satisfaction and more discord when they did the majority

of these tasks, but they were just as satisfied when these tasks were shared as when their partner did them.”

For women, sharing the dishes is paramount.

“As of 2006, women who found themselves doing the lion's share of dishwashing reported significantly more relationship discord, lower relationship satisfaction, and less sexual satisfaction than women who split the dishes with their partner,” Carlson writes. “Sharing responsibility for dishwashing was the single biggest source of satisfaction for women among all the household tasks, and lack of sharing of this task the single biggest source of discontent.”

I asked Coontz why dishes are such a big deal.

“Statistically more women than men still do the cooking in the household,” she said. “If you've cooked the dinner and you also have to do the dishes, that becomes problematic.”

Dishes, she added, are also not a chore that can be put off indefinitely.

“I can choose when I want to do the laundry,” she said. “But dishes are a low-control task. They have to be done before you can go on to the next meal.”

Couples who view dish duty — along with the attendant care and feeding of a household — as responsibilities to shoulder equally fare best.

“To me, it's a sign of the increasing importance of friendship and mutual respect in marriages,” said Coontz, who has studied American families for decades, including in her 2005 book, “Marriage, a History.” “Back in the 1950s a couple could have a pretty satisfying marriage just by marrying a gender stereotype,” she said. “Today we expect much more collaboration.”

And the rewards transcend the kitchen.

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Gastric monitoring gets easier to stomach

Fanny pack-like device offers less invasive option

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SAN DIEGO — Heart and brain activity are routinely measured through the skin with adhesive electrodes. But diagnosing gastric diseases may require patients to endure a tube stuck through the nose, down the throat and into the stomach.

Scientists led by University of California at San Diego researchers say they have a better option for these patients. They've invented a stomach-monitoring device worn like a fanny pack.

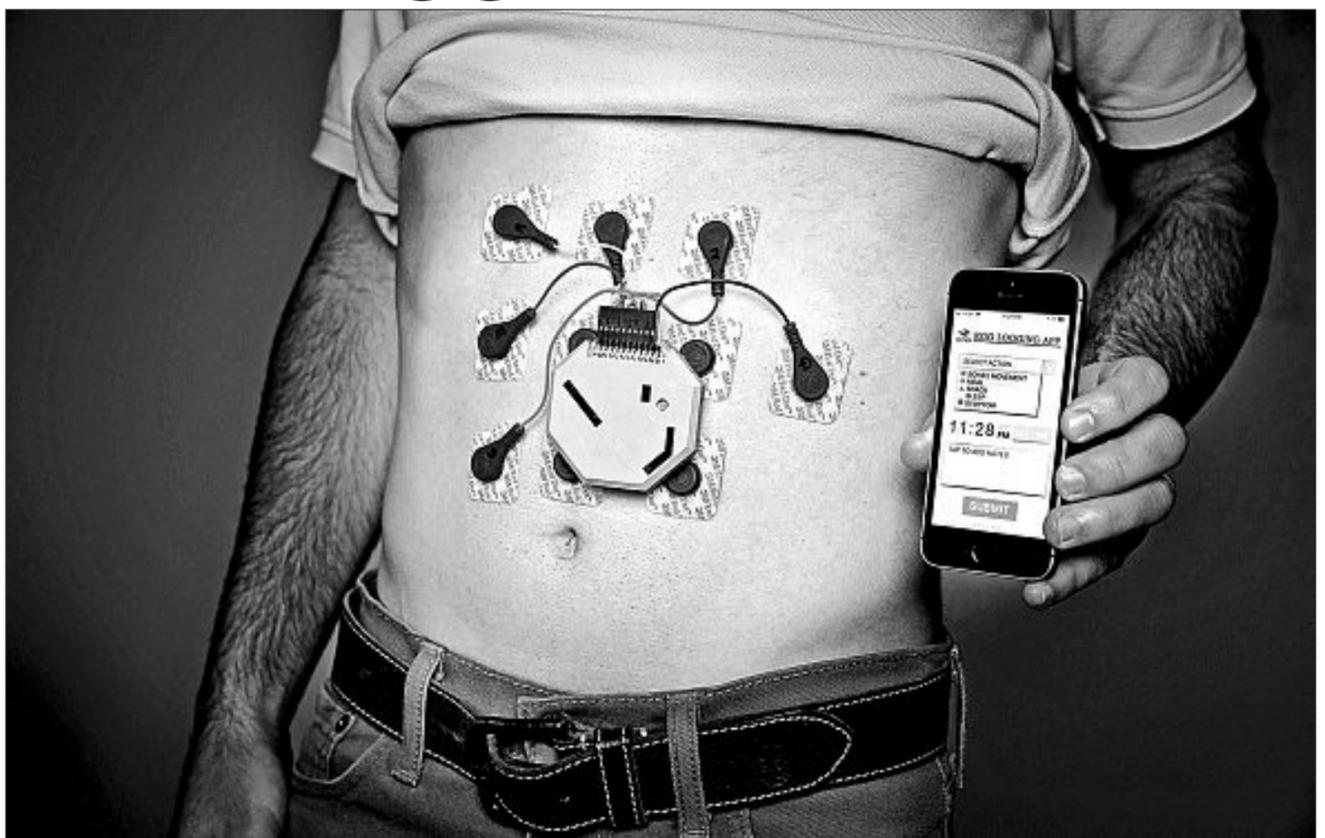
The prototype picks up the stomach's electrical signals through 10 electrodes stuck to the belly. Stomach activity changes with meals, sleep and other daily routines. Interruptions of these normal patterns can signal disease.

Because it can be worn for up to 24 hours, those being monitored can go about their day without being confined to a hospital or doctor's office. It's paired with a smartphone app, so wearers can record their activities to associate with the device's readout.

More work is being done to refine the device to improve patient care, said Todd Coleman, a UCSD bioengineering professor. That perhaps could be done by licensing it for commercialization.

Children who wouldn't tolerate getting a tube through their nose without sedation are prime subjects for this technology, Coleman said. He led the study with Armen A. Gharibans, a bioengineering postdoctoral researcher in Coleman's lab.

The device was tested on 11 children who had simultaneously undergone monitoring via a catheter inserted through the nose,



UC SAN DIEGO

A wearable device attached to the belly measures stomach activity. The prototype could change how gastric diseases are diagnosed.

and one adult. The wearable device yielded useful and reliable data on stomach activity, according to the study published in late March in *Nature Scientific Reports*.

Adults can also benefit from the continuous monitoring the device provides, he said.

"A lot of these disorders are transient," Coleman said. "Pains are not always there, and likewise for nausea."

In addition, it may not be easy to tell if gastrointestinal problems are what they appear on the surface or a manifestation of mental stress.

"Is this basically a brain problem manifesting in the gut? Or do you have something fundamentally wrong with your gut?" Coleman said. "We think that our

technology has the potential to disambiguate that, which is huge because the treatments are very different."

Doctors and engineers

This "marriage" of engineering and medical specialists was necessary to make a workable prototype, Coleman said. By working side by side, engineers and physicians can identify and overcome obstacles in developing solutions to medical problems, he said.

Personal motivation also made the project possible, said Coleman, whose father died of pancreatic cancer.

"It turns out he lost his mother, who passed before I was born, to stomach cancer," Coleman said. "So it was rather personal."

That motivation also fueled research funder Larry Smarr, a prominent UCSD physicist-futurist. Smarr underwent a resection of his colon in 2016, having first assisted his surgeon by developing a high-resolution map of the region.

Coleman said he had bonded with Smarr over the years, sharing a common interest in applying data and engineering principles to medicine, and the gastrointestinal system in particular.

"When I first got to UCSD, a lot of people looked to me as a person who builds these miniaturized sensors," Coleman said. "Larry came to realize that my original background is really data science and data analytics. And so when he saw some of the innovative things that we were doing,

he and I just realized that we're two birds of the same feather."

Meeting challenges

Starting around 2012, Coleman researched previous attempts to develop noninvasive gastrointestinal monitoring. Knowledge of why these attempts failed helped the team solve these pitfalls, Coleman said.

While the GI system is controlled by detectable electrical impulses, these are far fainter than the heart's electrical signals. That makes readouts prone to interference by the body's other electrical signals. So extracting enough usable data proved to be a challenge.

"Armen Gharibans was a new Ph.D. student in my

group, and I made him aware of this 'high-risk, high-reward' idea of trying to modernize assessment of the gut by monitoring its electrical rhythms," Coleman said.

He also said he had a hunch that previous efforts had failed because there was not a close cohesion between engineers and physicians. A "seamless" team encompassing those disciplines might address the problem.

"Keep in mind that at the time, this was not a sexy research area and virtually no one in the clinical community was using this readout. I applaud Armen's willingness to nonetheless take this risk, congratulate him on his outstanding work and am relieved that the bet paid off," Coleman said.

Some meds given to babies may up allergies, asthma risk

BY ALAN MOZES
HealthDay

Babies who are given antacids or antibiotics during their first 6 months of life may have a sharply higher risk for allergies or asthma, a large new study warns.

The finding is based on an analysis of health records of more than 792,000 children born between 2001 and 2013.

While the study does not prove that the medications cause allergy, lead author Dr. Edward Mitre said the links appear to be strong.

"I did find it striking that we found positive associations between the use of antacid medications and virtually every class of allergy we evaluated," he said. That associated risk "appears substantial and clinically significant," Mitre added.

Infant antacid exposure was linked to a doubling of the risk for developing food allergies, and a 50 percent increase in the risk for developing drug allergies and a hypersensitive immune reaction to foreign toxins, such as a bee sting (anaphylaxis).

Exposure to antibiotics appeared to double children's future asthma risk, while prompting a 50 percent increase in risk for allergies to dust, dander and pollen (allergic rhinitis); eye allergies (allergic conjunctivitis); and anaphylaxis, Mitre said.

But why? Mitre suspects "biological reasons" are at play. "Both antibiotics and antacid medications can disturb the normal microbiome," he said, referring to the complex environment of microbes that is critical to a well-functioning immune system. Evidence is mounting that changes in the microbiome can increase allergy risk.

Antacids can reduce protein digestion in the



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Babies given antibiotics in the first few months of life had a higher risk of asthma and allergies, new research warns.

stomach, Mitre explained, which may lead to food allergies.

Mitre is an associate professor of microbiology and immunology at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences' School of Medicine in Bethesda, Md.

Mitre and his colleagues published their report online April 2 in *JAMA Pediatrics*.

Co-author Dr. Cade Nyland said that while babies are prone to acid reflux, it's typically not a cause for concern or drug treatment.

"One reason that infants are prone to reflux is the immature anatomy of the infant," he noted. "Another is they have to eat so many calories per body weight. If an adult were to have to take in the same volume as an infant, it would be like drinking roughly two quarts every four hours. If I did that, I would be spitting up, too."

Nyland said that, in most cases, feeding babies smaller and more frequent meals and burping them often is preferable to giving them antacids.

He is an associate professor of pediatrics at USU, and program director of the pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and

nutrition fellowship at Bethesda's National Capital Consortium.

Added Mitre: "There are certainly some infants with severe gastroesophageal reflux who warrant medical therapy, but it is probable that the vast majority do not."

Still, the team found that about 8 percent of the children in their analysis had been prescribed an antacid during their first six months of life.

All were enrolled in the military health system within 35 days of birth and stayed enrolled for at least a year. Investigators looked at their early medication exposure and the onset of allergies and asthma over an average period of 4.6 years.

The study findings underscore well-known risks of antibiotics and counter the belief that acid-suppressives are harmless, Mitre said.

"Given the association we and others have found between acid-suppressive medications and allergy, and given that they are not generally beneficial for infants, this study suggests that antibiotics and acid-suppressive medications should only be used in situations of clear clinical benefit," Mitre concluded.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Too much baking soda can rupture the stomach

BY JOE GRAEDON AND TERESA GRAEDON
King Features Syndicate

Q: My dad passed away at 75. He was notorious for taking a small amount of baking soda from the kitchen cupboard to eliminate stomach acid or heartburn. He would let out a loud burp, and bingo — his indigestion was gone. I know how violent the reaction is between baking soda and battery acid. When you put baking soda into stomach acid, is the resulting reaction just as violent?

A. Usually a person taking a small amount of baking soda as an antacid suffers no harm. Gastroenterologists have estimated that 1/2 teaspoon of sodium bicarbonate (baking soda) would release only a small amount of gas (Gastroenterology, November 1984).

The authors of this report note, however: "Some people selected doses of bicarbonate that would result in several hundred milliliters of gas release within three minutes; it seems likely that such injudicious ingestion of sodium bicarbonate, if taken when the stomach was distended with air, food and liquid, could be an important factor in spontaneous gastric rupture."

There are about 15 cases in the medical literature in which people ruptured their stomach by taking large doses of baking soda after eating too much. In one notorious case, a man ate a large meal, accompanied by margaritas, at a Mexican restaurant (*Annals of Internal Medicine*, November 1984).

Q: I work as a public-address announcer, so



SCOTT KEELER/AP

A person taking a small amount of baking soda as an antacid usually suffers no harm.

my voice is essential for my job. My asthma inhaler, Advair, makes me so hoarse that it is a real problem. My doctor hasn't offered anything helpful. Do you have any suggestions?

A: You are not the only person to develop hoarseness (laryngitis) as a side effect of an inhaled corticosteroid. Doctors sometimes tell their patients to gargle after using the inhaler. One reader didn't get any relief with this tactic: "Gargling isn't going to reach the vocal cords. I am a singer and have had to lower the key of all my songs to match my 'froglike' voice."

Another reader had this suggestion: "I have COPD and use the same inhaled medication. Initially it made me hoarse. Then I was told by a throat specialist to take some Mylanta after using it. Boy, does it help!"

We could find no studies documenting the value of swallowing liquid antacid to avoid laryngitis from a steroid inhaler. That said, it might be worth a try. Check with your doctor to make sure Mylanta won't interact with any of your other

medications.

Q: I recently have been diagnosed with gallstones, and my liver function tests are high. I've been taking fenofibrate for some time. I wonder if that may be the cause.

A: Fenofibrate, a drug prescribed to lower triglycerides and cholesterol in the bloodstream, indeed can trigger gallstone formation (*Digestive Diseases and Sciences*, March 2001). The official prescribing information advises doctors to discontinue fenofibrate if gallstones are discovered. This drug also can raise liver enzymes.

Q: Ten years ago, I had toenail fungus. I soaked my feet in a Listerine and vinegar 50/50 solution for an hour every day for a week. That sounds like a lot of time, but I was stubborn and really wanted to get rid of it. I live in Hawaii, where everyone wears flip-flops.

This really worked for me. I'm hoping to use the same solution now to get rid of my athlete's foot. My doctor was amazed, especially since he wanted to give me a pricey prescription that I would have had to take for a long time.

A. We're amazed this remedy worked so quickly. It normally takes several months for infected nails to be replaced with healthy tissue. The thymol in Listerine has well-established anti-fungal properties (*BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine*, Aug. 30, 2016).

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.

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Hirsutism, or dark, coarse hair on a woman's face, chest or back, may be a sign of polycystic ovary syndrome, or PCOS.

Guideline: Test for cause of unwanted hair

HealthDay

Women with dark, coarse hair growth on the face, chest or back should be tested for polycystic ovary syndrome and other underlying health problems, a new Endocrine Society guideline says.

Hirsutism — the growth of unwanted hair in places where men typically grow hair, such as the face or chest — affects between 5 and 10 percent of women. “Excess facial or body hair is not only distressing to women, it is often a symptom of an underlying medical problem,” Dr. Kathryn Martin, chairwoman of the guideline task force, said in a society news release. Martin is an endocrinologist at Massachusetts General Hospital

in Boston.

“It is important to see your health care provider to find out what is causing the excess hair growth and treat it,” she added.

Hirsutism can be caused by polycystic ovary syndrome, or PCOS, a common condition linked with infertility and metabolic health problems.

The guideline indicates that all women with hirsutism should have blood tests for testosterone and other male sex hormones called androgens.

Women naturally have small amounts of these hormones, but levels tend to be higher in women with PCOS and other conditions that cause hirsutism.

The tests had previously been recommended only

for women with moderate to severe hirsutism. The new guideline is meant to improve detection of PCOS and other underlying health conditions.

The new guideline is published in the April print issue of The Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism.

Mild cases of hirsutism with no sign of an underlying health condition can be treated with medication or direct hair removal, according to the Endocrine Society. Oral contraceptives are suggested as a first line of treatment for most women with hirsutism who are not trying to get pregnant.

In addition, the society recommends that women with hirsutism who are also obese may benefit from exercise and a healthy diet.

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FOOD & DINING

CRAVING: LUNCH

Lunch in the Loop

BY NICK KINDELSPERGER
Chicago Tribune

THE ULTIMATE GUIDE

Never has there been a better time to flee your Loop office building and get lunch.

You never had to convince me. I mean, would you rather nibble on some sad salad in the grim yellow light of your business's windowless break room, or walk among the sterling skyscrapers in one of the most architecturally interesting places on earth? I've lived in Chicago for 10 years, and I still can't make it a block without gazing up in awe like some slack-jawed tourist.

Used to be, people had the rightful claim that the lunch options in the Loop never measured up to the scenery. That's not true anymore. From stellar barbecue to the finest deep dish in the city, I know of no other neighborhood where such a large number of high quality lunch spots exist in such a condensed space. If you work in the area, consider yourself lucky.

We should thank Revival Food Hall, which has been the epicenter for lunch in the Loop since opening. The glimmering food hall launched a delicious arms race in 2016 when it attracted a horde of hip local eateries, instead of relying on the usual fast-food suspects. Ever since, the number of national burger joints in the Loop has decreased, while intriguing quick-service options have multiplied.

This is true even though I excluded restaurants from nearby River North and West Loop, two of the finest restaurant neighborhoods in the country. But as far as I know, lunch break only lasts an hour, or even 30 minutes, and most don't enjoy hoofing it more than half a mile to scarf down a sandwich. For boundaries, I used the Chicago River to the north and west, Michigan Avenue to the east, and Congress Parkway to the south.

This is also no time for sit-down restaurants, where ordering requires a waiter or waitress. While fine for a business lunch, that's another list. All of these spots prize speed, making it easy to swing by and grab a bite on a busy business day.

Lunch in the Loop is always changing. Restaurants open and close with frightening frequency, and a promising new food hall (Wells St. Market) is waiting in the wings. But after spending a month eating at three to four spots a day, I have a pretty good grasp of the lunch choices right now. Here are the 24 best spots for a quick lunch in the Loop.

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Aloha Poke Co.: The original poke player of Chicago's downtown lunch scene is still going strong. While not as traditional as some, Aloha makes up for it with an infectious playfulness. That's especially true with the crunch bowl (\$9.50), which includes a riot of crispy toppings to pair with the succulent raw fish. Revival Food Hall, 125 S. Clark St., 773-999-9411, revivalfoodhall.com.



Beatrix Market: Because of its excessive girth and long cooking time, deep-dish pizza is not a lunchtime staple in the Loop. The great exception is the adorable individual-size deep-dish pie at the new Beatrix Market by the DePaul Loop campus. Featuring a remarkably thin base, top quality cheese and a shocking lack of grease, this is also a contender for best deep dish in the city. 23 E. Jackson Blvd., 312-583-0598, beatrixrestaurants.com/beatrix-market/depaul-loop.



The Budlong Hot Chicken: This local chain of Nashville-style fried chicken almost always has a long line at Revival Food Hall, and it's easy to see why. The exterior of the chicken is crackly and genuinely spicy, while the interior stays juicy. Even the sides are top quality, including the intricately flavored collard greens. Revival Food Hall, 125 S. Clark St., 773-999-9411, revivalfoodhall.com.



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Antique Taco Chiquito: Most Mexican joints downtown specialize in burritos, with varying degrees of success. But if you want tacos, this stall in the Revival Food Hall is your best bet. The crispy fish tacos (two for \$9.50) live up to their name, with an extra crackly tempura coating. It also helps that the tacos feature soft corn tortillas and great salsas. Revival Food Hall, 125 S. Clark St., 773-999-9411, revivalfoodhall.com.



Blackwood BBQ: I like the pulled pork at Blackwood BBQ, but when the brisket is on, it's some of the best in the city. That's especially true if you ask for slices from the fatty end. Then each morsel of smoke-scented meat tastes as juicy and satisfying as rib-eye steak. 307 W. Lake St., 312-621-9663, blackwoodbbq.com.



Danke: Danke is in serious contention for title of best sandwich-maker in all of downtown. I'm especially obsessed with the secret sandwich (\$9.95). It starts with a fantastic baguette. Bite through the crackly crust, and you'll hit a luscious, creamy bed of duck liver mousse, pork belly and Swiss cheese. And just when you think it's all too intensely rich, a healthy dose of nose-clearing mustard helps cut through it all. Revival Food Hall, 125 S. Clark St., 773-999-9411, revivalfoodhall.com.

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REVIEW Bar Biscay ★★

'Gives us bigger box to play in'

2-month-old West Town restaurant from mfk team has laid-back vibe

BY PHIL VETTEL
Chicago Tribune

I've never been to the Bay of Biscay, that stretch of the north Atlantic that unites southern France with the north coast of Spain. Which would seem to be a disadvantage when trying to take the pulse of Bar Biscay, which celebrates the food of that region.

But Bar Biscay, the 2-month-old West Towner by mfk owners Scott Worsham and Sari Zernich Worsham (joined by industry

veteran Joe Campagna), is more about conveying the region's laid-back vibe — the simple pintxos bars where one eats small plates and drinks and management keeps track of your total — than delivering a heritage lesson.

Simply put, Bar Biscay is a party — with all the noise that term suggests — with straightforward, delicious, ingredient-driven bites. Call them pintxos. Or don't. It's all good.

"We're not being all chef-y here," Scott Worsham said. "It's

more of a 'Let the thing be the thing' and not overdo it. The questions for our guests are, 'What are you doing in the room; are you having a good time?' I think American dining needs to get back to that philosophy."

The guy who's not being "all chef-y" is Johnny Anderes, who cooked impressively at The Kitchen and Telegraph and who, in tragically bad timing, was piped aboard Honey's mere

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From the "mano a boca" (hand to mouth) section of the menu is a mix of chorizo and 'nduja spread on toast and topped with pickled egg.

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In some European countries, wine traditionally has been a natural part of both dinner and lunch. Not so in the U.S.

Why don't Americans drink wine with lunch?



MICHAEL AUSTIN
The Pour Man

We just don't do it. We don't drink wine at lunch, at least not in any regular way.

Even when we dine in restaurants with kitchens that turn out carefully prepared, sophisticated food that begs for wine accompaniment, we don't drink wine at lunch, for the most part. We say, "I'm fine with just water," or we upgrade to sparkling water or some other nonalcoholic beverage. We do this partly because returning to the office with boozy breath is taboo in our work-worshipping culture.

In some European countries, especially the ones known for wine production, wine traditionally has been a natural part of both dinner and lunch. The time of day, or the to-do list waiting back at the office, has had little to do with an Old World person's decision about whether or not to have wine with lunch. It's a meal. There is food involved, so there must be wine too.

Imagine sitting down in an American restaurant (aside from those in the very top tier of fine-dining palaces) and not seeing salt and pepper on the table. In many ways, the Old World's wine is our salt and pepper. You just expect to see it on the table.

As the Old World continues to turn more "Western" (or, dare I say, "American"), some of its approaches to living are starting to disappear. But they're not gone yet. To be reasonable, I know that not every banker and lawyer in Paris, Rome and Madrid (among others) drinks wine with lunch, and that when they abstain, it's due to the work they have to do for the rest of the day.

Wine with lunch is a lifestyle for many people in Europe, but it has never been a thing in the United States. But drinking alcohol at lunch certainly was, and clearly that has gone out of fashion, for the most part.

Wine is more popular than ever in the United States, and still we usually pass on it at lunch — even when the medical world tells us that a glass a day for women, and two glasses a day for men, is not only acceptable but beneficial to our health. Could we not split that allotment in half and enjoy a splash of wine at lunch and another at dinner in the same day? Or could we not spend the entire allotment at lunch and abstain at dinner? (The medical world is pretty clear about the lack of health benefits afforded to anyone who employs creative math, teetotaling through the workweek and then cramming seven days' worth of daily wine into a single Saturday night.)

As it is, many of our weekday afternoons include a good solid hour of food coma — that hazy, sluggish, unproductive state brought on by a belly full of food. With a glass of wine in the mix, that could turn into an all-out nap in a locked bathroom stall. With two glasses of wine in the mix, your afternoon could

turn into a YouTube research session of your favorite band's past summer festival appearances.

Yes, you can nap or kill an afternoon online without having drunk a drop of wine at lunch. But another reason we don't drink wine at lunch is it makes us happy and more carefree than we were before we left the office. It makes us unfocused on the tasks at hand. When we drink wine, we let our guard down. Usually, when wine enters our experience, we have knocked off for the day, and now our minds and souls are going to another place. Away from work. Drinking wine, for most of us anyway, is the exact antithesis of working.

I can understand the "fine with just water" stance. I, too, have a hard time putting my nose to the grindstone after I have put my nose into a few glasses of wine. It just sends me in another direction. It makes me say, "Yes, more of this." More of this luxury, more of this pleasure, more of this sense of well-being. And that often translates to more ... weight.

Perhaps that is another reason most Americans don't drink wine at lunch daily. We weigh more than we should as a nation, yet we know we should weigh less. Yet we love wine. And dessert. Yet we tell ourselves we shouldn't indulge. It's a vicious and cruel cycle.

Another reason? Cost. We all have our magic number when it comes to how much we are willing to spend at lunch. A glass of wine can push your tab way past your usual daily outlay. On vacation, though? Yeah, bring on the wine. We can agree on that, right? What else do we have to do on vacation besides eat food, drink wine, read, people-watch, nap and get showered and ready for dinner?

The daylight is a vigilant watchdog, and when we are day-drinking on vacation (or even over the weekend at home), we get a feeling of luxurious defiance. During the workweek, the daylight watchdog keeps us hemmed in, and that is usually the place we want to be — hemmed in — when we return to the office to make afternoon calls.

There's also that possibility of a spontaneous drop-in from our boss's boss. If smelling wine on our breath and noticing that we are a little looser than normal were not a big deal, more of us might enjoy a glass of wine with lunch. But it is a big deal. Drinking wine at lunch is just not a part of our culture — for better or worse.

Think about when you see people drinking wine at lunch. Immediately you take note of how they are dressed and how they are relating to each other. Is it a business meeting? Is it some kind of nonwork celebration? How loose are the people, and if they are in business attire, does it seem they are heading back to their offices? Or did they just close a deal, and are they all heading home after one or two more bottles for the table?

That's the lunch we all want to be a part of. But sadly, we have to go back to work.

Michael Austin is a freelancer.

'Bigger box to play in' for mfk team

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weeks before that restaurant went belly up.

Here, Anderes applies the mfk ethos — unaffected, simple food from the Spanish coast — to a larger footprint, centered on the Basque region and spreading north and south.

"It gives us," Worsham said, "a bigger box to play in."

Where you want to play is in the small-plate sections of the menu; that's where the fun lies. A half-dozen each of carefully chosen meats and cheeses (roughly half Spanish, half French) are priced individually; there are no composed plates, save for the one you might assemble. Then there are the "mano a boca" (hand to mouth; i.e., finger food) treats, beginning with crunchy, manchego-stuffed gougeres that are a must-try.

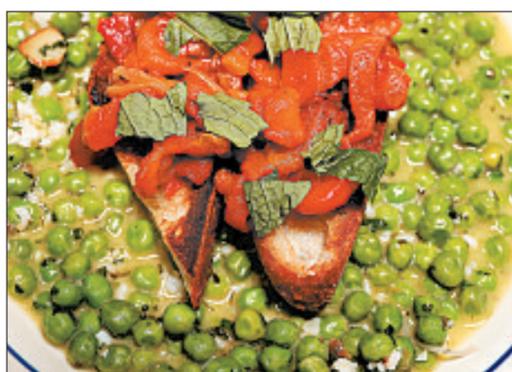
Farther down the list is a blend of chorizo and 'nduja, spread on toast and topped with quarters of pickled egg; dabs of brandade on toast, topped with salmon roe, and a crab toast so messy (but yummy) that its unofficial name in the kitchen is "helmet nachos" (and if you don't know what that ballpark dish is, count your blessings).

A "from the sea" section contains raw, cooked and preserved fish; highlights include razor clams in garlic butter, in-the-tin sardine conserva tossed with fennel and lemon, and large pieces of smoked mackerel, crunchy cauliflower, frisee and remoulade, combining in a protein-rich salad.

A couple of the vegetable-focused dishes are real stars. I'm thinking of the spring peas, mixed with bits of squid sausage and served with piperade on toast; it sounds simple, and it is, but it bursts with fresh, bright flavor. On the opposite end of the spec-



Server Mariah Elmore looks on as Bar Biscay chef Johnny Anderes finishes off a dish.



Spring peas, squid sausage and piperade on toast.

trum is the umami bomb that is the hongos, a dish of sauteed wild mushrooms (brightened with a bit of sherry) crowned with a runny egg.

Large plates comprise the sort of well-executed dishes that will put less-adventurous diners at ease. The fine steak frites with a chunky gribiche sauce would feel at home in any

French bistro, and the roasted chicken, a disjointed half-bird, has its roots in Normandy but soothes the palate with notes of shallots, garlic and apple. Even the Basque pork chop, a recurring special featuring off-the-bone slices over grilled black beans, is a down-home dish that would appeal to anyone.



Smoked mackerel, cauliflower, frisee and remoulade.

The better picks for me would be the piquillo peppers stuffed with Basque-style sausage, over rich manchego mornay sauce; this brightly colored beauty might become your favorite stuffed-pepper dish ever.

Bar Biscay offers double the dessert offerings as mfk. That's a joke; mfk has only its splendid Basque cake (and I salute

the Worshams' restraint in not copying it here), and Bar Biscay has a lovely crepe filled with strawberries and in-house Neufchatel cheese, and fist-size cream puffs in three varieties: espresso cream with cocoa-nib glaze, pistachio cream with orange glaze and cherry cream with vanilla-almond glaze. (If you're feeling

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stuffed, the cream puffs make great takeout treats.)

"If you count each cream-puff flavor as a separate dessert," joked Worsham, "that's four."

What puts the "bar" in Bar Biscay are some nice cocktails, including a Biscay 75 (a minor variant of the French drink), Agricole Daisy (a sort-of cross between a Daisy cocktail and a margarita) and the Wrath of Kalimotxo, a twist on the red-wine-and-cola concoction that afflicts the Basque region.

The party starts early here; Bar Biscay opens at 3 p.m. daily (closed Monday and Sunday, though brunch service isn't far away) and, for the first two hours, serves discounted pinxtos, a nod to the Basque restaurants that inspired this place.

The atmosphere can be can't-hear-my-server loud, though I note that music, when you can discern it, plays at a modest volume (at my table, we joked that we could only hear the bass lines). The noise is the symphony of happy chatter and full tables. Music, no doubt, to the owners' ears.

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Chunky slices of fried eggplant and a crispy garnish of puffed fried mochi cake set off a boldly flavored soup.

Deep-fried goodness

Cooking technique turns eggplant into a delicious Japanese dish



JEANMARIE BROWNSON
Dinner at Home

Once upon a time, it felt lonely to cook for a hobby. Thanks to YouTube and countless food websites and blogs, I connect easily with kindred spirits now. So when I spend a gloomy Saturday in the kitchen working on a technique, or re-creating a favorite restaurant dish, I know I am not alone.

Deep-frying is one of those techniques for which I welcome tips from others. As with any new-to-me cooking technique, I take my time. Thin slices of zucchini are a good start. Deep-fried, wow, delicious. A light coating of potato starch or cornstarch adds a crisp, light texture. Sprinkle the slices with salt as soon as they come out of the oil, then serve them with a dipping sauce or slip into brothy soups or omelets for a rich, intriguing element.

Do the same with eggplant — even if you don't think you like it, try it fried. I am already looking forward to the long, crisp, skinny strips sold at the Venice Club stand at Milwaukee's Summerfest. They serve the deep-fried goodness with a cup of zesty marinara sauce for dipping.

Truth be told, I prefer others do the frying when things get complicated. But a bowl of amazing fried eggplant, called *mizore gake*, served at *Yakitori Totto* in Manhattan, propelled me into the kitchen.

Golden, pudding-tender slices of eggplant rest in a sweet, spicy broth surrounded by bouncy nameko mushrooms and crispy-chewy mochi nuggets tucked under a pile of aromatic greens. Absolutely delicious. The combination of textures and flavors, and the richness of the fried eggplant, make this Japanese bowl a standout.

Making the broth proves simple — especially since I rely on instant dashi purchased from a local Asian market. At its simplest, dashi, Japan's most basic cooking stock, combines sea kelp (*kombu*) simmered in water. Easy enough to do at home. (Kelp is available at Whole Foods and most

large supermarkets.) More common is the addition of dried fish known as *bonito*; it's in the powdered dashi I rely on for speed. Low-sodium chicken broth makes a fine substitute in this dish.

The other ingredients that flavor the broth, such as soy sauce, mirin and rice vinegar are readily available. I add the soaking liquid from dried mushrooms to boost the umami.

The tricky part of this dish is deep-frying thick slices of eggplant to tender, creamy goodness. First, salt the eggplant to draw out some of the water. After standing, it's important to pat the eggplant absolutely dry before immersing in the oil. Same goes for nearly anything you're frying — use care to prevent dangerous hot splatters.

Use a deep, heavy-bottomed saucepan or wok that holds heat well. Have a paper towel-lined tray nearby, as well as a slotted spoon or wire skimmer. It's smart to have a large box of kitchen salt handy should you need to douse flames. Of course, never put water into hot oil.

Always use the best oil you can afford. I prefer safflower or sunflower oil for its high heat cooking properties and odorless frying. Rice bran oil, peanut oil and expeller-pressed canola oil also are good. Ordinary vegetable oil, or regular canola oil, overheats easily and give off a fishy smell when frying. To regulate the oil temperature, I recommend investing in a good deep-fry thermometer.

The frying oil can be cooled, strained and bottled to use again later. Think about the flavor the oil might have picked up in the frying. For example, oil used to fry vegetables could be used later to fry fish — but not vice versa.

For fun frying, purchase dried unsweetened mochi (sticky rice cakes — not to be confused with mochi the frozen ice cream dessert) from a Japanese or pan-Asian market. Then cut the firm, dried blocks into small cubes. Add the cubes, a few at a time to hot oil. Watch them grow and puff as they fry into irregular white clouds of sticky rice. Doused in the flavorful broth alongside the fried eggplant, the mochi lends a fun, chewy texture.

Not quite a soup, more like a stew, this bowl of inspired goodness stars as a meatless main course or a hearty first course to dinner of grilled steak or fish and steamed asparagus.

Japanese-style eggplant and mushrooms in spicy broth

Prep: 25 minutes **Stand:** 20 minutes **Cook:** 20 minutes **Makes:** 4 to 6 servings

All of the items needed for this dish can be found in large supermarkets with Asian sections, or from online markets.

- 2 medium purple eggplants, about 12 ounces each
- Salt
- 1 ounce dried nameko or shiitake mushroom caps
- 2 cups dashi broth or chicken broth, see note
- 1/4 cup mirin (rice wine) or dry sherry
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon each: unsweetened rice wine vinegar, sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon Asian chile paste with garlic (or crushed red pepper flakes), or to taste
- 1 tablespoon potato starch (or 1 1/2 teaspoons cornstarch), dissolved in 2 tablespoons water
- Safflower, sunflower or expeller-pressed canola oil for frying
- 4 ounces dried unsweetened mochi cakes, cut into small cubes, optional
- 12 to 16 ounces firm tofu, drained, patted dry, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 cup baby arugula leaves
- 4 green onions, trimmed, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup cilantro leaves

1 Trim ends off eggplants. Cut eggplants crosswise into 1-inch-thick slices. Salt the slices and let stand in a colander, about 20 minutes.

2 Meanwhile, put mushrooms into a small dish; add 1 cup hot water to cover. Set a small plate on top to keep the mushrooms submerged. Let soak until tender, 10 to 20 minutes. Remove the mushrooms and cut them in half. Reserve the soaking liquid.

3 Strain the mushroom soaking liquid into a small saucepan. Add the dashi, mirin, soy sauce, vinegar, sugar and chile paste. Heat to a simmer. Cook until reduced a bit, about 10 minutes. Stir in the dissolved potato starch. Cook and stir until boiling and thickened. Add mushrooms. Remove from heat.

4 Pour oil into a small, deep saucepan to a depth of 2 inches. Set the pan over medium heat. Put a deep-fry thermometer into the pan, and monitor the heat until the oil reaches 350 degrees. Pat the eggplant dry, and slip 2 or 3 slices gently into the oil. Fry, turning once, until golden and the center is fork tender, 2 to 2 1/2 minutes. Remove eggplant with a slotted spoon to a piece of paper toweling. Repeat to fry the rest of the eggplant in small batches, adjusting the heat as necessary to maintain 350 degrees.

5 If using the mochi, slip a few cubes into the hot oil, and fry until they puff into white irregular mounds, about 1 minute. Remove with a slotted spoon to drain on paper toweling.

6 To serve, put 3 or 4 slices of eggplant into each serving bowl. Top with some of the tofu cubes and the fried mochi, if using. Reheat the broth to a simmer. Divide the hot broth and mushrooms over the eggplant. Top with equal portions of the arugula, green onions and cilantro leaves. Serve right away.

Note: You can make dashi from instant packets sold in the Asian section of supermarkets or online. I like to use 1 to 2 teaspoons dashi powder per cup of hot water.

Nutrition information per serving (for 6 servings): 192 calories, 12 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 11 g carbohydrates, 6 g sugar, 8 g protein, 371 mg sodium, 3 g fiber



Crispy zucchini chips with marinara

Prep: 10 minutes **Cook:** 10 minutes **Makes:** 4 servings

When ready to fry, coat only a few slices at a time with potato starch just before slipping into the oil. You can also try this recipe with 1/2-inch-thick strips of eggplant or boneless, skinless chicken thighs cut into 1-inch pieces; increase the frying time by a minute or two.

- 4 small zucchini, ends trimmed
- Salt
- 1 cup marinara or spaghetti sauce
- 1/2 cup potato starch, cornstarch or flour
- Safflower, sunflower or expeller-pressed canola oil for frying

1 Slice zucchini into 1/4-inch-thick rounds. Sprinkle with salt, and let stand in a colander for 20 minutes or so. Pat dry.

2 Heat the sauce in a small covered dish in the microwave on high (100 percent power) until hot, 1 to 2 minutes.

3 Coat a few zucchini slices with the flour, shake off the excess, and add to the hot oil. Do not crowd the pan, or the slices will stick together. (Even if they stick together, they still will taste good.) Fry, turning with a slotted spoon until golden, about 2 minutes. Remove to paper toweling to drain. Sprinkle with salt. Repeat to fry remaining zucchini in small batches.

4 Serve hot with the sauce for dipping.

Nutrition information per serving: 101 calories, 4 g fat, 0 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 12 g carbohydrates, 3 g sugar, 4 g protein, 291 mg sodium, 2 g fiber



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The new "Star Wars" menu at Denny's is a three-month promotion tied to the upcoming "Solo: A Star Wars Story."

Denny's 'Star Wars' menu crackles, pops ... fizzles

By **CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI**
Chicago Tribune

The other night, as I sat in a booth at Denny's and plowed my way through the diner's new "Star Wars" meals, the wisdom of Yoda came to mind:

How you get so big, eating food of this kind?

After Luke crashes his X-Wing fighter on the swamp planet of Dagobah in "The Empire Strikes Back," the tiny green Jedi scavenges through his trainee's soggy luggage and locates an interstellar granola bar, takes a bite and spits it out. As I worked my way through Denny's Two Moons Skillet — essentially a scramble, with a couple of eggs — I felt a somewhat similar sense of bewilderment and despair at the alien delicacy inside my mouth: *How you NOT get so big, eating food of this kind?* And shouldn't the Two Moons Skillet — pictured on the menu with dueling sunny-side-up eggs — be renamed for the twin sons of Tatooine? And the ultra-rich, nacho-cheese-like Gouda sauce swimming between slimy spinach and mushrooms and diced cubes of pale ham — maybe we just rename this thing the Death Star Trash Compactor Skillet?

I still would have ordered it.

The menu says "Star Wars," doesn't it?

Besides, I was curious: The new "Star Wars" meals at Denny's are a three-month promotion tied to "Solo: A Star Wars Story," the upcoming Han Solo flick, and this is a universe with a surprisingly strong, and strange, relationship to eating. For instance, after Yoda welcomes Luke to Dagobah, he gives his young Padawan a swamp-to-table stew, which Luke slurps from small miso bowls. Within the vast, decades-long "Star Wars" mythology — meaning the books, TV series, toys, whatnots — there are actually two recipes for Yoda's dish: The official "Star Wars" website offers a split-peas-and-carrots Roolleaf Stew from food writer Jenn Fujikawa; and in 1983, to celebrate a "Star Wars" radio serial on NPR, former New York Times restaurant critic Craig Claiborne invented a Yoda-themed root stew featuring ginger, turmeric and lamb.

In fact, there is so much food in the "Star Wars" universe that the online Wookieepedia — yes, this is a real thing — offers subcategories not only for soups and stews but sandwiches, baked goods and vegetarian options. Did you know that Stormtroopers eat a "grayish gooey" ration from self-heating tins? (Did you know Stormtroopers eat?)



The Co-Reactor Pancake Breakfast has crackling candies.



The Blaster Fire Burger with optional bacon cheese tots.



The Lightspeed Slam has egg whites and turkey bacon.

The best known "Star Wars" food is the blue Bantha milk from the original 1977 film, served on the farm owned by Luke's Uncle Owen and Aunt Beru. It looks suspiciously like Boo Berry cereal milk, and yet Bantha milk has a very long shelf life as the go-to comfort food in almost 40 years of "Star Wars" stories. In fact, most recently, in "The Last Jedi," Luke switched, controversially, to a greenish dairy — he lives alone on an island, catches space fish for dinner and, whenever thirsty, he milks giant space sea cows.

I'm sure there is a proper name and species for these animals — there is a name for every bolt and screw in the wide "Star Wars" ecosystem — but I

don't think I want to know it. After my "Star Wars" dinner at Denny's, I may relate a little too closely to those giant space sea cows.

Consider the Co-Reactor Pancake Breakfast.

It looks, in theory, like buttermilk pancakes, topped with fresh strawberries, strawberry sauce and whipped cream. It offers, in actuality, here on planet Earth, an additional sweet citrus sauce (on top of the strawberry sauce) and — Darth Vader himself wouldn't have been so heartless — a small mountain of crackling Pop Rock-like hard candies. As culinary adaptations of science fiction go, it's certainly otherworldly. As taste goes, it offers all the joy of rubbery pancakes combined with the off-putting sensa-

tion of having gaseous porgs snap their fingers inside your stomach. I believe the Co-Reactor pancakes were named after the metal guts of the Death Star, which tended to explode when pummeled with the right combination of ingredients.

The name is appropriate.

Among the four "Star Wars" dishes, it is the biggest pile of Sith on the menu, however the Light-speed Slam — egg whites, hard melon, wizened strips of turkey bacon, barely toasted English muffins — may be too appropriately named: Remember how the light-speed function on the Millennium Falcon, much-touted by Han Solo, promising to catapult its heroes in a rush of stars, generally fizzled out? Exactly.

The only true roguish, Solo-esque twist on the menu is the Blaster Fire Burger: It's handsome, rough at the edges, and at its core (via ghost-pepper sauce and chipotle-flavored Gouda), there's a kick. (For 49 cents more, it also comes with bacon cheese tots — craggy, gooey brown rocks that occupy the plate, and stomach, like asteroids.)

If I sound harsh, it's because there was a lot of inspiration here: Jabba the Hutt slurped live, screaming frog sushi from a bowl that sloshed with brandy; in "Last Jedi," Chewbacca, by a campfire, barbecued a porg on a spit (only to stop eating in midchomp, at the sight of another porg, whimpering with large doleful eyes); and in "The Force Awakens," Rey makes an instant-rising green bread (which Fujikawa replicates on the "Star Wars" website, using matcha powder and a microwave set at 45 seconds).

Then again, the only real-world "Star Wars" food experience I recall fondly is digging for trading cards at the bottom of Wonder Bread bags, a fact that invariably left every slice in the bag smushed. Perhaps adapting fiction into food is folly, a task that is best left not to chefs but licensing people — after all, the true attraction of Denny's "Star Wars" menu is the trading cards and Millennium Falcon drinking cups, each sold separately.

But there is lost opportunity here. I have not yet seen "Solo," so I can't say for certain if Han Solo and Chewbacca swing the Falcon by Denny's at 2 in the morning, but if they do, I imagine there's also a scene where they go hunting for antacids at 3 in the morning. And nobody wants to watch that.

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Dia De Los Tamales: I'm hit or miss with Latinicity, the large Latin street food concept on the third floor of Block 37. But it is kind of strange that the best Mexican food in the building is in the basement. In the Pedway between the Blue and Red lines, you'll find Dia De Los Tamales serving up some very untraditional tamales, such as the slow-roasted Cuban pork tamale (\$4). Block 37 Pedway, 108 N. State St., 312-255-7426, diadelostamales.com.



Farmer's Fridge: I'll admit, it's still super weird to buy salad from a vending machine, even ones as handsome as these brightly lit ones. But after trying a host of other salad-slinging operations downtown, I came to realize how nicely done these jars of vegetables really are. The quality of the produce is impeccable and the toppings nicely chosen. Multiple locations, farmersfridge.com.



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Fontano's Subs: As the Loop becomes crowded with healthy eateries peddling kale and brown rice, there's something comforting about this stalwart continuing to sling oversize subs with multiple kinds of meat and spicy giardiniera. Even in its new location on Michigan Avenue, you can score a Wise Guy (\$6.75) with three kinds of cured Italian meats and an intensely salty slice of provolone. 332 S. Michigan Ave., 312-663-3061, fontanosonmichigan.com.



Frontera Fresco: This stall on the seventh floor of Macy's slings tortas with ultra crackly bread and vibrantly flavored salsas. That's especially true of the beefy pepito (\$9.95), which comes packed with tender braised short ribs, earthy black beans and melted Jack cheese. Macy's Seven on State, 111 N. State St., 312-781-2955, rickbayless.com/restaurants/frontera-fresco.



Gayle's Best Ever Grilled Cheese: Gayle's sandwiches are made with white sourdough from Ben-nison's Bakery in Evanston, Prairie Pure Butterkase cheese from Belvidere and butter from Nordic Creamery in Westby, Wis. I especially love the Southport (\$8), which adds a sweet smoked onion marmalade. In the pedway, Block 37, Level B1, 108 N. State St., 312-285-2202, gaylessandwichshopchicago.com.



Luke's Lobster City Hall: If you have a 20 dollar bill and want to blow it all on one sandwich, it doesn't get much better than a pristine lobster roll from Luke's. The plump and sweet lobster meat is served simply on a split roll, with only melted lemon butter, mayonnaise and the shop's secret seasoning. 134 N. LaSalle Drive, 312-982-2977, lukeslobster.com.



Max's Take Out: Believe it or not, you can find a great Chicago-style hot dog in the Loop in 2018. Max's Take Out not only feels like stepping back in time to when a dill pickle counted as a serving of vegetables, but it also dishes out a flawless Chicago-style hot dog, complete with a snappy natural casing Vienna Beef hot dog. 20 E. Adams St., 312-553-0170, maxstakeoutchicago.com.



Naf Naf Grill: The Loop is stuffed to the breaking point with quick-service Mediterranean joints, the kind where you can get falafel or shawarma served with just enough vegetables to make you feel semi-good about lunch. Most are perfectly passable, if not altogether exciting. Naf Naf is the exception. The chicken shawarma is always juicy and intriguingly spiced, while the falafel balls stay crisp. Plus, the vegetable toppings are fresh, vibrantly colored and crunchy. Multiple locations, nafnafgrill.com.



Pastoral Artisan Cheese, Bread & Wine: Ducking into Pastoral feels like entering some alternative universe where the Loop turns out to be a quaint Parisian neighborhood. How else to explain the baskets of fresh bread, the cheese case and the wall of wine? Plus, you can get a sandwich smartly assembled with top-quality ingredients. My favorite is the blue pig and fig (\$11), which combines salty serrano ham, funky blue cheese and a sweet fig preserve on a baguette. 53 E. Lake St., 312-658-1250, pastoralartisan.com.



Pokeworks: After the success of Aloha Poke, the Loop became inundated with poke concepts, most of which are not worth mentioning. The best, by far, is this Los Angeles import, which stands out for its high-quality toppings and traditional ingredients, including ogo seaweed and Hawaiian salt. 79 E. Madison St., 312-868-0261, pokeworks.com.



The Roost Carolina Kitchen: This minuscule space serves the same extra crispy and dramatically seasoned fried chicken as The Roost's much larger outlets. That said, the menu has been pared down to just sandwiches and tenders. I'd suggest the former (\$6), which you can get topped with crisp coleslaw and lots of pickles. 400 S. Financial Place, 312-285-2207, theroostcarolinakitchen.com.



Shake Shack: The best quick-service burger in the Loop is this New York import, a fact that kind of pains me to say. But I need to give credit where it's due: The beef is exceptionally well-seasoned and seared until nearly black on the griddle, giving it an unparalleled crust. 12 S. Michigan Ave., 312-646-6005, shakeshack.com.



Smoque BBQ: It's hard to believe that one of Chicago's best barbecue joints has a Loop location, but that's the magic of the Revival Food Hall. Not only that, but the shop is cooking the meat on-site, which means the brisket (\$9.45) is as tender and smoke-laden as at the original shop in Irving Park. Revival Food Hall, 125 S. Clark St., 773-999-9411, revivalfoodhall.com.



Sweetgreen: Next to Mediterranean, few concepts pop up as often as salad joints. You know, the kind with an array of raw vegetables lined up for the taking. Sweetgreen stands out for its pristine produce, and for the careful way the place combines them. Its composed offerings, like the guacamole greens (\$10.75), showcase a very real understanding of salad balance. Multiple locations, sweetgreen.com.



Toni Patisserie & Cafe: This refuge from the throngs of tourists near Millennium Park specializes in French cafe classics. My favorite is Le Breton (\$10.95), a sandwich that initially looks like nothing more than an anemic ham and cheese pairing. But the shop uses top-quality Parisian-style ham and creamy Gruyere cheese, plus a few strategically placed cornichons. 65 E. Washington St., 312-726-2020, tonipatisserie.com.



TriBecca's Cubano: Though TriBecca's Cubano is only at Revival through June 29, that's still time to check out this new concept by the folks behind Honey Butter Fried Chicken and the Sunday Dinner Club. Each pressed sandwich features a crackly bun stuffed with thin layers of tender mojo-roasted pork, salty cured ham, gooey Wisconsin Swiss cheese, crunchy pickles and a smoky chipotle mayo. Revival Food Hall, 125 S. Clark St., 773-999-9411, revivalfoodhall.com.



U.B. Dogs: U.B. Dogs tackles the classic Chicago hot dog stand with some serious culinary chops. Everything is done the right way, from the precisely prepared Chicago-style hot dog to the fantastic fresh cut french fries. And the shop knows how to branch out, like with the Joey dog (\$3.50), a hot dog topped with fries and drenched in a garlic-wasabi aioli and Tabasco sauce. 185 N. Franklin St., ubdogs.com.



Union Squared: Just like deep dish, Detroit-style has a thick crust, lots of cheese and sauce on top, but that's where the similarities end. Instead of a dense base, the crust is open and airy, which makes it taste lighter than it appears. It also has a crunchier, golden-brown exterior that might help you swear allegiance to our Great Lakes neighbor. Revival Food Hall, 125 S. Clark St., 773-999-9411, revivalfoodhall.com.



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Using extra-virgin olive oil in addition to butter provides a rich texture and clean flavor that doesn't mask the potato nuance as much as all-dairy fat would.

Mashed for the masses

BY BECKY KRystal
The Washington Post

Mashed potatoes are the quintessential, goes-with-anything side. They're always a crowd-pleaser too.

People have gone to all sorts of elaborate lengths — in equipment and in ingredients — to achieve what they claim is the perfect mashed potatoes recipe. But you can create a beautiful bowl of spuds with nothing more than a pot, a wooden spoon and a handful of pantry staples.

I prefer to use the wooden spoon to mash the potatoes rather than a masher (which can make things gluey) or a potato ricer (don't own one), especially because of the slightly rustic texture you get with a few soft chunks embedded in the mash. If you want super-smooth potatoes and do own a ricer, go ahead and bust it out.

A note on the boiling: Many recipes call for starting the potatoes in cold water to achieve even cooking. Because the potatoes are cut into smaller chunks in this recipe, I found they cooked through at a uniform — not to mention faster — pace when added to the boiling water.

The original version of this recipe calls for Yukon Gold (yellow-fleshed) potatoes for a creamy result, but after my local grocery store was continually out of them or peddling green specimens, I gave up and went with the ubiquitous and cheaper russets. And you know what? The result was wonderfully silky.

I didn't need massive amounts of fat either. Using extra-virgin olive oil in addition to the butter provides a rich texture and clean flavor that doesn't mask the potato nuance as much as all-dairy fat would.

These mashed potatoes are great the way they are. But you should still feel free to dress them up with whatever accoutrements you like, whether it's crumbled bacon, grated cheese, chives or an extra pat of melting butter. The fresh garlic that is boiled and mashed with the potatoes imparts a mild and sweet flavor; if you like things more pungent, you can add garlic powder to taste (Trader Joe's has the most flavorful one I've tried).

It's difficult to not just eat the mashed potatoes straight out of the pot, but if you're feeding a crowd and are interested in a serving bowl presentation that will help keep the potatoes warm, try heating the bowl by filling it with boiling water and letting it sit for a few minutes. Discard the water, dry the bowl and add the potatoes, as artfully scooped as you want.

Essential mashed potatoes

Prep: 30 minutes **Cook:** 20 minutes **Makes:** 4 to 6 servings

Prepare the mashed potatoes up to 4 hours in advance, cover and keep at room temperature; they can also be stored in the refrigerator for a day or two. Reheat gently in a heatproof bowl placed on top of a pot filled with a few inches of water (a double-boiler setup) over medium heat, adding extra half-and-half or milk and adjusting the seasoning as needed. Adapted from "Seriously Simple Holidays," by Diane Rossen Worthington.

- 2 pounds russet potatoes, peeled and cut into 3-inch-long chunks (may substitute scrubbed, unpeeled Yukon Gold)
- 4 medium cloves garlic, cut in half lengthwise
- $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon kosher salt, plus more as needed
- $\frac{2}{4}$ tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup half-and-half (may substitute whole or low-fat milk), plus more as needed
- Freshly ground black pepper

1 Bring a large pot of water to a boil over high heat. Add the potatoes, garlic and $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of the salt; reduce the heat to medium, cover partially and cook until the potatoes and garlic are tender, 15 to 20 minutes.

2 Meanwhile, cook the butter, oil and half-and-half in a medium saucepan over medium heat, stirring until the butter has melted. Reduce the heat to low, cover and keep warm until the potatoes are ready. Alternatively, you can melt the butter (cut into small pieces) with the oil and half-and-half in a glass measuring cup in the microwave, heating at half-power for 1 minute and then at 30-second increments, stirring occasionally.

3 Drain the potatoes and return them to the pot; return it to the still-warm burner (off the heat). Shake the pot back and forth until most of the moisture has evaporated, 1 to 2 minutes. Remove the pot from the burner. Use a wooden spoon or rubber spatula to mash the potatoes and garlic to a fairly smooth consistency, leaving as many chunks as you like.

4 Pour the butter mixture over the potatoes and use the wooden spoon to blend to a smooth, but not soupy, consistency. If the potatoes are too dense or thick, add more half-and-half to reach your desired texture. Season with the remaining $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt, or more as needed, and the pepper. Serve warm.

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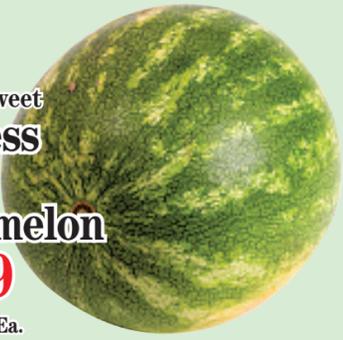
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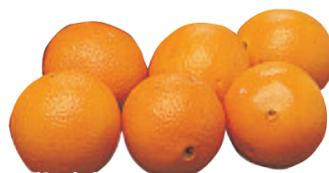
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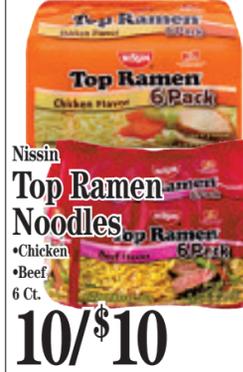
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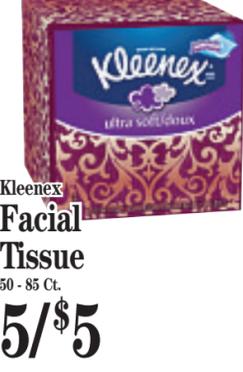
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