



Carson's is latest storied retailer to fade into history

164-year run ends after parent company fails to find a buyer willing to keep its stores open

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH AND SAMANTHA BOMKAMP
 Chicago Tribune

Carson's will shut down its department stores by late summer after more than 160 years in operation.

After parent company Bon-Ton Stores failed to find a bidder willing to keep the business going, a bankruptcy judge on Wednesday approved the sale of the company's assets, including Carson's and other

retail chains, to a joint venture of two liquidation firms and a group of company bondholders.

The flagship of Carson Pirie Scott was once among a full lineup of showy department stores — including Marshall Field's, Sears, Montgomery Ward, Henry C. Lytton & Co. and Wieboldt Stores — that called Chicago's State Street home. None of those names can be found there today.

The changes on State Street mirror changes in the broader

retail industry, as many shoppers have traded department stores for specialty chains, discounters and, more recently, online merchants. And it's not just State Street — department stores that once drew shoppers to suburban malls are pulling back there, too, creating large vacancies that are a challenge for weaker malls to fill.

Carson's will close 22 Chicago-area stores in addition to four that were already slated for closure. The chain's demise leaves struggling Sears as the last man standing among Illi-

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Carson's once was among State Street's department store titans, boasting a Louis Sullivan-designed flagship that operated there for more than a century before closing in 2007, a victim of changing consumer shopping habits. Liquidation sales at Carson's stores could begin as early as Thursday.

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SPRING PUT ON HOLD



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A person walks down a set of stairs as snow falls in Chicago's Streeterville neighborhood Wednesday night.

Chicago-area residents may wake up to snow on the ground Thursday, the latest reminder that winter's grip is delaying so many spring rites of passage. And if those early morning walks to the bus or train stop weren't convincing enough, forecasters say this is the second-coldest start to April across Chicago in 130 years. Some 1

to 2 inches of snow were expected by early Thursday, adding to the 2.7 inches already recorded at O'Hare International Airport in April, said Charles Mott, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Romeoville. That would mark the fifth time this month we've seen snowfall, according to forecasters. **Chicagoland, Page 5**

Flaws plague CPS special ed program

Panel says overhaul caused services to be delayed, denied

BY JUAN PEREZ JR.
 Chicago Tribune

A controversial Chicago Public Schools overhaul of special education policies in 2016 created a range of problems that have delayed and denied services to students, according to an Illinois State Board of Education investigation.

"Systemic" concerns identified by an ISBE panel included a lack of training for special ed staff, conflicting information for parents and educators, and problems with electronic programs meant to assess students' needs for services or develop education plans.

"We did find that there is a lack of regular, coordinated and comprehensive training to provide

CPS special education staff the knowledge that they need to implement the special education system," ISBE general counsel Stephanie Jones said as she presented a summary of the panel's conclusions to a large audience at the state board's Wednesday meeting.

The 42-page report from three ISBE-appointed experts caps an unprecedented probe launched in December after advocates contended the CPS special education overhaul, carried out amid a district budget crisis, had an adverse effect on services to students.

Those advocates will now convene with state and district officials to develop recommendations that may force the district to make additional changes to special education programs — even as

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Has 'mom-wine' meme gone too far?

Addiction experts and sober mothers say pervasive trend minimizes dangers

BY KATE THAYER
 Chicago Tribune

Social media feeds are rife with memes depicting exhausted women guzzling wine in giant glasses, with phrases like, "Technically, you're not drinking alone if your kids are home." They refer to wine as "mommy juice" or to the hour of "wine o'clock" — a time that all moms apparently look forward to as a way to get through the stress of raising their children.

From Facebook, Twitter



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For Kelley Kitley, of Oak Park, it took a while to seek help to quit alcohol. It seems "everyone is drinking," she said.

and Instagram to movies and store shelves, a ubiquitous narrative has taken hold in popular culture: that it's acceptable, expected

and funny for moms to use a glass — or more — of wine to make it through the day. Yet while many women share these images in jest and

don't have a problem, addiction experts and those who have battled addiction themselves say the trend minimizes the dangers of drinking to excess.

"Mommy's wine has become a pop culture trend, a marketer's dream and a hashtag," said Dr. Crystal Tennille Clark, a psychiatrist and assistant professor at Northwestern's Feinberg School of Medicine who specializes in women's health. "I do think we're losing sight of what a problem (drinking) could be. Many people, whether they're men or women, don't appreciate the risks of drinking."

Hollywood perpetuates

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Union efforts picking up at colleges in state

Pay and insecurity spur on adjuncts, graduate workers

BY DAWN RHODES
 Chicago Tribune

Amaia Gabantxo has taught at the University of Chicago for seven years, but her job is hardly stable.

Gabantxo is an adjunct instructor, meaning she is paid per course and does not receive any benefits. Her pay has stagnated. She also works on a short-term contract and must hope her appointment is renewed each year — hardly a sure thing.

Gabantxo said she was expecting to teach courses in Spanish and creative writing this year, but those assignments fell through. Now she is scouring for

other work in teaching, literary translation or advertising to generate income.

"How do you arrange your life like that? It's impossible," Gabantxo said. "Now I'm looking at a career change. I just can't keep doing this. I feel like I'm giving my brain away for nothing."

The insecurity and financial strain Gabantxo describes are major factors fueling increasingly active and high-profile union movements at the state's universities, underscoring a larger debate about the intersection of labor and education.

Along with the University of Chicago, campuses including Loyola University Chicago, the

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Trump: CIA chief clicked with Kim

The White House sought to use the North Korea negotiations to boost Mike Pompeo's standing as he faces a vote to become secretary of state. **Nation & World, Page 10**

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The selection of a loyalist to succeed Raul Castro is aimed at ensuring Cuba's single-party system outlasts the revolutionaries who created it. **Nation & World, Page 10**

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Former first lady Barbara Bush was America's grandmother with her pearls and white hair and beautiful weathered face.



JOHN KASS

Republican matron of a lost age was gracious lady

I have never liked obituaries. Biographies? Yes. Complete histories? Of course.

But obituaries? The limitations of the form have always bothered me. And reducing something as complicated as a human life, rendering it into an easy-to-read piece on the train seems almost sinful.

Yet obituaries of great lives produce some awfully fine and thoughtful writing. But subjecting the dead to a writer's whim, taking a few details from a life or an anecdote and using these to pin the dead to common memory like a butterfly on a board? It's always seemed rather monstrous.

If obituaries are often incomplete, just consider Twitter, and having your life and your honor subject to the mad barking of anonymous dogs.

Why am I thinking this way? I've been at several funerals lately; good and kind people of my parents' generation, the Greatest Generation, are passing on. The golf balls tucked neatly into an uncle's coffin, sports tickets, a last letter to grandma.

They're remembered by those of us who loved them and we'll tell their stories again and again around our kitchen tables.

But what of the public dead, those who leave their mark and make a name, and then are subject to slurs when they close their eyes for good?

It is happening to Barbara Bush. She was America's grandmother with those pearls and her white hair and that beautiful weathered face, the face of a woman who lived a life with profound character.

And on the train into Chicago, scanning the Real Clear Politics website, I was struck by this headline about her.

"The First Lady Who Ran the Family That Ran the Country" linked to an excellent piece on Mrs. Bush by Margaret Carlson of Time magazine.

"Barbara Bush was as grounded as any first lady," Carlson begins, "a down-to-earth realist planted firmly between two high-flying stars: Nancy Reagan of the rail-thin coiffed good

looks, rarely seen children, and adoring gaze; and Hillary Rodham Clinton, the two-for-the-price-of-one lawyer who let it be known she wouldn't be staying home and baking cookies. But she proved to be a national force, worth every penny we didn't pay her."

Mrs. Bush was a Republican matron of a lost age, when women were expected to put their children and husbands first. It was terribly unfair that women were expected to put aside their own careers and educations, but those were the times. She made the best of them.

A gracious and kind farewell by the Women's March Twitter account — a photo of Mrs. Bush with the words "rest in peace and power" — drew a predictable angry response from America's left.

They ticked off her sins. She loved being a wife and mother and wanting to stay at home. She said some things about the refugees from Hurricane Katrina coming to Houston, although now I'm reminded that Jesse Jackson and others of the left had loudly prohibited the use of the word "refugees."

Journalists complied, terrified lest they be branded as racists, and so much for the notion of free speech. Yet what were the people fleeing from Katrina if not refugees seeking shelter from the storm?

No one lives a life without saying something they regret, unless of course, you live as some hateful insect, crawling along the baseboards of social media, a cartoon head as your sigil.

And Barbara Bush was the wife of an American president, and mother of another American president. In our history, the only other woman to have been wife and mother to presidents was Abigail Adams.

Mrs. Bush had those pearls and the smile and that white hair, and yes, a patrician demeanor. But only a fool could look at those eyes twinkling, and not see the strong woman behind the face, a woman who spent her life in politics, and who could probably

cut out your heart with a butter knife to protect her family or her country. She'd do it with a smile.

The hard American left — to be distinguished from liberals — hates her. The left is all about hatred now, about deconstruction, about scraping away the past in an iconoclastic Orwellian frenzy.

And so warriors of the left treated compliments paid to the memory of this gracious lady with anger. In ages past, they might scribble anonymously on bathroom walls. Now they use Twitter.

Some of the most distasteful tweets came from Randa Jarrar, a professor of English at Fresno State.

In barely literate fashion, this shaper of impressionable young minds displayed her venomous hatred.

"Barbara Bush was a generous and smart and amazing racist who, along with her husband, raised a war criminal," Jarrar wrote on Twitter. "F--- outta here with your nice words."

This is the left. Understand them. They feel a tribal duty to visit hatred upon the mother for what the son did to Iraq. There is no honor in this.

I'd much rather think of Barbara Bush visiting Wellesley, as Carlson did at the end of her excellent obituary, Mrs. Bush speaking to those young women who wanted her there and to those who did not.

"At the end of your life," said Barbara Bush, "you will never regret not having passed one more test, not 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."

She died at home, surrounded by family, her husband — the first boy she ever kissed — by their children and their grandchildren. A life well lived.

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Jay Glazer, founder of MVP, talks with Kirstie Ennis during an MMA training and mentoring event Wednesday.

Ex-Bear Miller lauds Marine vet: 'That's a special human'

To say **Kirstie Ennis'** story hits home with **Zach Miller** would be an understatement.

Ennis, a former Marine sergeant, underwent more than 40 surgeries and had her left leg amputated above the knee after surviving a helicopter crash in Afghanistan in 2012. Miller nearly lost his left leg after he suffered a severe knee injury while playing tight end for the Bears during a game against the Saints in New Orleans on Oct. 29.

"That's where I'm at with how real the military is," Miller said. "I had the possibility of going through that. She actually had that. Like, that's real for her."

Miller met up with for-

mer Bears coach **John Fox** and ex-players **James "Big Cat" Williams** and **Olin Kreutz** on Wednesday at POW! Gym Chicago on the Near West Side.

The group visited with members of Merging Vets and Players (MVP), a support program that puts together military veterans and former athletes for MMA training and mentoring to help the vets acclimate to civilian life.

It was hard for the former Bears, Miller in particular, not to be impressed with Ennis. After her amputation, she became an accomplished mountain climber, snowboarder and swimmer, and appeared in ESPN The Magazine's

2017 Body Issue.

"I was fortunate enough not to go down that road, but you see how she is," Miller said. "That's a special human. ... For her to come back and the things that she's doing now — top-five snowboarder, climbing mountains — she's doing really cool stuff. It's just real to see people that deal with way worse stuff than I got."

Fox, who was fired by the Bears on Jan. 1 after three years, said he drove Miller to the event.

"It was a 40-minute ride, so it gave us a chance to catch up, see how he was doing as part of that transition, making that transition as smooth as possible. He

still has a lot of questions, a lot of things he's looking at, much like all of us whenever something happens or we have a setback. Sometimes setbacks are setups for bigger things to come."

Miller, who has had nine surgeries, said, "I started to turn the corner about three weeks ago. I got off crutches and I was able to get kind of back to a little bit of a normal life."

Despite long odds of ever playing again, Miller isn't ready to say he's retiring.

"That's a realistic thing, I know that, but I haven't made any of those decisions as of yet," he said.

— Phil Thompson

Emanuel is Ponce's first 'Backseat Rider'

Don't get Mayor **Rahm Emanuel** and his brothers started on "The Deer Hunter."

The 1978 movie starring **Robert De Niro** is such a sore subject among Emanuel and his brothers — Hollywood agent **Ari Emanuel** and medical ethics professor **Zeke Emanuel** — that their spouses banned them from further discussing the accuracy of the movie's depiction of the Vietnam War, Emanuel revealed to **Anthony Ponce** on an upcoming episode of "Backseat Rider."

"If either one would be sitting here, they'd be calling me an idiot," Emanuel told Ponce. "That's what they'd be saying. That's how we are."

Ponce is launching his new television segment, with Emanuel as his first rider, at 8:30 a.m. Thursday on "Good Day Chicago" on Fox-owned WFLD-Ch. 32. In 2016, Ponce quit his job as a news anchor for NBC-owned WMAQ-Ch.5 and became a Lyft driver. For his new gig, Ponce drives and interviews paying passengers with the goal of giving viewers a new perspective on how much they have in common with

strangers.

But Emanuel's ride, filmed Monday, wasn't a typical ride-share experience. It was prearranged, and Emanuel did not pay for the ride from Woodlawn to Bridgeport. Ponce's vehicle was part of the mayor's motorcade and was given specific instructions on how to pick up Emanuel.

Though, or perhaps because, they didn't discuss whether Uber investor Ari would give him grief over getting into a car with a Lyft driver — or any of the other controversies surrounding ride-sharing — Ponce said he encountered a more laid-back mayor than the one he previously interviewed as a television reporter.

"He seemed relaxed, he was laughing. I feel like he was being really genuine, which I appreciate," Ponce said.

Most of Ponce's riders will be regular people, but he wants to book other local politicians. His dream rider is **Oprah Winfrey**.

"I think she's an amazing interviewer," Ponce said. "I would love to get her insight on how to improve my skills. That's in a dream world."

— Elvia Malagon



FOX-32

Mayor Rahm Emanuel was Anthony Ponce's first guest for his new television segment on "Good Day Chicago."



LISA COLLINGS

Pierce Cleaveland, 12, of Oak Park, is a sixth-grader at Percy Julian Middle School.

'MasterChef Junior' contestant wants to judge Gordon Ramsay

A few months after he finished taping "MasterChef Junior," Oak Park contestant **Pierce Cleaveland** visited **Gordon Ramsay's** Maze Grill while on spring break. Unfortunately, the "MasterChef" judge wasn't at that particular London location at the time.

"I wish, though. I could be like, 'Now that I'm off the

show and you've judged me, now it's time for me to judge you,'" Pierce, 12, told the Tribune this week.

Pierce, a sixth-grader at Percy Julian Middle School, was sent home on last week's episode of "MasterChef Junior" after his team lost a breakfast challenge and he served the judges risotto that lacked seasoning. Pierce said he

has since made that same risotto and is trying out a recipe for a mushroom version.

"I honestly — not to brag — but I became a little bit more popular at school," Pierce said. "I guess I will be well-known as that kid who was on 'MasterChef Junior.' But I'm not really (in it) for the popularity, I'm just all about having

fun. I mean, it was like a really fun experience. Lots of people come up to me and ask a bunch of questions that I like answering, and I want to also inspire people who want to cook too."

He raised and pledged about \$2,500 for the Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry during his time on the show.

Pierce said he is rooting for the two Chicago-area contestants who made it to the top 12 of "MasterChef Junior": **Beni Cwiakala**, of the Pilsen neighborhood; and **Mikey DiTomasso**, of Clarendon Hills. Season 6 airs at 7 p.m. Fridays on Fox. The winner is slated to receive \$100,000.

— Tracy Swartz

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Chicago Tribune CHICAGOLAND

A home for all paranoid gun owners



REX W. HUPPKE

Great news! A south-central Illinois county is now a self-declared sanctuary for gun owners.

That's right, officials in Effingham County — my favorite Illinois county that ends in "ham" — have decided

they won't accept any state laws that "unconstitutionally restrict the Second Amendment." Granted, there are no state laws that do that, but such trivial matters were of no concern to the gun-positive County Board members who passed the resolution Monday on an 8-1 vote.

According to the Effingham Daily News, one resident spoke in support of the resolution and "argued that far more people die from tobacco and alcohol use than are killed by people who legally own guns."

"We, as a society, need to stop thinking about things that don't matter," the man said.

Yes! We must stop thinking about things that don't matter and focus our attention on symbolic and unenforceable resolutions that address problems that don't exist.

The idea of a sanctuary city or county for gun owners has bubbled up in other states. It's a not-so-subtle repurposing of the term "sanctuary city," which is a city that limits its cooperation with federal immigration enforcement agents, offering some protection to residents who are in the country illegally.

Putting compassion for human beings on par with passion for guns is a sweet way to "trigger the libs," and that's pretty much the coin of the realm in U.S. counties that think gun owners need sanctuary.

WFLD-Ch. 32 in Chicago quoted Effingham County State's Attorney Bryan Kibler saying: "If you can be a sanctuary county for undocumented immigrants, why can't you be one for firearms?"

You tell 'em, Bryan.

Several counties in Oregon passed something called a Second Amendment Preservation ordinance in reaction to the 2015 Oregon Firearms Safety Act, which had the audacity to require background checks on private firearm sales. And there's a bill floating around the West Virginia legislature that would basically do away with the enforcement of federal gun laws, creating an entire sanctuary state for gun owners.

Personally, I think gun owners should have places they can go and feel safe. We could call them "safe places." Or maybe, to be more alliterative, "safe spaces."

For too long, heat-packers have had to live in fear that at any moment the government or a band of raging liberals lighting rolled-up copies of the Constitution on fire with their European cigarettes might swoop down and start grabbing all the guns.

Well, you know where that won't be happening? Effingham County, Illinois' premier sanctuary for aggrieved gun enthusiasts.

And do you want to know what's great about Effingham County, aside from its full-on embrace of the sanctity of gun ownership? It's about 480 square miles of prime Illinois flatland occupied by only about 34,000 people.

So there's plenty of room!

If you're a Midwestern gun owner who buys into the National Rifle Association's narrative that the country is descending into chaos and the only way to protect yourself is by amassing as many guns as possible, let me strongly encourage you to move to Effingham County.

Do you think minor changes to gun laws aimed at preventing straw purchases or keeping firearms out of the hands of the mentally ill are a direct threat to your personal safety? Then pack your bags (of guns) and head on down to Effingham County. It will soon be a veritable haven of heavily armed people who think the government is out to get them.

Heck, I bet if enough sanctuary-seeking gun owners relocated to Effingham County, the rest of us — the non-armed and the armed who don't feel threatened by sensible gun laws — would be willing to chip in and buy a nice fence to surround the whole county. That would keep the liberals — and the marauding hordes of immigrants — out and guarantee that Effingham County remains a place where a person can tote an AR-15 to church without having the inherent irony of that decision pointed out by some left-wing lunkhead.

Yes, in no time, Effingham County can become a paradise of paranoia, a hub of hysteria, a gun Gomorrah. Who in their wrong mind wouldn't want to live there?

Kudos to the Effingham County Board for taking this bold and well-reasoned step forward-ish.

To show my full support, let me shout this from the rooftops:

You who have been made to feel uncomfortable because school-shooting survivors have become vocally anti-school shooting, go to Effingham County.

You who feel your rights as Americans are being trampled by the possibility of minor adjustments to existing gun laws, go at once to Effingham County.

Go, I say. Your sanctuary awaits!

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AG candidate hired former state worker convicted of fraud

Kwame Raoul says he believes ex-offenders deserve second chance

BY BILL LUKITSCH AND MONIQUE GARCIA
Chicago Tribune

Democratic attorney general candidate Kwame Raoul paid more than \$13,000 to a former Blagojevich administration official who pleaded guilty to steering state business to companies in which he had a stake and then pocketing much of the money.

Raoul said he was "unapologetic" about hiring former Department of Children and Family Services deputy director Bamani Obadele to help with his campaign, saying ex-offenders deserve second chances.

"I don't think it's something we should just say as policymakers, we should put our money where our mouths are," said Raoul, a state senator from Hyde Park who has worked on criminal justice issues. "I can't ask people in the private sector to do it if I won't as well."

In 2011, Obadele was sentenced to six months in federal prison on a mail fraud count. He admitted directing DCFS contractors to buy promotional items, such as magnets, yo-yos and tote bags, from a company he secretly owned. Gov. Rod Blagojevich had met Obadele years earlier, striking up a conversation at a South Side police station where the teen was shining shoes. The then-governor appointed Obadele to be deputy director of external affairs for DCFS in 2003, but he resigned in 2005 amid an investigation.

As part of the case, Obadele also admitted misappropriating almost \$85,000 by paying for a trip to Jamaica, making a payment on a car and paying other bills, court documents show.

"I look at it as a mistake certainly that I

made, I paid my debt to society and I should be allowed to participate in elections," Obadele told the Tribune on Wednesday.

Obadele said he is actively involved with ex-offender re-entry organizations and anti-violence programs. That work involves finding jobs and education opportunities for ex-offenders and working with drug and alcohol prevention programs for youth, he said.

"It is what it is, and as long as there's going to be politics and the black vote matters, I am going to be involved in politics one way or the other," he said.

Obadele is a longtime South Side preacher and activist who got involved in high-profile stories in the early 2000s. For a time, he was a family spokesman following the disappearance of two young sisters. He also led protests against R. Kelly's music. And he once called for a boycott of the Taste of Chicago, saying then-Mayor Richard M. Daley had fostered an atmosphere of police brutality.

In campaign finance paperwork filed Monday night, Obadele turned up on Raoul's primary campaign payroll. Spokesman Ron Holmes said Obadele worked on community engagement efforts like placing yard signs and knocking on doors. Holmes described Obadele as a "staple" in the 3rd Ward, which overlaps with Raoul's Senate district.

Holmes noted that Raoul's campaign relied heavily on winning support of African-American voters and it was important to have workers "who not only look like, but can empathize with the people you are trying to reach." Raoul won last month's crowded Democratic attorney general primary.

In Springfield, Raoul has pushed proposals designed to keep juvenile and first-time offenders out of jail, and he has backed efforts aimed at cracking down on crime. Raoul noted that his Republican opponent, attorney Erika Harold, is

backed by Gov. Bruce Rauner, who also has pushed for programs to help those who served time re-enter the workforce.

While Obadele worked on behalf of Democrats this year, he supported Republican Rauner during the 2014 governor's race. At the time, Obadele told the Tribune he hung up posters and handed out leaflets on Rauner's behalf. But Obadele said he was not paid by the Rauner campaign. State records show no payments to him.

"He's got conservative values that a lot of us can agree with," Obadele said in 2014.

State Board of Elections records show Obadele also was paid \$45,000 to work on the primary campaign of Democratic state Rep. Justin Slaughter, who represents portions of the Far South Side including Roseland and Morgan Park. Slaughter said the payments included compensation for consulting services and reimbursement for money Obadele paid to workers who ran phone banks during the election.

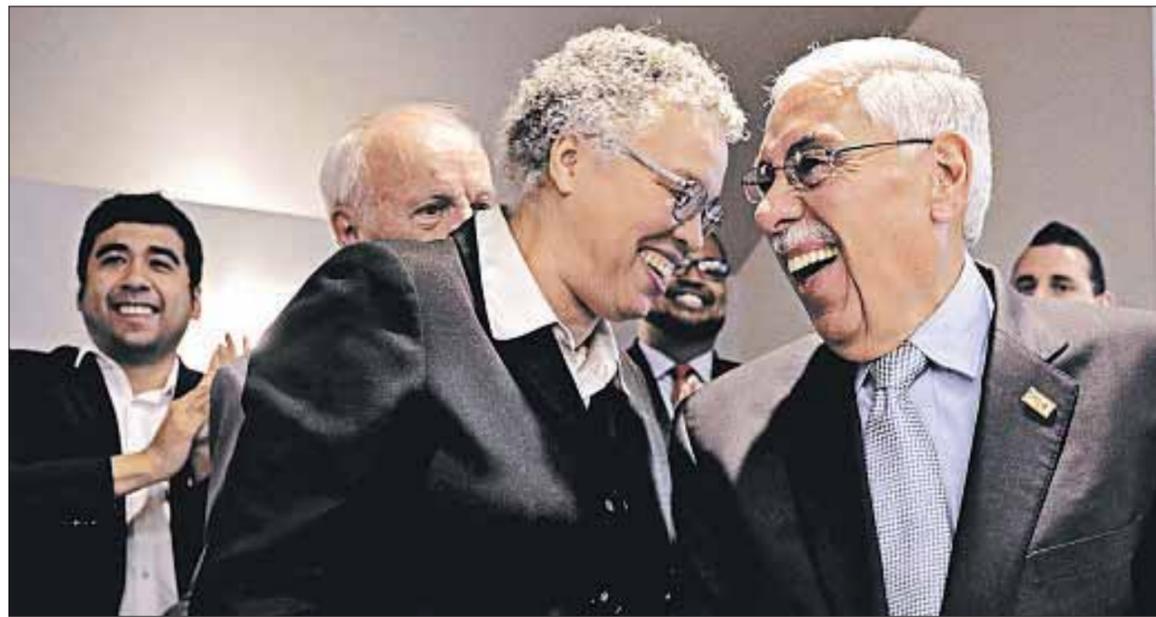
Slaughter described Obadele as an "upstanding citizen," a leading voice against violence in Chicago's black community and a "highly sought-after" field organizer.

"He is the first ex-offender that I've hired, but I can guarantee you he won't be the last," said Slaughter, a freshman lawmaker who defeated a Democratic challenger last month. "One of the things I will always fight for is creating second-chance opportunities for those who've paid their debt to society."

Obadele also was paid \$2,100 to work on the 2016 House campaign of state Rep. Juliana Stratton, who is now Democratic governor candidate J.B. Pritzker's running mate.

Asked on Tuesday about the payment to Obadele, Stratton referred questions to her campaign office, which did not respond to requests for comment.

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Board President Toni Preckwinkle takes over the Cook County Democratic Party chairmanship from Joseph Berrios on Wednesday.

New Cook Democratic chair vows to expand party appeal

Preckwinkle replaces Berrios, says her focus is on developing leaders

BY HAL DARDICK
Chicago Tribune

After being chosen Wednesday as the first African-American and woman to lead the Cook County Democratic Party, Toni Preckwinkle pledged to expand the organization's reach to "encourage the next generation of leaders."

Preckwinkle, now in her second and final term as County Board president, replaced Joseph Berrios at the helm after city and suburban committeemen elected her by acclamation.

"It's important for us to understand that the young people of today, from Black Lives Matter to March for Our Lives, are not content to wait for opportunities for leadership," Preckwinkle told committeemen. "They are demanding change and inspiring movements right now."

"The Democratic Party must be willing and able to applaud their efforts and include them," she added. "We need their help in registering voters, knocking on doors, making phone calls, sending emails and turning out the vote."

An indication of that effort was the quick election of a new executive committee that includes Committeeman Michael Rodriguez as the party's new executive vice chairman for the city — Preckwinkle's previous post. Rodriguez is from the 22nd Ward, the home base of County Commissioner Jesus "Chuy" Garcia, who's poised

to head to Congress in January and is Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders' chief Illinois ally.

"I think I reflect where the party is going," said Rodriguez, 39, a deputy chief administrator in Preckwinkle's administration. "It's young, it's progressive. It's concerned about communities and holding our elected officials accountable to that."

Other changes in the executive committee included elevating Thornton Township Committeeman Frank Zuccarelli, whose south suburban township once again led Democratic voter turnout, to the post of first vice chairman; state Sen. Laura Murphy, the Maine Township committeeman, to the post of secretary; and 30th Ward Ald. Ariel Reboyras to treasurer.

Preckwinkle, 71, also announced changes to the party structure, including new committees to engage "our labor allies" and address the issue of judicial retention. She noted that the party historically has backed all judges seeking retention, meaning "that some ... people who did not serve us well continue to be on the bench." The new committee, she added, will work with bar associations to "make determinations about those who should be retained and (those) who shouldn't."

The party's primary role is endorsing candidates and distributing literature on their behalf, which is particularly helpful to judicial candidates who otherwise might not get much attention. Preckwinkle also indicated she wants to expand the party's role to being "a resource, not just for candidates and their campaigns, but for the communities they all serve."

A key, immediate goal will be to defeat

Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner in the November general election, Preckwinkle said. Rauner is being challenged by Democrat J.B. Pritzker.

"It's critical that we have a change in the governor's office," Preckwinkle told reporters, going on to note that in 2016 county Democratic voters were divided in their support for presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders. "I think our challenge is to bring those two groups together and achieve the same level of enthusiasm that we saw in the primary in 2016 translated into the fall of 2018."

Preckwinkle and other committeemen also refrained from criticizing Berrios, who led the party for 11 years but chose not to seek re-election as chairman after losing his March primary bid for assessor.

To the contrary, they named Berrios chairman emeritus and praised his efforts to shore up party finances while also working to slate more minorities and women for office. Those efforts, Preckwinkle said, made the party "much more successful in our elections."

Preckwinkle also savored the moment, displaying a wide grin while talking to reporters and noting that when she was first elected County Board president in 2010, she was the second African-American and second woman to hold that post.

"Now I have an opportunity that I didn't have in that capacity to be a first," she said. "It's kind of fun."

Asked if the official title of party chairman should be changed, she responded, "I'm a chair of the party, that's a gender-neutral term."

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Spring delayed with April start among coldest

Temperatures remain below normal, with more snow expected

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY
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Chicago-area residents may wake up to snow on the ground Thursday, the latest reminder that winter's grip is delaying so many spring rites of passage, from Major League Baseball games to bridge-lifting season on the Chicago River downtown — the parade of boats heading for slips that offers the surest sign of warm weather ahead.

And if those early morning walks to the bus or train stop weren't convincing enough, forecasters say this is the second-coldest start to April across Chicago in 130 years.

Some 1 to 2 inches of snow were expected to fall by early Thursday, adding to the 2.7 inches already recorded at O'Hare International Airport in April, said Charles Mott, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Romeoville.

That would mark the fifth time this month we've seen snowfall, according to forecasters.

"It is rare.... Getting anything an inch-plus is definitely rare this time of year," Mott said.

Though next week is poised to bring dry weather and seasonal temperatures of about 50 degrees, it's too early to predict whether Chicago has beaten winter yet.

The latest snow in Chicago



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Danny Mack of south suburban Frankfort practices some kicks after his recreational soccer league game at Lane Tech High School in Chicago was canceled because of bad weather Wednesday night.

happened on May 11, 1966, and the city had its latest snowfall of more than 1 inch on May 1, 1940, according to the weather service.

Predictions of more cold and snow Wednesday prompted the Chicago Cubs to postpone a home game against the St. Louis Cardinals until 1:20 p.m. Thursday. That was the 25th postponement in the first three weeks of the major league season, The Associated Press reported.

Earlier in the season, 2 inches of

snow fell April 9, postponing the Cubs' 2018 home opener against the Pittsburgh Pirates at Wrigley Field.

Also Wednesday, the city of Chicago canceled what was meant to be the season's first set of bridge lifts because of the weather and a lack of participants, officials said. The first lift is scheduled for 8 a.m. Saturday and will continue every Wednesday and Saturday morning through June, weather permitting.

"Despite this spring's colder than normal temperatures, Chicagoans look forward to the lifting of Chicago's iconic movable river bridges," Chicago Department of Transportation Commissioner Rebekah Scheinfeld said in a statement.

Although average high temperatures are above freezing, the mercury has frequently dipped below 32 degrees this month. When that happens, the city opens its six warming centers.

Five of them are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on those days; a sixth center, at 10 S. Kedzie Ave., is open around-the-clock.

"Our policy doesn't go by a date, it goes by the weather. Even though it's April, if it's below 32 degrees, we're open," said Cristina Villarreal, a spokeswoman for the city Department of Family & Support Services, which runs the shelters.

The first half of April marks the second-coldest start to the month since 1881, about when the weather service started keeping records, Mott said.

The average temperature for April is 46.6 degrees, but this month is registering more than 10 degrees lower — at 36.2 degrees, the weather service said.

All winter, cold air from the north created a blanket that, at times, doesn't seem to want to lift.

The cold wind and moisture blow into Canada from north of the Pacific Ocean and travel to the Great Lakes area, reinforcing the wintry conditions, Mott said.

"We are still getting cold air from Canada. They are still cold, and they are still snow-covered ... that's why we are still seeing cold from time to time," he said. "We need this pattern to break, and until it breaks, we are susceptible to an inch-plus of snow."

There is some relief in the future, though. The remainder of April is forecast to see average temperatures and dry weather.

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Suit targets DCFS gun ban at home day cares

Downstate couple, arms rights groups say restriction runs afoul of 2nd Amendment

By **ANGIE LEVENTIS LOURGOS**
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Chicago Tribune

A central Illinois couple and several gun rights groups have filed a federal lawsuit challenging a state-wide ban on handguns in home day cares, arguing the prohibition violates the Second Amendment rights of the operators of the businesses.

The suit was filed Monday against the state and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, which sets licensing rules for child care facilities. A spokeswoman for the agency declined to comment on pending litigation.

Since 2017, Jennifer Miller has operated a licensed day care out of her house in Shelbyville, about 200 miles south of Chicago.

She and her husband, Darin Miller, both have firearm owner's identification cards and concealed carry permits, but they were told by a DCFS employee in March and April that they could not keep handguns in their home while operating a licensed day care, according to the lawsuit.

"The Millers would possess and carry loaded and functional handguns for self-defense and defense of family, but refrain from doing so because they fear Jennifer's day care home license being taken away

from them by the State," the lawsuit says.

Jennifer Miller said owning a handgun is her Second Amendment right, adding that she and her husband have gone through background checks and extensive firearm training.

"We're just average, law-abiding citizens trying to make our way in the world," she said.

The Millers said any handguns would be kept locked in storage, inaccessible to children, during day care operation.

Their attorney, David Sigale, said this is in line with the Illinois Firearm Concealed Carry Act, which does not prevent an operator from having a firearm on the premises "if no child under child care at the home is present in the home or the firearm in the home is

stored in a locked container when a child under child care at the home is present in the home."

He said Illinois DCFS rules are more restrictive, prohibiting handguns at home day cares except when in possession of law enforcement officers or other adults who are required to keep a gun as a condition of their employment.

The agency's rules say other types of firearms — such as rifles or shotguns — are allowed as long as they are kept disassembled and in locked storage, without ammunition, and inaccessible to children; parents must also be notified that firearms and ammunition are stored at the home.

"This is not a lawsuit about keeping guns in the toy box or keeping them on

the coffee table," said Sigale, who is based in west suburban Glen Ellyn. "This is about saying we want to behave safely but we also want to be able to defend ourselves. What the ... state rules do is take that ability away."

The suit seeks an injunction barring the state and DCFS from enforcing the handgun restriction and asks the court to declare the rule unconstitutional.

"We're talking about people who are among the most vetted people in the state," Sigale said. "The courts have repeatedly ruled... that having a handgun to protect yourself in the event of physical threat against you or your loved ones is a fundamental right."

Two of the plaintiffs — the Illinois State Rifle Association and the national

nonprofit Second Amendment Foundation Inc. — also filed a lawsuit this month in Lake County Circuit Court fighting an assault weapons ban in north suburban Deerfield. That case is pending.

The village passed an ordinance this month prohibiting the possession, sale and manufacturing of certain types of assault weapons and large-capacity magazines, giving owners of these firearms a June 13 deadline to get rid of them or face daily fines.

"We moved swiftly to challenge this gun ban because it flies in the face of state law," the executive director of the Second Amendment Foundation said in a statement.

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Emanuel ally diverts hearing on lead in water

Aldermen want to know if city, state are violating laws

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Chicago Tribune

Mayor Rahm Emanuel's City Council floor leader on Wednesday sidelined for now a proposed public debate over whether the city's doing enough to reduce the amount of lead in drinking water.

A group of aldermen introduced a resolution Wednesday calling for committee hearings on whether the city and state are violating federal water laws. The aldermen did so in light of a Tribune story that showed lead concentrations in tap water at levels above the maximum allowed in bottled water by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in 3 of every 10 homes where residents requested testing kits from the city.

As Wednesday's council



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A request by Ald. Patrick O'Connor, 40th, means the proposed resolution will head to the Rules Committee.

meeting neared its end, a city clerk's office employee announced the proposal would be considered by the Health Committee. At that point, Emanuel ally Ald. Patrick O'Connor, 40th, spoke up and said he wanted it instead assigned to the Workforce Development Committee he chairs.

When aldermen call for

an ordinance to be heard by two different panels, it automatically heads to the Rules Committee — a place where aldermen often send troublesome legislation to die. For example, Ald. Ed Burke in January sidelined an effort to increase the property taxes paid by the owners of two buildings his law firm represents on assessment appeals.

Emanuel, meanwhile, was asked at his customary post-meeting news conference whether he agreed to the need for hearings about lead in Chicago residents' water. He said he wasn't familiar with the proposal.

"I'm not sure I heard about that," he said.

Emanuel's office didn't respond to follow-up questions, and a message left for O'Connor wasn't returned.

Progressive Caucus Chairman Ald. Scott Waguespack, though, said members of the Emanuel administration repeatedly tried to dissuade him from introducing the resolution.

Waguespack said Emanuel's water department commissioner, Randy Conner, asked him in a room near council chambers as Wednesday's meeting went on not to advance the measure. Waguespack said it seemed unlikely Emanuel wouldn't know about the call for hearings even as his administration worked to stop it.

"They did not want to have us put out the resolution, they did not want to have public hearings," said Waguespack, 32nd. "They want to do closed-door briefings first to give us information to disseminate that comes from the water department and mayor's office. We felt it was important for people to ask questions of the water department and public health and say, 'What specifically are you doing?' out here in the public instead of behind closed doors."

Water department spokeswoman Megan Vidis released a statement saying the department believes "it's important to be fully transparent, which is why we share information about water quality with residents every year. Commissioner Conner shared this information, which he has provided to several Aldermen."

Elevated levels of lead turned up in water samples collected throughout the city via free testing kits the

city provides to people who want to know if they are drinking tap water contaminated with the toxic metal, a Tribune analysis found. Chicago required the use of lead service lines between street mains and homes until Congress banned the practice in 1986.

In addition to questioning whether the city is violating federal law by not doing enough to get lead out of Chicago's tap water, the resolution calling for the hearings seeks to determine "whether the practices and procedures of Chicago's protocol for lead testing are compliant with the standards set forth by the Environmental Protection Agency" and what are "the financial, legal, social and health consequences that the taxpayers of Chicago may incur as a result of the emerging crisis of lead contaminants in public water sources."

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Defense team trial consultant Bryan Edelman fields questions at Wednesday's hearing at the Leighton Criminal Court Building. He said his pretrial work, originally projected to be finished by mid-March, likely won't be done until mid-June.

Van Dyke lawyer wants filings kept under seal as trial nears

BY MEGAN CREPEAU
Chicago Tribune

The lead attorney for Chicago police Officer Jason Van Dyke objected Wednesday to releasing any further court documents to the public as news organizations continued to fight the wholesale sealing of filings in the high-profile prosecution of Laquan McDonald's fatal shooting.

"We would object to the release of any further documents to the extent that they would create more negative media stories against our client," said attorney Daniel Herbert, who represents Van Dyke.

Only a handful of documents have been made public in the case because of an unusually strict "gag order" imposed by Cook County Circuit Judge Vincent Gaughan that prohibits attorneys from speaking publicly about the case and restricts even routine filings from being made public.

Attorneys for multiple media outlets, including the Chicago Tribune, have asked that Gaughan unseal the documents or provide specific reasons why not — a request that Herbert opposed Wednesday, citing

pretrial publicity.

Even Van Dyke's indictment on charges of first-degree murder and aggravated battery was not made readily available to the public. Gaughan ordered copies distributed to reporters Wednesday in an apparent response to complaints last month by media outlets' attorneys.

This appears to be one subject that Herbert and Kane County State's Attorney Joseph McMahon, appointed special prosecutor in the Van Dyke case, agree on. He expressed support Wednesday for Gaughan limiting public access to court filings as the trial apparently nears.

"The increasing exposure to this case now as we approach the trial date will potentially undermine a lot of the very careful planning and work that you and all of us have done to maintain this defendant's right to a fair trial," McMahon told Gaughan.

But Gaughan hinted that some sealed documents could be made public as early as next week, telling McMahon to compile a list of filings that he thinks could be released.

Attorneys for the news

outlets on Wednesday asked that Van Dyke's motion to move the trial outside Cook County because of pretrial publicity be unsealed as well. Gaughan said he would consider the request at the next hearing on April 26.

That motion took up the bulk of Wednesday's hearing as a California trial consultant hired by Van Dyke's legal team took the witness stand as Gaughan pressed for him to complete his analysis of whether the officer can get a fair trial in Cook County in spite of the widespread publicity.

Bryan Edelman, who specializes in jury strategy, said McDonald's shooting has garnered some of the most extensive media coverage of any case he has worked on. He said he has worked on such high-profile cases as those of James Holmes, convicted of killing 12 people in a packed movie theater in Aurora, Colo., in 2012 and Gabrielle Giffords, the former Arizona congresswoman severely wounded in a mass shooting in Tucson, Ariz., in 2011 in which six people were killed.

Gaughan, growing impatient as he angles for a

summer trial, requested that the defense team show why its research is taking so long. Attorneys initially had said it would be complete by mid-March, but Edelman said Wednesday he likely won't be finished until mid-June.

McDonald's shooting has drawn intense interest since police dashboard camera video of the incident was ordered released in November 2015 on the same day Van Dyke was criminally charged. The video from October 2014 showed the white officer firing 16 times as the black teen walked away from police officers with a knife in his hand.

In his testimony Wednesday, Edelman said that in most cases he consults on he recommends against moving a trial because of pretrial publicity.

Edelman said his team has completed telephone surveys in Cook and Lake counties as well as in Madison County in southern Illinois but that he still must complete a full analysis of the survey results and the news media coverage of the case.

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Man dies after 2016 arrest and hanging attempt

BY JEREMY GORNER
Chicago Tribune

A man who tried to hang himself in a Chicago police lockup, prompting his family to accuse officers of wrongfully detaining him, died Wednesday morning, according to his longtime girlfriend.

Tyler Lumar, 24, died at the Landmark of Des Plaines Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Des Plaines, where he had been treated after suffering brain injuries during the suicide attempt in August 2016 at the Harrison District station in Chicago. His cause of death has yet to be determined.

"It just seems so surreal," his girlfriend, Casey Tencate, said Wednesday. "I don't think I've really grasped any of it and accepted any of it."

An autopsy has been scheduled for Thursday.

The Tribune highlighted Lumar's ordeal in a front-page article in November after his mother filed a lawsuit against the city and the Chicago Police Department on her son's behalf. At the time, Lumar had spent a year on life support, racking up about \$2 million in medical bills.

Chicago police officers were called to a medical clinic in the East Garfield Park neighborhood after Lumar yelled and threatened a doctor who refused to refill a prescription, then tossed papers on the floor and said he would come back and shoot the place up, police alleged.

Police let Lumar go without charges, but moments later, the same officers stopped him as he walked down Madison Street, records show. They arrested him because authorities in Lee County, in western Illinois, had issued a warrant over an overdue \$25 payment in a 2015 misdemeanor traffic case. Lumar had paid the \$25, but authorities in Lee County had failed to withdraw the warrant, the lawsuit alleged.

Chicago police con-

tacted Lee County about the warrant and learned it carried a \$500 bond, the lawsuit said. The way the system works, Lumar could have posted 10 percent — \$50 — and gone home. He had \$130 on him, according to the arrest report.

But for unknown reasons, Chicago police put an extradition hold on him — meaning he would be jailed in the Harrison District lockup while waiting for Lee County to pick him up — "falsely stating" on an arrest report that the bond information wasn't available, according to the lawsuit. The next day, while he was in a Cook County Jail bullpen waiting to go to court, a sheriff's officer found a packet of crack cocaine near Lumar, according to the lawsuit.

But security video shows another inmate tossing the item next to Lumar, his lawyer, Eileen O'Connor, told the Tribune last year. Police had earlier searched Lumar at least eight times without finding drugs, according to the lawsuit, which also names the Cook County sheriff's office as a defendant.

Facing narcotics charges, Lumar was sent again to the Harrison District, according to the lawsuit. He was later found hanging by his own shirt.

Later that day, as Lumar lay in an intensive care unit at Mount Sinai Hospital, Chicago police announced they were releasing him from custody and that no charges would be filed.

His mother's lawsuit alleges police wrongfully detained Lumar, concealed from him the fact that he could have bonded himself out and were "deliberately indifferent" to his medical needs.

Attorneys for the city and its police officers, however, say they did nothing wrong and have asked a judge to dismiss the case.

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Adjuncts, grad students push for unionization

Unions, from Page 1

University of Illinois, Northwestern University and Columbia College Chicago have all seen an increase in union activity recently.

Most of the activism has been sparked by graduate students, as well as adjunct and nontenured faculty members who fill larger proportions of university teaching jobs.

University administrators say they have little choice. Finances are tight in the face of declining aid from government sources, they say, and there is mounting pressure to keep the price of college down. As universities seek to rein in spending, they lean more heavily upon highly qualified nontenured workers, experts say.

Eighty percent of university faculty positions 50 years ago were tenured or tenure-track jobs, according to Timothy Reese Cain, an associate professor of higher education at the University of Georgia. Now it is the reverse. About 80 percent of instructional jobs, including graduate students who teach, are nontenured, he said.

With that change has been a profound shift in power within the university, he said.

"For nontenure-line faculty, many of them have very little say in governance, very few job protections for job security and very low salaries," Cain said. "Those are prime conditions for organizing."

Those efforts have led to strikes and near-strikes, disputes over union recognition, and long contract talks at public and private universities in recent years, with varying results.

"I think the impetus was just the university creating this model of contingency, using it more to cut corners and seeing how much they could get away with paying," said Jason Grunebaum, a University of Chicago senior lecturer and part of an organizing committee for the nontenured and adjunct faculty union.

"They were not realizing that they were jeopardizing the livelihoods of faculty but the entire institution of higher education," he added. "In order to serve our students, we need to be able to make a living wage. Good higher education jobs are really created only when faculty unionizes."

Unionizing is more thorny in relation to graduate students.

The National Labor Relations Board in 2016 issued a groundbreaking ruling that graduate students at Columbia University in New York indeed fit the requirements for workers who could negotiate with their employer — the university — in collective bargaining. Buoyed by that decision, a wave of graduate students organized on campuses throughout the country, including at U. of C. and at Northwestern University.

Universities have largely fought the characterization of students as workers, saying their primary objectives are to conduct research and obtain a degree. In multiple cases, universities have refused to negotiate with graduate students on that basis.

Moreover, the balance of power of the National Labor Relations Board has shifted to Republican under the Trump administration, raising fears among union organizers that the Columbia ruling could be reviewed

and reversed.

To avoid that, the University of Chicago's graduate student union opted to bypass the labor board altogether in February and go it alone with negotiations with the South Side university.

"In the end, the specter of a reversed decision may end up in even further coordination between graduate student union efforts," said Zach Angulo, a member of the Northwestern University Graduate Workers union. "The destinies of our peers and their contracts are now ours, too."

The nontenured and adjunct faculty union at Loyola University Chicago first formed in 2016. The university unsuccessfully challenged the validity of the election with the labor relations board, saying the agency had no jurisdiction over the university because it is a Jesuit institution.

Frustrated with the slow pace of contract talks, the unit staged a one-day walk-out in early April to push along negotiations that had lasted more than two years. The two sides reached a tentative agreement this week, and the full membership will vote on the contract Thursday and Friday.

"Loyola's goal from the start of these negotiations was to reach contracts that are consistent with our commitment to social justice and our Jesuit values," Loyola President Jo Ann Rooney said in a statement. "The tentative agreements reflect not only Loyola's appreciation for the many contributions of our NNT faculty, but also our core mission of providing high-quality, affordable education to our students."

Labor strife also hit Columbia College Chicago,

where part-time faculty members held a two-day strike in November over contract issues including wages, job security and seniority in class assignments. University officials said they were seeking the ability to consider more than just seniority in deciding who teaches which courses.

As for the University of Chicago's union, it had a slightly smoother process en route to its first contract, finalized Friday. The contract will mean increases in per-course rates for adjuncts and raises for full-time lecturers, among other improvements.

"We are grateful for the goodwill that our colleagues have demonstrated throughout these talks," university Provost Daniel Diermeier and Vice Provost Jason Merchant said in a statement. "This agreement reflects the high aspirations of the university community and our continuing dedication to outstanding education."

That wasn't the case at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where graduate and teaching assistants staged a nine-day strike starting in February, leading to a new contract last month.

In many of these organizing efforts, an open question is how well the new agreements translate to improved working conditions, though it has proved a boon for faculty at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

UIC's union was recognized in 2011, the first major public research university in Illinois to accomplish that. But the road to members' first contract culminated in a historic strike in 2014. A second strike later that year was averted after the union and administra-

tion approved a contract providing a minimum of 7.75 percent in raises and increases in minimum salaries.

The union is preparing to start negotiations on its third contract this year.

"There's such a purposeful movement to really bring together faculty and to recognize there's a wide range of people who are involved in teaching, including graduate students," said Janet Smith, UIC union president. "There's a lot of solidarity right now."

The right for graduate students to organize has proved a lengthy, politically partisan tug of war.

The NLRB supported collective bargaining rights under President Bill Clinton in 2000, reversed under President George W. Bush and reversed again under President Barack Obama.

It was under the 2000 ruling that the Graduate Employees' Organization at U. of I. won recognition. Graduate and teaching assistants signed their first contract in 2004, nearly a decade after they first affiliated with the American Federation of Teachers.

A battle over tuition waivers and other benefits in recent contract negotiations culminated in the nine-day strike in February. It ended with a new agreement that gave them raises on minimum pay, more generous healthcare coverage and guaranteed tuition waivers for students working between 10 and 27 hours per week.

There have been no negotiations at Loyola, Northwestern and U. of C. as administrators hold firm that graduate students cannot be legally defined as university employees. In their view, teaching is a

critical part of a graduate student's education and research. School leaders also have touted increases in stipends and benefits in response to concerns raised by graduate students.

To the American Council on Education, an advocacy group representing nearly 1,800 colleges and universities, the issue is one of a student's development and education.

"It begins with a fundamental perception of who we are talking about," said Peter McDonough, general counsel for the council. "Are we prepared to cede the position that person is first and foremost a student? If that person isn't a student first, that seems problematic."

Julie Schmid, executive director of the American Association of University Professors, disagreed.

"You can be both a student of the institution and an employee of an institution," Schmid said. "These things are not mutually exclusive."

Despite the uncertain landscape, graduate students and nontenured faculty maintain that unionizing may be their best avenue toward achieving increased pay, benefits and influence over the decision-making on campus.

"The most fundamental thing is we're just never given a seat at the bargaining table," said Claudio Gonzales, a third-year doctoral candidate in math at U. of C. "We can participate in councils and focus groups, but those things don't have any teeth. Unionization is all centered around contract negotiation. When you sign a contract, the university has to honor it."

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Wine-mom pairing pervasive in pop culture

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the storyline, and celebrities embrace it. Trips to the movie theater to see "Bad Moms" and its sequel, which celebrated boozey mom culture, were common "moms night out" gatherings. Gabrielle Union's recent book of personal essays is titled "We're Going to Need More Wine," and Kelly Clarkson hosts an Instagram video series called "Minute and a Glass of Wine."

Marketers also are capitalizing on the trend, targeting mothers with products like dish towels and home decor featuring similar sayings. There are even brands of wine with "mommy" in their names.

But for those who have battled addiction, pop culture's fascination with moms and wine is no laughing matter.

Kelley Kitley was a seemingly successful wife and mother of four in Oak Park who had her own social work practice and ran marathons.

She also was an alcoholic. After a childhood growing up above her parents' bar in Lincoln Park, where she had a front-row seat to others' excessive drinking, she pledged to never have a problem herself. Over the years, she would give up



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Kelley Kitley said she was drinking every day until she decided to quit, with the help of a friend and Alcoholics Anonymous, about five years ago.

drinking for long stretches during her pregnancies, for Lent or just to see if she could.

But Kitley's occasional, social binge drinking eventually turned into a bottle-of-wine-a-day habit.

Despite studying addiction as a graduate student, Kitley, now 40 and five-years sober, said it took her a while to recognize she had a problem and seek help. It

seems like "everyone is drinking," she said, particularly busy moms like her.

Drinking alcohol can lead to myriad health problems, Clark said, including cancer, hypertension, stroke and liver failure. And women, who research shows are drinking more than in decades past, may be more at risk than men because, according to some studies, they can "develop these things with less alcohol intake over less time," she said.

Many people don't realize that just one glass of wine a day for women is considered moderate drinking, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Clark said. "Most people don't know that. They usually are just thinking they are unwinding from the day," she said. "Drinking can be fun to do socially. But we must be careful with it and drink responsibly."

The casual references to excessive drinking on social media only downplay these problems, said Jim Scarpace, executive director of Gateway Foundation treatment centers in Aurora

and Joliet.

"With social media, there seems to be an openness now to talking about (binge drinking), and even sometimes to celebrate it, which really minimizes the risk," he said. This can lead some who drink too much to believe, "This is socially acceptable; this is something people do." It can minimize the impact alcohol can have in their life."

Those who work in addiction and those who have faced one acknowledge that for many women, moderate drinking will not develop into a problem, and clever images or remarks on social media referring to a glass of wine to unwind are harmless. But for those at risk, especially those with a genetic predisposition for alcoholism, an alcohol-centric culture can be dangerous, Scarpace said.

Despite the fun portrayed on social media, drinking "isn't all it's cracked up to be," said Lori, a recovering alcoholic. For years, alcohol controlled her life, she said, adding that she doesn't understand the images that make light of excessive drinking or poke

fun at the need to have alcohol.

"Why would you dress that up? You're just glamorizing things," said the 43-year-old Chicago mother of three, who asked that her last name not be used.

Before getting sober 3 1/2 years ago, Lori said her drinking progressed in stages.

She would binge drink as a young adult for "special occasions" but didn't recognize it as a problem. Her drinking frequency picked up as life's pressures built, she said. She'd always been a working mom, and her job was a big part of her social network. When she left her career to focus more on her family, she felt isolated and turned to drinking.

Lori said her drinking routine started out as something to look forward to at the end of a long day taking care of the kids and the house. But then it ramped up to a daily habit. She began to drink earlier in the day, she said, switching from solely drinking in the evening to then also needing a beer at lunch. Soon, she was sneaking down to her basement bar early in the morning to mix a drink before her family woke.

She said she hit rock bottom around the time her kids' school principal had to intervene when she showed up drunk at pickup time. Soon after, Lori checked herself into an in-patient treatment program after a friend's death made her realize she couldn't cope without alcohol.

Lori said she still feels resentful when she's around others who are drinking. It seems alcohol is the focus of everything, on the internet and in life, from social events with friends to church functions, she said. "I've noticed it's getting worse."

Gabrielle Glaser, author of "Her Best Kept Secret: Why Women Drink — and How They Can Regain Control," said it's possible women feel more pressure than they once did. From demanding homework assign-

ments to increased school security, parenting seems to have gotten more complicated. The age of social media also heightens a desire to display domestic perfection to the outside world. Because drinking is already an accepted practice, it's easy to fall into the habit of using alcohol as a way to destress, she said.

"There's anxiety around being a mother," Glaser said, and "binge drinking has become completely normalized" as a way to have fun or blow off steam. "That starts in college and carries through to your first job," she added, and "it can easily be part of being a mother as well."

Kitley, the Oak Park mom, said social events centered on drinking, including moms nights out, "gave me excuses" to drink. "The difference was, some of these moms could stop after one or two glasses and drive home," she said. "I could not. I always took it to a huge extreme."

Kitley said she decided to stop drinking after she had worked her way up to drinking every day. That's when a longtime friend who had recently quit drinking questioned Kitley about her habits after noticing that she was hung over at an exercise class. Kitley confided in her friend that she wondered if she had a problem, but she didn't think she fit the typical image of an alcoholic.

When her friend invited her to check out an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, Kitley recalls saying, "I can't go to a meeting; I have an open bottle of wine in the fridge." At her friend's urging, Kitley made it to the meeting and decided to quit. Kitley said she doesn't fault those who drink socially or those who joke about wine on social media, but said it's difficult for those in recovery to find outlets that aren't focused on alcohol.

"It let me drink for a very long time," she said.

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Flaws plague CPS special ed program

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CPS plans to spend tens of millions of dollars to reverse some of the policies implemented as part of the overhaul.

Those recommendations are expected in May and are to be implemented by the start of the 2018-19 school year.

"Ultimately what we are asking for is that the Chicago Public Schools follow the law, include parents, include teachers and make decisions centered on what children need, not based on saving money," Matt Cohen, a longtime special education attorney, said prior to Wednesday's meeting.

Special education advocates have demanded a \$10 million compensatory fund for affected students and the appointment of an independent monitoring team with broad authority to supervise and revise the district's special education practices for at least five years.

CPS has told ISBE it "strongly rejects" the idea of an independent monitor and wants to supervise any action plans developed with the state.

CPS also said that if ISBE recommends the district bring on any additional staff or services for special education students — known within the district as "diverse learners" — then those jobs should be funded by the state or federal government.

"We know that CPS diverse learners must be given every opportunity for growth and achievement," CPS special education chief Elizabeth Keenan told ISBE members Wednesday. "Reforms are already on the way, and we need to look forward to a system that does not maintain prior status quo but instead provides real opportunity for all students."

Advocates and community groups — including the Chicago Teachers Union, Raise Your Hand for Illinois Public Education, Equip for Equality, the Shriver National Center on Poverty Law, the Ounce of Prevention Fund and the Access Living disability rights group — presented their concerns to ISBE in November.

The state panel considered more than 8,600 pages of information and hours of often emotional testimony submitted by district officials, advocates and parents that scrutinized whether CPS practices created "broad-based or systemic violations" of federal or state laws and regulations.

Advocates have also criticized what they describe as the limited scope of the state panel's inquiry — which was meant to determine whether the district's electronic system for individualized special education plans, data collection requirements, budget process or transportation policies unlawfully delayed or denied services.

What's more, advocates believe that decisions over those individualized education plans were further "delayed, or second-guessed" by district bureaucracy, and that extensive data collection mandates held up evaluations or services such as classroom aides for children with learning disabilities.

CPS has said its special education overhaul was needed to address persistently low test scores for students with disabilities, insufficient oversight and a lack of consistent standards despite growing budget costs. Officials have said the district also hopes to guard against placing students into special education programs unnecessarily. ISBE's panel concluded the district's goals are "valid and laudable."

But ISBE concluded the district's electronic system that manages legally required student special

education plans keeps educators from properly documenting decisions, while limiting staffers' ability to place students in therapeutic schools or summer programs. The panel said the public has had difficulty accessing an arcane procedural manual that is not always consistent with the electronic system, sowing confusion among parents and educators.

District edicts to collect and approve data on special education students added a significant workload to staff, while CPS "did not take any meaningful steps" to inform parents of the new requirements for obtaining classroom aides or transportation services.

And a controversial special education funding model used in the 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years, when schools received a lump sum for staff positions instead of a set number of positions that were paid for through CPS headquarters, "more likely than not" delayed providing or eliminated teachers and classroom aides for some students.

ISBE's panel said CPS classroom aides provided just over 14 million minutes of services each week to special education students in the 2015-16 school year. By the 2017-18 term, that number had dropped to just over 7 million minutes per week.

"When they say there's a systemic problem, that means they really recognize the entire system was not working the way it should," Cohen said after reviewing the report. "I think it's a huge indictment, but it doesn't even capture the human element."

Advocates argue the district's changes created a situation where student special education plans "were and are currently driven by budgetary concerns." CPS officials counter that changes implemented amid the 2016 overhaul may have been implemented too rapidly or without enough oversight but did not break the law.

"While the Advocates have provided examples of situations where the process of securing services may not have run as smoothly as anticipated, these individual situations do not establish systemic violations of the law," the district said in a recent filing to the state panel. Officials said the school system has also "streamlined" its data collection requirements.

CPS this week said it will spend close to \$30 million next school year to restore the special education funding model abandoned amid the 2016 overhaul.

The district will return to its past method of assigning schools specific numbers of special education teachers and paraprofessionals instead of allocating schools a set amount of money to cover the cost of those jobs.

The district also announced early this year that it would spend \$2.6 million to fill dozens of new special education positions throughout the city, many of them English language specialist teachers and bilingual paraprofessionals.

The district said it was reviewing the state panel's report.

"As we've said before, we know that some reforms were done too quickly and needed more involvement from our parents and educators," CPS CEO Janice Jackson said in a statement. "We also believe that we have more work to do to make sure that we're giving all our students the services they need, and look forward to refining special education services for all our students."

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The Carson's store in Evergreen Park is among more than 20 in the Chicago area that will be closed by late summer.

Once-mighty Carson's is latest big retailer to fade into history

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nois' once-mighty department stores.

Liquidation sales could begin as early as Thursday and must be completed by Aug. 31, court documents show. The retailer employed nearly 23,000 people nationwide as of Feb. 2.

There were no signs of imminent going-out-of-business sales Wednesday afternoon at the Carson's at Harlem Irving Plaza in suburban Norridge. Customers said they were devastated to hear about the chain's plans to close and didn't know where they would shop as a replacement for their beloved Carson's, even as they toted bags from nearby Kohl's and Target.

"I do Christmas shopping here; I buy my perfumes here, for my daughters. I don't know where you go. I know everybody goes online, but it's not the same," said Joanne Koletos, of Rosemont. "You just enjoy coming here with the change of seasons."

Leonardo Martinelli, of Chicago, who was shopping with his wife, Maria, and son John, said they remained loyal shoppers with a branded store credit card, even though they felt the quality of the clothing and some other items had gone down in recent years.

While Bon-Ton is headquartered in York, Pa., and Milwaukee, its Carson's and Bergner's chains began in Illinois, where they maintain a sizable presence. Of Bon-Ton's more than 200 stores, nearly 40 are in Illinois. Those stores cover nearly 4.3 million square feet of retail space. The company also has a distribution center in Rockford and a furniture warehouse in Naperville, according to court documents.

Carson's got its start in Amboy, Ill., in 1854 before moving its headquarters to Chicago, where it took the name Carson, Pirie Scott & Co. in 1890. It opened its Louis Sullivan-designed flagship on State Street in 1904 and remained in operation there for more than a

century. Target took over a portion of that space after Carson's closed in 2007.

After a series of ownership changes, Carson's became part of Bon-Ton, then the country's fifth-largest department store chain, in 2006. It was a year after Federated Department Stores acquired Marshall Field's, folding the longtime Chicago brand into its Macy's chain. Bon-Ton, however, kept the Carson's name on stores and earlier this year even floated the idea of extending the brand to more of its stores.

Carson's and Bon-Ton are the latest casualties in a sector that lost shoppers to discount and specialty retailers, and then online stores — particularly at chains that relied on discounts to drive sales rather than unique merchandise or customer service, said

Bob Phibbs, CEO of consulting firm the Retail Doctor.

"Department stores used to bring a branded experience," he said. "Now, the experience is all the same."

Carson's liquidation comes after Toys R Us last month began going-out-of-business sales at 735 U.S. stores, including 31 in Illinois.

Retailers have announced store closures totaling 32 million square feet this year, on top of 100 million square feet last year, according to the CoStar Group.

Many of the stores slated for closure aren't located in top-performing shopping centers that have been trying to reinvent themselves by bringing in movie theaters, gyms, food halls and trendier retailers, Phibbs said.

"I haven't heard of any mall developer coming up with a recipe for success in those (weaker) malls or in rural areas that were already decimated when Walmart took out the downtown in the '80s," he said. "They're huge stores. Even carving them up, it's just not easy."

Benazir Abidi, of Chicago, another shopper at the Harlem Irving Plaza Carson's on Wednesday, said the store was the "soul" of the mall.

"My husband works at Macy's even though I love Carson's more," she said. "And the day I heard (of store closings), that was the saddest day. It's unbelievable."

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Trump: CIA chief hit it off with Kim

He touts Pompeo's 'great' visit with North Korea leader

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Wednesday confirmed that CIA Director Mike Pompeo recently met secretly with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, as the White House sought to use the negotiations toward a Trump-Kim summit to boost Pompeo's standing as he faces a close vote in the Senate next week to become secretary of state.

Pompeo "just left North Korea, had a great meeting with Kim Jong Un and got along with him really well, really great," Trump told reporters amid his two-day summit with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in Palm Beach, Fla. "He is that kind of a guy — he is very smart but he gets along with people."

Trump earlier on Wednesday tweeted that the meeting in North Korea was a prelude to a summit between himself and Kim by early June, confirming published reports. A White House official confirmed separately that Pompeo and Kim met over Easter weekend, though Trump mistakenly said in his tweet that it occurred last week.

It was the highest-level meeting between a U.S. official and a North Korean leader since 2000, when President Bill Clinton's secretary of state, Madeleine Albright, met with Kim's father and predecessor, Kim Jong Il.

The developments underscore the turn in



CIA chief Mike Pompeo, seen Wednesday on Capitol Hill, faces a close vote for Senate confirmation as secretary of state.

Trump's approach toward North Korea, which has unnerved Japan. Since he abruptly decided last month to pursue talks himself, his rhetoric has become more hopeful and conciliatory.

Trump did not appear to win any concessions from Kim in exchange for the high-level visit from Pompeo. To a question at a press conference with Abe at the close of their summit Wednesday, Trump acknowledged that the regime is still holding three Americans captive after the release of the dying Otto Warmbier last year, but he didn't answer whether he would go forward with a

meeting with Kim if they remained in detention.

Trump did say that he would not meet with Kim "if we don't think it's going to be successful."

"If the meeting, when I'm there, is not fruitful I will respectfully leave," Trump said, and continue the administration's "maximum pressure" strategy of sanctions against the regime.

The discussion of North Korea came at Mar-a-Lago with Japan's Abe that was intended to reassure a key ally, though it was hardly clear that was the outcome.

Japan had been blindsided by Trump's announcement that he would

meet with Kim, and it fears a deal in which Americans agree to reduce their military presence in the region, which has been Japan's shield since World War II. The country is also frustrated that, unlike other major U.S. allies, it has not been exempted from steel and aluminum tariffs that Trump recently proposed.

Trump indicated that he had given Japan no relief from the tariffs. Instead, he emphasized the size of the U.S. trade deficit with Japan, saying "if we can come to an agreement" to alleviate that, "I would look forward to taking them off."

And he may have further

embarrassed Abe, who already is in political trouble at home, on another trade issue: With a late-night tweet on Tuesday and again at the press conference, Trump all but dashed hopes that he would have the United States reenter a Pacific trade pact as Abe has urged.

Trump had said only a week ago that he would reconsider his decision, made just after taking office, to withdraw from the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

It was unclear whether Trump had offered Abe any other trade concessions during their meetings, which were dominated, at least in public, by the North

Korea discussion.

In dispatching Pompeo to North Korea, Trump avoided officially sending a diplomat to a country with which the United States has no diplomatic relations. Still, the assignment was unusual given that Pompeo, while still CIA director, is awaiting Senate confirmation as secretary of state.

Pompeo faces a close vote for Senate confirmation, and he will likely need votes from Democrats. A divided Senate Foreign Relations Committee is expected to decline to recommend his confirmation.

Several Democrats have come out against the nomination, including Sens. Robert Menendez of New Jersey and Ben Cardin of Maryland.

Menendez complained about being kept in the dark about Pompeo's meeting with Kim as the panel was weighing Pompeo's nomination.

Republicans hold 51 votes in the Senate, but Sen. John McCain of Arizona has been undergoing cancer treatment, and Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky has announced he will oppose Pompeo's nomination, citing Pompeo's support for the war in Iraq. Trump is working to persuade Paul to change his mind.

"I will say this about Rand Paul: He's never let me down," Trump said.

Also Wednesday, Trump said that he will hit Moscow with new sanctions "as soon as they very much deserve it." He also said building a good relationship with Russia is a "good, not bad" thing.

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Rise of Castro loyalist ushers in new Cuban era

Diaz-Canel to take office as president in transition step

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HAVANA — The Cuban government on Wednesday selected First Vice President Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez as the sole candidate to succeed President Raul Castro in a transition aimed at ensuring that the country's single-party system outlasts the aging revolutionaries who created it.

The certain approval of Diaz-Canel, 57, by members of the National Assembly will install someone from outside the Castro family in the country's highest government office for the first time in nearly six decades.

Castro, 86, will remain head of the Communist Party, designated by the constitution as "the superior guiding force of society and the state."

As a result, Castro will remain the most powerful person in Cuba for the time being. His departure from the presidency is nonetheless a symbolically charged

moment for a country accustomed to 60 years of absolute rule first by revolutionary leader Fidel Castro and, for the last decade, his younger brother.

Raul Castro is stepping down as president in an effort to guarantee that new leaders can maintain the government's grip on power in the face of economic stagnation, an aging population and increasing disenchantment among younger generations.

"I like sticking with the ideas of President Fidel Castro because he did a lot for the people of Cuba, but we need rejuvenation, above all in the economy," said Melissa Mederos, 21, a schoolteacher. "Diaz-Canel needs to work hard on the economy, because people need to live a little better."

Most Cubans know their first vice president as an uncharismatic figure who until recently maintained a public profile so low it was virtually nonexistent.

That image changed slightly this year as state media placed an increasing spotlight on Diaz-Canel's appearances, including remarks to the media last month that included his promise to make Cuba's government more respon-

sive to its people.

"We're building a relationship between the government and the people here," he said then after casting a ballot for members of the National Assembly. "The lives of those who will be elected have to be focused on relating to the people, listening to the people, investigating their problems and encouraging debate."

Diaz-Canel gained prominence in central Villa Clara province as the top Communist Party official, a post equivalent to governor. There, people described him as a hard-working, modest-living technocrat dedicated to improving public services. He became higher education minister in 2009 before moving into the vice presidency.

International observers and Cubans alike will be scrutinizing every move he makes after he officially takes office Thursday — on the anniversary of the defeat of U.S.-backed invaders at the Bay of Pigs in 1961.

Meanwhile, U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., said the selection of Castro's successor is a "charade" that will not bring change to the island.

Rubio said that with Di-



Cuba's Raul Castro, 86, waves during a National Assembly session with First Vice President Miguel Diaz-Canel Bermudez at his side Wednesday. Castro will step down Thursday.

az-Canel, "the regime will remain an enemy of democracy, human rights and the impartial rule of law."

Two years after taking over from his ailing brother in 2006, Raul Castro launched a series of reforms that expanded Cuba's private sector to nearly 600,000 people and allowed citizens greater freedom to travel and access to information.

He has failed to fix the generally unproductive and highly subsidized state-run businesses that, along with a Soviet-model bureaucracy, employ three of every four Cubans. State salaries

average \$30 a month, leaving workers struggling to feed their families, and often dependent on corruption or remittances from relatives overseas.

Castro's moves to open the economy have largely been frozen or reversed.

"I don't want to see a capitalist system, hopefully that doesn't come here, but we have to fix the economy," said Roberto Sanchez, 41, a construction worker. "I'd like to have more opportunity, to buy a car, and have a few possessions."

As in Cuba's legislative elections, all of the leaders selected Wednesday were

selected by a government-appointed commission.

The Candidacy Commission also nominated another six vice presidents of the Council of State, Cuba's highest government body. Only one, Ramiro Valdez, 85, was among the revolutionaries who fought with the Castros in the late 1950s in the eastern Sierra Maestra mountains.

State media went into overdrive Wednesday with a single message: Cuba's system is continuing in the face of change.

Fidel Castro was prime minister and president from 1959 until he fell ill in 2006.



An excavator downed an electrical transmission line Wednesday, triggering a blackout across Puerto Rico.

Excavator blamed for island-wide blackout

BY DANICA COTO
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SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — An island-wide blackout hit Puerto Rico on Wednesday after an excavator accidentally downed a transmission line, officials said, as the U.S. territory struggles to repair an increasingly unstable power grid nearly seven months after Hurricane Maria.

Officials said it could take 24 to 36 hours to fully restore power to more than 1.4 million customers as

outrage grew across the island about the state of Puerto Rico's Electric Power Authority. It was the second major failure in less than a week, with the previous one affecting some 840,000 customers.

Several large power failures have hit Puerto Rico in recent months, but Wednesday was the first time since the hurricane struck Sept. 20 that the U.S. territory has experienced a full island-wide blackout.

The outage snarled traffic across the island, inter-

rupted classes and work, and forced dozens of businesses to temporarily close, including the largest mall and popular tourist attractions like a 16th century fort in the historic part of Puerto Rico's capital. Long lines formed at gas stations across the island, while authorities offered assurances that there was enough gasoline available.

Backup generators roared to life at the island's largest public hospital and at its main international airport, where officials re-

ported no cancellations or delays. Meanwhile, the power company said its own customer service center was out of service and asked people to go online or use the phone.

Officials said restoring power to hospitals, airports, banking centers and water pumping systems was their priority. Following that would be businesses and then homes.

By late in the afternoon, power had returned to several hospitals and at least five of 78 municipalities.

For Kim, summit trip may prove a reach

A location far beyond North Korea would challenge regime's old fleet of passenger jets

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The Washington Post

With a million-man army, a bevy of intercontinental ballistic missiles and a growing nuclear arsenal, North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un has sought to project the image of a powerful leader who can face off against President Donald Trump and China's Xi Jinping.

Yet as he prepares for a possible summit with Trump next month, it's not clear that Kim possesses another piece of crucial hardware for the aspiring global negotiator — an airplane that could reliably fly him across the Pacific Ocean, or to Europe, without stopping.

"We used to make fun of what they have — it's old stuff," said Sue Mi Terry, who served as a senior CIA analyst on Korean issues during the George W. Bush administration. "We would joke about their old Soviet planes."

Most public speculation over the undecided summit location has focused on the demilitarized zone between North and South Korea, where South Korean President Moon Jae-in will meet Kim this month. Others have pointed to nearby China or Russia. But some analysts have suggested Trump would favor a grander setting in the United States or another country outside the region — such as Singapore, Switzerland or Sweden, which acts as the "protecting power" for the United States in Pyongyang.

That has raised a question about how Kim, who made his first trip outside North Korea to Beijing in an armored train last month, would get there.

"In terms of his traveling anywhere, it would not be a problem — the South Koreans or the Swedes would give him a ride," said Victor Cha, who served as senior

Asia director at the National Security Council under Bush. "But it would be embarrassing."

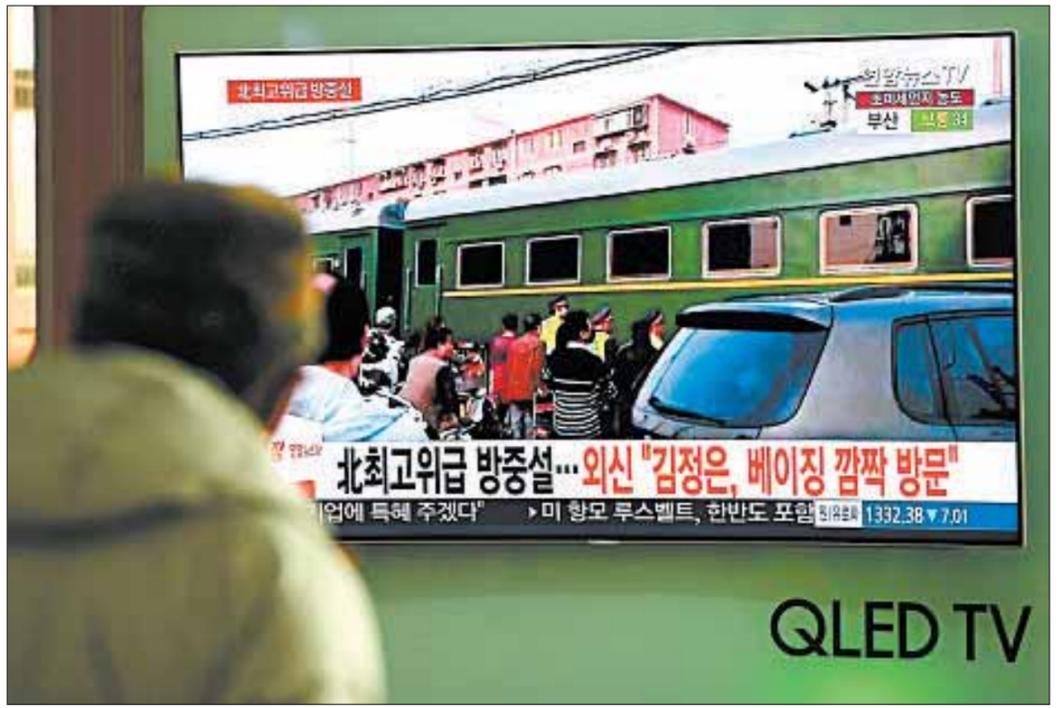
If Kim took his own plane, stopping to refuel on the way to any summit could also prove embarrassing by highlighting the limits of the aircraft — and where to stop would be complicated as well, given the number of countries that have sanctioned North Korea.

The logistics of Kim's movements are likely to draw less public scrutiny than, say, whether the North is serious about denuclearization or how Trump is preparing. But Kim's surprise visit to Beijing offers a window into the dichotomy of North Korea, as he attempts to modernize the regime's image abroad while presiding over a nation where the vast majority of its 25 million citizens lack sufficient food and electricity.

This sharp contrast is the byproduct of a nation that has remained cloistered since the Korean War armistice in 1953 and invested a lopsided portion of its limited trade revenue into the development of military weapons.

Since assuming power in 2011, Kim, who is thought to be in his early 30s, has tried to project a more charismatic and worldly image than his father, Kim Jong Il, and grandfather, Kim Il Sung. That has included building skyscrapers in the capital city of Pyongyang, constructing a luxury ski resort in Kangwon Province to bolster international tourism, and opening several private runways near Kim family compounds for single-engine personal jets.

Kim Jong Il was afraid of flying and, on the rare occasion that he left Pyongyang, rode in an armored train similar to the one used by his son on the China trip last month. In recent years, the



A man in Seoul watches a news report in March about a suspected visit to China by North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

younger Kim staged a series of photo-ops designed to demonstrate that not only does he not share his father's aversion to the skies — he took international flights to attend boarding school in Switzerland — but that he is actually a pilot.

In December 2014, North Korean state media released a video of him behind the controls of the An-148, a Ukrainian-made plane designed for midrange, regional trips that was acquired by Air Koryo, the North's national airline.

Less than two months later, images were released of Kim on a different plane — a presidential jet quickly dubbed "Air Force Un" — en route to inspect a construction site. He was photographed holding a phone to his ear while seated in a plush leather chair, behind a polished wooden desk arrayed with blueprints. In a sign that his was not the most modern of airline experiences, however, Kim casually dangled a cigarette

in his left hand and a crystal ashtray was at the ready.

This plane was a Cold War-era Ilyushin-62, a Soviet-manufactured long-range jet. Yet some analysts concluded there was reason to doubt the plane's reliability due to its age and lack of regular testing.

"They don't have an aircraft that can fly across the Pacific — most are quite old," said Joseph Bermudez, an author who contributes to 38 North, a website on North Korean affairs run by the US-Korea Institute at Johns Hopkins University.

In 2016, Enrique Perrella, publisher of Airways Magazine, paid \$2,200 to a London-based tour company to join a group of 75 foreigners to ride on several older Air Koryo jets. (Among other things, he was treated to the famed Koryo burger, a patty "of questionable meat" that he found surprisingly tasty.)

When he arrived in Pyongyang, "only a very small portion" of Air Koryo's two dozen planes ap-

peared operational, Perrella said in an interview. The others were parked on tarmac, some covered or missing parts. The newest planes, including a 21st century Russian model, were "short range," he said.

Still, Perrella said he thought Air Koryo could probably find something in its fleet to handle a transcontinental flight.

Charles Kennedy, a London-based aviation journalist who has been to North Korea numerous times, was more bullish, noting in an email that the Il-62 remains in use for heads of state in Russia, Sudan and Ukraine. He added that Air Koryo also maintains two Tupolev jets, delivered in 2010, that are similar to a Boeing 757, with a 3,000-mile range and an "excellent safety record."

The older-model planes are generally used to lure aviation tourists, he said, but the newer planes have made trips to Kuwait, where North Korea provides low-wage workers,

and to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Kennedy acknowledged that a trip from Pyongyang to Los Angeles — a flight path of 5,900 miles — would stretch the boundary range of Kim's Il-62. But he emphasized that the plane "is extremely rudimentary technology and the North Koreans would have no trouble keeping it in top condition."

By comparison, Air Force One, a Boeing VC-25 similar to a 747, is capable of flying nearly 8,000 miles without refueling.

Air Koryo used to operate flights to Africa and Europe, but they were discontinued, in part due to international sanctions. (One Air Koryo employee was implicated in the plot to assassinate Kim's older half brother, Kim Jong Nam, at a Malaysian airport in 2017.)

Now, Air Koryo flights are limited to Chinese cities and to Vladivostok, Russia, just over 400 miles from Pyongyang.

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Arizona tourists smell cannabis buds earlier this year at the Green Pearl Organics dispensary in Desert Hot Springs, Calif.

Some in GOP budge on recreational pot

Lawmakers court tax revenue in shift aiding states rights

BY KURTIS LEE
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — States that have passed laws legalizing recreational marijuana in recent years appear to have found some new, unexpected supporters: Republican politicians.

Since voters began to pass recreational marijuana measures in 2012, the pro-pot movement has seen swift support from many Democrats, with Republicans often pushing back against legalization. Those expressing concern or opposition have cited, among other things, the potential for pot to be a gateway drug, and they have regularly sided with law enforcement, which has established a unified front against recreational marijuana.

But a recent mix of public opinion, an influx in tax revenue and questions surrounding states rights has in part led to a shift in rhetoric and legislative proposals.

President Donald Trump last week spurned a threat by his Justice Department to crack down on recreational marijuana in states where it is legal, easing concerns about the possibility of raids and prosecution.

Trump's directive Friday came in response to concerns from Sen. Cory Gardner, R-Colo. Since January, Gardner has criticized an announcement by Attorney General Jeff Sessions that he would rescind an

Obama-era policy that directed federal prosecutors not to target marijuana businesses that operate legally under state law. Gardner had responded to the announcement by blocking Justice Department nominees.

Gardner had opposed recreational marijuana before Colorado passed its legalization measure in 2012, but has become one of the law's staunchest defenders. For him, the issue centers on states' rights. Shortly after Sessions' announcement, Gardner tweeted that it "trampled on the will of the voters in CO and other states."

To date, nine states — Colorado, California and Nevada among them — have legalized marijuana for recreational use, allowing people 21 and older to purchase and possess up to an ounce of marijuana.

Many states that have legalized recreational use have seen a boom in tax revenue. In 2016, Colorado generated about \$250 million in tax revenue from recreational pot. Washington state raked in even more, about \$256 million. Most of the money goes toward public school systems, according to state agencies that are tasked with overseeing legal marijuana.

The cost of legal marijuana varies based on taxes imposed in states and cities. In Denver, for example, marijuana costs an estimated \$163 an ounce, according to MarijuanaRates.com, which tracks cannabis pricing. In Los Angeles, an ounce costs an average of about \$250.

Neal Levine, chairman

of the New Federalism Fund, a nonpartisan group that aims to maintain state and local authority over cannabis laws and has worked on policy with Republicans, said that over the years his organization has seen support grow in the GOP.

"Siding with state governments over federal regulation is an important principle of federalism and consistent with conservative values," Levine said. "The president himself has been a consistent proponent of states' rights and letting the federal government get out of the states' way on this issue. We expect our Republican champions on Capitol Hill will continue to lead on this issue and for those numbers to grow."

He cited the work of, among others, Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, R-Calif., who is the lead sponsor of the Respect State Marijuana Laws Act. The measure, which has more than a dozen Republican co-sponsors, aims to prevent the federal government from criminally prosecuting individuals and businesses that are engaging in state-sanctioned activities specific to the possession, use, production and distribution of pot.

Other Republicans who have worked on marijuana legislation include Rep. Tom Garrett of Virginia, who last year introduced the Ending Federal Marijuana Prohibition Act of 2017. If passed, the bill would take marijuana off the federal controlled substances list — joining other substances such as alcohol and tobacco.

In addition, several other Republicans have crafted legislation to protect medical marijuana laws, which have been passed in more than two dozen states.

Even so, these measures have stalled in the Republican-controlled Congress. Lawmakers have not made the issue a focal point.

Levine said it's only a matter of time before more Republican members of Congress change their tune and make the issue a priority.

Last week, former GOP House Speaker John Boehner announced that he was joining the advisory board of Acreage Holdings, a company with cannabis operations in several states, and that his position on legal marijuana had changed based on public opinion. For years, Boehner had opposed legal marijuana.

"As public opinion shifts, members' opinions on this are going to shift — I'm a prime example," Boehner told Bloomberg News. "Over these last 10 years, my attitude has changed pretty dramatically on this."

In October, a Gallup poll found 64 percent of respondents supported the legalization of recreational use of marijuana in the country. For the first time, the poll found, a majority of Republicans surveyed — 51 percent — favored legalization. That number was up from 42 percent a year before. Meanwhile, 67 percent of independents supported legalization in the October poll, compared with 72 percent of Democrats. Other surveys have

shown similar results.

Mason Tvert, vice president of communications for VS Strategies, a public affairs firm based in Denver that specializes in cannabis policy, said he expects the numbers will continue to trend upward.

"And that's going to force politicians — especially Republicans who have been somewhat reluctant — to continue to support the end of marijuana prohibition," Tvert said.

In recent years, some Republican governors have implemented legalization efforts at the behest of voters.

Two years ago, Nevadans overwhelmingly passed a measure allowing the sale and possession of up to an ounce of marijuana for anyone older than 21. Republican Gov. Brian Sandoval opposed the ballot measure but softened his language and worked to implement the law after voters passed the measure by a nearly 10-percentage-point margin.

In January, Vermont Republican Gov. Phil Scott signed a bill that legalized recreational marijuana. Among voters there, 57 percent supported allowing adults to possess and grow limited amounts of marijuana, according to a survey conducted last year by Public Policy Polling.

"I personally believe that what adults do behind closed doors and on private property is their choice," Scott said when he signed the legislation. "So long as it does not negatively impact the health and safety of others."

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Change to march meets resistance

Dutch initially exclude those with a 'strong build'

BY AMANDA ERICKSON
The Washington Post

It is meant to be a somber event, an opportunity to celebrate incredible bravery in the face of evil.

But this time around, it has sparked a debate on fat-shaming.

Each year, people gather at Waalsdorpervlakte near The Hague to honor 250 Dutch resistance fighters murdered by the Nazis during World War II. Those caught collecting intelligence for the Allies or helping Jews escape were imprisoned and then executed by Germans at Waalsdorpervlakte.

In the years after the war, the "Remembrance of the Dead" was organized to commemorate all Dutch people killed in military conflicts and on peacekeeping missions.

It is one of the most sacred events in the Netherlands. Each May 4, an honor guard comprising relatives of the dead and volunteers gather to march and observe a two-minute silence at 4 p.m. Traffic and public transportation grind to a halt; television stations air only broadcasts of the ceremony.

Thousands of people participate each year. And organizers aren't sure that is a good thing.

This year, they decided that overweight volunteers

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should not participate in the televised "guard of honor." Notes leaked from a meeting and translated by the Guardian read, in part: "A number of members of the guard of honor are starting to get a substantial stature, at least for this function. ... There are regularly comments and complaints about it. In order to prevent this, we will have to give people with too strong a stature a different task."

Organizers blamed the decision on optics, saying participants' uniforms "did not look good" on heavier volunteers, because of "bursting buttons," according to the Guardian.

One longtime participant, Bas Jongeneel (who described himself as someone with a "strong build"), told local reporters that he had been assigned to the catering team this year, after several years as a marcher. His wife, Francisca Roeten, complained about the decision. "You cannot discriminate in the Netherlands, but an association that commemorates our war heroes hides away people with a bigger belly, in their eyes," she told local broadcasters.

Others also complained of discrimination.

The blowback has gotten so bad that Vincent van Gaal, chairman of the Erepselton Waalsdorp organization, which runs the event, has promised to repeal the decision.

"We are the last to exclude people, and traditionally we want our guard of honor to be a reflection of society," he said, according to the Guardian.

Sen. Cruz runs as if it's still 2016

Re-election race sounds like his bid for presidency

BY WILL WEISSERT
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Ted Cruz ran a surprisingly effective presidential campaign in 2016. It sometimes sounds like he still is.

The Texan is seeking re-election to the U.S. Senate by pledging to repeal Barack Obama's signature health care law, abolish the IRS and beat back federal overreach — even though the Trump administration has already diluted the health law, delivered sweeping tax cuts and code revisions, and controls Washington along with a Republican-led Congress.

Unmentioned — almost as if he hadn't noticed — is that the political world has been turned upside down around him. Indeed, Cruz, virtually alone among candidates here, barely refers to President Donald Trump and his paradigm-shifting repercussions since the election.

While other Texas political hopefuls want to tap into Trump's strong popularity with the Republican base, Cruz is sticking to his greatest policy hits, calculating that he has the stature to remain above the fray and can stick to the play-

book that carried him from GOP primary also-ran to second-place finisher in his first run for the presidential nomination. It's an agenda that would transition smoothly to another possible presidential run after 2020.

"Freedom doesn't defend itself," Cruz declared, drawing applause from a crowd of 200-plus inside an automatic mailing firm's headquarters in Austin, one of 12 cities where Cruz recently staged re-election kickoff rallies over three days.

The aloof approach especially suits Cruz, a strident tea party hero who delighted in infuriating both parties' congressional powerbrokers before Trump arrived to unhinge them even more. He bitterly opposed Trump at the end of the 2016 presidential campaign. He was booed for refusing to endorse him at the Republican National Convention but eventually fell in line.

While Trump has careened away from some traditional GOP beliefs by backing free market-busting tariffs, racking up federal debt and shrugging off family values and morality standards, Cruz can claim to have been an unflinching conservative all along.

"Steering clear of Trump allows him to be more about Cruz," said GOP

strategist Brendan Steinhauer, a former national tea party organizer who directed the 2014 re-election campaign of Texas' senior senator, John Cornyn.

Cruz's stance differs from some other high-profile conservatives thought to have future presidential aspirations. Rather than keep his distance, Nebraska Sen. Ben Sasse has been outspoken and critical of the president and his volatile tweet eruptions, and could tap into Republicans looking for a new direction post-Trump. Meanwhile, Vice President Mike Pence and U.S. ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley may emerge as top evangelists for Trump's post-presidency legacy.

Someone else Cruz often ignores while campaigning is Democrat Beto O'Rourke, who is giving up his El Paso congressional seat to challenge Cruz. A bilingual, former punk rocker, O'Rourke garnered national attention for his energetic rallies and for frequently out-fundraising Cruz, even while shunning donations from outside political groups and special interests.

But O'Rourke failed to capture 40 percent of Democratic votes during Texas' March 6 primary against two little-known



MARK KAUZLARICH/REUTERS 2016

Sen. Ted Cruz's Senate re-election bid sounds a lot like his 2016 presidential campaign, focusing on the same issues.

opponents while Cruz took 85 percent of GOP ballots, suggesting a Texas-sized name recognition gap with the incumbent.

O'Rourke said Cruz can't ignore the White House's current occupant while promoting his own record: "He's one of the primary enablers and abettors of this Trump administration."

"I don't know what his strategy is other than he's running for president," O'Rourke said.

Cruz has a new campaign slogan, "Tough as Texas," and uses it to highlight the heroism of people who rushed to aid their neighbors after Hurricane Harvey, as well as two citizens who helped bring to a stop a mass shooting in the town of Sutherland Springs. But his campaign stickers feature only Cruz's name and slogan, not men-

tioning 2018 or the office he's running for. During a stop along the Texas-Mexico border, he was even introduced as "President Cruz."

Cruz picked the venue for his Austin rally because he said it was an example of a small business hindered by Obama's health care law. He also frequently calls conservative talk radio stations across Texas to agree with hosts fuming about Republicans failing to keep their promises.

Cruz doesn't hesitate to borrow some Trump talking points, supporting a border crackdown and tax cuts. But he's also not shy about making an independent case for himself.

"In Texas, we believe in low taxes, low regulation, low debt," Cruz told the crowd in Austin. "We want Washington, D.C., the heck off our backs."

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New teaching skill: How to stop bleeding

Nationwide, more schools do training, add trauma items

By **SCOTT McFETRIDGE**
Associated Press

PLEASANT HILL, Iowa — As she learned the basics of applying direct pressure, packing a wound with gauze and tying a tourniquet, sixth-grade math and social studies teacher Kari Stafford shook her head at the thought that this may now be an essential skill for her profession.

Stafford didn't like it, but with school shootings now a regular occurrence, she and her colleagues have reluctantly accepted that the attacks won't stop and that teachers must know how to keep the victims from bleeding to death.

"Learning to help and not just stand there is important," said Stafford, who joined about a dozen other educators at a medical training session at Southeast Polk High School, a sprawling 9-year-old campus surrounded by farmland in Pleasant Hill, just east of Des Moines.

Over the past five years, about 125,000 teachers, counselors and administrators across the country have been trained in stemming blood loss as school officials have become resigned to the grim trend. The effort is rapidly expanding, and more schools are now stocking classrooms with supplies that would be familiar to any military medic: lightweight tourniquets, gauze coated with blood-clotting drugs and compression bandages.

Although schools are adding security and even arming teachers to deter attacks, new emphasis is being given to saving the wounded while counting down the minutes until help arrives.

The teacher triage idea was initially pushed by Dr. Lenworth Jacobs of Hartford, Conn., who operated on victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School



CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP

Dr. Richard Sidwell, right, talks with Mary Owens, center, and Samantha Wing during medical training in Iowa.

shooting in 2012, in which 26 people were killed.

He feared that Sandy Hook wouldn't be the last school shooting, and his assumption has been borne out again and again, with the Feb. 14 killing of 17 people at a Florida high school only the latest major incident.

"I've been a trauma surgeon for over 40 years and have seen a lot of gunshot wounds," he said, but an elementary school massacre is "entirely different. These are 6-year-olds with wounds from very high-powered weaponry, and it changes you."

Jacobs and other like-minded surgeons formed a group that expanded to include law enforcement and other first responders who developed strategies for helping victims survive.

In many school shootings, more victims could be saved if someone had at least slowed their bleeding.

"It takes a long time,

longer than it takes to bleed to death, to clear the classroom, secure it and make sure there's not another shooter," he said. "The person who is going to save you is the person right beside you."

The initiative, dubbed Stop the Bleed, has spread quickly and training is now available in all 50 states.

Georgia has been a leader, spending more than \$1 million to expand a test program and ship medical supplies to schools. Since last spring, the Georgia Trauma Commission, a state agency that works to improve emergency care, has coordinated the training of more than 18,000 educators.

Many teachers who might once have recoiled at becoming a battlefield medic have come around as school security measures have repeatedly failed to prevent shootings. In many cases, the shooters are students themselves

who have ready access to the building. And lockdowns can add to the risk of death.

"If students are shot in a lockdown they can just bleed out. They'll die," said Dena Abston, executive director of the commission.

In Bend, Ore., paramedic Nolan McGinnis jumped at the chance to train school personnel on how to treat victims. He was among the first paramedics to arrive at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg after a 2015 shooting that left 10 people dead.

"Especially with these school shootings, you never know if the shooter is going to give himself up or take his own life before we get there, or if it will be 15 minutes and we're still waiting to go onto the scene," McGinnis said.

At the Iowa training, about a dozen teachers, aides and others gathered in an English classroom before the school day be-

gan for Southeast Polk's nearly 2,000 students. Although no shootings have occurred at the school, the now-normal drumbeat of reports about threats, rumors and lockdowns in every region keeps the danger in mind.

Trauma care specialist Brian Feist and surgeon Richard Sidwell used a foam limb to demonstrate proper techniques, then gave teachers a chance to practice packing wounds and cinching tourniquets.

Feist explained that direct pressure was more effective on especially young children and tourniquets best for multiple wounds. The ultratight straps on a tourniquet could be very painful, he warned.

"Your patient is going to be freaking out because it's really, really hurting," he said.

Teacher Denise Gulling said that "this gives me one more option for helping."

Largest bump stock maker to halt orders

By **MICHAEL BALSAMO**
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The largest manufacturer of bump stocks, which allow semi-automatic weapons to fire rapidly like automatic firearms, announced Wednesday that it will stop taking orders and shut down its website next month.

The announcement comes about a month after President Donald Trump said his administration would "ban" bump stocks, which he said "turn legal weapons into illegal machines."

The devices became a focal point of the national gun control debate when they were used in October when a gunman carried out the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history. About a dozen bump stocks were found among the weapons used by Stephen Paddock when he unleashed a hail of bullets from his Las Vegas hotel suite, killing 58 people and leaving more than 800 others injured.

Slide Fire Solutions, based in Moran, Texas, posted a message on its website saying the company will stop taking orders at midnight May 20. The firm did not comment further.

The Brady Center for Gun Violence filed a lawsuit against Slide Fire after the Las Vegas mass shooting and alleged that the company "provided a product that turned a semi-automatic gun into the functional equivalent of a machine gun, thereby evading longstanding federal law."

The Justice Department said last month that it had started the process to amend federal firearms regulations to clarify that federal law defines bump stocks as machine guns. That would reverse a 2010 decision by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives that found bump stocks did not amount to machine guns.

Travelers on pilot of crippled plane: 'She has nerves of steel'

By **TERENCE CULLEN**
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Passengers aboard the tumultuous Southwest Airlines flight — during which one passenger was killed after nearly being ripped from the plane — are crediting pilot Tammie Jo Shults' quick thinking with saving their lives.

The former Navy aviator safely brought the plane down in Philadelphia after one of its engines exploded shortly after taking off from New York City.

"This is a true American Hero," passenger Diana McBride Self said in a Facebook post about Shults, adding the pilot personally spoke with passengers after the ordeal. "A huge thank you for her knowledge, guidance and bravery in a traumatic situation. God bless her and all the crew."

Long before her quick-thinking maneuvers softly landed the damaged Southwest plane, Shults was a pioneer among female fighter pilots and faced resistance to even enlist.

"She did it for herself and all women fighting for a chance. ... I'm extremely proud of her," college classmate Cindy Foster said to the Kansas City Star on Tuesday of her friend's military career. "She saved a lot of lives today."

Shults was calm in exchanges with flight controllers Tuesday moments after an engine blew out, sending shrapnel into the plane and tearing a hole into the cabin.

"No it's not on fire, but some of it's missing," she said to a flight controller when asked about the engine. "They said there's a hole, and uh, someone went out."

Jennifer Riordan, 43, a Wells Fargo executive and mother of two from Albuquerque, died after she was partially pulled out of the fuselage.



MIDAMERICA NAZARENE UNIV. Tammie Jo Shults, a former Navy aviator, landed Flight 1380 safely after an engine blew out Tuesday.

Initial focus on engine fan blades

PHILADELPHIA — The engine explosion aboard a Southwest Airlines jetliner puts new pressure on airlines and regulators to act faster to inspect the fan blades that may have snapped off and triggered the accident that killed a passenger.

The initial findings from investigators show that Tuesday's emergency was eerily similar to an engine failure on another Southwest plane in 2016. That breakdown led the engine manufacturer to recommend new inspections of fan blades on many Boeing 737s. Investigators say a fan blade snapped off as Southwest Flight 1380 cruised at 500 mph high above Pennsylvania.

— Associated Press

"Knowing Tammie Jo, I know her heart is broken for the death of that passenger," her mother-in-law Virginia Shults told The Washington Post.

Shults, raised on a New Mexico ranch, grew up dreaming of being a pilot as she watched planes fly overhead from the nearby Holloman Air Force Base,

she recalled in a passage for the 2012 book "Military Fly Moms," which profiled the careers of female pilots.

When she went to a retired military pilots lecture on career day her senior year of high school, the former colonel asked if she was lost.

"I mustered up the courage to assure him I was not and that I was interested in flying," she wrote in a passage for the book. "He allowed me to stay but assured me there were no professional women pilots."

A meeting with a female pilot while she was a junior at MidAmerican Nazarene University inspired her to keep at it.

"My heart jumped. Girls did fly!" she wrote in the book. "I set to work trying to break into the club."

The Air Force rejected Shults, however — but wanted her brother. Shults toiled for a year until a recruiter processed her Navy application.

She met her husband — Dean Shults, who's now also a Southwest pilot — during that time, who she described as her "knight in shining airplane."

While Shults became one of the first women to fly the F/A-18, she recalled being relegated to support roles because female pilots couldn't fly combat missions, she wrote in the book.

She retired in 1993, and lives with her husband and two children in San Antonio.

Passengers praised the cool demeanor Shults had Tuesday when she landed the Dallas-bound plane in Philadelphia.

"She has nerves of steel. That lady, I applaud her," Alfred Tumlinson told The Associated Press on Tuesday night. "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."



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The Syrian town of Douma continues to show "a lot of volatility," says U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric. The U.N. says more security measures are needed for inspectors.

Assailants in Syria's Douma shoot at U.N. security team

By **PHILIP ISSA AND MICHAEL CORDER**
Associated Press

BEIRUT — Assailants opened fire at a U.N. security team visiting the site of a suspected chemical weapons attack in Syria, an official said Wednesday, forcing it to retreat to its base and further delaying a fact-finding mission by outside experts to examine the claims.

Gunmen shot at the U.N. team in Douma on Tuesday and detonated an explosive, leading it to return to Damascus, said the head of the international chemical weapons watchdog, Ahmet Uzumcu. He did not identify the assailants.

Inspectors from the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons have been waiting since Saturday to visit Douma, the site of the alleged April 7 attack. They were initially blocked by the Syrian government and its ally, Russia, on Monday.

The advance security team from the U.N. came under fire Tuesday, compounding the delays. The OPCW inspectors have not yet been able to visit the

site, and Uzumcu did not say when they would deploy.

The United Nations said more security measures were needed before the inspectors could go in.

"There is still a lot of volatility in the area," U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric said, adding that the U.N. security team needed to make at least another visit before the fact-finding mission could go ahead.

The town is under the protection of Russia's military police. The Russian military said a Syrian security employee was slightly wounded in the crossfire Tuesday.

Journalists visiting Douma on a government-organized tour Monday did not report any security threats. The Associated Press met with residents who said they were overwhelmed by chlorine fumes on the night of the alleged attack and lost their loved ones.

With 11 days now having passed, concerns are growing that evidence could fall prey to tampering or be otherwise compromised.

In response, the opposition's Syrian Civil Defense,

whose first responders were operating in Douma on the night of the alleged attack, gave the chemical weapons watchdog the locations of victims' graves so it could salvage evidence, said the group's chief, Raed Saleh.

Russia and the Syrian government have denied responsibility for the alleged attack, which took place during a government assault on the then-rebel-held town. The Army of Islam surrendered Douma two days later.

The U.S. has accused the Syrian government and Russia of trying to cover up evidence of their culpability.

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said Wednesday that the evidence was at risk of being tampered with as the delays dragged on.

"We are very much aware of the delay that the regime imposed on that delegation," Mattis said. "But we are also very much aware of how they have operated in the past. In other words, using the pause after a strike like that to try to clean up the evidence before the investigation team gets in."

Settlement frees McDougal to talk about alleged affair

BY MICHAEL BALSAMO
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A former Playboy model who said she had an affair with Donald Trump has settled her lawsuit with a supermarket tabloid over an agreement that prohibited her from discussing the relationship.

Karen McDougal said the settlement Wednesday with the National Enquirer's parent company "restores to me the rights to my life story."

In August 2016, American Media Inc. paid McDougal \$150,000 for the rights to her story about the alleged relationship. But the story never ran.

The lawsuit alleged Trump's attorney, Michael Cohen, was secretly involved in her discussions with AMI. The White House has said Trump denies the affair.

Under the agreement, McDougal can keep the \$150,000 she was paid. AMI is entitled to 10 percent of any profit McDougal makes from reselling the rights to her story within the next year, up to a maximum of \$75,000, according to a copy of the settlement terms.

In a statement, McDougal said she was "relieved to be able to tell the truth about my story when asked."

McDougal told CNN last month that she and Trump had a 10-month relationship in 2006 and 2007, during which they met dozens of times at multiple Trump properties — including the apartment he shared with his wife, Melania. Their son Barron was an infant at the time.

The settlement ends one of two legal battles involving women who say they were paid to stay silent about accounts that would have embarrassed Trump in the final stretch of the campaign.

In the other matter involving a woman who says



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President Trump slams the sketch released by Stormy Daniels' team, accusing her of a "con job" Wednesday.



Karen McDougal says the deal "restores to me the rights to my life story."

she had a sexual relationship with Trump, the president Wednesday accused porn actress Stormy Daniels of a "con job" for releasing a sketch of a man she claims threatened her to remain silent about the alleged, decade-old affair.

Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, appeared on ABC's "The View" on Tuesday and released a sketch of a man who she said approached her in a Las Vegas parking lot in 2011, shortly after she had sought to sell a tabloid magazine her story about Trump.

"A sketch years later about a nonexistent man," Trump tweeted Wednesday. "A total con job, playing the Fake News Media for Fools (but they know it)!"

The tweet was the first from Trump that explicitly referred to Daniels' allegations since The Wall Street Journal reported in January that Cohen had arranged a \$130,000 payment to Daniels shortly before the 2016 election. Cohen has acknowledged making the payment from his own funds.

In the nondisclosure agreement, Daniels agreed to remain silent about Trump and a brief affair she says she had with him in 2006 when they met at a Lake Tahoe celebrity golf tournament in California.

Taking questions from reporters on Air Force One recently, Trump denied having an affair with Daniels and said he did not know about Cohen's payment to her.

The drawing depicted a man whom Daniels described as being in his 30s or 40s with sharp cheekbones and wavy hair. She said she was with her infant daughter when he approached her in a parking lot and warned her to leave Trump alone.

Daniels' attorney, Michael Avenatti, took to Twitter shortly after Trump's tweet Wednesday, suggesting the president has become "unhinged" over Daniels, who is suing Trump to get out of the nondisclosure agreement.

"In my experience, there is nothing better in litigation than having a completely unhinged, undisciplined opponent who is prone to shooting himself in the foot," Avenatti wrote. "Always leads to BIGLY problems ... like new claims (i.e. defamation). LOL."

The Washington Post contributed.

Cosby witness says accuser spoke of plot to frame him

BY MICHAEL R. SISAK
Associated Press

NORRISTOWN, Pa. — The chief accuser at Bill Cosby's sexual assault retrial talked about framing a celebrity before going to police with her allegations in 2005, a key defense witness testified Wednesday as the TV star's lawyers began putting on their case.

Marguerite Jackson, an academic adviser at Temple University, said Andrea Constand told her she could fabricate sexual assault allegations and "get that money" from a civil suit, bolstering Cosby's efforts to show Constand made up the allegations against him to extort a big civil settlement.

Jackson's account was immediately challenged by prosecutors, who suggested she wasn't on the trip where she says her conversation with Constand took place.

Her appearance on the witness stand was one of the most anticipated moments of a retrial that has Cosby, 80, defending himself against criminal charges that he knocked Constand out with pills and then sexually assaulted her at his suburban Philadelphia home in 2004. Cosby's lawyers call Constand a "con artist" who set him up. The comedian paid her nearly \$3.4 million in 2006.

Jackson recounted a conversation she said she had with Constand on a road trip to the University of Rhode Island with the Temple University women's basketball team, where Constand was working as operations director.

After watching a TV news report about a celebrity who had been sued over allegations of sexual assault, Jackson said Constand told her: "Oh wow, something similar happened to me." Constand said she never reported the assault because her assailant was a "high-profile person" and she knew she



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Defense witness Marguerite Jackson leaves after testifying in Bill Cosby's sexual assault trial in Norristown, Pa.

couldn't prove it, Jackson testified.

Jackson, who said she roomed with Constand on the trip, told jurors she encouraged Constand to come forward. She testified Constand then switched gears, saying: "No it didn't, but I could say it did. I could say it happened, get that money. I could quit my job. I could go back to school. I could open up a business."

Jackson said the conversation happened Feb. 1, 2004, a few weeks after Constand says Cosby molested her.

Constand denied rooming with Jackson and testified Monday she didn't "recall ever having a conversation with" her.

During Jackson's cross-examination, a prosecutor produced Temple records showing Jackson's travel to

other away games but not to the one at the University of Rhode Island. The defense did not produce any records to back Jackson's claim she was on the trip.

Jackson testified she was aware of the 2005 criminal probe, Constand's subsequent lawsuit and her big financial settlement with Cosby, but never told anyone in Cosby's camp — even though Cosby was represented at the time by Patrick O'Connor, the chairman of the board at Temple, where Jackson got her degree and has worked for 31 years.

Judge Steven O'Neill blocked Jackson from taking the stand at Cosby's first trial last year, ruling her testimony would be hearsay after Constand told the jury she didn't know her.

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Prosecutors: Cohen to receive raid-material copies by May 11

NEW YORK — Federal prosecutors said they can give President Donald Trump's personal lawyer, Michael Cohen, copies of materials seized from him by the FBI by May 11.

The U.S. attorney's office in New York told a federal judge Wednesday that it can begin turning over materials on April 27. It expects most of the items to be shared within two weeks, though it could take longer to extract information from

seized telephones.

Prosecutors have disclosed that they are investigating Cohen's personal business dealings but haven't said what crime they believe he has committed. Cohen's lawyers have called the raid an assault on attorney-client privilege.

U.S. District Judge Kimba Wood said she might appoint a neutral lawyer to help resolve conflicts over attorney-client privilege.

California reaches deal with U.S. on Guard border role

California Gov. Jerry Brown has reached an agreement with Homeland Security and Defense Department officials on the terms of his state's National Guard deployment to the Mexican border, after insisting the troops won't be used to help U.S. agents enforce immigration laws.

Wednesday's announcement follows several days of back-and-forth posturing between

the White House and the Democratic governor, whose state's "sanctuary" policies protecting unauthorized immigrants are a frequent target of President Donald Trump's exclamatory Twitter barbs.

Brown said California will deploy 400 soldiers who will fight drug trafficking and cross-border criminal groups but eschew contact with border-crossing migrants.

Erdogan catches Turkey off guard by calling early elections

ANKARA, Turkey — President Recep Tayyip Erdogan caught Turkey off guard on Wednesday by calling early elections for June, in a move that could cement his grip on power a year ahead of schedule.

Erdogan announced that parliamentary and presidential elections, originally scheduled for November 2019, will be held June 24, meaning that a new political system

that will increase the powers of the president will take effect a year early.

Turkey is switching from a parliamentary system to a presidential one, abolishing the office of the prime minister and decreasing the powers of parliament. The changes take effect with the next election.

Erdogan would be able to run for two five-year terms on top of his current term.



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A visitor checks out a Lexus car, similar to one used in the "Black Panther" film, on display Wednesday outside an invitation-only screening in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Saudis hail 'Black Panther' showing as 'landmark moment'

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Saudi Arabia held a private screening on Wednesday of the Hollywood blockbuster "Black Panther" to herald the launch of movie theaters in the kingdom. Tickets go on sale Thursday for public showings on Friday.

Authorities planned the invitation-only event in a concert hall converted into a cinema complex in the capital, Riyadh. The screening, attended by both men and women, will be followed by a rush to build movie theaters in major cities.

The Saudi government dubbed Wednesday's event as "the showing of the first

commercial film in the kingdom after more than 35 years."

Audience members clearly enjoyed the moment, eating popcorn and erupting into applause and hoots when the movie started.

"This is a landmark moment in the transformation of Saudi Arabia into a more vibrant economy and society," Saudi Minister of Culture and Information Awwad Alawwad said in statement.

It's a stark reversal for a country where public movie screenings were banned in the 1980s during a wave of ultraconservatism that swept Saudi Arabia. Many

Saudi clerics view Western movies and even Arabic films made in Egypt and Lebanon as sinful.

Despite decades of ultra-conservative dogma, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman has sought to ram through a number of major social reforms with support from his father, King Salman.

The crown prince is behind measures such as lifting a ban on women driving that will go into effect this summer. The social push by the 32-year-old heir to the throne is part of his so-called Vision 2030, a blueprint that aims to boost local spending and create jobs amid lower oil prices.

Senator's baby inspires chamber to change rule

WASHINGTON — The Senate passed without dissent Wednesday a new rule that will allow senators to be on the chamber floor with children under the age of 1, a change that followed Sen. Tammy Duckworth, D-Ill., giving birth to a baby girl this month.

Duckworth, 50, became

the first senator to give birth while serving in the Senate, sparking a debate about rules forbidding children from being on the floor while the chamber is in session.

With 23 women now serving in the Senate, the issue quickly was resolved. Duckworth has been home

since giving birth, and her colleagues realized that it might be easier for her to work if they changed the rules.

The House has long allowed children of any age to be on the floor during legislative business as long as they are accompanied by their parents.

USS Helena, torpedoed by Japan, located in S. Pacific

HELENA, Mont. — A Microsoft co-founder's mission to locate sunken warships in the South Pacific has chalked up another victory with the discovery of the USS Helena nearly 75 years after it was sunk by Japanese torpedoes, reviving stories of the ship's endurance and the nearly unbelievable survival of a large group of crewmen.

Paul Allen's team searches for the ships to "bring the history back into a relevant conversation," said Janet Greenlee, a spokeswoman for Allen's Vulcan Inc. "He wants to honor those that have served and are serving."

The wreckage of the Helena was found March 23, about a half mile below the surface of the New Georgia Sound. The team identified the light cruiser by the number 50 on its side and by comparing the wreck to the USS Helena's schematics.

A nanny who stabbed two children to death at their home but argued she was too mentally ill to be held responsible was convicted of murder on Wednesday. Jurors found that Yoselyn Ortega killed 6-year-old Lucia Krim and 2-year-old Leo Krim in October 2012 and understood the consequences of her actions when she did it.

A federal jury Wednesday found three men guilty of plotting to bomb a mosque and apartment complex housing Somali refugees in Kansas. Patrick Stein, Gavin Wright and Curtis Allen were convicted of one count of conspiracy to use a weapon of mass destruction and one count of conspiracy against civil rights.

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EDITORIALS

Which Preckwinkle will lead Democrats: Boss or reformer?

Cook County Democratic officials elected Toni Preckwinkle chairman of their party Wednesday, cheering her takeover as a new day for an old machine. She replaces Joseph Berrios, the failed county assessor whom March primary voters wouldn't nominate for another term.

Will Preckwinkle take the Cook County Democratic Party in a different direction as promised? Will she advance the ideals of the progressive wing of the party? Or will she be another accomplice to a patronage-inspired, clout-driven organization that dutifully answers to Berrios' pal, House Speaker Michael Madigan?

Preckwinkle, along with Madigan, Democratic nominee for governor J.B. Pritzker and Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, refused to join progressives who backed assessor candidate Frederick "Fritz" Kaegi over Berrios. Tribune and

other investigations established that Berrios' assessment system was hurting poor and minority communities. He also faced ethics questions. He hired and promoted his own family members, refused to cooperate with inquiries into his actions and routinely accepted campaign donations from lawyers seeking property valuation reductions from his office.

It all stunk. But Preckwinkle and Co. supported Berrios anyway.

Chicago Ald. Roderick Sawyer, 6th, chairman of the City Council Black Caucus, released a statement Wednesday ahead of the Preckwinkle vote: "The Cook County Democratic Party is at a crossroads. While most of the country is talking about progressive values, our party is viewed as a defender of decades-old institutions and power structures, not one that focuses on the challenges facing our communities. That must change."

Yet Sawyer, too, had publicly endorsed

Berrios — although he left Berrios' name off his recommended list of candidates on Election Day.

Preckwinkle's job as county chairman will include raising money. The party as of March 31 held \$499,340 in its campaign account. She also will coordinate with other groups to try to elect Democrats up and down the November ballot, including Pritzker.

One process Preckwinkle can revolutionize: She should abandon and barricade the smoke-filled backroom where candidates for office grovel for the support of the county Democratic Party. Candidates, particularly for judgeships, should be slated by the party based on qualifications, not clout, and certainly not by the heft of their checkbooks. Currently, getting the party's endorsement can depend on how fat a check a candidate is willing to cut.

That needs to stop. Committeemen are speaking out. "I'm a lawyer and I go before judges every day," says Cook County public defender and former attorney general candidate Aaron Goldstein, who's also committeeman of the 33rd Ward. "The last thing you want is a judge who bought their way to the bench. The focus is on who's most loyal, and that's not who we should be picking."

Every party's support for its candidates should be driven not by connections and clout but by its integrity, its ideology, its policy agenda. A new leader ought to upend the embarrassing slating process.

Preckwinkle could be that leader. She has at times rebelled against the establishment. But it would require her to splinter from Democratic stalwarts and their moneyed interests, and embrace the progressives who want change. She refused to do that in the assessor's race. Will she now?

Air safety: The Ballad of Capt. Tammie Jo Shults

A century after airplanes first took to the skies, the concept of flying confounds. Even though air travel is routine, leaving earth to float in an engine-powered tube still feels — at some level, to most commercial air passengers — mysterious or scary.

Any sense of terror is misplaced. Flying is safer than driving. Say it with us: *Flying is safe.*

Yet mistrust helps explain our fascination with flight, and our dread of air accidents. On Tuesday, a Southwest Airlines 737 headed from New York to Dallas experienced a cataclysmic engine failure, forcing it to divert to Philadelphia. One passenger died, but the captain, a former Navy fighter pilot named Tammie Jo Shults, was credited with landing the plane, saving all else aboard.

If this had been a bus that blew an engine, resulting in a single fatality, would cable news networks have interrupted their programming? Would you have read about the hero at the controls? Doubt it. There's no suspense in highway travel. People expect to reach their destination. They don't typically buckle up and say a prayer.

Flying is different because passengers give up control. They don't know what's going on in the cockpit. They can't see much out the window. They are helpless hostages in a science experiment, with nerves on edge because the perceived margin of error is so small. Any mishap at takeoff, landing or cruising altitude could be fatal. Could be — but probably won't be. While flying may be stressful, and turbulence terrifying, boarding a plane is not inherently dangerous. Before the Southwest incident, the last fatal accident involving a U.S. airline occurred in February 2009.

Statistically, traveling by car is far more dangerous. Fortune magazine crunched the data this way: Over their lifetimes,



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Southwest pilot Tammie Jo Shults, shown in the early 1990s, is a former Navy pilot. She was one of the first women to fly the F/A-18.

Americans have a 1-in-114 chance of dying in a car crash, while the odds of dying in the air, including private flights, are 1-in-9,821. You are also more likely to drown in a pool than die in a plane. There have been several recent plane crashes overseas, but 2017 was the safest year on record globally for commercial air travel, according to a Dutch consulting firm.

All was normal on Southwest Flight 1380 until one of its two engines blew apart, spewing shrapnel into the fuselage

and a window. The cabin decompressed and a passenger was nearly sucked out of the plane. Oxygen masks deployed. Those aboard feared for their lives.

A Boeing 737 can fly on a single engine. Shults notified air traffic control. If you want to know who kept calm and focused, it was Capt. Shults, the country's new favorite airline pilot. Here she is declaring an in-flight emergency: *Southwest 1380 has an engine fire. Descending.* And here she is on approach to Philly: *We have part of the aircraft missing so we're going to have to*

slow down a bit. The controllers, by contrast, sounded frazzled. When changing frequencies, she signed off with a convivial "Good day."

Safety officials, the airline and manufacturers will determine what went wrong with Flight 1380's engine. There will be a meticulous investigation. The result will be a safer industry. You may never fly with Shults, but you are sure to get the next-best thing: a different well-trained pilot in an industry obsessed with safety. So relax and enjoy the flight.

Barbara Bush's dignity and warmth

Presidents' wives are expected to be an asset to their spouses' administrations without being daring or controversial. They may be disliked because of whom they married or because they fail to live up to some unattainable ideal. There are many ways a first lady can go wrong, and no misstep goes unnoticed.

Barbara Bush, who died Tuesday at age 92, walked through that thicket and emerged almost universally beloved. The wife of the 41st president — and mother of the 43rd — she retained her popularity even when theirs eroded. A 2014 Gallup poll found that 77 percent of Americans regarded her favorably. Edward Rollins, who ran the 1984 Reagan-Bush re-election campaign, called her "far and away the greatest political spouse I've seen."

That's not because she was glamorous, inspiring or groundbreaking. More than anything else, it was because people perceived her as real. She didn't try to be something she was not.

Bush, who succeeded the famously fashionable Nancy Reagan, once joked, "There is a myth around I don't dress well. I dress very well — I just don't look so good." Plenty of people could identify.

Her children knew their father as the indulgent parent and their mother as the disciplinarian. A flinty quality was evident beneath her grandmotherly aura. She embraced a traditional role of a political wife, tirelessly campaigning and listening attentively to speeches she had heard over and over. Yet she was known as someone with a mind of her own who brooked no nonsense.

Texas Monthly writer Skip Holandsworth said that son George inherited her "tart tongue and free spirit." She was privately in favor of abortion rights and gun control, putting her at odds with most of her fellow Republicans. Her tongue occasionally got her in trouble. In 1984, she said she couldn't reveal what term she would use for Democratic vice presidential nominee Geraldine Ferraro, "but it rhymes with rich."

If you knew only the minimum about Bush, you might think she had a led a charmed life. Born into comfortable circumstances in Manhattan, she attended private schools and married a decorated naval aviator who was the son of a U.S. senator. Her husband made his fortune in the oil business before embarking on a long and fruitful political career. Their



JOE BURBANK/ORLANDO SENTINEL 2005

marriage lasted 73 years. They and their family often repaired to their 11-acre oceanfront estate in Maine.

But she knew pain and hardship. She lost a 3-year-old daughter to leukemia in 1953, and George's frequent travel forced her to raise her five other children largely by herself. So nomadic was his career that by the time they reached the White House, she had lived in 29 homes, from Midland, Texas, to Beijing.

In the 1970s, she suffered such dark depression that she feared she might

decide to drive her car into a tree.

But the despair eventually lifted, and as first lady, she made her mark by embracing the cause of literacy. She continued that work after leaving the White House with her Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy, which has raised millions of dollars in an effort to make sure that everyone can read.

She was an indispensable part of the Bush family's tradition of public service. And for many Americans, she will long remain the picture of what a first lady should be.

PERSPECTIVE

The perils of letting Eddie Johnson derail a police-shooting case

BY SHARON FAIRLEY

In a matter of days, a single Chicago Police Board member will decide the fate of Chicago police Officer Robert Rialmo. This move follows Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson's decision to disagree with the findings of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability as they relate to the 2015 officer-involved shooting incident in which Quintonio LeGrier and Bettie Jones were killed.

This incident is of great concern to many Chicagoans, and rightly so. Two lives are lost, and we need to understand how and why that happened to prevent it from happening again.

Under the current accountability system, the superintendent has a right to express his opinion. The bigger question is, will this prevent a full and fair Police Board hearing on the merits of the case, which, if the officer committed misconduct, is the only way he will be held accountable.

The current process was first codified when the Independent Police Review Authority was created roughly 10 years ago. The IPRA ordinance allowed the superintendent to review and opine on IPRA's findings. The superintendent could disagree with the finding the officer had violated a rule or policy, disagree with IPRA's recommended punishment, or both.

Where such conflicts arose, the superintendent and the chief administrator would have to confer to reach a consensus. If no consensus was reached, a panel of three Police Board members reviewed the matter. If the panel agreed with the superintendent, the matter ended there, with no action taken against the officer. If the panel agreed with IPRA, the disciplinary process would proceed, which, for more serious matters, involved a full Police Board hearing.

When COPA was created in October 2016, this process was revised. Rather than a three-member panel, a single Police Board member reviews disagreements between the su-



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Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson disagreed with COPA findings about a 2015 police shooting.

perintendent and COPA. Because the Police Board membership reflects a broad range of perspectives, allowing only one member to review these conflicting opinions risks inconsistent outcomes. Moreover, according to board rules, the reviewing member must decide whether the superintendent's view is more "reasonable and appropriate." This standard is vague and overly broad, particularly when applied without independent analysis of the underlying evidence.

There are two reasons it might be appropriate for the superintendent to weigh in at all. First, if COPA's finding is wrong, allowing the superintendent to intervene at this stage will prevent all parties from having to go through the trauma and expense of a full hearing. Second, as the leader responsible for public safety and Chicago Police Department operations, the superintendent might identify institutional concerns of which COPA is unaware.

However, if the superin-

tendent gets it wrong and is able to convince the reviewer that his view is more reasonable or appropriate, the matter ends there, and justice is not served. Additionally, should the matter proceed to a Police Board hearing, the superintendent, who has already questioned the validity of the case, has a controlling role in the Police Board litigation.

If this procedure to resolve conflicts is continued, COPA's view should be given considerably more deference. American legal tradition allows for

Two lives are lost, and we need to understand how and why that happened.

the dismissal of cases before a trial on the merits. However, the procedural mechanisms always afford the party bringing the case, either the prosecutor or the plaintiff, a high degree of deference. Taking a similar approach here, if allowed at all, the superintendent's mere disagreement with COPA's finding should not be enough to derail a case. A case should move through the process unless the superintendent can show that COPA's findings are either an unreasonable interpretation of the facts or the policies, or the recommended discipline is an abuse of discretion. This higher standard will ensure that dismissal of a matter at this stage will only occur where justice is best served by doing so.

Under the current rules, once a case proceeds to a Police Board hearing, lawyers either employed by or retained by the city's Department of Law are responsible for filing charges against the officer and litigating the case before the Police Board.

Regarding the LeGrier/Jones matter, this process represents a serious conflict of interest. In this case, the city's Department of Law has clearly shown a bias in favor of the officer and should recuse itself from any involvement in proceedings before the Police Board. To further ensure a fair outcome, COPA, working with qualified, unbiased outside legal support if necessary, should oversee future litigation of this matter.

Sharon Fairley was the chief administrator of the Independent Police Review Authority, responsible for police misconduct investigations, which was replaced by the Civilian Office of Police Accountability, or COPA.

Trump is a grotesque echo of Bill Clinton

BY ELI LAKE

Watching Donald Trump's presidency lunge and wobble from scandal to crisis, a Bill Clinton *deja vu* sets in. We've been here before. The independent prosecutors. Corruption probes that turn up adultery. The lies and the pardons. The cover-ups and the payoffs.

The April 13 missile strikes in Syria encapsulate the Trump-Clinton parallel universe. HBO host Bill Maher called it "Operation Desert Stormy," suggesting the military operation was meant to distract from the FBI raid of Michael Cohen's office, home and hotel room. Cohen is alleged to have paid for the silence of Stormy Daniels, the pornographic performer who says she had a steamy evening with Trump back in 2006.

It's reminiscent of the chatter about Clinton's airstrikes against an aspirin factory in Sudan and some al-Qaida training camps in Afghanistan back in 1998. It was the same day his former intern Monica Lewinsky returned to testify before a grand jury. Even the weapon used was the same: the cruise missile.

There's also the self-pitying paranoia. As first lady, Hillary Clinton famously described her husband's pursuers as a "vast right-wing conspiracy," arguing the political opponents set out to destroy him from the beginning. Trump rants on Twitter about the "deep state" trying to do the same thing.

Feminist leaders, who never would have excused Clinton's harassment and predations in other contexts, defended him in the middle of the Lewinsky scandal. Today it's evangelicals who debase themselves and sacrifice their principles to excuse away the same moral failings they



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Scandals dogging President Donald Trump bring to mind those during Bill Clinton's presidency, such as Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky.

decried in Clinton.

Make no mistake: Clinton and Trump are not equivalent. Clinton was a wonk who mastered the details of policy. Trump often makes policy on the fly, surprising even his Cabinet. Just see the president's tweets about punishing Syria for the chemical weapons attack before his military had finished drawing up options for a response. Clinton had some strained relationships with his Cabinet, particularly in his first term. But he trusted his top officials as they pursued a coherent policy agenda, unlike during Trump's term so far.

And while both presidents had fraught relationships with the

FBI, Clinton restrained his resentment while Trump's spirals out of control. Clinton was dogged by his second FBI director, Louis Freeh, who investigated everything from his sex life to his campaign's financing. But Clinton never fired him, as Trump did with his first FBI director, James Comey. Clinton never publicly called for him to be jailed, either, as Trump has done this week with Comey.

What the two men do share are character flaws that rise to the surface and curdle their presidencies. Trump is not Clinton, but a grotesque echo. This manifests in two ways: how they lie and how they are corrupted.

Let's start with lying. Clinton lied like a lawyer. Under oath, he answered the accusation that he lied about his affair with Lewinsky by saying it depended on the meaning of the word "is." This kind of dissembling is nauseating, but it's also familiar. Omissions, elisions and faulty memory now count as conventional deception in Washington.

Trump lies like a late-night infomercial. He spews hyperbole and nonsense. He promises to build a wall and he promises that Mexico will pay for it. He compels his supporters and staff to repeat his lies, like instructing his first White House press secretary, Sean Spicer, to insist his inauguration had the largest crowd in history. He assures us that his campaign had no contacts with Russia, even though he was seeking to build a hotel in Moscow when he was running for office.

This brings us to how Bill Clinton and Donald Trump are corrupted. For Trump, there is a real prospect that the sitting president is making public policy to advance his private interests. He declined to divest from his real estate empire upon taking the office. This sort of concern appears to be the direction of special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation. He is now probing the influence of the United Arab Emirates on Trump's inner circle, though the inquiry was initiated to focus on Russia's interference in the 2016 U.S. presidential election. And while there is still the possibility of collusion between the Trump circle and the Russian state, so far the Trump administration's relatively tough policy record challenges the theory that Moscow got something in return for its electoral assistance.

The U.S. certainly must brace for the nightmare that Trump is monetizing his presidency. In at

least one case, in fact, he is under scrutiny for accepting a cash donation to his charitable foundation from the same Ukrainian oligarch who has given millions of dollars to the Clintons since 2006.

Clinton didn't cash in while in the White House, but his fundraising after leaving office has tarnished American politics nevertheless. In the case of Clinton, fundraising as an ex-president smelled particularly bad because his wife was a senator and then secretary of state. She was also running for president in this period, both in 2008 and 2016.

To bring this full circle, The New York Times reported last week that Mueller is now investigating a 2015 contribution of \$150,000 from that oligarch, Victor Pinchuk, to Trump's charitable foundation in exchange for Trump appearing by video at a conference in Kiev. Pinchuk has also made contributions in excess of \$13 million to the Clinton Foundation. He attended a dinner for the foundation's donors with Hillary Clinton when she was secretary of state.

Trump's supporters have seized on this, implying that the obvious hypocrisy somehow excuses Trump. But that misses the point.

Twenty years ago, resurgent House Republicans impeached Clinton for lying under oath. And Democrats defended a president with the same sort of moral failings they insist make Trump unfit for office.

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PERSPECTIVE

Facebook knows plenty about your health — and plans to profit from it

BY KIRSTEN OSTHERR

Let's say you have had discussions about your breast cancer diagnosis on Facebook, a useful forum for comparing treatment options with others. There's only one problem: Facebook has now categorized you as a patient, and you constantly receive targeted ads about local cancer services that show up on your computer screen at work for all your co-workers to see, right when you're up for a big promotion.

Many users experience a version of this scenario when they receive creepily personalized ads while browsing on Facebook. When those ads follow users onto sites outside Facebook, it feels like an invasion of privacy. But how do you regulate data privacy in an age of big-data black boxes?

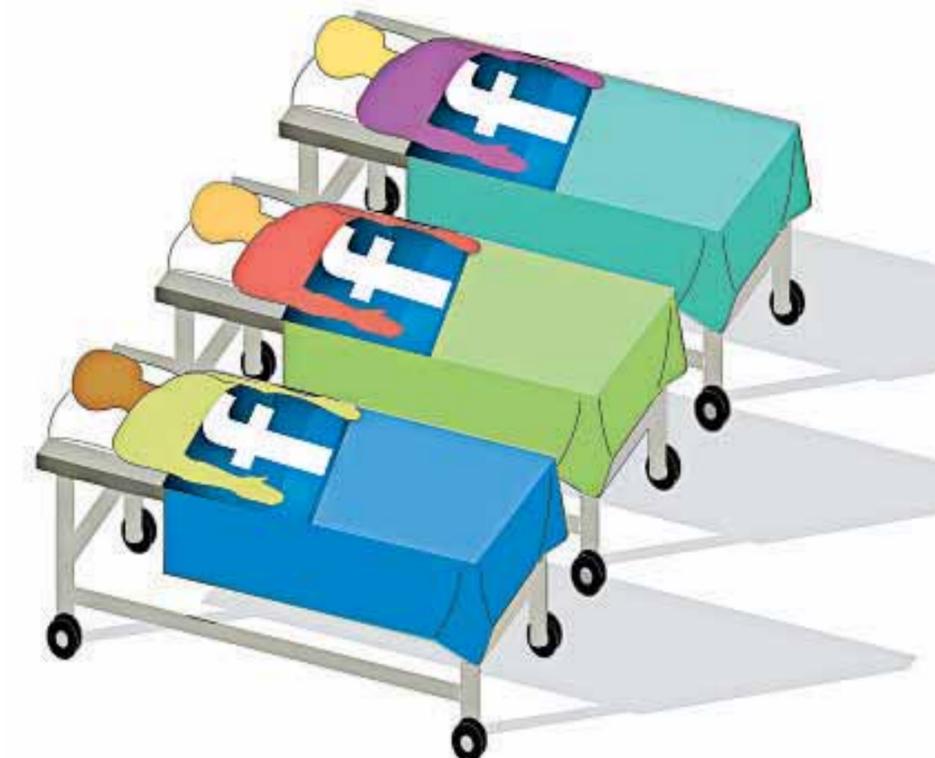
Mark Zuckerberg's testimony about the Facebook-Cambridge Analytica scandal alerted users about what personal data Facebook routinely collects and shares with third-party apps. But many questions were left unanswered. How many apps are collecting this data, and what are they doing with it? Are there more Cambridge Analyticas out there? It took a political scandal to get the attention of Congress this time. Where will it happen next, and how long will it be before the public finds out?

The next crisis?

While Zuckerberg claimed that even he is not fully aware of everything that happens in the Facebook digital economy, the evidence suggests that health care information may lead to the next major data-related crisis.

In early April, MSNBC reported that Facebook recently launched a project based in its secretive "Building 8" group to get hospitals to share anonymized patient data. The project was reportedly put on hold in the wake of the current scandal, but the stated plan was to match hospitals' patient data on diagnoses and prescription information with Facebook so the company could combine that data with its own to construct digital profiles of patients.

Even setting aside the voluminous evidence showing that true anonymization of data is virtually impossible, Facebook's stated intent was never to leave the data anonymized. But requesting the hospitals' data in that form would allow Facebook to sidestep the issue of obtaining patients' consent, as required by federal law.



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The company has reason to believe that, if asked, patients would not consent to this practice. In 2016, Facebook was sued by a metastatic cancer patient who accused the company of violating his privacy by collecting data about his participation on cancer websites outside of Facebook.

The case was dismissed and is under appeal, but this clearly has not stopped the company from pursuing data initiatives in health care.

Indeed, Zuckerberg admitted in his congressional testimony last week that Facebook does collect some medical data from users. Considering the large number of patient support groups on Facebook that use the site for peer-to-peer health care and social support, there is plenty of medically relevant data to be mined. Membership in some patient groups numbers in the tens of thousands, with average daily posts of several hundred or more. A sampling of the types of data users post includes "tests, treatments, surgeries, sex drive, and relationships" on a breast cancer support site. Other data include location, personal profile information such as age, race, sex, educational background, employment, even cell-phone numbers. In addition,

many posts include photos that can be subjected to facial recognition software.

It is not surprising that Facebook wants to move into the digital health market. So do Amazon, Google, Apple, Uber and all of the other big tech companies. These businesses see an opportunity to profit from users' personal health data because, unlike narrowly defined medical data, health and wellness data is not considered protected health information and therefore is not protected by privacy laws.

Patient data privacy

In contrast to the personal data users might post on Facebook, patient records at hospitals and other covered entities are protected by privacy laws such as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. Yet, for years, patient data have been sold to medical data miners and brokers in a multibillion-dollar global trade. The pharmaceutical industry is a major player in this marketplace, spending billions of dollars annually on direct-to-consumer advertising aimed at influencing physicians' prescribing practices and patients' requests for brand-name drugs. But

social media companies such as Facebook struggled to attract this lucrative advertising market.

In June 2017, Facebook addressed this challenge by convening drug marketers at the inaugural Facebook Health Summit, an event where the company wooed the pharmaceutical industry with new features designed to address their specific needs. Danielle Salowski, Facebook's industry manager for health, said the company re-engineered advertising features so pharmaceutical advertisers could turn off comments on their Facebook brand pages and on their ads, to help them avoid the negative publicity associated with the legal requirement of reporting adverse reactions to drugs.

This activity could simply be understood as advertising in the age of big data, a practice our society has so far agreed to accept. But the unique risks from health- and medical-data mining and digital profiling of patients suggest greater stakes worthy of regulatory attention. Congress accused Facebook of illegal marketing of opioids and noted that many other types of drugs are also sold on the platform. Patients with life-threatening conditions or limited means to pay for health

care are at greater risk of harm from targeted advertising of products or services by unscrupulous vendors.

In addition, the lack of transparency, increasing interconnection of health and technology, and growing reliance on risk modeling in health care mean that combining health- and medical-data sources to target patients could harm anyone who has a serious illness or the risk of developing one. The insurance industry uses social media intelligence and profiling to inform algorithms that automate pricing, claims handling and fraud detection. When health risks are understood as financial risks, contextual information from users' digital profiles can be used against them to raise premiums or deny claims. That means everyone is at risk.

Members of Congress were criticized for displaying through misguided questions their lack of understanding about how Facebook works. But in the current data economy, Facebook and other big tech companies operate as black boxes that are impossible for outside users to fully understand.

We really don't know most of the time what is being done with the data we post online, except when housing discrimination, exploitative advertising practices or foreign interference in elections is exposed. The Cambridge Analytica scandal revealed that at least 87 million of us are at risk of being exploited or discriminated against.

And really, why should we trust Facebook and third-party app developers to respect users' privacy when their business model depends on doing the opposite? Facebook clearly recognizes the enhanced value of its user data when combined with medical data. That should tell lawmakers that the definition of "protected health information" needs an update. If we can still think of big data as something that could be harnessed for social benefit, we need to create regulations that allow users to consent to participate, like they do in clinical trials. We don't need to lock down all the data; we just need to distribute the power to access and share it so patients and future patients receive benefits, rather than harms, from sharing their experiences online.

The Washington Post

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Unaffordable housing

After reading the Tribune editorial "Renewing Pilsen: When Chicago's history and culture collide," Pilsen Alliance and Working Family Solidarity, among other community groups, were dismayed by the Tribune's complete disconnect with the reality facing thousands of working-class residents, not only in Pilsen but across Chicago.

The Tribune is right that the Pilsen community has been proactive and resilient to push for alternatives and solutions to address displacement and lack of affordable housing for decades. However, the 21 percent affordable housing mandate exists solely on paper and has not actually been honored in reality in a single development in Pilsen. Ald. Danny Solis and his self-appointed Pilsen Land Use Committee have taken away the oversight and decision-making power from the community. Behind closed doors, they have made agreements with private real estate interests on plans for Pilsen. As a result, we have yet to see any new developments where 21 percent affordable housing units are actually set aside.

This lack of affordable development does not stop this obscure committee and Solis from boasting about something that has never actually happened and that they are not even pushing for. In fact, developers in Pilsen often do not even follow the 10 percent minimum to be set aside. A FOIA request from the Chicago Housing Initiative established that over the past five years in the 25th Ward, developers have paid over

\$3.3 million in "in lieu" fees to avoid the 10 percent minimum affordable housing requirement. Of course, these funds have never come back to the community to create affordable housing.

Finally, portraying the work of resilient immigrant communities who are pushing back against gentrification to save their families from extinction in their own neighborhoods as "building a figurative wall" around Pilsen is particularly offensive. The Tribune's portrayal neglects honest accounting for the vast power disparities between real estate conglomerates, the elected officials who cater to their interests, and low-income homeowners, tenants and small businesses who are struggling to make ends meet while continuing to be displaced.

We want to see development that balances "economic growth and preservation of neighborhood character and affordability"; however, for this kind of development to happen, we need Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the City Council to invest in more affordable housing and hold developers accountable to set 21 percent of units aside in Pilsen.

— Byron Sigcho, director, Pilsen Alliance

Appeasement

There is good reason why no other president has met with leaders of North Korea: It legitimizes the dictatorship of that country. Doesn't President Donald Trump realize that he is giving Kim Jong Un exactly what he wants?

The denuclearization of North Korea could still take place

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through diplomacy without recognizing the dictatorship of Kim Jong Un. Legitimizing his place in the world supports all of the assassinations that he has ordered and his treatment of his own people.

Unfortunately our president hears the word "historic" and can't contain himself from being a part of it, regardless of the implications.

— Bill Kalnes, Burr Ridge

Taking it slow

Referencing your April 14 editorial on the subject, I fully support the concept of managed lanes on North Lake Shore Drive

for more than the reasons you stated.

The North Lake Shore "Refine the Drive" project is looking at options that convert one or more existing general-purpose lanes to a managed lane to provide high mobility for buses only or, alternatively, for buses and some autos.

Further, the project team has identified "safety" as the highest-need category. And, among the ideas to redefine the drive, one is to "reduce/enforce the speed limit on NLSD."

The posted speed limit on North Lake Shore Drive is 40 mph from Oak Street to its northern terminus. This speed limit is widely ignored and blatantly

violated. It is very common to observe, during non-rush hour traffic, vehicles driving 60 mph and even faster. And of note, the Chicago Police Department does very little in the way of speed enforcement.

The managed lane concept will most likely require some form of continuous enforcement to ensure that only the properly authorized vehicles use it. I can imagine a camera-based electronic system.

I can foresee an added benefit of new managed traffic lanes would be to calm and slow the prevailing vehicle speeds on Lake Shore Drive.

— Larry Nutson, Chicago

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Miranda Gerowitz, 23, preserved her eggs after a breast cancer diagnosis without help from insurance.

Fertility care query for cancer patients

Should Illinois insurers have to cover egg, embryo freezing?

BY LISA SCHENCKER
Chicago Tribune

At the age of 23, Erin Keith didn't know if she wanted kids, but the New Lenox woman knew she wanted a choice.

So before embarking upon months of chemotherapy to treat Hodgkin lymphoma — treatments that could leave her sterile — she had her eggs frozen. She did it despite being unsure whether her insurance would cover the procedure.

"At 30, I don't want to regret a decision I made at 23," said Keith, now 24. She recently had her

final treatment and will soon find out if the cancer is gone.

"I should be celebrating right now that I did my last treatment for chemotherapy, but right now I'm thinking am I going to owe \$7,000 to \$8,000?" she said. "I've got this looming bill over my head."

State law requires insurers to cover infertility treatments, such as in vitro fertilization, for those who've tried and failed for a year to conceive. But insurers are not required to cover fertility preservation — freezing of eggs, sperm and embryos — for patients facing medical treatments that

might leave them unable to have children. Some insurers cover the procedures but many don't.

A bill under consideration in the Illinois legislature aims to change that — one in a string of such measures across the nation. Connecticut and Rhode Island passed bills last year requiring insurers to cover fertility preservation, and a similar bill is before Maryland's governor.

In Illinois, about 5,800 people of reproductive age — between 14 and 45 — are diagnosed with cancer each year, according to

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Aldermen propose new city office to enforce labor laws

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ
Chicago Tribune

A group of Chicago aldermen is proposing the creation of an Office of Labor Standards to better enforce city labor laws approved in recent years governing minimum wage, paid sick time and wage theft.

The proposed office would be organized within the Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection, the agency in charge of enforcing the city's labor laws. Worker advocates and supporting aldermen say the department currently doesn't have the personnel or resources to administer those ordinances effectively.

"It simply enables the city to exercise the powers it currently has on the books," Ald. Ameya Pawar, 47th, a chief sponsor of

the proposal, said at a news conference Wednesday morning before the City Council session where he introduced the ordinance. He was flanked by several members of the Arise Chicago workers center, which has been leading a campaign for an Office of Labor Standards.

The office would work with community groups on outreach efforts to educate employers and employees about the city's labor laws; process complaints; and employ a director who would conduct proactive as well as reactive investigations of potential labor violations. It would be able to collect and distribute back pay.

Pawar declined to say how much the proposed office might cost. He said he has had meetings

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Medicaid violations bring sanctions onto Blue Cross

Illinois charges that insurer did not meet adequate care standards

BY LISA SCHENCKER
Chicago Tribune

The state has slapped sanctions on Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, saying its Medicaid managed care network of doctors and hospitals is inadequate and it isn't responding to grievances and appeals as it should.

Blue Cross is part of the state's recently revamped Medicaid managed care program, in which private insurers administer Medicaid benefits. Medicaid is a state and federally funded health insurance program for the poor.

According to the state, insurers in the program are supposed to provide members certain access to primary care doctors, behavioral health providers, dentists, obstetricians/gynecologists, hospitals, specialists and pharmacies. Members should be able to see those providers within certain time frames and not have to travel beyond certain distances.

But Blue Cross's Medicaid managed care network doesn't meet those standards in some areas of the northwest, central and southern parts of the state, according to a letter to the insurer from Robert Mendonsa, a deputy administrator with the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

As a result of that and an alleged failure to adequately respond to grievances and ap-

peals, Medicaid patients are no longer being automatically assigned to the insurer, and newly enrolled Medicaid managed care members can no longer choose it. The state also is fining Blue Cross \$150,000.

The ban on new members will remain in effect until Blue Cross complies with the program's requirements, said John Hoffman, a spokesman for the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, in an email.

Blue Cross will comply with the actions outlined by the state, company spokeswoman Colleen Miller said in an email. "We are dedicating the resources and personnel needed to provide the level of service our government program members expect from us," Miller said.

Blue Cross has about 470,000 Medicaid members in Illinois and about 20,000 members who are eligible for Medicare and Medicaid.

Gov. Bruce Rauner recently revamped the state's Medicaid managed care program, aiming to cover 80 percent of people on Medicaid across Illinois' 102 counties, or about 2.7 million people. Previously, managed care covered about two-thirds of Illinois Medicaid recipients in 30 counties, or 2 million people.

The new program also reduced the number of insurers participating from 12 to seven, which Rauner said would streamline administration and improve care.

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Fulton Market land could go from trash heap to cash heap



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On Real Estate

What once was trash is now treasure in the Fulton Market district, where a waste hauler is looking to sell 2.5 acres of gritty land now believed to be worth tens of millions of dollars.

Republic Services is putting four parcels up for sale along Metra train tracks on the northern edge of the fast-changing district, said brokerage Jones Lang LaSalle, which is seeking a single buyer interested in developing the land.

It's the largest piece of Fulton Market development land to go on the market so far in 2018, according to Chicago-based JLL.

Phoenix-based Republic Services decided to sell the land after receiving unsolicited offers from

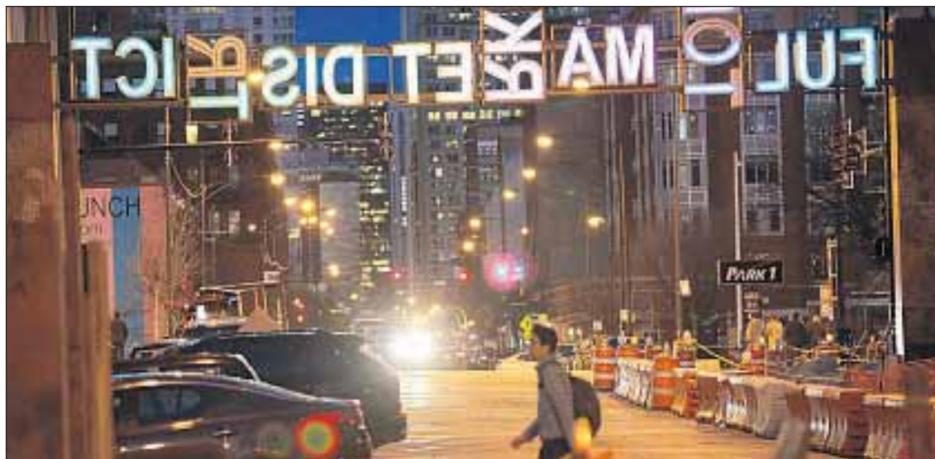
developers amid a land rush in the area. JLL brokers Tom Kirschbraun and Dan Reynolds are representing Republic Services.

"There's a continued march westward of the office market, and the client doesn't need (the land) for its core business," Kirschbraun said.

The parcels — on Racine Avenue at the intersections of Carroll Avenue and Kinzie Street — are a short walk west of Google's Midwest headquarters at 1000 W. Fulton Market. The parcels total almost 2.5 acres. The land is a few blocks northwest of the nearly completed office building where McDonald's will soon move its corporate headquarters from suburban Oak Brook.

Those deals, as well as new boutique hotels, shops and world-class restaurants, have helped create a fast-growing office market west of the Kennedy Expressway.

The neighborhood used to be known for meatpackers and food wholesalers, but many longtime property owners have cashed in



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Republic Services is putting parcels on Racine Avenue, along the northern edge of Fulton Market, up for sale.

on soaring property values in recent years. Those businesses have either closed down or moved to other areas of the city where real estate values are much lower.

There is no asking price for the Republic site, which is divided by Metra tracks. Based on other land deals in the area, it's likely the land is now worth tens of millions of dollars.

The parcels, which include an approximately 60,000-square-foot building that would be demolished, were once used as a transfer station for waste, but the facility hasn't been used in more

than a decade, the brokers said.

Once in the planned manufacturing district, the land is zoned to allow for office or hotel development. Residential uses are prohibited. A buyer could potentially construct a single building of at least 500,000 square feet on the largest parcel, at the northwest corner of Racine and Carroll, and use the rest of the land for parking.

Developers must contend with a rapidly expanding list of competing office projects planned in the area, which lacks a long track record as an office market. But potential office tenants continue

to scout the area for space, which is driving interest from real estate investors, Kirschbraun said.

Fulton Market properties with multiple owners were among several sites Amazon representatives visited in Chicago in March as the company scouts potential cities for its planned second headquarters, or HQ2.

"The market is trying to catch up with the appetite for office space in the area," he said. "There are companies that want to be in the city's hottest office market."

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McDonald's may gain fresh hangout status

Neighborhoods, ownership more diverse for fast-food chain than Starbucks stores

BY LESLIE PATTON
Bloomberg News

Despite decades of pushing to create a welcoming coffeehouse culture in the U.S., Starbucks has left many Americans behind. McDonald's may be ready to pick up the pieces.

The arrest last week of two black men at a Philadelphia Starbucks has put the company at the center of national concerns about racial inequality. Starbucks cafes tend to be located in relatively affluent, disproportionately white areas, according to data analyzed by Bloomberg. So its bid to cultivate a "third place" — a location between home and work where customers can relax and have a conversation — naturally caters to the customers who live nearby, even as its marketing promotes more racial diversity.

According to Bloomberg's analysis of information from AggData and the U.S. Census Bureau, Starbucks neighborhoods skew less black than the surrounding population. Across the U.S., ZIP codes including at least one Starbucks location are 9.9 percent black and 59.1 percent white. That compares with an overall population that's 12.1 percent black.

"They could absolutely be doing more if this was truly a strong value of theirs," said Rosalind Chow, an associate professor of organizational behavior and theory at Carnegie Mellon University.

The mantle of creating a true "third place" actually may fall to another, less idealistic chain: McDonald's. The restaurant is a popular hangout for a wide range of demographics. And despite having roughly the same number of U.S. locations as Starbucks, its restaurants are more representative of America.

ZIP codes including at least one McDonald's restaurant are 13.2 percent black and 58.7 percent white. McDonald's also is predominantly run by independent operators, giving it a more diverse ownership group. Since the early 1970s, the company has had an organized group of black franchisees — a coalition once overseen by Herman Petty, the first African-American owner of a McDonald's. Petty opened a location in inner-city Chicago in 1968.

In the late 1990s, Starbucks teamed up with Magic Johnson Enterprises to invest in stores in underserved neighborhoods. The partnership ended in 2010, but after the demonstrations in Ferguson, Missouri, in 2015, the company recommitted to opening cafes in poor urban neighborhoods, and has opened 10 in cities including Chicago and Trenton, New Jersey,

and says it's planning another in Birmingham, Alabama, this summer.

"Each of these stores is thriving," Seattle-based Starbucks said in an emailed statement. Additionally, the chain has hired 50,000 "opportunity youth" — young people who aren't in school and don't have a job.

"Businesses have a role and responsibility to tackle societal challenges head on," the company said.

Starbucks also has attempted to spur a national conversation on race — a move that included baristas writing "Race Together" on coffee cups — but the campaign was largely mocked on social media.

Now, Philadelphia has become a flashpoint for the chain. Last week, the manager of a store near the affluent Rittenhouse Square area summoned the police after two black men sat at a table. They hadn't ordered anything yet, but that's not uncommon at a chain where patrons frequently sit and tap away at laptops.

"I'm embarrassed, ashamed; I think what occurred was reprehensible at every single level," Chairman Howard Schultz said in an interview on CBS This Morning.

The arrests brought protests and social-media outcry, and Chief Executive Officer Kevin Johnson scrambled to address the fallout. He apologized for the incident and traveled to the city to meet the men who were arrested. Starbucks also plans to temporarily close more than 8,000 company-owned locations next month for bias training.

"It will cost millions of dollars but I've always viewed this and things like this as not an expense but an investment in our people and our company," Schultz told CBS, referring to the store closing decision.

The arrests "destroy the community feeling that the company had striven to create," said Pat Tomaino, director of socially responsible investing at Zevin Asset Management. The investor, who holds about 60,000 Starbucks shares, sent a letter to the company's executives on Tuesday. He wants a public report on causes, an investigation of other incidents, and a review of policies.

Starbucks's Philadelphia footprint mirrors the trend nationally. ZIP codes with at least one Starbucks location in the area are 28.7 percent black and 47.5 percent white, the data show. The overall population there is 41.5 percent black and 35.3 percent white. The cafe where the police were called serves a neighborhood that's about 5.9 percent black and 74.3 percent white.

Aldermen call for office to enforce pay, sick time

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with the mayor's office and "we think the administration will be on board."

The ordinance has 35 co-sponsors.

The city has passed three significant worker protections since 2014, including gradually raising Chicago's minimum wage to \$13 an hour by 2019, allowing workers to earn paid sick time, and giving the city the ability to revoke or deny the renewal of business licenses to employers found guilty of wage theft. Wage theft can occur when people work off the clock or when employers don't compensate tipped employees whose gratuities don't get their pay up to standard minimum wage.

Aldermen are considering a proposal to give shift workers more predictability in scheduling, which, if approved, would also be enforced by an Office of Labor Standards.

The city's new laws have

not been matched by new resources to implement them, Pawar said.

As of December, the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection had investigated only about a quarter of the 550 complaints it had received alleging minimum wage violations, according to city data provided at the time.

One of the workers advocating for the labor office is Socorro Guerrero, 42, of Chicago, who said she worked at a dry cleaner that that did not pay appropriately. Some employees got paid a flat rate no matter how many hours they worked, she said.

Guerrero, who now works at a factory, said she filed a complaint alleging wage theft, but many of her peers fear speaking up could cost them their jobs.

"When workers like me know the city has our back, we feel safer coming forward," she said.

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Road to homeownership gets rockier this spring

Higher mortgage rates are making the already challenging task of buying an affordable home even tougher for many Americans

BY ALEX VEIGA | Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Higher mortgage rates are making the already challenging task of buying an affordable home even tougher for many Americans this spring.

In metro areas such as Denver, buyers are rushing to close a deal before mortgage rates get too high. In Dallas, some are embracing longer commutes to find homes they can afford. And in places such as Los Angeles, where the number of homes for sale is down sharply from a year ago, sellers routinely receive multiple offers.

While still low by historical standards, long-term mortgage rates have been mostly climbing this year. The average weekly rate on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage edged up to 4.42 percent last week. It was 3.95 percent at the start of this year.

A mere extra half percentage point or so can boost monthly payments and add tens of thousands of dollars extra in interest over the life of the typical 30-year loan. At a time when home prices are rising faster than incomes in many parts of the country, that could be enough to shut out some would-be buyers who make the median income in cities such as Seattle and Los Angeles.

First-time buyers already face significant hurdles to homeownership because starter homes have seen the steepest price increases as well as sharpest decline in the number of homes on the market. Higher mortgage rates only further limit what buyers can afford.

The combination of low inventory, rising prices and higher mortgage rates is expected to weigh on the U.S. housing market this year, with several economists and housing experts forecasting U.S. home sales will be flat or only slightly higher than in 2017.

"We've been talking about low inventory for several years, and yet inventory continues to turn lower," said Danielle Hale, chief economist for Realtor.com. "That puts us in a position where for home shoppers this spring it's going to be the most competitive market we've seen in the last few years."

Chad Zolman got a taste of that while looking for a home in Denver. The account manager made 11 offers since his search began in September, but lost out to rivals offering more money. As mortgage rates started rising, so did Zolman's anxiety about being able to afford to buy.

"The rates kept going up, and the more the rates kept going up, the less house you can buy," said Zolman, 41. "And the less house you can buy in this market, that's not good. You have to be able to pony up the cash."

Zolman eventually bought a newly built, three-bedroom townhome for \$370,000. He got approved for a 30-year fixed-rate loan just under 4.7 percent. He's not in the clear yet, however. He can't lock in his rate

"When you look at the coastlines — Seattle, San Francisco, New York, places in the Northeast — you have a lot of those first-time homebuyers who are now being priced out of the market. There's a point at which the average first-time homebuyer just can't compete."

— Nick Bailey, CEO of Century 21 Real Estate

until mid-May, within the 120-day window before construction on the house is completed.

And if rates go higher by then?

"It is what it is," Zolman said. "You just have to pay it."

For others, rising mortgage rates — the 30-year rate hit a four-year high of 4.46 percent in March — make it tougher to bridge the widening gap between home prices and their incomes. Cities such as Denver, Los Angeles, Miami and Seattle have become less and less affordable, particularly for millennials and others looking to purchase their first home.

Consider that the national median home price is \$225,264. That works out to 3.8 times the U.S. median income of \$59,039, according to the most recent annual income figures from the U.S. Census and home price data from real estate information company Attom Data Solutions. The same price-to-income

ratio was 3.3 back in 2000.

The affordability equation is less daunting for the buyer who earns the median wage in Pittsburgh, where a median-priced home at \$125,000 is about 2.2 times the metro area's median income of \$56,063. The same goes for buyers in St. Louis, Oklahoma City, Indianapolis, Baltimore and other cities where the median home price is less than three times the median income.

By comparison, the home price-to-income gap becomes a yawning chasm in several California cities like Los Angeles, where a median-priced home at \$605,000 is more than nine times the metropolitan area's median income of \$65,950. Rising housing prices have widened the home price-income gap to five times or more in Seattle, Denver, Portland, Ore., and Reno, Nev., among other cities.

"When you look at the coastlines — Seattle, San Francisco, New York, places in the Northeast — you have a lot of those first-time homebuyers who are now being priced out of the market," said Nick Bailey, CEO of Century 21 Real Estate. "There's a point at which the average first-time homebuyer just can't compete."

At this point, rising mortgage rates account for about a third of the increase in the typical homebuyer's monthly payment, while the pickup in home prices makes up about two-thirds of that increased payment.

"At least so far, rising prices have been a much bigger factor," Hale said. "And the reason prices are rising is that balance between supply and demand: Plentiful demand; not enough inventory."

The supply of homes for sale fell 8.1 percent in February from a year earlier to 1.59 million. It would take just 3.4 months to snap up the supply of available homes at the current sales rate, down from an average of 6 months since 2000.

"Last year was the fastest housing market, in terms of days on market, that we've ever seen," said Nela Richardson, chief economist at the real estate company Redfin. Homes are now selling five days faster than last year, she added.

Many current homeowners who locked in historically low rates in recent years may be reluctant to sell if it means taking on a higher mortgage rate on their next home. That could further diminish the inventory of homes for sale nationwide. Even if rates don't move much, buyers can expect prices to keep climbing this year would-be buyers vastly outnumber the homes up for sale.

A strong job market has helped boost confidence among many Americans that it's a good time to buy a home. Millennials, the largest generation since the baby boomers, is reaching peak homebuyer age, adding to the crop of would-be buyers this spring.

"The inventory crunch is there and it's really acute for first-time buyers," said Cheryl Young, senior economist at Trulia. "It's definitely a sellers' market."

Home sales have been uneven so far this year. Among existing homes, sales rose 3 percent in February to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.54 million, according to the National Association of Realtors. That gain followed sales declines in January and December.

Overall, home prices are 6.3 percent higher than their peak in July 2006. Prices plunged when the housing bubble burst, hitting bottom in February 2012. Since then, prices have rebounded 46.5 percent.

To cope with rising prices in Dallas, first-time buyers like Rob Chilton and his wife have broadened their search area, even if it lengthens their commutes to work.

The couple, who cut back on dining out and other luxuries the past few years to set aside money for a down payment, bought a three-bedroom, two-bath fixer-upper for \$335,000 in February. That's \$15,000 below the asking price, but \$45,000 more than what the couple felt they could comfortably afford.

"Houses that used to be comfortably in our price range three or four years ago are now out of our price range," said Chilton, a music teacher.

The house is also in a suburb that adds an extra 15 minutes to Chilton's wife's work commute, on top of the hourlong drive she had before.

"By moving a little further north, we could get a newer home in a little bit better condition in our price range," said Chilton, 33.

In Dallas, as in many other markets this spring, it's common for sellers to receive multiple offers above their asking price. A home that hit the market recently for \$215,000 drew no shortage of buyers, said James Williams, broker associate at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices PenFed Realty.

"In the first weekend we had 40 showings, 10 offers with the highest offer being \$15,000, or 7 percent, over the list price," Williams said. "There's definitely a shortage of inventory under \$300,000, and when those homes do come on the market it's a frenzy."

Car-loan bias rule now on borrowed time

Groups say GOP Senate move sets bad precedent

BY KEVIN FREKING
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The GOP-led Senate voted Wednesday to block Obama-era guidance a consumer protection agency issued five years ago to help ensure lenders don't charge blacks and Latinos higher interest rates on car loans.

The vote was 51-47. Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia was the only Democratic lawmaker to side with Republicans in voting for the measure, which now must pass the House before it goes to President Donald Trump for his signature.

Republicans said that rescinding the guidance is necessary because it amounted to a backdoor attempt to regulate auto dealers.

Congress expressly prohibited such regulation



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Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said the goal was to protect businesses from federal interference.

when establishing the consumer protection agency through passage of the Dodd-Frank Act in 2010.

The legislative battle extends beyond the terms of car loans, however. Opponents warned that the

GOP's fight against government regulations entered a new phase and the Senate vote could be the first of many efforts to nullify agency bulletins and guidance letters issued over the years. Such guidance con-

veys to the public how regulators interpret existing law and what steps industries should take to comply.

To block the guidance, the GOP is using what had been a rarely successful legislative tool to overturn regulations that were often years in the making. The Congressional Review Act gave Congress the ability to overturn recently issued federal rules with a simple majority of both chambers of Congress and approval of the president.

Before Trump came into office, Congress had overturned only one federal rule over two decades using the tools available through the Congressional Review Act. Last year, it overturned 15 federal rules.

The GOP expanded on its use of the 1996 law to take on guidance the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau issued regarding certain car loans. Consumer groups called the GOP's effort a "dangerous precedent" that will lead to un-

certainty over whether agency interpretations of a law will be invalidated years after the fact.

But Republicans framed the issue as Congress coming to the rescue of businesses.

"The goal here is simple: We want to protect consumers and job creators from needless interference by the federal bureaucracy," said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell.

A range of trade groups representing bankers, car dealers and other businesses backed the GOP's efforts.

Auto dealers often facilitate financing through a third-party lender. In some cases, the dealer will charge the customer an interest rate that is higher than what the third party agreed to charge.

The lender then shares part or all of the extra profit with the dealer.

The CFPB said the practice led to some minority customers paying higher

interest rates than similar white borrowers. In its guidance, it highlighted the potential liability auto lenders face from discriminatory "dealer mark-ups" and how that can be avoided.

The agency followed that up with enforcement actions against Ally Bank, American Honda Finance Co., Fifth Third Bank and Toyota Motor Credit, which resulted in millions of dollars being set aside to compensate minority borrowers.

The guidance has ruffled lawmakers who considered it regulatory overreach and an attempt to go around the requirements agencies must follow for enacting regulations.

Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, said that in repealing guidance issued five years ago Republicans were signaling they want to interfere with potentially thousands of other federal agency decisions going back two decades.



OXFORD HOTELS & RESORTS

The 165-room building originally opened in 1923 as the Claridge Hotel, and held the name until 2005.

Hotel Indigo to become Claridge House in May

BY RYAN ORI
Chicago Tribune

Less than two years after being bought out of foreclosure, the Gold Coast's Hotel Indigo is getting a new name and restaurant as part of a \$9 million renovation.

The hotel at 1244 N. Dearborn Parkway in May will change its name to the Claridge House, according to Oxford Hotels & Resorts, which will manage it.

The rebranding brings the 165-room hotel back to its origins.

Designed by Walter Ahlshlager, the building opened in 1923 as the Claridge Hotel. The initials "CH" and the Claridge name remain inscribed on the exterior of the 12-story

structure.

"We really liked the DNA of the Claridge name," said John Rutledge, president and CEO of Chicago-based Oxford Capital Group. "We thought resurrecting and re-inventing the Claridge name gives it a nice hospitality orientation. It has the feel of a home away from home."

The Claridge name remained until 2005, according to Oxford. The property in recent years has been called the Hotel Indigo, a brand of InterContinental Hotels Group.

After the last financial crash, the hotel went into foreclosure before La Jolla, Calif.-based investor Interwest Capital bought it for about \$24 million in September 2016, according to

Cook County property records.

Interwest continues to own the hotel, while the Oxford Capital affiliate will manage it. The Hotel Indigo name will change sometime in May, when the \$9 million renovation — designed by Chicago's Gettys Group — will be completed, Rutledge said. The hotel will remain open throughout the work.

Renovations include creating a new restaurant and lobby bar called Juniper Spirits & Oysters, led by Oxford in-house executive chef Nathaniel Cayer.

"The Gold Coast is an upscale weekend destination, yet it's close enough to the central business district that it's a viable option for the business traveler," Rut-

ledge said.

Oxford Capital is also known as a developer and owner of Chicago boutique hotels. Its projects have included the LondonHouse, Langham, Godfrey and Felix.

The firm's ongoing developments include an overhaul of the Essex Inn on South Michigan Avenue, where Oxford also is adding a 56-story apartment tower next door called Essex on the Park. Oxford also has added five floors to the formerly 12-story Atlantic Bank Building on North Michigan Avenue as it creates the 220-room Hotel Julian.

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Facebook to toughen privacy settings in EU

BY DANICA KIRKA
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LONDON — Facebook is enhancing privacy safeguards for users around the world as it complies with new European rules designed to make it easier for consumers to give and withdraw consent for the use of their data.

Facebook is introducing the new policies this week in Europe, but eventually everyone on the social network will be asked to decide whether they want to enable features like facial recognition and some types of targeted advertising, the company said in a blog post.

The announcement comes as Facebook struggles with the fallout from revelations that a data analytics firm working with Donald Trump's 2016 presidential campaign misused personal information from as many as 87 million Facebook accounts. The European Union next month will begin enforcing its new General Data Protection Regulation, which applies to any company that uses the data of EU residents, no matter where it is based.

The privacy law is the latest attempt by EU regulators to rein in mostly U.S. tech giants who they blame for avoiding tax, stifling competition and encroaching on digital privacy rights. The EU says



LOIC VENANCE/GETTY-AFP 2017

Facebook will roll out new privacy policies this week in Europe. Users in Canada will also see enhanced features.

the rules are the most important change in data privacy regulation in a generation as it tries to catch up with technological advances since 1995.

The EU rules require consent forms to be written in plain language anyone can understand, as the EU targets the legalese buried in pages of terms and conditions that few users actually read before clicking "I Agree." The regulations also require that consent must be as easy to withdraw as it is to give.

As part of the changes, Facebook users in Europe and Canada will be able to opt into the network's facial recognition technology, which has been available in most other parts of the world for the past six years.

The people have spoken: 'Mayochup' will hit U.S.

BY ESE OLUMHENSE
Chicago Tribune

If you want to see "mayochup" — a pre-mixed mayonnaise-ketchup product made by Kraft Heinz — on store shelves, you are clearly not alone.

The company, based in Chicago and Pittsburgh, asked Twitter users last week if it should bring the hybrid condiment to the U.S., and the response was overwhelming. At final count, 930,691 people voted in the survey, 55 percent of them in support.

After promising to introduce the product — already sold overseas — in its home country if 500,000 people voted in favor by the Sunday deadline, Kraft Heinz said mayochup would appear in stores later this year.

Along with the votes, roughly 16,000 Twitter users commented, with many railing against the proposed "mayochup" name and others against what they considered a sacrilegious mix.

Vocal locals rebuffed the name, the concept and the suggestion that mayochup might be an accept-

able condiment on hot dogs in comments and emailed responses to the Tribune.

"Speaking as the manufacturer of 'Chicago's Hot Dog,' Vienna Beef feels that this new condiment contains ingredients that neither deserve nor belong on a hot dog... at least not within the great city of Chicago," wrote Tom McGlade of Vienna Beef, U.S., and the response was overwhelming. At final count, 930,691 people voted in the survey, 55 percent of them in support.

"Just like ketchup, no mayochup allowed on a Vienna Beef hot dog," McGlade added.

Kraft Heinz said in a Monday statement that it would let fans weigh in on mayochup's final name.

"We know people have combined mayonnaise and ketchup for years and they are passionate about its name," said Nicole Kulwicki, director of marketing for the company. "That's why we're asking America to share their suggestions, to ensure our version of this delicious duo gets the name it deserves."

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Amazon partners with Best Buy on TVs

BY JOSEPH PISANI
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NEW YORK — Amazon has cut a deal to sell voice-controlled TVs at Best Buy, the latest attempt by the online retailer to get its burgeoning suite of tech products out where people can see and touch them.

Best Buy already sells the Amazon Kindle and other gadgets, but the deal announced Wednesday makes the electronics retailer the only place where you can walk in and buy a TV powered by Amazon's Fire TV software. Investors seemed to like the partnership: Best Buy's stock rose 4 percent Wednesday.

Amazon has begun to make its physical presence known, buying the Whole Foods grocery chain last year and opening more than a dozen bookstores.

In addition to its own stores (an Amazon Go cashier-less convince store



JOHN LOCHER/AP 2017

Best Buy will begin selling 11 models of the Amazon Fire TV, made by Toshiba and Insignia, this summer.

opened its doors earlier this year), Amazon is creating partnerships with traditional retailers in a sector that is threatened by its dominance.

Kohl's carved out space for Amazon shops in some of its department stores and Sears sells Kenmore appliances on Amazon.com.

As is almost always the case when Amazon moves, its potential to disrupt ripples across markets.

Shares of Roku Inc., a pioneer in streaming devices and smart TVs, plunged 9 percent Wednesday.

Best Buy will begin selling 11 models of the Fire TV in the U.S. this summer, and later this year in Cana-

da. The new TVs are made by Toshiba and Best Buy Co.'s own brand, Insignia. The companies did not say how much they would cost.

The TVs come with a remote that has Amazon's Alexa voice-assistant built in, so you can press a button and say out loud the movies you want to watch, or what channel you want to switch to. The TVs can be paired with Amazon's smart speakers, meaning you wouldn't need to pick up a remote at all.

Charlie O'Shea, a retail analyst at Moody's, said the "win-win" deal will boost traffic at Best Buy and it gives Amazon another brick-and-mortar space to show off its products.

Wayfair follows Amazon with its own Way Day

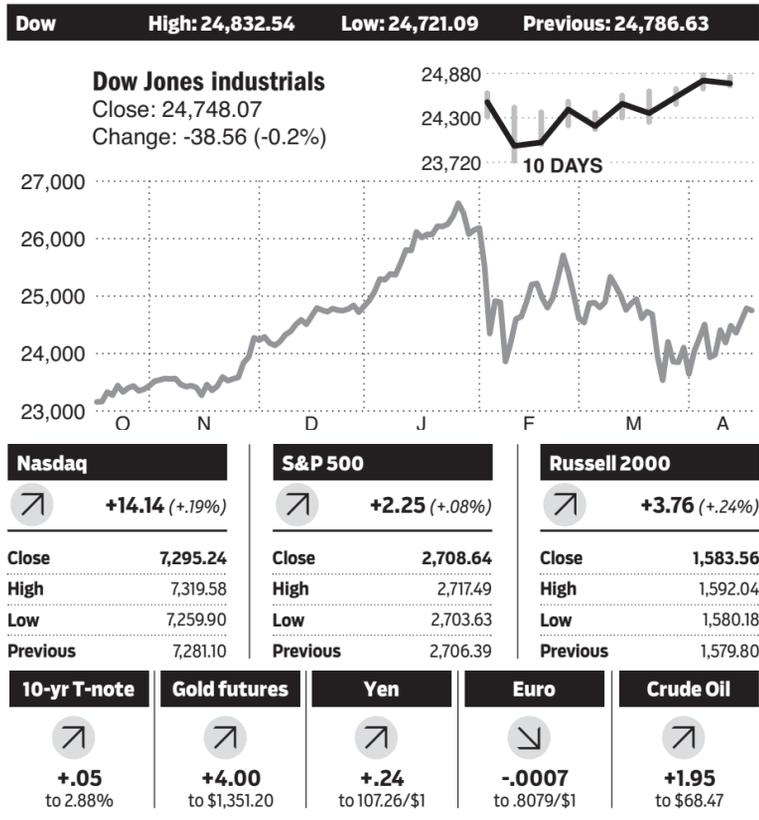
NEW YORK — Amazon started Prime Day. Alibaba capitalized on Singles Day. Now another e-commerce company is hoping for success with an invented shopping holiday. Online furniture seller Wayfair is calling April 25 Way Day and will offer discounts that it says are comparable to its Black Friday deals.

Those kind of days are a tactic online retailers use to try to increase customer excitement and boost sales. Amazon launched Prime Day in 2015 to mark its 20th anniversary and has brought it back every July since. Singles Day was started in the 1990s by Chinese college students as a version of Valentine's Day for people without dates, but it has since been closely linked with Alibaba.

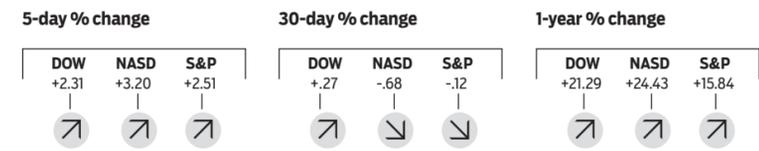
Wayfair, which is much smaller than Amazon and Alibaba, says it's holding Way Day in the spring when people tend to move or clean out their houses and may be looking to buy new home goods.

— Associated Press

MARKET ROUNDUP



Major market growth and decline



COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 18	466.25	476	465.50	475.25	+9
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 18	380.75	383.50	380	383	+2.75
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 18	1046.25	1052.50	1039	1041.75	-2.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 18	31.25	31.43	31.16	31.43	+24
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 18	381.10	382.90	375.70	376.60	-4.50
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	May 18	66.68	68.91	66.56	68.47	+1.95
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	May 18	2.741	2.790	2.734	2.739	+0.01
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	May 18	2.0460	2.0783	2.0433	2.0683	+0.0271

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	59.52	-.28	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	88.30	-.29	McDonalds Corp	N	161.81	-.74
AbbVie Inc	N	94.32	+7.73	Equity Residential	N	61.98	-.45	Middleby Corp	O	126.44	+1.15
Allstate Corp	N	97.79	+0.04	Exelon Corp	N	38.94	-.13	Mondelēz Intl	O	41.99	+0.08
Aptargroup Inc	N	95.61	-.52	First Indl RT	N	29.77	...	Morningstar Inc	O	102.30	+6.65
Arch Dan Mid	N	45.65	-.04	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	69.82	-.23	Motorola Solutions	N	111.42	+7.77
Baxter Intl	N	341.00	+3.28	Gallagher WJ	N	284.69	+1.14	NiSource Inc	N	23.95	-.19
Boeing Co	N	61.27	-.38	GrubHub Inc	N	103.07	-.65	Nthn Trust Cp	O	106.31	-1.14
Brunswick Corp	N	109.33	-.76	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	87.99	+1.16	Old Republic	N	21.58	-.01
CBOE Global Markets	O	65.96	+3.2	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	78.81	+8.88	Packaging Corp Am	N	116.18	+2.9
CDW Corp	O	72.11	+6.5	IDEX Corp	N	145.63	+1.11	Stericycle Inc	O	61.47	+2.7
CF Industries	N	40.02	+9.4	ITW	N	159.40	+1.43	TransUnion	N	60.50	+3.9
CME Group	O	165.20	+4.4	Ingredion Inc	N	130.77	-.15	Tribune Media Co A	N	40.33	-.35
CNA Financial	N	49.11	+0.3	John Bean Technol	N	119.40	+5.0	USG Corp	N	41.28	...
Caterpillar Inc	N	155.95	+2.64	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	174.86	+1.05	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	233.04	...
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	37.17	-.34	KapStone Paper	N	34.71	+0.5	United Contl Hldgs	N	70.58	+3.24
Deere Co	N	149.77	+6.2	Kraft Heinz Co	O	60.79	-.90	Ventas Inc	N	48.61	-.23
Discover Fin Svcs	N	72.09	+1.7	LKQ Corporation	O	39.23	+1.9	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	66.26	+2.9
Dover Corp	N	95.99	+1.99	Littelfuse Inc	O	211.22	+2.3	Wintrust Financial	O	88.91	+2.0
Equity Commonwealth	N	30.80	+0.5	MB Financial	O	41.85	+0.5	Zebra Tech	O	145.51	+1.23

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Bank of America	29.53	-.51
Seadrill Ltd	.37	+1.14
Chesapeake Energy	31.3	-.09
Ford Motor	11.36	-.13
Gen Electric	13.66	-.13
Vale SA	14.01	+5.7
Marathon Oil	18.23	+0.8
Ambev S.A.	6.88	+1.2
Transocean Ltd	12.43	+4.2
Twitter Inc	31.54	-.30
Weatherford Intl Ltd	2.67	+0.4
Oasis Petroleum	10.20	+9.8
AK Steel Hold	4.82	+1.1
AT&T Inc	35.21	-.15
Wells Fargo & Co	50.39	-.18
IBM	148.79	-12.12
ENSCO PLC	6.01	+3.3
Freepoint McMoran	19.18	+8.8
Lloyds Banking Grp	3.86	-.07
Morgan Stanley	53.26	+0.2
Kinder Morgan Inc	16.17	+1.5
Alibaba Group Hldg	182.68	+3.98
Altria Group	61.50	-2.48
McDermott Intl	6.25	-.07

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alphabet Inc C	1072.08	-2.08
Alphabet Inc A	1075.39	-3.97
Amazon.com Inc	1527.84	+24.01
Apple Inc	177.84	-.40
Bank of America	29.53	-.51
Berkshire Hath B	199.51	+2.4
Chevron Corp	123.82	+2.36
Exxon Mobil Corp	79.22	+8.9
Facebook Inc	166.36	-2.30
F5Tr SenFITRincoll	13.35	...
Intel Corp	53.61	+0.7
JPMorgan Chase	109.32	-.89
Johnson & Johnson	127.72	-.82
Mexico Fund	17.01	+0.5
Microsoft Corp	96.44	+3.7
Source Cap	40.35	-.15
Unitedhealth Group	236.40	-2.15
WalMart Strs	87.57	-.33
Wells Fargo & Co	50.39	-.18

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCpA m	33.60	+1.3	+23.8
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	27.19	+2.6	+11.2
American Funds CptlncBldrA m	61.58	+0.1	+7.5
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	57.70	+3.8	+23.0
American Funds FdmTlnvSA m	63.48	+1.2	+19.0
American Funds GfAmrcA m	52.85	+2.2	+25.2
American Funds IncAmrcA m	23.16	+0.2	+9.5
American Funds InvCAMrcA m	40.78	+1.3	+15.6
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	45.33	+1.7	+23.9
American Funds WAMTlnvSA m	46.14	+1.2	+17.6
DFA EMKCorEq	23.71	+1.5	+22.9
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.50	-.02	+1.3
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	46.70	+3.4	+16.4
Dodge & Cox Stk	202.13	+4.5	+15.8
DoubleLine TlRetBdl	10.45	-.02	+8
Fidelity 500IdxIns	94.68	+0.7	+17.9
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrrm	94.68	+0.8	+17.9
Fidelity 500IndexPrrm	94.68	+0.8	+17.9
Fidelity Contrafund	128.40	+2.7	+28.6
Fidelity ContrafundK	128.35	+2.6	+28.7
Fidelity InvMGrdeBd	10.98	-.03	+3
Fidelity LowPrStk	55.60	+2.2	+18.1
Franklin Templeton Inca m	2.32	...	+4.8
Metropolitan West TlRetBdl	10.41	-.03	-.2
Oakmark IntlInv	28.73	+0.8	+20.9
PIMCO Inclnstl	12.17	...	+4.8
PIMCO TlRetIns	10.04	-.03	+4
Schwab SP500Idx	41.96	+0.4	+17.9
T. Rowe Price BCGr	105.45	+5.5	+35.5
T. Rowe Price GrStk	67.33	+2.7	+29.1
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	250.27	+2.1	+17.9
Vanguard DivGrInv	26.62	+0.1	+14.7
Vanguard HCAmrl	84.50	...	+9.8
Vanguard INTTEAdmrl	13.86	...	+1.0
Vanguard InsIdXIns	247.00	+2.0	+17.9
Vanguard InsIdXInsPlus	247.02	+2.0	+17.9
Vanguard InsTlSMlInPls	60.30	+0.8	+17.9
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	100.41	+4.4	+33.3
Vanguard MDCpDlxAdmrl	195.11	+6.3	+15.7
Vanguard PrrmCpAdmrl	138.78	+7.3	+26.2
Vanguard STlnvGrdAdmrl	10.48	-.01	+1
Vanguard SmCpDlxAdmrl	72.45	+2.4	+16.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	31.59	+0.2	+10.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.65	-.02	+11.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	33.99	+0.5	+13.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	20.95	+0.3	+14.7
Vanguard TlBMDlxAdmrl	10.47	-.03	-.5
Vanguard TlBMDlxIns	10.47	-.03	-.5
Vanguard TlInBdXAdmrl	21.84	...	+2.5
Vanguard TlInSdXAdmrl	30.93	+1.6	+20.1
Vanguard TlInSdXIns	123.67	+6.3	+20.1
Vanguard TlInSdXInsPlus	123.69	+6.3	+20.1
Vanguard TlInSdXIns	18.49	+1.0	+20.0
Vanguard TlInSdXAdmrl	67.83	+0.9	+17.9
Vanguard TlInSdXIns	67.84	+0.8	+17.9
Vanguard TlInSdXlnv	67.80	+0.8	+17.8
Vanguard WlntnAdmrl	71.70	-.03	+10.8
Vanguard WlsvncAdmrl	63.68	-.14	+5.3
Vanguard WndsrIAdmrl	66.97	+0.3	+13.0

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.77	1.74
6-month disc	1.85	1.95
2-year	2.43	2.42
10-year	2.88	2.83
30-year	3.06	3.02

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1351.20	\$1347.20
Silver	\$17.231	\$16.772
Platinum	\$939.50	\$933.90

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	4.75
Discount Rate Primary	2.25
Fed Funds Target	1.50-1.75
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.34

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China (Yuan)	6.2745
Euro	.8079
India (Rupee)	65.746
Israel (Shekel)	3.5150
Japan (Yen)	107.26
Mexico (Peso)	18.0668
Poland (Zloty)	3.37
So. Korea (Won)	1064.11
Taiwan (Dollar)	29.31
Thailand (Baht)	31.20

Should insurers cover egg, embryo freezing?

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the Illinois Department of Public Health, though not all those patients would need or want to freeze sperm, eggs or embryos.

Supporters of the Illinois measure say it's necessary to ensure patients with diseases such as cancer, lupus and sickle cell anemia get the coverage they need to have biological children. The bill would apply to most consumers, including those with Medicaid coverage.

But the bill faces opposition from insurance industry groups and others who are concerned the cost of coverage would be borne by all consumers. Sperm freezing can cost as little as a couple of hundred dollars while the process of preserving eggs and embryos can cost more than \$10,000. "Coverage mandates increase health insurance premiums and decrease choice for Illinois consumers," said Whitney Barnes, a spokeswoman for the Illinois Department of Insurance, which opposes the bill.

Other opponents include Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, the state's largest insurer, and America's Health Insurance Plans, an insurance industry group.

The bill's advocates, however, say patients shouldn't have to decide between financial ruin and their ability to have children.

Keith said she knew right away she'd want to freeze her eggs, but the question of insurance coverage made her hesitate. She's still working with her insurer to see if it will cover any of the procedure. If it doesn't, she'll likely have to take out a loan to cover the expense.

"I've paid into this insurance for five years, and the one time I need it most they're not willing to help me out," Keith said. "This is a very necessary procedure."

Miranda Gerowitz, 23 of Lincoln Park, was also surprised when she learned that her insurance wouldn't



Megan Connolly had her eggs frozen eight years ago, after she relapsed with Hodgkin lymphoma.



Fertility Centers of Illinois' Dr. Jennifer Hirshfeld-Cytron said she's seen patients start GoFundMe pages to raise money.

cover preserving her eggs after she was diagnosed with breast cancer.

Her fertility clinic gave her a discount on the procedure, charging her \$3,000. Still, it was too much money for the hotel sales coordinator.

Luckily, her parents

agreed to pay the \$3,000, and she'll pay an additional \$500 a year to keep the eggs frozen. "I didn't want to regret not doing it," Gerowitz said.

But she knows not everyone has that option.

Local fertility clinics say many of the patients they

see choose not to freeze eggs or embryos because of the costs, and sometimes because they can't delay cancer treatment long enough to do it.

Dr. Jennifer Hirshfeld-Cytron, at Fertility Centers of Illinois, said she's seen patients start GoFundMe pages to raise money for the procedures.

The bill's supporters argue that costs that can be prohibitive for individuals would be small when spread across large insurance pools.

In Maryland, an actuarial consulting firm estimated last year that costs would rise by 18 to 24 cents per member per month for group plans if insurers were required to cover fertility preservation.

The University of Connecticut Center for Public Health and Health Policy estimated that premiums in that state would rise by

about 6 cents per member per month if a 2013 fertility preservation bill passed. The bill didn't pass that year, but its sponsor, a cancer

OBITUARIES

MARGARET TAYLOR 1917-2018

Co-founded Christian publishing company

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH
Chicago Tribune

In 1962, Margaret W. Taylor and her husband founded the Christian publishing company Tyndale House in their Wheaton home as a way to publish his yearslong project of paraphrasing the epistles of the Bible, which became the best-selling "The Living Bible."

She worked full-time for 18 years at Tyndale House and helped build the company into a diverse and well-regarded publisher.

"In those early years, my mother did everything — she was the editor, office boy, accounts payable, accounts receivable, customer service, driver to take packages to the post office," said her son Mark, Tyndale House's chairman and CEO. "It was a two-person operation. And Mom was juggling a busy household and all these business activities."

Taylor, 100, died of pneumonia March 12 at Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield, her son said. She had been a longtime Wheaton resident until moving to a Carol Stream retirement community about four years ago.

Born Margaret West at her family's home in Portland, Ore., Taylor grew up in Portland and attended high school in Beaverton with Kenneth Taylor, her future husband. She initially attended Oregon State College — now Oregon State University — and transferred to Wheaton College before returning to Oregon State, where she received a bachelor's degree in home economics in 1939.

After college, Taylor worked in public relations for Northwestern Electric Co. in Portland, meeting with new buyers of electric ranges to see if they had any problems or questions.

She and Kenneth Taylor married in September 1940 and moved to Dallas, where her husband attended Dallas Theological Seminary for two years. They then moved to Chicago, where he attended Northern Baptist Theological Seminary.

After that, the couple settled in Wheaton, and early on, Taylor's husband worked first for InterVarsity Press and then for Good News Publishers before taking a job in 1947 at Moody Press, a division of the Moody Bible Institute. Meanwhile, Margaret Taylor was a homemaker, working to raise what would



VIRGIL REEVE PHOTO

Margaret W. Taylor did a variety of jobs in the early days of Tyndale House.

become a family of 10 children.

The foundation for "The Living Bible" was laid in the mid-1950s, when Kenneth Taylor began paraphrasing the New Testament epistles after their children found the King James Version too difficult to understand. He completed that project in the early 1960s and the couple resolved to publish it, under the name "The Living Letters."

"My parents didn't envision that they were starting what was going to become a significant company," Mark Taylor said. "They just wanted to publish 2,000 copies of 'The Living Letters,' and they did so out of our home. As the number of orders grew, some ladies who were friends of my mother came to help type up invoices every day."

By 1971, "The Living Letters" had become a best-selling, full-scale Bible translation, known as "The Living Bible," which was enthusiastically endorsed by evangelist Billy Graham.

"I have traveled widely enough to know that we cannot be in a group of Christians anywhere in the world but that someone can give a personal testimony about how 'The Living Bible' has blessed him or a member of his family," Taylor wrote in her 2000 memoir, "The Way I Remember It."

Tyndale House moved to an office in Wheaton and eventually to Carol Stream. Taylor worked for the company from 1962 until retiring on her 64th birthday in 1981.

Tyndale House Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Paul Mathews, a 41-year company employee, worked closely with Taylor during his first four years at Tyndale House. Mathews was hired as an accounting manager and Taylor handled

accounts payable, so Mathews in effect was Taylor's manager, even though she co-owned Tyndale House.

"The beauty of that arrangement was that it gave me a chance to get to know her personally more so than other employees would have, and she did a terrific job," Mathews said. "And in the earliest years of the company, she did whatever was needed to get done. She handled proofreading the original ('Living Bible') that he did, she handled entering orders at the kitchen table and she handled accounts payable."

As is the case at many small companies, however, both Taylor and her husband would leave their offices and head into the warehouse to pitch in if help was needed.

"There was no job they wouldn't do themselves," Mathews said.

Retired Tyndale House Vice President Wendell Hawley described Taylor as "a very sincere person, and (she) was very sincere in the life that she lived."

The Taylors eventually transferred the company's ownership to Tyndale House's foundation.

After retiring, Taylor remained on Tyndale House's board of directors until she was in her 80s, and she helped allocate grants from Tyndale House's foundation until she was 100, her son said.

Taylor also was an avid Scrabble player, and squared off in a match with her daughters just two days before her death, her son said. Retired Wheaton College piano professor William Phemister regularly played Scrabble against Taylor after she moved to his Carol Stream retirement community.

"She had this amazing ability with words. She often put down seven-letter words, and she was a very challenging opponent," he said. "It just goes to show you that she knew how to keep her mind active."

Kenneth Taylor died in 2005.

In addition to her son, Taylor is survived by seven daughters, Becky Kraft, Martha, Janet, Cynthia Brown, Gretchen Worcester, Mary Lee Bayly and Alison Lingo; two other sons, John and Peter; 28 grandchildren; and 79 great-grandchildren.

Services were held.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

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Aldridge, Loretta A.

Loretta A. Aldridge age 74, of Geneva, passed away peacefully April 16, 2018 surrounded by her loving family. She was born to Edward and Kathryn Ford in Chicago.

She is survived by her loving children Donna (Fabio) Vellega, Pat (Cheryl) Aldridge, four cherished grandchildren Dominick and Antonio Vellega, Katelyn and Thomas Aldridge, siblings Tim (Nancy) Ford, Theresa Ford, John Ford, nieces and nephews, Steven (Cheri) Tracy, Jennifer Tracy, Alison Ford and Ted Ford. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Timothy C. Aldridge.

A Memorial Visitation will be 10:00 A.M. to Noon, May 12, 2018, at Redeemer Fellowship 1125 Oak Street, St. Charles, IL 60174, followed by a Memorial Service at Noon. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Redeemer Fellowship or Northwestern Hospice.

To leave an online condolence for the family, visit the funeral home's obituary page at www.yursfuneralhomes.com. For more information, please call Yurs Funeral Home of St. Charles, 630-584-0060.



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Balder, Doris U.

Doris U. Balder, Age 80. Beloved wife of the late Russell. Loving mother of Dieter and Kurt Balder. Dear sister of Dieter and the late Bernhard Mayer. Fond aunt of Anne and Babsie. Visitation Friday April 20 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral Service Saturday 10:30 a.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery. Funeral info: 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com.



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Blackburn, Betty J.

Betty J. Blackburn, nee O'Leary; Devoted wife of the late Frederick J. Sr.; Loving mother of Frederick Jr. (Ann Morgan), Mary Beth (Patrick) Meehan, the late John J., Jane (Steven) Jansen, and Susan T. Blackburn; Proud grandma of 11; Beloved great-grandma of seven; Dear sister of Lillian A., late Mary (late Frank) Manno, late John (late Rita) O'Leary, late Isabell (late Joseph) Graber, and the late Catherine (late Douglas) Henderson; Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews; Visitation Saturday 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass 10:30 a.m. at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, 10621 S. Kedvale Ave., Oak Lawn; Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; Arrangements entrusted to **Curley Funeral Home**; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com



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Bright, Robert

Robert Bright passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, in Olympia Fields, IL. He was born in Chicago, IL January 31, 1929 to the late George O. Bright, Sr. and Mary (Lampkins) Bright and preceded in death by his brother, George. His early life centered around education and sports, and he was scouted for the Baseball Minor Leagues. At Crane Technical High School he became a member of the ROTC, was invited to attend West Point Academy and consider joining the Tuskegee Airmen. Robert graduated from Roosevelt University, earning a BS degree in Business Administration. Later he earned a Master of Science/Corrections degree from Chicago State University. Very active in community affairs on the West Side during one of the city's most exciting eras, he was a long-time political and civil rights activist. Robert played clarinet and saxophone with jazz bands. As a vocalist, he sang for the 1989 Police Recognition Ceremony before a crowd of 5,000. His world of work was varied. He began his twenty-two year corrections career as an Illinois Public Safety Adult Parole Agent rising to Illinois Department of Corrections Deputy Director. He left Corrections to become Associate Executive Director of Goodwill Industries of Metropolitan Chicago. In 1985 he was appointed Administrator of the Office of Professional Standards, Chicago Police Department, retiring from that position. Robert was united in marriage to Verdis L. McCaskill and to this union three children were born: Darryl Bright (Joyce), Linda Bright Clay (John) and Michael Bright (Jacqueline). Later he married Joanne Mitchell, gaining two children Howard Polk (Gerald) and Karen Polk. Robert leaves to mourn grand-children Darryl "Rocky" Bright (Tiffany), Nicholas Bibbs Clay, Danielle Hall (Aaron), Cameron Polk and Darryl "Lil' Rock" Bright; beloved cousin Etta Burns, and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A Memorial Service will be held at 2 pm Sunday, April 22, Leak & Sons Funeral Home, 18400 Pulaski Rd, Country Club Hills, IL.



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Darley, William J. 'Bill'

William J. "Bill" Darley, 89, of River Forest, IL, passed away at home on April 17, 2018 surrounded by family. Retired President and CEO of W.S. Darley & Company, beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle, friend, and mentor. Bill was the beloved husband of Frances Butler Darley and the late Jeanne Morrissy Darley; loving father of Stephen (Darlene), Peter (Karen), Thomas (Pamela), James (Christina), Paul (Heidi) Darley, Anne (Randy) Freedman and the late William C. and Mary Krina (Michael) Mattio; adored grandfather of Matthew, William and Kevin Darley, Gabriel, Geneva, Nicole and Jasmine Darley, Audrey (fiancé Stephen Welch), Margaret (fiancé Christopher Teets), and Sophie Darley, and James and Emmet Freedman; dear brother of Patricia (the late Philip) Long and Reginald C. (the late Francella) Darley and the late Julia (the late Edward) LeFevour; fond uncle of Michelle (the late Ted) FitzHenry and many other nieces and nephews; Bill is also survived by Fran's children: Laura Brady, Greg Trankina, Diane Golden, Frank Trankina and Mary Bea (James) Farmer; special grandfather of Robert Mackey and Mabel (Tyler) Huddleston, Ryan (Pina) Puccinelli, Eileen (Travis) Ayotte, William and Maggie Golden, and Matthew and Daniel Farmer. Visitation Sunday, April 22, 4 to 7 pm at **Drechsler, Brown & Williams** Funeral Home, 203 S. Marion St., Oak Park. Family and friends will meet at St. Luke Church, Lake St. and Lathrop Ave., River Forest on Monday, April 23, for mass 10:00am. Private interment at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Hillside. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to Catholic Charities of Chicago (CatholicCharities.net). Funeral info: 708-383-3191 or drechslerbrownwilliams.com

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Fitzgerald, Mary E.

Mary Ellen O'Mara Zengler Fitzgerald, age 84, of Portage, IN, passed away on Tuesday, April 17, 2018. Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 2:00 pm at **Edmonds & Evans Funeral Home**, Portage Chapel, 6941 Central Ave., Portage, IN 46368. Visitation will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 10:00 am until the time of service at 2:00 pm at the Funeral Home. Online condolences to the family may be made at www.ee-fh.com

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Furcich, Frank G.

Frank G. Furcich died peacefully Thursday, April 12, 2018 in Mesa AZ. Frank was born May 16, 1929 in Argo IL, son of the late Jerry and Mary J. Furcich, nee Jordan, and brother to the late John (Vera) and Joseph (Jean) Furcich. He is survived by his loving wife Mary D. Furcich, nee Doyle. Frank will be greatly missed by his children, Steven (Erika) Furcich, Lorraine Arvin, Sheila (Darius) Hensley; stepchildren, the late Nathan (Mary Shell) Shockey, Melissa Shockey, Victor Shockey, Therese (John) Dyer, Steven (Tracy) Shockey; grandchildren, Alex and Justin Furcich; Ryan, Michelle, and Lindsay Arvin; Marissa, Jared and Adriana Baysinger; Patrick and Emily Shockey; Angelica Meade and Rio McFarland; Christopher Shockey; Elizabeth, Rayanne, Nathan and Maryalice Shockey; and beloved cousins, nieces and nephews. Veteran of U.S. Army Korean War. Visitation Friday April 20 from 3 to 9 p.m. at **FORAN FUNERAL HOME**, 7300 W. Archer Ave. (55th St. just West of Harlem). Funeral Saturday April 21 at 9:30 a.m. from Foran Funeral Home to St. Blase Church. Mass at 10 a.m. Interment with Military Honors at Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Grand Teton National Park Foundation and the Paralyzed Veterans of America would be appreciated. Condolences may be sent to Frank's family on his personal tribute website at www.foranfuneralhome.com. For information 708-458-0208.

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Glaty, Dorothy M.

Dorothy M. Glaty, nee Rick, loving wife of the late Fred. Loving mother of Edward (Lissa) and the late Mitchell (Susan). Dear sister of the late Robert (Jean) and the late Richard. Cherished Godmother of Mary, Judy and Susan. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105 would be appreciated. Family and friends will meet Friday, April 20th, at St. Mary of the Woods Church, 7033 N. Moselle Ave., Chicago for visitation from 10am until time of Mass at 11am. Interment will be private at St. Joseph Cemetery. For info 773-736-3833 or visit Dorothy's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com

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Giltner, Richard W.

Richard W. Giltner, 82, of Burr Ridge, passed away surrounded by his family on April 16, 2018. Beloved husband of Dianne (Nee: Shaughnessy) for 57 years; cherished father of Kathy (Dirk) Glaubke, Richard A. (Kristen Laakso), Christine Kroeze, and Keith (Kristy); devoted grandfather of Rebecca (Peter) Schneeman, Eric Glaubke, Zoe and Jonathan Kroeze, James, Audrey, Caroline and Julia Giltner; dear brother of Dolores Gill and the late George Giltner. Visitation will be held from 5pm-8pm, Friday, April 20, at Adoff Funeral Home, 7000 S. Madison St., Willowbrook. Family and friends will meet for the funeral mass at 10am on Saturday, April 21 at St. Isaac Jogues, 306 W. 4th St. Hinsdale. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be sent to Lewy Body Dementia Association, <https://www.lbda.org>. For information, 630-325-2300, www.adoffservices.com or www.powellfuneraldirectors.com



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ON APRIL 19 ...

In 1943, during World War II, tens of thousands of Jews living in the Warsaw Ghetto began a valiant but futile battle against Nazi forces.

In 1975 India announced it had launched its first satellite, from the Soviet Union atop a Soviet rocket.

In 1982 astronauts Sally Ride and Guion Bluford Jr. became the first woman and first African-American to be tapped for U.S. space missions.

In 1992, after six days, engineers plugged the tunnel leak under the Chicago

River that caused an underground flood that had virtually shut down business in the heart of the city.

In 1994 a Los Angeles jury awarded \$3.8 million to beaten motorist Rodney King. Also in 1994 the Supreme Court declared illegal the practice of excluding people from juries because of their gender.

In 1997 more than 50,000 residents abandoned Grand Forks, N.D., as the rising Red River overran sandbags.

In 2000 President Bill Clinton knelt among 168 empty chairs memorializing each victim of the Oklahoma City

bombing and declared the site "sacred ground" in the soul of America during a fifth-anniversary dedication ceremony.

In 2002 the UN Security Council gave unanimous support to sending a UN fact-finding team to the Jenin refugee camp to determine what happened during Israel's military assault.

In 2017 Fox News Channel announced it was firing Bill O'Reilly following reports that five women had been paid millions of dollars to keep quiet about sexual harassment allegations.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS	
April 18 Powerball	09 10 12 17 23 / 09
Powerball jackpot: \$122M	
Lotto jackpot: \$11M	
Pick 3 midday	183 / 1
Pick 4 midday	7772 / 7
Lucky Day Lotto midday	01 05 19 22 35
Pick 3 evening	092 / 4
Pick 4 evening	9803 / 8
Lucky Day Lotto evening	17 18 19 23 33

April 20 Mega Millions: \$80M

WISCONSIN	
April 18 Megabucks	09 14 16 27 34 36
Pick 3	707
Pick 4	1506
Badger 5	01 07 16 20 30
SuperCash	03 11 15 21 25 29

INDIANA	
April 18 Lotto	25 27 31 35 41 43
Daily 3 midday	854 / 7
Daily 4 midday	2182 / 7
Daily 3 evening	698 / 2
Daily 4 evening	1676 / 2
Cash 5	01 17 28 30 32

MICHIGAN	
April 18 Lotto	02 07 13 24 27 31
Daily 3 midday	042
Daily 4 midday	1224
Daily 3 evening	118
Daily 4 evening	5564
Fantasy 5	03 12 18 22 25
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Grieco, Daniel

Daniel Grieco, age 89, passed away April 16th with his loving daughter by his side. Daniel was the beloved father of Deborah (Tom Bera) Grieco; dearest son of the late Carolyn and Antonio Grieco; cherished grandfather of Patrick (Leigh) Lloyd; great grandfather of Noah and Isaac Lloyd. Daniel was preceded in death by 8 brothers and sisters, and he was a fond uncle, cousin and friend of many. He was a member of The Loyal Order of the Moose. In lieu of flowers, donations to: The Alzheimer's Association alz.org would be appreciated. Visitation Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of an 11:45 a.m. funeral service at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Entombment will follow at Queen of Heaven Mausoleum. Info www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708-456-8300.



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Hirschboeck, David

David Hirschboeck, age 70, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family following a courageous 16 month battle with esophageal cancer. Beloved husband and best friend of Stephanie nee Ellbogen; wonderful father of Rebecca (Travis), Johanna (Nick), and Peter (Heather). Amazing grandpa of Cameron, Nathalie and Emily. Dear brother of Bernie (Paulette), Karen (Rich), Denise (John), Gayle (Kevin) and the late Dennis (Jackie). Treasured uncle of many nieces and nephews. Happy dog father of Atticus, "the best dog ever". Preceded in death by his parents Clarence and Valerie and mother-in-law Jeanne. David proudly served 30 years as a Cook County Assistant Public Defender. He was an avid White Sox fan, a devoted Notre Dame fan and an often disappointed but still enthusiastic Bears fan spending Sundays in the fall either in front of the television or at Soldier Field watching yet another rebuilding year. David and his magical smile brought joy and laughter to all who knew him. He shall be greatly missed. Please join us in a celebration of David's life at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Blvd., at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077 on Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with a Memorial Service at 4:00 p.m. David's family would also like to extend a heartfelt thanks to his thoracic surgeon, Dr. Malcolm Decamp, and his tireless team of doctors at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.



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Holdsworth, PhD, Carole

Carole Holdsworth, PhD, 81, of Oak Park. Devoted daughter of the late Merrill and Gladys (nee Mitchell) Holdsworth; loving niece of Eleanor Michal, Pat O'Brien and Richard Mitchell; dear cousin of Richard (Diane Ewing) Mitchell. Professor of Languages at Loyola University for 50 years. Memorial Visitation Saturday 2:30 pm until time of memorial service 3:00 pm at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 545 S. East Ave, Oak Park. Services entrusted to **HURSEN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY**. Funeral info: 800-562-0082 or www.hursen.com.



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Kopsian, Arthur James

Arthur James Kopsian, age 96, U.S. Marine Veteran, WW II, beloved husband of Patsy nee Kearney; loving father of Pamela (Harold) Gottman, James, Joseph (Michael, Charles, Jason (Lynn), Nicholas (Jennifer), Sharon Castillo and Anthony; cherished grandfather of Zachary, Jasolyn, William, Hailey, Alyssa, Rebecca, Jacob, Scott, Sean, Connor and Clayton. Memorial visitation Sunday, April 22, from 4 to 9 pm at **Lawrence Funeral Home**, 4800 N. Austin Ave., Chicago; Monday, April 23, everyone to meet at St. Hyacinth Basilica, 3636 W. Wolfram St., Chicago for 11 am Memorial Mass. Inurnment Maryhill Cemetery. For more info www.lawrencecfh.com or 773-736-2300.



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Kraus, Beatrice

Beatrice Kraus, nee Zummer, 90. Beloved wife for 70 years of Harold. Loving mother of Alan (Anne) Kraus and Meryl (Donald) Greene. Proud grandmother of David Kraus, Brian (Elyssa Seager) Greene, Susan Kraus and Eric (Lesley) Greene. Dear sister of Irving Zummer. Will be missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Beatrice was a teacher in the Chicago Public Schools, an author of 7 books and president of Skokie Central Traditional Congregation for many years. Service Friday 10 AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Shalom. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her name to Anti-Cruelty Society, www.anticruelty.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com



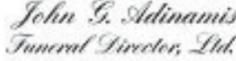
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Kutulas, Presbyteria, Angeline

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 Angelike Kutulas. Dear sister of George Vlahos 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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Lochowsky, Casimer 'Casey'

Age 90, beloved husband of Teresa loving father of Diane and Barbara, caring grandfather of 5. Funeral Services Saturday 11 AM at St Joseph Catholic Church Downers Grove, IL. Information, www.toonfuneralhome.com OR 630-968-0408

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Luckman, Randi Hollis

Randi Hollis Luckman, age 66, loving mother of Brian and Alan (Sarah) Luckman; cherished "Grandi" of Isaac; younger sister of Judi Schragger and Sheila (Roger) Baran; dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Chapel services Friday, 10:00AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment following at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. For information and condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



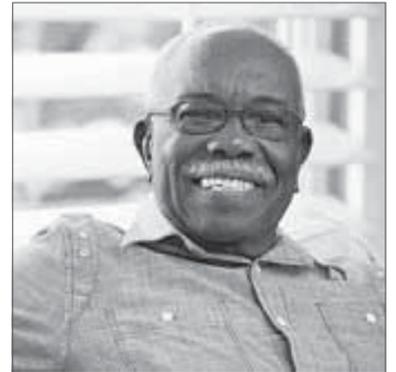
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McNamara, Lawrence P.

Lawrence P. McNamara beloved husband of Lena R. nee Abboreno. Loving father of Dr. Mary B. McNamara & Lawrence R. (Mary Russo) McNamara. Dear grandfather of Natalie A. Savodje, Nicholas L. & Marisa McNamara. Brother & uncle of many. VISITATION Friday, April 20, 2018 from 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. at **COLONIAL-WOJCIECHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME** 6250 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Funeral services Saturday, April 21, starting with prayers at 10:00 a.m. from the funeral home, proceeding to St. Thecla Church for 10:30 a.m. Mass. Interment will follow at Maryhill Cemetery in Niles. Info 773-774-0366 or www.colonialfuneral.com To send flowers or a remembrance gift to the family of Lawrence P. McNamara, please visit our Tribute Store.



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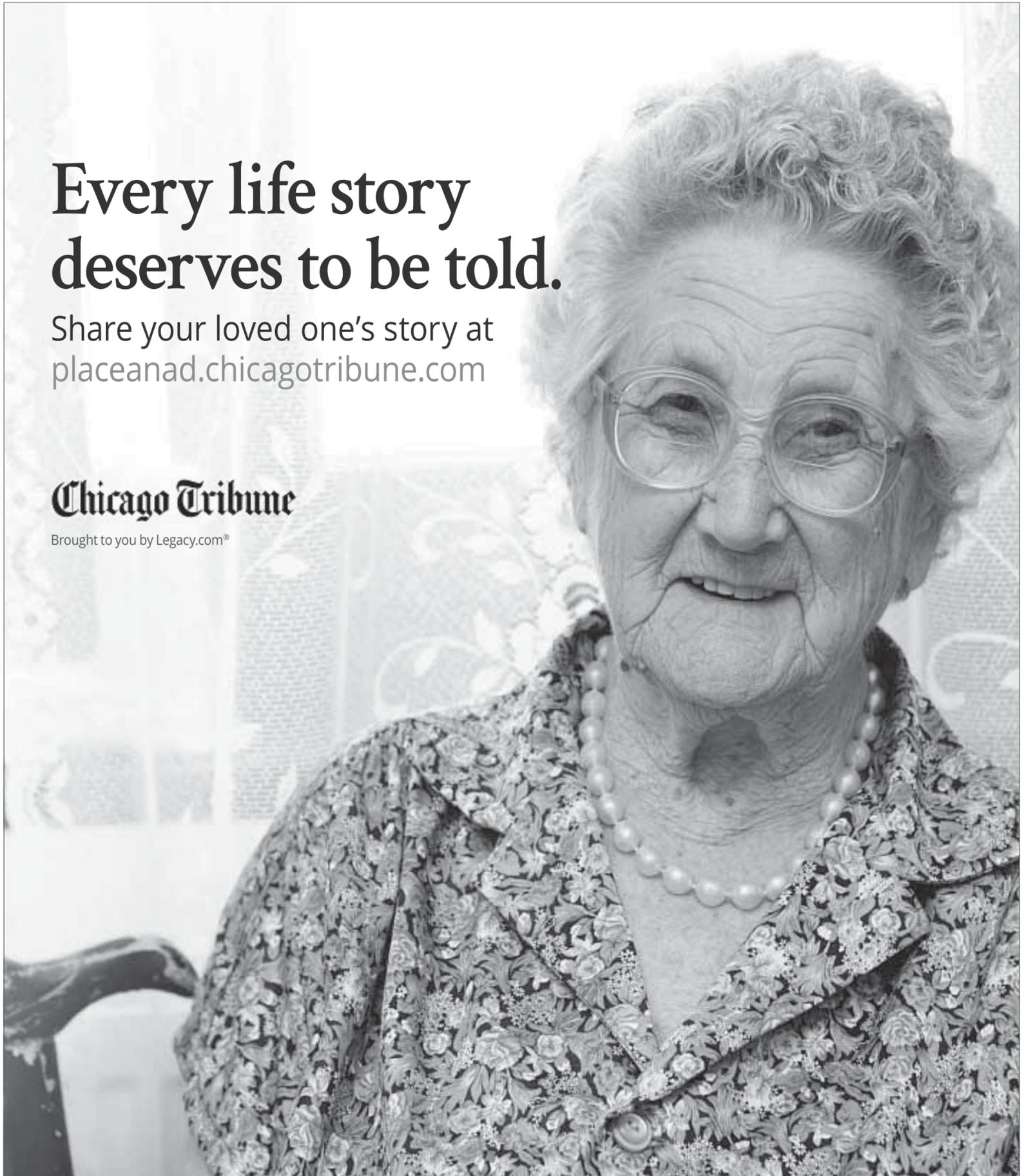
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Melas, Dorothy

Dorothy Melas, age 96, passed away on Tuesday, April 17, 2018. She was the loving Wife of the late Daniel Melas and beloved Mother of the late John Melas and the late Nikki Melas. She is survived by her loving Son Dennis. A lifelong Cubs fan, Dorothy devoted her life to the benefit of the developmentally disabled and as such, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Parents and Friends of the Ludeman Center, 114 N. Orchard Drive, Park Forest, IL 60466 or online at www.ludemanPFLC.org. Family and friends will meet on Friday, April 20, 2018 from 10:00 - 10:30 am for Visitation then with Funeral service beginning at 10:30 am at St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church, 2350 E. Dempster, Des Plaines, Illinois. Interment at Elmwood Cemetery. Arrangements by John G. Adinamis Funeral Director Ltd. For information 773-736-3833.

*John G. Adinamis
Funeral Director, Ltd.*

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Michuda Sr., Raymond F

Raymond F. Michuda Sr., age 97, beloved husband of Selma (deceased), passed away peacefully on April 17, 2018. Raymond was born in Chicago, Illinois on July 26, 1920. Loving father of Mary Ellyn, Victor, Julie, Diane, Ray Jr. and Sally. Cherished grandfather of twelve and proud great grandfather of thirteen. Dear brother of Angelina and the late Rudy, Sue and Bill. Raymond was in the US Coast Guard. He worked for the Chicago Board of Education as a Carpenter Foreman. He was a member of the First Catholic Slovak Union. He was an avid fisherman and hunter. Raymond kept his family laughing with his "clowning around" antics. He will be dearly missed by all who loved him. Visitation for Raymond will be Friday, April 20, 2018 from 3-8 p.m. at **Fagen-Miller Funeral Home**, 8580 Wicker Ave., St. John, IN. Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 9:45 a.m. from **Fagen-Miller Funeral Home** to St. Joseph Church, 440 Joliet St., Dyer, IN for Mass at 10:30 a.m. Interment at Mausoleum of the Archangel, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Worth, IL. www.fagenmiller.com

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Muellner, Mary B.

Mary B. Muellner (nee King), age 92, of Hinsdale, formerly of Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Walter Muellner. Loving mother of Frank (Michelle) Muellner, Susan (John) Abboreno, William and the late Sharon Muellner. Devoted grandmother of Amy (Kyle Olson) Abboreno Olson, Mark (Audrey) Abboreno, Elizabeth Abboreno, and Matthew Muellner. Cherished great-grandmother of Andrea and Cecilia Abboreno Olson. Fond daughter, aunt, niece, and friend of many. Mary was a dedicated employee of M&M Mars Company for almost 50 years, where she met her husband. She was an avid reader. Mary was deeply devoted to, and absolutely loved her family. A visitation was held on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, Countryside. Interment at St. Joseph Cemetery, River Grove. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Alzheimer's Association appreciated. For Information: (708) 352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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Norberg, Sune T.

Sune T. Norberg, 88, of Lake Bluff, passed away on April 4, 2018. He was born in Stockholm, Sweden on Nov. 4, 1929. Beloved husband for 62 years of Ulla (nee Berggren); loving father of Birgitta (Marc) Hietala and Eric Norberg; dear morfar of Stefani and Linnea Hietala; brother of Asta Tedeblad and uncle to Johan, Anders and Per in Sweden. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. at St. James Lutheran Church, 1380 N. Waukegan Rd, Lake Forest. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Swedish American Museum. www.swedishamericanmuseum.org Info. **Wenban Funeral Home** (847) 234-0022 or www.wenbanfh.com



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O'Holleran, Eileen M.

Eileen M. O'Holleran (nee Sullivan), age 100, beloved wife of the late Dominick. Loving mother of John (Gayle), Kathleen (Ronald) Peltz, David (Susan), Denise (Clifford) Carlson, the late Mary Voss and the late Daniel (Dawn) O'Holleran. Dear grandmother of 13. Great-grandmother of 8.

Visitation Sunday, April 22, 2018 from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Cuneo-Columbian Funeral Home 10300 W. Grand Ave. (one block east of Mannheim Rd.) Franklin Park, IL

Lying in state Monday, April 23, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until time of mass 10:00 a.m. at Villa Scalabrini Catholic Church, Northlake, IL. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls would be appreciated.

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O'Mara Zengier Fitzgerald, Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen O'Mara Zengier Fitzgerald, age 84, of Portage, IN, passed away on Tuesday, April 17, 2018. Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 2:00 pm at **Edmonds & Evans Funeral Home**, Portage Chapel, 6941 Central Ave., Portage, IN 46368. Visitation will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 10:00 am until the time of service at 2:00 pm at the Funeral Home. Online condolences to the family may be made at www.ee-fh.com

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Ossman, Ann I.

Ann I. Ossman, nee Mihelich, age 99; beloved wife of the late Dr. Albert F. Ossman; loving mother of Pamela (Ed) Bedard, Cheryl Ossman and Gary (Wanda) Ossman; dear grandmother Sean (Stacey) Craft, Kelly (Don) Lemezis, Shannon (Kent) Towers, Katelyn Ossman and Dayna Bedard; great-grandmother of 14. Visitation Thursday 3:00PM to 9:00PM. Funeral Friday 9:15AM from **Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home**, 4343 Main St. (1 blk. S. of Ogden Ave.), Downers Grove to St. Joseph Church. Mass 10:00AM. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. 630/968-1000 or www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com



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Ponzi, Vanessa

Vanessa J. Ponzi, age 51, passed away on April 17, 2018, after a valiant battle with cancer. Loving mother to Taylor and Jack Abrahams. Daughter of Eugene and (the late) Leilani Ponzi. Sister of Matthew (Ann) Ponzi and Andrea (Dane) Chamorro. Aunt of Anthony, Marie and Joseph Ponzi; Stefan and Elena Chamorro. Friend to SO many. Vanessa will be remembered for her laughter and kindness, and her unique compassion for animals. Visitation Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at St. Norbert's Church, Northbrook, IL. Memorial 11 a.m. St. Norbert's Church. Donations in lieu of flowers to Heartland Animal Shelter info@heartlandanimalshelter.org.



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Retzinger, Joseph W.

Joseph W. Retzinger, age 83, retired captain, Wilmette Fire Department. Beloved husband of the late Joanne Retzinger; loving father of Ken (Ann) Retzinger and Karen Goldberg; dear grandfather of Alicia, Abby, Ben and Matt; brother of Patricia Bakkemo and the late Robert Retzinger; uncle of Ricky, Stevie, Susie, Holly and Wendy.



Visitation Sunday, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Blvd. at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077.

Funeral Mass Monday 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove Street, Glenview, IL 60025.

Interment Sacred Heart Cemetery, Northbrook. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 55 E. Monroe Street, #3420, Chicago, IL 60603 or The Les Turner ALS Foundation, 5550 W. Touhy Avenue, Skokie, IL 60077.

Info: 847 675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com.



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Stavenger, Heidi

Heidi Stavenger, age 52, passed peacefully April 16, 2018. Loving daughter of Larry and Phyllis. Memorial Service April 20, 2018 at 7PM at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church. 149 W Brush Hill Rd, Elmhurst, IL.

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Walkowiak, Sophie

Sophie Walkowiak nee Jakob, 91, beloved wife of the late Stanley; loving mother of George (Lorrie), late John and late Ted; dear grandmother of Christopher (Katie) and John Michael Walkowiak; loving great grandmother of Jessica and Blake Walkowiak; fond sister of Wanda (George) Godun. Funeral Friday, April 20th., 10:30 A.M. from **Suburban Family Funeral Home** 5940 W. 35th. St. (Corner of 35th. St. & Austin) Cicero to St. Mary of Czestochowa Church. Mass 11:00 A.M. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Friday, 8:30 A.M. until time of service at 10:30 A.M. 708-652-1116 or www.suburbanfamilyfh.com.

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Waxstein, Martin D.

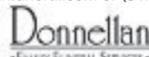
Martin D. Waxstein, 65, of Rolling Meadows, IL. Born March 15, 1953 in Chicago, passed away April 14, 2018. Marty is survived by his daughters, Jennifer, Madeleine and Katherine Waxstein, grandson, Nolan Martin Fischer, mother, Dolores Waxstein, siblings, Marcia (Leon) Moore and Robert (David Beyak) 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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Welch, Michael F.

Michael F. Welch, age 44, of Glenview, IL. Beloved husband of Megan Welch nee Nelson. Loving father of Grace Marie and Louis Patrick Welch. Devoted son of Mary nee Masterson and the late Patrick Welch. Dear brother of Patrick (Jeanne) Welch. Funeral Mass Saturday, April 21, 2018, 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Church Street, Glenview, IL 60025. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Michael and Megan's children's education fund online: <https://www.youcaring.com/gracelouwelch-1170453>. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.



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Zdarsky, Geraldine G.

Geraldine G. Zdarsky, nee Rysavy, age 96 of Berwyn. Beloved wife of the late Vance F., loving mother of James (Susan), Lawrence (Susan) and Carol (Dennis) Lamb, cherished grandmother of Michael and Christopher (Amanda) Zdarsky and Donovan and David Lamb and great grandmother of Eleanor Zdarsky, dear sister of the late Mary Ann Shumate, fond aunt of Tom, Pat, Karen, Donna, Rita and the late Mary Ann. Funeral Saturday, April 21, 10:45am from **Kuratko-Nosek Funeral Home 2447 S. DesPlaines Avenue, North Riverside**, to St. Mary of Celle Church (corner of 15th Street and Euclid Avenue), Mass 11:30am. Interment 2pm at St. John Cemetery, Fox River Grove. Visitation Friday 3:00pm-9:00pm. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.KuratkoNosek.com. Info: (708) 447-2500.



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PUBLIC NOTICE On March 22, 2018, an application was filed seeking FCC consent to the transfer of control of the licenses for the following radio broadcast stations from the Current Shareholders of Cumulus Media Inc. to the Shareholders of Cumulus Media Inc. (as Reorganized): WLS-AM 890, Chicago IL and WLS-FM 94.7, Chicago, IL

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, Jeffrey A. Marcus, Todd McCarty, Ross A. Oliver, Suzanne G. Smith, Radio License Holdings LLC, Cumulus Network Holdings Inc., Cumulus Media 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, LP and Crestview LLC. 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. Kushner, Joan H. Gillman, 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 Media Holdings Inc., Intermediate Co., and SP Signal, LLC. SP Signal, LLC's sole attributable interest holder is SP Signal Manager II GP, LP and SP Signal Manager, LLC's sole attributable interest holder is Edward A. Mule.

A copy of the application is available at www.fcc.gov.

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Arnulfo Zarazua

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Rosa Argudo (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00198

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Arnulfo Zarazua (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on March 1, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXF in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Maxwell Griffin in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 05/02/2018, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 10 COURTROOM J, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS April 19, 2018

COUNTY OF COOK TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER SHANNON E. ANDREWS, CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

ADVERTISEMENT DATE: Thursday, April 19, 2018

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CONTRACT NO.: 1768-17071

MBE/WBE GOALS: There are no MBE/WBE requirements for this contract

BID DOCUMENTS: Solicitation Document is available for download at: http://legacy.cookcountygov.com/purchasing/bids/ listAllBids.php

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CONTACT: Matthew Bowman, Contract Negotiator (312) 603-2389 (office), (312) 603-3179 (fax) matthew.bowman@cookcountyl.gov (email)

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LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Gabryela Alvarez Natalia Alvarez

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Cherise Dejonge (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 15JA01242 15JA01243

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Cherise DeJong (Mother), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on February 21, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXF in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Nicholas Geanopoulos in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 05/02/2018, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 17 COURTROOM K, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS April 19, 2018

CITY OF EVANSTON NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Purchasing Office in Room 4200, Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60201, until 2:00 P.M. local time on May 22, 2018. Proposals shall cover the following:

Water Quality Laboratory Expansion RFP Number: 18-18

The City of Evanston's Public Works Agency is seeking proposals from experienced firms to perform architectural and engineering services for the expansion of the Water Quality Laboratory in the Water Treatment Plant located at 555 Lincoln Street in Evanston, Illinois.

There will be a mandatory pre-proposal meeting Thursday, April 26, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at the Evanston Water Plant located at 555 Lincoln Street, Evanston, Illinois 60201. For security reasons, interested parties must contact Shane Cary at scary@cityofevanston.org by close of business, April 24, 2018. All firms intending to submit a proposal for this project are encouraged to attend to discuss the proposed work and receive answers to questions related to the project.

The above item shall conform to the RFP on file in the Purchasing Office. The document, will be available in the Purchasing Office on Thursday, April 19, 2018. Parties interested in submitting a bid should contact the Purchasing Office to receive a copy of the bid or see the City's website at: www.cityofevanston.org/business/bids-proposals/ or Demandstar at: www.demandstar.com.

The City (the City of Evanston) in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois, hereby notifies all firms that it will affirmatively ensure that the contract(s) entered into pursuant to this notice will be awarded to the successful firm without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation marital status, disability, familial status or national origin. The State of Illinois requires under Public Works contracts that the general rate of wages in this locality be paid for each craft or type of worker hereunder. This requirement is in accordance with The Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130) as amended. The City of Evanston reserves the right to reject any or all submittals or to accept the submittal(s) deemed most advantageous to the City.

The Evanston City Council also reserves the right to award the contract to an Evanston firm if that firm's bid is within 5% of the low bid.

Each Proposer shall be required to submit with his/her proposal a Disclosure of Ownership Interest Statement Form in accordance with Section 1-18-1 et seq. of the City Code. Failure to submit such information may result in the disqualification of such proposal.

Jillian Ostman Purchasing Specialist

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Jamil A Purnell

A MINOR NO. 2018JD00273

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION Notice is given you, Jerald Purnell (Father), respondents, and to ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, that on February 15, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXF, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Kristal Royce Rivers in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois, ON 05/03/2018 at 9:00 AM in CALENDAR 56 COURTROOM 10,

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 19, 2018

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY: M. Patton, R. Wiggers 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

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Kaylie Slezewski Madeline Slezewski

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Nichole O'Hara (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 14JA00186 14JA00187

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Nichole O'Hara (Mother), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on September 15, 2017, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXF in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Nicholas Geanopoulos in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 05/02/2018, at 10:30 AM in CALENDAR 17 COURTROOM K, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD.

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UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS April 19, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Kewun Paige

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Tiffany Paige (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00259

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Edward Stern (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on February 13, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXF in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Kimberly Lewis in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 05/02/2018, at 10:00 AM in CALENDAR 8 COURTROOM H, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS April 19, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Quintrell Ward

A MINOR NO. 2018JD00521

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION Notice is given you, Quintese Ward (Father), respondents, and TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, that on March 29, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXF, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Stuart Lubin in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois, ON 05/02/2018 at 9:00 AM in CALENDAR 58 COURTROOM 11,

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 19, 2018

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY: C. Morrison, B. Pucci 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

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Robert Dekota Delph AKA Dekota Delph

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Jennifer Grubb (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00135

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Brandon Robert Mills (Father), AKA Robert Dekota , respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on February 13, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXF in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Kimberly Lewis in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 05/02/2018, at 10:00 AM in CALENDAR 8 COURTROOM H, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS April 19, 2018

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT - APRIL 5, 12, 19, 2018 CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BID FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE - 2013 CLOSED SCHOOLS DUE: May 14, 2018 AT 2:00 p.m.

See: http://cps.edu/procurement/Pages/currentcontracts.aspx

The Board of Education of the City of Chicago (hereinafter the "Board") invites the submission of bids from firms/individuals ("Bidders") that wish to purchase the following Property from the Board:

Table with 3 columns: No., PROPERTY- FORMER SCHOOL NAME, ADDRESS. Lists 15 properties for sale.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT - April 5, 12, 19, 2018 CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BID FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE - SURPLUS PROPERTIES DUE: May 14, 2018 AT 2:00 p.m.

See: http://cps.edu/procurement/Pages/procurement.aspx

The Board of Education of the City of Chicago (hereinafter the "Board") invites the submission of bids from firms/individuals ("Bidders") that wish to purchase the following Real Estate from the Board.

Table with 3 columns: NO., PROPERTY, ADDRESS. Lists 11 surplus properties.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

To patrons of Commonwealth Edison Company. Commonwealth Edison Company ("ComEd") hereby gives notice to the public that on April 19, 2018, it filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission ("ICC" or "Commission") its annual formula rate update, including updated cost inputs, reconciliations of ComEd's approved revenue requirement and return on equity, and supporting testimony and filings. The purpose of determining, pursuant to Section 16-108.5 of the Illinois Public Utilities Act (the "Act"), updated rates for delivery services applicable throughout ComEd's service territory in northern Illinois to be implemented beginning with the first monthly billing period of 2019.

As provided in Section 16-108.5 of the Act, the updated costs are based on final historical cost data for calendar year 2017 reflected in ComEd's most recently filed annual FERC filed and selected plant additions for calendar year 2018, as well as the associated adjustments to accumulated depreciation (change in depreciation reserve), depreciation expense, and accumulated deferred income taxes. In addition, ComEd's 2017 actual costs, which are now known, are reconciled with the corresponding costs that had been used as part of the prior formula rate update filing. Those updated costs, other inputs and reconciliations, collectively result in a distribution rate increase in 2019 on which new delivery services rates are to be based (referred to in the filing as the "2019 Rate Year Net Revenue Requirement") of \$2,697,978,000. This is a decrease of \$22,906,000 from the revenue requirement approved by the ICC in its last formula update, ICC Docket Number 17-0196.

For residential customers receiving bundled price electric service from ComEd, the delivery services charges are only a portion of the total bill. The remaining portion includes the cost of the electricity supply and other services, which are subject to the procurement process established by Section 17-5 of the Illinois Power Agency Act and the provisions of Section 16-111.5 of the Public Utilities Act, and/or regulation by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Using rates applicable with the January 2018 billing period for such other components, the estimated total bill impacts of changes in the delivery component are provided herein. Increases are denoted by a + sign and decreases are denoted by a - sign.

For such customers, the delivery portion of electric bills represents approximately 42% of the total electric bill, on average, while the supply portion accounts for about 42%, the transmission and distribution for approximately 10% and other charges such as taxes account for the remaining 6%. Using these electricity supply and other charges, the updated rates for the delivery portion result in an overall change in the total residential bill on average, of approximately -\$0.50 per month or estimated -0.6%. Total bill impacts for residential customers vary by delivery class and electric usage. For example, the estimated total bill impact, on average, for multi-family residential customers without electric space heat utilizing on average 330 kilowatt-hours ("kWhs") per month is -\$0.78 per month or -1.6%. Likewise, the estimated total bill impact, on average, for single-family residential customers without electric space heat utilizing on average 723 kWhs per month is -\$0.33 per month or 0.3%.

Furthermore, the estimated total bill impact, on average, for multi-family residential customers with electric space heat, utilizing on average 794 kWhs per month, is +\$0.27 per month or 0.3%. Additionally, the estimated total bill impact, on average, for single family residential customers with electric space heat, utilizing on average 1,652 kWhs per month, is -\$0.76 or -0.4%. ComEd does not estimate total bill impacts for residential customers supplied by Retail Electric Suppliers.

The updated delivery service rates for nonresidential customers in the Watt-Hour and Small Load delivery classes (100 kilowatts ("kW") or less of demand), with varying usages, result in an overall average percentage change in the total bill of -7.0% and -2.5%, respectively. Nonresidential customers with larger electric loads (greater than 100 kW) have a wide range of electric load characteristics in addition to electricity supply costs that cannot be reasonably estimated; therefore, the overall effect of the updated delivery service rates on an electric bill for such customers cannot be determined.

The updated delivery service rates include ComEd's updated costs of delivering electricity through its distribution system and apply to all ComEd customers independent of whether electricity supply is procured and provided by ComEd or by a third party (i.e., a Retail Electric Supplier). These updated rates will take effect beginning with the first day of the January 2019 monthly billing period.

A copy of the materials filed with the Commission and supporting data and testimony may be inspected by any interested party at ComEd's office located at Three Lincoln Centre in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois. In addition, Commonwealth Edison Company will place an electronic version of this Public Notice with estimated bill impacts on its internet website www.ComEd.com.

Customers are advised that the Commission may alter or amend the rates after hearings held pursuant to Section 16-108.5 of the Act and 83 Illinois Administrative Code 202.00, and may increase or decrease individual rates in amounts other than those requested by ComEd.

All parties interested in this matter may obtain information with respect thereto either directly from ComEd or by addressing the Chief Clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission, 527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62706.

COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY

By: Anne R. Pramacogio
President and CEO

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TO: OCCUPANT; ESMALG YAZDAN; ZHENIA ASLAN; HOWARD BONDMINUM ASSOCIATION; STANDARD PROPERTY SERVICES CORPORATION; STANDARD PROPERTY SERVICES CORPORATION D/B/A HOBBITON PROPERTIES SERVICES; R & S APARTMENTS; SUSAN HALVORSEN; CHASE GOOD; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD002199 FILED: 03/12/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/06/2015 Certificate No. 13-0014190 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 and prior taxes for the year 2012 2nd inst. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2133 W HOWARD ST, UNIT # P-2 CHICAGO, IL 60645 Legal Description or Property Index No. 11-30-308-027-1018 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 08/03/2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 08/03/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 09/05/2018 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 08/03/2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 3rd day of April, 2018. Pub: 4/17, 18, 19/2018 5554746

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TO: OCCUPANT; PETER EVANS; BOULEVARD PLACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION C/O PHIL DEROSSI; RITA STWIEFL; ROBERT FURR; JERRY WILSON; AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD002216 FILED: 03/12/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/06/2015 Certificate No. 13-0014895 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2076 N HAMILTON BLVD, UNIT #P2 CHICAGO, IL 60647 Legal Description or Property Index No. 13-36-116-059-1009 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 08/03/2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 08/03/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 09/05/2018 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 08/03/2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 3rd day of April, 2018. Pub: 4/17, 18, 19/2018 5554759

TO: OCCUPANT; 4880 NORTH CLARK HOLDINGS, LLC; 4880 NORTH CLARK CONDOMINIUM BYLINE BANK F/K/A NORTH COMMUNITY BANK SUCCESSOR TO EDENS BANK; 4880 CLARK, LLC; ARLENE SIAVELIS; TAXPAYER OF; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD002217 FILED: 03/12/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/06/2015 Certificate No. 13-0013527 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4880 N CLARK ST, UNIT P-17, CHICAGO, IL 60640 Legal Description or Property Index No. 14-08-315-052-1022 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 08/03/2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 08/03/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 09/05/2018 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 08/03/2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 3rd day of April, 2018. Pub: 4/17, 18, 19/2018 5554729

TO: OCCUPANT; STUART JOHNSON; RAVENSWOOD STATION LOFTS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; H & J REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT SERVICES; D/B/A HALLMARK; JOHNSON PROPERTY MANAGEMENT A/K/A HALLMARK & JOHNSON; DAVID HOKINS; RAVENSWOOD STATION; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD002218 FILED: 03/12/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/06/2015 Certificate No. 13-0013597 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 and prior taxes for the year 2012 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4745 N RAVENSWOOD AVE., UNIT P-30, CHICAGO, IL 60640 Legal Description or Property Index No. 14-18-203-032-1113 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 08/03/2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 08/03/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 09/05/2018 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 08/03/2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 3rd day of April, 2018. Pub: 4/17, 18, 19/2018 5554735

TO: OCCUPANT; JONATHAN MONKEN; JENNIFER MONKEN; J & J MONKEN; THE BRADLEY CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; TRIVIEW PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS, LLC; D/B/A TRIVIEW PROPERTY MANAGEMENT; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR GUARANTEED RATE, INC.; LOANCORE, LLC ; GUARANTEED RATE, INC.; CRAIG CURTISS; SHERI FINE; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD002181 FILED: 03/12/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/06/2015 Certificate No. 13-0013651 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 801 W BRADLEY PL., UNIT P-11 CHICAGO, IL 60613 Legal Description or Property Index No. 14-08-223-049-1031 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 08/03/2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 08/03/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 09/05/2018 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 08/03/2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 3rd day of April, 2018. Pub: 4/17, 18, 19/2018 5554741

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TO: OCCUPANT; CHARLES PATRASSO; JERRY PATRASSO; RICARDO CARMONA; DANIEL CARMONA; KARLOS CRUZ ; JULIA RAMOS; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES F/K/A ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF Public Aid; Illinois Attorney General; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD002217 FILED: 03/12/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/06/2015 Certificate No. 13-0015041 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 and prior taxes for the year 2004 2nd inst. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 3426 W EVERGREEN AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60651 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-02-217-036-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 08/03/2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 08/03/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 09/05/2018 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 08/03/2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 3rd day of April, 2018. Pub: 4/17, 18, 19/2018 5554833

TO: OCCUPANT; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES OF ALCESTEEN WILSON; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES F/K/A Illinois Department of Public Aid; Illinois Attorney General; AUSTIN BANK OF CHICAGO; VALUE PROPERTIES, INC.; City of Chicago; MAURY WILSON; SHRONDA WILSON; JUNE WILSON; TOMMIE WILSON; JERRY WILSON; JERRY WILSON; JERRY WILSON; T & B WILSON; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD002218 FILED: 03/12/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/06/2015 Certificate No. 13-0013504 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 and prior taxes for the year 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, & 2006 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 831 N TRUMBULL AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60651 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-02-422-012-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 08/03/2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 08/03/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 09/05/2018 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 08/03/2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 3rd day of April, 2018. Pub: 4/17, 18, 19/2018 5554848

TO: OCCUPANT; AZIZ HAMDON A/K/A AZIZ HAMDAN; City of Chicago; LORENZO AZIZ; SHARON FIELDS; SOUTH STICKNEY SANITARY DISTRICT; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD002219 FILED: 03/12/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/06/2015 Certificate No. 13-0015106 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 3348 W RICE ST., CHICAGO, IL 60651 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-02-425-016-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 08/03/2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 08/03/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 09/05/2018 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 08/03/2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 3rd day of April, 2018. Pub: 4/17, 18, 19/2018 5554855

TO: OCCUPANT; ESTHER REITER; HELEN JACKOWIAK; City of Chicago; UNKNOWN HEIRS DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES OF MARIE PEAREY; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD002223 FILED: 03/12/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/06/2015 Certificate No. 13-0015123 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 and prior taxes for the year 2012 2nd inst. & 2009 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4129 W POTOMAC AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60651 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-03-230-033-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 08/03/2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 08/03/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 09/05/2018 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 08/03/2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 3rd day of April, 2018. Pub: 4/17, 18, 19/2018 5554857

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TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; OCCUPANT, BASEMENT; LEE SPENCER; Village of Skokie, City of Chicago; YONDA CHENAPPA; TERRY TENNANT; DARRIN STEPHENS; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD002235 FILED: 03/12/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/06/2015 Certificate No. 13-0015136 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4357 W THOMAS ST., CHICAGO, IL 60651 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-03-402-019-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 08/03/2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 08/03/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 09/05/2018 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 08/03/2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 3rd day of April, 2018. Pub: 4/17, 18, 19/2018 5554890

TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; OCCUPANT STORE FRONT; OPEN HEARTS ACCUING SERVICES; SPECIAL ASSISTANCE LIFE CHANGING MINISTRIES; OPEN HEARTS MINISTRY; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD002236 FILED: 03/12/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/06/2015 Certificate No. 13-0015150 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 and prior taxes for the year 2009 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4357 W THOMAS ST. / 1053 N. KOSTNER AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60651 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-03-408-001-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 08/03/2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 08/03/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 09/05/2018 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 08/03/2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 3rd day of April, 2018. Pub: 4/17, 18, 19/2018 5554896

TO: OCCUPANT - UNIT 1; LEON JOHNSON; City of Chicago; LEVCO FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.; OCCUPANT - UNIT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD002237 FILED: 03/12/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/06/2015 Certificate No. 13-0015156 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 834 N KARLOV AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60651 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-03-429-023-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 08/03/2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 08/03/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 09/05/2018 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 08/03/2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 3rd day of April, 2018. Pub: 4/17, 18, 19/2018 5554900

TO: OCCUPANT; NVD CONSTRUCTION A/K/A NVD CONSTRUCTION CORP.; AMERICAN COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT, INC.; DR/A COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT C/O KARL KULHANEK; THE WESTMINSTER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; Kovitz, Shifrin Nesbit; ELIZABETH CRISTEU; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD002242 FILED: 03/12/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/06/2015 Certificate No. 13-0015344 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 50 N MENARD AVE., UNIT 50 A-3, CHICAGO, IL 60644 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-09-206-012-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 08/03/2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 08/03/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 09/05/2018 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 08/03/2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 3rd day of April, 2018. Pub: 4/17, 18, 19/2018 5554907

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TO: OCCUPANT; EDDIE THIGPEN; VALERIE THIGPEN; Illinois Housing Development Authority; Illinois Attorney General; DARRIN CHENAPPA; TERRY TENNANT; DARRIN GANT; CHARLES THURMAN; CLARK & RANDOLPH LLC; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD002239 FILED: 03/12/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/06/2015 Certificate No. 13-0015257 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 and prior taxes for the year 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, & 2007 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 934 N LAWLER AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60651 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-04-417-029-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 08/03/2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 08/03/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 09/05/2018 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 08/03/2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 3rd day of April, 2018. Pub: 4/17, 18, 19/2018 5554917

TO: OCCUPANT; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES OF ARTHUR MARY FULLER A/K/A ARTHUR MARY FULLER A/K/A ARTHUR MAE FULLER; ARTHUR MAE FULLER; ROBERT GRANT; TOWN & COUNTRY HOME PRODUCTS;

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TO: ESTELLE JENKINS; City of Chicago; Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services... TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/06/2015 Certificate No. 13-0013300 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 12047 LASCALLE ST, CHICAGO, IL 60628 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-28-213-014-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 08/03/2018.

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TO: OCCUPANT; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE U/I/A DATED 07/22/2014 A/K/A TRUST NO. 8002365448; JAMES MICHAEL GLENN, II A/K/A JAMES MICHAEL GLENN, II; JAMES M GLENN, II; JAMES M GLENN, II; SCOTT WYSE; CHARLES GLENN III; JAMES GLENN; JERRY GLENN; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAKE DEED NO.: 2018COTD002168 FILED: 03/12/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/06/2015 Certificate No. 13-0013300 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 12047 LASCALLE ST, CHICAGO, IL 60628 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-28-213-014-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 08/03/2018.

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TO: OCCUPANT; VICTOR MANUEL GARCIA-GONZALEZ; MARIA GONZALEZ; City of Chicago; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAKE DEED NO.: 2018COTD001908 FILED: 03/06/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/04/2015 Certificate No. 13-0005308 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 14749 LINCOLN AVE., DOLTON, IL 60419 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-111-022-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 08/03/2018.

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TO: OCCUPANT; QCD FINANCIAL, LLC; TAXPAYER OF ; City of Chicago; City of Calumet City; Village of South Holland; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAKE DEED NO.: 2018COTD001886 FILED: 03/06/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/04/2015 Certificate No. 13-0006282 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 448 155TH ST., CALUMET CITY, IL 60409 Legal Description or Property Index No. 30-17-105-023-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 08/03/2018.

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TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO SOUTH HOLLAND TRUST & SAVINGS BANK, AS TRUSTEE U/I/A DATED 05/13/1998 A/K/A TRUST NO. 8981; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAKE DEED NO.: 2018COTD001876 FILED: 03/12/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/04/2015 Certificate No. 13-0004225 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 511 HOMAN AVE., PARK FOREST, IL 60466 Legal Description or Property Index No. 31-23-426-009-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 08/03/2018.

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TO: OCCUPANT; BLACKHALL PARTNERS I, INC.; Village of Park Forest; City of Chicago; BELMONT REALTY CORPORATION; Village of Riverdale; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAKE DEED NO.: 2018COTD002107 FILED: 03/12/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/04/2015 Certificate No. 13-0004225 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 511 HOMAN AVE., PARK FOREST, IL 60466 Legal Description or Property Index No. 31-23-426-009-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 08/03/2018.

TO: OCCUPANT; OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; AMOS LEE DANCY; PAULETTE DANCY; STRATEGIC REALTY FUND, LLC; City of Chicago; MICHELLE DANCY; MOREQUITY, INC.; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAKE DEED NO.: 2018COTD002168 FILED: 03/12/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/06/2015 Certificate No. 13-0013316 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 12311 S UNION AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60628 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-28-302-005-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 08/03/2018.

TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; OCCUPANT, UNIT 3; JAZZY P MANAGEMENT, LLC; WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; ROBERT D. SHAW, JR.; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAKE DEED NO.: 2018COTD001872 FILED: 03/06/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/04/2015 Certificate No. 13-0004723 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1880 STATE ST., CALUMET CITY, IL 60409 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-01-300-071-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 08/03/2018.

TO: OCCUPANT; KEY URBAN CONCEPTS, INC.; JWB PROPERTIES LLC; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAKE DEED NO.: 2018COTD001878 FILED: 03/06/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/04/2015 Certificate No. 13-0005341 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 15026 LINCOLN AVE., DOLTON, IL 60419 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-111-004-009-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 08/03/2018.

TO: OCCUPANT; ANDREW DORTCH; ILLIANA FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION; DENNIS R BONIC AND BONNIE M BONIC AS TRUSTEES FOR THE TRUST AGREEMENT KNOWN AS TRUST NO 10 DATED 06/27/1996; City of Calumet City; AMERICAN EXPRESS CENTURION BANK (INC.); Illinois Department of Revenue; Illinois Attorney General; TUCKER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION; PINE VALLEY ONE REAL ESTATE LLC; PARK VIEW OF RIVER OAKS CONDOMINIUM NO. 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAKE DEED NO.: 2018COTD002109 FILED: 03/12/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/04/2015 Certificate No. 13-0006283 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 418 155TH ST., CALUMET CITY, IL 60409 Legal Description or Property Index No. 30-17-105-070-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 08/03/2018.

TO: OCCUPANT; THERESA WILLIAMS MILES; Village of Dolton; City of Calumet City; GAN C LLC; THERESA WILLIAMS MILES; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAKE DEED NO.: 2018COTD002117 FILED: 03/12/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/04/2015 Certificate No. 13-0006313 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 15 PULASKI RD., CALUMET CITY, IL 60409 Legal Description or Property Index No. 30-17-201-014-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 08/03/2018.

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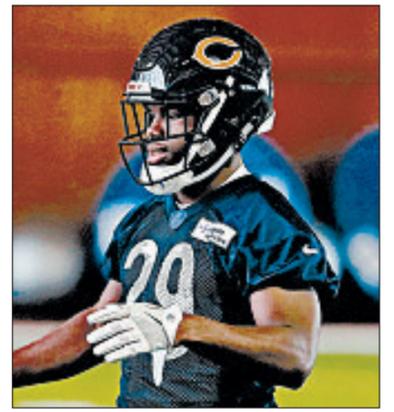
David Haugh, on the body of Tom Skilling, takes over the forecast for a day. There was plenty of precipitation in the area Wednesday, as seen above, but both the weather and the Cubs are expected to get better.

In this age of extremism, temptation tilts Chicago toward either desperation or denial when it comes to the Cubs, leaving the middle ground as empty as so many ballparks this month.

Find it. The Cubs have won only seven of their first 15 games against a soft spot in the schedule. They have had five postponed because of crummy weather. This young season has had more interruptions than a political roundtable discussion, a reality offered as context more than an excuse. The Cubs will deserve criticism if they continue to flirt with .500 around, say, Memorial Day. But it's worth noting the 2017 Cubs opened 8-7, one game better at the same stage, and finished a slog of a season in the National League Championship Series.

So avoid declaring the 2018 Cubs incapable of playing deep into October too. And for anyone on the opposite end of the spectrum already reserving a Wrigley Field rooftop for Game 1 of the NLCS, resist guaranteeing the Cubs will be back again.

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BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears running back Tarik Cohen racked up 723 yards from scrimmage as a rookie and his role should increase under Matt Nagy.

BEARS

Cohen a big key for Nagy

Versatile RB should be major contributor to new offense

BY DAN WIEDERER | Chicago Tribune

Shortly after Matt Nagy was hired to become the Bears coach in January, running back Tarik Cohen latched on to a nugget. Last season's Chiefs, with Nagy as their offensive coordinator, had two 1,000-yard receivers (Tyreek Hill and Travis Kelce) plus a 1,000-yard rusher in Kareem Hunt.

OK, Cohen thought. You have my attention.

"I was like, 'I don't know how that ball's getting around like that, but I know it's going to be a good thing,'" Cohen said Wednesday as the Bears continued this week's minicamp at Halas Hall.

Nagy's arrival has come with an overflow of positive reviews and a belief from the top of the organization that he is the perfect leader to elevate franchise quarterback Mitch Trubisky. But Nagy also has a reputation for piecing together his offensive puzzle with an understanding of how he can best use his players' strengths. And in that regard, one of his most important missions this spring — and certainly one of the most fun — lies in figuring out how the Bears can deploy Cohen to consistently produce favorable matchups.

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MORE BEARS

Kevin White back on the field for his third attempted comeback from a major injury. **Plus:** Cornerbacks, led by Denzel Ward, are next in our NFL draft position previews. Coverage, Back Page

Playoffs rife with ex-Bulls

3 Alphas on long list of those in postseason, not rebuilding



K.C. JOHNSON
On the NBA

How inconsiderate of the Timberwolves and Pelicans to finish one game apart in the regular season and thus avoid a first-round playoff matchup.

It would have consolidated the craziness that is watching all the former Bulls this postseason.

And we're not talking ex-Bulls of vintage lore, such as Jamal Crawford or even E'Twaun Moore. Throw in the Heat and you have the Three Alphas from last Bulls season — Jimmy Butler, Dwyane Wade and Rajon Rondo — in all their glory, each doing his thing.

Don't forget Nikola Mirotic, Rondo's current running buddy with the Pelicans, who is averaging 16.5 points, 9.5 rebounds and three blocks through two road victories over the Trail Blazers.

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STEVE ROSENBLUM

Nagy, Bears must aim higher

Here's a public proclamation from Bears rookie coach Matt Nagy:

"I want them to know that we want to win now."

Nice, but not enough. Wanting to win now is different from expecting it. And wanting to win is different from something else still: expecting to make the playoffs.

Maybe I've missed it, but I still haven't heard Nagy say that, and I believe he should be saying that. Tuesday's first minicamp practice would have been a good time to say it.

Look, Nagy has nothing to lose by saying it. He has the job. His contract is long. The general manager has his back. So say it with me, Matt: playoffs.

Isn't that the object of the exercise? Or at least the first step toward winning the Super Bowl?

The offense already is better because of the absence of John Fox and Dowell Loggains, not to mention Mike Glennon, Markus Wheaton and so much other detritus. It is also better with the addition of NFL-caliber targets at receiver and tight end. What a concept, huh?

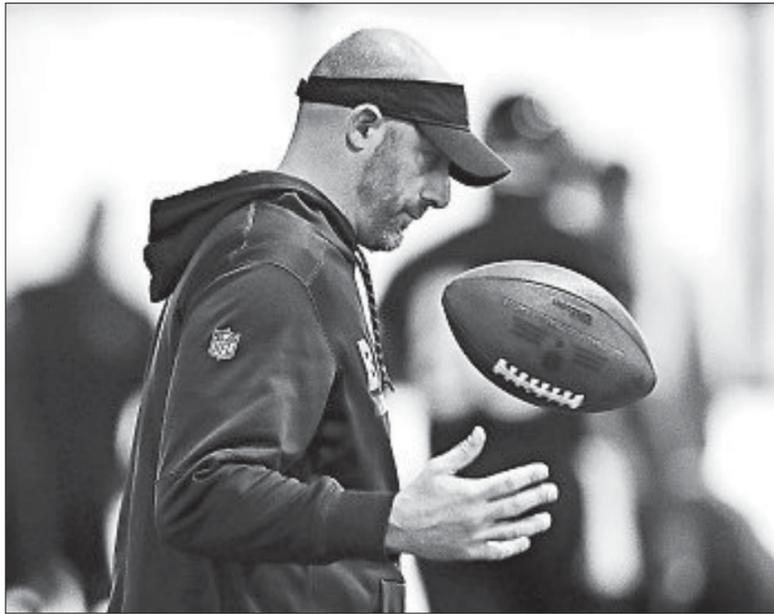
The defense, meanwhile, was good enough to start with and figures to get better with experience and maybe a first-round draft choice.

A more dangerous offense along with a solid defense sound like strong playoff criteria. It's not a stretch, people. The NFL playoffs fill up with surprise teams every year — that's teams, plural.

Half the playoff teams seemingly missed the postseason the year before. The surprise then is that the Bears have missed the playoffs for seven straight years, although, looking at the coaches and GMs and the team president and chairman who chose them, maybe not.

Still, teams no one expected to make the playoffs will do just that. The Bears should be one of them. Nagy should be saying that.

Artemi Panarin now has two goals and seven points, tying him for second in playoff scoring entering play Wednesday. One could focus on regret about the Panarin-Brandon Saad trade or focus on Capitals defenseman John Carlson, who scored a power-play goal in Washington's Game 3 double-overtime win and was tied with Panarin in points. Hopefully Carlson will be doing all that for the Blackhawks next season after signing as a free agent.



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

New coach Matt Nagy should be emphasizing the playoffs as the Bears' primary goal.

The Vegas Golden Knights became the first expansion team to not only win its first playoff series but sweep it after beating the Kings 1-0 on Tuesday night. A roster that didn't exist a year ago now has won more playoff series than the Hawks in the last three years.

The Knights tweeted this after winning Game 3 in Los Angeles, but it aged well after Game 4: "Turns out what happens in Vegas ... also happens in LA."

You know how the Art Institute used to put Hawks sweaters on the lions way back when the Hawks were in the playoffs? Last week, the New York-New York Hotel and Casino used two cranes and a drone to put a 6,000-square-foot Golden Knights sweater on the property's Statue of Liberty on the Strip. Vegas sure has learned how to do hockey, eh?

White Sox starter Miguel Gonzalez is 33, just allowed eight earned runs in three innings and has a 12.41 ERA. I guess it's not just James Shields who can execute the James Shields plan.

Meanwhile, Bartolo Colon is fat and about to be 45 and has a 1.45 ERA in four starts after carrying a perfect game into the eighth inning in his last outing. Take that, Pilates.

First, Anthony Rizzo said the baseball season is too long, but he later walked back his stance. Careful, dude. A guy could hurt his back windsocking like that.

Email from Bill B.: "I know it's early, but maybe Joe (Maddon) might want to consider breaking the 'Try Not To Suck' T-shirts out of mothballs for everybody (Javier Baez — shockingly — excluded)."

I'm surprised Maddon hasn't marketed "Try Not To Suck" ski masks.

Wait a sec, I think Tyler Chatwood just walked another hitter.

What's up, Ron Hassey?

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ASK THE REPORTER PAUL SULLIVAN

Speaking freely



Why don't the Sox stage a free ticket giveaway like the A's? They would at least sell a lot of beer, hot dogs and merchandise, and Guaranteed Rate Field would be packed.

JK., Chicago

Good question, though I'm not sure it would be as successful as the A's giveaway, which took place Tuesday night against the White Sox in honor of their 50th anniversary in Oakland.

Like the A's, the Sox have had trouble drawing fans this early. The Tampa Bay Times reported only 974 actually attended the April 9 game at Sox Park when it snowed in the morning and was brutally cold. A Sox spokesman disputed the figure, saying it "wasn't even close" to being accurate.

Either way, the stands were practically empty. I don't blame the thousands of fans who ate their tickets, but it suggests even if the Sox gave away all 40,615 seats in this weather, they would have a hard time filling the park. It could work out in the summer, but remember, the A's announced their promotion in January, giving them three months to work out the kinks. The Sox probably would have to announce it now and have the free day in July or August.

The largest home attendance in Sox history is 55,555 on May 20, 1973, at old Comiskey Park. I happened to be there for the doubleheader against the Twins because it was Dick Allen Bat Day.

The Sox opened the doors early, at 10 a.m., to disperse 25,000 souvenir bats to kids 14 and under. They expected a big crowd, but no one knew what was in store. Ticket sales were cut off at 12:15, after the last of the bats had been given away. The Sox actually refunded 2,608 fans with tickets who opted to leave when they couldn't get the bat.

"There were just a lot more kids than adults," general manager Stu Holcomb said. "They came in droves."

Many came only for the bats and went home, missing the doubleheader, which the Sox split.

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White Sox pitcher James Shields walks off the field after allowing the winning run in the 14th inning.

Marathon loss ends rough trip

Renteria knows extra effort will pay off sometime down road

By JOHN HICKEY
Chicago Tribune

OAKLAND, Calif. — Considering his team lost 12-11 to the A's in 14 innings over the span of 5 hours, 48 minutes, White Sox manager Rick Renteria was almost happy.

"I'm not as frustrated as you might think from this game because my guys showed a lot of (guts) today," Renteria said. "Obviously it didn't turn out the way we wanted, but we kept chipping away. ... They're going to end up winning more games because of the way they went about their business today in the long run than they might imagine."

With his entire bullpen spent and the game tied 11-11 through 13 innings, Renteria asked James Shields, who was scheduled to start Friday's game in Chicago against the Astros, if he could take the mound. Shields never blinked.

"They asked, I was ready. I felt fine," Shields said. "This is a tough loss. I have to get the job done, and I didn't."

He did get two quick outs, but Marcus Semien slapped a single to left, then stole second. Pitching carefully to the middle of the order, Shields walked Jed Lowrie and Khris Davis, loading the bases only to have Matt Olson drive a knuckle-curve off the left-field wall for a game-winning single that completed a three-game sweep.

Between them the Sox and the A's threw 556 pitches, and both sides had plenty to be happy about in a game that boasted 23 runs and 33 hits. The Sox got off to a 6-1 start largely on the bat of Yoan Moncada, whose second-inning grand slam was the big blow in a five-run inning.

After the A's scored three runs in the eighth, the Sox bullpen tightened with Nate Jones, Joakim Soria and Bruce Rondon combining to throw 5 1/3 scoreless innings. Rondon never had gotten more than six outs in a big-league game. This time he got nine, but he was done. And with starter Carson Fulmer having lasted just three outs himself while allowing four runs, the eight men manning the bullpen had all been used.

Enter Shields. "These guys fought hard the entire game," Shields said. "They showed a lot of heart and character. Unfortunately we



JOHN G. MABANGLO/EPA

The Athletics' Matt Olson gets mobbed by teammates after delivering the game-winning hit in the 14th inning.

came out on the other side. They asked, and I was ready to rock and roll. I didn't get the job done, though."

The trip will go down as 0-4 for the Sox, who had three scheduled games in Minnesota postponed by snow. They head home with a 4-11 record for the first 15 games.

Renteria said he was going to need more time to "consume" Wednesday's finale.

"We had a lot of moral victories," he said. "A ton."

Extra innings: Top Sox prospect Eloy Jimenez will be joining Double-A Birmingham's roster for Thursday's game. The outfielder had been in extended spring training after experiencing a mild strain of his left pectoral muscle in late March. ... Moncada is the fifth-youngest (22 years, 326 days) White Sox hitter with a grand slam. Those younger on the list are Johnny Callison in 1959, Kevin Bell in 1976, Carlos May in 1969 and Bibb Falk in 1921. Moncada's four RBI are a career high. ... Fulmer's one-inning start was the second-shortest of his career. He retired just one batter on Sept. 21, 2017 at Houston. ... Yolmer Sanchez broke his bat over his knee in frustration after the third baseman led off the sixth inning by striking out. ... Chris Volstad's contribution out of the bullpen was huge. After the A's scored eight runs in 3 2/3 innings, Volstad stopped the bleeding with 3 1/3 innings of scoreless relief. ... The Sox's five stolen bases were the most for them since they had six on Sept. 5, 2010 at Boston.

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Moncada 2b	7	3	2	4	.222
Sanchez 3b	7	1	2	0	.269
Abreu dh	6	2	3	2	.274
Delmonico lf	7	0	3	1	.283
Davidson 1b	6	0	2	1	.216
Garcia rf	6	1	1	1	.241
Castillo c	4	1	2	0	.257
Saladino pr	0	0	0	0	.250
Narvaez c	2	0	0	0	.174
Anderson ss	6	1	1	1	.232
Engel cf	2	1	1	1	.179
TOTALS	58	11	17	11	

OAKLAND	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Joyce 1b	2	2	1	0	.245
a-Pinder ph-f	4	1	0	0	.222
Semien ss	6	2	2	1	.253
Lowrie 2b	7	2	2	3	.346
Davis dh	7	1	3	2	.273
Olson 1b	6	1	4	3	.274
Chapman 3b	7	0	1	1	.296
Canha cf	5	1	1	1	.333
Piscotty rf	6	2	2	0	.299
Maxwell c	2	0	0	1	.222
Lucroy 2b	2	0	0	0	.269
TOTALS	54	12	16	12	

WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Fulmer	1	5	4	2	0	7.59	
Santiago	2 1/3	1	1	1	1	4.36	
Bummer	1/3	3	3	0	0	7.20	
Volstad	3 1/3	1	0	0	1	5.79	
Farquhar, H, 2	1/3	1	1	0	0	.68	
Avilan	1/3	2	2	1	0	7.71	
Jones	1 1/3	0	0	0	3	1.35	
Soria	1	1	0	0	1	4.50	
Rondon	3	1	0	0	1	8.4	
Shields, L, 1-1	1/3	2	1	2	0	4.50	
OAKLAND	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Triggs	1 1/3	5	6	2	0	5.82	
Coulombe	1 1/3	2	2	2	0	5.79	
Castillo	2	2	1	0	1	2.25	
Pagan	1	3	1	0	2	5.40	
Hatcher	1	0	0	0	1	11.12	
Buchter	1	0	0	0	0	1.93	
Treinen	3	4	1	1	3	0.87	
Trivino, W, 1-0	3	2	0	0	4	0.00	

Fulmer pitched to 4 batters in the 2nd. Coulombe pitched to 2 batters in the 4th. **Inherited runners scored:** Santiago 3-2, Bummer 1-1, Volstad 1-1, Coulombe 1-0, Casilla 2-2. **HBP:** Triggs (Abreu), WP: Farquhar, H, 2. **PB:** Narvaez (1). **Umpires:** H, Mark Wegner; 1B, Bill Miller; 2B, Mike DiMuro; 3B, Chad Whitson. **Time:** 5:48. A: 13,321 (46,765).

HOW THEY SCORED

SOX FIRST: Moncada singled. Sanchez flied out. Moncada stole second. Abreu lined out. Moncada to third. Delmonico singled, scoring Moncada. Delmonico flied out. **SOX SECOND:** Joyce doubled, Semien singled, Joyce to third. Lowrie popped out. Davis grounded out, scoring Joyce, Semien to second, Olson singled, Semien to second. **SOX THIRD:** L. Garcia walked. Castillo singled, L. Garcia to second. Anderson walked, L. Garcia to third, Castillo to second. Engel singled, scoring L. Garcia, Castillo to third, Anderson to second. Moncada homered. Sanchez grounded out. Abreu hit by pitch. Coulombe pitching. Delmonico grounded into double play. Abreu out at second. **SOX FOURTH:** Joyce walked. Semien lined out. Bummer pitching. Lowrie singled, Joyce to third. Davis singled, scoring Joyce, Lowrie to second. Olson doubled, scoring Lowrie and Davis. Volstad pitching. Chapman singled, scoring Olson. Canha struck out. **SOX FIFTH:** Sanchez struck out. Abreu singled. Delmonico singled, Abreu to third. Davidson struck out. L. Garcia singled, scoring Abreu. Delmonico to third. L. Garcia stole second. Castillo flied out. **SOX SIXTH:** Sanchez struck out. Abreu singled. Delmonico singled, Abreu to third. Davidson struck out. L. Garcia singled, scoring Abreu. Delmonico to third. L. Garcia stole second. Castillo flied out. **SOX SEVENTH:** Davidson grounded out. L. Garcia struck out. Castillo doubled. Anderson singled, scoring Saladino, running for Castillo. Anderson to second on throw. Anderson stole third. Treinen pitching. Engel grounded out. **SOX EIGHTH:** Lucroy flied out. Pinder flied out. Semien singled. Semien to second. Lowrie walked. Davis walked. Semien to third. Lowrie to second. Olson singled, scoring Semien. Lowrie to third, Davis to second. **SOX NINTH:** Davidson grounded out. L. Garcia struck out. Farquhar pitching. Piscotty doubled. Piscotty to third on Farquhar's wild pitch. Maxwell sacrificed fly, scoring Piscotty. Avilan pitching. 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Semien singled. Semien to second. Lowrie walked. Davis walked. Semien to third. Lowrie to second. Olson singled, scoring Semien. Lowrie to third, Davis to second. **SOX ONE HUNDRED AND FOUR:** Lucroy flied out. Pinder flied out. Semien singled. Semien to second. Lowrie walked. Davis walked. Semien to third. Lowrie to second. Olson singled, scoring Semien. Lowrie to third, Davis to second. **SOX ONE HUNDRED AND FIVE:** Lucroy flied out. Pinder flied out. Semien singled. Semien to second. Lowrie walked. Davis walked. Semien to third. Lowrie to second. Olson singled, scoring Semien. Lowrie to third, Davis to second. **SOX ONE HUNDRED AND SIX:** Lucroy flied out. Pinder flied out. Semien singled. Semien to second. Lowrie walked. Davis walked. Semien to third. Lowrie to second. Olson singled, scoring Semien. Lowrie to third, Davis to second. **SOX ONE HUNDRED AND SEVEN:** Lucroy flied out. Pinder flied out. Semien singled. Semien to second. Lowrie walked. Davis walked. Semien to third. Lowrie to second. Olson singled, scoring Semien. Lowrie to third, Davis to second. **SOX ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHT:** Lucroy flied out. Pinder flied out. Semien singled. Semien to second. Lowrie walked. Davis walked. Semien to third. Lowrie to second. Olson singled, scoring Semien. Lowrie to third, Davis to second. **SOX ONE HUNDRED AND NINE:** Lucroy flied out. Pinder flied out. Semien singled. Semien to second. Lowrie walked. Davis walked. Semien to third. Lowrie to second. Olson singled, scoring Semien. Lowrie to third, Davis to second. **SOX ONE HUNDRED AND TEN:** Lucroy flied out. Pinder flied out. Semien singled. Semien to second. Lowrie walked. Davis walked. Semien to third. Lowrie to second. Olson singled, scoring Semien. Lowrie to third, Davis to second. **SOX ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVEN:** Lucroy flied out. Pinder flied out. Semien singled. Semien to second. Lowrie walked. Davis walked. Semien to third. Lowrie to second. Olson singled, scoring Semien. Lowrie to third, Davis to second. **SOX ONE HUNDRED AND TWELVE:** Lucroy flied out. Pinder flied

BASEBALL

PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

NATIONAL LEAGUE	TEAM	PITCHER	TIME	2018 TEAM W-L	ERA	REC	2017 vs. OPP W-L	IP	ERA
STL	Weaver (R)			2-0	2.08	2-1	0-1	3.00	24.00
Cubs	Lester (L)	1:20p		1-0	4.04	3-0	2-1	30.2	2.93
Pit	Tailion (R)			2-0	0.89	3-0	1-0	5.00	0.00
Phi	Arietta (R)	6:05p		1-0	3.37	1-1	1-3	24.1	4.07
NYM	Harvey (R)			0-1	4.80	2-1	1-2	21.1	5.91
Atl	TBD	6:35p		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.00	0.00
Mia	Peters (L)			2-1	6.75	2-1	0-1	3.2	19.64
Mil	Anderson (R)	7:10p		1-1	2.82	3-1	0-0	0.00	0.00
SF	Blach (L)			1-2	4.43	1-3	0-1	7.0	9.00
Ari	Greinke (R)	8:40p		1-1	5.29	1-2	2-0	19.2	1.83

AMERICAN LEAGUE	TEAM	PITCHER	TIME	2018 TEAM W-L	ERA	REC	2017 vs. OPP W-L	IP	ERA
Bal	Cobb (R)			0-1	17.18	0-1	0-0	6.2	2.70
Hou	Zimmermann (R)	12:10p		0-0	8.18	1-2	1-0	6.0	6.00
Det	Morton (R)			2-0	1.00	2-1	1-2	23.2	3.80
Sea	Gonzales (L)	2:40p		1-1	8.25	2-1	0-0	1.0	0.00
Tor	Sanchez (R)			1-1	3.66	1-2	0-0	0.0	0.00
NY	Sabathia (L)	5:35p		0-0	4.00	0-2	2-2	21.2	6.23
Bos	Rodriguez (L)			1-0	3.72	2-0	0-0	0.0	0.00
LAA	Tropeano (R)	9:07p		1-0	0.00	1-0	0-0	0.0	0.00

TEAM REC-Team's Record in games started by that pitcher. VS OPP-Pitcher's record versus this opponent 2017 statistics.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	8	5	.615	—	6-4	W-1	5-3	3-2
Cleveland	9	7	.563	½	7-3	L-1	6-2	3-5
Detroit	6	9	.400	3	5-5	W-2	3-5	3-4
WHITE SOX	4	11	.267	5	1-9	L-4	1-5	3-6
Kansas City	3	13	.188	6½	1-9	L-8	1-7	2-6
EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Boston	15	2	.882	—	9-1	W-6	8-1	7-1
Toronto	12	5	.706	3	8-2	W-4	7-3	5-2
New York	8	8	.500	6½	4-6	L-1	4-4	4-4
Baltimore	5	13	.278	10½	2-8	L-5	2-4	3-9
Tampa Bay	5	13	.278	10½	4-6	W-1	3-7	2-6
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Los Angeles	13	5	.722	—	7-3	L-2	4-4	9-1
Houston	12	7	.632	1½	5-5	W-2	6-3	6-4
Seattle	9	7	.563	3	6-4	L-2	5-4	4-3
Oakland	9	10	.474	4½	6-4	W-4	6-5	3-5
Texas	7	13	.350	7	3-7	L-1	2-8	5-5

through Wednesday

NATIONAL LEAGUE

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Pittsburgh	12	6	.667	—	6-4	W-1	5-4	7-2
St. Louis	10	7	.588	1½	7-3	W-5	2-4	8-3
Milwaukee	10	9	.526	2½	5-5	W-2	4-6	6-3
CUBS	7	8	.467	3½	5-5	L-2	2-4	5-4
Cincinnati	3	15	.167	9	1-9	L-2	1-7	2-8
EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	13	4	.765	—	7-3	W-1	7-4	6-4
Atlanta	10	7	.588	3	5-5	W-1	6-3	4-4
Philadelphia	10	7	.588	3	7-3	L-1	5-1	5-6
Washington	9	10	.474	5	5-5	L-1	3-7	6-3
Miami	5	12	.294	8	3-7	W-1	3-9	2-3
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Arizona	12	5	.706	—	6-4	L-1	6-2	6-3
Colorado	11	9	.550	2½	6-4	L-1	2-4	9-5
Los Angeles	8	9	.471	4	6-4	W-4	4-5	4-4
San Francisco	7	10	.412	5	3-7	W-1	3-4	4-6
San Diego	7	13	.350	6½	5-5	L-3	4-10	3-3

through Wednesday

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

OAKLAND 12, White Sox 11 (14)
St. Louis at Cubs, p.p.d.
PITTSBURGH 10, Colorado 2
TAMPA BAY 4, Texas 2
MILWAUKEE 2, Cincinnati 0
TORONTO 15, Kansas City 5
DETROIT 6, Baltimore 5
N.Y. METS 11, Washington 5
ATLANTA 7, Philadelphia 3
MINNESOTA 2, Cleveland 1 (16)
Houston 7, SEATTLE 1
San Francisco 4, ARIZONA 3 (10)
Boston 9, L.A. ANGELS 0
L.A. Dodgers 13, SAN DIEGO 4

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Houston at White Sox, 7:10
Cubs at Colorado, 7:40
Cleveland at Baltimore, 6:05
Toronto at N.Y. Yankees, 6:05
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 6:05
Kansas City at Detroit, 6:10
Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 6:10
N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, 6:35
Seattle at Texas, 7:05
Miami at Milwaukee, 7:10
Cincinnati at St. Louis, 7:15
San Diego at Arizona, 8:40
Boston at Oakland, 9:05
San Francisco at L.A. Angels, 9:07
Washington at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

Houston at White Sox, 6:10
Cubs at Colorado, 7:10
Toronto at N.Y. Yankees, 12:05
Kansas City at Detroit, 12:10
Cincinnati at St. Louis, 1:15
Cleveland at Baltimore, 3:05
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 3:05
Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 5:10
N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, 5:10
Miami at Milwaukee, 6:10
Seattle at Texas, 7:05
San Diego at Arizona, 7:10
Boston at Oakland, 8:05
San Francisco at L.A. Angels, 8:07
Washington at L.A. Dodgers, 8:10

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

St. Louis 5, CUBS 3
OAKLAND 10, White Sox 3
STORONTO 11, Kansas City 2
TORONTO 9, 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 1
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 7, SAN DIEGO 3 (12)

home team in CAPS

NL LEADERS

BATTING	G	AB	R	H	BA
RFlaherty Atl	15	52	8	19	.369
Swanson Atl	16	67	9	24	.358
DPeralta Ari	14	49	11	21	.356
Grandall LAD	14	54	9	19	.352
Kemp LAD	16	49	7	17	.347
Cabrera NYM	17	67	16	23	.343
Martinez STL	17	59	5	20	.339
Dickerson PIT	15	61	10	20	.328
Bryant CHC	15	58	9	19	.328

HOME RUNS

Albies, WAS 8
Blackmon, CO 7
Thames, MIL 7
Villañueva, SD 6
Six tied with 5

STOLEN BASES

Harper, WAS 18
Abies, ATL 18
Cabrera, NY 16
SMarte, PIT 16
Bettis, CO 3-0
Pham, STL 16
Schmidt, AZ 14
Bellinger, LA 13
Blackmon, CO 13
Hernandez, PHI 13
Polanco, PIT 13

RBI

Harper, WAS 18
Tallion, PIT 18
Cespedes, NY 17
Franco, PHI 17
Baez, CHC 16
Scherzer, WAS 16
LeMahieu, CO 16
Pirela, SD 16
Swanson, ATL 14

AL LEADERS

BATTING	G	AB	R	H	BA
Betts Bos	15	54	19	21	.389
MSmith TB	16	51	6	19	.373
Mauer Min	12	44	6	16	.364
Moustakas KC	16	66	10	23	.348
Lowrie Oak	19	81	11	28	.346
Judge NY	16	59	15	20	.339
Pillar Tor	17	65	14	22	.338
Herriman NY	16	51	14	17	.333
GRamirez Bos	14	55	10	18	.327

HOME RUNS

Gallo, TEX 6
Lowrie, OAK 6
Gregorius, NY 6
DMachado, DET 7

RUNS

Betts, BOS 19
Chapman, NY 16
Judge, NY 16
Trotter, LA 15
Gregorius, NY 15
Cofar, LA 2
Fisher, HO 2
Smith, TB 2
Santana, BAL 2

RBI

Lowrie, OAK 21
Gregorius, NY 16
KDavis, OAK 15
Haniger, SEA 15
Ramirez, BOS 15
Garcia, TEX 15
Pillar, TOR 15
Corbin, WAS 15
Scherzer, WAS 13
Bettis, CO 14.4
Franco, PHI 1.65

STRIKEOUTS

Scherzer, WAS 38
Corbin, WAS 37
Syndrgnd, NY 33
through Wed.

COMMENTARY

Taking the game back to the future

By TIM DAHLBERG
Associated Press

Baseball has changed, and not for the better. Games last forever, pitchers don't last at all and everything is run from spreadsheets. To many, the game has become little more than a glorified home run derby. With that in mind, here are 10 changes to make baseball great again:

- **Go shiftless:** Baseball is meant to be played with two infielders on one side of second base, two on the other. Make it a rule, and make them have at least one foot on the infield dirt.
- **Ban instant replay:** It ruins the

flow of the game and eliminates scenes of managers kicking dirt and arguing with umpires.

- **Run fewer commercials:** One fewer ad between innings would save nearly 10 minutes off the game, a lifetime in today's attention-challenged world.

- **Three-hitter minimum:** Every pitcher should have to pitch to at least three batters, no exceptions. This would not only speed up the game but force managers to think a little more instead of relying entirely on analytics.

- **Go two ways:** Make each team have a two-way player like Shohei Ohtani. The player must pitch at least once a week and be

a hitter at least two other days.

- **Fix the ball:** Homers are at a record level. Admit the ball has changed; do something about it.

- **Love the bunt:** Give players credit for a hit every time they successfully sacrifice.

- **Enforce the zone:** Call strikes from letters to knees. Pitchers will throw more strikes, and batters will swing more often.

- **Fewer relievers:** Limit the number of relievers a team can carry so managers don't micro-manage pitching staffs.

- **More doubleheaders:** Each team should have at least four a year. Use the days saved to begin the season in April, not March.

AROUND THE HORN

- **Braves:** Ryan Flaherty homered and drove in four runs in a 7-3 win over the Phillies. Brandon McCarthy (3-0) allowed one run on five hits in 5½ innings. Freddie Freeman left the game in the eighth after he was hit by a pitch in the left wrist. ... Six-time All-Star Jose Bautista agreed to a minor-league contract and will report to extended spring training and work at third base. ... RHP Anibal Sanchez went on the DL after straining his right hamstring while running.

- **Diamondbacks:** RHP Taijuan Walker will need Tommy John surgery to repair a partly torn ulnar collateral ligament. "It's terribly disappointing," manager Torey Lovullo said.

- **Twins:** Ryan LaMarre lined a bases-loaded single in the 16th for a 2-1 victory over the Indians in Puerto Rico. The only other runs came when Edwin Encarnacion homered for the Indians in the 14th and Miguel Sano answered for the Twins in the bottom half. LaMarre finished 3-for-4 in a game that took 5 hours, 13 minutes.

- **Mets:** Yoenis Cespedes launched a grand slam during a nine-run eighth that rallied the Mets past the Nationals 11-5. Juan Lagares' two-run double gave the Mets the lead. Tanner Roark held the Mets to two hits for seven innings. The Nats' Ryan Zimmerman homered twice, tripled and drove in four runs.

- **Pirates:** Sean Rodriguez hit a two-run homer, Josh Bell drove in three runs and David Freese added a two-run double in a 10-2 win over the Rockies. Chad Kuhl surrendered Chris Iannetta's solo home run in working six innings of four-hit ball.

- **Blue Jays:** Curtis Granderson hit his ninth grand slam, Teoscar Hernandez's four hits included a two-run homer and the Jays routed the Royals 15-5. The Jays set season highs with 15 runs and 15 hits and are off to their best start since 2009 at 12-5. The Royals' slide reached eight.

- **Angels:** RHP Shohei Ohtani is likely to make his next start after a blister on his middle finger limited him to two innings Tuesday.

ON THIS DATE

1956: The Brooklyn Dodgers beat the Phillies 5-4 in 10 innings at Jersey City's Roosevelt Stadium, the first major league game held in New Jersey. **1987:** Bob Beer hit a three-run homer to tie the score and Dale Sveum won the game with a two-run shot as the Brewers rallied for five runs in the ninth inning to beat the Rangers 6-4 and set an American League record with their 12th straight victory to start the season.

2012: The Astros set a franchise record by hitting three triples in a five-run first inning on the way to an 11-4 victory over the Nationals. Jose Altuve, Brian Bogusovic and Matt Downs had the triples off Edwin Jackson.

Pirates 10, Rockies 2

COLOREAD	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
LeMahieu 2b	4	0	2	0	.308
Iannetta c	5	1	1	1	.264
Blackmon cf	3	0	0	0	.293
Gonzalez lf	2	0	0	0	.235
Parra ph-rf	2	1	1	0	.213
Desmond 1b	4	0	0	0	.162
Story ss	3	0	1	0	.222
McMahon 3b	3	0	1	0	.118
Tauchman if	4	0	0	0	.050
Freeland p	2	0	0	0	.143
Vaileka ph	1	0	0	0	.057
Senzelata p	0	0	0	0	.000
Walters ph	1	0	0	0	.136
TOTALS	34	2	7	2	

PITTSBURGH

AB	R	H	BI	AVG.	
Frazier rf	5	2	3	1	.263
Mercer ss	4	1	1	1	.259
Marte cf	4	1	0	0	.290
Bell 1b	5	1	2	3	.278
Freese 3b	2	1	2	1	.184
Rodriguez lf	2	1</			

CUBS

Too early for long-range Cubs forecast

Haugh, from Page 1

We haven't seen enough baseball in the first three weeks to feel good about what to expect in six months, making the rush for a pass-fail interpretation of the season a little silly.

We, however, have seen enough to form opinions on ways the Cubs can start looking like the team everyone anticipated.

Here are seven — one for every victory.

1. Everything starts with starting pitching, which must improve. Nothing has been more disappointing. The group manager Joe Maddon called his best ever has two victories after three spins through the rotation and entered the Cardinals series with a collective 5.40 ERA. Only four rotations in the majors started worse. Tyler Chatwood has been wildly inconsistent. Jose Quintana has looked terribly cold. Yu Darvish allowed a balk to rattle him. None of those three made it past the fifth inning in his most recent start. Conventional wisdom says once the weather warms and the rhythm of regular rest returns, so will everyone's command. It better, and soon.

2. Play Albert Almora Jr. more in center field. Ian Happ struck out 25 times in his first 49 at-bats, a far cry from the way he blistered the ball in spring training. If Happ keeps struggling as the leadoff man, give Almora a chance to win the job at the top of the order as the primary center fielder. The hope is Happ will snap out of the slump quicker than Kyle Schwarber did a year ago, but regardless of his growth, Almora shows signs of being ready for more.

3. Move up Javier Baez in the batting order. Nobody dreads leaving Wrigley Field after Thursday's game more than Baez, who is 8-for-24 with five home runs and 12 RBIs during the homestand — batting sixth. If Maddon wants to preserve the righty-lefty-righty sequence by keeping a slumping Schwarber fifth, then perhaps eventually he will consider moving Baez into the cleanup spot instead of Willson Contreras, who has yet to homer and has driven in just three runs. Baez can be feast or famine with his mighty swings, but if he consistently shows plate discipline and goes to right field as often as he has lately, a big season awaits.

4. Get Anthony Rizzo hitting like Anthony Rizzo. Even before the back injury that landed the slugger on the disabled list for the first time in his career, Rizzo scuffled. Or maybe it was because of the bad back. After Tuesday's game, Rizzo's average had dipped to .097 with one home run and three RBIs. The back of his baseball card says patience will be rewarded and before long he will regain the power stroke that occasionally carries the Cubs.

5. Stop stranding runners in scoring position. Only four teams have left more runners on base than the Cubs' 129 — and each of them has played at least three more games. The Cubs average a robust five runs per game but also have been shut out three times, illustrating their trademark inconsistency at the plate. Does the lack of a true leadoff hitter throw everything off to that degree? In two offseasons now, the Cubs haven't replaced Dexter Fowler offensively. When they changed hitting coaches from John Mallee to Chili Davis, they promised a shift in philosophy and approach would trigger something up and down the lineup. So far, the same lineup has encountered similar results under Davis, a discouraging trend.

6. Be willing to bench right fielder Jason Heyward. After last season, President Theo Epstein insisted Heyward would play regularly only if he earned the right in what Epstein called a "meritocracy." Offensively, his merits again are lacking. People looking for subtle signs of progress in Heyward's swing can find it, but his slash line of .204/.298/.286 suggests more scuffling ahead. Ben Zobrist, on the other hand, possesses a livelier bat the Cubs also could use at the top of their unconventional batting order. Happ could play there if Almora seizes an opportunity in center. Defensively, Heyward remains elite, but is that a luxury the Cubs can afford if manufacturing runs persists as a problem?

7. Ride the relief pitchers. The best early sign for the Cubs has come out of the bullpen with its added depth. Relievers have had reason to dance besides the occasional home run. Eddie Butler, the 25th guy to make the roster, has emerged as a godsend. Closer Brandon Morrow, used scarcely, looks solid. Steve Cishek seems like a smart addition. Justin Wilson, still shaky at times, appears salvageable. Holdovers Pedro Strop, Carl Edwards Jr. and Mike Montgomery have experience Maddon trusts. By the All-Star break, you wonder if it will become obvious that Epstein turned a 2017 weakness into a strength every World Series contender needs. And, yes, the Cubs still can consider themselves World Series contenders, 15 blah games notwithstanding.

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SPORTS



A funny business

Things to know about Murrays' new Caddyshack restaurant in Rosemont

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The first Murray Bros. Caddyshack restaurant opened 17 years ago in St. Augustine, Fla. Why did it take so long to come to Chicago?

"We don't do things real fast," Andy Murray said.

"As a matter of fact," Bill Murray added, "we're still painting the house."

CEO Mac Haskell said the Murrays considered locations at Navy Pier, near Wrigley Field and in the West Loop before opening across the street from the Rosemont Theatre.

Bill, Andy and Joel Murray met with reporters before Tuesday's 11 a.m. opening. By then a line had formed to enter the 8,600-square-foot space, which has 237 seats, 31 TVs, a giant bar, tons of "Caddyshack" memorabilia and gear, Cubs and movie posters and a giant menu containing the slogan "Eat, Drink and Be Murray."

Here are nine things to know:

1. Murray is surprised but not shocked that "Caddyshack" is still celebrated: "It had some of the greatest funny people of that time. Ted Knight was a really stupid-funny guy. Harold Ramis directed it. Doug Kenney was one of the greatest comic minds; he wrote it with Brian (Doyle-Murray) and Harold. Rodney Dangerfield? One of the most dangerous people you will ever come across. You think you want to party? Careful. Chevy (Chase). Everyone was funny in the movie. There was a freedom because we all thought we were pretty good, so we were loose and got to improvise."

2. Murray originally had only one scene, but then the producers would "call back and say: You want to come back down? Yeah, all right. If you're in Chicago and you can be in Florida in the winter? There's no rush. And we were in Davie, Fla. The golf course was right on the approach to the Fort Lauderdale airport. When a plane came over, they'd say: 'Cut!' Sometimes there would be nine planes in a row, so you'd go: Let's take a break. And we'd have like 45 minutes and have a good time."

3. Murray got two hours of sleep after performing his orchestral show Monday night in Houston. (Tribune classical music critic John von Rhein called it "unique and hugely enjoyable.")

Murray took great pride in getting the Houston attendees to sing a few verses of "Go Cubs Go," starting with "Baseball season's under way ..."

"They were singing along before they realized what it was," he said. "Then the boing began. But we got 'em! Then we had to acknowledge they were the champions of the world."

Murray performs with cellist Jan Vogler and said, "No one sees this show coming."

You can check it out Thursday at the Chicago Theatre.



4. Murray grew up in Wilmette and caddied at Indian Hill Club in Winnetka: "We had nine kids. People used to joke that the food was lowered in a cage and then released, and the children were allowed to attack it. That's why some of the children were a lot smaller than others. Andy is one of the larger ones.

"This (restaurant) has that feeling of a family kind of a place."

5. The menu is remarkably diverse, featuring everything from buffalo Brussels sprouts to a fig and prosciutto flatbread to Spaulding's Hack salad (similar to a Cobb) to wings to prime rib to a Caribbean jerk pork sandwich to burgers to a quinoa bowl. I'd award birdies to the chicken tacos and Crispy Potato Golf Balls (fried mashed potato rounds loaded with cheddar and bacon and served with horseradish sauce), a par to the jerk pork sandwich and a bogey to the fig flatbread. Now if only those Golf Balls could be served on tees ...

6. Murray's most iconic Cubs moment? It came, as he put it, on 8-8-88: "I was able to get my hands on 25 tickets; they were the worst seats in the Wrigley Field right-field upper deck. My mom was exhausted by the time we got to the seats. And then the rain began, and it was coming out of the north right into our faces. The first batter hits a home run off (Rick Sutcliffe, and then it got worse.

"One of the TV (production assistants) finds me and says: 'Bill, would you mind helping Harry (Caray) fill the next hour and 45 minutes?' Harry needed a little help because he was very excited about the game. It was supposed to be the first night game, and then the rug gets pulled out from you. It's a good Chicago joke; I like it."

7. "Caddyshack" is true to the Murray brothers' experience. "Every bit of it's true. The explosions, all of it," Murray said to laughs. "The first scene of the caddie trying to escape his house from his brothers and sisters, that's what it was like in our house. You had to slip out of a door so that someone else would be forced to do dishes.

"It's a very American movie. It's not a French film or an Iranian film. It's informed by the way we grew up, as working kids. The films (movie posters) on the wall are the result of the work ethic you learned as a caddie. I think everybody should caddie. You learn a lot of about how to treat people and how you like to be treated. It was the most informative education."



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From top: The newest Caddyshack restaurant owned by Billy Murray's family opened in Rosemont. Murray says the 1980 movie is so beloved because "it had some of the greatest funny people of that time." The restaurant has lots memorabilia from the movie.

8. Murray said his "heart" remains in Chicago: "You have Cub blood and Bear blood and Blackhawk blood beating through your body all the time. I have no problem with the White Sox either. When the Cubs won, nobody was talking about the defense or the relief pitchers. They were talking about their uncle or their dad the first time they went to a ballpark.

"My sister still lives in the house we grew up in. We get to crash there whenever we want."

9. What is golf's appeal to Murray? "People think golf is an elitist game, and it's not really. Most of the people playing golf are at a muni course. We came to golf through caddying, a way to earn some money and to not be such a burden in the household. We paid our own tuition at high school (Loyola Academy). It kept us sort of fit. Keep us out of the house.

"I've met some extraordinary human beings through golf. It is the only game of self-reporting. You keep your own score. There's no umpire. There's a code, an idea, that you're expected to live up to. If you've ever played golf with someone who cheats, you never play golf with them again. Never, ever. Life isn't even like that."

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STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

Crosby sets standard as Penguins dominate

Tribune news services

Sidney Crosby scored his fifth goal of the series and became the Penguins' career postseason points leader in a 5-0 win over the host Flyers on Wednesday night.

The Penguins lead the first-round playoff series 3-1 as its shifts to Pittsburgh for Game 5.

Matt Murray stopped 26 shots for his second shutout of the series and the two-time defending Stanley Cup champion Penguins are a win away from playing in the second round for the 11th time in the last 12 seasons.

Crosby scored in the second period for a

4-0 lead and passed Penguins owner and Hall of Famer Mario Lemieux for most playoff points with 173.

The Flyers were already on their second goal by the time Crosby scored.

The Penguins chased Brian Elliott early in the period after the maligned goalie allowed his 14th goal of the series. Michal Neuvirth relived Elliott and it didn't matter.

Lightning 3, Devils 1: Nikita Kucherov scored twice, including the game-winner late in the first period, as the Lightning took a 3-1 series lead over the host Devils.

Kucherov added an empty-netter with just over a minute to play. J.T. Miller tied the

game for the Lightning after Kyle Palmieri opened the scoring on a power-play goal.

Good Knights: The expansion Golden Knights finished off the Kings in a four-game sweep with a 1-0 win late Tuesday night. Goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury made 31 saves for his second shutout of the series and Brayden McNabb scored the lone goal in the second period.

Jet grounded: Jets defenseman Josh Morrissey was suspended one game by the NHL for cross-checking Wild forward Eric Staal on Tuesday night.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wildcats shouldn't pussyfoot around

NU can create real buzz if it meets Loyola in home opener



TEDDY GREENSTEIN
On Northwestern

This should be the easiest decision since Northwestern opted to gut those Eisenhower-era bathrooms at the renovated Welsh-Ryan Arena.

NU can claim a victory before taking the court for its first game at the refurbished gym. Here's how: Announce that the first opponent will be Loyola.

Chicago's Big Ten team versus the one that stole Chicago's hearts — think about the atmosphere with Chicago's last two NCAA tournament teams going toe-to-toe in a packed, 7,039-seat arena. That's the kind of buzz not even \$110 million — the cost of the renovation — can buy.

Conventional wisdom says to schedule a softer opponent in the opener because it's a landmark game. Given all the media attention, the Wildcats would want a publicity-generating victory.

But in this case NU fans could take pride in knowing Chris Collins wasn't afraid. And if the Wildcats lose, so what? Loyola reached the Final Four last season.

Would anybody dis Northwestern if it lost to Kansas?

Collins and Loyola coach Porter Moser are friends. They scheduled a closed scrimmage last fall. When Loyola athletic



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Porter Moser's Loyola Ramblers should help Northwestern christen its renovated arena.

director Steve Watson stepped onto the Gentile Arena floor and saw the Ramblers leading by double digits, he assumed the new scoreboards were broken. The Wildcats stormed back for a one-point win.

Rematch anyone? NU officials won't say whether they've identified a first opponent. They won't

even say when they'll reveal it.

One source told the Tribune that the school had invited Notre Dame in an effort to turn an early November stretch into a multisport duel. The Irish football team plays at Ryan Field on Nov. 3. College basketball season opens three days later. Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said NU

did not reach out. He did joke about how the Irish love opening new and refurbished gyms in their border state. They beat Illinois 84-79 in the renovated State Farm Center in 2015 and took down DePaul 72-58 last year at the Wintrust unveiling.

Brey is tight with NU athletic director Jim Phillips, who worked at Notre Dame from 2000-04.

"On the bus back to South Bend (after beating DePaul), I got a text from Jimmy Phillips: Great win, and now there's no way you're opening our building," Brey said with a chuckle.

I ran my idea past Brey.

"I like that," he said. "I agree with you. It would be unbelievable buzz. Put the pressure on them!"

Loyola has become the IRS of college basketball — everybody fears it. NC State paid \$175,000 to avoid playing the Ramblers last season. Loyola then contacted 50 high-major schools, asking for a "buyout" game, the kind that financially favors the home team. Only one said yes: Florida. You might remember how that turned out: Ramblers 65, Gators 59.

Now it's even harder for Loyola to get a game.

Northwestern can do something for the good of college hoops, the good of Chicago and the good of Wildcats fans who want to remember for decades the first game in the renovated Welsh-Ryan.

But it can't do that by inviting Brown or Sacred Heart.

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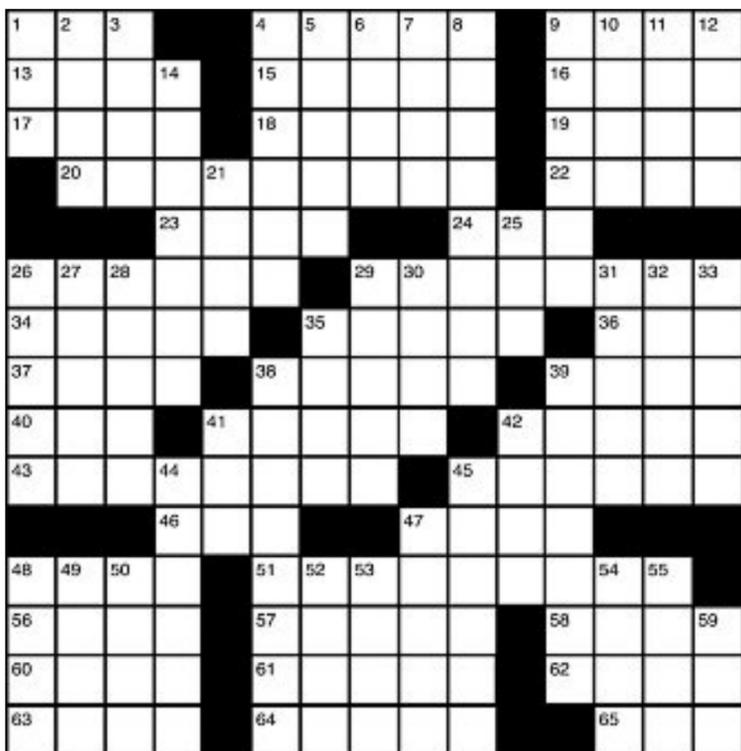
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Crossword



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ACROSS

- 1 Chum
- 4 ___-may-care attitude; lack of seriousness
- 9 Story line
- 13 Help a thief
- 15 Banishment
- 16 Rant and ___; carry on
- 17 Within reach
- 18 ___ over; contemplates
- 19 Amazes
- 20 Cowardly
- 22 Hostels
- 23 Winter wear
- 24 Suffix for giant or govern
- 26 Summon with a gesture
- 29 Disdain
- 34 Steve or Mel
- 35 Thick, sweet toast topper
- 36 "___ Miss"; southern univ.
- 37 Clumsy fellow
- 38 Flabbergasted
- 39 San ___; capital of Puerto Rico
- 40 Beau for Barbie
- 41 Subdues
- 42 ___ beans
- 43 More deceptive
- 45 As a ___ of fact; actually
- 46 Study of plant life: abbr.
- 47 Young horse
- 48 "___ the night before Christmas..."
- 51 Folks who work for change and improvement
- 56 Dinner drink
- 57 Precise
- 58 Smallest of the litter
- 60 Cast-___ skillet
- 61 Pago Pago, American ___
- 62 Asterisk
- 63 Bank teller's cry
- 64 Make smudges
- 65 007, for one

Solutions



- 11 Microwave, e.g.
- 12 "___ of the D'Urbervilles"
- 14 Hoodwinked
- 21 Time for lunch
- 25 Animal pen
- 26 Supports
- 27 Corby or Barkin
- 28 Duplicate
- 29 Cringe in fear
- 30 Dollar bills
- 31 Get on a horse
- 32 Piece of china
- 33 Singing voice
- 35 Dwelling
- 38 Café employee
- 39 Nervousness
- 41 Fight result, for short
- 42 Tropical tree
- 44 Not in class on a school day
- 45 Bricklayer's plaster
- 47 Soothing drink
- 48 Bed size
- 49 Metal thread
- 50 As strong as ___
- 52 Test
- 53 Renown
- 54 Grooves
- 55 Ginger cookie
- 59 Endeavor

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		HOU 7:10 NBCSCH AM-720	HOU 6:10 WGN-9 AM-720	HOU 1:10 WGN-9 AM-720	SEA 4:10 NBCSCH AM-720	SEA 4:10 NBCSCH AM-720	SEA 4:10 NBCSCH AM-720
			@NYRB 2:30 AM-1200				

THURSDAY ON TV/RADIO

MLB	NOON	1:20 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	NBA PLAYOFFS	6 p.m.	8 p.m.	8:30 p.m.	BOXING	8:30 p.m.
	Orioles at Tigers	Cardinals at Cubs	Blue Jays at Yankees	G3, 76ers at Heat	G3, Trail Blazers at Pelicans	G3, Warriors at Spurs	Lamont Roach Jr. vs. Orlando Cruz		

NFL	7 p.m.
Schedule release	NFLN, ESPN

GOLF	8:30 a.m.	2:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.
Trophee Hassan	Golf Channel	PGA Texas Open	Golf Channel
LPGA Hugel-JTBC Championship	Golf Channel		

NHL PLAYOFFS	6 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	9 p.m.
G4, Bruins at Maple Leafs	NBCSN	G4, Capitals at Blue Jackets	USA
G5, Kings at Golden Knights	NBCSN		

WOMEN'S COLLEGE LACROSSE	6 p.m.
Penn State at Maryland	BTN

PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER	1:40 p.m.
Chelsea at Burnley	NBCSN

TENNIS	3 a.m. Fri.
ATP Monte Carlo quarterfinals	Tennis Channel

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Houston: Optioned RHP James Hoyt to Fresno (PCL). Reinstated LHP Tony Sipp from the 10-day DL.
Minnesota: Placed OF Byron Buxton on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Sunday. Recalled OF Ryan Lamm from Rochester (IL).
New York: Signed 1B/OF Adam Lind to a minor league deal.
Seattle: Optioned LHP Ariel Miranda to Tacoma (PCL). Reinstated OF Ben Gamel from the 10-day DL.
Tampa Bay: Sent 2B Brad Miller to Charlotte (TL) for a rehab assignment.
Texas: Sent OF Delino DeShields to Frisco (TL) for a rehab assignment.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Atlanta: Assigned RHP Luke Jackson outright to Gwinnett (IL). Agreed to terms with 3B Jose Bautista on a minor league contract and assigned him to extended spring training. Placed RHP Anibal Sanchez on the 10-day DL.
Los Angeles: Reinstated LHP Adam Liberatore from Oklahoma City (PCL). Put LHP Rich Hill on 10-day DL, retroactive to April 15.
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Detroit: Signed CB Raysean Pringle.

Tennessee: Will exercise fifth-year option on QB Marcus Mariota.
HOCKEY
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
Detroit: Reassigned D Dennis Cholowski from Portland (WHL) to Grand Rapids (AHL).
Los Angeles: Sent F Michael Amadio and Jony Brodzinski and D Oscar Fantenberg and Paul LaDue to Ontario (AHL).
AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE
Belleville: Returned F Dave Dziurzynski to Florida (ECHL).
COLLEGE
Columbia: Promoted football defensive assistant Andre Murphy to secondary coach. Named Joe D'Orazio RB coach and director of learning and team development. Gregory Skjold offensive asst and Andrew Rukesh defensive asst.
Kentucky: Sophomore F Wenyen Gabriel declared for the NBA draft.
Northwestern: Named Kevin Kikugawa football trainer.
Pittsburgh: Named Lance White women's basketball coach.
South Carolina: Freshman F Brian Bowen declared for the NBA draft.
Texas Tech: Freshman G Zhaire Smith will enter the NBA draft.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE THURSDAY
Baltimore -116 at Detroit +106 **Houston** -178 at Seattle +166 at New York -150 Toronto +140 **Boston** -108 at Los Angeles-102
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DRAFT: April 26-28, Arlington, Tex. PK TEAM TRADE
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ATP WORLD TOUR ROLEX MONTE-CARLO MASTERS
R2 at The Monte-Carlo Country Club Monaco; clay-outdoor
#1 Rafael Nadal d. **Ajajz Bedene**, 6-1, 6-3
#2 Marin Cilic d. **Fernando Verdasco**, 6-3, 7-6 (4)
#9 Novak Djokovic d. **Borna Coric**, 7-6 (2), 7-5
#11 Roberto Bautista Agut d. **Feliciano Lopez**, 6-3, 7-6 (5)
Jan-Lennard Struff d. **#13 Fabio Fognini**, 6-4, 6-2
#14 Miles Raonic d. **#15 Albert Ramos-Vinolas**, 6-4, 6-2
Kei Nishikori d. **Daniil Medvedev**, 7-5, 6-2
Karen Khachanov d. **Gilles Simon**, 6-2, 6-2
Richard Gasquet d. **Diego Schwartzman**, 6-2, 6-1
Andreas Seppi d. **Guillermo Garcia-Lopez**, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5

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NBA PLAYOFFS

James gets Cavs even in series

Associated Press

LeBron James scored 46 points and added 12 rebounds and added 12 rebounds as the Cavaliers bounced back from a poor performance in the opener to defeat the Pacers 100-97 on Wednesday night in Cleveland to even their Eastern Conference first-round series at one game apiece.

James scored the game's first 16 points and had 29 at halftime, dominating the way he has in so many previous postseasons. But the Pacers fought back from an 18-point deficit and had a chance to tie with 27 seconds left before Victor Oladipo missed a wide-open 3.

Kevin Love scored 15 points for the Cavaliers but injured his left hand, the same one he broke earlier this season, with 3:43 left.

Oladipo scored 22 points for the Pacers.

Jazz 102, Thunder 95: Rookie Donovan Mitchell scored 13 of his 28 points in the fourth quarter to help the Jazz defeat the host Thunder and tie their Western Conference first-round series at one victory apiece.

Derrick Favors had career playoff bests of 20 points and 16 rebounds for the Jazz, and Ricky Rubio had 22 points, nine assists and seven rebounds in the first playoff win of his seven-year career.

Russell Westbrook had 19 points, 13 assists and nine rebounds for the Thunder.

Rockets 102, T'wolves 82: Chris Paul had 27 points and Gerald Green came off the bench to score 21 as the host Rockets cruised to a win over the Timberwolves to go up 2-0 in their Western Conference first-round series.

Popovich's wife dies: The Spurs confirmed the death of Erin Popovich, wife of coach Gregg Popovich. No further details were provided.



STEVE DYKES/GETTY

Rajon Rondo, right, drives on the Trail Blazers' Damian Lillard in the Pelicans' win Tuesday.

Playoffs ooze ex-Bulls

Johnson, from Page 1

Think about it: A year ago Wednesday, Butler and Wade each scored 22 points, Rondo fell one rebound shy of a triple-double and Mirotic added 13 points, seven rebounds and two blocks as the Bulls seized a 2-0 lead over the top-seeded Celtics on the road. That's 80 percent of the starting lineup.

A quick pause here, too, to process that second-round pick Paul Zipser scored 16 points in that Game 2 victory and now appears headed out of town after falling out of the rotation.

But Rondo actually fractured his right thumb in the third quarter of that game. He played through the injury but missed the rest of the first-round series, which the Celtics stormed back to win in six games.

Rondo turning into #PlayoffRondo again against the Trail Blazers makes the mind wander the most. If Rondo's injury against the Celtics last season hadn't happened, would the Bulls have won that series? And if that had happened, wouldn't there have been a decent chance management would run the Three Alphas back this season?

Strong internal debate on whether to trade Butler and commit to a full rebuild existed back to a year ago.

draft, when the Bulls engaged in serious talks with the Celtics. So even if Rondo didn't get hurt and the Bulls upset the Celtics, maybe management still would have pulled the trigger on last June's Butler trade with the Timberwolves. But maybe not.

Such speculation drives sports fandom.

As it is, the Bulls paid Rondo \$3 million this season after waiving him and Wade \$15.3 million after buying him out.

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Lauri Markkanen sure seems like a huge building block. Management received what ultimately became the No. 22 pick in the February trade of Mirotic to the Pelicans.

After that deal, Paxson addressed how Mirotic's desire to leave after the Bobby Portis altercation, desire to start and desire to seek a big payday in 2020 — while the Bulls have to re-up with Zach LaVine, Portis, Kris Dunn and, eventually, Markkanen — were factors in the deal.

It's all about the rebuild now. The Bulls have to hope that 22nd pick and their own first-round pick — which most likely will be sixth — fit and flourish in the franchise's new direction. In the meantime, it would take monumental upsets for the Timberwolves and Pelicans to face each other and resemble an Advocate Center intrasquad scrimmage, which couldn't occur until the Western Conference finals.

So enjoy — deep breath here — these additional former Bulls to the ones already mentioned while they're playing in the first round: James Johnson, Derrick Rose, Taj Gibson, Marco Belinelli, Pau Gasol, Tony Snell and Kyle Korver.

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NBA PLAYOFFS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

TORONTO 2, WASHINGTON 0
April 14: TORONTO 114-106
April 17: TORONTO 130-119
Friday: at Washington, 7
Sunday: at Washington, 7
x-April 25: at Toronto, TBA
x-April 27: at Washington, TBA
x-April 29: at Toronto, TBA

BOSTON 2, MILWAUKEE 0
April 15: BOSTON 113-107
April 17: BOSTON 120-106
Friday: at Milwaukee, 8:30
Sunday: at Milwaukee, 1
x-Tuesday: at Boston, TBA
x-April 26: at Milwaukee, TBA
x-April 28: at Boston, TBA

PHILADELPHIA 1, MIAMI 1
April 14: PHILADELPHIA 130-103
April 16: MIAMI 113-103
Thursday: at Miami, 6
Sunday: at Miami, 1:30
Tuesday: at Philadelphia, TBA
x-April 26: at Philadelphia, TBA
x-April 28: at Philadelphia, TBA

INDIANA 1, CLEVELAND 1
April 15: Indiana 98-80
Wednesday: CLEVELAND 100-97
Friday: at Indiana, 6
Sunday: at Indiana, 7:30
April 25: at Cleveland, TBA
x-April 27: at Indiana, TBA
x-April 29: at Cleveland, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE
HOUSTON 2, MINNESOTA 0
April 15: HOUSTON 104-101
Wednesday: HOUSTON 102-82
Saturday: at Minnesota, 6:30
Monday: at Minnesota, 7
x-April 25: at Houston, TBA
x-April 27: at Minnesota, TBA
x-April 29: at Houston, TBA

GOLDEN STATE 2, SAN ANTONIO 0
April 14: GOLDEN STATE 113-92
April 16: GOLDEN STATE 116-101
Thursday: at San Antonio, 8:30
Sunday: at San Antonio, 2:30
x-Tuesday: at Golden State, TBA
x-April 26: at San Antonio, TBA
x-April 28: at Golden State, TBA

NEW ORLEANS 2, PORTLAND 0
April 14: New Orleans 97-95
April 17: New Orleans 111-102
Thursday: at New Orleans, 8
Saturday: at New Orleans, 4
x-Tuesday: at Portland, TBA
x-April 26: at Portland, TBA

OKLAHOMA CITY 1, UTAH 1
April 15: OKLAHOMA CITY 116-108
Wednesday: UTAH 102-95
Friday: at Utah, 9
Sunday: at Utah, 9:30
April 25: Oklahoma City, TBA
x-April 27: at Utah, TBA
x-April 29: Oklahoma City, TBA
 (best-of-7; x-if necessary)

GOLF: TEEING OFF

PGA VALERO TEXAS OPEN
Site: San Antonio.
Course: TPC San Antonio (AT&T Oaks).
Yardage: 7,435. **Par:** 72.
Purse: \$6.2 million.
Winner's share: \$1,116,000.
TV: Thursday-Friday, 2:30-5:30 p.m. (Golf Channel); Saturday-Sunday, 8-10 a.m. (Golf Channel), 2-5 p.m. (NBC Sports).

Defending champion: Kevin Chappell.
Notes: Sergio Garcia is playing for the first time since 2010. Garcia was a consultant on the AT&T Oaks Course. — Joaquin Niemann of Chile made his professional debut at the Texas Open. He already has conditional status on the Web.com Tour. — Among those getting a sponsor exemption is Chris Paisley of England, who has not played on U.S. soil since his college days at Tennessee. — The Texas Open will move next year to the week before the Masters.
Next week: Zurich Classic.
Online: www.pgatour.com

LPGA HUGEL JTBC CHAMPIONSHIP
Site: Los Angeles.
Course: Wishree CC.
Yardage: 6,450. **Par:** 71.
Purse: \$2.5 million.
Winner's share: \$225,000.
TV: Thursday-Friday, 5:30-8:30 p.m. (Golf Channel); Saturday-Sunday, 5-8 p.m. (Golf Channel).
Inaugural tournament.
Last week: Brooke Henderson won the Lotte Championship in Hawaii.
Race to ONE Globe leader: Inbee Park.
Notes: The LPGA Tour returns to Los Angeles for the first time since 2005. — The Office Depot Championship was held at various courses from 2001 to 2005. — Anika Sorenstam won the last time it was held at Wilshire Country Club in 2001. — Henderson already has six LPGA Tour victories at age 26. — The record for a Canadian is eight victories by Sandra Post. — For the second straight year, eight players have won their first eight events on the LPGA Tour schedule.
Next week: LPGA Medinah Championship in San Francisco.
Online: www.lpga.com

PGA TOUR STARS
Scoring Average: Dustin Johnson 69.051, Justin Thomas 69.211, Webb Simpson 69.565, Justin Rose 69.712, Jordan Spieth 69.757, Alex Noren 69.781, Tommy Fleetwood 69.785, Rory McIlroy 69.807, Tiger Woods 69.883, Phil Mickelson 69.981
TOP 10 FINISH: Patton Kizzire 2, Justin Thomas 2, Bubba Watson 2, Chey Reavie 2, Matthew Fitzpatrick 2, Kyle Stanley 7, Brian Harman 7, Chesson Hadley 7, Dustin Johnson 5, Marc Leishman 5, Phil Mickelson 5, Cameron Smith 5, Justin Thomas 5
ALL-AROUND RANKING: Justin Thomas 194, Jason Day 1,386, Dustin Johnson 258, Phil Mickelson 1,172, Jon Rahm 318, Sam Burns 1,032, Alex Noren 334, Branden Grace 376, Rickie Fowler 343, Greg Chalmers 368
DRIVING DISTANCE: Trey Mullinax 318.0, Phil Mickelson 317.9, Tony Finau 317.8, Bubba Watson 314.8, Jon Rahm 314.7, Luke List 314.3, Ricky Barnes 312.0, Chesson Hadley 311.7
DRIVING ACCURACY PCT.: Ken Duke 80.38, Jon Rahm 4.84, Ryan Armour 72.90, Dustin Johnson 4.75, Chey Reavie 72.14, Phil Mickelson 4.72, Matthew Fitzpatrick 71.58, Justin Rose 4.57, Kyle Stanley 71.45, Pat Perez 4.53
GREENS IN REGUL. PCT.: Kyle Stanley 72.22, Phil Mickelson 65.15, Matt Kuchar 65.15, Michael Thompson 71.76, Webb Simpson 64.06, Pat Perez 71.57, Louis Oosthuizen 63.89, Jordan Spieth 71.53, Ben Crane 62.50
SG-PUTTING: Jason Day 1,386, Phil Mickelson 1,172, Sam Burns 1,032, Branden Grace 376, Greg Chalmers 368
PUTTING AVERAGE: Phil Mickelson 1.673, Dustin Johnson 1.694, Jon Rahm 1.700, Ricky Barnes 1.707, Chesson Hadley 1.713
BIRDIE AVERAGE: Jon Rahm 4.84, Dustin Johnson 4.75, Phil Mickelson 4.72, Justin Rose 4.57, Pat Perez 4.53
SAND SAVE PCT.: Phil Mickelson 66.18, Matt Kuchar 65.15, Michael Thompson 64.06, Louis Oosthuizen 63.89, Ben Crane 62.50

EUROPEAN TROPHEE HASSAN II
Site: Rabat, Morocco.
Course: Royal Golf de Es Salam (Red Course). **Yardage:** 7,615. **Par:** 73.
Purse: 2.5 million euros. **Winner's share:** 416,567 euros.
TV: Thursday, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Golf Channel); Friday, 5:30-8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m.-noon (Golf Channel); Saturday-Sunday, 7-11:30 a.m. (Golf Channel).
Last week: Jon Rahm won the Spanish Open.
Notes: The tournament has been decided by a sudden-death playoff each of the last two years. — Jorge Campillo at No. 13 is the highest-ranked player from the Race to Dubai.
Next week: Volvo China Open.
Online: www.europeantour.com

WEB.COM NORTH MISSISSIPPI CLASSIC
Site: Oxford, Miss.
Course: The Country Club of Oxford.
Yardage: 7,028. **Par:** 72.
Purse: \$550,000. **Winner:** \$99,000.
Last tournament: Sam Burns won the Savannah Golf Championship.
Next week: United Leasing & Finance Championship.
Online: www.pgatour.com/webcom

WESTERN CONFERENCE
TAMPA BAY 3, NEW JERSEY 1
April 12: TAMPA BAY 5-2
April 14: TAMPA BAY 5-3
April 16: COLORADO 5-3
Wednesday: at Tampa Bay 3-1
Saturday: at Tampa Bay, TBA
x-Monday: at New Jersey, TBA
BOSTON 2, TORONTO 1
April 12: BOSTON 5-1
April 14: BOSTON 7-3
April 17: TORONTO 4-2
Thursday: at Toronto, 5
Saturday: at Toronto, TBA
x-Monday: 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)
April 16: Washington 3-2 (2OT)
Thursday: at Columbus, 6:30
Saturday: at Washington, TBA
x-Monday: at Columbus, TBA
x-April 25: at Washington, TBA

PITTSBURGH 3, PHILADELPHIA 1
April 11: PITTSBURGH 7-0
April 13: PHILADELPHIA 5-1

BEARS



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Off-injured receiver Kevin White (11) watches a workout during Bears veteran minicamp this week at Halas Hall.

BEARS NOTES

Seldom-seen scene

After 5 games in 3 years, White on practice field

BY COLLEEN KANE
Chicago Tribune

Tarik Cohen remembers the first time he saw Kevin White on the football field last year during Bears offseason seven-on-seven drills.

"He Mossed somebody," Cohen said. "I was like, 'Oh, this is what the NFL is? Oh, yeah? So I already know what he's capable of, and I'm just waiting to see it.'"

Bears fans have been waiting three years to see it.

White, the No. 7 pick in the 2015 draft, was back on the practice field this week during Bears veteran minicamp to begin his third comeback attempt from a major injury. Between broken legs in 2015 and 2016 and a broken shoulder blade last year, White has played in five career games for the Bears.

That means the preseason speculation about his potential performance has far outweighed game evaluations of his 21 career catches for 193 yards.

As the Bears prepare to give the 25-year-old wide receiver another shot in new coach Matt Nagy's offense, the preseason projections begin anew. At least to start, Nagy and White's teammates are again hopeful of what's to come for a player who hasn't appeared in a game since Sept. 10.

"Forget about the whys of what happened," Nagy said. "What matters is about right now. He's young. He has a big ceiling. ... As coaches (we) try to pull it out of him, but he's got to work hard. He's got to put time in the playbook. He's got to put in the

extra work after practice when he can. And then when the game comes, he's got to make plays."

Nagy said White's challenge is to stack together good plays and practices so he continues to build confidence. While Nagy knows White's confidence may have been shaken in the past, he said White has shown few indications that's the case thus far.

White made a couple of big plays Wednesday, including a catch far downfield on a slightly underthrown ball. Nagy reminded that offense often wins such drills, but he still was pleased, saying White can use his size, athleticism and ball skills to make such plays.

"He's a guy that can win 50-50 balls, and he did that," Nagy said. "He made a good catch. Every one of those I'll take, and I know he will too."

Inside linebacker Nick Kwiatkoski, who played with White at West Virginia, said it's hard to tell exactly where White is in his comeback so early into practices, but he also thinks he has returned with the necessary confidence.

"Just watching him going through his ups and downs, definitely, it's been hard on him," Kwiatkoski said. "But the way he's taking it, just the criticism and things, he's kept on moving."

The Bears added wide receivers Allen Robinson and Taylor Gabriel to the mix as free agents and could bring in another target for quarterback Mitch Trubisky in next week's draft.

Cohen believes a healthy White could help the offense become "dominant."

"We have a dominant outside threat on both sides with him and

A.R.," Cohen said. "Then we have a whole lot of pieces on offense. It could get real crazy this year."

Retirement party: Former Bears return man Devin Hester and running back Matt Forte will sign one-day contracts Monday at Halas Hall so they can retire as members of the Bears.

Hester was a four-time Pro Bowler over eight seasons with the Bears from 2006-13. He set an NFL record with 20 return touchdowns in his 11-year career. Perhaps the most memorable touchdown of his Bears career came as a rookie, when he returned the opening kickoff of Super Bowl XLI 92 yards to score.

Hester announced his retirement in December after playing his final season in 2016 with the Ravens and Seahawks.

Forte rushed for 8,602 yards and 45 touchdowns and had 4,116 receiving yards and 19 touchdowns over eight seasons with the Bears from 2008-15. A two-time Pro Bowler, he set an NFL single-season running backs record with 102 catches in 2014.

He played his final season in 2017 with the Jets and announced his retirement in February.

Injury report: New Bears outside linebacker Aaron Lynch hurt his ankle at practice Wednesday, but Nagy said "he'll be OK." Lynch, who previously played under Bears defensive coordinator Vic Fangio while with the 49ers, signed a one-year, \$4 million contract with \$1.25 million guaranteed this offseason.

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Cohen important piece in Nagy's offense

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"He's a run threat and then he can catch the ball in space in broken formations," Nagy said. "That's an advantage for the play callers and the play designers to be able to do some different things. We can move him around and try to get an advantage. ... He's dynamic."

"But then he's really smart. I talk about (not) making the same mistakes twice. So far, from what we've seen, he doesn't do that."

Cohen had an eye-catching rookie season. Sure, his stats — 723 yards from scrimmage, a 4.3 yards-per-carry average, three offensive touchdowns — were fairly ordinary. But, with his elite change-of-direction quickness, his exuberance and his thirst to make big things happen, he put enough dazzling moments on film to hint at his game-breaking potential.

Cohen is quite simply a 5-foot-6, 181-pound stick of dynamite for the Bears to drop into the huddle.

Wait. Check that — 181 pounds was last year.

"I'm even bigger than before," Cohen quipped Wednesday. "I know you're thinking, 'That's like super big now.'"

For the record, Cohen is up to 190. "All muscle," he said. "Solid."

More than just bulking up,

though, Cohen has trained his focus this offseason on becoming more polished as a receiver, a role he must master to be most valuable to Nagy and Trubisky. Cohen's 53 catches as a rookie were important contributions and evidence of his versatility. And while he'll still get his fair share of carries in the running game, the Bears want to use him as another weapon in the passing attack.

"We're going to teach him everything we can and move him around and do different things," Nagy said. "That's not a secret. So how do we get him to where we want him to be when the season starts?"

This winter, while training with former teammates at North Carolina A&T, Cohen decided to take all of his seven-on-seven reps as a receiver. Outside or in the slot. Nothing, he said, from the backfield.

"Nobody wants to play running back in a seven-on-seven and just get swing routes," Cohen said. "You want to get the fade balls and jump balls and all that."

Specifically, Cohen is dialing in to refine his route running. But with that, Nagy said, Cohen has to remember that he's still a running back.

"His route tree is not going to be



Cohen

quite as big," Nagy said. "So the ones he does have, he can hone in on and understand the specifics of those."

Cohen has also expressed excitement for the run-pass option plays that will be prominently featured in Nagy's offense.

The second-year running back became comfortable with those concepts at North Carolina A&T.

"That's really how I got all my yards in college," he said.

There should be many more yards waiting for Cohen in this new-look Bears offense. And as impressed as Nagy was watching the game footage from Cohen's rookie season, he has been further encouraged this month by Cohen's desire to learn.

"You see how he is around the guys, but then you see how he is in the classroom," Nagy said. "He is extremely focused and trying to learn the details of this offense."

"He's a humble kid. And when you have guys like that who respect the game and they respect their peers and they want to be great, he has the ability to be really good."

It's Nagy's task now to find the best ways to turn Cohen loose.

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DRAFT PREVIEW CORNERBACKS

Always looking for secondary quality

BY RICH CAMPBELL | 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 the cornerbacks.



Bears status

The Bears re-signed their top four cornerbacks in free agency — Kyle Fuller, Prince Amukamara, Bryce Callahan and Marcus Cooper. That keeps intact a group that was functional but not dominant in 2017. The foursome accounted for only four interceptions, two by Fuller and two by Callahan. Amukamara hasn't had an interception since the 2015 season. That said, the group did get their hands on passes. Fuller's 22 pass breakups tied for third in the NFL and earned him interest from the Packers in free agency. He also is an effective tackler. Amukamara can play the press coverage coordinator Vic Fangio prefers, and Callahan has proved he's agile enough to be effective inside.

Level of draft need



Moderate: By re-signing Fuller through 2021 and Amukamara through 2020, the Bears reduced their need. However, there's no such thing as a surplus of quality cornerbacks, especially when the Bears continue to struggle with a dearth of interceptions. The Bears believe Fuller, a first-round pick in 2014, is back on an ascending career arc after losing his 2016 season to a knee injury. In matching the Packers' offer sheet, they committed to a cornerback who must limit big plays. Amukamara's cover ability is an asset, and Callahan is back on a one-year restricted free-agent tender. The Bears would help their secondary by addressing their biggest need — the pass rush — but a cornerback in the first round would also be a welcome addition.



JOE ROBBINS/GETTY

Top prospect



Denzel Ward

Ohio State, 5-11, 191 pounds

Worth a look: Ward's elite speed (4.32-second 40-yard dash) and footwork make up for his

relatively small frame. His ability to mirror his receiver and keep his shoulders squared allows him to quickly adjust to any type of route. He could play the slot immediately with a future on the outside. He comes from an Ohio State program known for producing quality NFL defensive backs.

Stay away: He's undersized for matching up against the NFL's bigger receivers who could use their body to box him out. He also lacks the position flexibility of Alabama's Minkah Fitzpatrick, which would work against him if the Bears choose between the two in the first round.

Intriguing options



Josh Jackson

Iowa, 6-1, 192 pounds

Worth a look: The ball-hawking cornerback led the nation with eight interceptions last season and

also broke up 27 passes. Although his 31 1/4-inch arms don't qualify as long, he uses his length effectively to slow receivers and gain position against them. His instincts and timing result in elite ball production, and he has good hands to convert interception opportunities. His experience in the Big Ten supports his ability to tackle.

Stay away: Jackson's speed does not stand out. He ran the 40-yard dash in a modest 4.56 seconds at the combine.



Isaiah Oliver

Colorado, 6-1, 190 pounds

Worth a look: The former college decathlete has a combination of size, speed and length that will

be attractive to NFL teams. His rare arm length (33 1/2 inches) will appeal to the Bears because it allows him to be physical at the line of scrimmage in a bump-and-run technique. Think of what the Seahawks liked about Richard Sherman and Brandon Browner. He'd be a candidate for the Bears early in the second round.

Stay away: Oliver's change-of-direction coverage ability will be a developmental focus for him. He needs more experience to master the nuances of anticipating routes and covering them.



Carlton Davis

Auburn, 6-1, 203 pounds

Worth a look: Davis' prototypical size and long arms (32 3/4 inches) help him excel jamming

receivers at the line of scrimmage. As with Oliver, those are traits Bears defensive coordinator Vic Fangio values. Davis attacks the catch point aggressively and excels at finishing plays.

Stay away: He must be savvier using his hands in the NFL to avoid penalties that plagued him in college. Davis also didn't distinguish himself playing off coverage and using vision to play the ball.

Sleeper



Tarvarus McFadden

Florida State, 6-2, 198 pounds

Worth a look: Another tall, long cornerback who finds the ball and times contested catches well.

Stay away: McFadden (4.67 40-yard dash) is slower than many of the Bears' other options and must prove he can match up against speedy wideouts, and that also brings his special teams value into question.

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eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE

Jake hopes to give MLB 4th generation of Boones

BY RONALD BLUM
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PRINCETON, N.J. — Jake Boone takes grounders on a chilly, wind-swept diamond a month into his freshman season at Princeton, hoping to make his the first four-generation family of major-leaguers.

"I know it's long and hard," the 19-year-old says. "The minor leagues I know is just a grind — it's a grind just getting there. You're just lucky to have an opportunity to try to make it, so I hope that I get that opportunity."

His family has been, well, a boon to baseball.

■ Jake's dad, Bret, was a three-time All-Star and four-time Gold Glove second baseman in a big-league career from 1992-05.

■ Uncle Aaron is the first-year manager of the Yankees, made one All-Star appearance while playing from 1997-2009 and hit the unceasingly replayed home run that won the 2003 AL pennant for the Yanks.

■ Grandpa Bob was a four-time All-Star catcher from 1972-90, then managed the Royals from 1995-97 and the Reds from 2001-03.

■ Jake's great-grandfather Ray was a two-time All-Star infielder from 1948-60.

The family has high hopes of Jake continuing the tradition.

"He can really play the middle infield, which helps," Aaron says. "You never know, if he continues to develop."

Bob maintains it is too soon to project whether Jake will get a chance to boost the already impressive family statistics: 6,569 games, 5,890 hits and 634 home runs.

"He can really field," Bob says. "He's going to be a talented kid. Real shot? I can't say real shot. But a shot, though."

Princeton has no names on its jerseys, but Jake's background precedes his boyish face, darkened to a degree by a slight stubble. He has uncommon pedigree and preparation, and like pebbles on an infield has soaked in years of baseball from just being around.

He played at Torrey Pines High School in San Diego, where former big-league pitcher Kirk McCaskill is the head coach. He was selected by the Nationals in the 38th round of last June's amateur draft; Grandpa is a Nationals vice president and senior adviser to the general manager.

Princeton's coach is Scott Bradley, a big-league catcher for nine seasons who has led the Tigers to seven Ivy League titles in 20 seasons and produced a half-dozen players who have appeared in big-league games, including pitchers Chris Young and Ross Ohlendorf and outfielder Will Venable.

"He's very aware of the game and has those instincts," Bret says. "I'm not going to take credit for teaching him that. You're born with those. I remember when I was 18 years old, I was getting the same questions. And you get sick of them after a while because you're trying to kind of pave your own way."

The House of Boone is to baseball what the Roosevelts, Kennedys and Bushes are to politics. The Boones became the first three-generation baseball family when Bret made his big-league debut and have since been joined by the Bells, Colemans, Hairstons and Schofield/Werth lines. Jake was 6 when his dad played his final big-league game in 2005.

"I can remember when we lived in Seattle," Jake recalls. "He was on the Mariners. We got to go to all the home games. I remember hanging out with the other players' kids in the kid room, waiting for the game to end so we all could see our dads."

At 5-foot-10, 170 pounds, Jake still needs to grow into his body and get stronger. He is hitting .182 (10-for-55) with three RBIs and seven errors, playing second at shortstop on a team that is 8-16 overall but 5-4 in the Ivies. He is adjusting to college ball on a team in the Northeast that starts against tough opponents in the South and then plays home games in cold he never experienced in California.

Jake was a three-sport athlete through elementary school, then dropped basketball in middle school and football in high school. He played club ball for the Rancho Santa Fe Titans from 8 through his freshman year at Torrey Pines, then switched to the California Bears. He captained his high school team as a senior and hit .353.

Princeton won him over at first sight when he visited in the summer of 2016.

"You know there's so much history here, and you're in classrooms where some of the brightest minds honestly before me have sat and have taught," he says. "Just the idea that Einstein was a professor here for a little bit is just crazy to think about."

First-semester classes included history of the Roman Empire, Spanish 101, microeconomics and a required freshman writing seminar. This semester's workload is calculus — "my hardest class" — Spanish 102, macroeconomics and history of the late antiquity.

He is leaning toward becoming an economics major but doesn't have to declare for another year.

Because of afternoon classes and labs, Bradley rarely is able to gather his entire roster for practices.

"He's been extremely low maintenance,"



SETH WENIG/AP

Princeton infielder Jake Boone hopes to extend the Boone family's major-league legacy to a fourth generation, which would be a first.

Bradley says of Boone. "He just does the work that he's supposed to do. He takes care of all the academic side of things, and he loves being down on the baseball field.

"It's baseball royalty, that's for sure. I played against Bob for a long time, sort of at the end of his career, when I was getting started. And then one of my last years with the Mariners Bob was in camp with us, and I picked his brain, and he probably helped me out more in a month of spring training than any catching instructor that I ever had."

And then Bradley got a chance to know Bret from 1990-92 when they were together in the Mariners organization. Bret had hoped to sign out of high school but wasn't picked until the 28th round by the Twins. He spent three years at USC, then was

chosen by the Mariners in the fifth round.

Bret appreciates his son's focus on education.

"I went to college and didn't care about school," Bret says. "I was a baseball player — and I really believed that. I was very naive. That's where me and Jake differ. Jake's a realist, and he's very conscientious about being a great student, whereas I was just blinders on."

Life at home was constant baseball talk, with his parents' sister Savannah and twin brothers Isaiah and Judah, now 13. During dinner when visiting the grandparents, of course there was baseball on ESPN.

"We were always watching Uncle Aaron's game," Jake says.

He took an early morning train April 2

from Princeton to New York for his uncle's first home opener as Yankees manager. But just after the train passed Secaucus, N.J., Aaron texted Jake that the game had been postponed.

Jake got to Penn Station and took the next train back. He missed math but made it back for Spanish.

Baseball with the Boones will always be about family. Bret attended the March 2 opener at North Carolina-Wilmington.

"It was a really cool feeling," Bret recalls. "It makes me think about my childhood and my grandpa, who was a huge influence on me."

And he wonders what his emotion might be if Jake ever makes a major-league debut. "Wow," he says, "I think it would probably give me chills."

— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

Rosen's skills, smarts have him primed for star turn

By PAT LEONARD
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Eli Manning came from money out of Ole Miss back in 2004, with an arrest for public drunkenness on his record. He could be so mild-mannered and composed as to appear aloof in games, and he refused to play for the Chargers, influencing a draft-day trade just so the seemingly entitled quarterback could play for the Giants.

No one holds any of that against Manning now. Instead, he has two Super Bowl rings and is praised for his steady demeanor, intelligence and remarkable example as a franchise quarterback.

Josh Rosen is Eli Manning — minus the arrest. Or at least the UCLA quarterback is the closest thing to the next Eli in this heralded 2018 quarterback draft class. And after a decade-and-a-half of stability at the sport's most important position under Manning, it's fair to say the Giants' search for a franchise quarterback this spring is essentially the hunt for Eli 2.0.

Rosen is that, from his perceived flaws to his strengths, and those who know him will go one better: Rosen in some ways might be more like another Manning — Peyton.

"I don't view Eli on the same intelligence level as Rosen," one NFL scout told the Daily News this week. "I once heard they used to tape episodes of 'Seinfeld' for Eli, while Peyton used to ask for advance film on teams or (the) background of GMs in NFL."

"I think (Eli and Rosen) are about the same athlete. Rosen throws a prettier ball and has a better arm."

In fact, Chad Johnson, Rosen's high school offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at St. John Bosco High School in Bellflower, Calif., told the News he and Rosen "modeled" the Braves' "philosophy and offense" after Peyton's Colts because of Rosen's mental capacity as a quarterback.

"We wanted to make sure the defense was always wrong," Johnson, now the head coach at Mission Viejo, said on the phone Thursday. "And Josh in eighth grade, we realized how smart he was and we always worked on that, approached the offense by learning the defense. I remember telling Josh, 'I don't know if you'll ever be Peyton, but you're so smart and you understand the game so well I think you could run this offense.'"

"Like Peyton, we'd try to get a three-play menu in each situation, and he could get himself into the perfect play. A lot of QBs I've had, they make the run checks, but when it works and hits they don't get overly excited about it. But when Josh checked to a run play and it would hit, he would come over excited, (as if) he threw an 80-yard bomb, and all he did was check to a run play and hit for 60."

"He got it. He wasn't all about throwing the ball; he loved the chess game of football so much."

Rosen's college coach, Jim Mora, has framed the quarterback's intelligence and curiosity as negatives, telling The MMQB that Rosen "needs to be challenged intellectually so he doesn't get bored." But Johnson said Rosen, who visited the Giants last week, is misunderstood.

"You've got to remember this kid was in all (advanced-placement) classes," Johnson said of Rosen, who is fascinated, for example, by SpaceX founder Elon Musk and the prospect of life on Mars.

"His group of friends on a Saturday night were, like, building robots (and) they're still his friends. That's him. He just happens to be an NFL-caliber quarterback."

"He's an outstanding kid. He didn't have any problems with any of our kids at Bosco. Josh is so smart — when he gets in conversation, he likes to debate, he likes the mental sparring, but maybe it's different when you do it with the football team than with your friends in AP class. He's probably learned over the years that he doesn't have to make everyone feel he's the smartest guy in the room."

But that's a lesson Peyton Manning, Tom Brady and Aaron Rodgers never learned, right? Rosen's recent visit with Rodgers — who fell to 24th overall in the 2005 NFL draft basically for being too cocky as a prospect out of Cal — showed two quarterbacks who always have a follow-up question or an extra thought or opinion. There are worse qualities to have than being demanding.

"I don't think in any business (that) being smart and thoughtful is a bad thing," Greg Cosell, senior producer at NFL Films, told the News after a detailed scouting evaluation. "I think Rosen is a better prospect than (2016 first overall pick) Jared Goff coming out."

"Stylistically, (Rosen and Manning) are similar in that they're more pure pocket players. Rosen, his mechanics are probably a little more refined, cleaner overall than Eli's were. ... But if you're not going to draft him because he's smart, thoughtful and questioning, that's silly."

Rosen is the son of Charles, an orthopedic surgeon, and Liz, the great-great-granddaughter of Joseph Wharton of Penn's Wharton business school. Just as Peyton and Eli Manning learned from their former NFL quarterback father Archie how



CHRIS CARLSON/AP

Those who know him best say former UCLA quarterback Josh Rosen's intelligence should enable him to assimilate quickly to the NFL.

to study closely, Rosen learned from his parents, now divorced, to be inquisitive and involved. That translates to football and helps, not hurts, the offense.

"He definitely likes to question things, and I liked that," Johnson said. "You have to explain why you're doing things."

"The days of telling players to shut the 'F' up and do what (they) need to do are over. And if you can't explain it to your quarterback, it probably shouldn't be in the game plan, right?"

Rosen no doubt is much more socially and politically vocal and controversial than Eli Manning. He has admitted to mistakes, including wearing a 'Bleep Trump' hat in public, posting a photo showing a young woman in a hot tub in his dorm room and using Under Armour's UCLA partnership as a platform to criticize NCAA amateur status.

But Manning at the moment is still embroiled in court in an alleged memorabilia scandal, yet his name remains sparkling clean in the eyes of Giants fans, who revolted last season when former coach Ben McAdoo benched him. Perhaps Rosen said it best in his recent revealing interview with ESPN about a comparison with Rodgers.

"I think if teams went back to that draft, they'd rethink some of their critiques of Rodgers," Rosen said. "If he's the best pure passer in the draft, the best QB, with no legitimate off-field issues, that should be your answer — that's your QB."

For the Giants too there are myriad similarities to Eli.

Rosen made his name with a comeback for the ages last season, throwing for 491

yards, four touchdowns and no interceptions in a 45-44 victory over Texas A&M on Sept. 3. The Bruins trailed 44-10 with 4 minutes, 8 seconds to play in the third quarter and scored 35 unanswered points. Manning's signatures are his two fourth-quarter comebacks in Super Bowls XLII and XLVI against the mighty Patriots, winning the championships and MVPs.

Off the field, Johnson said Rosen "really does care about people" — influenced by his father, who has fought pharmaceutical and medical malpractice — and is intent on getting involved in the community he joins. Johnson cites the story of Rosen once designing discount cards for local businesses to raise money for Bosco teammates' trip to Hawaii.

"Josh designed that plan on his own without any of us asking or knowing about it," Johnson said. "He comes into the football office one day wearing a shirt and tie and suit. I said, 'What are you doing, it's 90 degrees?' He said, 'I'm making these discount cards to sell so our kids can go to Hawaii.' He drafted the contract himself."

Said another friend of Rosen: "Josh is a lot like Eli as a human. Eli is the Walter Payton Man of the Year, he's business-savvy (and) he's cognizant of his position in New York. Everything you've become accustomed to with Eli, you're getting that with Josh. He's a guy who's not going to go out and get in trouble."

Durability looks like a discrepancy: Manning just completed a streak of 210 straight NFL regular-season starts, while Rosen had surgery to repair a soft-tissue injury in his throwing shoulder in 2016 and

suffered two concussions last season. Johnson, however, said there are easy answers to Rosen's toughness and ability to take a hit.

"The Chargers asked me about Josh's toughness," Johnson said. "I told them, 'You want to find out about Josh's toughness? In basketball, he's a power forward, a stretch four. Bring him in, have him play Antonio Gates one-on-one, and you'll see how tough he is.' He's a physical basketball (player) and stupid athletic."

Finally, maybe the most intriguing similarity to Eli? Rosen might be as excited to play for the Giants now as Manning was back in 2004.

No, he isn't orchestrating a hostile takeover as Manning did, and Rosen will give his best to whatever team drafts him. But Rosen made early comments about preferring to land with the right team and the feeling is he's hoping for the Big Apple spotlight.

Johnson, 38, who played college football at Hofstra under late Pride coach Joe Gardi, knows Rosen, knows New York and says they'd be perfect for each other.

"I think Josh would flourish in New York," Johnson said. "Obviously, he's Jewish (and) I think it's definitely a place he would be welcomed. The Jewish community in New York City is very strong."

"And Josh is going to give back, and that more than anything is going to win over a locker room. He will do amazing things for the community to help people when he doesn't have to do anything, and people will see that."

So there's only one unanswered question left: What do the Giants see?



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Ramsey Lewis will play his farewell concert at Pritzker Pavilion on Sept. 1.

Lewis, Davis among big headliners at Jazz Fest

BY HOWARD REICH
 Chicago Tribune

A farewell performance by Chicago pianist Ramsey Lewis, a themed concert by Orbert Davis and the Chicago Jazz Philharmonic and homecoming sets by former Chicagoans Nicole Mitchell and Kurt Elling will headline the 40th annual Chicago Jazz Festival, running Aug. 29 through Sept. 2 in Millennium Park and the Chicago Cultural Center.

The Lewis event is billed as “a final live performance in Chicago before retirement” by the city’s Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, which produces the festival (it’s programmed by the nonprofit Jazz Institute of Chicago).

“It’s time,” said Lewis, 82, of his planned retirement. “I’ll be 83” at the time of the Jazz Fest.

“The piano playing is fine and fun. But the traveling! Getting to the airport two hours or more early. Arriving in some town and finding your room isn’t ready.

“Enough of that.”
 Lewis’ Jazz Festival set will cap an extraordinary and enduring career that

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PETEY T PHOTO

“Our Great Tchaikovsky” was written by and stars Hershey Felder.

IN PERFORMANCE ‘Our Great Tchaikovsky’ ★★★

Felder adds intrigue in tale of Russian composer

BY CHRIS JONES
 Chicago Tribune

In 2013, the entrepreneurial pianist and actor Hershey Felder received a letter from Russian authorities.

Felder, who has many fans in Chicago, is well known for his solo shows focused on the biographies of classical composers. Typically, Felder has assumed the persona of, say, a George Gershwin, a Leonard Bernstein, a Ludwig van Beethoven or a Frederic Chopin. Over the course of about 90 minutes, he has performed episodes from their lives that he thought emblematic of larger struggles and achievements, interspersing as he goes a selection of their best-known compositions. Some of those have used taped orchestral backing, but the centerpiece of all Felder’s shows, which mostly have been performed at the Royal George Theatre in Chicago, is the maestro himself, seated at a Steinway.

I’ve seen all these shows over the years and regular readers will know that I regard Felder, an avowed showman and frequently bewigged populist, as providing skilled entertainment to people who enjoy so-called light classi-

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MY WORST MOMENT

‘REAL GIRL’ RUN-IN

‘Superstore’s’ Lauren Ash had door encounter in front of Ryan Gosling

BY NINA METZ
 Chicago Tribune

As assistant manager of Cloud 9, the fictional big box chain in NBC’s “Superstore,” Dina is *intense*. As played by Lauren Ash, the character’s take-no-prisoners approach to the job is a consistently funny riff on the overbearing manager.

Ash’s comedic talent was honed as a sketch and improv performer. Ten years ago the native of Canada was a standout on Second City’s mainstage in Chicago, where the cast members are also the writers of their shows. Ash is leveraging that skill on the NBC sitcom as well.

“On a whim I just asked if I could write an episode and submitted a sample script,” she said. “I didn’t hear back and wasn’t really expecting to. Then I got a message from our showrunner who was like, ‘Hey, do you want to write an episode toward the end of the season?’ So I went to work in the writers room and I was there for the whole process of breaking the story and all that. We just finished shooting it.” She couldn’t reveal much about the episode itself but said it should air sometime in May. “If nothing changes, it will be Episode 20 this season.”

When asked to share a worst moment for this column, it was her first movie role that came to mind: “I think my favorite story is from back in 2006-ish. I was fairly new to the Second City mainstage in Toronto (where she performed before coming to Chicago) and I booked a small part in a feature film called ‘Lars and the Real Girl,’ which stars Ryan Gosling. This was exciting! Ryan Gosling is Canada’s sweetheart!”

As she would soon learn, if you’re going to embarrass yourself on a film set, it might as well be in front of Canada’s sweetheart.

My worst moment ...

“I played a co-worker of Lars’, which is who Ryan Gosling was playing. His character is very socially awkward and if you haven’t seen the movie, he has fallen in love with this life-size doll. We got a very firm talking to when we got to the set: Don’t look the



MGM

Ryan Gosling, center, stars in “Lars and the Real Girl,” a 2007 movie in which he plays the title character. Lauren Ash plays a co-worker in the film.

doll in the eye. Don’t make fun of the doll. Don’t talk to the doll. It was very surreal.

“Keep in mind, Ryan Gosling is a really serious Method actor, so he does not drop character at all. It’s the first morning, the first rehearsal, we’re all on set and he comes in and he’s in character but nobody really knows because we’ve never had any interactions with him before this. We hadn’t even seen him yet. So the energy in the room is weird — it’s like the elephant in the room, interacting with somebody who’s Ryan Gosling but *not* Ryan Gosling. Like, how do you deal with this?”

“Anyway, when I get to set I realize I know a lot of the other actors, because this thing is shooting in Canada and it’s a quirky indie comedy, so they’ve cast a lot of Second City people in smaller parts. And one of them was Aurora, who I knew a little bit, and I’m like, ‘Great, I have a buddy.’ It’s awkward being on a film set and at this point in my career I didn’t have a lot of experience. So I thought, ‘This is great, I’m not alone.’

“We rehearse the scene. Everything’s fine. But it’s also super exciting because it’s Ryan Gosling! And he’s also really beautiful. (Laughs) So the rehearsal ends, they’re setting up the lights and we go back to our trailers. Aurora and I are walking beside each other and both just brimming with wanting to talk about, ‘Oh my God, it’s Ryan Gosling and he’s so cute!’ He had this mustache and he had gained a little weight for the role but he was still super hot.

“So she starts going on about, ‘I can’t believe how hot he is ...’ And as she’s talking to me, I kind of turn my head over my shoulder and I see that he’s walking in the same direction, coming up behind us — and he’s close enough that he’s able to hear what we’re saying.

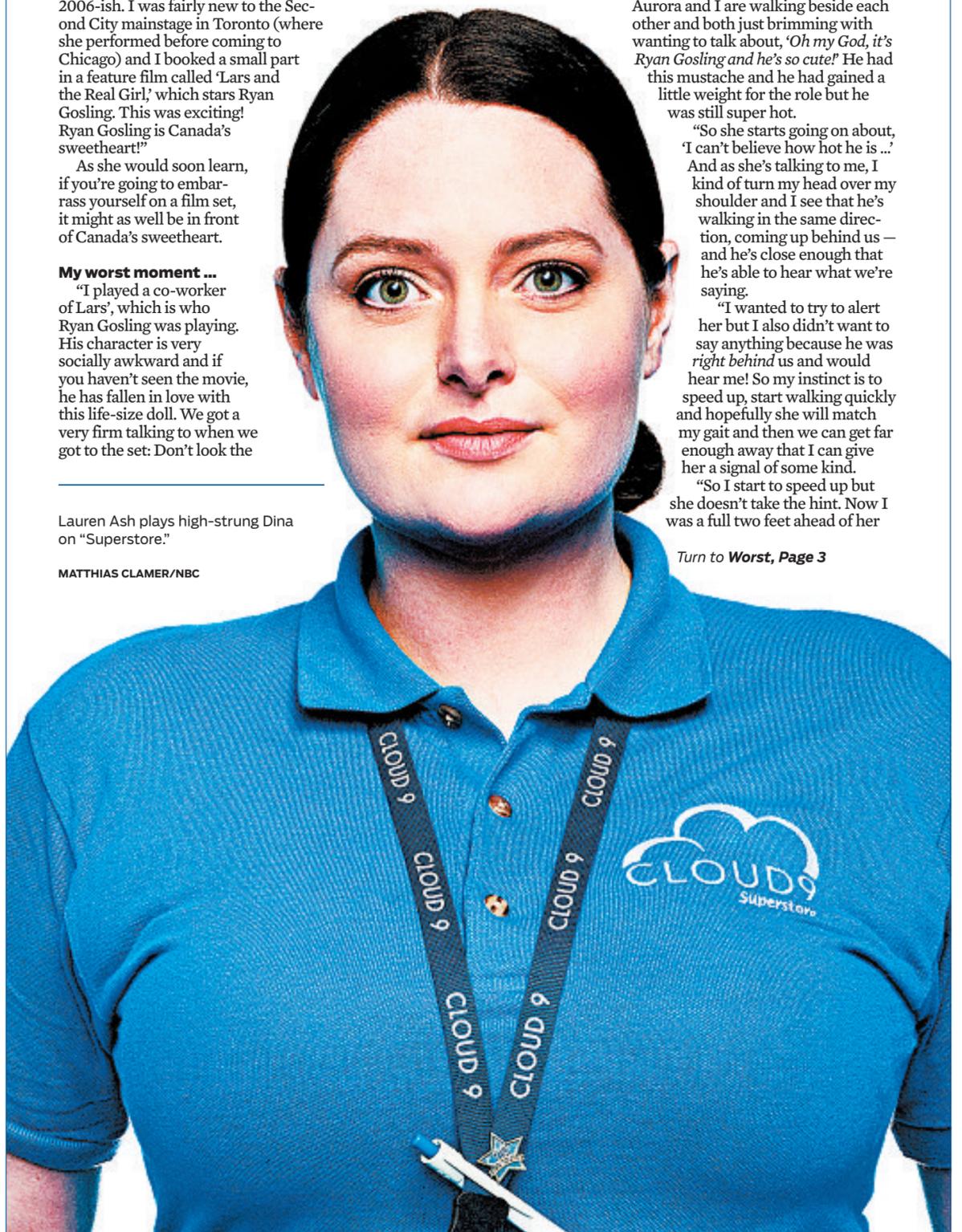
“I wanted to try to alert her but I also didn’t want to say anything because he was *right behind* us and would hear me! So my instinct is to speed up, start walking quickly and hopefully she will match my gait and then we can get far enough away that I can give her a signal of some kind.

“So I start to speed up but she doesn’t take the hint. Now I was a full two feet ahead of her

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Lauren Ash plays high-strung Dina on “Superstore.”

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Sara Bareilles will co-host the Tony Awards in June.

Bareilles, Groban set to host Tony Awards

The Tony Awards have tapped Sara Bareilles and Josh Groban to host the theater industry's biggest awards ceremony.

With longstanding roots in the music industry, Bareilles and Groban may initially seem unexpected choices for a theater awards show. But both have become headline talent on Broadway lately: Bareilles wrote the score for the musical "Waitress," and her two stints in the lead role of the show earned notable sales increases for the production. Groban, meanwhile, spent several months in one of the title roles of "Natasha, Pierre and the Great Comet of 1812," fueling million-dollar-plus weeks during his time in the part. Bareilles also played Mary Magdalene in NBC's well-received live broadcast of "Jesus Christ Superstar."



Groban

They take over hosting duties from Kevin Spacey, the disgraced former "House of Cards" actor who played that role on the telecast last year.

It's unusual to have two hosts for the Tony Awards but not unprecedented. Most recently, Kristin Chenoweth and Alan Cumming emceed the proceedings in 2015. Response to that year's ceremony proved lackluster in the theater industry.

Nominations for the 72nd annual Tony Awards will be announced May 1. CBS will broadcast the ceremony live from Radio City Music Hall on June 10.

— Variety, Associated Press



JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION

Spielberg takes on DC universe: Steven Spielberg, above, is flying into the DC Universe with the World War II action-adventure "Blackhawk." Warner Bros. Chairman Toby Emmerich said Tuesday that the legendary filmmaker will produce and may direct the film. The "Blackhawk" comic book series started in 1941 and follows a group of ace WWII-era pilots as they fight evils, including the Axis powers. "Jurassic Park" screenwriter David Koepp is writing the script.

Prince case update: Prosecutors in the Minnesota county where Prince died are set to announce a decision Thursday on criminal charges after a two-year investigation into the musician's death from a fentanyl overdose. Prince was 57 when he was found alone and unresponsive in an elevator at his Paisley Park estate in suburban Chanhassen on April 21, 2016. An autopsy found he died of an overdose of fentanyl, a synthetic opioid 50 times more powerful than heroin.

"Stranger" casting: Actors Cary Elwes and Jake Busey will join the "Stranger Things" cast in the show's third season, Netflix announced Wednesday. Elwes, known for "The Princess Bride," will play a character named Mayor Kline, while Busey, from "Starship Troopers," will play Bruce. Mayor Kline is being described by Netflix as "handsome, slick, and sleazy" and "your classic '80s politician." The Bruce character played by Busey is "a journalist for the The Hawkins Post."



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Frisky neighbors need curtains

Dear Amy: My husband and I live next to a married couple who are about our age (late 30s). Our condos are close (less than 12 feet apart), and some of our windows face each other.

They removed all of the curtains and blinds about a year ago. We absolutely try to avoid looking into their house, and we've angled our blinds to obstruct our view most of the time. But even walking through our house, you can see into most of their house clearly without even trying.

A month ago, I caught a view of our neighbor in his living room. The husband was sitting on the sofa, totally nude, clearly in a sexual position. A few weeks later, my husband saw the same scene. We began to feel uneasy, like maybe they wanted to be seen. They could go into their bedroom, so why were they doing this in front of their big, uncovered family room windows? These neighbors were always polite when we interacted with them outside.

I contacted the homeowners association complaining about their lack of window coverings. There is no regulation requiring anyone to have window coverings. They said unless we were seeing something obscene, there's nothing they can legally do.

We're not sure what to do now. We feel like we should be able to look out our windows without being fearful of seeing our neighbors in a compromising situation.

What do you think?
— Over Exposed

Dear Over Exposed: Depending on where you live,

your neighbors' activity might legally be considered "indecent exposure" if they are naked and engaged in sexual activity, deliberately exposing others — even if they are in their own home. Check your local statutes to see how restrictive the laws are where you live.

However, many local laws DON'T consider this sort of exhibitionism in one's own home indecent, even if it is deliberately within public view, and sexual in nature.

Your neighbors might enjoy this sort of display. You could write them a note, saying, "We respectfully request that you either get window coverings, or take your nudity into a more private part of your home. We — and our guests — have the right to look out our own windows without having to view your sexual activity, which, unfortunately, we cannot unsee."

Understand that, depending on local statutes and their own willingness to cooperate, you may have no recourse other than to block the view with your own window covering.

Dear Amy: Our son is engaged to a lovely girl. They will be married at the end of the year. We have known her for over a decade. She is our daughter's best friend, and has been dating our son for nearly five years.

We love her and think she will be a wonderful wife. We already consider her family. My problem is that whenever she writes us a card, she signs it "Best" or "Sincerely."

To be honest, I am a little hurt that she doesn't

feel close enough to us to sign "Love," which I do with friends and family.

The last card she gave us, she signed "Best" from her and my son.

Is there any tactful way of letting her know we would like to be more than business associates?

— Future MIL

Dear MIL: Let's head right to the headline: Your future daughter-in-law sends you cards! This alone would send many in-laws into paroxysms of joy.

And yet you are quibbling over how she signs off. She might feel a little shy about this. Or it is possible that she feels love differently than you do, or that she simply doesn't love you yet.

Ease up. The best way to love her is to accept her as she is, and not wish for her to be a version of you.

Dear Amy: Responding to "Anxious Mother," we also dealt with this with our 18-year-old son and his girlfriend. We didn't care for the girl, but sucked it up and made our point about responsibility.

If our son was going to, at age 18, live at home, several conditions had to be met: Go to college, work part time, text or phone when he would be "sleeping over." (Using birth control was a no-brainer.)

Otherwise, he needed to get a place of his own.

He complied. They eventually broke up.

— Been There

Dear Been There: Smart parents.

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Russian letter adds politics

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cal experiences, and who probably are not regulars at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. He also provides crucial education in a time when a striking number of Americans know little or nothing about his subjects.

Felder is not for all tastes. But no one else I know has anything quite like his brand, and he creates shows with both artistic care and factual integrity. And he knows how to take care of his audience.

Back to Russia. You just can't get away these days.

In the communique, which Felder reads from the Upstairs stage of the Steppenwolf Theatre, his current home, it was noted that high-ranking Russian officials had seen Felder do his thing. Thus a personal

When: Through May 13

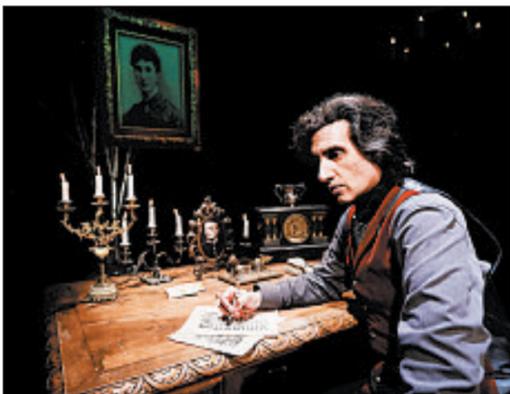
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invitation was made that Felder turn his attentions to the great Russian composer, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, whom, it is felt in Moscow, is fully deserving of the Felder treatment.

No question. But there is an ethical issue. At the time he received the letter, Russian authorities also were oppressing gay citizens, undermining whatever marginal rights that could



PETEY T PHOTO

Hershey Felder takes a look at the music and mind of the famed Russian composer in "Our Great Tchaikovsky."

be said to exist for them. Anti-gay legislation shared a month with the sending of the letter. Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky was, a preponderance of evidence suggests, himself gay. So, in the light of that, how could Felder accept such an assignment?

Instead, he is performing "Our Great Tchaikovsky" (with some irony attached

to the "Our") in the United States, using the Russian invitation as a framing device for a show that includes many of this composer's most famous compositions, and thus giving his show far more a political point of view than he ever has ventured in the past.

Good for him. That new aspect of the show works well — in fact, I'd argue that Felder should carry it rather further. At this point, it's of great interest to his fans how he puts these shows together, and the more he reveals about the many complexities of such storytelling, ideological, ethical and otherwise, the better. It's a way to freshen the formula, to reveal more of himself and it is good to see Felder using his power to take a stand.

My favorite part of any Felder show is when he focuses in on what these composers actually did — not so much in any technical sense, but with a wide yet precise lens. In this show, for example, he homes in on how the unpeppably talented Tchaikovsky knew that fully evoking the melodic perfection of the natural world would make his works bland; thus they all have a lingering off-note, a conscious discord that makes their harmonies feel all the more human.

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Elling, Reeves and Parker in fest lineup

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made him something of a pop star in the 1960s with hit recordings such as "The In Crowd," "Hang on Sloopy" and "Wade in the Water." A tireless performer, Lewis traveled constantly around the globe, long has served as artistic director for jazz at the Ravinia Festival in Highland Park and consistently has ignored entreaties to move to one of the coasts.

"I love Chicago," explained Lewis. "This always has been home."

Lewis has received the country's highest jazz honor, being named a National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Master of 2007.

"It will be an honor to experience the music of the great Ramsey Lewis during his final live performance in Chicago," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel in a statement. "For more than 60 years, Ramsey Lewis has been a legendary figure in the music industry, and we are proud that he has called Chicago home throughout his life."

Beyond Lewis' historic performance at the Jazz Festival, the event will expand its footprint by presenting free sets in neighborhood clubs from Aug. 24 to 29. Details of those performances will be made public in June.

Following are highlights of Millennium Park shows at Pritzker Pavilion; all performances are free. For a complete schedule, including daytime events at the side stages and the Cultural Center offerings, visit www.chicagojazzfestival.us.

Aug. 29

Orbert Davis and the Chicago Jazz Philharmonic perform a "Legends and Lions" concert, 6:30 p.m.



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Nicole Mitchell returns to Chicago for the festival.

Aug. 30

Geof Bradfield, 5:25 p.m.; Nicole Mitchell's "Mandorla Awakening," 6:30 p.m.; Kurt Elling, 7:45 p.m.

Aug. 31

Tribute to Muhal Richard Abrams, 4:15 p.m.; Sabertooth 25th anniversary, 5:25 p.m.; Louis Hayes' "Serenade for Horace," 6:30 p.m.; Dianne Reeves, 7:45 p.m.

Sept. 1

Tribute to Willie Pickens, 4:15 p.m.; Kenny Barron Quintet, 5:25 p.m.; Darcy James Argue's Secret Society, 6:25 p.m.; Ramsey Lewis, 7:45 p.m.

Sept. 2

Matt Ulery's Loom Large, 4:15 p.m.; Arturo O'Farrill Sextet, 5:25 p.m.; Charles McPherson and Barry Harris Quartet, 6:25 p.m.; Maceo Parker, 7:45 p.m.

Highlights on the side stages in Millennium Park will include Matthew Shipp and Ivo Perelman at 1:50 p.m. and Amina Claudine Myers Trio at 3 p.m. Sept. 1 at the Von Freeman Pavilion, and the Eric Revis Quartet at 3 p.m. Sept. 2 at the Von Freeman Pavilion.

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TV host Kelly Rizzo on Chicago roots and upcoming wedding

BY TRACY SWARTZ
Chicago Tribune

"Eat Travel Rock" host Kelly Rizzo seems pretty relaxed for a woman getting married in the fall.

"I focus on wedding planning about 60 seconds each day," Rizzo, 38, told the Tribune last week while she was in Chicago. "It's just not really my thing, and Bob has been much more on top of it than I have been, which is kind of refreshing and apparently not the norm. But I think maybe going forward I'll put five to 10 minutes a day into wedding planning and then the rest of the time selling 'Eat Travel Rock.'"

Rizzo — who grew up in Lakeview and attended Glenbrook South High School in Glenview — and "Fuller House" star Bob Saget are planning to wed in an intimate ceremony in the Los Angeles area. She has picked out her dress — an Atelier Pronovias gown from Mira Couture in the Gold Coast neighborhood — and is leaning toward a theme (Sicilian/Italian Riviera).

She gave up her place in River North last month after moving to Los Angeles to be with Saget. The move is bittersweet because Chicago is where Rizzo grew her career from real estate agent to backstage correspondent at Joe's Bar to food and travel journalist, TV personality and sometimes-recognizable face.

"These two women came up to me. They were like, 'Ohmigod, 'Eat Travel Rock,' we're such big fans,' and I was like, 'Oh.' And we were with Josh Groban and his girlfriend and they didn't pay any attention to Bob or Josh," Rizzo said as she joked that Saget probably set up the encounter. "I was like, 'Oh, well this is my fiance, Bob, and this is



Bob Saget and "Eat Travel Rock" host Kelly Rizzo are planning a fall wedding.

Josh, and this one lady looks at Bob and she's like, 'Oh, do you cook too?'"

Saget, 61, is probably best known for playing affable dad Danny Tanner on the long-running sitcom "Full House." He went on to have a memorable turn in the 2005 documentary "The Aristocrats" (which Rizzo admitted she hasn't seen from start to finish) and write a 2014 memoir, "Dirty Daddy," while continuing his stand-up career. He reprised his Danny Tanner role for Netflix's "Fuller House" and directed and starred in the dark comedy "Benjamin," which premiered this month.

Rizzo said Saget's work ethic pushes her to hustle harder. Rizzo created "Eat Travel Rock" as a passion project about five years ago after getting burned out in the real estate busi-

ness. Rizzo said she works with tourism boards and festival organizers to determine where she will shoot (Switzerland, Richmond, Va., and Milwaukee's Summerfest are among her destinations). An episode due out this week is devoted to the Burton U.S. Open Snowboarding Championships in Vail, Colo.

The series gained momentum as Rizzo partnered with the Food Channel, and the show has been picked up by AOL and Amazon, among other outlets. Rizzo focused on growing her audience via social media, which brings us back to Saget.

Longtime Chicago radio personality Roe Conn told the Tribune that Saget called him after coming across Rizzo on Instagram. Conn said he helped set them up on their first date

in 2016 and "the rest is Hollywood history." The couple got engaged last fall while watching "Stranger Things" during a trip to Big Sur, Calif.

"He says, 'Kelly, I want to spend whatever years I have left with you.' And I was like kind of touched, but then I was like, 'Can you please rephrase that?'" Rizzo said. "He was very, very sweet when he finally got the words right."

This will be the second marriage for both Saget, who has three daughters from a 15-year marriage that ended in 1997; and Rizzo, who was married for about four years.

Saget said: "We just want to keep working and doing great things and travel a lot."

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Lauren Ash is a former Second City performer.

Ash was attempting to help a friend

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and she starts talking louder to me. And I'm like, 'Oh no, this is going horribly wrong.' He was two steps behind her at this point. There's no way he couldn't hear her.

"And as I'm walking, I see a door. And with all my force, I burst through the door to get us out of this situation that she doesn't even know she's in — but it's pull door, not a push door. And I hit the side of my face full force into this closed door and knock the wind out of myself. I sort of crumble and I couldn't really breathe for a second. (Laughs) Aurora was like, 'Oh my God, are you OK? What just happened?'"

"And then I look and Gosling is behind her — bless him — very politely, very Canadianly laughing at me! Just like giggling and trying to hide that he's laughing at me."

What was going through her mind as Gosling was laughing?

"First of all I thought: You have to communicate that you're OK because you don't want him to go into oh-my-God-let-me-help-you mode. I didn't want him thinking, 'This woman has injured herself' even though I had badly hit my shoulder."

"I think immediately I

just started going, 'I'm OK! I'm fine! Pull-not-push, what are the chances?' It was just verbal diarrhea. Trying to overcompensate and thinking, 'Get me out of here!' Also keep in mind, we still had to go back and shoot that scene! I still have three other days on this movie and now I'm the girl that ran into the door! That's what he's going to think every day when he sees me. But he was a consummate professional, he never mentioned it."

The takeaway ...

"Oh gosh, listen, my Canadianism will always be the death of me. And me trying so hard to protect Aurora from embarrassing herself caused me literal physical pain — so maybe just let the person dig their own grave? That's a life lesson for me: Don't be so worried about helping others not embarrass themselves because, at the end of the day, you'll end up embarrassing yourself far worse!"

"And is it really so bad that Ryan Gosling overhears an actress say that he's beautiful? Oh, now he knows she thinks he's hot? Everybody thinks he's hot, this is not news to Ryan Gosling."

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Harold Ramis is the father of Mollie Heckerling, right, Violet Ramis Stiel writes.

Mollie Heckerling is Ramis' daughter, new book reveals

BY TRACY SWARTZ
Chicago Tribune

Tucked in Violet Ramis Stiel's forthcoming book, "Ghostbuster's Daughter," is the revelation that comedy writer-actor-director Harold Ramis fathered a daughter with "Clueless" director Amy Heckerling.

In what she calls a "crazy, convoluted Hollywood story," Mollie Heckerling told the Tribune that she was 15 years old when her dad, "Police Academy" screenwriter Neal Israel, told her that Ramis is her biological father.

Now 32 years old, Mollie recalled meeting Ramis, the beloved Chicago native who co-wrote and starred in "Ghostbusters," "Groundhog Day" and "Stripes," when she became an adult.

"Even though he was someone I didn't know at all growing up, we were so alike in so many basic ways — our tastes, our mannerisms, our outlook on things, so it really was kind of nice," Mollie told the Tribune. She described their relationship as "loving but distant."

"We had a really great rapport. I loved him very dearly and I know he loved me, but the one thing I regret is not being more present in his life or fight-

ing to be more present, especially when he was sick, because you want to be with the person as much as you can and garner as much as you can from them and then at the same time you feel as though you're kind of a reminder to them of something that they did that they're not proud of, so it was sort of like bitter-sweet."

The family tree is tangled as Amy Heckerling and Harold Ramis were both in relationships with other people when Mollie was born in 1985. Mollie said Israel and Heckerling were married until around 1990.

Ramis was married to artist Anne Plotkin and they had a daughter, Violet, in 1977. Ramis was separated from Plotkin and had started a relationship with Erica Mann when Mollie was born, according to "Ghostbuster's Daughter." Ramis and Mann wed in 1989 and had two sons.

Ramis died at his North Shore home in 2014 at the age of 69 after suffering from a rare disease that involves swelling of the blood vessels.

He had plans to write a book about "existential parenting" with Violet, who went on to write "Ghostbuster's Daughter,"

an account of Ramis' life, work and legacy that is due out June 5. Violet introduces Mollie in the "mystery baby" chapter and later talks about bonding with her.

Mollie, who has a 3-year-old daughter and lives in New York, said she plans to eventually tell her story through her screenwriting and stand-up comedy. Mollie said her family members and friends now know the truth, and she is close with the Ramis family. She said she gave permission to Violet to include her information in the book "because I had been keeping everything secret for the majority of my life."

"The book is really fantastic. I think it took a lot of guts on Violet's part to tell her story. Writing a book is hard, especially one as personal as this," Mollie said. "She's such a wonderful person and I'm honored to be a part of her life and her story. If I hope anything comes from the book, I hope that it's a lucrative career for her as a writer and also just some peace of mind for me now about who I am and not having to worry about anything anymore."

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BOOK REVIEW

Profile of future royal pleasing but lacks 'wow'

Morton, of 'Diana' fame, gives us dutiful bio of Markle

By **BILL DALEY**
Chicago Tribune

Meghan Markle is set to marry her prince on May 19 in St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle as Queen Elizabeth II, the British royal family and millions of television viewers around the world look on. The obvious question then, of course, is whether the American actress and Harry will live happily ever after.

That answer is harder to conjure. Germaine Greer, the noted feminist, predicted Sunday on Australia's "60 Minutes" television program that Markle will "bolt" under the pressure of the royal grind as "vistas of boredom" stretch before her. And The Wall Street Journal published a helpful warning to the future royal bride that the Internal Revenue Service will be watching to make sure Uncle Sam get his cut of her new royal lifestyle.

Boredom and the IRS — what obstacles to nuptial bliss! Yet, reading the just-released "Meghan: A Hollywood Princess" by Andrew Morton leaves me feeling hopeful for the bride (and Harry). The woman described in this book appears to be a talented, confident actress and humanitarian who has been an articulate spokesperson for gender equality whether writing on social media, meeting both female parliamentarians and refugees in Rwanda, or speaking at a United Nations forum.

Markle is not like previous royal brides. As The Telegraph wrote in an editorial at the time of her engagement: "A divorced, mixed-race Hollywood actress who attended a Roman Catholic school is



'Meghan'

By Andrew Morton, Grand Central, 272 pages, \$27

to marry the son of the next king. Such a sentence could simply not have been written a generation ago." For the British newspaper, the marriage of Markle and Prince Harry was "emblematic of a nation that has changed utterly, no longer hidebound by stuffy tradition and populated by Establishment courtiers seeking to prove Shakespeare's observation that the course of true love never did run smooth."

"Her presence inside the royal family is a challenge and an opportunity," Morton writes, predicting she "will complement her husband and the august institution she has married into, bringing a freshness, diversity, and warmth to the chilly corridors of Buckingham Palace. Her many fans and admirers are eager to watch the next episode of her great royal adventure."

Curiosity about the "Suits" star is certainly running high these days. A short Chicago Tribune story about Markle's April 12 arrival in the city gener-

ated some 237,000 page views — and the accompanying photo of her at O'Hare didn't even show her full face. This biography is one a slew of similar books being published in the weeks before the royal wedding to feed that interest.

On my desk right now is "Harry: Life, Loss and Love" (Hachette, \$27) by Katie Nicholl with the smiling couple on the book's front dust jacket; "American Princess: The Love Story of Meghan Markle and Prince Harry" (William Morrow, \$16.99) by Leslie Carroll, due out April 24; and Angela Levin's "Harry: A Biography of a Prince" (Pegasus, \$26.95), slated for release May 3.

What makes "Megan: A Hollywood Princess" stand out from the pack is the fame of Morton, whose book "Diana: Her True Story" explosively blew the cover off the unhappy marriage of Harry's parents. That book packed so much punch because it came as such a surprise to a public fed a steady diet of pap about Prince Charles and Diana, princess of Wales. And it was written with such authority — thanks to Diana's secret cooperation.

Morton provides a dutiful and generally positive profile of Markle in his biography. But there's little of the "wow" factor that made "Diana: Her True Story" such a powerful book. I wish there was more of that in "Meghan: A Hollywood Princess."

Yes, Morton writes about Markle growing up with a white father and an African-American mother who divorced when she was a child. He writes about the challenges and racism Markle faced being biracial



DANIEL LEAL-OLIVAS/GETTY-AFP 2017

American actress Meghan Markle is set to marry Britain's Prince Harry next month.

in a painfully divided America. But I still wish he could have gone deeper into what motivates and inspires her. That Markle is a descendant of Robert the Bruce, the 14th-century Scottish king, is cool, I guess, but I'm far more interested in knowing and feeling the import behind Markle writing that "being biracial paints a blurred line that is equal parts staggering and illuminating."

Why? That's the question I found myself asking repeatedly while reading this book. Why did Markle split, seemingly quite abruptly, from her first husband, film producer Trevor Engelson? Why did she seem to be dropping old friends while "carefully recalibrating her life" to newfound success? Why did her work for UN Wom-

en, work which led to her appointment as an official advocate, drop off considerably?

As much as this book explores Markle's past with an eye toward the upcoming royal marriage, I found myself wondering what her future — and that of her family — will be like. Yes, Markle has dutifully erased her social media accounts and shut down her influential blog, The Tig (which Morton writes "contained intelligent and well-written essays about gender equality and race"), but can she be content to stay silent or speak only the lines scripted for her by royal officials?

Could she, would she, "bolt"? And maybe, as Greer suggested, take Harry with her? Morton, for one, paints an optimistic

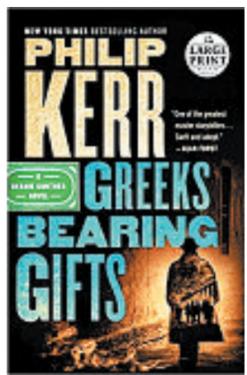
vision of the future.

"With her smarts, sophistication, beauty and talent, Meghan represents the American Dream of having it all, achieving her success by dint of hard work and ability," he wrote. "Her life intersected with Prince Harry's at a point where he had proven himself worthy of respect, in spite of, not because of, the privileges bestowed upon him by dint of birth and heritage. While they may have come from different countries, backgrounds, and cultures, their union is undoubtedly the crowning symbolic achievement of the special relationship between a monarchy and a republic."

Let's see.

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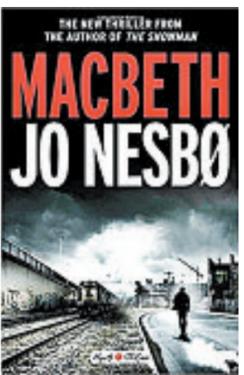
Crime fiction roundup



"Greeks Bearing Gifts"
By Philip Kerr, Putnam, 528 pages, \$27

With Philip Kerr's recent death, spy fiction lost one of its prized authors — and, in intrepid investigator Bernie Gunther, one of its great characters. "Greeks Bearing Gifts," the 13th book in the Gunther series (Kerr is said to have completed a 14th before his death), may not be the best place to start for newcomers. That would be the "Berlin Noir Trilogy," set during the Nazi era. But it doesn't take much to get swept into Gunther's latest adventure or taken in by his darkly witty commentary.

The book opens in 1957 with Gunther, the onetime commissar of Berlin's Murder Squad, living under an alias in Munich as a morgue attendant. Gunther is hired as a claims adjuster in Athens to investigate the sinking of a ship and becomes embroiled in a set of murders tied to the theft of valuables from Salonika Jews sent to Auschwitz. Even as Gunther is targeted by a dirty German cop from his past, threatened with jail time by a Greek policeman as an accessory to a killing and subjected to a pervasive hatred of Germans in Greece, he is at no loss for acid humor: "Sometimes the nicest folk do the most horrible things," he says. "Especially in Germany.... People are always surprised that we also like Mozart and small children."

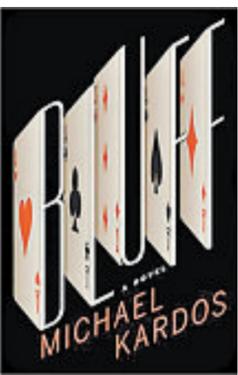


"Macbeth" by Jo Nesbo, Hogarth, 464 pages, \$27

Shakespeare's "Macbeth" has been modern-dressed (and cussed-up) many times on stage and screen. But Nordic crime stalwart Jo Nesbo sets his novel's version in 1970s drugged-up, industrial England. Written in hard-boiled noir style, the book casts Macbeth, who was sexually abused in an orphanage and became hooked on speed as a teenager, as the respected head of the SWAT unit. His conniving wife, Lady, "who once supported myself on the oldest profession in the world," owns the swanky Inverness Casino. Owing to what she sees as Macbeth's central flaw, his "lack of evil," she has her work cut out for her in spurring him to kill Duncan, the honorable chief of police. All hell breaks loose — think of Kurosawa — after Duncan is found with a dagger in his neck and Macbeth assumes his job.

These may be the grimmest 446 pages you've read in a while, but with characters like the drug king Hecate, who wears a mustard-yellow cashmere coat and flashes a Rolex, there's never a dull moment. An enjoyable addition to Hogarth's Shakespeare series — which has invited other notable authors to reinvent Shakespeare's works — Nesbo's "Macbeth" may well inspire you to reread and rethink the original.

By **LOYD SACHS**
Chicago Tribune



"Bluff" by Michael Kardos, Mysterios, 288 pages, \$26

In the tantalizing new thriller "Bluff," Michael Kardos reveals himself to be a master at dealing from the middle of the deck. More than once, you're sure of the fate of Natalie, a 27-year-old magician. But then Kardos fools you with his smooth shell game.

Told from the point of view of the tough-edged but vulnerable Natalie, who is desperate for a change of venue after flicking a playing card into an uncooperative participant's eyeball on the New Jersey magic circuit, "Bluff" employs a shaky device to plant her in a high-stakes poker game. She gets herself an assignment to write a magazine story about a successful cheater.

Otherwise, "Bluff" doesn't miss a trick. Natalie is thrilled to find herself in the presence of the shadowy Ellen, a suburban substitute teacher by day and the greatest hustler Natalie has ever seen by night. After rebuffering Natalie's pleas to teach her the stupendous "Greek deal," Ellen talks her into becoming her partner in a scam that promises to net them millions. Never mind who the real Ellen is. Who's the real Natalie? In this O. Henry tale for the 21st century, the questions are as good as the answers.

Lloyd Sachs, a freelancer, writes regularly about crime fiction for the Tribune.

BOOK REVIEW

Moore's latest a bit moody, but it's just as daffy as ever

By **PATRICK T. REARDON**
Chicago Tribune

Christopher Moore, the author of 15 wacky novels, explains in an afterword that he had planned for his latest book, "Noir," to be about a "poor working mug" who got entangled with a "dangerous dame" in a dark and desperate story involving a lot of fog, gunplay and danger.

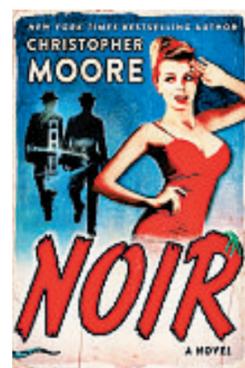
"What I ended up with is essentially 'Perky Noir,' a lot closer to Damon Runyon meets Bugs Bunny than Raymond Chandler meets Jim Thompson... But what was I going to do? 'Noir' was already typed at the top of every page."

The central character of a Moore novel is always a beta male, i.e., a nice guy who's more than a little aimless, distracted and confused. In "Noir," that's Sammy Tiffin, a bartender in 1947 San Francisco who has a damaged foot and a past that he fears will catch up with him.

Often, Moore's guys are rather randy fellows, such as Pocket, King Lear's jester in "Fool," his 2009 adaptation of Shakespeare's play. Moore is nothing if not gutsy when grabbing and remaking the works of great writers from the past. Indeed, he even retells — hilariously and, in an odd way, reverently — the story of Jesus in his book "Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff, Christ's Childhood Pal" (2002).

Sammy's not quite as randy as Pocket or Biff, but, like other Moore heroes, he falls in love in the first few pages. Sammy's love is a war widow whose first name is Stilton, like, she explains, the English cheese. From then on, he calls her Cheese or the Cheese — and, in the test of true love, she enjoys it.

While "Noir" isn't Chan-



'Noir'

By Christopher Moore, William Morrow, 352 pages, \$27.99

dler or Thompson, Moore has produced a book that's moodier than his usually snappy fare. For his cast of characters, occupying the lower levels and the margins of society, postwar America is a place of job shortages, housing shortages and "broken veterans" as well as racial prejudice and sexual exploitation.

The day after Sammy and Stilton have a fight, Sammy feels bad, and he knows she's hurting too because she's "a good kid, maybe a little daffy, sad daffy... but sweet daffy.") After a night of strenuous lovemaking, they sit outside under a blanket watching the sun rise over San Francisco Bay:

"Sore and exhausted, they began to laugh, and they laughed until they collapsed into each other's arms, each holding so tight they lost their breath, holding back sobs of joy, for they had found it: safe harbor."

Last any of Moore's regular readers think he's gone sappy, it's worth noting that he's as silly as ever. Consider the opening sentence about Stilton's arrival in Sammy's bar:

"She had the kind of legs that kept her butt from resting on her shoes — a size-eight dame in a size-six dress and every mug in the joint was rooting for the two sizes to make a break for it."

The hallmark of most Moore novels, in addition to the snappy dialogue and descriptions, is the involvement in everyday life of some otherworldly entities, such as vampires, demons, or "the stupidest angel."

In "Noir," the otherworldly element is a diminutive space alien, called moonman by Sammy and the Cheese. Oh, and a talking snake named Petey who bites a character who deserves it. Yet, as Petey, who does a bit of narrating in the novel, explains:

"Humans are a waste of venom. You can't even eat them.... I've tried. You get one hand down, maybe up to the elbow, then you have to barf them up and go find a rodent or bird or something decent to eat. Just for the record, I am not the villain here."

The villains are teams of identically dressed secretive government agents, who pose as taxmen while kidnapping and killing people. Two agents get their comeuppance when moonman puts together a ray gun out of spare parts and vaporizes them.

In the aftermath, the alien makes a lot of clicking sounds, which neither Sammy nor Stilton is able to decipher. "Maybe," Sammy theorizes, "where he's from they just go out vaporizing stuff for fun and this was like bowling for him."

"Noir" is a sad and daffy and wacky, and surprisingly heartfelt, novel.

Patrick T. Reardon, the author of the poetry collection "Requiem for David," is writing a history of Chicago's elevated Loop.

WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Jay Leno

"Jay Leno's Garage" (9 p.m., CNBC): This hit series for car enthusiasts launches a new 16-episode season with a super-sized premiere called "Movie Cars," in which guest Jamie Foxx proudly shows Jay the behind-the-wheel skills that allow him to do many of his own stunts. After Jay and stunt driver Ben Collins recreate an iconic chase scene from "The Spy Who Loved Me," Jay gets a look at the Mustang Steve McQueen drove in his classic "Bullitt."

"Superstore" (7 p.m., NBC): The title "Gender Reveal" reveals, in and of itself, the cause for a party at Cloud 9 in this new episode. Glenn (Mark McKinney) and his wife Jerusha (Kerri Kenney) are about to make known whether they're having a boy or a girl, and the occasion coincides with Dina's (Lauren Ash) concern about bringing a child into the world. Amy (America Ferrera) gets news that distresses her. Mark McKinney, Colton Dunn, Nichole Bloom and Nico Santos also star.

"Young Sheldon" (7:31 p.m., CBS): Wallace Shawn ("The Princess Bride") guest stars in the new episode "Gluons, Guacamole, and the Color Purple," playing the professor of a college class that Sheldon (Iain Armitage) samples. The youngster feels ready to advance to more challenging courses, and trying that one helps him determine whether it's really for him. Michael Cudlitz ("The Walking Dead") also guest stars. Zoe Perry, Lance Barber and Annie Potts also star.

"Arrow" (8 p.m., CW): Diaz's (guest star Kirk Acevedo) plans for professional growth take him and Laurel (Katie Cassidy) into a meeting with an organization of underworld families with nationwide reach in the new episode "The Dragon." Felicity and Curtis (Emily Bett Rickards, Echo Kellum) are inspired by Oliver (Stephen Amell) to take even more concentrated action regarding Helix Dynamics.

"Champions" (8:30 p.m., NBC): The fulfillment of Michael's (J. J. Totah) class assignment requires a reluctant Vince (Anders Holm) to reunite with his mother (guest star Carolyn Hennesy) in the new episode "Grandma Dearest." Even if Michael makes the grade, his elders' relationship very well may not. Andy Favreau, Fortune Feimster and Mouzam Makkar also star.

"S.W.A.T." (9 p.m., CBS): Hondo (Shemar Moore) deals with a very personal matter in the new episode "Patrol," as he and his sister (guest star Gabrielle Dennis) try to convince their father (guest star Obba Babatundé) — with whom Hondo has a strained relationship — that he needs assisted living. Chris (Lina Esco) works a patrol shift with Mumford (Peter Onorati).

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Jason Sudeikis; actor Malin Akerman.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Tina Fey; actress Evan Rachel Wood; performance from the cast of "Mean Girls."*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Antonio Banderas; Sen. Kamala Harris (D-Calif.); Snow Patrol performs.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:36 p.m., ABC): Producer Shonda Rhimes, and actors Kerry Washington, Guillermo Diaz, Darby Stanchfield, Katie Lowes, Tony Goldwyn, Jeff Perry, Joshua Malina, Bellamy Young, Scott Foley, Joe Morton, Cornelius Smith Jr. and George Newbern; Chaka Kahn performs.*

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USA	NHL Hockey: Washington Capitals at Columbus Blue Jackets. (N) © Chrisley				Law-SVU ♣				
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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (April 19): Partnership brings good fortune this year. Make long-term plans. Update skills and knowledge through higher education. Reassess assumptions and preconceptions. Summer brings a communications breakthrough, career challenges and domestic renewal. Initiate travels and studies after winter for exciting discoveries.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. This month has profit potential under the Taurus sun. Find creative ways to increase income. Don't fund a flimsy scheme.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. Stand up for truth, justice and beauty. You're especially powerful this month, with the sun in your sign. You're in your own element with a natural advantage.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. Finish old business over the next month under the Taurus sun. Keep a low profile. Seek out peaceful hideaways. Get productive behind closed doors.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. You're especially popular this month. Contribute to a group effort or community project, with the sun in Taurus. Keep everyone on track and on target.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Career matters move to the front burner. Advance your professional agenda this month under the Taurus sun. Dress for success, and smile for the camera.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Expand your boundaries through travel, research or higher education over the next month. The Taurus sun inspires your curiosity.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Plan and invest to grow shared accounts under the Taurus sun this month. Avoid unnecessary expense. Handle paperwork, filing and taxes.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Strengthen the bonds of partnership. Reconnect with each other over the next month, with the sun in Taurus. Share delicious flavors, sounds and experiences.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Your physical performance is on the rise this month under the Taurus sun. Regular practices energize. Healthy food, rest and exercise routines strengthen your heart.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. You're especially lucky in love this month. Get light-hearted with someone attractive. The Taurus sun inspires romance, fun and laughter.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Fill your home with love. Take on domestic renovation projects, with the sun in Taurus for a month. Invest time, money and energy for your family.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Stick to practical objectives. Communication projects come together over the next month. Write and get the word out under the Taurus sun.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

North-South vulnerable, East deals

North
 ♠ A Q
 ♥ 9 7 5 4
 ♦ K Q J 8 7
 ♣ A 6

West
 ♠ J 6 4 3 2
 ♥ 6
 ♦ 9 4 2
 ♣ K 10 7 2

East
 ♠ 9 7 5
 ♥ A J 10 8 2
 ♦ A
 ♣ Q J 9 8

South
 ♠ K 10 8
 ♥ K Q 3
 ♦ 10 6 5 3
 ♣ 5 4 3

Today's deal comes from an American Contract Bridge League Junior Camp some years ago. South was a young man named Ophir Reshef.

North's three-heart cuebid asked South to bid no trump if he had a heart stopper. Despite their sensible auction, North-South reached a contract that seemed to have no play. The heart position would be apparent after the first trick, and East would surely find the club shift to defeat the contract.

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1♥	Pass	1♠	2♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All pass	

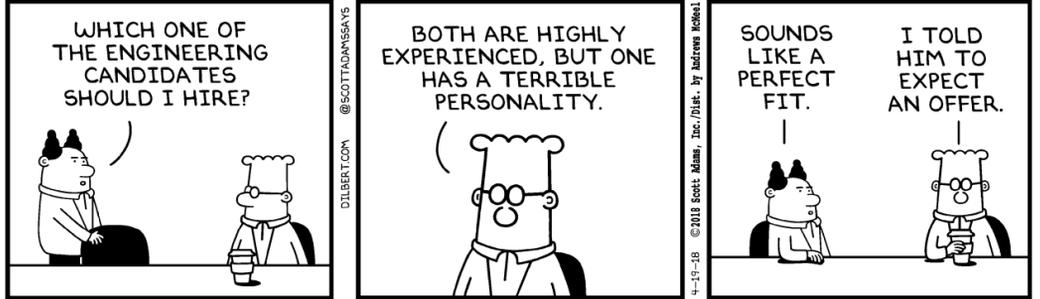
Opening lead: Six of ♥

play of dropping his queen of hearts under East's ace at trick one! Even if East continued with the jack of hearts, dummy would still have a stopper in the suit and Reshef would be able to force out the ace of diamonds and have nine tricks. East, however, was too smart to continue with the jack of hearts. Certain that declarer had started with the king-queen doubleton of hearts, East continued with a low heart. Reshef played low from his hand and dummy's five won the trick.

The king of diamonds came next, of course, and Reshef finished with a surprising overtrick. East, showing a great sense of sportsmanship, shook his hand and congratulated him for his excellent deceptive play.

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Baby Blues



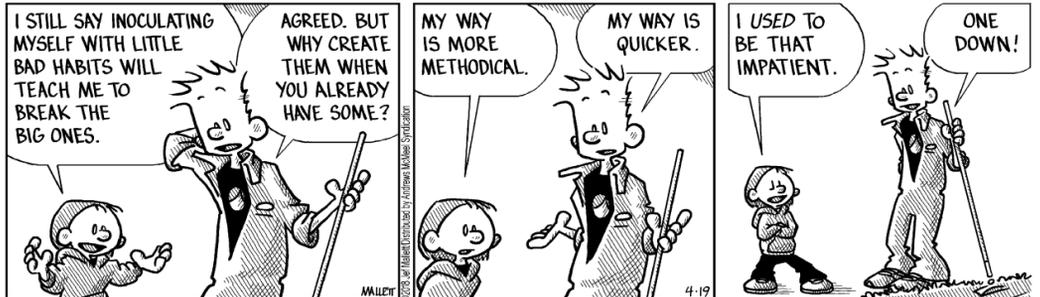
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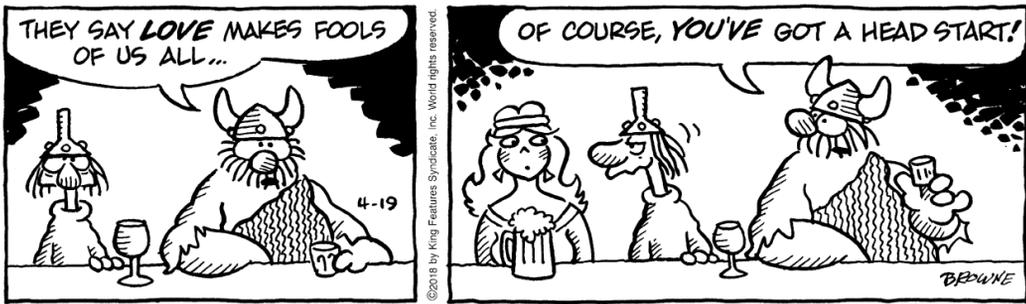
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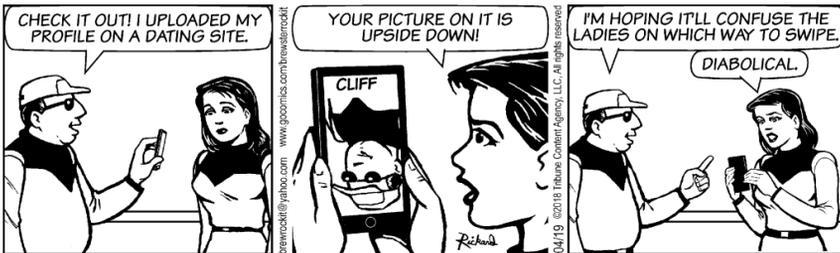
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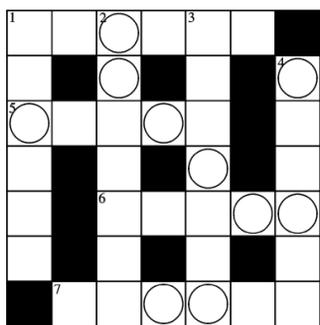
Trivia Bits

The eastern half of New Guinea is the independent nation of Papua New Guinea; the western half is a province of what country?

A) Australia
B) China
C) Indonesia
D) Malaysia

Wednesday's answer: Calypso singers.

Jumble Crossword



- CLUE ACROSS**
- Stretch, exert
 - Air _____
 - _____ sheets
 - Yes _____
- CLUE DOWN**
- Ancient text
 - Turndown
 - Stagnation
 - Exact _____
- ANSWER**
- ACROSS: 1. AISRNT, 2. FEIRL, 3. INAST, 4. LESPEA
- DOWN: 1. RCLSLQ, 2. AFLRLO, 3. EINITAR, 4. HAENCG

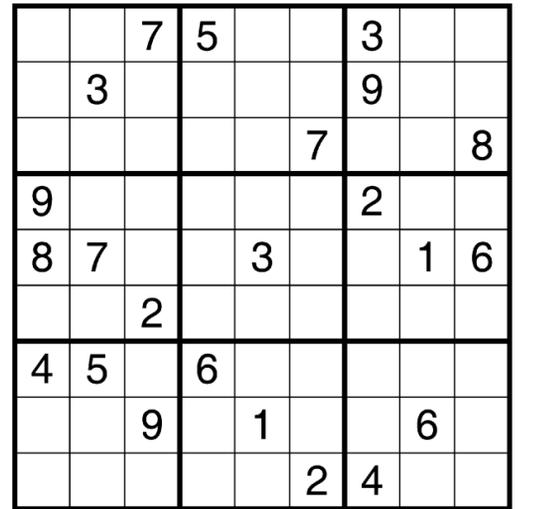
How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

CLUE: _____ has won nine Emmy Awards over his career.

BONUS: _____

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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3	6	9	5	8	4	2	7	1
8	2	5	3	7	1	9	4	6
4	1	7	2	6	9	3	8	5
1	5	4	8	3	7	6	9	2
7	9	3	6	1	2	4	5	8
6	8	2	9	4	5	7	1	3
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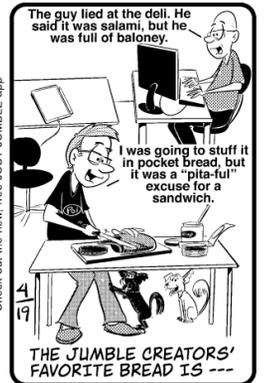
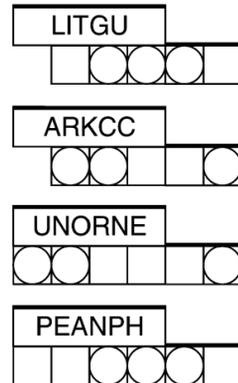
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Wednesday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



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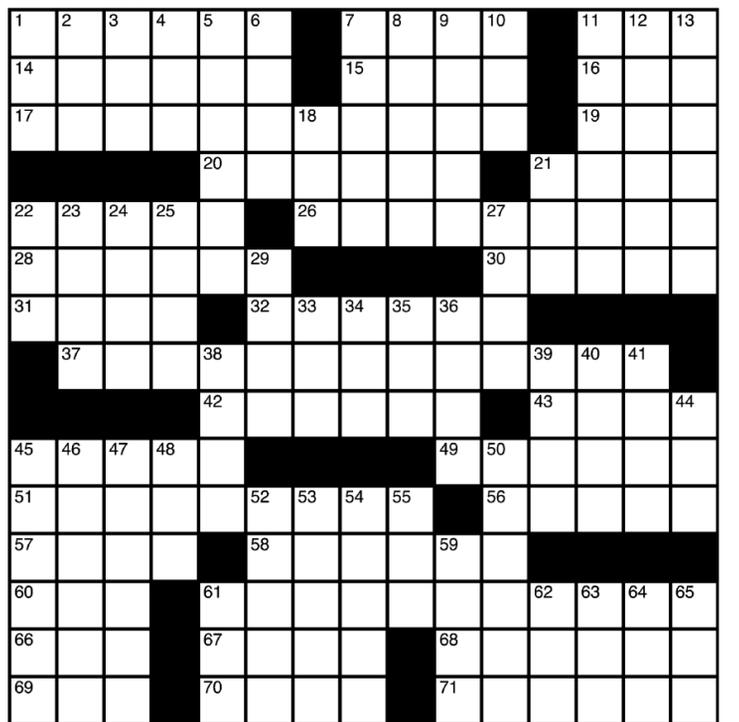
Wednesday's answers

Jumbles: BERET SNOWY FIXATE STRING
Answer: Some people prefer to make coffee quickly, like using crystals — FOR "INSTANTS"

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Crossword

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Across

- Space station wear
- "Walk Like ___": Four Seasons hit
- Sharp-tack link
- Stage of intensity
- Pitch a fit
- Happened upon
- *Look for a specific passage in, as a book
- It's near the midpoint of the Miss. River
- Rap sheet data
- Place Sundance liked to see
- "Gotcha!"
- *About 22% of an average 18-hole golf course
- Every time
- Key
- Salt formula
- Sprain application
- *Point where it starts to hurt
- Watch creepily

- Corn syrup brand
- Chimney plumes
- Largest cat in the genus Leopardus
- *Like baklava layers
- Change as needed
- Musical meter maid
- Exposes, in a way
- Gender-neutral possessive
- Explorers ... and ones who can determine what the answers to starred clues have in common?
- Numeric prefix
- Tête output
- Canadian dollar coin
- Buddhist school
- Give up
- Con target

- LPN workplaces
- ___ for gold
- Open-handed hit
- Fem. advocacy group
- 25 City WSW of Bogotá
- Expensive
- Where it's at
- 2008 biopic starring Benicio del Toro
- Blow it
- Arthur with two Emmys and a Tony
- Concerning
- Met or Nat
- Signed off on
- Refrain syllables
- Stop talking about
- Legendary Giant
- Quick squirt
- ___ d'hôtel
- Decides to join
- Mauna ___
- "All the Light We ___ See": 2015 Pulitzer novel
- Woodworking, e.g.
- Despised
- "With this ring, ___ ..."
- Bad check letters
- Lubricates
- Photo
- ___-wop
- 63 Roxy Music co-founder
- Fix badly?
- Observe

Wednesday's solution



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TIP
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Pull-out versus pull-down kitchen faucets:

These faucets are similar, but you may choose one over the other based on the below points.

Vessel filling: Pull-down is nice for filling large pots in the kitchen sink bowl. A pull-out faucet has the edge when filling things outside of the sink bowl, like dog dishes and coffee makers.

Cleaning tasks: A pull-out spray head has a larger hand grip for easy control, but a pull-down spray works well in tight spaces.

Style: Do you prefer the high arch of the pull-down or the traditional-looking spout of the pull-out faucet? Style can help you decide.

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Maximize space with 5 creative solutions

BY MEGAN LINHOFF
HomeAdvisor

Do you have more stuff than you've got places to put it? Not to worry. Making the most of your storage space just takes some creativity — and a little elbow grease or professional help. According to HomeAdvisor's True Cost Guide, most homeowners report spending an average of \$485 to \$1,250 to have an expert make sense of their mess. Here are five ways to get started — whether you decide to DIY or hire a pro.

1. Cut the clutter with cubbies.

Cubbies take us all back to a simpler time — elementary school — when our greatest worry was whether we'd open our lunchbox to find yet another bologna sandwich. And while they may not be able to wipe our worries away, cubbies can do a lot to make things a little simpler again. In fact, cubbies are the perfect systematizing solution for entryways and mudrooms. You can create them inexpensively with free-standing modular units, or you can invest in custom built-ins. Finish them off with handy hooks for jackets and bags.

2. Put pullouts to work in the kitchen.

Lower kitchen cabinets: the place where Tupperware goes silently packing, and pots and pans — amidst chaos — clamor for their rightful rank. The solution? Simple pullout drawers (also



DREAMSTIME

Pullout shelves maximize space and provide easy access to items stored in a corner cupboard or in lower cabinets.

known as rolling drawers, sliding drawers and pullout shelves). You can find these ready-made for standard cabinet dimensions or have them custom made and installed. Pullout drawers are also a fantastic organization solution for pantries, laundry rooms and bathrooms.

3. Make room with a Murphy bed.

Murphy beds are great even in big spaces with plenty of storage. Because, who doesn't love the idea of magically pulling their bed out of the wall? But in small spaces with little room for everyday living, Murphy beds are more

than novel. They're also perfectly practical. In fact, with the addition of a Murphy bed, your guest bedroom can do double duty as a home office or playroom — and it's a whole lot cheaper than adding another room.

4. Stow stuff in your staircase.

When it comes to efficiency, staircases offer the ultimate opportunity to get creative. In fact, you can often cut into the untapped area under a staircase — or better, utilize one that's already exposed — and put it to use as a cocktail bar, a seating nook, a mini-library, or handy shelving and storage. Some homeowners

even turn stair treads into working drawers for maximum efficiency.

5. Bury belongings under the bed.

There's nothing new about this one. We've all been stashing things under the bed since the days of cubbies. But there are so many functional tools for doing this well these days that it warrants a mention. Today's bedroom built-ins are the stuff dreams are made of. But if built-ins aren't a practical fit for your budget or your home, you can find lots of under-bed storage organizers that will do the job just as well.

FINDS

Craving a cuppa? Cue the animals

BY CHRISTEN A. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

The International Home and Housewares Show, held in Chicago last month, featured many kitchen themes and trends, such as splashes of color, earthy and natural looks, silicone molds and smart gadgets, to name a few. While most products were

reinventions of kitchen staples, like knives and cutting boards, Fred & Friends brought a little whimsy, showcasing fun products you didn't know you wanted but suddenly needed to have.

Like animal tea infusers. The recently released infusers include a llama, cat and dog. All are super easy to use.



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Fred & Friends has a new line of tea infusers featuring household pets and a llama.

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Luxury in and out

With innovative materials and techniques, fine decor can go outdoors

By **KIM COOK** | Associated Press

Innovations in design, materials and manufacturing have had a big impact on home decor — outdoors as well as in.

Besides advances in durability, there's now an expansive range of styles that designers can tap in to.

Luxury is one of them. Think velvet cushions. Tailored detailing. Rich, soft upholstery. Lacquered or carved artisan-made furniture. And lots of other high-end elements that bring the elegance and sophistication of a richly finished interior to a home's outdoor space.

"Think fully upholstered sofas covered in performance chenille fabric that's just as soft as traditional chenille," says Waynette Goodson, editor-in-chief of *Casual Living* and *Exterior Design* magazines. "Then there's Carrara marble tabletops, Italian volcanic rock finishes and even natural brass, like Brown Jordan's classic Kantan collection."

Casual Living's features editor, Jennifer Bringle, says decorative accessories, too, are being elevated.

"We're not talking the tiki torches and scratchy coir rugs of yore," she says. "Innovations like solution-dyed acrylics, polypropylene weaves and water-resistant LEDs mean that outdoor accessories offer the same level of on-trend style and luxury as their indoor counterparts."

Barclay Butera, a designer in Newport Beach, Calif., has a collection for Castelle that would look equally at home on a city terrace as on a suburban

pool deck (www.castelleluxury.com).

"I was inspired by this magnificent geometric ceiling carving I saw in an English manor years ago," he says. "I've incorporated this pattern into the fretwork."

The collection's aluminum frames are hand-cast in sand using a process that eliminates air pockets, making the material nearly as solid as iron. Frames accented with artisan-applied brass details cradle deep tailored cushions, and the pieces are crisply done in Butera's signature navy and white.

The pieces are made using the same techniques as fine interior furniture, with carefully finished joinery, hours of hand-finishing, custom detailing and thick, high-quality cushions. Characteristics like these, including the use of marine-grade steel and durable tropical hardwoods like Costa Rican teak, are the hallmarks of top-end outdoor furnishings.

Prices tend to reflect the luxury features. Butera's three-seater sofa lists for around \$5,000.

At Gloster, the Cradle outdoor daybed designed by Londoner Henrik Pedersen is a framed circle of powder-coated aluminum and teak with a thick slab



CB2's French Riviera-chic Tropez sofa has bold black and white cabana stripes and a mahogany frame (\$1,129; cb2.com).

CB2



POTTERY BARN

Lilly Pulitzer's white trellis-patterned planters are part of a new collaboration the brand has undertaken with Pottery Barn (\$149 to \$299, potterybarn.com).

mattress, and retails for around \$13,000 (www.gloster.com).

Vondom collaborates with international designers and architects on high-concept resin decor with an edge. That includes Ramon Esteve's geometric Vela collection, which uses LED lighting in the bases, so seating and tables seem to float slightly at night, to ethereal effect. Planes and angles create sculptural pieces of art that are also a sunchair, bench and planter (www.vondom.com).

Also at Vondom: Teresa Sapey's Adan collection of giant faceted heads has an Easter Island vibe. And

ultramodern chairs by designers Eugeni Quitllet and Jorge Pensi are cloaked in gold or silver, combining avant garde with elegance.

Tropitone's Cabana Club collection blends woven, metal and upholstery elements in roomy, contemporary seating inspired by luxe resorts in Bali and the Cote d'Azur (www.tropitone.com).

CB2's new outdoor collection includes Ceci Thompson's French Riviera-inspired mahogany and cabana-striped sofa (www.cb2.com). A daybed poises slim cushions on an iron frame given a rich golden glaze.

European midcentury modern looks are also finding their way outdoors. For Gloster, Pedersen's chic, minimalist Blow side table perches a sliver of teak on a smoke, coffee or emerald-hued ceramic base. And Cecilie Manz's Atmosphere collection pairs a curvy, powder-coated aluminum frame with a slim teak seat, then pads the sofa and chair backs in hues like nightshade, salmon, quince and lichen.

For those seeking a more traditional look, Richard Frinier's Archipelago collection for Century features richly carved and stained teak seating and tables that

evoke British and Dutch Colonial style (www.centuryfurniture.com).

The new Lilly Pulitzer collection at Pottery Barn includes the designer's signature preppy-nautical prints on outdoor soft accessories, and crisp, white, trellis-patterned planters (www.potterybarn.com).

Many designers' patterns dispel the notion that outdoor furniture should be printed with tropical motifs.

Brown Jordan's Suncloth fabric collection includes menswear-style houndstooth, tweed and even sweater prints (www.brownjordan.com).

Elaine Smith, a former jewelry designer in England, now designs runway-inspired luxury outdoor pillows. On solution-dyed Sunbrella fabric that resists fade or mildew, she incorporates dressmaker details like silky fringe, hand-crafted knots and jewelry embellishments. Her patterns range from jaunty nautical motifs to animal and tribal prints to florals (www.elainesmith.com).

Sunbrella's Makers Collection includes weather-resistant fabrics that evoke fine wools, hand-loomed Peruvian cottons or metallic-thread linens (www.sunbrella.com). Other outdoor fabric houses are being inspired by antique tapestries, quilting or Japanese kimonos. And some are using specialty yarns to create sumptuous pearl- or silken-textured fabrics that withstand the elements.



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To prolong the life of your washer and dryer, take care not to overload your washer and clean your dryer's lint filter after every load of laundry.

HOME REMEDIES

Routine maintenance can extend the life of appliances

BY PAUL F. P. POGUE
Angie's List

Your appliances are some of the hardest working components of your home. Constant moving parts, hundreds of RPMs, the occasional high temperatures and thousands of gallons of water pumped over the course of a year. We run our appliances like workhorses and still expect them to work at the flip of a switch. But that wear and tear builds up over time, and we expect them to keep working right up until the moment they don't. Never fear. With a little regular maintenance, you can fend off that dreaded "clunk" of a failed appliance and add years to its life.

How can I keep my appliances working longer?

Keeping appliances clean and attending to routine maintenance can add years to their lifespan. Regularly clean your appliances — in particular, keep the condenser coils in your refrigerator free of debris. A condenser coil brush, available at any hardware store, works well for this

purpose.

Regularly check the seal on your refrigerator door. If you can slide a piece of paper between the seal and the door when the door is closed, hire a professional to inspect the unit and replace the seal. Otherwise, your refrigerator will work much harder to keep food cold.

Regularly scrub your oven and never let food debris remain on burners. Experts advise avoiding the self-cleaning feature on ovens. Instead, just keep it clean as you go along. If a pie spills over, using a quick dab of oven cleaner right away is better than waiting for debris to build up.

Scrape off as much food as possible into the trash before putting plates in the dishwasher. Food debris can clog up the pumps.

Keep an eye on your dishwasher's filter, and remove debris and hard water deposits. Check the sprayers, screens and gaskets for particle buildup.

How can I maintain my washer and dryer?

Heavy loads, lots of water, thousands of revolutions at

high speed — it's hard to imagine a harder pair of workers than your washer and dryer! Don't overload your washer — that wear and tear builds up over time. Make sure you empty your pockets before running a load; those pennies, lint and paper clog up the drain lines. Take seriously your dryer manual's admonition to clean the lint filter every load. Otherwise, it will have to work harder each time. And if your dryer still dries slowly, consider cleaning out the dryer vent.

Should I repair or replace an appliance?

The older your appliances get, the more likely it's a good idea to replace it rather than repair it to keep it going. But don't jump to replace your refrigerator just to get the attractive newest model. Often the fix might just be a short or a bad connection that can be replaced for a nominal fee. As a general rule, if the repair is more than half the cost of a new appliance, and your unit is more than six years old, go ahead and upgrade to a new model.

Before picking new plants, know garden's conditions

BY TIM JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

I am finding it very hard to decide which plants to purchase for my garden in Evanston, which has both sunny and shady areas. Could you provide some advice to help me narrow down the choices for good garden plants?

— Janice Johnston,
Evanston

There are many plants to choose from, which makes it easy to get overwhelmed when looking through books, magazines and plant catalogs or browsing at a garden center.

Understanding the growing conditions in your garden is an important first step in making good plant choices. Use this information as you research plant choices or consult experts for advice. The better information you have about your site, the better advice you will get.

When you choose the right plants for your particular growing site, the plants will perform better, have fewer pest problems and require less maintenance. This discipline will serve you well when you see a neat plant that may not be a good match for your site. Planting sun-loving plants in a shady site usually results in spindly growth and few, if any, flowers. The plant will gradually wither away. Planting a shade-loving plant in too much sun will result in scorched leaves.

Beyond considering the amount of sun exposure in your garden, a more subtle consideration is the degree of shade — do you have light shade, like under a honey locust tree, or deep shade, like in a heavily wooded area? Determine the answer, and keep it in mind when choosing plants for the shady section of the garden.



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

When choosing plants, look for ones that are disease- and pest-resistant. Powdery mildew is a common disease on phlox, but certain phlox cultivars are resistant.

Also remember that the west side of your house will be hotter than the east side. Some hostas will perform well on the east side of the house, where there's morning sun and afternoon shade, while the hot afternoon sun on the west side will burn the foliage.

Determine the kind of soil that is in your garden. Parts of Evanston have sandy soils that drain well and dry out quickly, while others have the heavy, clay loam soils typical in the Chicago region. The type of soil and drainage in your garden should be used to help make plant selections.

Astilbe is a common garden plant that generally prefers light shade and moist but well-drained soil. If it is planted in full sun in soils that are sandy and tend to be dry, then it will die out, while catmint (*Nepeta*), another perennial, will prosper. Read up on the plant's needs to match the type of environment it prefers to grow in.

Many gardeners like to push plants' limits some in order to grow their favorites. This results in plants being installed in conditions that they tolerate versus prefer. Special site preparation and maintenance practices can also

allow you to grow plants that are more demanding or not ideally suited to your site's conditions.

Some things to consider about individual plants include their size, habit, foliage and seasonal interest, such as flowers and fall color. Evergreens provide good structure for winter. There are plants that are resistant to deer browsing. For instance, deer will generally eat yews and arborvitae, and leave boxwood alone. Look for disease- and pest-resistant plants. Powdery mildew is a common disease on phlox, but 'David' is a phlox cultivar that is resistant. Visit the Botanic Garden's website to access Plant Evaluation Notes, which are reports on the performance of cultivars of various plant genera, such as *Phlox*, to learn which grew best at the Garden.

Also make sure that you choose hardy plants. The U.S. Department of Agriculture published a plant hardiness zone map that will help you decide on whether a plant will be hardy in your region.

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Use oxygen bleach on decks, patios, siding

BY TIM CARTER
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Q: I own a summer home on a lake that has a dock and large deck. I've also got my primary home, which has an outdoor patio surrounded by huge trees and expensive landscaping. All of these things, as well as the siding on my home, need to be cleaned. Online research has yielded a lot of contradictory advice. Some websites say to use chlorine bleach and water to clean everything using a 1-to-1 ratio. Others say to use oxygen bleach. What would you use and why?

A: This question reminds me of a dinner I had 22 years ago with a physical chemist. Ten days earlier, I had started to do research for my first-ever deck-cleaning column. Before I share what happened at the dinner, allow me to tell you what I knew before meeting the chemist.

Back in the mid-1990s, all the information out there said to use chlorine bleach to clean decks and patios. I intuitively knew this was not the best practice because of what my next-door neighbor did each spring.

She always poured 3 or 4 gallons of pure chlorine bleach onto her concrete patio steppingstones that were under a majestic maple tree. She spread it around with a push broom to clean the patio, and the bleach seeped down into the soil. The fumes were so powerful they made me sick. I warned her that the



TIM CARTER PHOTO

Oxygen bleach, unlike chlorine bleach, is completely safe to clean your deck, as well as to clean vinyl siding, fiber cement siding and outdoor furniture of all types. It doesn't harm the lignin in natural wood, doesn't harm any vegetation or trees, and doesn't harm lakes or ponds. It also is color-safe.

chlorine was so toxic it would kill the tree. She frowned at me and told me to mind my own business.

Each year, more and more of the tree died. After my neighbor had spent thousands of dollars on root treatments and injections, a company finally came and cut the poor tree down.

Let's get back to the dinner conversation with the chemist.

Before driving to the meeting to consume some

tender barbecue ribs and Saratoga potato chips, my research had uncovered these additional detrimental effects of using chlorine bleach outdoors on anything you own:

- It destroys the lignin fibers that hold wood together.
- It removes the natural color of the wood.
- It's highly corrosive to metal fasteners and framing connectors on wood decks.
- It will poison ponds and lakes.

At dinner, the chemist introduced me to oxygen bleach. I thought chlorine bleach was the only bleach out there. I was wrong.

It turns out oxygen bleach had been around for decades. This product is a powder that's mixed with water. Once you mix it, it releases trillions of invisible, nontoxic, pure oxygen ions into the solution. These ions are powerful cleaners and blast apart organic stains, mold, mildew, algae, sun-dam-

aged deck sealers, cooking grease, et cetera. It's safe to use on docks, as the solution that drips into the water adds needed oxygen to the lake or pond.

The best part is the oxygen bleach doesn't harm any vegetation or trees. It doesn't remove the color from anything. It doesn't harm the lignin in natural wood. Oxygen bleach is completely safe for all composite decking, vinyl siding, fiber cement siding and outdoor furniture of all

types.

The more the chemist told me about this magical product, the more intrigued I became. It turns out it was developed for the hospitality and hospital industries. Hotels, motels and hospitals were tired of spending vast amounts of money replacing bedding ruined by washing it with chlorine bleach. Oxygen bleach was both color- and fabric-safe.

In the late 1980s, an enterprising entrepreneur found out about oxygen bleach and introduced it to consumers like you and me. He started out selling it as a carpet cleaner at small home-and-garden shows. Soon he was advertising his brand on TV.

Fast forward to 2018, and now there are any number of oxygen bleach brands out there that you can buy. Some are certified organic, and some are not. It's probably a good idea to use a certified organic one if you want to ensure you don't damage any of your expensive outdoor possessions. The certified organic brands are also safe to use around all vegetation.

I've created a free downloadable document for you at my website. This document contains a list of all oxygen bleaches I'm aware of. It also has links to videos, one of them showing why you do not want to use a pressure washer to clean your wood deck or teak outdoor furniture. A pressure washer can ruin anything made from wood.

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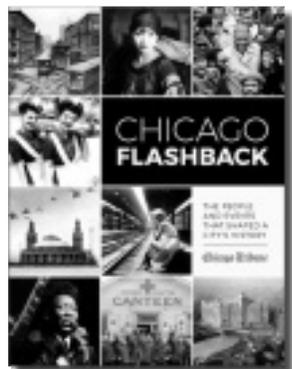
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Mortgage rates are still historically low. Before you buy a second home, be sure you can afford two mortgages. You have to qualify for a second-home mortgage.

Before looking for 2nd home, take these important steps

BY POONKULALI THANGAVELU
Bankrate.com

If you've been thinking about buying a second home, now is a good time to take the leap. Mortgage rates are still historically low.

But there are some vital things to do before you start shopping. Follow these steps to make buying a second home a smooth process.

The best way to start the search is to find a real estate agent who is familiar with your desired location. This person could provide information about neighborhoods, market prices, and the pros and cons of particular properties.

With an eye toward the long-term value of a property, the agent could fill you in on price histories, how comparable sales have fared and resale prospects. Factors that tend to help properties hold or increase in value are proximity to a major metropolitan area, ease of access and the availability of year-round amenities.

Next, factor in additional costs. Today's buyers

of second homes are often more interested in enjoying their properties than in getting a quick return on their investment.

Still, you should consider that you will be away from the property a lot of the time, which usually entails additional costs, such as having a management company check the place in your absence for water leaks, frozen pipes and other problems.

Getting insurance for a second home may be more challenging than it is for a primary residence. If you are considering a second home on the beach, for example, you'll need flood insurance, in addition to regular home insurance.

It has become more difficult to get flood insurance in coastal communities, and the cost has increased greatly in some markets.

Before you buy, be sure you can afford two mortgages. You have to qualify for a second-home mortgage, which is on top of any mortgage debt on your primary home.

Typically, you will need to make a down payment

of at least 10 percent, meet credit standards and debt-to-income requirements, and provide documents for income and asset verification.

If you have a good relationship with the mortgage lender on your primary residence, that might be a good place to start your quest for a second-home mortgage.

Take into account the tax implications of your purchase. If you use your home as a true second home, you could get a deduction for mortgage interest and property taxes, just as you do with your first-home mortgage.

Be aware that under the new federal tax law, the cap to the mortgage-interest deduction will be lowered from \$1 million to \$750,000. So if you already have a \$750,000 mortgage and get a loan for a vacation home, you won't be able to deduct the interest on the second mortgage.

If you rent out your second home, you will have to consider additional tax ramifications, particularly if the rental period extends beyond 14 days a year.

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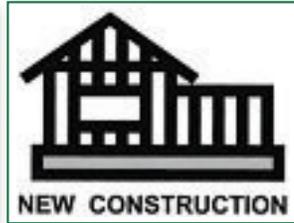
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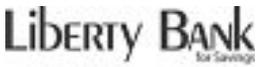
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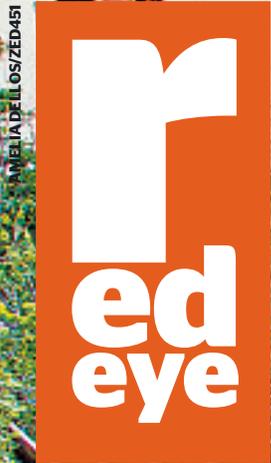
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The patio at Boleo.

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(EAT) EVERYTHING UNDER THE SUN » PAGE 6

After a long winter, patio season is upon us, Chicago. And we deserve it. It's our time. Sip cocktails in the glow of the sun. Enjoy appetizers in the breeze. Forget sub-freezing temperatures ever plagued our fair city. From new patios and rooftops to a round-up of old favorites, let us guide you to dining al fresco in Chicago.



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Jeff Tweedy (right) and Nels Cline of Wilco.

PUT YOUR RECORDS ON » PAGE 12

It's Record Store Day, which means it's time to get out and celebrate everything Chicago's vinyl scene has to offer. From Chicago-related releases to shops hosting events, we've got you covered.

HIGH SOCIETY » PAGE 14

There are plenty of ways to enjoy 4/20, but we chose to chat with the co-founder of Elementa, an organization that brings women together to talk about marijuana.



MICHAEL NOBLE JR./TRIBUNE FILE

Swiss chard at the Logan Square Farmers Market.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG » PAGE 16

Technically, spring sprang almost a month ago, but let's not quibble. We have a list of the best warmer weather things to do in the city, so get out there and make the most of the season.

BALL PARK BITES » PAGE 18

Want to grab something to eat before a baseball game? Take a look at all the new restaurant openings around Wrigleyville and make your pick.



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ATLANTIC RECORDS

'Slow motion for me'

Ready to hit the dance floor, but want to keep your night chill and sexy? Head to The Whistler in Logan Square (2421 N. Milwaukee Ave.) at 9 p.m. Thursday for **Slo 'Mo: Slow jams for queer fam**. The inclusive dance party "for lovers" is all about setting the mood, so bring your smoothest dance partner and prepare to vibe to all the R&B, soul, jazz and funk grooves you can handle, courtesy of Audio Jack and DJ Rhated R. The dance party returns to The Whistler every third Thursday of the month, and April's party draws inspiration from "The Electric Lady" herself, Janelle Monáe. No cover.

Roll up to this event

Illinois has inched closer to legalizing recreational marijuana use — a measure could appear on this fall's ballot. Until that day, however, 4/20 celebrations around Chicago mostly offer a wink and a puff toward the day's stoner-friendly history. Up in Andersonville, the first annual **Waldos Forever Fest** is a step closer to that recognition, as the event bills itself as "a full day of music, education and fun for cannabis lovers — and anyone that loves a good time." From 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, vendors, educators, musicians and food trucks will be posted outside of Dispensary 33 at Clark and Ainslie streets in Andersonville, so they'll have all the bases covered for a cannabis celebration (not that we would know anything about that!). RSVP at do312.com.



Brittney, aka Trap Yoga Bae, leads a Trap Yoga class.

TRAP YOGA

'Damn, son, where'd you find this (yoga)?'

Vinyasa-style yoga, but with a trap soundtrack: It's a thing. Trap Yoga Bae brings **Trap Yoga**, her specific brand of the exercise, to cities across the country, curating a class that combines mental and physical workouts. Classes begin with #RachetAffirmations — equal parts real talk and pep talk — before segueing into Trap Yoga, complete with hi-hats, rattling snares and bass kicks (no word if there will be drill bells). 2 p.m. or 4 p.m. Saturday at 3215 W. Division St. Take your pick, and start flexing on 'em. Tickets: \$25 single, \$45-\$250 group rates. eventbrite.com

Do or Donut — there is no try

Do you doughnut? If you do not, ignore this. If you do, then perhaps you would do the **2018 Donut Festival**, dealing out tastes of delicious rounds to all the doughnut diners in attendance. The deets: All guests get unlimited tastings of doughnuts from some of Chicago's favorite shops, as well as three drink tickets to redeem for beer or mimosas. Dig into some doughnuts from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday at Old Crow Smokehouse River North (149 W. Kinzie St.). Just watch your sugar intake, folks. Tickets: \$50. eventbrite.com

Thirsty Thursday, but classy

We know how much we pay for cocktails in this city, and, let's face it, we're not always proud of it! Give your wallet (a bit) of a break this weekend, and imbibe some elevated libations from several local stalwarts all in one place, at the **Chicago Cocktail Social**. From 6:30 to 10 p.m. Thursday at Galleria Marchetti (825 W. Erie St.), drink-slingers from Best Intentions, Broken Shaker, The Heavy Feather, Prairie School, Scofflaw, The Violet Hour, Vol. 39 and many more will be serving up the good stuff. Don't worry, there will be appetizers available as well. Pinkies out, now, eh? Tickets: \$55-\$65. gce.hastickets.com



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/TRIBUNE FILE

An old-fashioned at The Violet Hour bar on North Damen Avenue.

happy hour

Here's where to drink on a budget this week.

THURSDAY

Bar Cargo (605 N. Wells St., 312-929-0065) offers half-price bottles of wine and \$5 drafts from 5 to 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

Chicago French Market (131 N. Clinton St., 312-575-0306) offers \$4 cans and bottles of beer and cider, \$5 glasses of wine, \$3 chips and salsa, \$2.50 pork sliders and \$10 volcano rolls from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Cafe Ba-Ba-Reeba (2024 N. Halsted St., 773-935-5000) offers \$16 red sangria pitchers, \$1 pinxtos, \$2.50 spicy potatoes and \$3.25 bacon-wrapped dates in the bar area from 4 to 6 p.m.

SUNDAY

Hub 51 (51 W. Hubbard St., 312-828-0051) offers half-price sushi from 3 to 6 p.m.

MONDAY

Arbella (112 W. Grand Ave., 312-846-6654) offers \$5 flatbreads, \$8 old-fashioned cocktails, \$7 seasonal punch and \$6 rotating mules from 5 to 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

Estereo (2450 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773-360-8363) offers a different tropical cocktail each week for \$8 from 4 to 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

The Boundary (1932 W. Division St., 773-278-1919) offers \$4 draft beer, half-price glasses of wine, and \$4 appetizers including pretzel bites, cheese curds and baked spinach dip from 5 to 7 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE

By Samantha Nelson | FOR REDEYE

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15		16	17	18	19	20	21
<p>COCKTAIL CLASS AT ENTENTE 3056 N. Lincoln Ave., 872-206-8553 Head bartender Ryan Hoffman teaches you how to make several of the Michelin-starred spot's cocktails, covering techniques such as crafting syrups and balancing bitters. The lesson includes tastings and a gift bag. 2-4 p.m. \$75.</p>	 <p>MATTHEW MESCHEDÉ</p>		 <p>LEIGH LOFTUS</p>	 <p>JEFF ZWIREK</p>	<p>CHICAGO ALTERNATIVE COMICS EXPO ART AUCTION AT 826CHI 1276 N. Milwaukee Ave., 312-752-7608 Bid on original artwork at the annual fundraiser, which also features live comic readings, drinks and a raffle. 7-10 p.m. \$10-\$15.</p>	 <p>E. JASON WAMBSGANS/TRIBUNE</p>	
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<p>'JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR' AT LYRIC OPERA HOUSE 20 N. Wacker Drive, 312-827-5600 Excited about this rock opera after watching the live Easter broadcast? See it live with a cast including Broadway performers and members of Postmodern Jukebox and Diane Coffee. 1:30 p.m. \$44-\$219. Tickets: jcsuperstar.org</p>	 <p>LYRIC OPERA</p>		<p>CAJUN COOKING CLASS AT HEAVEN ON SEVEN 111 N. Wabash Ave., 312-263-6443 Learn how to make gumbo, barbecue shrimp over cornbread and other dishes as part of a five-course dinner including hurricanes, beer and wine. 7-9 p.m. \$75. Reservations required.</p>		<p>'MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM' AT AUDITORIUM THEATRE 50 E. Congress Parkway, 312-386-8905 Joffrey Ballet performs Swedish choreographer Alexander Ekman's contemporary ballet celebrating the Scandinavian Midsummer holiday. 7:30 p.m. \$34-\$165. Tickets: joffrey.org/midsummer</p>	 <p>HANS NILSSON</p>	
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Power to the patio

22 NEW PATIO AND ROOFTOPS FOR OUTDOOR DINING AND DRINKING

By Grace Wong | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Despite falling snow, warmer temperatures are on the horizon. Before you know it, you'll want to sip on something cool or dine away a sunny afternoon on a rooftop or a patio somewhere.

If you're looking to check out something new, you're in luck. While we highlighted more than 130 outdoor dining destinations last year, we've rounded up newer spots to add to your seasonal to-do list, organized alphabetically by neighborhood. Unless otherwise noted, most patios will open when the weather turns for the better, so get ready to pounce.

Patios

AVONDALE

» **Ludlow Liquors'** backyard garden patio features low-tier stadium seats, picnic tables and lounge chairs. The space will be decorated with greenery and feature a walk-up window for drinks. 2959 N. California Ave., 773-754-7492, ludlow-liquors.com

» **Sleeping Village**, a beer hall and music venue, will open its sprawling, 150-person patio to four-legged friends too. What better way to spend a summer afternoon than with beer, music and puppies? 3734 W. Belmont Ave., 773-654-3971, sleeping-village.com

HUMBOLDT PARK

» **Heritage Restaurant & Caviar Bar's** 40-seater patio will be surrounded with planters of flowers and herbs, which are also used in the kitchen. Snag a seat, order a bottle of quirky Georgian wine to pair with the homey-yet-elevated comfort foods. Leave your pooch at home for this one. 2700 W. Chicago Ave., 773-661-9577, heritage-chicago.com

LAKEVIEW

» Attached to legendary music haunt Schubas, **Tied House** is a more stylish affair. Its 48-seat, dog-friendly patio is sandwiched between the original masonry of Schubas and the contemporary restaurant's dining room, separated by sliding

doors. Overhead heating and an outdoor fireplace will help you stay cozy on chillier days. 3157 N. Southport Ave., 773-697-4632, tiedhousechicago.com

LINCOLN PARK

» **The Lakefront Restaurant at The Theater on the Lake** takes advantage of its real estate with 90 seats with shady umbrellas. The full menu will be available, with favorites like fried chicken, Publican Quality Bread, brisket, seafood and steak. The most obvious draw is the restaurant's views of the lake and skyline. 2401 N. Lake Shore Drive, 312-414-1313, theateronthelake.com

» **Old Grounds Social's** indoor-outdoor patio features a retractable roof, garage

doors and fire pits, perfect for unpredictable Chicago weather. The restaurant offers interactive dart boards, pool tables, shuffle boards and swinging chairs for those looking for more than a cold pint. 950 W. Wrightwood Ave., 773-832-4000, ogschicago.com

LINCOLN SQUARE

» Located on Lincoln Avenue, **The Warbler's** 120-seat patio will be decorated with greenery and look upon the busy but quaint street. Enjoy the full seasonal menu, like crispy-spicy Korean-style chicken wings or creamy barley salad, or drinks like A Rose Finch, a citrusy blend of gin, pink vermouth and sparkling rosé. 4535 N. Lincoln Ave., 773-681-0950, thewarblerchicago.com

LINCOLNWOOD

» **Stefani Prime** is bringing city-style al fresco dining to the suburbs with a 60-seater patio with plants and string lights, offering the new restaurant's full menu. 6755 N. Cicero Ave., Lincolnwood, 847-696-6755, stefaniprime.com

LOGAN SQUARE

» At The Scofflaw team's new **Moonlighter**, the patio is dog-friendly and kid-friendly, and for adult humans, will serve bar food, beer, wine and large-format pitcher cocktails, like the Century, made with gin, lemon, Cocchi Americano, cacao and grapefruit. The 1,000-square-foot patio also has built-in fireplaces for those randomly chilly summer nights that Chicago seems to have. 3204 W. Armitage Ave., 773-360-8896, themoonlighter-chicago.com

NEAR NORTH

» **Z Bar**, which will be two levels above The Terrace at The Peninsula Chicago hotel when it opens in June, will serve up globally inspired cocktails, wine and food in a transportive atmosphere. Try globe-trotting cocktails evoking Japan, Sweden and Mexico while gazing upon views of Michigan Avenue, the Water Tower and Lake Michigan. 108 E. Superior St., zbarchicago.com

RIVER NORTH

» **Bar Cargo**, which focuses on party-friendly Roman-style pizza, will soon open a 100-seat beer garden in the restaurant's rear and dog-friendly patio seating for about 40 people on Wells Street. The beer garden will have interactive elements, like a pingpong table, and a walk-up pizza counter. 605 N. Wells St., 312-929-0065, barcargochicago.com

» Darts-themed **Point and Feather** will seat up to 75 people on a Hubbard Street patio with high-top tables and decorated with greenery and flowers. Expect the same menu as the one indoors, in addition to a new brunch starting sometime in April. 113 W. Hubbard St., 312-644-0113, pointandfeatherchicago.com



Formaggio pizza at Bar Cargo.

MICHELLE KANAAR/TRIBUNE FILE



Medium seafood tower with oysters, marinated mussels, shrimp, clams, king crab and scallops at Cold Storage seafood restaurant in Chicago.

ANTHONY SOUFFLE/TRIBUNE FILE

UPTOWN

» **Longacre Dining Room's** 30-seat patio will feature the restaurant's regular menu of Detroit-style pizza, breakfast favorites and vegan options. 1303 N. Wilson Ave., 773-293-7412, longacrechicago.com

WEST LOOP

» The Fulton Market location of **Beatrix** will serve coffee, cocktails and healthier brunch options on its 65-seater full-service patio. Plus, it's dog-friendly. 834 W. Fulton Market, 312-733-0370, beatrixrestaurants.com

» Located on the ground floor of the Ace Hotel, trendy West Loop spot **City**

Mouse's patio has fire pits and more than 140 seats, a convivial space for brunching and noshing on seasonal fare. Head up to **The Waydown**, the Ace's rooftop bar and lounge, for happy hour and late-night menus paired with city views. 311 N. Morgan St., 312-764-1908, citymousechicago.com

» **Cold Storage's** slightly-above-street-level patio will seat 28 people on both high and low-top tables under umbrellas and string lights. While away your day over oysters and rosé, like a cremant de Bordeaux sparkling version from Jaillance. 1000 W. Fulton Market, 312-638-6280, coldstoragechicago.com

» **Gideon Sweet**, Matthias Merges and Graham Elliot's West Loop collab, will have a front and back patio, which will also have bar seating. The front patio will have 24 seats and will accept reservations, while the back will seat 54 on a first-come, first-served basis. The back patio also has a retractable awning. 841 W. Randolph St., 312-888-2258, gideonsweet.com

WRIGLEYVILLE

» Wrigleyville's newest hot spot, Hotel Zachary, may be hosting projects from some of the city's best restaurant groups (see: Mordecai from Folk Art Management, Big Star from One Off Hospitality, and West Town Bakery from Fifty/50), but it also has its own food and beverage game to tout. **The Bar at Hotel Zachary** boasts a 79-seat patio overlooking Gallagher Way and offers globally inspired food, sandwiches, salads, appetizers and shared plates, in addition to cocktails and wine. 3630 N. Clark St., 773-302-2300, hotelzachary.com

» Located in the shadow of Wrigley Field, beer bar **Lucky Dorr** has a 30-person patio that faces the home of Bobby Dorr, Wrigleyville's legendary groundskeeper. The baseball-themed restaurant serves craft beers brewed specifically for the spot in collaboration with local breweries, plus shareable snacks. 1101 W. Waveland Ave., 773-388-8249, luckydorr.com

Rooftops

FULTON RIVER DISTRICT

» Tri-level **Gibson's Italia** will soon be opening its patio and rooftop, which boast stunning eastward views of the Chicago River. The dining room patio on the third floor will seat 68 people, and the bar patio will seat 32 people. The bar, lunch and dinner menus will all be available. 233 N. Canal St., 312-414-1100, gibsonsitalia.com

NEAR NORTH

» **Devereaux**, a 1970s-chic cocktail bar on the 18th floor of the Viceroy Chicago, will serve classic cocktails with a twist from Lee Zaremba, formerly at Billy Sunday. Lee Wolen, formerly at Boka and a James Beard nominee for best chef: Great Lakes this year, will be serving bites like tempura buffalo cauliflower, a veggie crudite platter and smoked beet tartare. 1112 N. State St., 312-586-2160, devereaux-chicago.com

PALMER SQUARE

» Land & Sea Dept.'s Tex-Mex stop **Lonesome Rose** will offer a bird's-eye view of California Avenue on its 80-seat rooftop. Plan to enjoy breakfast tacos or Paul McGee's Mexican spirit-forward cocktails while taking in the fresh air. 2101 N. California Ave., 773-770-3414, lonesomerose.com

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Outside shots

NEIGHBORHOOD PATIOS AND ROOFTOPS READY FOR THE SEASON

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ALBANY PARK

» **Angelo's** A 26-seat patio just opened at this neighborhood spot. Enclosed by fences and illuminated by string lights, the space has a definite backyard vibe. Full food and drink menus are available outdoors. 3026 W. Montrose Ave., 773-539-0111.

» **Rojo Gusano** With specials that include \$2.50 Taco Tuesdays and a \$12 beer, shot and taco combo daily 5-7 p.m., there's no doubt the 50-seat sidewalk cafe at this Mexican-fusion restaurant will be hopping this summer. Also, the restaurant's large, garage-style front window retracts to give a taste of the outdoors even while you're inside. 3830 W. Lawrence Ave., 773-539-4398.

ANDERSONVILLE

» **Elixir Lounge and Replay Andersonville** The Andersonville cocktail bar and arcade bar share a 68-seat, dog-friendly sidewalk patio fenced in by planter boxes and accented with umbrellas. Elixir, 1509 W. Balmoral Ave., 773-654-1751; Replay, 5358 N. Clark St., 773-654-1369.

AVONDALE

» **Honey Butter Fried Chicken** The sprawling patio seats 100 at communal tables. There's a magnet wall to entertain the kids while the adults enjoy cocktails, including the vodka-based Topsy Tea or The Hill Pop with bourbon and house-made lemonade (\$8 glass, \$32 pitcher). 3361 N. Elston Ave., 773-478-4000.

» **Fat Rice** The back patio adds an additional 18 seats to the Macau-inspired eatery. 2957 W. Diversey Ave., 773-661-9170.

BRIDGEPORT

» **The Duck Inn** A bi-level backyard patio surrounded by a working vegetable garden adds welcome space to the popular spot. Duck Inn also has a satellite bar pouring draft beer and cocktails. 2701 S. Eleanor St., 312-724-8811.

» **Kimski** At Kimski, chef Won Kim's Korean-Polish joint attached to Maria's Packaged Goods & Community Bar, order at the counter before heading outside for the enclosed patio. While you're waiting for a pork belly bowl or spicy Ko-Po wings, grab a board game and a drink, or stop by on a Sunday for regular brunch pop-ups, events and takeovers. 960 W. 31st St., 773-890-0588.

EDGEWATER

» **Pearl's Southern Comfort** The only rooftop bar in Edgewater seats up to 48 people and offers a limited menu for food, beer and cocktails, with food served until an hour before the bar closes. Access hours



The sprawling patio at Honey Butter Fried Chicken.

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are limited so check before you go. 5352 N. Broadway, 773-754-7419.

» **Revival Social Club** The cozy, comfort-food restaurant takes a similar approach to its patio, with a tidy 25-seat space in its backyard, away from the street and under strings of lights. It's dog-friendly too. 1133 W. Granville Ave., 773-293-6435.

GOLD COAST

» **Eight Bar** The 80-seat patio at this bar open daily downstairs from Maple & Ash serves up lunch, brunch and late-night eats in a sidewalk space that's surrounded by greenery. Of course, the drink menu is also available for al fresco diners, who can enjoy this patio seven days a week. 8 W. Maple St. #1, 312-944-8888.

GREEKTOWN

» **Athena** Housing the biggest outdoor space in Greektown, Athena is equipped with an elaborate retractable-roof system for year-round use. The actual outdoor patio has 80 seats; when the roof is re-

tracted, there are 300 seats that are essentially outdoors. 212 S. Halsted St., 312-655-0000.

HUMBOLDT PARK

» **Cafe Marie-Jeanne** This neighborhood French-style cafe will have a new set-up from last year where you can sip on wine and nosh on smoked, cured and pickled fish. The patio will have 25 to 30 seats along Augusta Boulevard surrounded by greenery and herbs. 1001 N. California Ave., 773-904-7660.

IRVING PARK

» **Bread & Wine** With a small herb garden, planters and patio lights, this 20-seat space offers a cozy sidewalk space that also welcomes dogs. 3734 W. Irving Park Road, 773-866-5266.

LAKEVIEW

» **Barcocina** The sun-soaked, 4,000-square-foot patio seats more than 100 at tables or sectional patio sofas. Other high-

lights include an outdoor bar, fire pits and a flat-screen TV. There's also a front sidewalk patio that seats 22. Both areas allow dogs. 2901 N. Sheffield Ave., 773-687-9949.

» **Coda di Volpe** The Southern Italian-focused restaurant has a 65-seat patio punctuated by fairy lights and some greenery. Food includes Neapolitan pizza and house-cured meats along with the seafood-, vegetable- and olive oil-based fare. Dogs can come too. 3335 N. Southport Ave., 773-687-8568.

» **Ella Elli** The same intimate feel you get from the couches and alcove booths inside the Lakeview spot extend to its 30-seat patio, which features a banquette around the entire perimeter and trellises on each side. Get cozy while you enjoy a glass of rosé (\$8-\$14) and light bites like crispy grain salad with goat cheese, endive, radish and sprouts (\$10). Opens May 15. 1349 W. Cornelia Ave., 773-935-3552.

LINCOLN PARK

» **Broken English** The taqueria's Lincoln

Park location has dog-friendly patio seating for 50 people in the back and 10 people in the front. Garage doors open up to the patios so you can catch glimpses of Cubs or Sox action on the TVs inside the restaurant. 2576 N. Lincoln Ave., 312-929-0045.

» **Cafe Ba-Ba-Reeba!** One of Chicago's oldest outdoor spaces is a large patio of 90 seats with a sliding-glass roof, which is great for whatever weather Chicago decides to dump on us. Come for the tapas, and stay for the paella. 2024 N. Halsted St., 773-935-5000.

» **Earls Kitchen + Bar** Whether sunbathing or shade-lounging is the goal, the Lincoln Park restaurant has two patios, one for up to 40 people and a second for up to 50. Along with access to an indoor-outdoor bar, there's seating around a fire pit for those breezy summer nights after sundown. 1538 N. Clybourn Ave., 312-929-3952.

» **Hakka Bakka** Catch some rays at the fast-casual spot, where the patio furniture and low-top tables for 12 guests are lined by custom fencing decorated with potted plants and string lights. Through September, you'll be able to pair your Indian-style wrap with a house-made lassi (\$3.25). 1251 W. Fullerton Ave., 872-802-3968.

» **The J. Parker** Factoring view, food and comfort, the J. Parker, atop the Hotel Lincoln, might be the best rooftop hotel in the city. You'll have spectacular views of Lincoln Park, Lake Michigan and the city, and thanks to a retractable glass roof, the rooftop is open for business rain or shine. 1816 N. Lincoln Ave., 312-254-4747.

» **Pizzeria Bebu** Have a glass or two of the Lincoln Park restaurant's Take Me Home rosé on the 30-seat patio while snacking on a thin-crust pie like a spring offering with snap peas mint, pecorino and meyer lemon. 1521 N. Fremont St., 312-280-6000.

LINCOLN SQUARE

» **Baker Miller Bakery & Millhouse** If you're able to score one of the three tables on the no-frills back patio at this breakfast/brunch mecca, we hope you're armed with some bubbly. This isn't hyped as a BYO place, but it's totally kosher to pop a few bottles with your Southern hash and (almost) mandatory slice of pie. 4610 N. Western Ave., 773-654-3610.

» **Bistro Campagne** In the back of this French restaurant is a 18-seat patio enclosed by tall fences to keep away the hustle and bustle and decorated with flowers and string lights. Half of the back space is covered by a sail, while trees offer some shade on the other half. The front patio seats 20 and offers a similar ambiance. Dogs are not allowed on either. 4518 N. Lincoln Ave., 773-271-6100.

» **Jerry's Lincoln Square** Trees along Giddings Plaza shade a 30-seat patio with tables for up to four at the sandwich restaurant with a respectable craft beer menu. Don't worry about bringing Rover along, either; dogs are cool. The location in Andersonville has a large deck in the back that seats up to 60 and a smaller, dog-



At Broken English's Lincoln Park location, the bright back patio has its own bar, trees and graffiti art by JC Rivera.

BROKEN ENGLISH

friendly patio in the front that sits up to eight. 4739 N. Lincoln Ave., 872-208-6264; and 5419 N. Clark St., 773-796-3777.

LOGAN SQUARE

» **Best Intentions** Behind the neo-dive bar awaits a tropical hideout that Playboy deemed the "best patio bar in America" in 2015. A cabana bar, decorated with family heirlooms and rusted beer delivery truck panels, offers bottled and canned beer, wine and cocktail specials. There's also an area with full-service tables for sitting or standing; altogether the outdoor space can fit nearly 100 people. Along with prairie grasses, flowers and tropical plants, the surrounding fences are lined with metal sculptures welded by the owners' mother. 3281 W. Armitage Ave., 312-818-1254.

» **Dos Urban Cantina** This Mexican hot spot boasts a 30-seat sidewalk cafe running along Mozart Street. Bordered by planter boxes, the space features vintage wrought-iron chairs, marble-topped tables and cute overhead lighting. For cool, late nights, heaters and a stack of Mexican blankets are available outside. Dogs are allowed too. 2829 W. Armitage Ave., 773-661-6452.

» **Giardino Segreto at Osteria Langhe** A single communal table for 14 awaits alfresco diners in the backyard, which is named "secret garden" in Italian. The hideaway has romantic string lights and a garden growing produce and herbs used in-house. 2824 W. Armitage Ave., 773-661-1582.

» **Mi Tocaya Antojeria** A 40-seat enclosed patio in front of the new Logan Square spot provides a place to cool off with a the Chicana, a bubbly sipper made with gin and hibiscus-infused mezcal (both \$8). 2800 W. Logan Blvd., 872-315-3947.

THE LOOP

» **Aire** Perched on the 24th floor of the Hyatt Centric, this oasis in the sky offers 360-degree views of the city's best architecture, as well as fire pits, lush greenery, cozy couches and umbrella-topped tables for post-work maxing and relaxing. Expect a menu with small plates, wine and bottle service, plus cocktails from a revamped drink menu. 100 W. Monroe St., 312-236-1234.

» **Boleo** Located on the 15th floor of the Financial District's Kimpton Gray Hotel, this South American-inspired restaurant offers year-round rooftop reclusion thanks to a retractable glass roof. The oasis-like indoor/outdoor space seats up to 165 people and features Peruvian and Argentinean food and cocktail menus. 122 W. Monroe St., 312-750-9007.

» **Cerise** The cherry on top of the Virgin Hotels Chicago is an indoor/outdoor bar/nightclub where DJs often spin at night for up to 200 people. The outside space offers a wraparound perch with loungy, rain-resistant furniture and excellent Loop views. 203 N. Wabash Ave., 312-940-4400.

» **Cindy's** Our 2017 Reader's Choice

Award winner for Best Rooftop, Cindy's boasts a scenic view atop the Chicago Athletic Association, with panoramic looks toward Millennium Park and the lake. Both food and beverage menus are available. The 75-person space spares no amenities, either, with fire pits, lights, greenery, multiple seating options and an indoor/outdoor area. 12 S. Michigan Ave., 312-792-3502.

» **City Winery Chicago at the Riverwalk** The wine-centric outpost has dramatically expanded its seating from 60 to 352 on its outdoor wine garden. Listen to live music while chowing down on sandwiches and shared plates, and there are six house-made wines made from grapes sourced from California vineyards. 11 W. Riverwalk South, 312-229-5593.

» **LH Rooftop at LondonHouse** LondonHouse is one of downtown's upscale hotels, including a tri-level restaurant and lounge space. Patrons use a private elevator to access the LH rooftop, fitted with low lounge furniture and gas fire pit. And within the cupola that tops the building, there's a third level of outdoor revelry available for extra views as well as private parties. 85 E. Wacker Drive, 312-357-1200.

» **Seven Lions** Across from the Art Institute, this tourist favorite is a creative American restaurant that offers a 48-seat sidewalk cafe with umbrella tables, flower boxes and a dog-friendly environment. 130 S. Michigan Ave., 312-880-0130.

» **Tavern at the Park** Enjoy steaks and

cover story

other American fare in the Tree House, the name of the rooftop deck that seats about 180 and offers a bird's-nest view of Millennium Park and Michigan Avenue. A 30-seat sidewalk patio is also available. 108 E. Randolph St., 312-552-0070.

» **Terzo Piano** It's hard to beat the beauty of the terrace at this Italian-Mediterranean restaurant in the Modern Wing of the Art Institute, where you can eat and drink to views of Millennium Park and the city skyline. This outdoor space has Knoll Washington Skeleton chairs from architect David Adjaye. The restaurant is usually lunch-only but stays open for dinner Thursdays (in tandem with late hours at the museum). 159 E. Monroe St., 312-443-8650.

» **Ill Forks** The third-floor rooftop is a contemporary, steel-and-glass environment with pretty views of the adjacent park and the surrounding high-rise apartments. With cabanas with built-in heaters, and stone and glass fireplaces, the spot often pulls in an after-5, dressed-to-thrill crowd. 180 N. Field Blvd., 312-938-4303.

NORTH CENTER

» **The Northman** Cider lovers can take their pick of two outdoor areas. Sidewalk seating is expected to be available this summer for 42 people and any well-behaved dogs who come along. There will also be a courtyard. 4337 N. Lincoln Ave., 773-935-2255.

OLD TOWN

» **SteakBar** Retractable garage-door-style windows makes this restaurant easy and breezy for summer. For maximum sun exposure, ask for a spot on the 30-seat patio along the hustle and bustle of Wells Street. 1500 N. Wells St., 773-966-0404.

PILSEN

» **May St. Cafe** A little bit Mexican, a little bit steakhouse, this Pilsen restaurant has a pleasant covered patio that periodically hosts live DJs and jazz musicians. 1146 W. Cermak Road, 312-421-4442.

RIVER NORTH

» **3 Greens Market** There's room for 30 on the sidewalk of Brendan Sodikoff's market-meets-coffeehouse, complete with foliage and awning shade. 354 W. Hubbard St., 312-888-9195.

» **Apogee** The rooftop lounge on the 26th floor of the Dana Hotel has a large open-air area with fire pits. Soak in the sights while you sip one of the bar's gorgeous cocktails. There are also punch-sized shareable cocktails and Thursday Night Get Down with live DJs and entertainment. 660 N. State St., 312-202-6000.

» **Bar Lupo** This hip Italian spot will debut its new patio at the end of April, and has a full menu of food and drinks, as well as occasional live music. 217 W. Huron St., 312-643-3400.

» **Barrio** "Top Chef" contestant Katsuji Tanabe helms the River North Mexican spot next to Siena Tavern. The patio will be



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open by mid-April, and the dog-friendly restaurant delivers bowls of ice-cold water to canines while their humans enjoy tacos and margaritas. 65 W. Kinzie St., 312-940-9900.

» **Beacon Tavern** The wraparound patio at this American restaurant, tucked in a courtyard off of Michigan Avenue, offers views of the skyline, the Michigan Avenue bridge and the Wrigley Building. Dogs are welcome on the patio too. 405 N. Wabash Ave., 312-955-4226.

» **Bernie's Lunch & Supper** With gorgeous wood beams overhead and dashes of springy colors, the 1,500-square-foot rooftop is a stunner, and boasts its own special drink menu. 660 N. Orleans St., 312-624-9892.

» **Celeste** The downtown late-night hangout gets in on the rooftop action with its Roof Garden space, a lush, brick-walled lounge-type rooftop space. This year, the Garden has added a roof to offer all-weather capability. 111 W. Hubbard St., 312-828-9000.

» **Fat Baby Tacos** The 12 seats in front of this restaurant offer the perfect spot to share pitchers of margaritas or sangria and plates of slow-roasted chicken or char-broiled shrimp tacos. 109 W. Hubbard St., 312-527-2229.

» **I/O Urban Rooftop** A fourth-floor perch attached to the Godfrey Hotel, the 250-seat space is equipped with high-boy tables, low-slung settees and whale's-tail

umbrella tables. There's a retractable roof in case of rain. 127 W. Huron St., 312-374-1830.

» **The Kitchen** Whether you're indulging in oysters for brunch or a charcuterie plate for happy hour, try this new 40-seat river-front patio, which will feature a mix of high-top tables, regular tables and standing room. The outdoor area is expected to open May 1. 316 N. Clark St., 312-836-1300.

» **Labriola Ristorante & Cafe** Just east of Michigan Avenue along a raised strip above Grand Avenue, Labriola has movable windows to let the air flow into the dining room, and about 45 seats on the sidewalk out front. 535 N. Michigan Ave., 312-955-3100.

» **River Roast** This restaurant's outdoor space runs right up against the Chicago River, offering spectacular views. Best time to dine? Sunset — and between noon and 3 p.m. during River Roast's weekend blues brunch on Saturdays and Sundays, 312 N. LaSalle St., 312-822-0100.

» **Tanta** Open annually from May through September, Tanta's 2,500-square-foot rooftop boasts some of the city's best unobstructed views and can hold up to 120 guests. The full food and drink menus are available on the rooftop terrace too. New this year: various rotating frozen cocktails on the rooftop. 118 W. Grand Ave., 312-222-9700.

» **True Food Kitchen** Wrapping around the corner of Erie and State streets, the

small sidewalk patio will be decorated with planters filled with vines and flowers along with basins of the herbs like mint and Thai basil the restaurant uses in its food and cocktails. Grab a seat at one of the two-top tables, and try some of the items on the spring menu, such as roasted artichoke pizza (\$14) or the Blueberry Royale, a blend of organic vodka, lemon juice, prosecco, mint and blueberries (\$12). Open in May, 1 W. Erie St., 312-204-6981.

» **Noyane** Translating as "hidden roof" in Japanese, Noyane serves Japanese-inspired small plates, approachable maki rolls, and sakes, all on the rooftop of The Conrad Hotel. The 4,045-square-foot space seats 130 people and features a central bar and bar-height fire-pit tables perfect for taking in the views of Michigan Avenue below. 101 E. Erie St., 312-667-6796.

» **Shanghai Terrace** Right outside the Peninsula Hotel's Shanghai Terrace, by far the most elegant Chinese restaurant in town, is a fourth-floor outdoor terrace dubbed The Terrace, which is exquisitely furnished and surrounded by skyscrapers. It boasts space for 70. Dress up for this one. 108 E. Superior St., 312-573-6744.

» **Upstairs at The Gwen** This fifth-floor rooftop specializes in craft cocktails, shared plates and downtown views with a side of art deco style. There's lounge and table seating for 150. 521 N. Rush St., 312-645-1500.

» **ZED451** This upscale all-you-can-eat spot has a decked-out rooftop that can fit a crowd of up to 110 people; it's a modern, lounge-style space with a variety of seating options. The bar and appetizer menu is available on the rooftop, but get there fast, as seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. 739 N. Clark St., 312-266-6691.

RIVER WEST

» **The Dawson** A steel-and-wood pergola and barrel bar tables give this spacious, always-busy patio a rough-hewn, built-by-hand vibe. 730 W. Grand Ave., 312-243-8955.

» **Piccolo Sogno** This is one of the best outdoor dining spots in the city. On sultry summer nights, you can be seated indoors immediately, but a table in the fenced-in, uplit-landscaped outdoor garden? You'll wait a while for one of those, and it will be worth it. 464 N. Halsted St., 312-421-0077.

STREETERVILLE

» **Coco Pazzo Cafe** Get a taste of Rome or Tuscany steps away from Michigan Avenue on the 20-seat patio, which is meant to channel the style of an Italian cafe. 212 E. Ohio St., 312-664-0212.

» **Riva Crabhouse** You can't beat the view at this tried-and-true Navy Pier seafood spot's patio, which is practically in Lake Michigan. Look the other way and you'll see Chicago's glittering skyline. Pro tip: Go on a Wednesday or Saturday to enjoy an up-close view of Navy Pier's fireworks while you have one more glass of wine. 700 E. Grand Ave., 312-644-7482.

» **Streeterville Social** The outdoor space at the Loews Chicago Hotel is a sun-drenched terrace in Streeterville. There are two bars and the menu is sure to offer something for everyone. 455 N. Park Drive, 312-840-6617.

WEST LOOP

» **Cruz Blanca** Close your eyes, and imagine yourself unwinding on a 24-seat sidewalk patio with the help of Rick Bayless' Oaxacan-style tacos stuffed with red chili cecina. Match it with an impossibly refreshing beer brimming with local ingredients, and if you still have room, don't miss out on their tlayudas, the restaurant's gigantic Oaxacan tostadas. 904 W. Randolph St., 312-733-1975.

» **Duck Duck Goat** Grabbing a seat at Stephanie Izard's homage to Chinese food is tough. It gets moderately easier to snag a table (at least in good weather) when the first-come, first-served sidewalk garden space seats are open. 857 W. Fulton Market, 312-902-3825.

» **Eden** The Mediterranean-inspired restaurant in the West Loop has a patio perched comfortably off the street for a bit of privacy. 1748 W. Lake St., 312-366-2294.

» **Forno Rosso** Take your pie outside at this pizzeria. With room for almost 60, the Randolph Street patio is well-suited for people-watching and day-drinking, with flowers and string lights decorating the



Mott St.'s patio at night.

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space and music serenading it. Sounds dreamy. 1048 W. Randolph St., 312-243-6000.

» **La Sirena Clandestina** La Sirena takes advantage of nice weather with a 22-seat sidewalk cafe along Morgan Street and Fulton Market that is dog-friendly. 954 W. Fulton Market, 312-226-5300.

» **MAD Social** Taking after the restaurant's cozy interior, this sidewalk patio offers industrial vibes with chic French details. Expect about 32 seats at mostly four-top tables to enjoy the globally influenced menu. Hanging lights and flowerpots add a bit of ambiance. Dogs receive their own "MAD" bowl of water. 1140 W. Madison St., 312-243-2097.

» **Monteverde** West Loop's pasta palace will flaunt a corner patio with about 30 seats on both Madison and Carpenter streets. Green litters the area, with tables wrapped in greenery, some planters, small trees and flowers. Dogs are also OK on the patio. The floor-to-ceiling windows will open up to bring in fresh air and make those outside feel like they're part of the restaurant. Opening the windows keeps your view of the pasta-making station situated behind the bar, too. 1020 W. Madison St., 312-888-3041.

» **Saint Lou's Assembly** Frozen treats, a bocce court and bleacher-style seating are all part of the package with Saint Lou's sunny backyard patio. With 100 seats that include tables, there's room to laze around all day, especially with their "outdoor" bar (it's inside but faces the patio). Even better, the patio is dog-friendly for friendly dogs. 664 W. Lake St., 312-600-0600.

» **Salero** This Spanish restaurant has a

wood-trimmed, planter-adorned sidewalk cafe that seats 20, a rustic counterpart to the white-on-white cafe at adjacent Blackbird. 621 W. Randolph St., 312-466-1000.

WEST TOWN

» **Ada St.** The artificial turf covering this brick-walled courtyard gives an ironic twist to the outdoor-dining idea. Pingpong tables, cocktails and an excellent small-plates menu make the place just about irresistible. And this year Ada will offer special patio-only food and drink menus. 1664 N. Ada St., 773-697-7069.

» **Homestead on the Roof** The 80-seat rooftop encompasses a sprawling organic garden and working outdoor fireplace, and it's delightful. The retracting-roof pergola offers some shelter from uncooperative weather. 1924 W. Chicago Ave., 773-332-2354.

» **Mott St** The backyard, 68-seater patio is both sizeable and private, with seating for up to 68 and fences enclosing the area. Dogs are welcome too. 1401 N. Ashland Ave., 773-687-9977.

WICKER PARK

» **Cabana Club** The Robey's rooftop pool is only open to the hotel's guests, but anyone is welcome to grab one of the chaises longues around the deck. Take in the skyline views from the Wicker Park spot while snacking on Mexican bites with matching cocktails. 2018 W. North Ave., 872-315-3050.

» **Clever Rabbit** The secluded patio offers an oasis-like setting from the bustling street, complete with hanging lights, flowering vines and brand new

planters. Rabbit's veggie-touting menu is available on the patio, as well as its cocktails (carrot margarita, perhaps?). 2015 W. Division St., 773-697-8711.

» **Fifolet Cajun & Cocktails** Sip a frozen hurricane (\$12), and snack on crawfish fritters served with lemon-cayenne aioli (\$9) on the 30-seat patio. The space is lined with planter boxes that will be stocked with greens and flowers all summer. 1942 W. Division St. 773-384-6886.

» **Small Cheval** Hungry burger-slammers are eager for a place to sit on Small Cheval's sunny, green patio. Those lucky enough to score one of the restaurant's 80-ish alfresco seats can chase shots with a milkshake under strings of starlike lights. 1732 N. Milwaukee Ave.

» **Taxim** There's room for 80 on the rooftop haven, with exposed brick and a lush garden of herbs and tomatoes in terra cotta pots. The restaurant also offers a Sunday brunch service on the rooftop. 1558 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773-252-1558.

» **Whiskey Business** This whiskey watering hole is the rooftop Wicker Park has been waiting for, with seating for 170 at picnic and communal tables — some with personal ice chests for really thirsty groups — and love seats. Three 4-by-8-foot TVs guarantee you'll never miss the game. Whiskey Business offers its full food and drink menus upstairs, along with 10 frozen margarita machines. 1367 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773-698-7362.

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For the record

YOUR GUIDE TO RECORD STORE DAY CHICAGO 2018

By Hannah Steinkopf-Frank | REDEYE

Put the needle down and let the music flow: It's time for the 2018 Record Store Day (RSD), held on Saturday April 21. RedEye has your guide for events at record stores around Chicago as well as releases featuring local musicians.

For RSD, RedEye talked with Drew Mitchell, the co-owner of Pilsen's 606 Records. When he opened the store in 2015 with Tim Unsell, Mitchell put his own collection (gathered over two decades) on sale.

He now travels the world scoping out record stores and shares his love of music — and the vinyl format — with fans from near and far who stop by 606 Records, which also releases its own albums.

Q: What was the first record you bought?

A: I had a turntable back in like 1982,

and my sister and I used to listen to music. It was probably a Prince or Michael Jackson album.

Q: What advice would you give to someone wanting to start a vinyl collection?

A: I would say visit your local record store. That's what we're all here for. Based on a discussion about how you feel about the world, we can probably recommend some music.

Q: Why do you think vinyl is experiencing a resurgence in popularity?

A: I've been the guy that's always collected, so there've always been people like me who prefer something tangible versus something digital: You own it. You can find more of an appreciation with vinyl for the sound quality and artwork. From our perspective, we carry music and promote local artists and labels that aren't really mainstream. You aren't really going to be able to find it digitally. Our customers walk in the door and we'll play music that they prob-

ably wouldn't have located online. We can have that conversation face to face.

Q: What do you think is special about the Chicago music community?

A: I think it's amazing. I've traveled all over the States and the world: Africa, Asia, South America. Every time I travel, I go to a local record store because I'm a crazy collector like that. As far as Chicago is concerned, we have some of the best record stores out of any city I've ever been to, minus Tokyo. We're really doing well, and there's a nice community of musicians and artists and DJs. Like any city, there's competition, but I think that's good. We've only been in business two and a half years, but I've noticed that people will hop from one store to the next just to check you out on Record Store Day. But again, every day is Record Store Day.

Q-and-As are edited and condensed for clarity.

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Record Store Day releases with a Chicago connection

“Can I Borrow a Dollar?” by Common

Rapper Common was a pioneer in putting the Chicago hip-hop scene on the map with his debut 1992 record “Can I Borrow a Dollar?” Common has gone on to win multiple Grammys and an Academy Award and is an executive producer on “The Chi.” This 25th anniversary edition includes a 7” with bonus material.

“Fast and Frightening” by L7

Donita Sparks, the co-founder of the all-female rock group L7, is originally from Chicago. For RSD, the group is releasing “Fast and Frightening,” a two-LP set of L7 deep cuts, cover tracks and live versions of songs. Although the project was previously released as a CD set, this is the first time it will be available on vinyl.

“Live At The Troubadour 11/12/96” by Wilco

Everyone knows Wilco as a classic Chicago band, and the indie rock stalwart is putting out a live album from a 1996 performance at the West Hollywood nightclub Troubadour.

“Mystery of Love” by Sufjan Stevens

Sure, Sufjan Stevens may have been born in Michigan and crafted a love letter album to his home state (and Oregon, where he spent chunks of his childhood), but his 2005 album “Illinois” is considered by many to be his best. Recently, Stevens gained mainstream fame for his work on the movie “Call Me By Your Name” and subsequent Oscar nomination. This EP — pressed on transparent vinyl — includes three songs he contributed to the romantic film.

“No Depression—Demos” by Uncle Tupelo

Alternative country group Uncle Tupelo formed in Belleville, Illinois. Its members have gone on to find success with other acts in and outside of the Midwest (including Jeff Tweedy with Wilco). For RSD, check out an LP of demos from the band's debut album “No Depression.”

“The Lost Children” by Disturbed

Heavy metal rock band Disturbed, which formed in 1994, is known for its Chicago roots and is releasing “The Lost Children,” a collection of 2011 B-sides never before pressed on vinyl.

Check out recordstoreday.com for more information.

Where to be a music nerd on RSD

606 Records

1808 S. Allport St., 312-585-6106

Head to Pilsen for 606 Records, which will open at 10 a.m. and feature local and national DJ performances, including by Katie Crutchfield, the lead singer of indie rock band Waxahatchee. Refreshments and giveaways are available throughout the day, including beer and swag from Dogfish Head and concert tickets courtesy of Jam Productions.

Audio Archaeology

1324 W. Devon Ave., 773-856-3472

Records, audio equipment and more are offered at this Rogers Park store, which will have a selection of RSD releases as well as prizes, giveaways and, most importantly, photo opportunities with Detective Mittens, the store cat.

Beverly Records Chicago

11612 Western Ave., 773-779-0066

Leading up to RSD, there will be a vinyl-themed trivia night at the Red Palm at 7:30 p.m. April 18. On the holiday, used records will be 20-percent off at the shop in Beverly Woods.

Bob's Blues & Jazz Mart

3419 W. Irving Park Road, 773-539-5002

Come for the impressive collection of jazz records (and the 25-percent discount on used CDs) and stay for live tunes by blues musician Lurrie Bell.

Bric-a-Brac Records & Collectibles

3156 W. Diversey Ave., 773-654-3915

Doors open at 8 a.m. at this retro Logan Square shop (don't worry: There is free coffee and doughnuts). The music starts at 2 p.m. with performances by Ganser, Air Credits, Richard Album and the Singles, Lasers and Fast and Sh!t and Just Luckies. Bric-a-Brac will also sell parts of the collection of a rare punk collector. Need a drink after a day of shopping? Neighboring tiki bar Lost Lake will open at noon and offer specials.

Bucket O' Blood Books and Records

3182 N. Elston Ave., 312-890-3860

The musical festivities start at 10 a.m. in Avondale, and releases include LPs from Tom Waits, the "Krush Groove" soundtrack and the 10th anniversary addition of "Warning Device" by Teenage Bottle-rocket. Food and drinks will be provided by Metropolitan Brewing with giveaways throughout the day and live DJs.

Dave's Records

2604 N. Clark St., 773-929-6325

Arrive early at Dave's Records, which is celebrating its 11th Record Store Day. Doors open when the store is ready (usually sometime between 9 to 10 a.m.). While there will probably be a line, enjoy



Record Store Day 2016 at Shuga Records in Wicker Park.

SHUGA RECORDS



Dave Crain, owner of Dave's Records.

BOB STEFKO

Molly's Cupcakes, candy and free bonus goodies, including bags, stickers, DVDs and music. RSD items are available at the counter, but definitely surf this all-vinyl emporium's expansive collection.

Dusty Groove

1120 N. Ashland Ave., 773-342-5800

It's first-come, first-serve starting at 8 a.m. with hundreds of RSD items (think everything from David Bowie to Phish to Nas) as well as refreshments, giveaways and live magic in the early afternoon. Spin the wheel of fortune with every purchase.

The Exchange

935 W. Belmont Ave., 773-883-8908

1524 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773-252-9570

Both locations of the Exchange will offer around 100 RSD releases across a wide variety of musical genres and keep regular store hours.

Joyride Records

1914 W. Chicago Ave., 773-278-1744

Joyride Records opens at 9 a.m. with RSD albums largely catering to the heavier, psychedelic side of music as well as other goodies and special T-shirts commemorating the event. Live bands kick off at 4 p.m. with La Cosa, Jawns, Not For You and Pet Peeves.

Laurie's Planet of Sound

4639 N. Lincoln Ave., 773-271-3569

At this Lincoln Square staple, live music (starting at 1 p.m.) includes Tommi Zender with Natalie Galey playing Joni Mitchell tunes, Phil Angotti performing "Something Else" by the Kinks, the Census Takers covering the Residents and glam meets indie group the Handcuffs.

Pinwheel Records

1722 W. 18th St., 312-888-9629

The records will be spinning all day at

Pinwheel, with live music at 2 p.m. Catch performances by Emily Jane Powers, Miranda Waters, Half Gringa and Mia Joy. For a homey touch, owner Scott Schaaf's mother will be baking cookies, and you might just spot Marco T. Cat, the store pet.

Purple Llama

2140 W. Division St., 773-687-9900

Purple Llama in Wicker Park will celebrate its one-year anniversary on RSD. The combined record and coffee shop will host local bands, record label personnel and DJs. The current music lineup includes Ovef Ow and Health&Beauty, with more to be announced.

Reckless Records

3126 N. Broadway, 773-404-5080

26 E. Madison St., 312-795-0878

1379 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773-235-3727

There will be a variety of RSD limited releases on sale, free giveaways and bands performing at the Broadway and Milwaukee Avenue locations.

Record Breakers

2935 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773-698-8387

Doors open at 7 a.m. with bands beginning at noon to keep the energy high. Catch performances by Lasers and Fast and Sh!t, the Speed Babes, Blue Dream, Avantist, TV Moms, Lever and Magicks.

RPM Music Chicago

1839 W. Irving Park Road, 872-817-7266

Opening at 7 a.m., RPM Music Chicago will sell not only RSD releases, but also work by local musicians. Refreshments will be offered throughout the day. Stay until 2 p.m. when the music starts, with sets by Liz and the Lovelies, Man Called Noon, Sugarpulp and the Rayplacements, a Replacements cover band that will perform the Minnesota rockers' seminal album "Tim."

Shuga Records

1272 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773-278-4085

"All the exclusive RSD titles you can handle" are offered at this record store day event, along with performances (starting at around 1 p.m.) from the Hazy Seas, Jordanna, Strange Foliage, Rookie, Brisco Darling and Sundown Club. Free coffee and doughnuts will also be provided, as well as giveaways from Emporium Arcade Bar, Lagunitas Brewing Company and others.

Wild Prairie

1109 N. Western Ave., 773-580-7946

This new buy-sell-trade record and vintage clothing shop will open at 11 a.m. with live DJ sets throughout the day. Sip free Half Acre Beer and snack while browsing new releases. Listen to DJs King Hippo, Zulu Henry, Sadposr, Joseph Memory, Jordan Zawideh, 12 Gage, Shazam Bangle and Tone B. Nimble.

In the weeds

CANNABIS WELLNESS NETWORK ELLEMENTA LETS WOMEN TALK MARIJUANA

By Hannah Steinkopf-Frank | REDEYE

As marijuana is increasingly legalized for medical and recreational purposes across the country (only medical in Illinois), Ellementa provides a space for women to talk about the use of the plant for wellness. At gatherings, the company connects women with industry experts to discuss how weed could potentially help them address a variety of physical and mental issues.

In honor of 4/20, RedEye talked with co-founder and COO Melissa Pierce about Ellementa and its upcoming “Women’s Wellness and Cannabis Conversation.”

Q: Why focus on women and marijuana?

A: I’d say women are, more than men, interested in alternative healing or alternative wellness. This is because women are woefully underrepresented in most Western medicine. The default patient is the male patient. A lot of studies are done without women in mind. It used to be that women were considered men who weighed less. And certainly our bodies work a little differently, so women have been for quite some time working in alternative ways to try to find solutions that work for them. That’s kind of where we saw that overlap. It was true in 2017 that the No. 1 medical marijuana cardholder in Illinois was a woman in her 50s with severe fibromyalgia. Women, especially older women, are using cannabis often to cure chronic pain and relieve insomnia and menstrual and menopausal symptoms and to help regulate anxiety or just to relax. It’s kind of an amazing thing.

Q: What should attendees expect?

A: Especially in Chicago, it’s incredibly laid-back. It’s a very informal space. We bring in experts to speak, and we talk about various topics. We have a lot of Q&As, and attendees should expect to be with a very diverse crowd. But you should also expect that we make sure that everybody knows who the newcomers are in the room. We ask questions like, “How comfortable are you with cannabis? How often have you consumed it for wellness?” So we kind of



MELISSA PIERCE/ELLEMENTA

A representative from Cresco Labs, a medical cannabis company, presents about Kiva Confections edibles at a Ellementa meeting.



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PharmaCann, LLC, a medical marijuana cultivation center in Dwight, Ill.

know where everyone stands. We just say there just are no stupid questions, basically. It’s there for women to not only to learn from experts, but also to learn from each other.

Q: How does Ellementa navigate levels of weed legality in different states?

A: We are a media company. So that is really nice for us. Our meetings are also open to anyone who identifies as a woman. You don’t have to be a medical card carrier or anything like that. We don’t encourage people to consume cannabis at our events. That’s a legal thing. But we also just give them information so that they can make their own decision.

Q: How do you use the information women provide at meetings?

A: These women take surveys with us, and we can present the surveys back to cannabis and wellness companies and say, “Listen: You made this product and people are cutting it into seven different pieces so they can consume it because they want to microdose and they like your particular product.” So kind of just trading those things back and forth throughout the system. We do that. And then we have a sister site called hercannalife.wordpress.com where we interview women in cannabis. We do lots of feature stories about female entrepreneurs in the cannabis industry.

DO

Women’s Wellness and Cannabis Conversation

2423 W. North Ave.
7-9 p.m. April 26. \$10

Q: What issues come up at Chicago meetings?

A: Well because Chicago is still just a medical state, a lot of women have questions about the medical marijuana card right now. It’s kind of an arduous process. There are a lot of steps involved, and it takes a long time. A lot of women just want to show up and find out if it’s worth it. Women who have just gotten their cards continue to show up and don’t feel so alone because a lot of their friends don’t have them.

Q: What do you think about 4/20?

A: We always laugh about this because 4/20 is historically a time of day when students would get high. But for moms, it’s more like 8:30 p.m. We’re constantly just putting our feet up on the table and being like, “4:20? More like 8:30.” I think what is hysterical is that older women and moms are kind of redefining what 4/20 is to women. We’re like, “No. It is after we get home from work. After we put the kids to bed. Before we go to bed.” I think that’s going to go a long way in normalizing it.

Q-and-As are edited and condensed for clarity.

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Spring's first things

OUR FAVORITE CHICAGO ACTIVITIES WHEN WEATHER WARMS UP

By Adam Lukach | REDEYE

Forget what the forecast says, or the sky, for that matter. Chicago is ready for spring.

While patience — sometimes a lot — is often required at this time of year, there's no better reward than warm weather in the city. And once that hits, we know how to enjoy ourselves.

With the weather finally breaking, we've picked out some of our favorite springtime anticipations and activities.

FARMERS MARKETS

The city is flush with farmers markets during the warmer months, but, like the rest of us, they go into hibernation when it's cold. By the time spring gets into full swing, farmers markets can be found in practically every neighborhood in the city, on practically every day of the week. Just another reason we love warm weather in the Windy City.

During this early part of spring, farmers markets mostly trickle out. Last season, only the Wood Street Urban Farm Stand opened in April, but most are open by the end of May.

If you can't wait for the start of the season, two markets — the Logan Square Farmers Market and the Healthy Food Hub at The Quarry Center — are open year-round. Both move inside during the winter, but you can still get your goods year-round, no matter the weather.

The Daley Plaza Market and the 61st Street Farmers Market are two of our other favorite farmers markets, as well as two of the largest farmers markets in Chicago.

Now, if you're like us, the only thing left to do is to convince yourself to cook.

Wood Street Urban Farm: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursdays, April 19-Oct. 25; 5814 S. Wood St., growinghomeinc.org

Logan Square Farmers Market: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sundays

Indoor: November through March, excluding holiday dates. Emporium Arcade Bar Logan Square, 2363 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Outdoor: May through October. Logan Boulevard between Milwaukee Avenue and Whipple Street. logansquarefarmersmarket.org

Healthy Food Hub: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.



Evening Star Shoreline Sightseeing boat in Chicago.

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Wednesdays

Indoor: Oak Forest Health Center, 15900 S. Cicero Ave., Oak Forest

Outdoor: 15900 S. Cicero Ave., Oak Forest, begins in June. healthyfoodhub.org

Daley Plaza Market: 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursdays, May 10-Oct. 25; 50 W. Washington St., cityofchicago.org

61st Street Farmers Market: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays

Outdoor: Beginning on May 12, outside weekly at 61st Street & Dorchester Avenue., ends last Saturday in October

Indoor: First Saturday in November through Dec. 15, except Saturday after Thanksgiving. Monthly dates January-April. experimentalstation.org

COMMUNITY GARDENS

Want to skip the farmers market and do the damn thing yourself? Unless you're a homeowner, most folks in Chicago don't have the space to grow anything. Fortunately, there are community and neighborhood gardens all throughout the city.

The setup varies from garden to garden: Most assign plots on which members are allowed to grow produce, while others take a communal approach in which members tend to and share the same vegetation.

Many community gardens also offer classes or workshops to show you how to get started or make your thumb a little greener.

Availability also differs among the city's gardens, but most assign their plots between February and May, so now is the time to get serious about your seeds. We have a thorough guide on our website.

ON THE WATER

We love Chicago's water features during warm weather (though the lake-effect snow in the winter is a bummer).

The city's aquatic roster runs deep, featuring different types of guided tours on both the river and the lake, kayaking the river, catching a water cab, eating and drinking on the Riverwalk or simply checking out the beach.

You don't have to get in or even get wet, and, please, if you're on the Chicago River, don't do either of those things. But we all know, everything is better on or around the water.

Shoreline Sightseeing: See website for various times, 600 E. Grand Ave., shorelinesightseeing.com

Options: architecture tours, lake tours, fireworks tours



MICHAEL NOBLE JR./TRIBUNE FILE

Logan Square Farmers Market.

Chicago Water Taxi: See website for schedule, chicagowatertaxi.com

Locations include: Ogilvie/Union (West Loop), Michigan Avenue, LaSalle (River North), Riverwalk Clark Street, North Avenue/Sheffield, Chinatown, Chicago Avenue

Kayak Chicago: See website for locations, 312-852-9258, kayakchicago.com

Options: lake tours, river tours, special events

The 606: The 606 only finished completion in 2016, but Chicagoans haven't wasted any time turning the trail into one of the city's busiest stretches.

At 2.7 miles long, the 606 offers a lengthy stretch for any exercise, and it's also wide enough to accommodate everyone. Bikers, skaters, roller-bladers, walkers and runners all use the trail, so its roominess is necessary. Be careful of others when exercising, and be aware that any motorized vehicle is not allowed on the trail.

Beyond exercise, the trail also plays host to different events, including stargazing trips, walking science tours and sponsored run/walks. The 606's website features a complete calendar of the trail's ongoing and upcoming events.

Open 6 a.m.-11 p.m. daily, the606.org

EATING AND DRINKING OUTDOORS

Last but certainly not least, better weather means a chance to eat and drink outdoors, which is one of the city's favorite annual pastimes, if long lines and packed patios are any indicator.

There are far too many outdoor options to pick and choose any here, but you can't throw a rock without hitting an outdoor rooftop or patio during warmer months. You should not have trouble locating one.

But if you do, we've got a list of more than 120 spots to eat outdoors around Chicago (pages 6-11 in print, and chicagotribune.com/dining). Enjoy the weather.



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GET ACQUAINTED WITH WRIGLEYVILLE'S NEW RESTAURANT LINEUP



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The Wrigleyville Big Star at Clark Street and Patterson Avenue is across from The Park at Wrigley. The restaurant can seat nearly 300 inside, plus 80 at a sidewalk cafe. When weather permits, windows will be removed to bring the outside in.

By Phil Vettel | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

It's ring in the new *and* ring in the old around Wrigley Field this season, as a wave of new restaurants opens across the street (and down the block) from the Friendly Confines.

Many of the newcomers, however, feel like old friends. The mix includes copies of restaurants that already exist elsewhere in the city, some well-known Chicago chefs and restaurateurs, and one family taking maximum advantage of its now-popular surname.

The Cubs' home opener was April 9, and with the season in full swing, fans can enjoy an expanding selection of new dining

options. A few are open already, a couple more hope to join in before too long, and one concept is already saying "Wait until next year." Here's the lineup:

Big Star

Open since April 2; 3640 N. Clark St.

"Clark and Patterson" will never replace "Clark and Addison" in Wrigleyville lore, but there should be plenty of action at Clark Street and Patterson Avenue, where Big Star occupies the Hotel Zachary's northern end. This marks the first Wrigley-area foray for One Off Hospitality Group (Avec, Blackbird, Nico Osteria, Publican, many more). Fans of the perpetually packed Big Star in Wicker Park will find a lot more elbow room at the Wrigleyville location, which can seat nearly 300 in its

cavernous interior, plus 80 at the sidewalk cafe. When weather permits, windows disappear to create an open-air atmosphere. As at the original, margaritas, whiskey and lots of beer will be poured, and tacos (on made-daily tortillas) will abound — though there's a nacho-ish Big Star Hot Chips dish that's unique to this location.

West Town Bakery + Tap

Open since April 3; 3630 N. Clark St.

West Town Bakery plus bar program equals Wrigley hit? That's the hope of the Fifty/50 Restaurant Group (Steadfast, Portsmouth, Homestead on the Roof, more), which opened West Town Bakery + Tap just to the right of the Hotel Zachary's entrance. Executive pastry chef Chris

Teixeira's extraordinary doughnuts, croissants and cruffies (muffins made with croissant dough) are in place, along with breakfast sandwiches and Cubs-themed cake balls and Goat's Blood, a Cubs-themed coffee blend (on the fruity side, for those who notice such things). More potent drinks include boozy shakes, local beers on tap and cocktails.

Mordecai

Open since April 7; 3630 N. Clark St.

Matthias Merges' Folkart Restaurant Management (A10, Billy Sunday, Gideon Sweet, Old Irving Brewing) is behind this two-story restaurant, whose second-level patio overlooks The Park at Wrigley (within which you'll find Lucky Dorr, another Folkart concept) and its jumbo video



An interior view shows the first floor bar at Mordecai, a Wrigleyville restaurant in the Hotel Zachary.

screen. Named for Hall of Fame pitcher Mordecai “Three Finger” Brown (who mangled his throwing hand in a farm-machinery accident and still helped the Cubs to two World Series titles), Mordecai will offer “an exceptional cocktail experience” (per Merges), a deep list of aged spirits, and a menu (by Michelin-starred chef Jared Wentworth) designed to complement the cocktails.

Smoke Daddy

Open since April 9; 3630 N. Clark St.

If you’re a fan of the smoked meats and in-house sauces at Smoke Daddy on Division Street, you’ll love the Smoke-Daddy-on-steroids Hotel Zachary location, which can seat 300 in a two-story, 8,000-square-foot space. Like Mordecai, the second floor will have a terrace overlooking The Park at Wrigley. The menu will include all the well-loved favorites, such as the Daddy-O sandwich with sliced brisket, and a new item known as the Big City Eats, a \$49 platter of spare and baby-back ribs, half chicken, two smoked meats, and three sides. The family-style brunch, \$19, will be available Saturday and Sunday.

Union Full Board and Tinker to Evers

Opening May 2018; 3475 N. Clark St.

It’ll be an early- to mid-season call-up for this restaurant and cocktail lounge, set to open inside the boutique Wheelhouse Hotel (the original opening date was moved back a month). From the folks behind Union Pizzeria, with city and Evanston locations), the 60-seat Union Full



Second floor of Dutch & Doc’s, which is expected to open this summer.

Board will feature its signature square-cut, Detroit-style pizzas (how could it not?) but also a sophisticated menu of small plates. Downstairs, the 40-seat Tinker to Evers (referencing two-thirds of the legendary Cubs double-play combination) will offer an upscale cocktail program. One might worry that a boutique-size restaurant and bar will be overwhelmed by all its 300-seat neighbors. But you have to figure a place called Tinker to Evers has a chance.

Dutch & Doc’s

Opening this summer; 3600 N. Clark St.

Hopefully in time for the All-Star break, but certainly in time for any postseason action, Dutch & Doc’s will become the 19th



Mordecai’s menu complements its cocktails.



Smoke Daddy has combo platters, such as the Taste of the Daddy, on the menu.

the nickname Dutch (not including one-time Cubs broadcaster Ronald “Dutch” Reagan), and nine had the nickname Doc.

Rizzo’s Bar & Inn

Open since August 2017; 3658 N. Clark St.

This will be the first full season for this sports bar, which is owned by a family named Rizzo but utterly unrelated to the Cubs’ first baseman. There is no actual inn, but there is a glass-roof dining space with high-top tables and picnic benches, a pub menu with such signatures as the \$90, 72-ounce Notorious burger and something called Trash Can Nachos. And TV screens all over the place.

Unnamed Maddon-Mantuano restaurant

Opening February 2019

The initial hope was that this joint venture between Cubs manager Joe Maddon and Spiaggia proprietor Tony Mantuano would be open in time for the playoffs (should the Cubs qualify), but Mantuano says that notion is gone. “We’re moving full steam on the last design stages,” he said, “but we’re not going to try to rush it; we want to do it right.” When open, the unnamed restaurant (but how can you keep the Maddon name off the door?) will occupy a two-story space in The Park at Wrigley, featuring open-fire cooking and an Italian menu with some Polish dishes, including, said Mantuano, “the best (extreme emphasis) pierogi you’ve ever had.”

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Ana Gasteyer.

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Laugh out loud

ANA GASTEYER GUSHES ABOUT NORTHWESTERN AHEAD OF ALUMNI SHOW

By Tracy Swartz | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Ana Gasteyer's enthusiasm for Northwestern University is no joke.

The "Saturday Night Live" veteran is slated to sing at the star-studded Northwestern alumni show Stephen Colbert is emceeding April 21 in Evanston — not that Gasteyer needs an excuse to return to her alma mater.

"It's just a really easy thing to say yes to," Gasteyer said by phone. "I loved going to Northwestern. I loved my peers and colleagues. I loved campus life, the classes and professors. So I really feel that I owe the school a great debt, just in terms of my personal experience and my education, but then on top of that, the impact the school had on my career moving forward is kind of immeasurable."

A Washington, D.C., native, Gasteyer graduated from the School of Communication in 1989. She was initially a voice major, but then she "fell down a comedy rabbit hole" and switched to theater studies. She joined the Mee-Ow Show, the school's improv comedy group.

She went on to perform with the Groundlings, a Los Angeles improv-sketch troupe, and the "SNL" cast for six seasons. The Brooklyn resident now stars on the TBS comedy "People of Earth." She is also slated to appear in the Netflix comedy "Wine Country" with her female colleagues from "SNL."

Gasteyer served as grand marshal for the 2014 Northwestern homecoming parade and repped the school with her 10-year-old son Ulysses when the men's basketball team played Penn State University March 1 in New York City.

"My children are irritated with how much I love the school," Gasteyer said with a laugh. When asked if she will encourage her kids to apply there, she said, "Let me put it this way: Everybody has a number of Northwestern sweatshirts in the proper sizes."

Other celebs expected to perform at "A Starry Night" show at the Ryan Fieldhouse include "A Bad Moms Christmas" star Kathryn Hahn, "Law and Order: Special Victims Unit" veteran Stephanie March and "ER" alums Laura Innes and Sharif Atkins. The show closes out the two-day CommFest to showcase the work of students and alumni of the School of Communication.

Tickets cost between \$100 (for student admission) and \$1,500 (for priority seating and access to special events).

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eat this

QUESADILLA WITH FLOR DE CALABAZA

By **Nick Kindelsperger** | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

In all my years of eating out, I've never witnessed a harder-working kitchen staff than the all-female crew at Minna's Restaurant. Cooks rush back and forth at breakneck speed in the tiny space, while the one waitress valiantly takes as many orders as possible before high-tailing it back to the register to swipe a customer's credit card. Though located far from downtown in Belmont Cragin, its lunchtime crowds would make Au Cheval proud.

And these cooks aren't just slinging tacos, but traditional, made-from-scratch Mexican dishes like huaraches, gorditas and quesadillas. Most Mexican restaurants in Chicago don't do this, because it takes time and energy to make everything to order.

To fully experience the frenzy, grab a seat at the counter. While the heat radiating off the griddle gets intense, the view

allows you to appreciate the mesmerizing beauty of the cooking. Order a quesadilla, and a cook will grab a handful of masa, stamp it into an oval with a tortilla press, and then gently lay it on the griddle with a seemingly effortless flick of the wrist. This will happen in the time it takes you to read the previous sentence. When the bottom sets, which the cook knows by sight, she'll use her bare hands to flip the tortilla to the other side.

Instead of an avalanche of melted cheese, the cook judiciously sprinkles on just enough tangy cheese to coat the bottom. You can get it stuffed with any of a number of fillings, including carne asada, but I'd recommend the flor de calabaza (\$4.25), a colorful stew of bright yellow zucchini blossoms. Ask for the quesadilla made with blue corn masa (a must if the restaurant has any in stock), and the dish graduates from pretty to a drop-dead knockout.

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GIVE KIDS IN NEED NEW COATS WITH OPERATION WARM

By **Gwendolyn Purdom** | FOR REDEYE

Snow-delayed opening days at Wrigley Field aside, warm weather is on the horizon in Chicago. But spring and summer temperatures won't be slowing down Operation Warm's work. In fact, the nonprofit group's Chicago chapter is ramping up its volunteer efforts in the coming months to get new coats to kids who need them when the cold comes back. The group provided new coats for 43,000 kids in the Chicago area last year, spokesperson and local development director Rich Lalley said.

Operation Warm's Chicago chapter has partnered with local corporate sponsors and community organizations to donate new coats to children who qualify for free or reduced lunch for a decade. While the donation doesn't start until August, Lalley said this spring and summer his group will be focusing on developing new partnerships and programs and training new volunteers ahead of fall and winter donation events.

On May 8, for example, Lalley and his team are inviting those interested in joining them to meet with community partners and other residents in the Loop as part of the citywide On the Table initiative to brainstorm new donation ave-

nues. Last year, the event inspired a new Operation Warm partnership with certain Chicago Public Library branches.

As volunteers interact directly with the kids, the onboarding process takes a little longer to allow for background checks and other training. Potential volunteers with weekday availability (donation events take place on weekday mornings in the fall and winter) can find out more information online.

Coats obviously keep kids warm in Chicago's brutal winters, but Lalley said the donations do more than that. They can allow kids to get much-needed exercise during recess when gym programs have been cut or to come to school at all when buses aren't available. Plus, it offers generosity to kids who might not often experience that kind of personalized kindness.

"For a lot of these kids, they're used to hand-me-downs from their brothers and sisters and cousins," Operation Warm's media coordinator Lauren Holloway said. "For them to walk through the line and pick out a new coat in their color and size, you can see their faces light up."

Gwendolyn Purdom is a RedEye freelancer.

GET INVOLVED
For more information about volunteering with Operation Warm, visit operationwarm.org.



S.K.Y.'s display kitchen is bathed in white light.

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2ND FRIDAYS GALLERY NIGHT THEN DRINKS AND BITES AT S.K.Y.

By Gwendolyn Purdom | FOR REDEYE

Rather than putting a ton of effort into an outing and then only hitting one spot, why not extend the adventure? This week, we're pairing Pilsen's 2nd Fridays art walk with pan-Asian fare at S.K.Y.

MAIN ATTRACTION

2nd Fridays Gallery Night

Halsted Street from Canalport Avenue to 17th Street, 312-738-8000

How much: Free

On the second Friday of the month, the galleries and studio spaces that stretch along South Halsted in Pilsen welcome in visitors with lively receptions. The regular Chicago Arts District event, which is held from 6 to 10 p.m. and has been running for more than 15 years, is a no-brainer for date night, especially as the weather gets stroll-friendlier. Each stop on the self-guided art walk offers something a little different, but they all serve up plenty of good conversation starters and, often, a chance to talk with the artists or gallery owners themselves. Maps for navigating the evening are available at the information center at 1945 S. Halsted St.

DON'T STOP

S.K.Y.

1239 W. 18th St., 312-846-1077

How much: Food \$7-\$28, Drinks \$5-\$20

A few blocks over, chef/owner Stephen Gillanders' upscale yet low-key pan-Asian spot, S.K.Y., has been earning rave reviews as one of the city's most exciting new restaurants since opening its doors in November. Split an order of Maine lobster dumplings with jade butter (\$16) or snack on the signature cornbread madeleines (\$7) with a Black Pearl gin, vermouth and eau de vie cocktail (\$13) or a can of sparkling chardonnay for two (\$20). Though the buzz keeps the place crowded, the background vibe is laid-back cool, making it all the more likely your end-of-the-evening banter will follow suit. Plus, Gillanders named the restaurant S.K.Y. after his wife (and the space's interior designer) Seon Kyung Yuk, so romance is automatically in the air.

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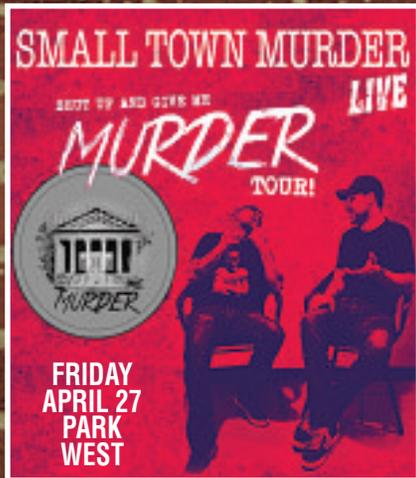
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5 MUST-SEE CONCERTS IN CHICAGO THIS WEEK

By Hannah Steinkopf-Frank | REDEYE

Check out a slew of indie rock veterans and newcomers as well as more experimental concerts this week in Chicago.

THURSDAY

Khruangbin
Lincoln Hall

2424 N Lincoln Ave., 773-525-2501

Khruangbin may be a trio from Texas, but the group takes inspiration from '60s Thai funk fused with psychedelic, smooth melodies. Sparse, spoken word lyrics are paired with music that blends Middle Eastern, Caribbean and other sounds. The band's second album, "Con Todo El Mundo," came out in February. While Khruangbin makes perfect ambient music for a spring party, the unexpected stylistic pairings prove they are more than just a jam band. Identical twins and musicians the Mattson 2 will kick off the night with their experimental surf and jazz tunes. \$18-\$20. 9 p.m. 18+ Tickets: lh-st.com

Kate Nash
Park West

322 W. Armitage Ave., 773-929-5959

While Kate Nash has been on the international music scene since the mid 2000s, the English musician and actress proves she's still fresh with "Yesterday Was Forever," her first album in five years. Her sound is as poppy and sugarcoated as ever (the first track is called "Life in Pink"), but there's emotional depth, and a bite, to Nash's music. Like her character Rhonda "Britannica" Richardson on Netflix's "GLOW," she's not afraid to throw a punch, albeit in glitter and spandex. The soulful Miya Folick will open. \$25. 8 p.m. 18+ Tickets: parkwestchicago.com

SATURDAY

Hurray for the Riff Raff and Waxahatchee

Thalia Hall

1807 S. Allport St., 312-526-3851

For over a decade, Hurray for the Riff Raff has brought modern touches to folk and Americana music, inspired largely by lead singer Alynda Segarra's love of Motown and doo-wop sounds. Co-headliner Waxahatchee is the indie rock group of singer-songwriter Katie Crutchfield, who has honed her sound over the course of four studio albums, the latest being 2017's "Out in the Storm." This show will please lovers of alternative rock and roots music alike. Definitely don't miss opener Bedouine, the moniker of Azniv Korkejian, an up-and-coming artist from L.A. whose retro rock music and minimalist aesthetic takes inspiration from her background



Kate Nash.

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growing up around the Middle East before her family won the green card lottery to settle in the U.S. \$23-\$35. 8:30 p.m. 17+ Tickets: thaliahallchicago.com

Rainbow Kitten Surprise
Metro

3730 N. Clark St., 773-549-4140

Currently on tour for the just released "How to: Friend, Love, Freefall," this group from Boone, North Carolina is known for intricate harmonies and acoustic ditties. But a band with a name like Rainbow Kitten Surprise is sure to pull from more unexpected influences, including Frank Ocean and Schoolboy Q. Come early to hear banjo/guitar duo Caamp open. \$20. 8:30 p.m. Tickets: metrochicago.com

MONDAY

Alma
Chop Shop

2033 W. North Ave., 773-537-4440

Finnish singer-songwriter Alma combines catchy melodies with lyrics that are equal parts smart and self-assured. The 22-year-old with neon green hair describes herself as "somewhere between Sia and Amy Winehouse." Catch the pop musician before she hits the big time: She's already worked with Charli XCX and Rudimental, and Elton John and MØ have sung her praises. \$12-15. 8 p.m. 18+ Tickets: www.chopshopchi.com

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I'm pissed she only wants to be friends with me



ASK ANNA

Anna Pulley

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Dear Anna,

So I got involved with this chick. We sent plenty of texts back and forth, and talked on the phone a lot. We were finally able to meet — we had dinner and drinks, then spent the night together. We continued to talk, text and email. Then she says she just “wants to be friends.” WTF?

How does a female go from wanting to have your child to just being “friends”? I might have gotten very comfortable being with her, because she was saying “all the right things.” She had even spoken with my mom, and I had sent her a video of the rest of my family. She was “so looking forward” to meeting all of them. Now, I must admit, I am a bit pissed off. Should I wait for her to decide what she wants, or write her off as a mistake? I don't know what to call myself, but I know how I feel — *Played*

Dear Played,

I'm sorry you were hoping for a romantic connection and it didn't work out. It's shitty to feel like you're on the same page with someone, making future plans, introducing her to your family, etc., only to find out that that's not the case. I've been there. We've all been there. It doesn't make it less shitty, but at least you're not alone.

You are allowed to feel pissed off! And any other feelings that arise as you work through this and adjust your reality accordingly. I would, however, encourage you to not take it personally. Rather than thinking

of yourself as “played,” which makes you a victim and her a manipulative liar, how would it feel to frame it differently? You had a connection. It was brief, but it was important to you. And the circumstances changed. No one is the bad guy. You simply wanted different things. And hey, it's good to find this out sooner than later. Imagine if this had gone on for months or years. Your attachment to her would have been incredibly strong and the ensuing heartache would be that much worse.

When you think of yourself as a victim, it's easy to stay stuck in those bad feelings — and worse, it might make it harder to connect with other women in the future, because you'll be thinking of those past hurts and applying them to new partners, who might not deserve it. This isn't to say you can't feel shitty or sorry for yourself. You can! But don't do it for too long. You deserve to be with someone who wants to be with you — ecstatically, completely!

As to whether you should take her up on her offer of friendship — well, that's up to you. If you do decide you want to try to be her friend, I would take a small break first and work through these hurts so they don't make you bitter or resentful going forward. Or, hell, don't be her friend. But don't “wait” for someone who has made up their mind. That'll only drive you bananas.

When shitty things happen, we do what we can. We feel our feelings; we let the waves of shittiness pass through us; and then we move on. To the next shitty thing! (And the next good thing, too, of course.)

Here's wishing you more goodness in your life than shittiness.

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Ratings key: ★★★★★ outstanding; ★★★ excellent; ★★ very good; ★ good.

GOLD COAST

Booth One ★★★ Helmed by veteran chef Doug Psaltis, Booth One is something of a resurrection of the famed Pump Room. Scan through the menu, and you'll find such nods to the past as steak Diane, seven-vegetable salad, salmon asiatique and curried chicken brochette. But you'll also spot dishes the old Pump Room never would have touched — snapper ceviche and tuna sashimi, for instance — and modern updates (the crab Louie salad is now a lobster Louie and comes with jalapeno crema) that might have been viewed as sacrilege years ago. *Open: Dinner daily, lunch Monday through Friday. Prices: Entrees \$22-\$43. 1301 N. State Parkway, 312-649-0535. — Phil Vettel*

Margeaux Brasserie ★★ Chef/restaurateur Michael Mina has landed in Chicago at last with this glamorous, 1920s-inspired brasserie inside the Waldorf Astoria. It's as pricey as the Gold Coast address would have you expect, but superb quality and generous portions ease the sting, as do the more casual bar menu and its bargain happy-hour specials. Look to cooked seafood appetizers (roasted oysters, moules frites) to start, and make room in the budget for the splendid lobster bouillabaisse. *Open: Breakfast and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$28-\$59. 11 E. Walton St., 312-646-1300. — P.V.*

Somerset ★★★ Lee Wolen gives his seasonal American cooking a less formal, more rustic touch in this Gold Coast newcomer in the Viceroy Chicago (nee Cedar Hotel). Fans of Wolen's work at Boka know to look for signature ingredients such as octopus and whole-roasted chicken (the latter served Sunday-supper style, with two side dishes), but keep an eye out also for beef tartare, tossed in a mayo mixed with its rendered fat. The ever-reliable Meg Galus contributes stellar desserts, such as caramel-apple tart with burnt-cinnamon ice cream. *Open: Breakfast, lunch/brunch, dinner daily. Entrees \$23-\$55. 1112 N. State*



Maine lobster bouillabaisse is served with P.E.I. mussels, grilled prawn and rouille toast at Margeaux Brasserie

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St., 312-586-2150. — P.V.

HUMBOLDT PARK

Café Marie-Jeanne ★★ Run by husband-wife partners Michael Simmons (chef) and Val Szafranski (front-of-house), Café Marie-Jeanne is an intensely personal operation, one whose easygoing attitude and excellent kitchen work make the Humboldt Park spot a neighborhood treasure. Don't miss the duck frites dish, which mixes sliced duck breast and roasted leg pieces with duck pate and plenty of duck-fat fries. *Open: Breakfast, lunch and dinner Wednesday-Monday. Prices: Main courses \$12-\$35. 1001 N. California Ave., 773-904-7660. — P.V.*

HYDE PARK

A10 ★★★ Named for a motorway that connects Italy to France, A10 offers tradi-

tional-with-a-twist Italian and French dishes from Yusho chef Matthias Merges. Small plates include bar-food riffs; large plates shine with interesting accompaniments. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday, brunch Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$14-\$30. 1462 E. 53rd St., 773-288-1010. — P.V.*

LAKEVIEW

Ceres' Table ★★ This accomplished restaurant is respectful of Italian regional cuisine without being tradition-bound. The all-Italian wine list is budget-sensitive when it needs to be; that and the under-\$9 cocktails make this an attractive place to imbibe. *Open: Dinner daily, brunch Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$15-\$32. 3124 N. Broadway, 773-922-4020. — P.V.*

Ella Elli ★★ This restaurant is a sexy space filled with curvy pendant lamps and handsome couches, but it's not all looks: Chef

Nolan Narut is putting out some destination-worthy plates, including ricotta gnocchi, sourdough slathered with avocado and everything seasoning, and baby carrots drizzled with harissa-spiked lemon vinaigrette. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Main dishes \$14-\$27. 1349 W. Cornelia Ave., 773-935-3552. — Michael Nigrant*

Sal's Trattoria ★ Allen Sternweiler (Butcher & the Burger) is the chef behind this Lakeview charmer, so popular with young families in the neighborhood it will need a stroller valet long before it needs one for cars. A single-page, budget-conscious menu offers the usual suspects, plus efforts such as calamari under a profusion of tomatoes, lemon and capers; offbeat daily crostini (blueberry-sage jam with goat cheese, for instance); and a gorgeous spinach-arugula salad with pear, pancetta and gorgonzola. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-*

Sunday. Prices: Pasta and main courses \$15-\$25. 2834 N. Southport Ave., 773-857-1401. — P.V.

LINCOLN PARK

Chopo Chicken Chopo Chicken in Lincoln Park looks similar to dozens of other quick-service joints popping up around town that hope to mimic the success of Chipotle (at least before all the health scares). The shtick: a short, Peruvian menu of four or five proteins that you can endlessly customize with toppings to your liking. *Open: Lunch and dinner daily. Prices: \$11-\$13. 2460 N. Clark St., 773-666-5925. — Nick Kindelsperger*

De Quay ★ Chef and owner David de Quay dips into his heritage for this 42-seater; the menu is principally Dutch-inspired, with the occasional nod to Indonesia. The hearty foods are particularly good; Indonesian representations are mild, occasionally to a fault. Very affordable wines and interesting, genever-heavy cocktails highlight the beverage program. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$18-\$28. 2470 N. Lincoln Ave., 872-206-8820. — P.V.*

Naoki Sushi ★ Chef Naoki Nakashima, who for years has overseen the sushi at Shaw's Crab House, is helming a small spot. The menu provides the sushi basics, all well-executed, but the specials, often including a whole-fish presentation, are where you'll get the true measure of the chef's talent. *Open: Dinner Wednesday-Sunday. Prices: Main dishes \$16-\$29. 2300 N. Lincoln Park West, 773-868-0002. — P.V.*

LOGAN SQUARE

Daisies ★★½ Chef Joe Frillman has succeeded in creating simple, satisfying fare from local produce. You will want to order all the pastas, including stracci, tiny napkin-like noodle shreds strewn with perfectly toothsome peas and tender lamb. There is also a cornflake chicken, which is sort of like a Japanese chicken katsu or a German schnitzel, where the cornflake crust acts like a panko breading and makes for a superior and epic chicken nugget. Daisies is the ultimate in dad food — simple dishes made great. *Open: Dinner Wednesday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$15-\$19. 2523 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773-661-1671. — M.N.*

Dos Urban Cantina ★★ In a 100-seat brick-and-oak space, Topolobampo alums Brian Enyart and Jennifer Jones crank out irresistible Mexican-inspired dishes that aren't afraid of a little influence from Italy, the American South or Eastern Europe. Desserts are terrific, there's a budget-conscious wine list and cocktails include a first-rate margarita. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$16-\$21. 2829 W. Armitage Ave., 773-661-6452. — P.V.*

Giant ★★ Jason Vincent (ex-Nightwood) is operating an eclectic 44-seater with co-chef Ben Lustbader and partner Josh Perlman (beverage honcho). The only common element in a menu that embraces



Bread plate at The Albert.

BRIAN CASSELLA/TRIBUNE FILE

liquefied sea urchin in fried pasta, sweet-and-sour eggplant and pecan-smoked ribs is that everything's delicious. The dining room is cheerfully noisy and unpretentious. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. Prices: Main courses \$16-\$19. 3209 W. Armitage Ave., 773-252-0997. — P.V.*

THE LOOP

Acanto ★★ A redesign gives Acanto a more casual look than its former life as Henri, and the pasta-heavy menu is more budget-friendly, though pricier dishes, such as veal breast, are worth the money. A heavily Italian wine list and good cocktails make this a fine place to bend an elbow. *Open: Dinner and lunch daily. Prices: Entrees \$14-\$38. 18 S. Michigan Ave., 312-578-0763. — P.V.*

Cherry Circle Room ★★ A quiet alternative to the Chicago Athletic Association hotel's relentlessly crowded rooftop bar, Cherry Circle Room is also one of the most handsome dining spaces in the city, with leather, wood and clubby good looks. Executive chef Peter Coenen's menu recalls steakhouse classics in his refined takes on Caesar salad and tuna tartare, even though there's just one steak on the menu. Roasted leg of lamb for two and duck for one are highlights, and Kristine Antonian's superb desserts deliver an exciting finish. *Open: Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$16-\$38. 12 S. Michigan Ave., 312-792-3515. — P.V.*

Revival Food Hall Featuring 14 impressive food stalls and a cocktail bar, Revival is easily the best place to eat lunch in the Loop. Try hot chicken sandwiches at The Budlong, poke bowls at Aloha and more. *Open: Lunch and early dinner Monday-Friday; bar until 9 p.m. Monday-Friday. Prices: Entrees \$8-\$15. 125 S. Clark St., 773-999-9411. — N.K.*

Steadfast ★★ The most ambitious restaur-

ant to hit the Loop in a long time is a small-plates American spot. There's a lot to love: the complex cooking of chef Chris Davies, the superb bread and dessert from pastry chef Chris Teixeira, and impressive charcuterie. *Open: Dinner Monday-Saturday, lunch Monday-Friday. Entrees \$24-\$39. 120 W. Monroe St., 312-801-8899. — P.V.*

MAGNIFICENT MILE

The Albert ★ Just off the lobby of the Hotel EMC2, the Albert has yet to achieve the genius of Einstein, but is a worthy addition to the dining scene. The arts-meets-science decor is highlighted by a collection of thousands of science books in high-mounted bookcases. Similarly dramatic are the plates from chef Brandon Brumbach's kitchen (look for the aguachile-style kampachi crudo, quinoa-coated octopus and dry-aged duck), and Vanarin Kuch's gorgeous desserts. *Open: Dinner daily, brunch Saturday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$24-\$44. 228 E. Ontario St., 312-471-3883. — P.V.*

NEAR NORTH SIDE

Blue Door Kitchen ★★ Art Smith's Table Fifty-Two has been transformed with a revamped decor and a remade menu under chef Rey Villalobos. You'll still find such T52 staples as fried chicken and hummingbird cake, but new dishes, including an excellent Brussels-kale salad, reflect a Midwestern slant (and are a little more health-focused). *Open: Lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$16-\$44. 52 W. Elm St., 312-573-4000. — P.V.*

Il Porcellino ★ Take Italian-American food, make it with top-notch ingredients and finish with bargain prices (for the neighborhood, at least). That's the recipe for the latest from Melman siblings RJ, Jerrod and Molly, overseen by chef Doug Psaltis. Housemade pastas, \$17 or less, are

the stars, particularly the gnocchi Bolognese. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Pastas \$15-\$17, entrees \$22-\$30. 59 W. Hubbard St., 312-595-0800. — P.V.*

NOBLE SQUARE

Temporis ★★ Two young veterans of Les Nomades run this 20-seat dining room in Noble Square. From the outside, it's barely noticeable as a restaurant; inside, you'll be delighted by courses like rabbit three ways (rack, tandoori-spiced loin, confit leg) and foie gras ice cream domes sprinkled with guava salt, all part of a 10-course, \$125 menu. Hidden downstairs, a hydroponic garden supplies chefs with microgreens and other basement-to-table goodies. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. 933 N. Ashland Ave., 773-697-4961. — P.V.*

NORTH CENTER

Kitsune ★★ This latest effort from Elizabeth chef/owner Iliana Regan is, like every other concept she's opened, intimate, highly personal and as adorably precious as the cartoon-y figurines she employs as decoration. The 24-seat spot offers dishes rooted in Japanese flavors, but incorporating the local, foraged ingredients Regan is known for. For example, chawanmushi, a savory Japanese custard, comes with shredded Jonah crabmeat and overlapping coins of local radish. Don't miss the thickly sliced porridge bread served with house-cultured butter. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday, brunch Sunday. Prices: Large plates \$16-\$26. 4229 N. Lincoln Ave., no phone. — P.V.*

PILSEN

HaiSous ★★ It may seem odd to travel to Pilsen to experience Chicago's best Vietnamese restaurant. You'll get over it. At the brilliant HaiSous, Thai and Danielle Dang offer a pleasant (if occasionally noisy) 115-seat dining room with excellent service and price-conscious drinks, all in service to Thai Dang's skillful cooking and appealing, cliché-free menu. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Large plates \$16-\$25. 1800 S. Carpenter St., 312-702-1303. — P.V.*

S.K.Y. ★★ At S.K.Y. in Pilsen, out-of-towner chef Stephen Gillanders (formerly of Lettuce Entertain You's Intro) wows with fine-dining finesse. Gillanders shows a deft hand with heat, which he employs the way other chefs use acidity. The highlight of his fried chicken (a boneless, skinless thigh), is the twice-fermented hot sauce (habanero-based, but deeply nuanced) poured tableside against a levee of creamed corn. *Open: Dinner Wednesday to Sunday; brunch Saturday and Sunday. Prices: Main courses \$19-\$28. 1239 W. 18th St., 312-846-1077. — P.V.*

RAVENSWOOD

Band of Bohemia ★★ In a sprawling brewery loaded with offbeat furnishings, find a menu so focused on suds that appe-

around town

tizers are listed by beer match. Yet there is also a great wine list to browse, not to mention forward-thinking dishes (vegetables get exceptionally good care here). This place does a lot of things well. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. 4710 N. Ravenswood Ave., 773-271-4710. — P.V.*

RIVER NORTH

Arbella Drinks reign at the latest project from the team behind Peruvian powerhouse Tanta. The menu is divided by country or region; mezcal plays heavily into drinks in the Mexico section, while you'll find pisco and rum in Cuba. The short list of food hops around the globe, too. But beware: Cobbling together enough small plates for a meal can be deceptively expensive. *Open: Dinner and late night daily. Prices: \$8-\$15. 112 W. Grand Ave., 312-846-6654. — N.K.*

Katana ★★★ A concept that originated on LA's Sunset Strip, Katana combines nightclubby visuals with ambitious, high-level cooking, highlighted by the dishes emerging from the sushi and robata bars. The a la carte menu offers a dizzying array of choices, and one can opt for an omakase (chef's choice) menu for \$175. Beverage options are long and deep, including an impressive sake selection curated by manager (and "sake sommelier") Dila Lee. General manager and veteran Chicago restaurateur Jason Chan puts a local face on what might otherwise seem like an imported operation. *Open: Dinner daily. 339 N. Dearborn St., 312-877-5544. — P.V.*

Portsmith ★★★ The Dana Hotel in River North has been home to a few shrug-worthy restaurants over the years, but in Portsmith, a restaurant operated by the Fifty/50 group (Homestead on the Roof, Steadfast, more), the Dana has a restaurant worthy of attention. New England native Nate Henssler offers seafood dishes that are thoughtful and delicious, skirting the usual clichés; there's no lobster roll on the menu, for instance, but there's a crabmeat-stuffed bao with herbed mayo. Pastry chef Chris Teixeira follows the fishy theme with desserts inspired by coastal cities worldwide, and a bread program that offers nori ciabatta and bonito-flake sourdough. *Open: Breakfast, lunch, dinner daily. Entrees \$29-\$62. 660 N. State St., 312-202-6050. — P.V.*

SOUTH LOOP

Acadia ★★★★★ Chef Ryan McCaskey has quietly turned his South Loop restaurant into one of the finest in Chicago. The five- and 10-course tasting menus include homages to McCaskey's beloved Maine; in the front lounge, a bar menu includes oysters, chicken wings and a seriously good burger. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Five-course menu \$115, 10-course \$175. 1639 S. Wabash Ave., 312-360-9500. — P.V.*

UNIVERSITY VILLAGE

Jade Court ★★★ The restaurant is home



Butter dumplings at Bad Hunter.

JOHN J. KIM/TRIBUNE FILE

to arguably the best Chinese food in town. The owners are Eddy Cheung and his daughter, Carol, who owned and operated Phoenix restaurant for 20 years. The menu is typical of most Chinese menus — dozens of poultry, pork, beef, seafood and noodle dishes — but the way to order, as it was for in-the-know Phoenix regulars, is to ask what the kitchen is up to that evening. Typhoon lobster, one of many Hong Kong specials available here, is stir-fried and briefly deep-fried, the seafood redolent of garlic, aromatic chiles and fish flakes. *Open: Lunch and dinner Wednesday to Monday. Prices: Main courses \$13.95-\$26.95. 626 S. Racine Ave., 312-929-4828. — P.V.*

WEST LOOP

Bad Hunter ★★ Greens and grains rule at this almost-vegetarian restaurant, though skewers of chicken thigh or charred sirloin will keep any carnivore companions happy. The drink list is notable for its clever cocktails and painstakingly sourced wines. *Open: Lunch and dinner daily; brunch weekends. Prices: Main courses \$14-\$20. 802 W. Randolph St., 312-265-1745. — P.V.*

Blackbird ★★★★★ Paul Kahan's masterpiece offers both an a la carte menu and a tasting menu (9 or 10 courses). The latter, which is built around a single animal and changes monthly, offers the best insight into the chef's art. Pastry chef Nicole Guini's sweets follow seamlessly. *Open: Dinner daily, lunch Monday-Friday. Prices: Entrees*

\$30-\$42, tasting menu about \$115. 619 W. Randolph St., 312-715-0708. — P.V.

Bonci ★★★ This Roman import serves pizza with a light-as-air crust that's topped with hundreds of different high quality toppings, from traditional tomato sauce and cheese to 'nduja, burrata, potato and fresh mint. While serving some of the best pizza in Chicago, this is mostly a to-go operation, with no tables and only a few counter seats. *Open: Lunch and dinner seven days a week. 161 N. Sangamon St., 312-243-4016. — N.K.*

City Mouse ★★ From the team that created Giant, in Logan Square, comes this casual, brunch and dinner restaurant in the Ace Hotel in the Fulton Market District. Executive chef Patrick Sheerin oversees the eclectic menu, ranging from seriously good pastas to offbeat dishes such as fried artichokes buried under pork ragu and fried cheddar bites topped with caviar. During daytime hours, the brunch menu features griddle cakes, a double-patty burger and a "gas station" breakfast sandwich. The open-to-the-lobby is lively and loud, and there's a delightful outdoor patio equipped with fire pits. *Open: Brunch and dinner daily. 311 N. Morgan St., 312-764-1908. — P.V.*

Else ★★★ Danish is more a state of mind than of menu at David and Anna Posey's West Loop restaurant, named for the Danish word for "love" and as warm as a lingering hug. Fans of David Posey's work at

Blackbird will find his creativity flowing freely. Choose the six-course tasting menu or order a la carte, save room for Anna Posey's desserts and prepare to be wowed. *Open: Dinner Wednesday-Sunday. Prices: Tasting menu \$80; a la carte dishes \$15-\$22. 1350 W. Randolph St., 312-733-1314. — P.V.*

La Josie ★★ The kitchen is led by executive Saul Chavez, a Mercadito vet. He and his crew dish up supple, house-made tortillas that waft splendid corn perfume. The fillings include a silky veal cheek barbacoa and tender cochinita pibil, featuring a sinus-clearing habanero salsa that gives you a serious chile high. The carbon-flecked al pastor is crispy, juicy and riddled with smoky pineapple. It has a serious case for best al pastor in Chicago. Guacamole, too, is inspired. Chef/owner Pepe Barajas is not yet a big star just yet, but his vision and execution of a gourmet Mexican experience on Randolph means he's about to be a household name. *Open: Lunch and dinner Tuesday-Sunday, weekend brunch. Prices: Entrees \$14-\$35. 740 W. Randolph St., 312-929-2900. — M.N.*

WEST TOWN

Arami ★★★ The reverence with which sushi chefs handle rice here is reason enough to visit, but this is one of the rare Japanese restaurants in which the hot dishes are even better than the sushi. Pay attention to the cocktail list, and don't skip the black-sesame shortbread and salted-miso ice cream sandwich. *Open: Dinner*

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Isola catfish entree at The Delta.

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daily. Prices: Maki rolls and entrees \$15-\$17. 1829 W. Chicago Ave., 312-243-1535. — P.V.

Boeufhaus ★★ Five of the seven entrees involve slab beef cooked in cast iron pans, but calling Boeufhaus a mere steakhouse might be an oversimplification. Chef Brian Ahern takes French and German influences to create a variety of dishes with finesse. Yet the steaks are indeed the standouts, in particular the 55-day dry-aged rib-eye. *Open: Lunch Tuesday-Saturday, dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$26-\$60. 1012 N. Western Ave., 773-661-2116. — Kevin Pang*

Heritage Restaurant & Caviar Bar ★★ Chef Guy Meikle is out to take the mystery, and sticker shock, away from caviar in this Humboldt Park spot. More than a half-dozen roes are available each day, costing as little as \$10 for an a la carte nibble to \$145 for a full-blown platter of osetra, whitefish and tobikko caviars with accompaniments. Elsewhere on the menu you'll find odes to Eastern Europe fare, including pierogi and pelmeni dumplings, pork goulash and roast duck with Czech bread dumplings. Partner Jan Henrichsen created the fascinating wine list (which sources from Croatia, Slovenia and the Republic of Georgia, among other regions) and the whimsical, seasonal cocktail menu. Pastry chef Alan Krueger veers from rustic (hand pies) to creative (popcorn semifreddo) to classic (souffles). *Open: Dinner daily, brunch weekends; entrees \$16-\$35. 2700 W. Chicago Ave., 773-661-9577; heritage-chicago.com — P.V.*

Tempesta ★★ Everything about Tempesta Market in West Town packs a punch. The shop has room for only a deli counter, a couple of refrigerated cases of food and a few tables, but the owners have stuffed it to the breaking point with

a staggering amount of meat, cheese, gelato and other goods. Tempesta is taking 'nduja — a spreadable spicy sausage made by the other family business, 'Nduja Artisans in Franklin Park — along with other fine cured meats at its disposal, and crafting some of the best sandwiches in Chicago, like the Dante, which features six different kinds of meat. *Open: Daily, lunch and dinner. Prices: Sandwiches \$10-\$13. 1372 W. Grand Ave., 312-929-2551. — N.K.*

WICKER PARK / BUCKTOWN

Animale Conceived by Italian-trained chef Cameron Grant and owner Aldo Zaninotto (both of Logan Square's Osteria Langhe), Animale traffics in meat. You'll find so-called "off cuts"—sweetbreads, tripe and oxtail, for example—next to a smattering of lovely pastas and sandwiches. *Open: Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$11-\$44. 1904 N. Western Ave., 872-315-3912. — Joseph Hernandez*

The Delta Chicago abounds with tamales, but The Delta manages to set itself apart by serving Mississippi Delta tamales, a distinct style that, if it weren't completely obvious by now, originated in the Mississippi Delta (basically, the northwest part of that state). They differ from ubiquitous Mexican tamales in that they are constructed from cornmeal instead of masa (nixtamalized corn), and cooked in a liquid instead of being steamed. The regular red hot tamales (\$5) come three to an order and are astoundingly tender, all without a trace of grittiness, each morsel soaked in a spicy red tomato and chile broth. Also check out the catfish (grilled not fried), which is finished with coriander, parsley, dill, tarragon, chives and marjoram. *Open dinner and late night, daily. Prices: Entrees \$5 to \$18. 1745 W. North Ave., 773-360-1793. — N.K.*



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What to do this week in Chicago

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THURSDAY

Delbert McClinton 8 p.m., *City Winery Chicago*, 1200 W. Randolph St., \$55-\$68, 312-733-9463

Fishbowl This event features a rotating selection of independent groups to open the show. Then, Annoyance students will get a chance to enter their IDs into a fishbowl. Five students selected will perform in an improv jam with five Annoyance veterans, including teachers and current performers. 9:30 p.m., *The Annoyance Theatre*, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$8; \$5 (students), 773-697-9693

Bicycle Day A play about LSD and the man who discovered it. 8 p.m., *The Annoyance Theatre*, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$14, 773-697-9693

Messing With a Friend A collection of self-edited improvised scenes based on a single suggestion. 10:30 p.m., *The Annoyance Theatre*, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$5, 773-697-9693

FRIDAY

Ghosts of War Sam Krey is Ryan Smithson, a GI serving in combat. Based on Smithson's best-selling novel, this performance takes audiences into his stories about combat, friendship, fear and a soldier's commitment in the realities of war. This performance runs in conjunction with "Letters Home." 7:30 p.m., *The Den Theatre*, 1331 N. Milwaukee Ave., \$30-\$50

Killing Your Darlings: Stand-up Comedy Killing Your Darlings is Chicago's new comedy show that gives new meaning to the phrase "killing it." Once a comedian performs a joke on the Killing Your Darlings stage, they can't perform that joke ever again at a Killing Your Darlings show. Once they say it, they gotta slay it. So you're guaranteed to never see the same show twice. 10 p.m., *The Den*, 1333 N. Milwaukee Ave., \$10 online; \$12 at door

FunAmerican: A Sketch Comedy Revue Supper Club returns with an all-new sketch revue, and this one's got heart. It's got teeth. It's got an extra long umbilical cord? Join in as this is a night of political satire, lovable losers and unforgettable moments. 10 p.m., *The Second City's De Maat Studio Theater*, 230 W. North Ave. Third Floor, \$13 general; \$11 students, 312-337-3992

L7 at Metro The doors open at 7 p.m., with show at 8 p.m. 7 p.m., *Metro*, 3730 N. Clark St., \$27.50, 773-549-0203

The Great Show-Down Hosted by a different character every week, The Great Show-Down sees a group of six comedians get whittled down by the audience until only



Delbert McClinton, left, and his lead guitarist Rob McNelly perform with his band.

RICHARD DREW/AP

one remains standing. 10 p.m., *Laugh Out Loud Improv Theater*, 3851 N. Lincoln Ave., \$12 adults; \$5 students, 773-857-6000

An Ideal Husband In this Oscar Wilde comedic masterpiece of blackmail and political corruption, Sir Robert Chiltern, a government minister who built his fortune on a single dishonest act, is blackmailed by Mrs. Cheveley, who wants his assistance in another dishonest scheme. With thematic timeliness to our current political landscape, "An Ideal Husband" paints a scathing critique of income gaps, sexist attitudes and the perils of protecting one's morals framed in the wit and satire for which Wilde is known. 7:30 p.m., *Berger Park*, 6205 N. Sheridan Road, \$20, 773-377-5342

With This I Will Take Over the World The diabolical plot of this new puppet show follows the story of two puppet super-villains (Professor Von Destructus and F.R.O.D.O.K) and their human Henchman (Hench). 7 p.m., *The Annoyance Theatre*, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$12, 773-697-9693

SATURDAY

University Symphony Orchestra: Concerto Showcase Hear the two talented winners of the University of Chicago's 2018 Concerto Competition in one concert. Violinist Stacy Wang performs the first

movement of Jean Sibelius' Violin Concerto in D minor, Op. 47; flutist Julianna Han performs Jacques Ibert's "Concerto pour Flute et Orchestra" with the University Symphony Orchestra. 8 p.m., *Mandel Hall, University of Chicago*, 1131 E. 57th St., free, 773-702-8068

Wasabasso Burlesque Wasabasso is world-renowned for its disarmingly sexy combination of contemporary striptease and top-tier variety. Bringing together retro-glam sophistication and a playful sense of humor, events are curated to feature only the finest talent presenting an eclectic range of jaw-dropping acts that change with every show. 10:30 p.m., *City Winery Chicago*, 1200 W. Randolph St., \$20, 312-733-9463

Old Town Theater Week We're celebrating our first ever Old Town Theater Week, April 21, featuring A Red Orchid Theatre, BATSU!, The Second City and Zanies. Noon, *Old Town Merchants and Residents Association*, 1520 N. Wells St., Chicago, Various discounts and deals at all four theaters, 312-951-6106

All-American Awaaz: Voices of Champions All-American Awaaz is a national a cappella championship, but a transcultural musical event. This genre of a cappella combines influences from various styles of South Asian music (Carnatic, Hindustani

classical, Bollywood, etc.) with Western music (top-chart hits, pop, rock, R&B, etc.) to bring an altogether unique sound. 5 p.m., *Harris Theater for Music and Dance in Millennium Park*, 205 E. Randolph Drive, \$24-\$40, 312-334-7777

Love Me Tinder This hilarious show explores themes of modern day love and romance. What is love? Our talented group of comedians may answer that for you, or show you what three simultaneous Tinder dates are like, or give you a chance to ask your most burning relationship questions. 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., *Laugh Out Loud Improv Theater*, 3851 N. Lincoln Ave., \$20 for adults; \$12 for kids; \$15 for seniors, 773-857-6000

The One - 2018 Urban Dance Showcase The top Urban dance showcase of the year featuring the best hip hop, footworking, breaking, popping, stepping and tap companies in Chicago and surrounding areas. VIP tickets include: express entry, cocktail buffet, first choice seating. 7:30 p.m., *Harold Washington Cultural Center*, 4701 S. King Drive, \$15 children under 11, \$20 adults, \$35 VIP, 773-373-1900

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than simply being sparkly: it's going to take guts, skill and a whole lot of training to succeed. *11 a.m., Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave., \$15, 773-761-4477*

Striking Out (A Gay Baseball Musical)

The Chicago Otters are in trouble: their star player Lance Valentine suffered a season ending injury. *8 p.m., The Annoyance Theatre, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$20, \$15 students, 773-697-9693*

Skinprov As the male and female performers improvise, some will disrobe down to their skivvies and others may offer just a quick peak. As sexy as ever, with a feminine touch, Skinprov is back. *11:55 p.m., The Annoyance Theatre, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$8, 773-697-9693*

SUNDAY

Russian Circles *8:30 p.m., Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave., Sold out, 773-276-3600*

MPAACT's Blood Mural Art, history and identity politics clash as a renowned muralist Dr. E.J. Lockhart struggles with an "up-and-coming" former student assisting her on her latest project. *8 p.m., The Greenhouse Theater Center, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave., \$22-\$40, 773-404-7336*

I Can't Complain But as a Jew I'd Like To

Featuring original sketches written and performed by Richard Kallus, this solo show takes the audience on a journey through Richard's past and present. He tries to navigate and define his Jewish identity. *7:30 p.m., The Playground Theater, 3209 N. Halsted St., \$7, 773-871-3793*

Il Pigmaliione & Rita Double Bill

Chicago Opera Theater (COT) presents "Il Pigmaliione" and "Rita," a double bill that spans the life and career of opera's premier bel canto composer, Gaetano Donizetti. The two works weave together a stunningly theatrical production featuring the talents of Javier Abreu (Pigmaliione/Beppe), Angela Mortellato (Galetea/Rita), Keith Phares (Gaspar) and the physical theater expert Adrian Danzig. Donizetti's first work and one of his last, both of which he never lived to see performed together. *3 p.m., Studebaker Theater, 410 S. Michigan Ave., \$45-\$145, 312-704-8414*

Swing on Sunday Dance Party Taking place every Sunday. Hustle lessons at 6 p.m. West Coast swing lessons at 6:30 p.m. Open dancing from 7-9 p.m. There are three simultaneous levels of lessons for each dance, hustle and WCS, so participants may take the lesson that best fits them. *6 p.m., May I Have This Dance, 5246 N. Elston Ave., \$10 before 6 p.m.; \$7 after 6 p.m., 773-635-3000*

The Gentleman Caller Directed by Cody Estle. They're now regarded as two of history's finest American playwrights, but in the fall of 1944, William Inge was a critic for the St. Louis Star Tribune and Tennessee Williams was an "emerging" playwright yet to experience anything close to success. In St. Louis before the Chicago



Singer-songwriter Ryan Bingham performs.

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premiere of "The Glass Menagerie," Inge invites the young playwright to his apartment. The meeting sparks a relationship which radically alters the course the American theater. *3:30 p.m., Raven Theatre, 6157 N. Clark St., \$29-\$46, 773-338-2177*

Matt Damon Improv The cast of Matt Damon Improv is comprised of all women of color sometimes featuring a special guest white male ("Matt Damon") or female ("Lena Dunham") improv comedy veteran who can only speak using words that the women of Matt Damon Improv have already said in the show — forcing the guest Damon/Dunham to really listen. *9:30 p.m., The Annoyance Theatre, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$8, 773-697-9693*

Big Boy / Jon Matteson: A Solo Show by Jon Matteson "Big Boy" remixes the gender-binary thru music, camp and boob-binding in an original sketch revue. "Jon Matteson" is a comedy plumbing the emotional depths of a sea of pain. *7:30 p.m., The Annoyance Theatre, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$8, 773-697-9693*

Prime Day - An Amazonian Musical Will wanting the quick delivery of their packages and this greed for speed seduce fellow humans and lead to the demise of the world? Or, will the two heroes rise from the

stand up performed by a weekly group of rotating comics. *9:30 p.m., Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave., \$5, 773-281-4444*

Riddle Me That Game Show Create a team name, answer questions, compete in physical challenges and enjoy the comedic styling of the hosts. We host this awesome game show on the Logan Stage every Tuesday, so gather your crew and join us! *8:30 p.m., Logan Bar & Grill, 2230 N. California Ave., free, 773-252-1110*

Cassandra at the Hopleaf: Cassandra is a comedy collective that weaves outrageous characters, storytelling, live lit and music into one hilarious live show featuring a rotating cast of guest artists and musicians every month. *7:30 p.m., Hopleaf, 5148 N. Clark St., free, 773-334-9851*

Ratas de Dos Patas Ratas de Dos Patas is a variety comedy show with opening acts ranging from improv, sketch, stand up and musical acts. The main team, Ratas, is composed of four spicy Latinas who will be doing a sketch/improv set in which they will poll the audience in a word or phrase that they'd like to learn before the show is up. Las Ratas will then use that word/phrase in their improv set repeatedly so that the world is retained by the end. *8 p.m., The Annoyance Theatre, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$8, 773-697-9693*

Super Human These humans are super funny. Come watch this group of seasoned pros take the stage for a night of extreme comedy. *9:30 p.m., The Annoyance Theatre, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$6, 773-697-9693*

MINT: Music Improv Night Four ensembles of improvisers, together for four months, doing weekly music improv sets. If you want to throw your hat in, they have auditions every four months and there are no restrictions for trying out. *7:30 p.m., The Annoyance Theatre, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$10, 773-697-9693*

WEDNESDAY

Calexico *8 p.m., Thalia Hall, 1807 South Allport St., \$30-\$50, 312-526-3851*

Tenx9 Chicago Tenx9 is a monthly community storytelling night where nine people have up to 10 minutes each to tell a real story from their lives. *7 p.m., Kibbitznest's Books, Brews & Blarney, 2212 N. Clybourn Ave., free*

CHIRP Night at the Whistler with Teleporter and ADT Chicago's own Teleporter with ADT are welcomed to the Whistler stage this April. *8:30 p.m., The Whistler, 2421 N. Milwaukee Ave., free, 773-227-3530*

A Midsummer Night's Dream This is not Shakespeare's midsummer. Swedish trailblazer Choreographer Alexander Ekman astounds with this ode to the longest day of the year. Delight in joyful abandon and romance under the Scandinavian sun as dancers celebrate and let their imaginations run wild. A tour de force that took Stockholm by storm. *7 p.m., Auditorium*

packing peanuts to defeat the mastermind behind it all? *8 p.m., The Annoyance Theatre, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$12; \$10 students, 773-697-9693*

MONDAY

Carmina Burana - Symphony of Oak Park and River Forest: Symphony of Oak Park and River Forest, directed by Jay Friedman, along with nine community choruses and seven soloists presents Orff's "Carmina Burana" and Beethoven's "Choral Fantasy." *7:30 p.m., Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave., \$20 to \$60, 312-294-3000*

Student Jam A night for Annoyance students to jam. *9:30 p.m., The Annoyance Theatre, 851 W. Belmont Ave., free, 773-697-9693*

TUESDAY

Ryan Bingham *8 p.m., City Winery Chicago, 1200 W. Randolph St., Sold out, 312-733-9463*

As the Crow Flies *7 p.m., Thalia Hall, 1807 South Allport St., Sold out, 312-526-3851*

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Movies

OPENING

I Feel Pretty Amy Schumer plays a woman who had a head injury and now believes she is gorgeous. Michelle Williams co-stars.

Super Troopers 2 A border dispute between the United States and Canada that requires the special services of Vermont state troopers. Lynda Carter, Rob Lowe, Emmanuelle Chriqui and Brian Cox star.

Traffik During a mountain getaway, a couple (Paula Patton, Omar Epps) is attacked by a biker gang.

NOW PLAYING

A Quiet Place ★★½ Mother Evelyn (Emily Blunt) has ventured into a decimated town with her husband, Lee (John Krasinski) and their three children. Minutes later, in a flash, one is gone. As we learn, the monsters lurking around the family have insectlike legs and crablike pinchers. They're blind but blessed with an acute sense of hearing. A year and a half into the storyline, Lee and Evelyn live in virtual silence, as does their hearing son Marcus (Noah Jupe) and their deaf daughter, Regan (Millicent Simmonds). I don't know if I'd call "A Quiet Place" enjoyable; it's more grueling than cathartic. But the upbeat, can-do shotgun-blasting climax gets the crowd going. — *Michael Phillips, Chicago Tribune*

Acrimony ★★½ In "Acrimony," Taraji P. Henson stars as Melinda, whose anger is her super power, giving her outlandish strength and skill. Melinda supports her husband, Robert, (Lyriq Bent) for two decades as he works on his "rechargeable battery" invention that he envisions will save the environment and make him billions. She endures him, even when their



Aidy Bryant, Busy Philipps and Amy Schumer star in 'I Feel Pretty.' MARK SCHAFFER/STX FILMS

home is foreclosed upon. But the one thing that sparks Melinda's rage is the suggestion of infidelity. When her sisters convince her to divorce him, he takes up with his old flame, who reaps the rewards when his battery finally hits. This is the film that the boring "Proud Mary" should have been, giving us the ferocious Taraji P. Henson performance we are owed. — *Katie Walsh, Tribune News Service*

Black Panther ★★½ "Black Panther" in brief: Wakanda was blessed by a magical substance called vibranium. The metal provides superhuman ability, and turns the king of the moment into Black Panther. King T'Chaka expires and his son, T'Challa, is crowned. There are two antagonists: Andy Serkis is vibranium fanatic Ulysses Klaue, and Michael B. Jordan is the American black ops ace known as Killmonger. He's got ambitions for the throne, and a belief in getting stunningly advanced weaponry in the hands of oppressed people of color throughout the world. May Marvel learn its lesson from "Black Panther": When a movie like this ends up feeling both personal and vital, you've done something right. — *M.P.*

Blockers ★★★ Leslie Mann, Ike Barinholtz and John Cena play the blockers of the title, friends since their daughters bonded in elementary school. Now they're graduating seniors. One day at lunch the girls make a pact to lose their virginities on prom night. Some casual digital monitoring reveals the plan to their parents. From there "Blockers" becomes a tracking device of a sex comedy. The middle-age killjoys follow the girls from prom to lakeside after-party to hotel bash. Some of the gags are centuries old; other scenes redirect the movie to a fresher place. The girls' friendship, however, is what makes "Blockers" more than an elevator pitch. One trio gets 'em in the door; the other trio keeps 'em

there. — *M.P.*

Isle of Dogs ★★★ "Isle of Dogs," is worth seeing and often very droll, as well as exactly, rigorously, fastidiously composed, stop-motion frame by frame. Before the end, however, the script starts chasing its tail and its limitations become more apparent. Several critics have already weighed in on the perceived cultural appropriation going on in "Isle of Dogs." Just as limiting: Wes Anderson's relative disinterest in the female characters, who exist only in relation to how they feel about the more prominent male characters, human or canine. — *M.P.*

Love, Simon ★★½ "Love, Simon" is a universal story, even if you're not a gay teenager. The challenge of figuring out who we are and standing comfortably in that identity might begin in high school, but often lasts a lifetime. As Simon so aptly says: "No matter what, announcing who you are to the world is pretty terrifying." — *Sandy Cohen, Associated Press*

Rampage ★½ After a space lab carrying experimental pathogens crash-lands at various points on the U.S. map, animals become infected and mutuate. Naomie Harris takes the role of a geneticist whose former employer, Energyn, The Energyn headquarters is at the top of Willis Tower in Chicago, where it controls the creatures' movements by way of bio-sonar. The digital effects are solid, but there's no pleasure in the film's climactic three-way clash involving Dwayne Johnson, Harris and Jeffrey Dean Morgan. Johnson and Harris will survive it. But if it's a hit, it'll only encourage studios and audiences to settle for more of the same joyless, indecisive noise. — *M.P.*

Ready Player One ★★★ It's the year 2045 in Columbus, Ohio. Wade, played by Tye Sheridan, is hooked on his virtual-

reality devices, stretching into the OASIS (Ontologically Anthropocentric Sensory Immersive Simulation), created by a late genius played by Mark Rylance. The inventor has hidden clues to three keys inside the OASIS, and whoever secures them becomes heir to a fortune. Much of "Ready Player One," concerns the ever-shifting environments within the OASIS. Wade's gaming avatar, Parzival, longs to know Art3mis in the real world, where she is plain ol' supercool Samantha. The forces of corporate evil conspire against Wade and, eventually, his OASIS posse. — *M.P.*

The Strangers: Prey at Night ★½

Teenage Luke (Lewis Pullman) and his younger sister, Kinsey (Bailee Madison), aren't so much people as pawns. During a stopover on the way to drop Kinsey off at boarding school, they're stalked by the same trio of psychopaths we met 10 years ago. Mom and Dad, played by Christina Hendricks and Martin Henderson, get dispatched fairly quickly. One sequence takes place in and around a neon-lit swimming pool, where the Man in the Mask goes after Luke, injuring him. The whole thing has the air of a knockoff of something that wasn't very good to begin with. — *Michael O'Sullivan, The Washington Post*

Tomb Raider ★★ "Tomb Raider" turns Lara into a punching bag and an onlooker. Moviemakers may believe such grueling violence to be obligatory, a natural prelude to the usual digital fakery. Here it has the condescending effect of telling the main character to shut up and take it like a man. Here's hoping the sequel tries something a little more enlightened. Alicia Vikander is a fine Lara Croft. Moviewise, however, she could use a better set of clues. — *M.P.*

Truth or Dare ★½ While on a hard-drinking spring break trip to Mexico, a group of college seniors jump into a game of Truth or Dare, which they discover is demonically possessed. It is the goody-goody heroine Olivia (Lucy Hale) who invites a stranger (Landon Liboiron) to join them. He lures them to an old mission, late at night, launching the game. The game somehow follows them back to campus, where they are trapped by its deadly rules: Tell the truth, or you die. Do the dare, or you die. The results are neither convincingly scary nor emotionally affecting. — *Jane Horwitz, Washington Post*

A Wrinkle in Time ★★½ Meg and her younger, "different" brother, Charles Wallace (Deric McCabe), live with their physicist mother (Gugu Mbatha-Raw) in Los Angeles. Meg's father (Chris Pine), a NASA scientist, has been missing for four years. Mr. and Mrs. Murry had been on the verge of cracking the secret of the tesseract, enabling humans to magically swoop to other planets, new dimensions. Megan learns the ropes with the guidance of Mrs. Whatsit (Reese Witherspoon), Mrs. Who (Mindy Kaling) and Mrs. Which (Oprah Winfrey). Zach Galifianakis pops up as the Happy Medium. — *M.P.*

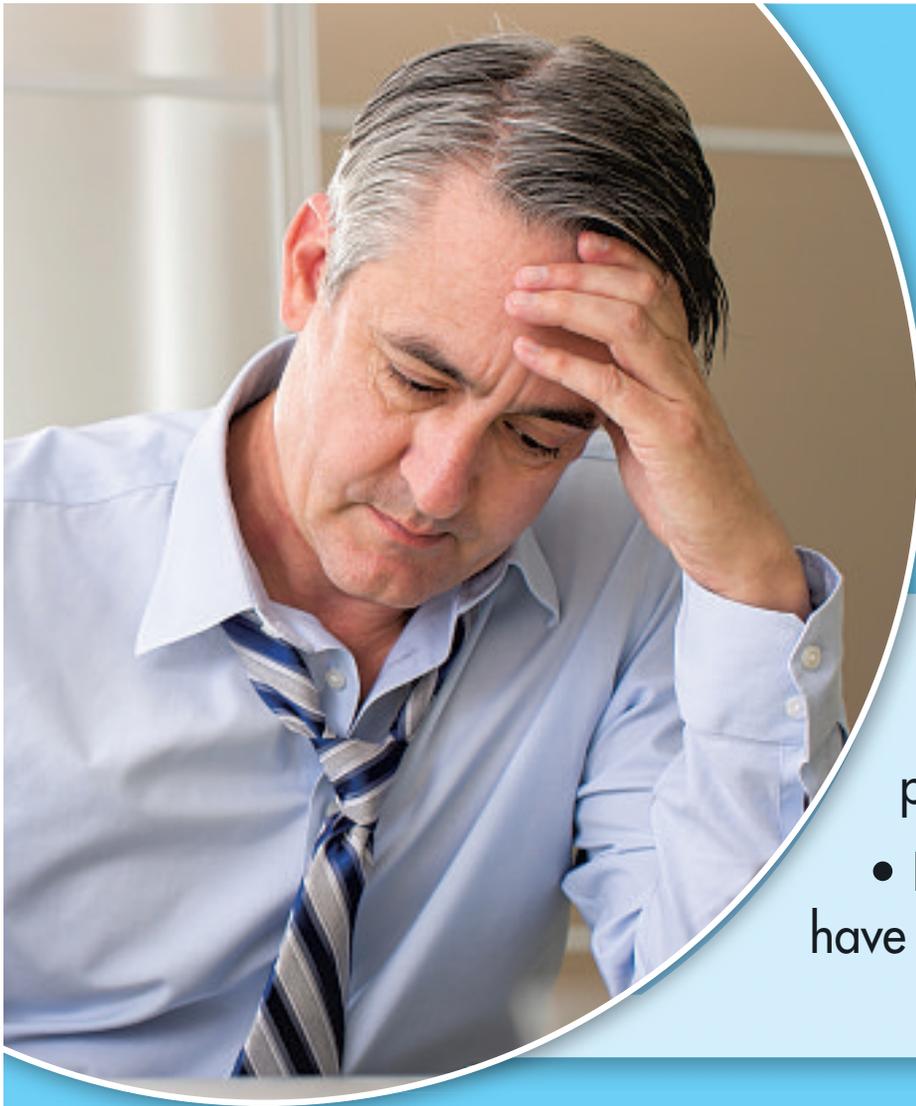
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Aries *March 21-April 19*

You and your partner might be spending money like water this week. Although you have plenty of cash flowing between the two of you lately, there seems to be a certain overly indulgent behavior that leads you to be more foolish about your cash. Sock away the rest of your cash for a rainy day. They always turn up.



Taurus *April 20-May 20*

You are definitely feeling the love these days ... maybe a little bit too much. Sweet, gooey sentiments are oozing from you toward your mate and vice versa. While you don't need to turn it down, you might need to consider where and when you're doting on one another endlessly. For heaven's sake, get a room!



Gemini *May 21-June 20*

You and your partner are focusing strongly on the mind-body connection, both personally and as a couple. There is a powerful opportunity for a physical or mental health transformation. If you happen to be getting surgery or another medical procedure this week, then your partner will be your rock ... and your nurse. You are blessed!



Cancer *June 21-July 22*

If you're single, this week might make your head spin. Romantic opportunities are likely to come your way at every turn, making you wonder how you'll ever choose from the buffet of romantic options. This is a great time to go out on multiple first dates with people in order to get a sense of who you should devote more time to and get to know better.



Leo *July 23-Aug. 22*

The intensity of love might be too much of a good thing this week. The depth of your feelings for someone will be incredible, but you might go overboard in your perception that love truly can conquer all. At the same time, however, you might go so deep with your lover that you will eventually come down from this high feeling disappointed when romantic feelings return to normal.



Virgo *Aug. 23-Sept. 22*

Expect a great deal of communication between you and your lover. For the most part, it'll be the type of conversations that really matter. One topic the two of you might discuss at great length is religion or spirituality. You might feel a desire to take a spiritual quest together. This can be literal travel, but it might also be a workshop or other event you and your love attend.



Libra *Sept. 23-Oct. 22*

Get ready for your partner to shake things up in your love life ... again. You might be tired of this theme, Libra, but if you haven't learned yet to roll with the punches when it comes to your love life, you really do need to get on board. The good news is that you are not in a boring phase at all. The bad news? You might be craving boredom more than anything else at this point.



Scorpio *Oct. 23-Nov. 21*

Your relationship is in overdrive and can possibly lead to over-stimulation. While this could mean having too much of a good thing in terms of the physical senses, it's more likely that you've been craving this for quite some time. Talk about what you want and need physically because that will help you get it this week.



Sagittarius *Nov. 22-Dec. 21*

Expect a wild card week when it comes to your love life. If you're dating someone, then you can expect a twist of fate to occur — one that may possibly change the dynamic of your relationship altogether. While this doesn't have to be negative, it will be destabilizing ... at least at first.



Capricorn *Dec. 22-Jan. 19*

Your friends might have a lot to say about your love life. While it's not likely to be anything negative, you may start to wonder why all your pals seem to think that the main topic of conversation these days should be who you're dating or sleeping with. Perhaps they're living vicariously through you, but this might make you uncomfortable at some point.



Aquarius *Jan. 20-Feb. 18*

Although you're not the type who typically likes to stay home all day on the couch and veg out, this will definitely be the kind of week where you much prefer to "Netflix and chill" with your lover rather than paint the town red. You're in nesting mode and for whatever reason, your partner is on the exact same page. It's a calm week in matters of the heart. Enjoy it!

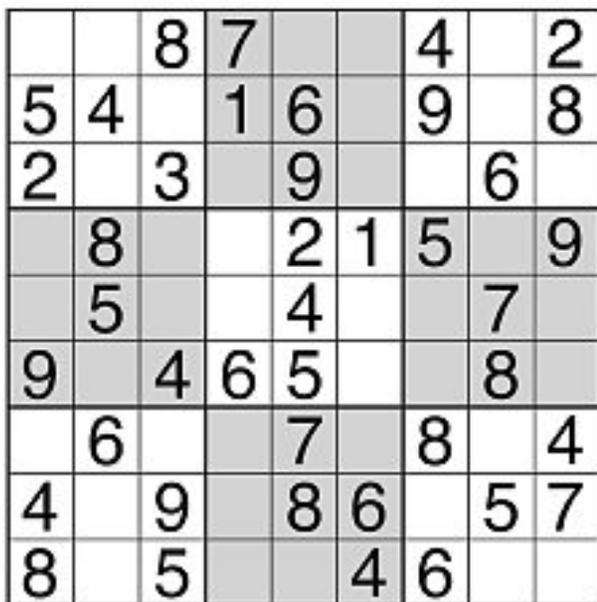


Pisces *Feb. 19-March 20*

There might be so much communication this week between you and your mate that you feel over-stimulated. It seems as though your partner is trying very hard to think something through and will want to use you as a sounding board in this process. Sure, this might leave you with a headache, but aren't you grateful that your partner sees you as their person?

PUZZLES FOR THE WEEK

PUZZLES FOR MONDAY, APRIL 16



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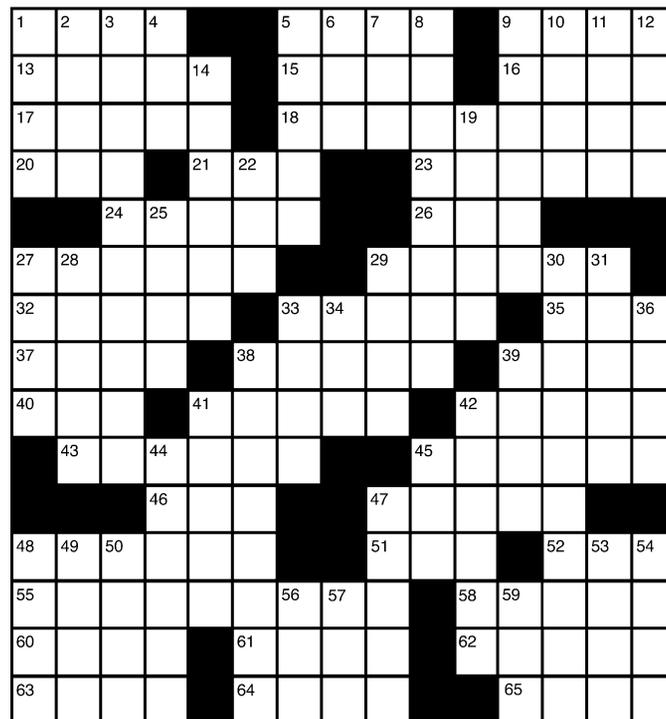
TODAY IN THE YEAR ...

2007: In one of America's worst school attacks, a Korean-born college senior killed 32 people on the campus of Virginia Tech before taking his own life.

2017: Robert Godwin Sr., a 74-year-old retiree, was shot to death along a Cleveland street; authorities said his random killing was posted on Facebook by the gunman who killed himself during a police chase in Erie, Pennsylvania, two days later.

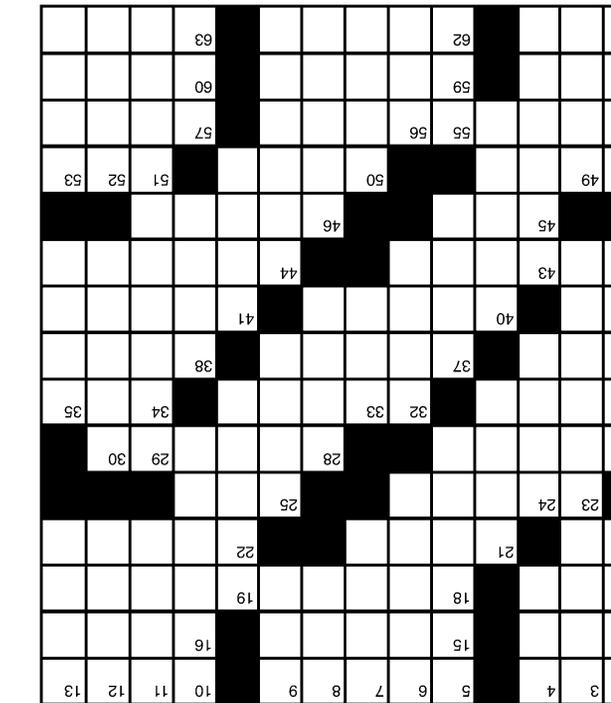
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 - 5 off; delays
 - 9 Baby's bed
 - 13 "Hasta la vista"
 - 15 Not locked
 - 16 Entertainment at a luau
 - 17 Become frayed
 - 18 In an extreme manner
 - 20 Prepare Easter eggs
 - 21 Late NYC Mayor Beame
 - 23 Embrace
 - 24 Churchill Downs events
 - 26 Actress Novak
 - 27 Chide
 - 29 Taste & touch
 - 32 Actor Jeremy
 - 33 Be generous
 - 35 Monogram for Coretta's hubby
 - 37 Pesky insect
 - 38 Bursting at the __; too full
 - 39 Rotate fast
 - 40 Pull up a chair
 - 41 Yeats & Keats
 - 42 Wild brawl
 - 43 Prose writings
 - 45 In abundance
 - 46 __ & hers; like matching items for Dad & Mom
 - 47 Abdomen
 - 48 Cuba's capital
 - 51 Moray or conger
 - 52 Not long __; recently
 - 55 Repeals, as a law
 - 58 Arm joint
 - 60 Tie up
 - 61 Outer garment
 - 62 Eagle's claw
 - 63 Probability
 - 64 Mercedes
 - 65 Marries

- DOWN**
- 1 As __ as a rock
 - 2 "Queen for __" of old TV
 - 3 Ships on the Mississippi
 - 4 "The Raven" poet
 - 5 __ over; studies intently
 - 6 "Lazy River"
 - 7 Turner or Cruz
 - 8 Popular candy bar
 - 9 Bracelet danglers
 - 10 Bylaw
 - 11 Troubles
 - 12 Reddish-brown horses



- 14 Pants
- 19 Actor Michael
- 22 Stinging insect
- 25 Female relative
- 27 Big __; semis
- 28 "Sesame Street" fellow
- 29 Snead & Elliott
- 30 Not __; lacking any job skills
- 31 More cunning
- 33 Notices
- 34 Sombrero
- 36 Patella's place
- 38 Teriyaki marinade
- 39 out; betray
- 41 Artist's need
- 42 Croquet stick
- 44 Bits of glass
- 45 " __ whiz!"
- 47 Outperforms
- 48 Transient
- 49 Enthusiastic
- 50 Sell on the street
- 53 " __ grief!"
- 54 Possesses
- 56 Steal from
- 57 Arrest
- 59 Ordinance

- 29 Face the other direction
- 30 Bar seat
- 32 Pastor's advice
- 33 Vegas
- 35 "Woolly mamas"
- 37 " __ move on!"; cry to a
- 43 Manly
- 41 Refer to
- 40 Queues
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- 52 Rain away
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 - 5 Angry look
 - 10 Singer Perry
 - 14 Clipper
 - 15 Resident
 - 16 Midwest state
 - 17 First man
 - 18 Bamboozling
 - 20 Prefix for profit or
 - 21 Partisan
 - 22 Supervisor
 - 23 Washing machine cycle
 - 24 Arson or theft
 - 25 26th of 26
 - 26 Joyfulness
 - 28 Rump __; cuts of beef
 - 31 Logo on a Mac computer
 - 32 Sow
 - 34 University of Utah athlete
 - 36 Hair color
 - 37 Prayer before meals
 - 38 Get bigger
 - 39 Take a load off
 - 40 Rent long-term
 - 41 Padded boat
 - 42 Lack of seriousness
 - 44 Opponents
 - 45 "Way __ Manger"
 - 46 Linear measure
 - 47 Task
 - 50 Wise man
 - 51 Show __; exhibitionist
 - 54 Lawmaker
 - 57 South African tribesman
 - 58 Chief Justice __ Warren
 - 59 In the know
 - 60 Dollar bills
 - 61 On the house
 - 62 Left-hand ledger entry
 - 63 Chances

TODAY IN THE YEAR ...

1972: The Boston Marathon allowed women to compete for the first time; Nina Kuscsik was the first of-
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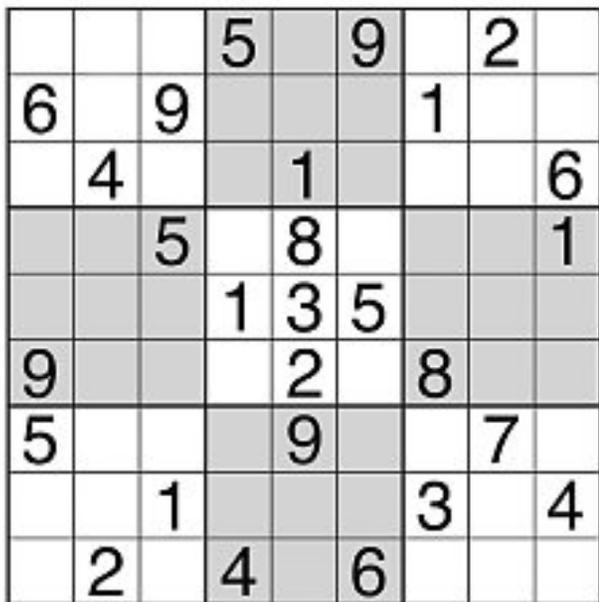
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MONDAY'S SOLUTIONS



PUZZLES FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 20



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★



THURSDAY'S SOLUTIONS



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1999: The Columbine High School massacre took place in Colorado as two students shot and killed 12 classmates and one teacher before taking their own lives.

2010: An explosion on the Deepwater Horizon oil platform, leased by BP, killed 11 workers and caused a blow-out that began spewing an estimated 200 million gallons of crude into the Gulf of Mexico.

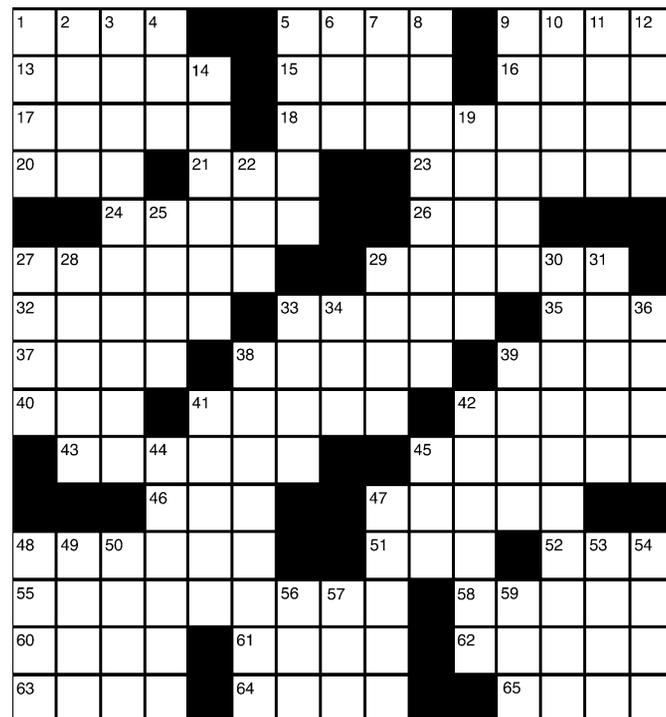
2017: A 15-year-old Tennessee girl was rescued near a cabin in a remote part of northern California, more than a month after her 50-year-old teacher allegedly kidnapped her and set off a nationwide manhunt.

ACROSS

- 1 Encyclopedia vol., perhaps
- 5 Basics
- 9 European skier's delight
- 13 Highways
- 15 Pass out cards
- 16 Unescorted
- 17 " of Old Smokey"
- 18 Habituation
- 20 Word of mild surprise
- 21 In the of luxury; well-off
- 23 British dollars
- 24 Damp
- 26 Tap gently
- 27 Pitcher parts
- 29 Gobi or Sahara
- 32 Slacks
- 33 Lacking sufficient funds
- 35 Dine
- 37 Breakfast order
- 38 Gleaming
- 39 Canaveral
- 40 Itty-bitty
- 41 Haywire; wrong
- 42 Sits for an artist
- 43 Fire breather
- 45 Bits of gossip
- 46 Singer Tormé
- 47 Large fruit
- 48 Be present at
- 51 Koch & O'Neill
- 52 "Much About Nothing"
- 55 Plentiful
- 58 Subsidized
- 60 Actor Jack
- 61 Knocks
- 62 Lettuce concoction
- 63 Forest animals
- 64 Linger
- 65 Shackelford and Kennedy

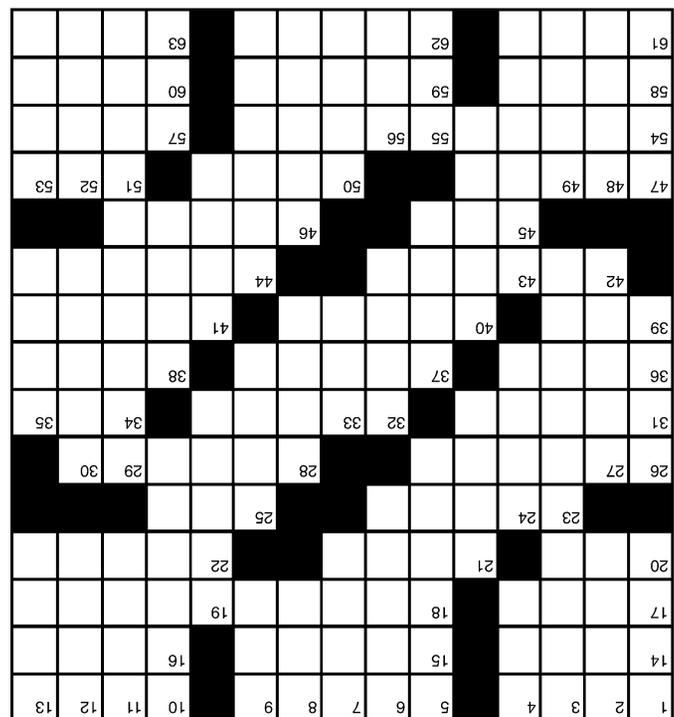
DOWN

- 1 Kermit the
- 2 " with the Wind"
- 3 One who tries to stir up ill will in others
- 4 Wedding vow
- 5 Alter to make fit
- 6 Flower garden
- 7 Scoundrel
- 8 As as an eel
- 9 Shrewd
- 10 Cut of pork
- 11 Trudge
- 12 Donald, Eric and Barron,



- 14 to Pres. Trump up; divides
- 19 Shoreline
- 22 Donkey
- 25 Pitcher's goals
- 27 Gush forth
- 28 Summoned with a beeper
- 29 Puts on
- 30 Levelheaded
- 31 Narrow candle
- 33 Lower leg part and hers
- 36 Actress Harper
- 38 Burns without flame
- 39 Singer Perry
- 41 Representative
- 42 Signs of life in the wrist
- 44 Reforms oneself
- 45 Sea between Africa and Asia
- 47 Unkempt
- 48 Suffix for prefer or predict
- 49 Wrench or saw
- 50 Istanbul native
- 53 Resting in peace
- 54 Horse race betting concern
- 56 Cereal grain
- 57 Take collection; pass the hat
- 59 Flying mammal

- 49 "I The Herald Angels Sing"
- 50 Soil
- 52 Stink
- 53 Night hooters
- 55 Brides' promise
- 56 as a fiddle
- 57 lift; T-bar
- 35 Playwright Hart
- 37 Arrived "rule for
- 38 "Do no"; rule for physicians
- 40 Losses hair
- 41 Sacks
- 43 Bangs & clangs
- 44 Burning coal fragment
- 46 Military attack
- 47 Sore
- 48 Entreaty
- 19 Unadorned
- 21 Celebration
- 24 Hammerer's target
- 25 Heckle
- 26 Many a Kosovo resident
- 27 Tire ridge pattern
- 28 Caramel-topped custard
- 29 From then on
- 30 Stories
- 32 Additionally
- 33 Fragrant neckwear
- 13 Girls' nicknames
- 12 Lovers' secluded path
- 11 Meadows
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 - 22 Misplices
 - 23 Kutzzy
 - 25 Jolt
 - 26 Short-tailed weasels
 - 28 Quarrelsome
 - 31 WWII journalist Pyle
 - 32 Ludden or Funt
 - 34 Show-off
 - 36 Bona fide
 - 37 Transparent
 - 38 Long sandwich
 - 39 Forbid entry to
 - 40 Sink
 - 41 Horse horns
 - 42 Bundle of energy
 - 44 Hug
 - 45 Spanish cheer
 - 46 Aristotles' S
 - 47 Plant destroyer
 - 50 Clamor
 - 51 To and
 - 54 ads; part of a newspaper
 - 57 "Morty, let 'em outa here"; words
 - 58 from one who's leaving
 - 59 Funeral song
 - 60 over; faint
 - 61 Wild oxen
 - 62 Aquatic mammal
 - 63 Angers



FRIDAY'S SOLUTIONS



cheat sheet

By Ben Meyerson | FOR REDEYE

Quick! Think of something interesting to say at dinner Friday night. If nothing's coming to you, here are your conversation starters for the weekend.



Happy 4/20. John Boehner wants you to buy weed.

John Boehner, former Republican Speaker of the House and enemy of marijuana legalization, has had a change of heart: Bloomberg reports he's now on the advisory board of a weed-growing company called Acreage Holdings. Boehner, who nine years ago said he was "unalterably opposed" to legalization, told Bloomberg this month that his attitude on the topic has "changed dramatically." Burn one for Boehner Friday afternoon.

DAVID PAUL MORRIS/BLOOMBERG



CHARLES KRUPA/AP

People still like bad candy

Despite our best efforts to illustrate which candy is good, it seems like people are still buying candy that is very bad. Case in point: The company that makes **Necco Wafers** may be going out of business — a thing that people who like good candy shouldn't care about. But for some reason, the Washington Post reports that sales of the chalk-flavored "treat" are way up. Why? The only acceptable explanation is that people are worried they won't have anything with which to shingle their gingerbread houses.

It's burger time, literally

Looking to integrate fast food into every aspect of your life? Is your phone's homepage plastered with restaurant apps? Do you own a burger phone a la "Juno"? Do you buy vintage fry-cook uniforms on eBay? Well, McDonald's has a new piece of memorabilia for you to hunt down: A **G-Shock watch** designed to imitate the colors and layers of a **Big Mac**. The watch was created to commemorate 50 years of the iconic sandwich — but only 1,000 were made, and they went on sale April 14 through Japanese retailer Ratuken. So watch eBay and get ready to drop some coin if you want one.



THE MUSEUM OF ENGLISH RURAL LIFE/UNIVERSITY OF READING

Big woolly boy goes viral

We cannot think of a more worthy candidate to go viral than this absolute unit. Just look at this **Exmoor Horn ram**, photographed in 1962 in an image shared on Twitter by the Museum of English Rural Life. If you can't quite comprehend why a picture of a very large livestock animal went viral, it's a riff on a very British meme: People post photos of large things with some variation of the caption "in awe at the size of this lad. absolute unit." Don't bother trying your own post, though — the medium has been perfected.

The digit: \$1,600

That's how much money a Connecticut man stole from a bank — and then drove to **Taylor Swift's** house and started throwing it over her fence. Police say Bruce Rowley allegedly robbed a bank in Ansonia, Conn., on April 4, then drove 60 miles to the singer's house in Rhode Island and tossed some of the cash onto her property in an attempt to impress her, the Associated Press reports. Bruce, buddy — Taylor didn't need the money.