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Pritzker to repay \$330K in 'toilet taxes'

Watchdog's report said candidate's 'scheme to defraud' lowered tax bill

BY RICK PEARSON, MIKE RIOPELL AND HAL DARDICK
Chicago Tribune

Democratic governor candidate J.B. Pritzker will repay the Cook County treasurer's office more than \$330,000 worth of property tax breaks and tax refunds that the county's inspector general contended he obtained as a result of a "scheme to defraud" taxpayers, his campaign said Tuesday.

The move came a day after a confidential report from Inspector General Patrick Blanchard became public, casting new light on an old line of attack by Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner, who criticized Pritzker as a "tax cheat" over the removal of toilets to help obtain a property tax reduction from an adjoining Gold Coast mansion he purchased.

Blanchard found that Pritzker's wife, M.K. Pritzker, asked a contractor in 2015 to remove the mansion's five toilets to make the home uninhabitable so it could be reassessed at a lower value. M.K. Pritzker's brother and her personal assistant later made "false representations" in sworn affidavits to the assessor about the mansion's condition and when the toilets were removed, Blanchard found.

"The evidence indicates that the use of these affidavits was part of a scheme for obtaining money by means of false

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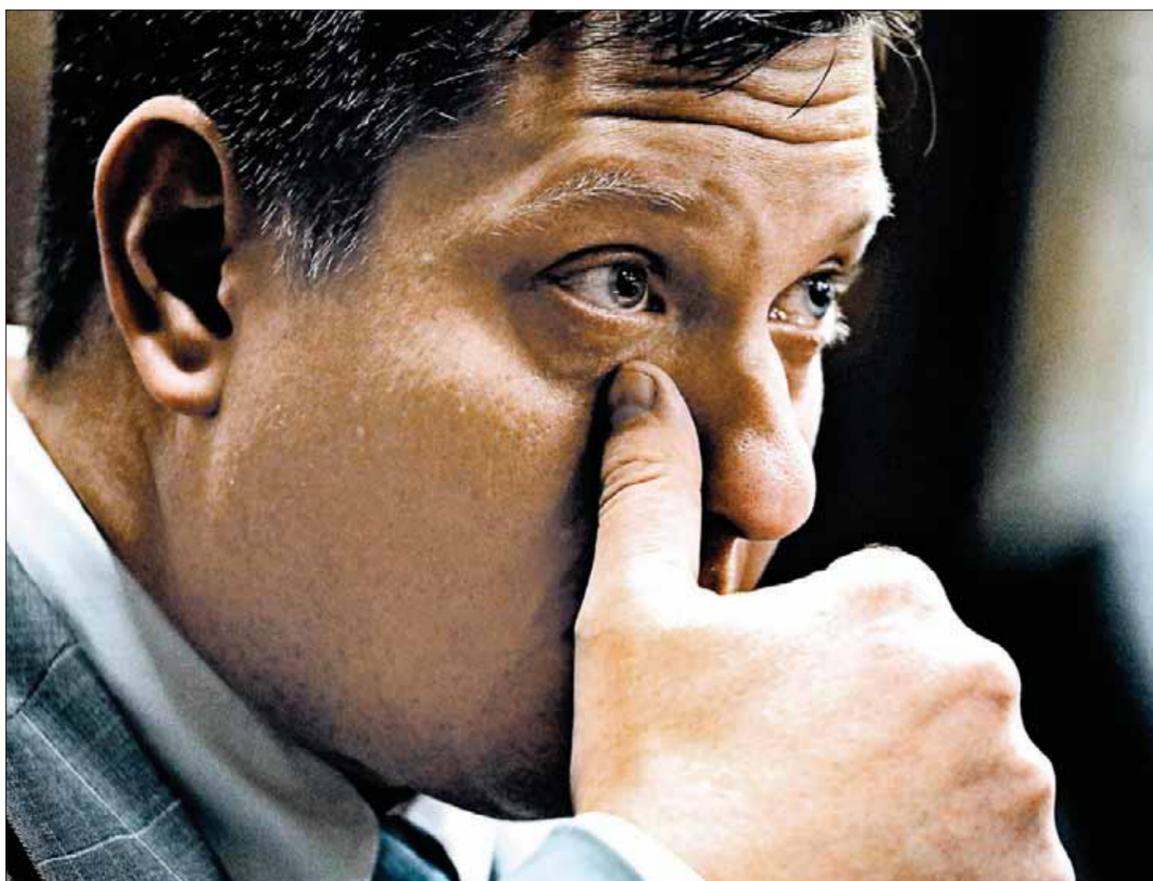
BY MICHAEL HAWTHORNE
Chicago Tribune

After spending the past month downplaying cancer risks from toxic air pollution in west suburban Willowbrook, Gov. Bruce Rauner on Tuesday joined a chorus of elected officials calling for the shutdown of a Sterigenics International facility co-owned by his former private equity firm.

Fellow Republicans from DuPage County have been clamoring for Rauner to take more aggressive action against the company, which for more than three decades has used highly potent ethylene oxide gas to sterilize medical instruments, pharmaceutical drugs and food near densely populated neighborhoods and several schools.

As recently as Friday, the most the Republican governor would say about Sterigenics was that he had instructed the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to launch an investigation. But Rauner changed course after the weekend, ordered his staff to refer the case to Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, the state's chief lawyer, then urged the

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Chicago police Officer Jason Van Dyke, taking the stand in his own defense, dabs at his eye while testifying in his murder trial Tuesday.

Van Dyke says he had to shoot teen

Cop's emotional testimony contradicts infamous dashboard video

BY MEGAN CREPEAU, STACY ST. CLAIR AND JASON MEISNER
Chicago Tribune

Making the risky decision to testify in his own defense, Chicago police Officer Jason Van Dyke took the witness stand in a packed courtroom Tuesday and told the jury haltingly — and at times tearfully — that he was forced to shoot Laquan McDonald as the teen advanced on him with a knife.

Van Dyke's long-awaited sworn account

of the shooting that rocked Chicago was considered crucial for a case that hinges on whether the officer reasonably feared for his safety when he fired all 16 rounds in his gun at McDonald, many while the teen lay prone and motionless on the street.

In his hour and a half on the stand, Van Dyke, 40, stuck to his contention that the 17-year-old McDonald was a threat in a fast-moving situation and forced him to make a split-second decision to shoot.

But Van Dyke seemed to repeatedly contradict what can be seen on the

now-infamous police dashboard camera video, including that he tried to knock McDonald over with his car door before getting out, that McDonald raised a knife at him before he fired and that he continued to fire only because the teen was trying to get up with the knife in his hand.

The video shows Van Dyke's squad vehicle door opening slightly when it was still at least 20 feet from the teen. At no point on the video could McDonald be

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2 killings, 2 days, 1 gun: Crimes roil Rogers Park

Mayor urges caution in a shaken neighborhood

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY, JEREMY GORNER AND MADELINE BUCKLEY
Chicago Tribune

The back-to-back killings in Rogers Park seemed to be as random as they were brutal: an elderly man walking his dogs just steps from his home Sunday and then, barely 36 hours later, a young man walking blocks away on the Lakefront Trail near Loyola Park. Both were shot once in the head, left for dead.

But police Tuesday confirmed what for many residents was their worst fear: The same gun was used to shoot both

men, most likely by the same gunman. Just about every other detail remains a mystery.

What is clear is that the killings of Douglass Watts, 73, and Eliyahu Moscovitz, 24, have shaken the neighborhood known for its diversity, prompting Mayor Rahm Emanuel to urge residents to use caution as they go about their daily lives.

"To all the residents of the Rogers Park community, your city is standing with you, supporting you, at this moment," Emanuel said at a news conference. "I know firsthand the Rogers Park community is strong, is resilient and is a supportive community. We need those

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Chicago police Officer Jason Van Dyke takes the stand and testifies during his murder trial on Oct. 2.



JOHN KASS

Van Dyke on the stand vs. Van Dyke on video

The police shooting of Laquan McDonald is the heater case that flipped Chicago politics on its head and finished the career of rising national Democratic star Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

But things finally got down to where they belonged in court on Tuesday: The white cop on the witness stand charged with murder, emotional and crying, versus the white cop on the police video, shooting the black teenager armed with a knife 16 times, as the jury and Chicago watched.

Remorse is not evidence, and neither is belief, but whatever it was, it was all over Jason Van Dyke's face.

He wiped it from his eyes. Then he blew his nose as he tried to maintain control.

Van Dyke explained what he saw that night in October 2014, McDonald walking with the knife, "flicking it out toward his side."

"His face had no expression. His eyes were just bugging out of his head. He had these huge white eyes just staring right through me," Van Dyke told the courtroom. "I was yelling at him 'Drop the knife.' I was yelling at him I don't know how many times."

Van Dyke had to push his chin forward, trying to control his own face. It was as if he were reliving it. He was asked how far away they were from each other.

"He got probably about 10 to 15 feet away from me," Van Dyke said. "We never lost eye contact."

"(His) eyes were bugging out. His face was just expressionless. He turned his torso towards me. ... He waved the knife from his lower right side, upwards across his body towards my left shoulder."

Van Dyke's voice started to break. "I shot him," he said.

During cross-examination, prosecutors played the video of Van Dyke killing McDonald, firing 16 shots, over, and over again.

Van Dyke said he kept shooting at the knife when the teenager fell. He said McDonald was trying to get up,

but that wasn't remotely observable on the video.

Most of Chicago has seen the police video countless times and most made up their minds upon learning City Hall hid the video from public view until after Emanuel's last mayoral election in 2015. He'd wear the jacket for any fallout after a verdict, so he's pulled out of the race. And others who were much too afraid to challenge him are crawling in.

Even before Tuesday's testimony, there was a buzz at 26th and Cal. People who knew he'd testify gave each other blank but knowing looks that lingered. If you knew, you knew, whether outside on the steps or in the corridors, exchanging knowing looks.

But it's nothing now. The only thing that matters is what the jury thinks. And then we'll see what Chicago is all about.

"We'll have a verdict by the weekend," said a worried police officer as I walked out to my car. He wasn't worried about Van Dyke as much as worrying about possible violence if Van Dyke walks "Great. On the weekend. The (deleted) weekend."

I don't think he'll walk away. He's been charged with murder, but also 16 separate counts of aggravated battery. He'll go down for something.

But none of us know. Only the jury. Convicting a police officer for murder while in the performance of duty is difficult. I've heard some complain that McDonald was the one put on trial, but that always happens in self-defense cases. And others play the race card, which is obvious and easy.

Watching Van Dyke blow his nose, I kept drifting back to another trial involving police killing a man, and I was certain the verdict would be guilty.

The victim was John Wrana, 95, a World War II veteran who survived the jungles of Burma, but who couldn't survive what happened in a south suburban nursing home when suburban police took out a shotgun.

The race card wasn't played. Politicians didn't seize upon the case. They

ran from it. The police killing of John Wrana was not a cause because the political demographics were wrong.

Wrana was an old white man. Park Forest police Officer Craig Taylor, who was charged and later acquitted of felony reckless conduct, is black.

Yet as with McDonald, the defense put Wrana on trial. Police talked as if he were physically terrifying, like a jungle-fighting ninja who might have killed with his shoehorn.

But Wrana was just an old man who needed a walker to stand. Mentally disoriented from a urinary tract infection, he told nursing home staff and police to get the hell out of his room.

Guns drawn, formed up behind a heavy police battle shield, five cops confronted the old man. Taylor shot him four times in the gut at close range with beanbag rounds fired from a shotgun.

Wrana bled out internally at a hospital. The defense argued that the officer simply followed his training. In a bench trial, Cook County Associate Judge Luciano Panici, agreed.

"It is a tragedy whenever there is loss of life that follows a confrontation," Panici said in 2015. "The force used by Craig Taylor was not excessive. There was nothing reckless. There was nothing criminal about his actions."

Taylor walked. But that was a bench trial.

And the Van Dyke case is a jury trial. Belief doesn't matter. My belief or yours is irrelevant. They'll be the ones to judge the evidence and witnesses. And they'll judge him:

The Van Dyke on the stand, crying, and the other Van Dyke, with the gun, on the video, McDonald twisting and falling to the street.

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How Van Dyke failed us on the stand



DAHLEEN GLANTON

From the moment we heard of the shooting, we waited to hear the police officer speak. We longed to hear Jason Van Dyke tell his side of the story, in his own voice, in his own words.

We wondered how he would explain what happened that night in 2014, how he could possibly justify shooting 17-year-old Laquan McDonald 16 times.

We needed him to, in some way, release us from our anger, our hurt and our disappointment in a law enforcement system that appears to show little regard for African-American lives.

We needed him to give meaning to an incomprehensible act that caused us to question the integrity of our police force and put the entire city on edge.

We hoped that Van Dyke would take us to a place where it all makes sense.

But when he had the chance, he failed.

On the witness stand Tuesday, the 40-year-old officer did nothing to earn our respect. His tears seemed hollow and forced. His story did not ring true.

He began his testimony talking about “the black male with a hoodie and bluejeans.” Yes, that is police lingo used to describe a suspect under pursuit. But from the mouth of the man who killed him, it seemed cold, harsh and irreverent.

Earlier in the day, we learned that Van Dyke had said to his partner even before arriving at the scene, “Oh my God, we are going to have to shoot the guy.” He wondered why officers had not shot him when he slashed the tire of a squad vehicle.

But on the stand, Van



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A teary-eyed Chicago police Officer Jason Van Dyke takes the stand and testifies during his murder trial at the Leighton Criminal Court Building on Oct. 2.

Dyke insisted it was the knife that led to McDonald's death. Certainly not the officer's preconceived notion or his lack of restraint.

It was simply the knife. That's why he shot him.

Standing 10 to 15 feet apart, the two men never lost eye contact, according to Van Dyke.

“His face had no expression. His eyes were just bugging out of his head. He had these huge white eyes just staring right through me,” he said of the teenager.

“I yelled, ‘Drop the

knife.’”

“He turned his torso towards me. ... He waved the knife from his lower right side upwards across his body towards (his) left shoulder.

“I shot him.”

The officer didn't know at the time how many shots he fired. But he kept shooting, he said, because the teenager kept reaching for his knife, even after he fell to the ground.

“I could see him starting to push up with his left hand off the ground. And I

see his left shoulder start to come up, and I still see him holding that knife with his right hand, not letting go of it,” Van Dyke said.

“I just kept on looking at the knife, and I shot at it. I just wanted him to get rid of that.”

Had the circumstances been different, had there been no police dashboard camera video, it would have been easy to believe every word.

But we have seen with our own eyes what happened that night, and the

shooting didn't go down the way Van Dyke said it did.

McDonald never raised the knife toward the officer. He never tried to get up with the knife in his hand. He just lay in the street, jerking and bleeding on the pavement.

Still, Van Dyke wouldn't stop blaming the knife.

“He could have thrown that knife away and ended it all right then and there,” he said.

But that's not true either. McDonald was never going to walk away that night.

Van Dyke had decided that on the way to the scene.

It wasn't the knife that led Van Dyke to kill McDonald at all. It was the officer's heartless decision that the teenager didn't deserve to live.

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Man gets 3 years in 'L' shoving incident

Attempted murder charge dropped; pled to battery

Chicago Tribune

A doctorate graduate from Northwestern University has been sentenced to three years in prison after pleading guilty to shoving a stranger onto Loop subway tracks and trying to stop him from getting back onto the platform a year ago.

Chad Estep, 34, pleaded guilty last week to aggravated battery. A more serious charge of attempted

murder was dropped, as well as a second aggravated battery charge and one for unlawful restraint. He was taken into custody after entering the plea last Wednesday.

Estep was accused of approaching Ben Benedict, 46, from behind at the Blue Line's Washington Street station late on Aug. 1. He pushed him onto the tracks with both hands, knocking him close to the electrified

third rail, prosecutors said.

Estep then tried to block Benedict from getting back onto the platform — and even tried to stop others at the station from assisting Benedict, according to prosecutors. Benedict managed to climb to safety seconds before a train arrived while Estep fled the station.

Benedict told the Trib-



Estep

une he was standing near the edge of the platform when he felt a hard jab to the back and tumbled to the tracks 5 feet below. He said he looked up and saw a man staring at him. "It was like a lion looking at his prey, that's kinda what it looked like to me," Benedict said.

Benedict and Estep did not know each other, and a motive for the attack is unknown. Prosecutors have

said Estep appeared intoxicated on surveillance videos taken inside the station.

Police did not issue an alert after the attack. Video and a photo of a suspect were not released until the Tribune approached police about a month later. The video showed a man jumping the turnstile at the subway station but did not show the attack.

Detectives were able to find Estep with the help of someone he knows, according to Anthony Guglielmi, the Police Department's

chief spokesman. Guglielmi said the "associate" contacted police around the time the department released the video.

Estep's attorney, Vadim Glozman, had contended that the identification of Estep was tenuous because the surveillance images were unclear.

Estep completed the doctoral neuroscience program at Northwestern in March of last year and worked as a data analyst. He had no previous criminal history in Cook County, records show.

GoFundMe accounts don't prove Ford is in this for the money



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

Christine Blasey Ford's supporters have launched and funded two GoFundMe campaigns to help cover her security and other expenses.

Brett Kavanaugh's supporters have launched and funded a GoFundMe campaign for the judge and his family to use for security or "however they see fit."

The two pages dedicated to Ford, "Help Christine Blasey Ford" and "Cover Dr. Blasey's security costs," have raised just north of \$700,000. Both have stopped accepting donations.

The page dedicated to Kavanaugh, "Brett Kavanaugh's Family," raised just north of \$500,000. It's no longer accepting donations.

The fundraisers for Ford are being cited by some to refute the argument that she has nothing to gain by going public with sexual assault allegations against Kavanaugh — an argument I and many, many others have made.

"She had nothing to gain?" a frequent critic of mine tweeted Monday. "Maybe to you Ms Stevens a million dollars is nothing but to most people a million in her go fund account is a lot of money."

He speaks for legions. (A bunch of them emailed me over the weekend.)

"Has this GoFundMe created a new incentive for accusers?" Laura Ingraham asked on her Fox News show Friday.

Let's talk about that a moment.

Ford is a professor at Palo Alto University, where she teaches in consortium with Stanford University.

She was, in the past, a visiting professor at Pepperdine University, where she earned a master's degree in psychology, followed by a doctorate at the University of Southern California and a master's in education from Stanford.

The idea that she would toss all that aside — the salary and possibly the chance to put any of her degrees into practice again — for some strangers' cash is preposterous.

The idea that she would risk her safety and the safety of her husband and children for some free money is pernicious, the sort of toxic absurdity that spreads among folks who view women, in general, with suspicion.

Gold digger.

Freeloader.

Jeremy C. Young, an assistant professor of history at Dixie State University and author of "The Age of Charisma: Leaders, Followers, and Emotions in American Society, 1870-1940," composed a Twitter string over the weekend that examined the fear that women go around making false rape claims for money.

He pointed to a New York Times story that reported Democratic donors in 2016 offered women hundreds of thousands of dollars to come forward with allegations that Donald Trump sexually assaulted them.

"It was not productive," the New York Times reported. "One woman requested \$2 million, (attorney Lisa) Bloom said, then decided not to come forward. Nor did any other women."

During President Bill Clinton's impeachment, Young added, Hustler publisher Larry Flynt offered \$1 million to anyone who could document extramarital affairs by members of Congress.

"Only one woman got paid, and the man she accused, Bob Livingston, admitted she was telling the truth," Young wrote.

Young cited two articles examining the prevalence of false rape allegations: "What we know about false rape allegations" by Vox writer Dara Lind and "What kind of person makes false rape accusations?" by Quartz contributor Sandra Newman, who researched academic studies, journalistic accounts and the National Registry of Exonerations.

The takeaway is that false rape claims are extremely rare.

"Rarer than being struck by lightning — in your house," Young wrote. "If you're not lying awake at night worrying that lightning will come through your window and electrocute you, you shouldn't worry about being falsely accused of rape."

Women don't go around accusing men of sexual assault in the hopes that strangers will hand them cash. Ford's legal and security expenses skyrocketed when she came forward. Her supporters want to help.

(Kavanaugh's did too. His supporters also want to help.)

Incentive? Please.

Are we really pretending Ford decided death threats against her children are an appealing trade-off for \$700,000?

That defies logic, history, statistics and all bounds of decency.

We're better than this. Aren't we?

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Cub fans hope to get by the Rockies in the wild-card game on Tuesday to face the Brewers in the division series.

SPIRIT OF THE GAME



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Charlie walks around Wrigley Field with owner Ted Devlin.



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Mateo Kluga, 8, of Indiana, stand outside of Wrigley Field.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

2 face charges of dealing fentanyl, synthetic pot

BY ROBERT MCCOPPIN
Chicago Tribune

Twenty-nine people face new charges for allegedly dealing fentanyl and heroin in Chicago, authorities announced, and two people face charges for allegedly selling synthetic marijuana.

Many of the defendants were recorded on surveillance cameras selling drugs to undercover investigators earlier this year, some on summer days on city streets, federal prosecutors said Monday. Drug sales allegedly took place in the Tri-Taylor, Humboldt Park and West Garfield Park neighborhoods on Chicago's West Side, as well as in the Chatham neighborhood on the South Side.

Chicago police led the investigation with support from the federal High Intensity Drug Trafficking

Area, including the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and FBI.

"These arrests help tackle our city's most serious drug threat — fentanyl," DEA Special Agent-in-Charge Brian McKnight said. "For those who want to put poison on our streets, we are not done with you."

In one case, Anthony McClendon, 38, of Chicago, was charged with selling 3 grams of pure fentanyl, a synthetic opioid that has been blamed for fueling an epidemic of overdose deaths nationwide.

In a separate case, two men were named in a criminal complaint for allegedly conspiring to distribute synthetic cannabinoids for the past four years in the Chicago and Rockford areas. The drugs are meant to mimic marijuana, and are typically sprayed on plant

material and sold in small, rectangular plastic packages in gas stations, convenience stores and on the street. They are marketed under brand names like K2, Spice and Black Mamba.

The drug made national headlines this past spring when Illinois reported 164 cases, including four deaths, of severe bleeding after people ingested synthetic cannabinoids tainted by rat poison — most of them in the Chicago and Peoria areas.

Last month, Wisconsin officials reported 80 cases of probable or confirmed severe bleeding from synthetic cannabinoids, including one death in Milwaukee County.

The federal charges last week were filed against Sameer Morrar, 37, of Plainfield, and Esia Wahdani, 31, of Alsip. Both were in federal custody awaiting a detention hearing.

Working with two unidentified confidential sources, both of whom have multiple arrests and were seeking leniency in prosecution, the DEA said its agents used undercover surveillance to record numerous transactions between Morrar and an informant. One of the witnesses told investigators that Morrar used to sell the drug from a store on the South Side.

An FBI laboratory found that one package of "Crazy Monkey" that the second cooperating witness was arrested with contained bromadiolone, used as rat poison because it prevents blood from clotting. Authorities have speculated that drug dealers use rat poison to try to heighten the effects of the drug.

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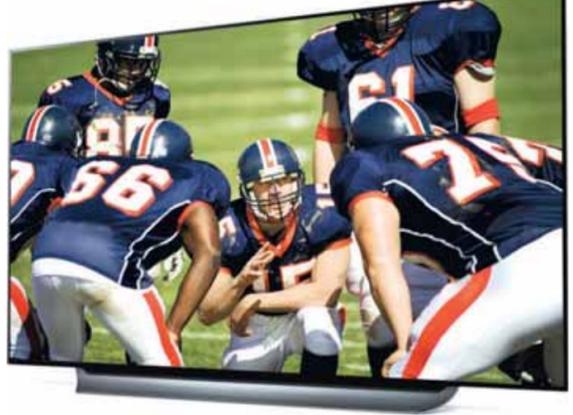


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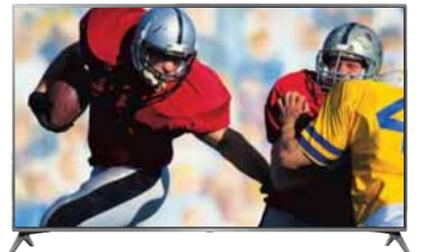
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Part three of a three-part series on cybersecurity for small business

Fighting back: How small businesses can detect, respond and recover from a cyberattack

Even though 78% of cyberattacks are aimed at small businesses, only 15% of small businesses have a plan to deal with an attack. (Verizon Enterprise, 2018; Better Business Bureau, 2017)

This explains why small business cyberattacks can be so devastating. Losing money and data is just the tip of the iceberg. Loss of reputation, customers and intellectual property can compound the effects of an attack.

"Attackers are getting very savvy," says Megan Wright, a Technology Advisor with Dell Small Business. They can be brutal as well. "The attacks are just more pain after more pain. They might pay in a ransomware attack and still not get their data back. Small businesses can just get wiped out."

With so much on the line, it's vital that small businesses know what to do in the event of a cyberattack.



Only 17% of small businesses have someone responsible for information security
(Better Business Bureau, 2017)

Before an attack: Back up data and keep the network secure

Many cyberattacks are aimed squarely at your data. In ransomware attacks, data is held hostage for a cash payment. In other cases, hackers may be after intellectual property, customer data, or account numbers.

Wright encourages all small businesses to back up all critical data. A strong backup plan involves:

- **Automation:** Make sure critical data is identified and backed up regularly
- **Redundancy:** Ideally you will have

- local and cloud backups
- **Isolation:** Backups should be sequestered from the main network and kept secure
- **Accessibility:** Someone should know how to access the backup in case of an attack

Businesses need to practice good basic security as well: strong passwords, the latest laptops equipped with security-enhancing 8th gen Intel® Core™ i5 vPro™ processors and hardware login security like TPM 2.0 (Trusted Platform Module), fingerprint readers and facial recognition, and installing anti-virus and firewall solutions.



380 days: Average time threats remained undetected in networks
(Secureworks, 2018)

Small businesses should assign someone to be responsible for information security. Often attacks go undetected because no one checked the firewall or anti-virus log, or ran needed updates.

Remember that networks evolve, and cracks can appear. Wright recalls one small business who said they'd been too busy to review how new hardware fit into the existing network. The resulting, preventable security gap allowed an attack that took the system down.

During an attack: Detect, report and react

The first rule is don't panic. The second

is to act fast. The employee tasked with security should immediately track down, isolate and remove the infection, or bring in someone who can.

But since many attacks come through email and the web, all employees should be trained to spot and report them. If they get a suspicious email, they should report it to leaders and IT immediately.

"I tell small businesses, security doesn't just come from me as a technology advisor," says Wright. "It has to be a priority for the entire business."

Employees also need to be on the lookout for financial scams, like urgent orders to transfer money supposedly from business leaders. "Make it a policy to be over-cautious," Wright says. "If it's important, the sender will follow up."



\$32,000 average loss for small businesses whose bank accounts were compromised
(National Small Business Association, 2015)

After an attack: Getting back on your feet

After an attack, a business with a solid incident response plan will be able to recover much faster than one that needs to rebuild. Data can be restored from backups, financial losses made whole through cyberattack insurance, and customers reassured.

Security specialists have detailed knowledge of the latest threats and

planning for recovery. "You might need to find corrupted devices and files and pull them off the network," Wright says. "Depending on the level of the attack, you might also bring it to the authorities."

At the end of the day, small businesses need to make sure they secure the trust of their customers. "Your customers are why you exist," says Wright. "They trust you with their data. That is worth all the protection you can give it."

Five steps to take before, during and after a cyberattack

Back up everything ahead of time: Maybe back it up twice. A safe, uninfected data backup is critical to recovery.

Don't panic: Plan ahead and train your team. Response will be faster and surer.

Check on your backup and keep it secure: When an attack happens, make sure the backup is secure and ready.

Make your network secure: Remove affected devices and files, figure out where the breach came from and close the gap.

Get back on your feet: When appropriate, alert customers so they can see to their own security. Swap in your backup data once gaps are plugged.



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Inspector General Patrick Blanchard's report focused on Illinois governor candidate J.B. Pritzker's two side-by-side mansions on North Astor Street.

Pritzker vowing to repay \$330K

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representations," Blanchard wrote.

Pritzker's campaign said the candidate will repay the county \$132,747.18 for refunds obtained for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014, as well as additional tax savings of \$198,684.85 for the years 2015 and 2016, by the end of the week.

The move, on the eve of the second face-to-face televised debate of the campaign, came as State's Attorney Kim Foxx's office acknowledged it had received a copy of the inspector general's report and was looking into it.

"We are in possession of the report and we are currently reviewing it," Foxx spokeswoman Tandra Simonson said.

Ostensibly, Pritzker's move was aimed at quelling a controversy that threatened to upend the candidacy of the billionaire heir to the Hyatt Hotels fortune only weeks before his Nov. 6 election challenge to Rauner, the embattled first-term incumbent.

Only a day earlier, Pritzker defended the tax reduction to reporters, saying, "We sought it with all the rules in place ... we followed the rules."

Rauner's campaign declared Pritzker's repayment decision "an admission of guilt" to the allegations

leveled by the inspector general.

"A bank robber who gives the money back is still a bank robber," Rauner campaign spokesman Will Allison said in a statement, adding the Democrat "conned" money from taxpayers.

Pritzker's move does not end questions surrounding Blanchard's report. In it, Blanchard characterized the affidavits as "false representations" and cited state perjury law as well as federal mail fraud and conspiracy statutes.

While Foxx's office confirmed receipt of the report, a spokesman for U.S. Attorney John Lausch declined to comment.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for outgoing Cook County Assessor Joe Berrios, a political ally of Pritzker's who was not implicated in Blanchard's report, challenged the inspector general's assertion that removal of the toilets alone was behind the assessor's office's decision to grant the reassessment given to Pritzker.

"We would not have granted this reduction without evidence of a gut rehab, evidence such as the 24 photos and other items which were submitted with the appeal," Tom Shaer said in a written statement. "All along, those who suggested the determination by the

assessor's office was based on missing plumbing fixtures were being ridiculous."

Perhaps the biggest unanswered question is the effect of the inspector general's report and its potential aftermath on the Illinois campaign for governor, where polls — including one released Tuesday — show Pritzker with a double-digit lead over Rauner.

Since Rauner has used TV extensively to criticize Pritzker for taking toilet-related property tax breaks, including dubbing the Democrat the "porcelain prince of tax avoidance," some Democrats privately questioned if the inspector general's report would be seen as just part of the governor's attack narrative or something significant.

"It's the same story people have been seeing and hearing for the past how many months now?" said one Democrat allied with Pritzker who asked not to be identified because the person was not authorized to speak for the campaign. "There's fatigue on this issue."

The Pritzker ally said the payment should have been made when reports about the reassessment first surfaced in the Chicago Sun-Times in 2017. Pritzker couldn't "write the check now" because of the optics that it could be viewed as an

admission of acting improperly, the operative said, shortly before Pritzker's decision to do just that.

Another Democratic Pritzker ally said the Rauner campaign's attempts to portray the tax break in a lighthearted way — including using toilets as props for a GOP attack on the Democrat in front of the Astor Street property Tuesday — diminished the potential political impact of the controversy at a time when voters are angry with the property tax system.

"It should be a substantive issue of property taxes and not toilets," said the campaign ally who also was not authorized to speak publicly. "Instead, it's become an old story rehashed."

David Yepsen, former director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, said the issue "could have a huge impact on the outcome on the election," in part depending upon how the Rauner camp plays it.

"We're awash in political news. (Controversy over Supreme Court nominee Brett) Kavanaugh, the mayor's race; the question is how much of this will punch through that clutter so it can start to have an impact. It's the beginning of what could be a very big story," Yepsen said.

The inspector general's report and Pritzker's repayment decision form the backdrop for the final Chicago-based broadcast debate of the campaign Wednesday on ABC-7 at 6 p.m. co-sponsored by Univision Chicago and the League of Women Voters of Illinois Education Fund.

Unlike the first televised appearance on Sept. 20, Wednesday's forum will feature only Rauner and Pritzker.

Libertarian candidate Grayson "Kash" Jackson and Republican state Sen. Sam McCann of Plainview, running as the Conservative Party candidate, each failed to receive 10 percent of the vote in independent polls and were not invited to participate.

McCann, who is seeking support from GOP core social conservatives divided about Rauner's leadership, has been attacked by the governor as a Democratic plant to help Pritzker. On Tuesday, he also chimed in on the property-tax controversy, saying Pritzker "got caught with his hypocritical hand in the cookie jar."

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Rauner: Suburban plant should shut

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Democrat to seek a court order that would close the Willowbrook facility until a separate federal investigation "assures the community that resumed operations would not present an elevated health risk."

Rauner's sudden reversal comes as local politicians, many of whom like the governor are on the Nov. 6 ballot, face a fury of complaints about a federal report that revealed unusually high cancer risks from ethylene oxide pollution in traditionally Republican communities near Sterigenics. Citizen groups that quickly organized against the company garnered even more attention when Burr Ridge resident Andrea Thome and her husband, former Chicago White Sox slugger Jim Thome, added their voices to the anti-Sterigenics movement.

"There is a level of anger in the community that I've never seen before," said longtime state Rep. Jim Durkin of Darien, the House Republican leader and one of several DuPage County officials calling for Sterigenics to be shut down. "This area is populated by young families who are moving here from the city. I know people within a half-mile of the facility who feel they aren't getting any answers and they don't feel anybody is standing up on their behalf."

The Tribune previously reported that quick action is unlikely for a variety of reasons, including steps the Rauner administration took

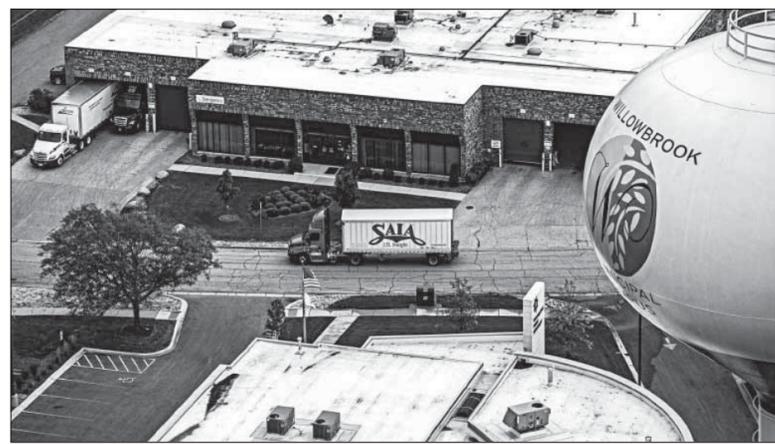
before and after the Willowbrook cancer report was released to the public in late August.

Nearly two months earlier, the Illinois EPA responded to the then-secret report by quietly giving Sterigenics a permit to voluntarily install new pollution-control equipment, making it more difficult for authorities to pursue legal action against the company unless it can be proved that the fix has failed to eliminate health risks from ethylene oxide pollution.

Rauner appointees later refused to provide Madigan's office with key documents about the Willowbrook facility, required the attorney general's staff to provide the records under the Freedom of Information Act and delayed providing the information until after the Tribune inquired about the dispute on Sept. 20. Even now, Madigan said, the state can't make an effective case against Sterigenics without more air quality monitoring in surrounding neighborhoods, expert analysis of the results and other information that only the state or federal EPA can provide.

"We are prepared to move forward in court and have told IEPA what evidence is necessary to shut the site down," Madigan said. "IEPA has not provided any evidence, but we will immediately evaluate any information the agency provides."

With Election Day just a few weeks away, locally elected officials have repeatedly urged state and



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Neighbors of the Sterigenics plant in Willowbrook are concerned that ethylene oxide gas used as a sterilizer there could pose elevated cancer risks.

federal regulators to reassure the public they are safe. Rauner, along with top Trump administration officials at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, has stressed that there is no evidence Sterigenics poses the type of immediate threats seen in some work settings. But the company has been releasing ethylene oxide into surrounding communities since the early 1980s, federal records show, and the health risks involve diseases that can take years to develop, including breast cancer, leukemia and lymphoma.

Based on air samples collected in May, an arm of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention determined the cancer risks from breathing ethylene oxide pollution in southeast DuPage communities could be orders of magnitude higher than initially estimated: up to 6,400 per million, or more than six cases of cancer for every 1,000 people. The U.S. EPA generally targets polluters when local cancer risks

exceed 100 in a million.

The pre-election political stakes are high enough that the Trump administration weighed in on the issue last week, dispatching a presidential appointee in charge of the EPA's air division to promise the agency will conduct the type of neighborhood air monitoring that Madigan and others have been calling for during the past month.

Sterigenics said a controlled test of emissions, conducted in late September by consultants hired by the company, failed to detect any ethylene oxide leaving its pair of buildings in Willowbrook.

"We are committed to doing the right thing by our community but closing facilities that emit limited, regulated (ethylene oxide) emissions is not the right answer," the company said in a statement, calling Rauner's latest reaction "ill-considered." "If necessary, we will take all appropriate actions to protect the hospitals and patients that de-

pend on our facility."

Rauner's ties to the company date to 2011, when a private equity firm he co-founded bought Sterigenics for \$675 million and quickly expanded its operations. The governor's most recent state ethics statement, filed in May, shows he retains an interest in the fund used to buy the sterilization company, which in 2015 sold a majority stake to another private equity firm.

On Friday morning, Rauner told radio station WBEZ he no longer has a stake in Sterigenics. Spokespeople for his campaign and government office later told the Tribune that Rauner sold his interest as part of the 2015 deal but have not produced documents showing the transaction took place.

"We will get the truth about what has been emitted so far," Rauner told the radio station, "and what needs to change in the future."

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Authorities find cache of 100s of stolen guns

Police arrest 1 suspect, seek a second man

BY MIKE NOLAN
Daily Southtown

One man is in custody and a second is being sought after police recovered hundreds of stolen guns in suburban Midlothian, authorities said Tuesday.

The guns — nearly 370 .22- and .380-caliber firearms — had been stolen Sunday from a United Parcel Service distribution center in Memphis and were part of a shipment that was headed to Dallas, according to the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

One man, Taveyan Turnbo, 18, is in custody and a second man, Roland Jackson, 24, of Chicago, is being sought in connection with the theft, according to ATF.

Turnbo has been charged with possession of stolen firearms while Jackson is being charged with illegal possession of a firearm by a felon, according to criminal complaints filed in federal court in Chicago.

According to ATF affidavits filed as part of the criminal complaints, Turnbo and Jackson were in a U-Haul van and were approached by law enforcement shortly after 3 p.m. Sunday in a store parking lot in Midlothian.

When they were asked to get out of the vehicle, both fled on foot, with Turnbo apprehended at about 7 p.m., according to the affidavits.

He denied to investigators that he took part in the thefts but that he was going to help Jackson and his brother sell the stolen firearms, according to the affidavits.

Turnbo told investigators he and Jackson had sold at least three of the guns for a total of \$400, according to the affidavits.

The guns were part of a larger shipment from the Ruger factory in North Carolina held at the UPS distribution hub, and the firearms were taken sometime between 3 and 4 a.m. Sunday, according to the affidavits.

Employees at the Memphis facility saw two men load three pallets of firearms into a U-Haul van then speed away, according to the affidavits.

The entire shipment comprised 16 pallets of guns, and was due to depart at 8 a.m. Sunday for Texas.

The estimate of 400 stolen firearms makes it one of the largest single gun thefts the ATF has investigated, Michael Knight, an ATF spokesman, said.

UPS said in a statement that it is working with law enforcement but does not comment on open investigations.

ATF is asking the public to send it social media posts, photos or any other information related to the theft. The bureau is offering a reward of \$5,000 for information leading to an arrest and conviction in the case.

According to Midlothian police, officers went to the parking lot of a Walgreens store at 4800 W. 148th St. after a caller suspected the occupants of a vehicle were engaged in drug sales.

After the men fled, several other area police departments, a police K-9 unit and police helicopter were involved in the search, and residents had been advised to remain in their homes as officers hunted for the men, according to police.

According to the affidavits, Jackson had been convicted of a felony residential burglary, in Cook County in October 2013.

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Cop who killed teen testifies

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seen lifting the knife in the manner Van Dyke described. And the teen appeared not to move after falling to the pavement except from the bullets continuing to strike him.

Another defense witness testified as well Tuesday that in the moments before Van Dyke had arrived on the scene, he told his partner that he might have to shoot the offender.

"Oh my God, we are going to have to shoot the guy," Van Dyke recalled telling the partner during an interview with a psychologist hired by the defense.

Van Dyke faltered at times under cross-examination, saying he couldn't remember certain details, particularly when it came to statements he made to police immediately after the shooting. He grew testy at several points, snapping at the prosecutor to let him finish his answers and addressing her sharply as "Miss."

Dressed in a gray suit and a blue tie matching the color of the Chicago police uniform, Van Dyke kept a crumpled handkerchief on the witness stand in front of him and occasionally blew his nose during the testimony.

In the courtroom gallery, Van Dyke's wife, Tiffany, watched her husband's testimony intently, with her hands clasped tightly in her lap, seemingly on edge. She started crying softly after the jury left the courtroom. Also present was Van Dyke's father, who has attended every day of the trial.

McDonald's mother, Tina Hunter, who was present during testimony in the morning, was noticeably absent when Van Dyke took the stand after the lunch break.

"She just couldn't be in the courtroom. It was just too emotional for her to be in there," the Rev. Marvin Hunter, who is McDonald's great-uncle, told reporters after the trial recessed for the day. He also said he didn't believe Van Dyke's tears were sincere.

"The entire defense is a production that is put on to bring about emotion, that is put on for the purpose of bringing about a favorable decision in Jason Van Dyke's way," Hunter said. "I think he has no sorrow and no remorse for the killing of Laquan McDonald because I believe he believes in his mind that he has not done anything wrong."

Van Dyke is charged with two counts of first-degree murder, 16 counts of aggravated battery and one count of official misconduct, the first time in decades a Chicago police officer has been charged with murder in an on-duty incident.

Prosecutors have said Van Dyke had no legal justification to fire even one shot that night, let alone 16. Van Dyke's attorneys, meanwhile, have argued that the shooting was a clear-cut case of self-defense.

Van Dyke's testimony began with personal details of his history with the Chicago Police Department. He said he'd often encountered suspects armed with weapons and that he'd "unfortunately" had to draw his gun



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Barry Brodd, an expert in police use of force, rushes attorney Daniel Herbert with a toy knife as they re-enact a scene for the jury Tuesday. The defense contends Officer Jason Van Dyke shot Laquan McDonald, who had a knife, in self-defense.

probably more than 20 times in his 13-year career, but he'd never had to fire before Oct. 20, 2014.

"And I'm very proud of that," he said.

At the time of McDonald's shooting, Van Dyke was working an overnight patrol shift in the Chicago Lawn District on the Southwest Side.

That morning, he said, he'd seen his two daughters off to school before working a part-time security shift at a Walmart in Cicero. He went home and took a nap before reporting to roll call at the police station at 9 p.m.

Shortly after his shift began, Van Dyke testified, he and his partner, Joseph Walsh, were getting coffee at a 7-Eleven on South Pulaski Road when they heard a call of an officer needing assistance. While they were headed to the scene, another call came over the radio asking for a Taser, then another report that the suspect had popped the tire of a squad car, he said.

Van Dyke said that when they arrived at 41st Street and Pulaski they saw Officer Joseph McElligott on foot with his gun drawn pointing toward McDonald, who was running through a Burger King parking lot. After they hopped a curb

and followed McDonald onto Pulaski, Van Dyke said he tried to open the car door to knock the teen down, but another squad car was too close. Walsh pulled up farther down the street, and Van Dyke got out with his gun drawn.

Van Dyke began to grow emotional when he described how he saw McDonald raise the knife across his chest with a wild look in his eyes as the teen was walking toward him.

"(His) eyes were bugging out. His face was just expressionless," said Van Dyke, his face turning red. "He turned his torso towards me. ... He waved the knife from his lower right side upwards across his body towards (his) left shoulder."

Van Dyke's voice started to waver and he paused, his jaw clenching before he said, "I shot him."

The officer said when he saw McDonald spin and hit the pavement he stopped shooting, demonstrating for jurors how he dropped his weapon to a 45-degree angle as he continued to shout at the teen to drop the knife.

"I could see him starting to push up with his left hand off the ground," said Van Dyke, taking a long pause and exhaling loudly. "And I see his left shoulder

start to come up, and I still see him holding that knife with his right hand not letting go of it. And his eyes are still bugged out. His face has got no expression on it."

Van Dyke testified that he started firing at McDonald again, at one point actually aiming at the knife to try to knock it out of the teen's hand. When his weapon was empty, he began to reload because that's what he had been trained to do, but he stopped when Walsh told him it wasn't necessary, Van Dyke testified.

"Jason, I got this," he said Walsh told him.

Van Dyke said he watched Walsh kick the knife out of McDonald's hand. Once that threat was eliminated, he called for help, he told the jury.

"I screamed into the radio, 'We need an ambulance,'" he said.

Assistant special prosecutor Jody Gleason quickly pounced on Van Dyke's version of events during cross-examination, first challenging his account of McDonald raising the knife before being shot.

"Now you sat here for several days," Gleason said. "Where do you see that in the video?"

"The video doesn't show my perspective," answered Van Dyke, repeating a com-

mon theme of the defense throughout the trial.

Gleason then showed Van Dyke the computer animation created by the defense that was intended to show the shooting from the officer's perspective. She asked where McDonald lifted the knife in the computer-generated model. Van Dyke said the defense's own video also didn't depict what he saw.

"It's showing the back of my head and above me," Van Dyke said.

She also challenged the even more aggressive account of McDonald's actions purportedly given by Van Dyke to a detective at the scene.

Van Dyke acknowledged he spoke with a detective, but he said he could not recall what he said immediately after the shooting.

"I was still in shock," he said.

Gleason also questioned why Van Dyke didn't use the six seconds between the time he got out of his squad car and the time he opened fire to move away from McDonald or take cover behind the car.

"In that six seconds, he got a lot closer to me," Van Dyke said.

Gleason pointed out that the video showed Van Dyke took a step closer to

McDonald, despite his initial claims that he backpedaled as McDonald came closer.

"I know that now, yeah," he said. "Not intentionally. I thought I was backpedaling."

"What?" Gleason asked with a tone of incredulity.

"Miss, I thought I was backpedaling that night," Van Dyke said.

"You thought you were backpedaling as you're firing shot after shot after shot?" Gleason asked.

"What I know now and what I thought at the time are two different things," Van Dyke shot back.

Van Dyke said during his testimony that McDonald never turned his back on officers, despite prosecutors insisting he was "walking away."

"He could have made a decisive turn and walked in the opposite direction," he said. "He could have thrown that knife away and ended it all right then and there."

Gleason, the prosecutor, rephrased the question moments later.

"And you could have ended it all the minute he hit the ground, correct?" Gleason asked.

Van Dyke said he took that amount of time for him to "reassess" the situation.

"But you testified that even when you reassessed the situation, you continued to shoot him," Gleason said.

"Because to me it seemed like he was getting back up," he said.

In testimony earlier Tuesday, a defense psychologist said Van Dyke told him how as he and his partner were headed to the scene that night, Van Dyke had already wondered aloud why other officers hadn't shot McDonald after he "attacked" a squad car with a knife and punctured a tire.

Dr. Laurence Miller, a police psychologist who interviewed Van Dyke about the shooting on behalf of the officer's defense team, recounted how shortly before arriving at the scene Van Dyke told his partner, "Oh my God, we are going to have to shoot the guy."

Miller testified that he felt Van Dyke was justified in shooting McDonald, saying the officer "responded to what he perceived was a deadly threat, responded in a way based on his training, in a way that was designed to neutralize that threat as he understood it."

But while Miller's testimony helped bolster the contention that Van Dyke shot McDonald in self-defense, his recounting of what Van Dyke told his partner right before the shooting could be damaging to the defense's case, especially if the jury determines that Van Dyke made up his mind to shoot before even arriving at the scene.

During cross-examination Tuesday, Van Dyke did not deny making the comments to Walsh, his partner that night.

"I thought the officers were under attack," Van Dyke said "... The whole thing was just shocking to me."

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One-lane bridge reopens in Long Grove after crash

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More than two months after an oversized truck severely damaged Long Grove's historic one-lane bridge, officials received the clearance to reopen it to traffic.

But motorists and pedestrians likely will notice a signature piece of the bridge missing when traveling past it on Robert Parker Coffin Road.

Although temporary supports and new traveling restrictions remain in effect, the one-lane covered bridge in Long Grove is missing its cover, which was removed on Sept. 7 following the one-vehicle crash on June 27.

Engineers and state inspectors determined the



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The one-lane bridge in Long Grove was closed to traffic during the village's recent Apple Fest in late September.

rest of the bridge was structurally sound enough to be reopened to traffic, but the cover requires extensive repairs after the crash knocked the timber roof off its western end and all of the lateral bracing to the span, village officials said

recently. But the sight of the bridge reopening to traffic is a welcomed one to many of the small shop owners in downtown Long Grove — even if it temporarily doesn't include its cover, said Laurie Wilhoit, mar-

keting and communications manager for the Historic Downtown Long Grove Business Association.

"Businesses really suffered when the bridge was closed," Wilhoit said. "It was very odd not seeing the bridge without a top on it. I've only seen it with a top."

During a meeting Sept. 25, the Long Grove Board Village Board approved a proposal to reduce the height of a temporary overhead barrier that has been in place over the historic bridge since the crash happened.

Board members voted to reduce the barrier's height to 8 feet, 6 inches to try and discourage drivers of oversized trucks from using the bridge while work to fully restore the bridge continues, said Village Manager

David Lothspeich.

The height restriction also requires approval from the Illinois Department of Transportation, which inspected the bridge last month and gave officials the OK to reopen it without the cover, Lothspeich said.

Village officials, though, did increase the weight limit on vehicles traveling over the bridge from 3 tons to 4 tons.

Village President Bill Jacob and Lothspeich both said the increase still prohibits large commercial trucks and buses from passing through the one-lane bridge, but it would allow for the passage of SUVs.

"Many of today's SUVs hit that pound range, so you don't want to ticket families and so forth for using the bridge," Jacob said.

The minimum fine for exceeding the new height and weight limits is \$750, Long Grove officials said.

With the bridge reopened but the cover gone, officials now will start the process of figuring out how to replace the bridge's cover, Lothspeich said.

The extensive roof rebuild could take up to nine months, he said.

"No other structural damage has been determined to the bridge — other than its roof," Lothspeich said.

Village officials started brainstorming different possibilities for rebuilding the one-lane bridge days after the crash left the bridge in tatters.

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Boy, his dad and boyhood pal killed by car fleeing police

BY MADELINE BUCKLEY AND WILLIAM LEE
Chicago Tribune

Lifelong friends Chrishawn Turner and Antonio Cowan grew up together and ran the rough streets of Englewood as boys, but they led separate lives as adults.

Turner moved to Gary, where he got engaged and had two young children, son Cabari, 3, and daughter Shamari, 2.

Cowan stayed in the old neighborhood and worked two fast-food jobs, sometimes with double shifts, to support his large family, including his mother, a younger brother in college and a girlfriend.

On Monday, Turner planned to be in the old neighborhood with his children and made plans to reconnect with his old friend, who had a rare night off, according to families for both men.

They were in a car together, Turner's children in the back seat, when a driver fleeing police ran a red light and slammed into them.

Cowan and Turner were killed and Cabari was thrown from the back seat, authorities said. The boy died at Comer Children's Hospital. Turner's daughter, who was in a child seat behind Cowan, was not injured but was taken to a hospital for observation, according to her grandmother.

"It's a bitter pill to swallow right now," said James White, Cowan's uncle.

Chicago police officers in a marked vehicle had spotted a 2013 Ford Fusion speeding erratically east on 69th Street around 7 p.m., police said. The officers turned on their lights and sirens and followed, but turned off the emergency lights and stopped following the car before the crash, police said in a statement.

Minutes later, police say, the fleeing car sped through a red light in the 6900 block of South Loomis Boulevard and struck Turner's 2009 Ford Fusion. Both cars then slammed into two other vehicles: a 2015 Nissan Pathfinder driven by a 43-year-old woman, and a 2015 Chevrolet Cruze carrying a 30-year-old man, a 26-year-old woman and a 6-year-old boy.

The driver of the fleeing car got out and ran away, police said. A gun was recovered from the car.

A day after the collision, relatives tried to make sense of the tragedy and some questioned the police pursuit that led to the crash.

"Everybody loved Chrishawn, everybody," his mother, Cynthia Turner, told the Tribune by telephone Tuesday. She said she spoke with her son hours before the crash and heard of his plans to hang out with Cowan.

"I think they were going

to the store and that's when it just 'Woosh!'" she said, referring to the collision.

Turner remembered her son as a sweet, good-natured man who, despite some legal troubles as a young man, cleaned up his act after he moved from Chicago. "He had changed his life around. He's a Christian. He's a member of Sweet Holy Spirit (Church)," she said. "He had moved to Gary, Ind., to try to build a life with his fiancée and his two children."

Turner went by the nickname of Smiley "because he smiled all the time. He always hugs people and tells everybody he loves them. So his little boy was the same exact way."

Cowan, who also had some early legal scrapes, also turned his life over to his family, his uncle said. "He was working, doing everything you're supposed to do as far as being a productive citizen," White said.

The middle of five children, Cowan had grown into an adult doing what was needed to support his family and even his neighbors. "He cut grass for his whole block. And if they didn't have money, he did it for free," White said.

Cowan had thought about not hanging out with his old friend Turner on Monday night but changed his mind, his family said. "At first he said he wasn't going to go out, but he went out just to see his friend because he hadn't seen him in a while," White said.

White added that his family wants details about how the fatal crash occurred and whether police really ended the pursuit.

A spokesman for police Superintendent Eddie Johnson said that while his department's Major Accident Investigation Unit continues its probe, police have also asked that the Civilian Office of Police Accountability conduct an "independent external investigation" into the events that led up to the crash. The spokesman added that in addition to the gun, police found shell casings, indicating the weapon had been recently fired.

"The law says they need to stop when there's danger," White said. "And from the looks of the car that hit my nephew, that car seems like it was at a high speed."

Cynthia Turner said she hopes the driver who escaped will be brought to justice, adding that her family's pain is only beginning.

"My son and my grandson are gone," she said. "And that's tragic because me and my family are going to have to deal with that. Plus their birthdays are coming up in December."

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Motive behind attacks still mystery

Rogers Park, from Page 1

core values and the Police Department needs those core values at this time."

Chicago police said Watts and Moscowitz did not appear to know each other. Police have not found a motive behind the attacks. Nothing was taken from the victims during the shootings.

"Given the frequency of these homicides and what we know about the investigations, detectives have been working aggressively to cultivate leads," police Superintendent Eddie Johnson said.

Asked whether police were investigating the shootings as a possible hate crime because Watts was gay and Moscowitz an observant Jew, Johnson said it was too early to rule anything out.

A surveillance video of the suspect in the first attack showed a man wearing black pants and a black jacket with a hat and scarf pulled over most of his face.

As news spread about the shootings, residents of Rogers Park organized vigils, community events and even the start of a new block club.

Reading on Facebook that some residents were too scared to walk by themselves to the grocery store, Maciej Radzik offered to drive people there in his car.

Radzik, who has lived in the neighborhood since 2011, said he is frightened by the recent violence but is trying not to let it get to him.

"These are places that I walk by, I walk through," Radzik, 45, said. "You're trying to enjoy the neighborhood and make it better and you read about stuff like this."

In other attempts to create safety in numbers, some Rogers Park residents are organizing groups to walk dogs together.

To help residents feel safe, police will be increasing patrols, saturating the lakefront and surrounding areas in Rogers Park with officers, including those on bicycle patrol.

Loyola campus police also issued an alert to students and faculty warning "the offender in these murder investigations is an ongoing threat to the campus area," even though the attacks did not happen within the school's boundaries.

While some residents lamented that neighborhood safety has gotten worse in recent years, Grace Hussar, 34, said she continues to feel safe in her neighborhood and encouraged people to remain out and about despite the recent violence.

She organized an event Tuesday at Loyola Park for neighbors to come together, meet one another and talk about the shootings.

"When you walk around the neighborhood over the last couple of days, everyone seems on edge. No one is lingering," she said. "There's like this air of panic because nobody knows who did it."

At the gathering, residents passed out flyers depicting a shooting suspect as Chicago police officers walked through the park.

Long considered one of Chicago's most diverse



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Friends gather Tuesday to remember Elyahu Moscowitz the night after he was fatally shot in Rogers Park.

neighborhoods, Rogers Park is a popular destination for new immigrants from Africa, central Asia, the Middle East and other parts of the world. It's also home to Loyola University Chicago.

The neighborhood is far from Chicago's most violent communities, though the Rogers Park police district — which covers the community itself as well as neighboring West Rogers Park and a part of Edgewater — has seen a slight jump in homicides over the last year.

Through September, and not counting Moscowitz's slaying, the district had seven homicides compared to five last year, according to official Police Department statistics. Through the same time period, shooting incidents also jumped to 26 from 18, the department said. But shooting incidents in the district were still down by double digits when compared to the same periods in 2015, 2014 and 2013, the statistics show.

Aggravated battery crimes, however, have increased by 32 percent this year in the district, up from 68 to 90, according to the statistics through September.

Typically, much of the violence in Rogers Park stems from protracted gang feuds that erupt, many of them occurring within several blocks of the CTA Red Line station at Howard Street and along blocks that surround the Red Line stop at Morse Avenue.

Both men, though, were shot in the eastern part of the neighborhood. Watts was killed in the 1400 block of West Sherwin Avenue, and Moscowitz was slain south of Loyola Park on the 1100 block of West Lunt Avenue.

On Sept. 2, a doctoral student at Northwestern University was killed by apparent stray gunfire in the neighborhood while walking toward the Howard "L" station. Shane Colombo, 25, was fatally struck by gunfire near Howard and Clark streets — about a mile and a half from where Moscowitz was found dead Monday night — when two men began shooting each other.

Almost exactly a year ago, 64-year-old Cynthia Trevillion, a teacher at Waldorf School in Rogers Park, was shot and killed Oct. 13 while walking with her husband to the Morse "L" station. Police have said that she was not the intended target of that shooting.

Ald. Joe Moore, 49th,

who lives about a block and a half from where Watts was killed, said he could see why people are on edge.

"Obviously people are very concerned, understandably, and frightened," Moore said. "This is not something that is a common everyday occurrence in our neighborhood."

At Tuesday's news conference, Emanuel expressed condolences to the victims, though he hadn't been able to reach both families.

Moscowitz, who supervised a kosher kitchen at a Jewel-Osco store, was fatally shot on the evening of Simchat Torah, a Jewish holiday that celebrates reading the final chapter of the Torah before restarting the scroll. His family would not use technology during the holiday, so Emanuel said it wasn't appropriate to call them yet.

When Moscowitz wasn't working at the Jewel, he was an avid gamer in Chicago's Pokemon Go community, said his friend Angela Kallies.

She said she was with Moscowitz just two hours before the shooting, hanging out with a group of friends playing Pokemon in Rogers Park by West Pratt and North Ridge boulevards.

"He was standing there laughing, playing with my son," Kallies said. "He was so nice, so friendly and never turned anyone down."

Moscowitz liked to wear bright T-shirts in red or orange and could often be seen riding his bike along the trail by Loyola Park, a popular area to find the game's characters, Kallies said.

Another friend from the Pokemon Go group, Chris Hart, said Moscowitz was kind and generous and approached the game with a spirit of cooperation.

Watts was steps from the home where he lived with his husband and mother-in-law on Sunday when he was returning from a walk with his two small dogs. Some witnesses saw the man dressed in all black approach Watts and shoot him in the head.

Watts married his husband in 2015 following a civil union ceremony in 2011, according to a friend, Kirk Williamson.

"He's the nicest, sweetest guy in the world, and I want to do what I can to help," Williamson said.

Police are asking anyone with information about the shootings to call detectives at 312-744-8200 or submit an anonymous tip online at www.cpdtp.com.

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Presidential emergency alert system test set for Wednesday

By ESE OLUMHENSE
Chicago Tribune

Expect phones across the country to be simultaneously alerted just before 1:20 p.m. on Wednesday, when federal officials conduct the first-ever test of the country's emergency communications system with a presidential alert.

The alert will be a joint test of the Wireless Emergency Alert system and the Emergency Alert System, and commence at 1:18 p.m., according to a news release from state officials.

The nationwide test, a joint effort of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Communications Commission, will use the same tone and vibration as tornado warning and AMBER Alert warnings. "Users cannot opt out of receiving the (Wireless Emergency Alert)

test," notes FEMA.

The test originally had been scheduled for Sept. 20, but was postponed to Wednesday, its backup date, because of Hurricane Florence. According to FEMA, the Wireless Emergency Alert test message will have a header that reads "Presidential Alert" and text reading: "THIS IS A TEST of the National Wireless Emergency Alert System. No action is needed."

While the system was set up following an executive order signed in 2006 by President George W. Bush, the announcement last month that the test would be sent sparked some controversy, triggering the specter for some of President Donald Trump using the alerts the way he does Twitter. But that idea was dismissed by federal officials, who say the system has safeguards in place and

is intended to notify Americans in hazardous situations including terrorism, war, or natural disasters.

"The test is intended to ensure public safety officials have the methods and systems to deliver urgent warnings and alerts to the public in times of an emergency or disaster," said Acting Illinois Emergency Management Agency Director William Robertson.

While the Emergency Alert System has been tested before, the Wednesday test will be the first time the nationwide Wireless Emergency Alert system will be tested.

Cell phones that are turned on and within the range of an active cell tower are expected to receive the message. Some older phones, officials said, may not get the message.

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Restaurant plan could fill old Nichols Library in Naperville

BY ERIN HEGARTY
Naperville Sun

Owners of Naperville's old Nichols Library say they expect to have a restaurant locked down in the next two weeks to occupy the 120-year-old landmark building, which is undergoing renovation work.

"We have a restaurant that we are very far down the road with, and they are not in the area at all," said Christina Caton Kitchel, director of leasing for Caton Commer-

cial Real Estate. "We hope to have them secured within the next two weeks and then we'll be happy to have a joyous announcement once we get that all inked."

The library building is being incorporated into plans for Central Park Place, a commercial and residential development at 110 S. Washington St., which Thursday received final architectural plan approval from the Naperville Historic Preservation Commission. In May, the commission signed off

on initial plans, which call for the four-story development to wrap around the historic library.

Workers have spent the spring and summer demolishing an addition on the south side of the library, filling in the library's basement with concrete to help prevent flooding and doing work on the library's windows and the front door of the building, among other things.

Members of the Save Old Nichols Library group,

which fought to preserve the building and was critical of initial development plans, had mostly praise for the property owners at the commission meeting. "So far it looks like you're being very meticulous — the cleaning of the brick, it all looks absolutely wonderful," said Gail Diedrichsen speaking for the preservation group. "And we're thrilled that the old building of course is being saved."

Diedrichsen also complimented the building's new

slate roof.

The property owners said they are working with pre-casting and excavation companies and hope to have building permits in hand before the end of this year. Developers do not plan on seeking any variances for the project.

Central Park Place is projected to cost \$21 million and includes first-floor retail and commercial space, 21 condominiums on the upper three floors and underground residential parking. The original

library structure is undergoing restoration and will be made ADA accessible.

Parking will include 28 spaces in the garage and another 14 along the alley. Plans also include a rooftop garden for residents' use.

Naperville City Council members made the old Nichols Library a city landmark in September 2017. The local landmark status prevents the owners from making any alteration to the building's main facade without city approval.

Gary man charged in Walmart shooting

BY BECKY JACOBS
Post-Tribune

A Gary man charged with attempted murder from a shooting Sunday outside Walmart in Hobart remained at large Tuesday, police said.

Hobart police announced charges against Alex Cordell Hughes, 26, Tuesday at a press conference held at the police department stemming from the shooting at Walmart on U.S. 30 that left a 25-year-old man and his 9-year-old son injured.

"This senseless shooting was a result of an ongoing gang dispute between two gang factions in Gary," Lt. James Gonzales, police spokesman, said.

Hughes was charged Tuesday in Lake Superior Court with two counts of attempted murder and one count each of aggravated battery and criminal gang activity, all felonies, court records show.

The 9-year-old victim remained in critical condition Tuesday evening, Gonzales said. Details of boy's injuries and prognosis were not released due to privacy concerns, according to Gonzales.

"I would like the 9-year-old victim's family to know that they are in our prayers and thoughts daily and we pray for his full recovery," Gonzales said.

The 25-year-old was in stable condition, and he was shot both legs, the back and abdomen, Gonzales said.

Hughes was not in custody Tuesday evening, but police were "actively searching for him," according to Gonzales.

"It is in Mr. Hughes' best interest to turn himself in to local, county or state law enforcement," Gonzales said.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Nick Wardrip at nwardrip@cityofhobart.org or call 219-942-4900.

Hughes was the only person charged as of Tuesday evening in connection with the shooting, but Gonzales said "this is still a fluid investigation."

On Sunday evening, the 25-year-old victim was at Walmart with four other people, while Hughes was at the store with a female, police said. Detectives determined from surveillance video that Hughes and the 25-year-old victim noticed each other inside the store, Gonzales said.

Both groups left the store, and a witness said Hughes got a gun from his vehicle and shots were fired toward the 25-year-old man and the people with him, Gonzales said. A friend of the victim returned fire, according to Gonzales.

The 25-year-old victim retreated toward Walmart as Hughes pursued him, and video showed the victim crawling on the ground near the entrance before Hughes fled on foot, Gonzales said.

Hobart police were called around 7:30 p.m. to the Walmart for an "active shooter," Gonzales said.

"Our officers arrived within a minute of the call and within three minutes, they had a team officers starting a response to an active shooter situation by conducting an interior sweep of the building," Gonzales said.

Gonzales thanked patrons who stayed at the scene Sunday night and provided statements to law enforcement.

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Accusers' lawyers question FBI

Thoroughness of Kavanaugh investigation at issue as GOP leaders seek swift resolution

BY ALAN FRAM,
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Lawyers for two women accusing Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh of sexual misconduct say they fear the FBI is not conducting a thorough investigation, as Republican leaders steer toward a decisive vote on the nomination this week.

Attorneys for Christine Blasey Ford, who says she was sexually assaulted by Kavanaugh at a party when they were teenagers, wrote a letter to FBI Director Christopher Wray asking why the FBI hasn't contacted their client after she offered to cooperate in the FBI's reopened background investigation of Kavanaugh.

Also Tuesday, an attorney for another accuser, Deborah Ramirez, said he's seen no indication that the FBI has reached out to any of the 20 people Ramirez told them may be able to corroborate her account that Kavanaugh exposed himself to her when they were Yale freshmen. The attorney, John Clune, said Ramirez was interviewed by the FBI on Sunday and provided agents with the witnesses' contact numbers.

Clune said he is concerned that the bureau "is not conducting — or not being permitted to conduct — a serious investigation."

Demonstrating that the investigation is credible is crucial as the White House

and Senate Republican leadership look to win the support of several wavering senators who will determine whether the 53-year-old conservative judge is confirmed to the lifetime post.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell told reporters that "I can tell you with certainty" that the FBI report will be finished and the Senate will vote this week, though he didn't specify when. Underscoring the GOP effort to vote on Kavanaugh quickly, he said "it shouldn't take long" for lawmakers to read the report.

"That will not be used as another reason for delay. I can tell you that," he said. Because of procedural steps, a final confirmation vote was unlikely until late in the week, perhaps over the weekend.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said he wants senators to receive an FBI briefing on its findings at least 24 hours before the chamber takes its first procedural vote on Kavanaugh, which could be midweek.

McConnell has denounced Democrats, who have questioned Kavanaugh's truthfulness and temperament, for hurling "mud and muck" at the judge.

A comment by President Donald Trump, who nominated Kavanaugh, spotlighted the gulf between #MeToo-era voters who've rallied against sexual abuse and conservatives who say the nominee is entitled to a



A protester holds a sign during a rally against Brett Kavanaugh on Monday in Boston. MARY SCHWALM/AP



Ramirez Ford

presumption of innocence against uncorroborated allegations.

"It's a very scary time for young men in America when you can be guilty of something that you may not be guilty of," Trump said Tuesday at the White House.

When Trump ordered the FBI investigation last week under pressure from a handful of Senate Republicans, he set a deadline of this Friday for the probe's completion.

Details were scant about precisely who the FBI was interviewing and the scope

of the probe, but agents are known to have interviewed at least four people.

They include Mark Judge, who Ford has said was in the bedroom where, she says, a drunken Kavanaugh sexually attacked her at a 1982 high school gathering. Also interviewed were two other people Ford said were present but in a different room: Patrick "P.J." Smyth and Leland Keyser. Judge, Smyth and Keyser say they don't recall the incident described by Ford.

Kavanaugh has denied the accusations by Ford and Ramirez and those by a third woman, Julie Swetnick, who has alleged she was victimized at a party attended by Kavanaugh friends.

McConnell singled out Swetnick's accusations, for which he said "there conveniently happened to be

zero witnesses." She is represented by Michael Avenatti, whom McConnell called a "tabloid lawyer."

In an unprecedented move, Republicans on the Judiciary Committee released an explicit statement that purports to describe the sexual preferences of Swetnick.

The statement was from Dennis Ketterer, a former Democratic congressional candidate and television meteorologist who said he was involved in a brief relationship with her in 1993 that he described as including "physical contact" but no intercourse.

Swetnick said last week in an affidavit that Kavanaugh was present at a house party in 1982 where she alleges she was the victim of a gang rape, a claim he denies.

In his statement, Ketterer said Swetnick once

told him that she sometimes enjoyed group sex with multiple men and had first engaged in it during high school. Ketterer said Swetnick "never said anything about being sexually assaulted, raped, gang-raped or having sex against her will" and "never mentioned Brett Kavanaugh in any capacity."

It was unusual for a congressional committee to release a statement that included such explicit and unconfirmed details about a member of the public. The Republican side of the panel, which said the statement was provided by Ketterer "under penalty of felony," emailed excerpts to journalists and posted the full statement on its website.

Avenatti called the statement "bogus and outrageous."

Also, a report released Tuesday by police in New Haven, Conn., says Kavanaugh was accused of throwing ice at a man during an altercation at a bar while in college. It comes as Democrats have questioned whether he has been forthcoming about his drinking habits in his youth.

Kavanaugh was questioned after the 1985 altercation but wasn't arrested.

The report says 21-year-old Dom Cozzolino told police that Kavanaugh threw ice at him for "some unknown reason." Cozzolino said he then got hit on the ear with a glass.

The White House said Kavanaugh wasn't arrested or charged, and mocked the incident as irrelevant.

Washington Post contributed.

Death toll tops 1,200 in Indonesia disaster

BY NINIEK KARMINI
AND STEPHEN WRIGHT
Associated Press

PALU, Indonesia — Trucks carrying food for desperate survivors of the earthquake on Indonesia's Sulawesi island rolled in with a police escort Tuesday to guard against looters, while the death toll from the disaster soared past 1,200.

Four days after the magnitude 7.5 earthquake and tsunami struck, supplies of food, water, fuel and medicine had yet to reach the hardest-hit areas outside Palu, the largest city that was heavily damaged. Many roads in the earthquake zone are blocked and communications lines are down.

"We feel like we are stepchildren here because all the help is going to Palu," said Mohamad Taufik, 38, from the town of Donggala, where five of his relatives are missing. "There are many young children here who are hungry and sick, but there is no milk or medicine."

The death toll reached 1,234, national disaster agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho said in Jakarta, the capital. Hundreds



A stranded ship, debris and mangled power lines Tuesday illustrate the destruction in Donggala, Indonesia. ULET IFANSASTI/GETTY

of other people were injured, and scores of uncounted bodies could still be buried in collapsed buildings in Sigi and Balaroa under quicksand-like mud caused by Friday's quake.

The U.N. humanitarian office reported that "needs are vast," with people urgently requiring shelter, clean water, food, fuel and emergency medical care.

Water is the main issue because most of the supply infrastructure has been damaged, U.N. deputy spokesman Farhan Haq told reporters at U.N. headquarters in New York.

More than 25 countries

offered assistance after Indonesian President Joko Widodo appealed for international help. Little of that, however, has reached the disaster zone, and increasingly desperate residents grabbed food and fuel from damaged stores and begged for help.

Haq said the government is coordinating emergency efforts, and U.N. and relief agencies are on the ground or en route. He said the agencies are working with the government to provide technical support.

An aircraft carrying 3,170 gallons of fuel had arrived, and trucks with food were on the way with police



Police distribute chickens to quake survivors Tuesday outside a makeshift camp in Palu. JEWEL SAMAD/GETTY-APP

escorts to guard against looters. Many gas stations were inoperable either because of quake damage or from people stealing fuel, Nugroho said.

The frustration of waiting for days without help has angered some survivors.

"Pay attention to Donggala, Mr. Jokowi. Pay attention to Donggala," yelled one resident in a video broadcast on local TV, referring to the president. "There are still a lot of unattended villages here."

The town's administrative head, Kasman Lassa, all but gave residents permission to take food — but nothing else — from stores.

"Everyone is hungry and they want to eat after several days of not eating," Lassa said on local TV. "We have anticipated it by providing food, rice, but it was not enough. There are many people here. So, on this issue, we cannot pressure them to hold much longer."

Nearly 62,000 people have been displaced from their homes, Nugroho said.

Most of the attention has been focused on Palu, which has 380,000 people and is easier to reach than other hard-hit areas.

More aid was being distributed, but "we still need more time to take care of all the problems," Nugroho

said.

Teams continued searching for survivors under destroyed homes and buildings, including a collapsed eight-story hotel in Palu.

Many people were believed trapped under shattered houses in the Palu neighborhood of Balaroa, where the earthquake caused the ground to heave up and down violently.

Indonesia is frequently struck by earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and tsunamis because of its location on the "Ring of Fire," an arc of volcanoes and fault lines in the Pacific Basin. A quake on the island of Lombok killed 505 in August.

4 white supremacists arrested over 2017 Charlottesville rally

BY DENISE LAVOIE AND
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Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Four members of a militant white supremacist group from California have been arrested on charges they traveled to Virginia last year to incite a riot and attack counterprotesters at a white nationalist rally that turned deadly, federal authorities said Tuesday.

The defendants — Benjamin Drake Daley, Thomas Walter Gillen, Michael Paul

Miselis and Cole Evan White — are part of the Rise Above Movement, which espouses anti-Semitic views and meets regularly in public parks to train in boxing and other fighting techniques, according to an affidavit written by an FBI agent.

The affidavit alleges the four were "among the most violent individuals present in Charlottesville" in August of last year during a torch-lit march on the University of Virginia campus and a larger rally in down-



U.S. Attorney Thomas Cullen announces the arrests in Charlottesville, Va. THE DAILY PROGRESS

town the following day. It says photos and video footage shows they attacked counterprotesters, "which in some cases resulted in

serious injuries."

All four men were arrested Tuesday morning, U.S. Attorney Thomas Cullen said at a news conference in Charlottesville.

Cullen said each defendant faces a maximum of 10 years in prison if convicted on the two counts they each face: traveling to incite riots and conspiracy to riot. However, defendants often get less than the maximum under federal sentencing guidelines.

The arrests come more than a year after hundreds

of white nationalists descended on Charlottesville in part to protest the planned removal of a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

Clashes first erupted Aug. 11, 2017, as a crowd of white nationalists marching through the University of Virginia campus carrying torches and chanting racist slogans encountered a small group of counterprotesters.

The following day, more violence broke out between counterprotesters and attendees of the "Unite the

Right" rally, which was believed to be the largest gathering of white nationalists in at least a decade.

About two hours after authorities forced the rally to disband, a woman was killed when a car prosecutors say was driven by a man fascinated by Adolf Hitler plowed into a crowd of peaceful counterprotesters. The death toll rose to three when a state police helicopter that had been monitoring the event crashed, killing two troopers.

ICE orders immigrants to court, but dates fake

BY DIANNE SOLIS
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Santos Monroy, Raymundo Olmedo and more than a dozen other immigrants reported for Dallas court hearings on their deportation cases last month only to be turned away.

They had been ordered to be in court by Immigration and Customs Enforcement. But their notices to appear were greeted by court staffers who matter-of-factly called them “fake dates.”

Their names weren't on judges' dockets. “We've got fake dates,” a security guard said as about two dozen immigrants clustered near a court filing window.

The orders to appear are not fake, but ICE apparently never coordinated or cleared the dates with the immigration courts.

It's a phenomenon that appears to be popping up around the nation, with reports of “fake dates” or “dummy dates” in Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, Miami and San Diego.

Some immigrants have even been given documents ordering them to be in court at midnight, on weekends and on a date that doesn't exist: Sept. 31.

The result, immigrant advocates say, is more “chaos” in the heavily backlogged immigration court

system.

The immigrants turned away in the Dallas court had been detained Aug. 28 at a raid at a trailer factory in Summer, about 100 miles northeast of Dallas. The raid was described by ICE as one of the largest such operations at a single workplace in a decade. As is often the case, most immigrants were released while awaiting administrative hearings before a judge.

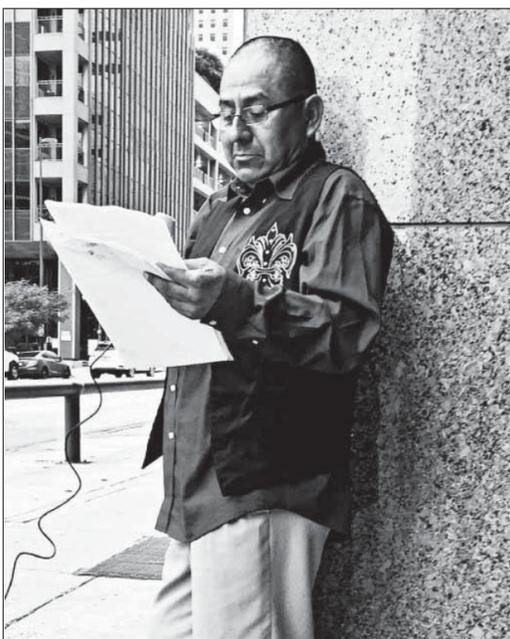
Last month, after they showed up without being expected by the courts, a court clerk collected their notices to appear, the charging document usually prepared by ICE, and they were told to fill out another form and were sent away with instructions to call a phone number regularly to eventually learn their real court date.

“It's a madhouse,” said Dalila Reynoso, a church worker who has been helping workers and their families since the raid.

An ICE spokesman referred questions to the Justice Department's agency overseeing the courts.

A spokeswoman for that agency referred questions to the Department of Homeland Security, which oversees ICE.

ICE spokesman Tim Oberle said the court agency, known as the Executive Office for Immigration Review, “is responsible



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Raymundo Olmedo was ordered by ICE to appear in court Sept. 13, but he wasn't on the docket.

for setting and resetting appearance dates upon receipt of a notice to appear filed by ICE and other “components” of Homeland Security.

Neither ICE nor the court agency offered an explanation for the confusion.

Monroy, who worked at the trailer company six years to support his wife and four children, said he

has to keep calling for his next court date. Since the raid, he said, he's had trouble sleeping as he worries about his legal status and how he'll pay his bills.

“I am always thinking of what will happen tomorrow,” said Monroy, who was born in Mexico.

The nation's immigration courts are overloaded. About 750,000 cases are waiting to be resolved. The

courts have not yet moved to a national electronic filing system and lawyers still prepare filings on paper.

In July, the court agency began a pilot electronic filing system in San Diego with a goal of going national in 2019.

The fake dates are aggravating problems in the overburdened courts.

Dallas immigration attorney Daniel Stewart and other attorneys say the federal government to put real dates and places on the orders.

In the past, many notices to appear didn't contain an actual date or places for immigrants to appear in court. The Supreme Court intervened and ordered the federal government to put real dates and places on the orders.

In the Supreme Court case, a Brazilian immigrant, Wesley Fonseca Pereira, was given a notice to appear without a date and place. The court ruled that a valid notice to appear must include that information.

“Given today's advanced software capabilities, it is hard to imagine why DHS and immigration courts could not again work together to schedule hearings before sending notices to appear,” Justice Sonia Sotomayor wrote.

Stewart said the delays

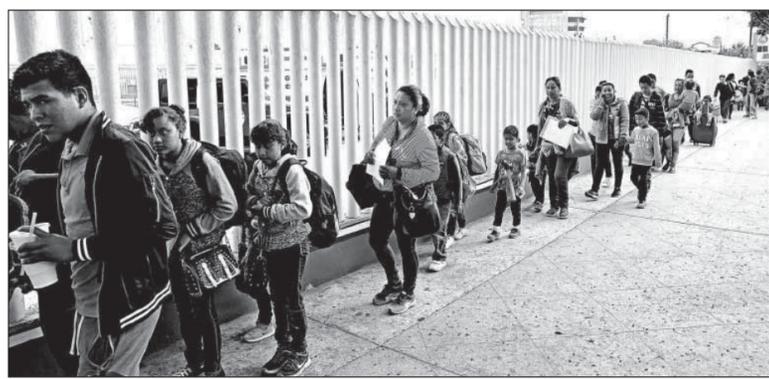
could end up favoring the immigrants.

“It always helps to have enough time to come in with a strong case on your hearing,” Stewart said. That's especially important because of new policies handed down by Attorney General Jeff Sessions, who oversees the civil immigration courts and wants to curtail the use of continuances.

In Los Angeles, immigration attorney Merlyn Hernandez said she has had “fake dates” for some of her clients and has heard about them from attorneys around the nation.

In Chicago, Ashley Huebner, associate director of legal services at the National Immigrant Justice Center, said she has seen “dozens and dozens” of immigrants with “dummy dates” on their notices to appear. “Some traveled as far as Kentucky, and found out either they were not in court proceedings at all or the date they received to come was completely erroneously,” Huebner said.

“The immigration court system is confusing enough on a normal day,” Huebner said. “But to have an individual who probably does not speak English, and receives a document in which DHS has purposely listed a fake date and time is a real different level of confusion and absurdity.”



GREGORY BULL/AP

Asylum-seekers line up in July to enter the U.S. near the port of entry in Tijuana, Mexico.

Watchdog: U.S. unprepared for ‘zero tolerance’ policy

BY COLLEEN LONG
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Immigration officials were not prepared this summer to manage the consequences of a “zero tolerance” policy at the Southwest border, which resulted in the separation of nearly 3,000 children from their parents, Homeland Security's watchdog said in a report made public on Tuesday.

The resulting confusion along the border led to misinformation among separated parents who did not know why they had been taken from their children or how to reach them, longer detention for children at border facilities meant for short-term stays, and difficulty in identifying and reuniting families.

And backlogs at ports of entry may have pushed some into illegally crossing the U.S.-Mexico border, the report found.

While the Trump administration had been criticized for the policy, the criticism previously came mostly from political opponents and not from independent, nonpolitical investigators.

Investigators with Homeland Security's Office of the Inspector General compiled the report after speaking with about 50 immigration employees, plus 17 detainees and par-

ents who had been separated from their children and later released.

They also reviewed documents and data. Homeland Security is the umbrella department for U.S. Customs and Border Protection and Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Homeland Security officials say the report illustrates how difficult it is to enforce broken and poorly written immigration laws. The inspector general, they said, wrongly mixed up what happens to migrants caught crossing illegally between borders with migrants who come to legal ports of entry seeking asylum.

Illegally crossing the U.S. border had already been a criminal charge, but authorities had previously avoided large-scale family separation. But the Trump administration has made curbing immigration a major focus, working to harden what administration officials say are lax laws.

In May, officials began criminally prosecuting anyone caught crossing the border illegally. Children were separated from their parents as the adults went through criminal proceedings.

The move prompted international outrage and President Donald Trump eventually signed an execu-

tive order stopping the separations. A lawsuit was filed by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of parents, and a judge ordered the families reunited. That process is ongoing, though the government has said it has reunited all eligible parents with children.

Children are only supposed to be held for 72 hours before being transferred to the custody of officials with Health and Human Services, which manages the care of migrant children and must adhere to strict policies governing their welfare. But, at least one child was held for 25 days in a Border Patrol facility.

During the weeklong period of fieldwork by the inspector general's office, the average time children spent in a Border Patrol facility was 65 hours — but one child remained for 12 hours. The delay meant Border Patrol officers couldn't focus on their work.

“Instead of patrolling and securing the border, officers had to supervise and take care of children,” the report said.

Immigration officials also struggled to identify, track and reunify families because agency systems were not properly integrated, according to the report.

more harsh: 30 years in prison for failing to tell authorities about the abuse. She could be incarcerated into her 50s and miss their childhoods altogether while their abuser moved on long ago.

The state's Pardon and Parole Board recently declined to shorten the sentences of Hall and three other women with similar stories, alarming women's rights groups and bringing attention to failure-to-protect laws in Oklahoma and a few other mostly conserva-

tive states that critics say can lead to harsher punishments for abused and frightened mothers than for child abusers themselves.

“That's a pattern that we're seeing all too often,” said Megan Lambert, a staff attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union of Oklahoma, which represents Hall.

Every state has laws designed to protect children, but only six — Oklahoma, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, South Carolina and West Virginia — have fail-

Dubious tax dodges made Trumps rich, report says

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Times reported Tuesday that President Donald Trump received at least \$413 million from his father over the decades, much of that through dubious tax dodges, including outright fraud.

The 15,000-word Times report contradicts Trump's portrayal of himself as a self-made billionaire who started with just a \$1 million loan from his father.

The Times says Trump and his father, Fred Trump, avoided gift and inheritance taxes by setting up a sham corporation and undervaluing assets to tax authorities. The Times says its report is based on more than 100,000 pages of financial documents, including confidential tax returns from the father and his companies.

A lawyer for Trump, Charles Harder, told the Times there was no “fraud or tax evasion” and that the facts cited in the report are “extremely inaccurate.”

The New York state tax department told The Associated Press that it is reviewing the allegations in the Times and “is vigorously pursuing all appropriate avenues of investigation.” The department typically refers findings to the state attorney general's office.

The Times says the Trump family hid millions of dollars of transfers from the father to his children through a sham company owned by the children called All County Building Supply & Maintenance. Set up in 1992 ostensibly as a purchasing agent to supply Fred Trump's buildings with boilers, cleaning supplies and other goods, the father would pad invoices with markups of 20 percent or even 50 percent, thereby avoiding gift taxes, the newspaper reports.

The Times says that be-



PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/AP

A portrait of President Donald Trump's father, Fred Trump, sits in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington.

“Our family ... would appreciate your respecting the privacy of our deceased parents, may God rest their souls.”

—Robert Trump, brother of President Donald Trump

fore Fred Trump died in the late 1990s, he transferred ownership of most of his real estate empire to his four living children. The value of the properties in tax returns summed up to \$41.4 million, vastly less than the Times says they were worth.

The same properties would be sold off over the next decade for more than 16 times that amount.

In total, the president's father and mother transferred over \$1 billion to their children, according to the Times tally. That should have produced a tax

bill of at least \$550 million, based on a 55 percent tax on gifts and inheritance at the time.

Instead, the children paid \$52.2 million, or about 5 percent.

Tax experts cited in the report say that Trump is unlikely to face criminal prosecution in helping his parents evade taxes because the maneuvers occurred long ago and are past the statute of limitation.

The president's brother Robert Trump said that “all appropriate gift and estate tax returns” were filed. “Our family has no other comment on these matters that happened some 20 years ago,” he said in a statement to the Times, “and would appreciate your respecting the privacy of our deceased parents, may God rest their souls.”

The Times report says documents it reviewed show that the future president was earning \$200,000 a year in today's dollars at the age of 3. By the time Trump had graduated from college, the report says, he was getting the equivalent of \$1 million a year from his father.

Okla. failure-to-protect law worse for mothers than abusers, group says

BY TIM TALLEY
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — After Robert Braxton Jr. was convicted of beating his girlfriend's children, he was sentenced in 2006 to probation and two years already served in jail while awaiting trial for the abuse, which included choking, punching and breaking the femur and ribs of a 3-month-old.

The children's mother, Tondalao Hall, never was accused of hurting her kids. But her penalty was much

more harsh: 30 years in prison for failing to tell authorities about the abuse.

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tion rate, at more than twice the national average.

Former Oklahoma House Speaker Kris Steele, a member of the parole board who cast the sole vote to commute the sentences of Hall and the other three women, said two out of three women in Oklahoma prisons are victims of abuse.

Hall “was actually a victim of intimate partner violence, and yet they're treated as the offender,” said Steele, who now heads a group that supports policies that create alternatives to

prison and keep families together.

Failure-to-protect laws, like child neglect and endangerment statutes, are designed to protect vulnerable children but have unintended consequences, said Danielle Ezell, a board member for Oklahomans for Criminal Justice Reform.

The sentences break up families and force taxpayers to support the inmate and their children, said Ezell. “Maybe we're doing more harm than good.”

Physics Nobel goes to U.S., Canada, France

Scientists earn prize for revolutionary laser work, 'optical tweezers' development

BY DAVID KEYTON
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Associated Press

STOCKHOLM — Three scientists from the United States, Canada and France won the Nobel Prize in physics Tuesday for work with lasers described as revolutionary and bringing science fiction into reality.

The American, Arthur Ashkin, entered the record books of the Nobel Prizes by becoming the oldest laureate at age 96.

Donna Strickland, of the University of Waterloo in Canada, became the first woman to win a Nobel in three years and is only the third to have won the prize for physics.

Frenchman Gerard Mourou of the Ecole Polytechnique and University of Michigan will share half of the \$1 million prize with Strickland.

Ashkin, who worked at Bell Labs in New Jersey, gets the other half.

Sweden's Royal Academy of Sciences, which chose the winners, said Ashkin's development of "optical tweezers" that can grab tiny particles such as viruses without damaging them realized "an old dream of science fiction — using the

radiation pressure of light to move physical objects."

The tweezers are "extremely important for measuring small forces on individual molecules, small objects, and this has been very interesting in biology, to understand how things like muscle tissue work, what are the molecule motors behind the muscle tissue," said David Haviland of the Nobel committee.

Ashkin said he was pleasantly surprised when he got the 5 a.m. call from Sweden.

"I'm very old and had given up worrying about things like Nobel Prizes," he told The Associated Press.

Ashkin said he's currently working on solar power research at his New Jersey home.

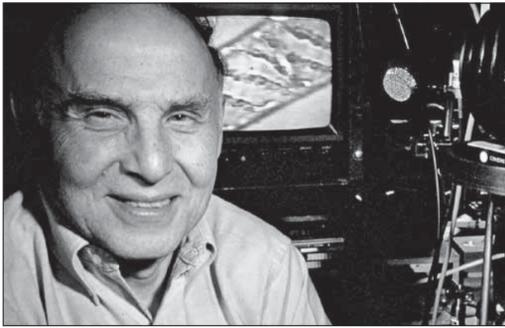
Strickland and Mourou helped develop short and intense laser pulses that have broad industrial and medical applications, including laser eye surgery and highly precise machine cutting. The academy said their 1985 article on the technique was "revolutionary."

"With the technique we have developed, laser power has been increased about a billion times, maybe even a billion," Mourou said in a video statement released by



NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Donna Strickland, of Canada, is the third woman to win the Nobel Prize in physics, and the first in 55 years.



NOKIA BELL LABS

At 96, Arthur Ashkin, of the United States (shown here in 1988), becomes the oldest Nobel laureate.

Ecole Polytechnique.

Strickland's award was the first Nobel Prize in physics to go to a woman since 1963, when it was won by Maria Goeppert-Mayer; the only other woman to win for physics was Marie

Curie in 1903.

"Obviously, we need to celebrate women physicists because we're out there. And hopefully in time, it'll start to move forward at a faster rate, maybe," Strickland said in a phone call



CHRISTOPHE ENA/AP

Gerard Mourou, of France, along with Canada's Strickland, developed a revolutionary laser technique.

with the academy after the prize announcement.

"I just find the whole thing surreal," she told the AP, about winning the Nobel. "I mean, I sort of went to the university thinking 'Oh, I just want to do the world's best Ph.D.' And in the end I got to do that. And now, obviously, even the whole world agrees with me that I got to do that."

Michael Moloney, CEO of the American Institute of Physics, praised all the laureates.

"It is also a personal delight to see Dr. Strickland break the 55-year hiatus since a woman has been awarded a Nobel Prize in physics, making this year's award all the more historic," Moloney said.

He credited the work of all three with "expanding

what is possible at the extremes of time, space and forms of matter."

Ashkin's tweezers can be used to hold and manipulate proteins, DNA and other biomolecules to study their mechanical properties or stimulate them, said Erwin Peterman, a physicist at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, who called the award "a great recognition for this visionary scientist who was ahead of his time."

On Monday, American James Allison and Japan's Tasuku Honjo won the Nobel medicine prize for groundbreaking work in fighting cancer with the body's own immune system.

The winner of the Nobel chemistry prize will be announced Wednesday, and the peace prize on Friday.

1960 test still gives dementia insight

Study: Subjects who did well had less mental disease

BY TARA BAHRAMPOUR
The Washington Post

In 1960, Joan Levin, 15, took a test that turned out to be the largest survey of U.S. teenagers ever conducted.

It took 2 1/2 days to administer, and included 440,000 students from 1,353 public, private and parochial high schools around the country — including Parkville Senior High School in Parkville, Md., where she was a student.

"We knew at the time that they were going to follow up for a long time," Levin said — but she thought that meant about 20 years.

Fifty-eight years later, the answers she and her peers gave are still being used by researchers — most recently in the fight against Alzheimer's Disease.

A study released last month found that subjects who did well on test questions as teenagers had a lower incidence of Alzheimer's and related dementias in their 60s and 70s than those who scored poorly.

Known as Project Talent, the test was funded by the federal government, which had been concerned, given the Soviet Union's recent successful Sputnik launch, that Americans were falling behind in the space race.

Students answered questions about academics and general knowledge as well as their home life, health, aspirations and personality traits, and the test was intended to identify students with aptitude for science and engineering.

Test-takers included Janis Joplin, then a senior at Thomas Jefferson High School in Port Arthur, Texas, and Jim Morrison, then a junior at George Washington High School in Alexandria, Va.

In recent years, research-

ers have used Project Talent data for follow-up studies, including one published Sept. 7 in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Conducted by researchers at the Washington-based American Institutes for Research, the organization that originally administered the test, it compared results for over 85,000 test-takers with their 2012-2013 Medicare claims and expenditures data and found warning signs for dementia may be discernable as early as adolescence.

The study looked at how students scored on 17 areas of cognitive ability such as language, abstract reasoning, math, clerical skills, and visual and spatial prowess, and found that people with lower scores as teenagers were more prone to getting Alzheimer's and related dementias in their 60s and early 70s.

Specifically, those with lower mechanical reasoning and memory for words as teens had a higher likelihood of developing dementia in later life: Men in the lower-scoring half were 17 percent more likely, while women with lower scores were 16 percent more likely. Worse performance on other components of the test also showed increased likelihood of later-life dementia.

An estimated 5.7 million Americans have Alzheimer's, and in the absence of scientific breakthroughs to curb the disease, the Alzheimer's Association projects that number could reach 14 million by 2050, with the cost of care topping \$1 trillion per year.

The 1960 test could have the potential to be like the groundbreaking Framingham study, a decades-long study of men in Massachusetts that led to reductions in heart disease in the 1970s, '80s and '90s, said Susan Lapham, director of Project Talent and a co-author of the JAMA study.

"If Project Talent can be



MICHAEL S. WILLIAMSON/WASHINGTON POST

Joan Levin was part of a large aptitude study in 1960 called Project Talent. Levin, holding her 1960 high school yearbook, found out that most of her scores were over 75 percent.

for dementia what the Framingham study was for heart disease, it will make a difference in public health," she said. "It indicates that we should be designing interventions for kids in high school and maybe even earlier to maybe keep their brains active from a young age."

This might include testing children, identifying those with lower scores, and "getting them into a program to make sure they're not missing out and maybe putting themselves at risk," she said.

For years, little was done with the Project Talent data because the participants couldn't be found.

A proposal in the 1980s to try to find them failed because, in that pre-internet age, the task seemed too daunting.

In 2009, as the students' 50th high school reunions were coming up, researchers decided to use the reunions as an occasion to reach out to many of them — about a quarter have died. They were then able to

use the test data to study things like the effects of diabetes and personality type on later life health.

But when contacted, the outcome participants were most interested in was dementia, Lapham said.

"They wanted that to be studied more than any other topic," she said. "They said, 'The thing I fear most is dementia.'"

While students were supposed to have received their results soon after taking the test, some students said they didn't remember getting them.

Receiving her results recently was interesting in hindsight, said Levin, a retired human resources director who is now 73 and living in Cockeysville, Md.

Most of her scores were over 75 percent, with high marks in vocabulary, abstract reasoning, and verbal memory, and lower marks in table reading and clerical tasks.

Low scores don't mean a person will necessarily get dementia; the correlation is merely associated with a

higher risk.

But even if her scores had been lower, Levin said she would want to know.

"I'm kind of a planner, and I look ahead," she said. "I'd want my daughter and her family to maybe have an idea of what to expect."

Karen Altpeter, 75, of Prescott, Wis., also said she would also probably want to know about her risk, since both her mother and grandmother had Alzheimer's.

She liked the idea that the answers she had given as a teen could help science.

"If there's any opportunity I can have to make a difference just by taking a test and answering some questions, I'll do it," she said. "I want the opportunity to make things better for people."

Earlier studies had suggested a relationship between cognitive abilities in youth and dementia in later life, including one that followed 800 nuns earlier in the 20th century and found that the complexity of sentences they used in writing personal essays at 21 corre-

lated with their dementia risk in old age.

But that study included only women, and no minorities. Project Talent's subjects reflected the nation's demographic mix in 1960.

Today, however, the country is more diverse.

The number of minorities 65 and over is projected to grow faster than the general population, and by 2060, there will be around 3.2 million Hispanics and 2.2 million African Americans with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, according to a CDC study published this week. African-Americans and Hispanics both have higher prevalence of Alzheimer's and related diseases than non-Hispanic whites.

A follow-up study underway of a smaller sample of the Project Talent pool — 22,500 people — will be weighted to reflect today's population mix and will dig more deeply into age-related brain and cognitive changes over time.

It will examine the long-term impact of school quality and school segregation on brain health, and the impact of adolescent socioeconomic disadvantage on cognitive and psychosocial resilience, with a special focus on the experiences of participants of color.

That study includes an on-paper survey of demographics, family and marriage history, residential history, educational attainment, and health status; an online survey of health, mental health and quality of life; and a detailed cognitive assessment by phone of things such as memory for words and counting backwards.

The follow-up, slated to be completed next year, is funded by the National Institutes on Aging, part of the National Institutes of Health, and conducted by AIR in conjunction with researchers from Columbia University Medical Center and the University of Southern California.

Japanese rovers show asteroid is rocky

Associated Press

TOKYO — New photos taken on the surface of an asteroid show that it is rocky.

It may be no surprise, but Japan space agency scientists and engineers are thrilled by the images being sent to Earth by two jumping robotic rovers that they dropped onto an asteroid about 170 million miles away.

The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency posted the latest photos on its website

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—Yuichi Tsuda, project manager

last week.

They show slightly tilted close-ups of the rocky surface from different locations.

"I cannot find words to express how happy I am that we were able to realize mobile exploration on the

surface of an asteroid," project manager Yuichi Tsuda said on the space agency's website.

It took more than three years for the unmanned Hayabusa2 spacecraft to reach the vicinity of asteroid Ryugu.

Last month, the craft successfully dropped a small capsule with two rovers onto its surface.

The rovers — each about the size of circular cookie tin — do not have wheels but jump around the asteroid.

Hayabusa2 is scheduled to drop a German-French lander with four observation devices onto the asteroid in October.

It later will attempt to land on the asteroid itself to collect samples to send back to researchers on Earth.



JAXA

This image captured by Rover-1B and sent to Earth shows the surface of asteroid Ryugu.

Anti-trafficking law's side effects

Decline in sex ads pushes prostitutes back on the street

By ALEXANDRA VILLARREAL
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Recent crackdowns targeting the sex-for-hire industry have reduced the number of commercial ads on the internet and helped fight online trafficking. But activists and police say the efforts may have had unintended consequences — landing women and girls back on the streets, where dangers also lurk.

The impact was almost immediate after the seizure of Backpage.com by the federal government in April and President Donald Trump's signature the same month on the Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act, a law meant to hold internet platforms accountable for facilitating sex trafficking.

The number of sex ads online plummeted by 75 percent, an indication that the law was thwarting human traffickers no longer protected by the anonymity of the internet. But sex workers and their advocates say another casualty

was the income of escorts who advertised online, along with the ability to vet clients better than on the street.

Statistics establishing a pattern are hard to come by, but police in some of the nation's biggest cities told The Associated Press they are also seeing a shift, if sometimes only in the age of the sex workers they're encountering.

"I have seen a group of fresher faces, so that would make me think that they're new to the street, maybe from the internet," said Lt. Jimmy Sides, of the San Antonio police.

Law enforcement in San Antonio arrested 296 people for prostitution between March 21, when the Sex Trafficking Act passed Congress, and Aug. 14, according to a public records request — a 58 percent increase from the same span the year before, when police made 187 arrests.

Phoenix police said they experienced a surge in street-prostitution arrests in 2018 but did not provide figures.

In Houston, levels have

remained constant, but more 14- to 17-year-olds have been working outdoors since May, said James Dale, a police captain.

Police in Sacramento, Calif., noted three street-prostitution arrests between March 21, 2017, and mid-August of that year. During the same period in 2018, they recorded 15.

Police in many big cities, including New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and Seattle, did not grant requests for interviews or data.

In March, there were about 100,000 adult services ads posted per day worldwide, according to researchers at Uncharted Software, which has monitored such ads since 2014. After the trafficking act passed Congress, that number dropped to around 76,000 ads.

Then, when Backpage shut down, numbers fell again to 25,000 ads per day.

The change was not permanent; by July, the numbers had rebounded to more than 50,000 ads per day, researchers said. Still, a fragmented market with no single replacement for



ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

Justice Rivera, left, and Laura LeMoon provide assistance to sex workers in Seattle.

Backpage will likely continue to reduce trafficking, according to counter-trafficking consultant Rob Spectre.

But on the internet, sex workers say, they were able to screen a client and check lists for "bad dates." Now, as they are funneled back onto the streets, they are at a buyer's mercy.

Kara Alexander, who lives in Florida, advertised her services on Backpage, Craigslist personals and other sites before April. When media companies closed down sections hosting adult services ads, she said, she started working on the streets.

In May, she said, a client raped her and poured alcohol in her body in an

attempt to destroy evidence. Alexander, 29, said she had faced violence while working online, but never on this scale.

"It's a different kind of danger," she said.

A sex worker who goes by Quinn and didn't want her real name used because she feared arrest and other repercussions said that in the age of the trafficking act, she hasn't been able to rack up enough jobs. Near the end of April, she started working outdoors in Boston for the first time since she was a teenager, she said.

"There's no backup plan for people like us," said Quinn, who said she was raped and beaten in August but could not afford treat-

ment.

Laura LeMoon, a sex worker and trafficking survivor who co-founded the Safe Night Access Project in Seattle to help protect street sex workers, said she has seen far more women on Seattle's strolls.

Solicitors have gotten younger, too, she said. She used to primarily serve middle-aged sex workers, she said, but now they often appear 25 or younger.

"I think definitely there's a number of girls we've seen who look pretty young," she said.

Still, even activists who acknowledge a trend of more street prostitution believe the trafficking act is better than unchecked online exploitation.

Itsy-bitsy spiders trigger 'terrifying' scare on British town

By REIS THEBAULT
The Washington Post

For months, usually around bedtime, the sound of a distant nursery rhyme would drift through a neighborhood in Ipswich, a seaside town in England.

The words were familiar: "It's raining, it's pouring; the old man is snoring."

But it wasn't soothing. And it wasn't putting anyone to sleep.

Quite the opposite. For several, the tune was the stuff of nightmares.

"It's very haunting," Ipswich resident Alice Randle said in a recent interview with London-based newspaper the Independent.

"People have said it's like something out of Freddy Krueger," Randle added, referring to the lead character in the "A Nightmare on Elm Street" horror movies.

The culprit, unmasked this month, was not Krueger nor any other horror villain sporting a spooky jukebox. It was a spider.

An investigation tracked the sound to a nearby industrial park, where a speaker system at a unit inside

blared a childlike recording of the song. The racket was an alarm system, meant to deter would-be trespassers, according to a BBC report.

The alarm was triggered by spiders scuttling across a camera linked to the system, a spokesman for the industrial park told the BBC, which also noted that the alarm system had been "very successful" at scaring off intruders.

Park employees told British reporters that they

turned the volume down after they became aware of the complaints.

Randle was apparently one of several residents who were disturbed and annoyed by the haunting tune that woke them over a period of more than a year.

The local Ipswich Star reported that residents complained to their local officials, who tracked down the eerie song's source.

One woman said she would hear the song throughout the night — sometimes just once, other

times again and again for hours.

"It was absolutely terrifying," she told the Star. "I heard it at all times of the night — 1 a.m., 2 a.m., 4 a.m. — it was sporadic, sometimes it would play once, other times it was over and over."

Another woman told the BBC that the first time she heard the song it was "the most terrifying thing ever."

"I went cold and felt sick, and thought, 'What on Earth was that?'" she said. The lyrics are more sinister

than the sing-songiness lets on. The rhyme, a version of which was published in 1912, has a rather dark conclusion:

"It's raining, it's pouring.
The old man is snoring.
He bumped his head on the wall,
And couldn't get up in the morning."

But the eight-legged ending to this story is more fitting than frightening. Behind this mysterious nursery rhyme was the protagonist of another bedtime lullaby: an itsy-bitsy spider.

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Suspicious envelopes sent to Trump, military officials

WASHINGTON — Authorities were investigating two envelopes suspected of containing a suspected poison that were addressed to top military chiefs and a third with unknown contents sent to President Donald Trump.

In a statement Tuesday evening, the Secret Service confirmed that a suspicious envelope had been sent to the president on Monday, but was not received at the White

House, nor did it ever enter the White House.

Authorities at a Pentagon mail screening facility were investigating two envelopes suspected of containing a poison, ricin, made from castor beans. Those letters were addressed to Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and the Navy's top officer, Adm. John Richardson, a defense official said.

They were turned over to the FBI for further analysis.

Seoul: North Korea estimated to have 20-60 nuclear weapons

SEOUL, South Korea — A top South Korean official told lawmakers that North Korea is estimated to have up to 60 nuclear weapons, in Seoul's first public comment about the size of the North's secrecy-clouded arsenal.

Unification Minister Cho Myoung-gyon told parliament Monday the estimates on the size of North Korea's nuclear arsenal range from 20 bombs to as many as 60.

He was responding to a question by a lawmaker, saying the information came from the intelligence authorities.

Also on Tuesday, the U.S. State Department said that Secretary of State Mike Pompeo is heading back to North Korea and will meet leader Kim Jong Un on Sunday for another round of talks aimed at getting Pyongyang to give up the regime's nuclear weapons.

Scrawny dwarf planet, named Goblin, found well past Pluto

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A scrawny dwarf planet nicknamed the Goblin has been discovered well beyond Pluto.

A round frozen world just 186 miles across, the Goblin was spotted by astronomers in 2015 around Halloween, thus its spooky name. But it wasn't publicly unveiled until Tuesday following further observations with ground telescopes.

The Goblin is officially

known as 2015 TG387 by the International Astronomical Union's Minor Planet Center.

This is the third dwarf planet recently found to be orbiting on the frigid fringes of our solar system. Goblin's orbit is extremely elongated — taking 40,000 years for it to circle the sun.

At its most distant, the Goblin is 2,300 times farther from the sun than Earth.



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Massacre anniversary: People surround an installation Tuesday in Mexico City to mark the 1968 massacre of students by soldiers in Tlatelolco plaza. It is unclear how many died; estimates range from an official count of 25 to a more recent probe that named 44.

Boris Johnson blisters May over Brexit at Tory meeting

BIRMINGHAM, England — Former British foreign secretary Boris Johnson on Tuesday excoriated Prime Minister Theresa May's road map to exiting the European Union as a sad, weak and dangerous mistake.

In a speech at the annual Conservative Party conference, Johnson blasted his fellow Tory, saying her approach is not only "politically humiliating" but "a cheat" against everyone who voted for Brexit.

The loquacious Etonian famous for his blond bird's nest of hair almost ran out of words to condemn May's

strategy for the divorce deal of the decade.

"My fellow Conservatives, this is not democracy. This is not what we voted for. This is an outrage. This is not taking back control. This is forfeiting control."

The flamboyant Johnson was the face of the Brexit campaign in the summer 2016, when citizens voted 52 to 48 percent to split from the EU.

Back then, Johnson and his allies promised that leaving the world's biggest free-trade zone would be easy, allowing London to "take back control" from

faceless bureaucrats in

Brussels, while slashing the number of immigrants and providing a windfall of cash to save Britain's financially strapped universal health care service.

But Brexit has been chaotic and costly as economists say uncertainty over future relations with Europe has slowed growth.

May's plan seeks to protect as much as possible frictionless, tariff-free trade of goods with the bloc by agreeing to follow a "common rule book" with EU regulations for safety and standards for goods, while Britain goes its own way on financial services.

4 arrested in celebrity burglaries in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles police have arrested four people for a series of burglaries that targeted the homes of celebrities, including Rihanna, Christina Milian, Dodgers star Yasiel Puig and Rams wide receiver Robert Woods.

Three men, ages 18 and

19, and one man's mother have been arrested. At a news conference Tuesday, police displayed recovered items they believe were stolen, including expensive watches, handbags, jewelry and cellphones.

Investigators say they found a list of additional targets that included Le-

bron James and actors Viola Davis and Matt Damon.

Police say the victims were chosen when their social media postings and schedules indicated they would be away from home. Woods' home was broken into last week as he played against the Minnesota Vikings at the L.A. Coliseum.

China vessel dangerously close to Navy ship, U.S. says

BELJING — A Chinese destroyer came aggressively close to a Navy ship in the South China Sea, forcing it to maneuver to prevent a collision, the U.S. Pacific Fleet said Tuesday, describing an encounter that could worsen tensions between the nations.

The Chinese warship approached the USS Decatur in an "unsafe and unprofessional maneuver" on Sunday near Gaven Reefs in the South China Sea, said Pacific Fleet Spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Tim Gorman.

It approached within 45 yards of the Decatur's bow, forcing it to maneuver, Gorman said in an emailed statement.

China claims most of the strategic waterway and has built islands on reefs and equipped them with military facilities such as airstrips, radar domes and missile systems.

Storm's toll: The number of deaths in North Carolina from Hurricane Florence rose by two, bringing the state's total to 39. The deaths announced Tuesday involved a 47-year-old man and a 69-year-old man killed during storm cleanup last month. The storm killed nine people in South Carolina and two in Virginia

Muse dies: The Texas woman who inspired the 1958 Buddy Holly song "Peggy Sue" died Monday at a Lubbock hospital. Peggy Sue Gerron Rackham was 78. In her 2008 autobiography "Whatever Happened to Peggy Sue?," Rackham wrote that she and Holly were good friends and she married a member of his band.

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EDITORIALS

Pritzker and those toilets:
A 'scheme to defraud'

Illinois voters have been hearing accusations for months now that billionaire Democratic candidate for governor J.B. Pritzker improperly pocketed tax breaks by yanking the toilets out of one of his Gold Coast mansions and declaring it uninhabitable. And they've been hearing Pritzker's explanations. He said he wasn't aware the toilets were inoperable. He said he was one of thousands of taxpayers who properly sought a property reassessment.

Cook County Inspector General Patrick Blanchard disagrees. In a newly disclosed report dated Sept. 28, Blanchard says those tax breaks — \$330,000 worth — resulted from an improper "scheme to defraud" Pritzker's fellow taxpayers.

Not an accident.

Not an oversight.

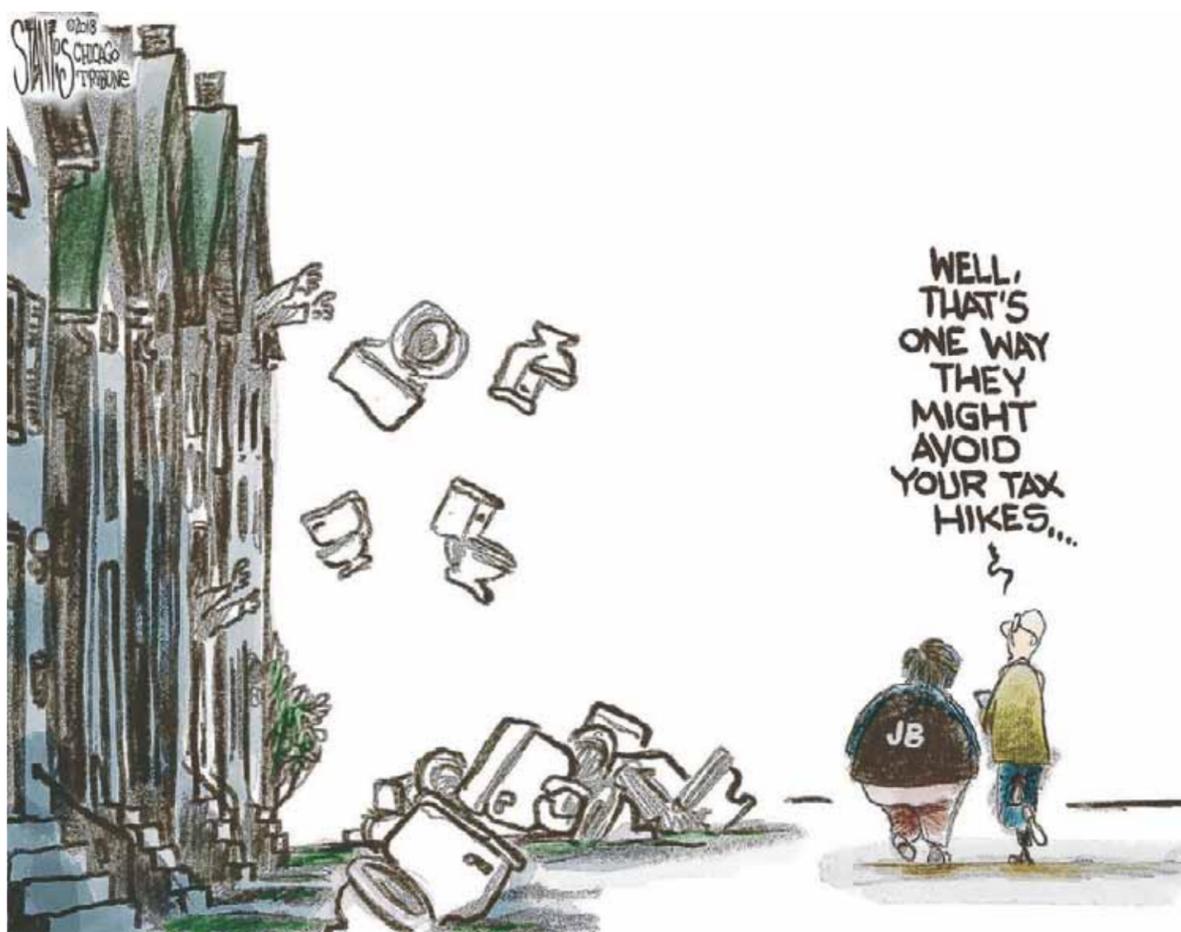
Not something to be shrugged off.

Again: A "scheme to defraud"

Here's how it allegedly worked, gleaned from a subpoenaed email between the project manager for contractor Bulley & Andrews and a vice president for F.J. Kerrigan Plumbing about the Pritzker mansion under renovation. The Oct. 5, 2015, email discusses the candidate's wife, M.K. Pritzker. "MK is now getting back into the task of cleaning up (the mansion). She is going to have the house re-assessed as an uninhabitable structure," according to the email from the project manager. "To do this, she would like to have us pull all toilets and cap all toilet lines in the house. Then after the assessment, she would like us to put the 1st Floor toilet back in and have this as the one functioning bathroom in the place (she will then be finishing out the front room for JB's hangout/meeting area)."

Days later, M.K. Pritzker's brother, Thomas Muenster, sought retroactive tax breaks from 2012 through 2014, the report says. Affidavits from Muenster and M.K. Pritzker's personal assistant, Christine Lovely, however, said the mansion was "vacant and uninhabitable" from January 2012 to mid-October 2015. But Blanchard notes in the report that the toilets were actually removed just 10 days before the affidavits were sworn on Oct. 15, 2015.

As a result of what Blanchard called "false representations" in the affidavits to Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios' office, the assessed value of the 6,378-square-foot mansion was cut from \$6.3 million to about \$1.1 million.



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What should happen now? Blanchard recommended that the assessor's office try to recover the money. He also suggested several improvements for the office, including a "veracity check" on affidavits, since the inspector Berrios' office dispatched to look at the mansion said he could not get inside to verify the conditions sworn to in the affidavits.

Surely the people of Illinois will be watching to see whether state or county law enforcement authorities take interest in the phrase "scheme to defraud."

For his part, Pritzker told reporters on

Monday that "we followed the rules"; on Tuesday his campaign said he'll pay the \$330,000. He suggested the timing of the leak of Blanchard's report was a political hit. "This is an internal, confidential document by the inspector general's office, which was looking into the assessor's office, that was leaked for political purposes in this last month of a campaign," Pritzker said.

The timing of the disclosure, however, isn't the issue here. It's the devastating substance. By echoing his months of deflections, Pritzker has presented state and county officials and Illinois voters with a

compelling question: Did the Pritzkers, in fact, "follow the rules"? Or did the Pritzkers, as the inspector general alleges, mount a "scheme to defraud"?

Here's how it would have played out, if not for Blanchard's report: Pritzker would have saved \$330,000. Which is chump change to him, we imagine, but not to most other property taxpayers in the county. And guess who'd have to make up that \$330,000? That's right: every other taxpayer in Cook County. That's how the system works. If your neighbor pays less, you and everyone else pay more.

Even if your neighbor is a billionaire.

Would the Chicago City Council
punish the Cubs?

The Chicago Cubs' unexpected swoon that led to a tiebreaker game and then a wild-card contest got us thinking about all the city businesses and workers who scramble to deal with the unpredictable every day.

These businesses, like sports teams, have limited rosters of employees available at a moment's notice. These businesses, unlike sports teams, don't often deal with mega-million-dollar payrolls and wild fan excitement. They're small restaurants, boutiques, nonprofits, child care providers, hospitals, temp agencies, security firms that cater to unique customers and face specific demands. They operate their businesses on their own terms — which includes employee scheduling — until Chicago aldermen decide in their infinite wisdom to interfere.

Enter a harebrained proposal, now in a City Council committee, to frustrate Chicago businesses. It's called the Chicago Fair Workweek Ordinance. The proposed law would require Chicago employers to post work schedules for their employees at least two weeks in advance.

If the schedule changes — or if work is added or subtracted — employers would be required to pay employees at least one hour



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Big Star in the Hotel Zachary across from Wrigley Field is one of the many businesses that could be affected by the proposed ordinance on short-notice worker schedule changes.

extra for each changed shift. Companies that fail to comply also could face fines of \$500 for each employee affected in each pay period. Employers who make changes with 24 hours' notice or less to on-call workers would be on the hook to compensate the workers.

Because as we all know, only greedy and scheming employers would want to change a work schedule.

Heaven forbid, then, if reality intrudes. If a customer changes his or her order for a service to be provided Thursday instead of the previously arranged Tuesday. Or if a

snowstorm strands someone at home and a boss has to summon a substitute.

The ordinance would affect thousands of businesses with hourly employees or salaried workers earning less than \$50,000 a year.

No, the Cubs wouldn't cancel a post-season game because they couldn't find enough ballpark workers to turn on the lights at Wrigley Field. And sure, maybe you think the owners of Chicago sports franchises can afford to pay their workers overtime.

But think about all the other businesses that aren't powerhouse franchises. Employers often are forced to adjust work schedules, sometimes day to day. It's not ideal, but it is common.

Chief sponsor Ald. John Arena, 45th, and 29 of his colleagues have signed on to this foolish, heavy-handed attempt to punish companies for last-minute changes to schedules. City businesses already deal with a higher minimum wage than the rest of the state, mandatory paid sick leave — not to mention costly day-to-day taxes, fees and regulations.

Aldermen, stop giving employers reasons to avoid, or leave, Chicago.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

The new claim is that Brett Kavanaugh's passionate defense of his reputation before the Senate last week showed that he is too political and lacks the proper judicial temperament. ...

Kavanaugh is fighting for his professional life, has been accused of being a violent drunk and gang rapist, and he is supposed to respond like he's at a Supreme Court oral argument on the separation of powers?

(Under this standard), Democrats are allowed to say anything to ruin a nominee and then disqualify that nominee because he fights back rather than withdraws.

What for Judge Kavanaugh being a partisan Republican, what else is new?

The four liberal justices on the Supreme Court are partisan Democrats.

The relevant standard for a judge is whether he can separate his legal analysis from his partisan affiliation. Judge Kavanaugh has a decadelong record of doing exactly

that on the federal bench.

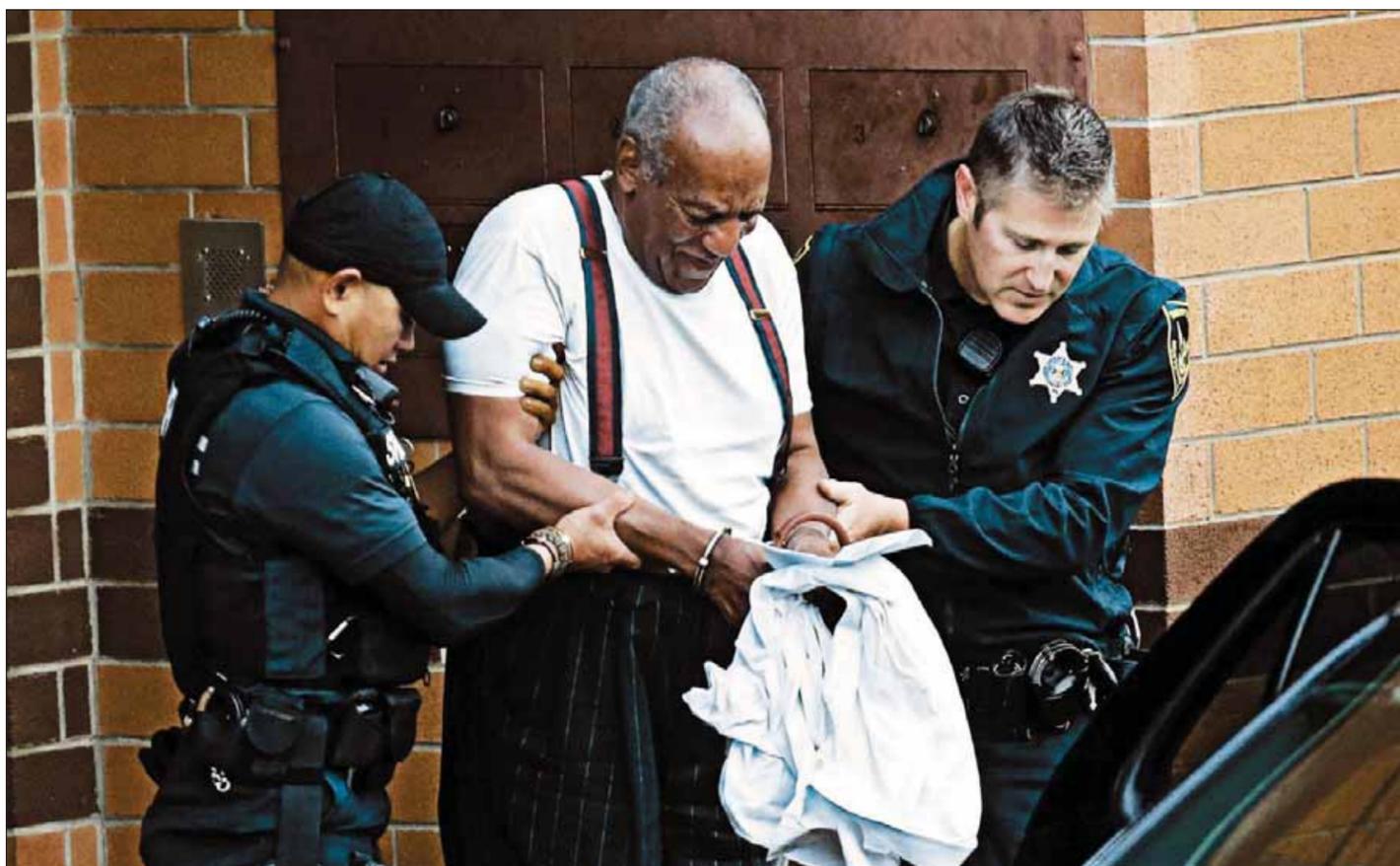
Speaking of judicial temperament, recall Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's rhetorical assault on Donald Trump in July 2016. "I can't imagine what the country would be — with Donald Trump as our president," the justice averred, adding that the possibility brought to mind her late husband's advice: "Now it's time for us to move to New Zealand."

How does that rate on partiality?

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PERSPECTIVE



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Entertainer Bill Cosby is escorted last week from a jail in Montgomery County, Pa., after being sentenced to three to 10 years in prison for sexual assault.

Cosby, Kavanaugh and #MeToo make a teachable week



CLARENCE PAGE

In a darkly amusing irony, Bill Cosby's menu for his first week in prison includes pudding.

No, it's not the pudding of the Jell-O Pudding Pops that Cosby memorably hawked in television commercials back in his 1980s heyday.

Locked up last week for three to 10 years as a convicted sex offender, Cosby is receiving plain off-brand prison-style pudding at Pennsylvania State Correctional Institution Phoenix in Schuylkill, Pa., according to reports. There's just enough of a resemblance to free-world pudding, I imagine, to remind him of the free world he used to know, before the law and his dozens of accusers caught up with him.

I can only imagine, as some comedians suggest, that his new prison mates will nickname him "Pudding" or "Fat Albert" or something else appropriate. But I still am too shocked and dismayed to get even a chuckle out of the sight of the once-great entertainer now brought low by the worst sort of unlawful behavior that he used to

warn us against.

Like many other Americans, my shock over Cosby's sentencing was distracted by a newer and similarly surprising drama involving alleged sexual offense, the Senate confirmation hearings for Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh. University professor Christine Blasey Ford testified that a drunken Kavanaugh tried to rape her at a party when they were in high school.

A lot of men are furious that federal judge Kavanaugh's nomination is being held up while the FBI investigates Ford's charges. His boosters, including President Donald Trump, say he's been getting a raw deal. I sympathize. I can hardly begin to imagine how tough it must be these days for a middle-aged white male judge with two Yale University degrees to get an even break.

But, on a more serious note, I hold to the presumption of innocence for all accused until they are found guilty through due process. Too many men and women, a disproportionate number of them black or Hispanic, have been wrongfully accused for me to drop my healthy skepticism too quickly, even when the testimony is as compelling as Ford's.

Unfortunately for Kavanaugh, he damaged his own case by losing his cool in his defense of himself. With shouting, red-faced contortions and

sarcastic partisan attacks at Democratic committee members, he showed everything but the restrained judicial temperament we usually expect on the high court.

Imagine, I wondered, what the response would have been if now-Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas had behaved similarly as he answered sexual harassment charges by his fellow African-American, law professor Anita Hill, during his historic 1991 confirmation hearings. I can only imagine he would have been frog-marched out of the hearing room in midsentence.

But he kept his cool. You could easily tell from his grimly serious and determined face and voice that he was angry about the accusations. But even when he got to his unforgettable and controversial description of the affair as a "high-tech lynching for uppity blacks," the risky remark had its desired effect. It knocked his Democratic critics off-balance and emboldened his Republican supporters.

And it also sparked a backlash that led to a new record surge in female members of Congress in what became known as "the year of the woman." The high profile of the Thomas-Hill hearings brought new prominence to the charge of sexual harassment and ultimately today's #MeToo movement and the groundswell that demanded investigation of the charges against

Kavanaugh.

With the Kavanaugh hearings and another midterm election only weeks away, that movement has come to a significant crossroads. Even President Trump, himself accused by multiple women of sexual offenses, sounded notably sanguine and complimentary of the woman now charging attempted rape by his high court nominee.

Yet at a news conference Monday, he seemed to go out of his way to let his inner anti-feminist show itself with female reporters.

In one egregious example, he called on journalist Cecilia Vega of ABC News during the Rose Garden event with a shot at her intelligence.

Trump: "She's shocked I picked her, she's in a state of shock."

Vega: "I'm not, thank you Mr. President."

Trump: "I know you're not thinking, you never do."

Vega: "I'm sorry?"

Trump: "Go ahead."

Trump and the mostly men standing around him made quite a smiling, sarcastic sight, suitable for somebody's campaign ad. Maybe Trump just wasn't thinking either.

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Pritzker's toilet scandal stinks, but it likely won't matter



ERIC ZORN

I'm feeling a little bad this week for Gov. Bruce Rauner, the boy who cried "Corruption!"

For months — nay, years — the Republican Rauner had been claiming that his Democratic foes are corrupt, despite a lack of evidence that any of them had done anything illegal.

Yes, it's disturbing that powerful politicians can have side jobs that can create conflicts of interest.

It's less than ideal that public sector unions offer financial support to the lawmakers with whom they negotiate their contracts. But that doesn't make anyone a "crook," as Rauner liked to say.

His impotent, increasingly desperate name-calling had become background noise as his approval ratings slipped and polls showed his Democratic rival in November's election, J.B. Pritzker, running away with the race.

And now comes an explosive charge. Inspector Blanchard, the Cook County inspector general, has submitted a 33-page report concluding that the way the Pritzkers disconnected and reconnected toilets in a Gold Coast mansion they'd purchased was part of a "plan to defraud Cook County" of \$330,000 in property taxes.

The report takes note of an Oct. 5, 2015, email from the manager of the overall

renovation project to a plumbing contractor. The email says that Pritzker's wife, "is going to have the house re-assessed as an uninhabitable structure. To do this, she would like to have us pull all toilets and cap all toilet lines in the house. Then after the assessment, she would like us to put the 1st Floor toilet back in."

Italics mine. Prior to this report, the toilet story looked like much a-doo-doo about nothing. Pritzker said that the toilets had been disconnected or removed in the course of a significant rehab on the mansion, which is next door to his home, and the Cook County assessor's office had backed him up, saying that it's customary, even wise, to lower assessments on unoccupied, uninhabitable properties.

Yes, toilets are inherently funny and draw more attention and ridicule than, say, sinks. And yes, the Pritzkers hardly needed the tax break given their staggering wealth. And yes, their attempt to get one is in tension with the central theme of Pritzker's campaign that rich people need to pay more taxes.

But, as I wrote in an earlier column, nothing backed up claims from Team Rauner that Pritzker had "cheated" on his property taxes.

Until now. Folks, this looks bad. Blanchard's report, dated Friday and leaked to the media Monday, concludes that Pritzker's representative submitted "sworn affidavits containing false representations" that were part of a "scheme for obtaining (tax refund) money." The report also notes, in an ominous aside, that the checks were "delivered by U.S. Mail," which amounts to a blaring suggesti-

on that the scheme violated federal mail-fraud statutes.

Yes, this is just an accusation, not a formal charge. Pritzker himself might have been unaware of this alleged "scheme," and given other information presented about the house in the IG's report — structurally dubious staircases, cracked ceilings, water damage, missing kitchen appliances — the toilet shenanigans might not even have been necessary.

Either way, however, the report reflects poorly on Pritzker and even though he announced Tuesday afternoon that he's paying back the county the \$330,000 tax break he received, it now hangs over his bid to become governor.

Yet there is so much other major news — the trial of Chicago police Officer Jason Van Dyke, which reached a crescendo when he took the witness stand Tuesday, the maneuvers and machinations in the upcoming Chicago mayor's race and the wild skirmish in Washington over the nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court, to name three suffocating stories — and the public is already so numb to Rauner's accusatory bleating that the toilet story is unlikely to become a major subject of conversation.

Even still, this development will have at least some Democrats wishing they had a candidate without this baggage.

Rauner, who totally lugged into this development, is a failure, to be sure. But if Pritzker is a fraud, the choice among the leading, plausible candidates becomes dispiriting.

Primary results often force voters into holding their noses and making such a choice. We all get that.

What many of us don't get, however, is why a party would stick with a wounded candidate — or, in the case of Kavanaugh, a nominee — when it would be the work of a moment to swap in a less compromised judge from a long list prepared by the conservative Federalist Society.

Since last week, when I wrote a column asking if the GOP couldn't do better than a judge who had become dogged by multiple reports that he had sexually attacked women in his youth, evidence has been piling up that Kavanaugh lied under oath before the Senate Judiciary Committee last week about his behavior and his drinking habits as a young man. And those lies are relevant because he told them to make it seem less plausible that the central allegations were true.

The innocent explanations he gave for the rowdy, leering entries next to his yearbook photos were so false as to be insulting. Yet it's clearly become more important to conservatives to defeat the liberals and jam Kavanaugh into a lifetime appointment to one of the most consequential, powerful jobs in the country than it is to have a nominee whose honesty and character are not in serious doubt.

Democrats in Illinois are stuck with J.B. Pritzker. And if he's elected but disappoints in office, the party or the voters can get rid of him in four years.

Republicans on the national level have a choice. It's a choice that will likely have irreversible consequences for decades. That they're not exercising it remains the biggest scandal of the week.

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PERSPECTIVE

Kanye West's symbiotic relationship with Donald Trump

BY PHILIP BUMP

Kanye West's politics are political, not electoral. He's made contributions to political campaigns occasionally — \$2,000 to Barack Obama in 2012, \$15,000 to the Democratic Party in 2014, \$2,700 to Hillary Clinton in 2015. It's not clear, though, that he's ever actually voted. The only person named Kanye West registered to vote in California (where he lives) or Illinois (where he's from) is a 35-year-old woman who lives in Chicago.

West famously announced that he hadn't voted in the 2016 election during a stop in San Jose, Calif., a few weeks after Donald Trump won that contest.

"If I would have voted, I would have voted on Trump," West said. "That don't mean that I don't think that black lives matter. That don't mean I don't believe in women's rights. I wanted to say that before the election, but they told me, 'Whatever you do, don't say that out loud.' Not only did I not vote, but there were a lot of things I actually liked about Trump's campaign. His approach was ... genius — because it worked."

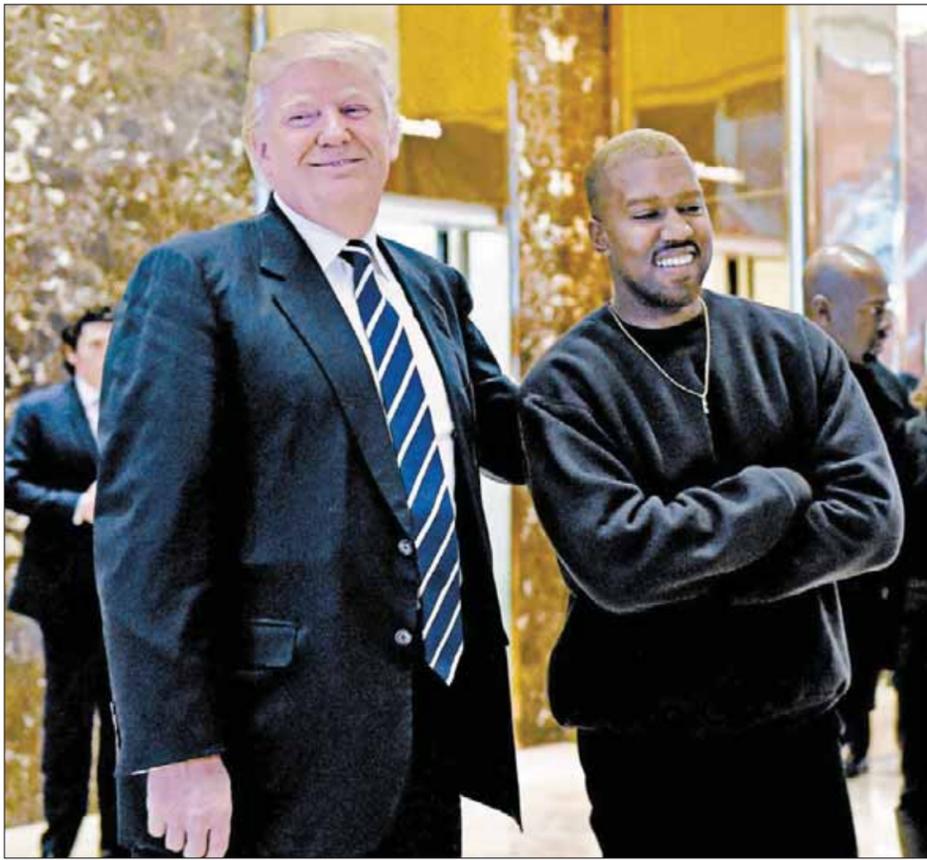
The subtext to that comment explains a lot about why West has increasingly embraced the controversial president, including in a speech after the rapper's recent appearance on "Saturday Night Live."

West repeated the idea he's offered before about how he wants to break the long-standing link between black voters and the Democratic Party. He claimed that people backstage at the show had tried to bully him into not coming out onstage wearing a "Make America Great Again" hat.

"Follow your heart, and stop following your mind. That's how we're controlled. That's how we're programmed," he said. He then went on to criticize cultural forces that tend to be more liberal.

"I think the universe has balance," he said. "Ninety percent of news are liberal. Ninety percent of TV, LA, New York, writers, rappers, musicians — so it's easy to make it seem like it's so, so, so one-sided."

West has a yearslong friendship with Trump, as Trump mentioned in an interview with Howard Stern in 2014. When West made an appearance at Trump Tower the month after Trump won the election, the president-elect noted that the two had "been friends for a long time." The meeting included discussions of "bullying, supporting teachers, modernizing curriculums and violence in Chicago," according to West. Earlier this year, West tweeted a criticism of Obama's handling of violence in



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Then President-elect Donald Trump and Kanye West speak with the media after a 2016 meeting at Trump Tower in New York. West said the meeting included discussions about education and violence in Chicago.

Chicago.

Some part of West's political stance, clearly, is intentionally contrarian. His fame was elevated in 2005 with his critique of former President George W. Bush's handling of Hurricane Katrina. By criticizing Obama and Democratic politics, West is both separating himself from expectations and earning praise from a different subset of the electorate.

"I wanted to say that before the election, but they told me, 'Whatever you do, don't say that out loud,'" he said in San Jose. "They bullied me backstage," he said this weekend. Whether or not it's his intent, West embraces the idea that his embrace of Trump makes him something of a martyr in his social circles. Trump's approach was "genius," West said, "because it worked." That approach was to shove a finger in the establishment's eye.

A CNN poll in May found that most Americans thought West's comments praising Trump were specifically an effort to seek publicity. Most Trump supporters, though, thought he was being sincere in expressing his beliefs.

That's where West becomes useful to Trump. On Sunday, the president praised West's post-"SNL" speech (while swiping at

the show itself).

Since West came out in support of Trump (personally, if not politically) earlier this year, Trump has held up the musician as an example of his own appeal to black Americans. Trump has repeatedly claimed that West's embrace led to a spike in his popularity with black Americans, which didn't happen. Trump has also said (as he implied this weekend) that West's support of him is linked to lower unemployment rates among African-Americans, something that West has never mentioned.

The idea, for Trump, is simple: A high-profile black musician offers his praise and becomes a way of demonstrating that Trump's support among black Americans is more robust than is normally presented. It becomes a touchstone for talking about Trump's appeal to black Americans, however tangential the issue. But perhaps more important, West also stands as a demonstration that Trump doesn't have issues with race. How could Trump be racist, the implication goes, if the guy who called out Bush for being racist actually supports Trump's presidency?

That point is undercut a bit by another comment West made Saturday: "There's so many times

I talk to, like, a white person about this, and they say, 'How could you like Trump? He's racist.' Well, uh, if I was concerned about racism, I would've moved out of America a long time ago." Not a strong endorsement of Trump's racial views. That CNN poll, though, suggests that Trump's embrace of West works: Trump supporters generally see West as reinforcing Trump's views.

Both West and Trump find their alliance useful. For West, it reinforces his position as a cultural independent. For Trump, it lets him argue that he has more black support than is often understood.

West's contribution to Hillary Clinton coupled with a photograph of Clinton, Kim Kardashian and himself taken on the campaign trail would seem to have established his political views in 2016 in a way that a vote wouldn't have. His actions since the election have distanced him from what that donation and that photo might suggest. It's a reminder of another way in which the Trump-West relationship does something potentially useful for each.

It expands their fan bases.

Philip Bump is a Washington Post national correspondent.

Why our business supports Trump on trade

BY NICOLE WOLTER

Very few people in newsrooms and corporate board rooms supported President Donald Trump's tough negotiating tactics on trade. Even fewer predicted that they would work.

Monday, roughly a month after announcing a new deal with Mexico, President Trump announced that Canada agreed to new terms that are more favorable to the United States. Whether his critics will acknowledge they were wrong is doubtful.

That doesn't really matter. What matters is that American businesses, including our manufacturing businesses in Illinois, are in a much stronger position to compete internationally because of the president's success.

HM Manufacturing makes parts for the aerospace and defense, food processing, beverage, packaging, medical and automotive industries. My dad started the company in 1979. Today, we're very proud to be included among leaders in our industry. At HM Manufacturing's facility in Wauconda, our 20 employees use the most cutting-edge technology to produce precision components for manufacturers worldwide. And we are one of many smaller companies that Americans don't hear much about in the news that's cheering President Trump's approach on trade.

As you can imagine, competition is fierce in our business. We sell our parts internationally, and our customers have plenty of other firms from which they can buy the same parts. Quality has always been our best advantage, but price matters too. It's very hard to compete against foreign manufacturers who can sell at lower prices because their products are subject to much lower, or zero, tariffs. In addition to high foreign tariffs that protect them from competition, foreign competitors can pay much lower wages, and they don't have nearly as many regulatory costs. All of that allows foreign companies to beat us on price.

And, as the president often says, none of it represents free trade. The international system has been rigged in favor of foreign competitors and foreign workers for decades.

There's nothing free, or fair, about it. The president used a combination of tariffs and tough negotiating to drag Canada and Mexico back to the table. He didn't merely talk tough, as many of his predecessors did. He was tough. And not even his critics can argue responsibly that these new deals would have been possible without his being tough.

Did it strain our relationships a little? Maybe. But our relationships with those countries were lopsidedly unfair to American companies and American workers. They needed a little straining. And you can bet that our trading partners in the European Union, China, Japan, India and elsewhere are paying close attention.

The new U.S.-Mexico-Canada deal makes all three countries stronger in relationship to the other regions of the world. That creates even more leverage for the president. Those countries will have little choice but to follow Mexico and Canada back to the negotiating table with President Trump. The result will be more opportunities for my company, our employees and their families.

The same is true for thousands of American manufacturers like ours who employ millions of other Americans. The middle class will be stronger. The economy will be stronger. American industry will be stronger. America will be stronger.

Nicole Wolter is president and CEO of HM Manufacturing in Wauconda.

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Objective justice

In March 2015, Judge Brett Kavanaugh gave a speech as part of a lecture series at the Catholic University of America Law School, which was later published in the school's law review in Spring 2016 titled, "The Judge As Umpire: Ten Principles."

Kavanaugh wrote: "A good judge, like a good umpire, cannot act as a partisan. Judges often come from backgrounds in politics or policy." He continued, "We do not participate in partisan campaigns. We do not support or endorse candidates. We do not attend political rallies. Some judges do not even vote, on the theory that to vote is a solemn expression (at least to yourself) of your political or policy affiliation and beliefs."

However, last week before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Kavanaugh described the current confirmation crisis as having "been a calculated and orchestrated political hit, fueled with apparent pent-up anger about President Trump and the 2016 election, fear that has been unfairly stoked about my judicial record, revenge on behalf of the Clintons and millions of dollars in money from outside left-wing opposition groups."

His outburst was totally partisan and inconsistent with his own beliefs espoused in 2015-16.

Kavanaugh evoked partisan bitterness and rage, thus reflecting his temperament and his lack of ability to be seen as a fair and objective justice. His psyche proved that he does not deserve to belong on any court.

— Scott G. Burgh, Chicago

Incredible sources

Partisan Democratic enablers in the media — such as the Tribune's Eric Zorn — would do well to check out some of the past statements by some of the Senate Judiciary Committee Democrats, whom they hold in such high regard.

I'm referencing Zorn's quoting of Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., who noted, "false in one thing, false in everything" purportedly because Judge Brett Kavanaugh lied in his insistence that the high school yearbook passages were innocent and not sexual references in nature ("Yearbook lies may give Kavanaugh cause to cry," Sept. 30). Zorn contends he might therefore be lying about his purported sexual assault on Christine Blasey Ford.

Members of the media would do well to give some thought before referring liars like Blumenthal. During his 2010 Senate campaign, Bill Clinton pal Blumenthal said he was a Vietnam combat veteran. Blumenthal

never served in Vietnam, let alone in combat. As a noncombat Vietnam veteran, I am personally offended that such a person with such disrespect for the truth can be elected to the United States Senate. This is a guy who challenges anyone's integrity or credibility?

Truth be told, Zorn, Blumenthal and other Democratic Judiciary Committee members like Cory Booker and Dianne Feinstein made up their minds weeks ago: Judge Kavanaugh is a predator whose confirmation must be prevented at any cost. The same people who no doubt disbelieved sexual assault allegations directed at Bill Clinton and forgave Ted Kennedy for Chappaquiddick insist they have ample evidence to deny Kavanaugh the nomination — despite the fact that the people Dr. Ford said witnessed the long-ago attack at the very least cannot recall the incident — or flatly deny it ever happened!

— Frank Fisher, Chicago

Echos of Rome

Our country is broken. I'm not sure how or when it happened. Things have become ugly, and I find myself angry far more than I am comfortable with.

When I saw Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., threaten the Democrats if his nominee was not approved, I realized this could have been how Rome fell. Partisanship is tearing this country apart, and I think President Donald Trump might be an incidental spark of what was des-

tined to happen.

When the U.S. Supreme Court becomes a tool to manipulate the Constitution along party lines, we need to stop, and maybe start over. This is not what our Founding Fathers had in mind.

— Laura Roetzer, St. Charles

Partisan outrage

In 1858 Abraham Lincoln said that "a house divided against itself cannot stand." Our Union was only preserved by a bloody Civil War. Now we are engaged in an uncivil war of bitter, partisan rhetoric.

The country's partisan divisions preceded Judge Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court but have been dangerously deepened by his belligerent testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee. He denied the legitimacy of the hearing and disrespected its members. The last thing we need is another person in a position of great power who undermines our most basic institutions.

After saying he and his family had been "destroyed" by the Democrats, Mr. Kavanaugh would surely carry his outrage and bitterness to the Supreme Court.

As a justice he would likely rule on future cases about federal policies. Can anyone believe that he could be impartial as he listened to a solicitor general of the United States arguing on behalf of a Democratic administration? I cannot. His partisan outrage disqualifies him.

— Bonnie Dohogne, Evanston

PERSPECTIVE

If Pritzker won't share his tax plan, we Democrats shouldn't support him

BY JAMES K. GENDEN

These are excerpted remarks, to be delivered Thursday.

To the Political Committee of the Democratic Party of Evanston:

I am very concerned that J.B. Pritzker is demonstrating Donald Trump-like proclivities, an arrogant disdain for the democratic process and the principles of transparency. I hope that the Democratic Party of Evanston will take a strong stand to let the candidate know that we will not accept such disrespect for the voters from the leaders of our party.

The most blatant example of this attitude is how Pritzker and Illinois Speaker of the House Michael Madigan are acting just like President Trump and U.S. Speaker of the House Paul Ryan in a blatant effort to conceal their tax plans from the voters.

We all remember the unfair tax revision law that Trump and Ryan rammed through Congress last year. They didn't disclose their plan during the election, and never told voters that they intended a massive windfall for corporations and the 1 percent and to take away state and local tax deductions from ordinary homeowners. Only after they were elected did they disclose the devastating details, which were rushed through Congress without meaningful debate or opportunity for public input.

Pritzker is acting in the same way, refusing to tell voters the details of his tax plans.

No issue affects Illinois residents more directly than taxes.

I recognize that there really are two issues here: (a) the long-term tax objective of a progressive income tax, and (b) the short-term strategy for the years before any such tax can be implemented in the event a constitutional referendum authorizes a graduated

income tax.

In either event, tax law changes are clearly the issue that will have the greatest direct impact on all Illinoisans. Yet this is an issue on which Pritzker is completely evasive.

The website of J.B. Pritzker does not include taxes among the issues it addresses — not even a vague mention of the progressive tax he favors, let alone the critical details. If you send an email or try to use the website to ask questions, they will not be answered. I know. I have tried.

The details of the concealed tax plan are what matters — the rates, brackets, deductions, exemptions. There will be winners and losers. Senior citizens like me want to know whether Pritzker intends to preserve the exemption for retirement income. Homeowners want to know what deductions will be allowed for real estate taxes. Parents want to know what exemptions will be available. Everybody wants to know if there will be loopholes for favored interests. Everybody wants to know whether they will be in a tax bracket with a higher or lower rate.

Of course, there is no real doubt that Pritzker has a tax plan in mind. He just won't tell us.

Instead, he repeatedly recites an excuse which — like Trump's excuses for concealing his tax returns — is illogical and irrelevant. Pritzker avoids talking about his tax plan on the purported grounds any tax bill will be “subject to negotiation” in the General Assembly. This evasion insults our intelligence.

Perhaps the General Assembly will have a say on the final bill, but experience tells us that what the party leadership wants will be passed by what likely will be an overwhelmingly Democratic majority with no or few changes.

More important, whatever Pritzker proposes certainly will



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Democratic gubernatorial candidate J.B. Pritzker speaks to the media after he casts his early ballot last week in the Loop.

be the template on which the new tax law will be based. Even if the General Assembly could impose changes on that template, aren't the voters entitled to know what Pritzker stands for and supposedly will fight for?

Important as the tax issue is in itself, Pritzker's evasiveness is symptomatic of a far deeper problem — his arrogant rejection of transparency and haughty disregard of any dialogue with the voters, something which is fundamental to the democratic process.

It is significant that Pritzker seeks office with a political resume strikingly similar to both Trump and Bruce Rauner. Like Trump and Rauner, he is an extraordinarily wealthy man with no prior political experience. Like Trump and Rauner, he wants to begin a political career by taking control of the executive branch. Like Trump, but not Rauner, he was born to this wealth, and grew up with all of the power and privileges that this wealth affords. Like Trump and Rauner, his background in business has been

as the absolute owner, unaccountable to shareholders, without need to consider competing interests and without any obligation to take into consideration other points of view.

With Rauner we have seen the consequences of entrusting executive office to a wealthy businessman who does not know how to compromise. With Trump we have seen the consequences of giving power to a man used to getting his way — someone who never had to, and apparently cannot, heed the counsel of others.

I am not saying that Pritzker would be as catastrophic in office as either Trump or Rauner. But I am saying that it is urgent that he get the message, loud and clear, that he must be transparent and frank with the public he seeks to serve — starting with, but not limited to, questions of tax policy.

I am not naive. I know that Pritzker's evasiveness on the details of his tax plans and other issues is probably a deliberate strategy. I have been told by repu-

table sources in the press that it is understood by most journalists that Pritzker's arrogant refusal to be frank with the public reflects a decision to “take the heat” for hiding what he stands for, rather than take the risks of disclosing details which might cause some voters to recognize that they would be losers under his tax plan.

This is an extraordinarily troubling stance. A candidate should not be afraid to speak truthfully with voters.

I suspect Pritzker is working on the assumption that we have no choice in this election other than to support him. And it is true that there is no candidate on the ballot who would be an acceptable protest vote.

But that doesn't mean that we should let Pritzker take us for granted.

A strong statement from progressive Democrats that we expect more transparency and forthrightness from our leadership will make headlines and resonate loud and clear. Pritzker should recognize that his large lead in the polls reveals more about public rejection of Rauner than any enthusiasm for him.

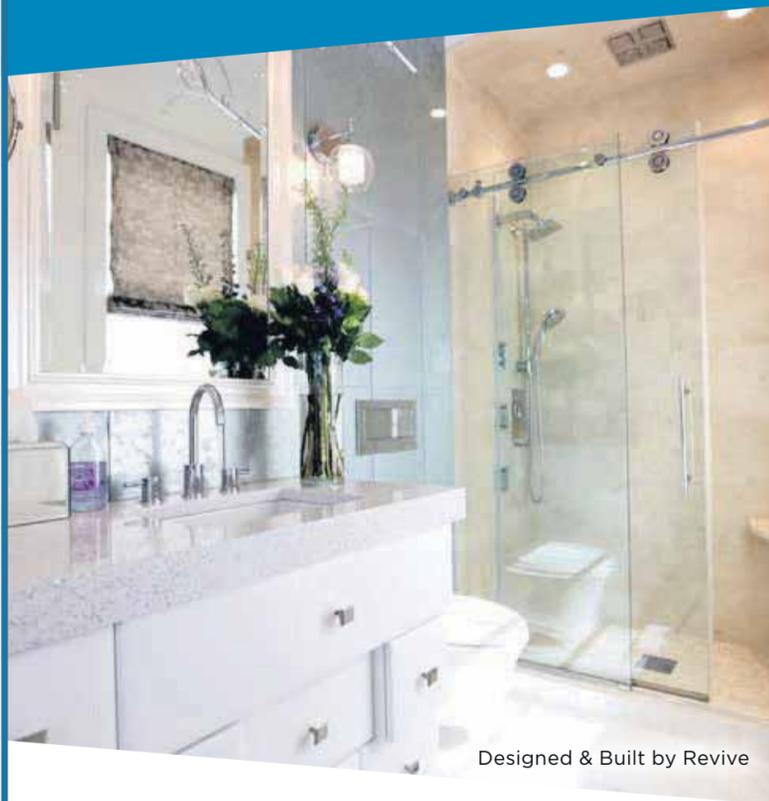
We need to do something now if we want to ensure that Pritzker takes office as a governor who respects the democratic process, who is honest and forthright and is open to dialogue with the public.

Ideally, I would prefer a resolution that the Democratic Party of Evanston cannot support Pritzker until he discloses the details of his tax program. At a minimum, there should be a resolution that expresses grave concern about his failure to be forthcoming with the public, his lack of transparency and his disrespect for the fundamentals of democratic elections.

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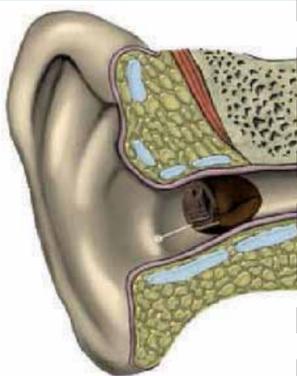
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Amazon boosts minimum wage to \$15

Lowest-paid local workers to get a \$2.50-an-hour raise

BY CORILYN SHROPSHIRE
Chicago Tribune

Retailing giant Amazon is boosting its minimum wage to \$15 an hour for all U.S. workers, giving its lowest-paid employees in the Chicago area a \$2.50-an-hour pay increase.

The move follows a bump in minimum wage pay by fellow mega-retailers Walmart and Target. Amazon however, takes the hourly wage increase a step further by hitting the \$15 an hour mark, a “living wage” milestone advocated for by labor activists for several years.

The raise, announced



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Amazon employees in the Chicago area will get a pay increase as part of a wage bump announced by Amazon, whose Illinois operations include a fulfillment center in Romeoville.

Tuesday, covers all Amazon employees, including those at Whole Foods Market, which the company bought last year.

Amazon employs more

than 7,000 hourly wage workers in the Chicago area who work at fulfillment and distribution centers, warehouses, Whole Foods stores, and the company's other

bricks-and-mortar stores.

The Seattle-based company said the move, which goes into effect Nov. 1, is aimed at boosting its minimum wage at least 30

percent higher than the national average. The move comes amid a national push from the labor-backed Fight for \$15 movement to raise the minimum wage nationwide.

Chicago has raised its minimum wage gradually, from \$8.25 an hour in 2015 to \$12 in July. It will climb to \$13 in July 2019. The Illinois minimum wage is \$8.25 an hour.

Amazon said Tuesday that the nationwide raise will benefit more than 350,000 workers, which includes full-time, part-time, temporary and seasonal positions.

Some hourly Amazon employees who already make \$15 per hour also will see a wage increase, the company said.

The wage hike comes at a time when Amazon needs

to hire holiday workers amid the tightest job market in nearly two decades, making it more difficult to lure workers who have a lot more job choices than just a year ago.

Amazon said it plans to hire more than 100,000 holiday workers, who will pack and ship boxes in its more than 100 warehouses around the country.

The unemployment rate in August was 3.9 percent, near an 18-year low. The most recent statistics from the U.S. Labor Department showed that in August, the pace of hiring rose again and wages grew at their fastest pace in nine years.

Average hourly pay jumped 0.4 percent in August and increased 2.9 percent compared with a year

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Kroger tests pilot plan for delivery

Mariano's parent would offer grocery pick-ups at Walgreens in deal

BY LISA SCHENCKER
Chicago Tribune

Shoppers in at least one corner of the country can order groceries online and then pick them up at their local Walgreens stores — the latest move by businesses facing stiff competition for customer dollars, including from Amazon.

Deerfield-based Walgreens and Mariano's parent company, the Kroger Co., are piloting the program at 13 Walgreens stores in Northern Kentucky, near Kroger's Cincinnati headquarters. Customers can place their orders on Kroger websites but will have the option of picking them up at participating Walgreens stores.

Those Walgreens are also carrying Kroger's Our Brands grocery items in their stores.

The pilot will take place over the next several months.

“This concept brings together the best of two great brands to rethink convenience and redefine the way America shops for food,” said Kroger Chairman and CEO Rodney McMullen in a news release.

The move comes as grocery stores work to bolster their online pickup and delivery options, which have become increasingly popular.

It also follows Amazon's recent steps into both the grocery and pharmacy spaces. Amazon announced this summer that it had acquired an online pharmacy — news that rattled investors in Walgreens and other pharmacy chains. Last year, Amazon acquired Whole Foods Market, further pushing grocers to expand their online options.

“The Amazon Whole Foods business is a key driver of Kroger looking into and testing a wide variety of delivery options,” said Jon Hauptman, a senior director at Inmar, a retail industry analytics and technology company.

This latest partnership, “can provide more convenient pickup for many shoppers who may live or work closer to a Walgreens than they do to the neighborhood Kroger store,” he said.

It's possible the partnership, if expanded beyond Kentucky, could make it easier for customers to access food in neighborhoods that lack grocery stores, given that Walgreens has many more locations than Kroger. Kroger has 2,800 retail food stores across the country, and Walgreens has 9,800 stores. Kroger spokeswoman Kristal Howard, however, noted in an email Tuesday when asked about that possibility that, “this is a limited, 13-store pilot in Northern Kentucky” and it would be “prematu” to discuss expansion possibilities.

Neither Walgreens nor Kroger made executives available for interviews Tuesday.

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A pop-up from Heritage Restaurant & Caviar Bar serves lunch in the Fooda food hall in the AMA Plaza building on Tuesday.

Lunch service Fooda plans to triple office space, hire 175

BY ALLY MAROTTI
Chicago Tribune

Office lunch service Fooda plans to hire 175 people next year and is preparing to move into a Chicago office nearly three times larger than its current space to accommodate the growth.

The Chicago-based company, launched in 2011, brings a rotating lineup of pop-up restaurants into office buildings. Fooda works with about 1,500 restaurants to serve roughly 1,200 locations in 17 cities — including Willis Tower, AMA Plaza and The Shops at North Bridge in Chicago. The service adds a new city about once every two months, founder and CEO Orazio Buzza said.

Fooda has 320 employees, including about 160 in Chicago. About 40 percent of the new hires will be in Chicago, Buzza said.

Much of the growth in Fooda's Chicago office will be on the technology side, Buzza said. Fooda rolled out its own point-of-sale system last year, which has allowed the company to gather data on customers so it can minimize food waste and help prevent the pop-up restaurants from selling out of items.

“We're taking the data and then doing a way better job of using machine learning and predictive analytics to tell them how much (food) they should be bringing to any given location,” Buzza said.

The point-of-sale system is serving as a foundation for Fooda to build other technology. The company rolled out a loyalty app last month and later this year plans to introduce a program for employers to subsidize Fooda lunches for their employees.

Gathering consumer data can make or break a company such as Fooda, said

Jeremy Scott, a senior research analyst who covers restaurants and third-party delivery companies at investment bank Mizuho Securities.

“If they bring in a bunch of sandwiches from a local shop and the employee demand is off the charts, that's a negative experience,” he said. “Having the point-of-sale system and getting that data is almost the lifeblood of a company like this.”

The company is set to move into its new 20,000-square-foot office in the Loop in November. A relocation from Fooda's current 7,000-square-foot River North office was overdue, Buzza said.

“We outgrew our office probably five to six months ago,” he said. “We had already started subletting next door.”

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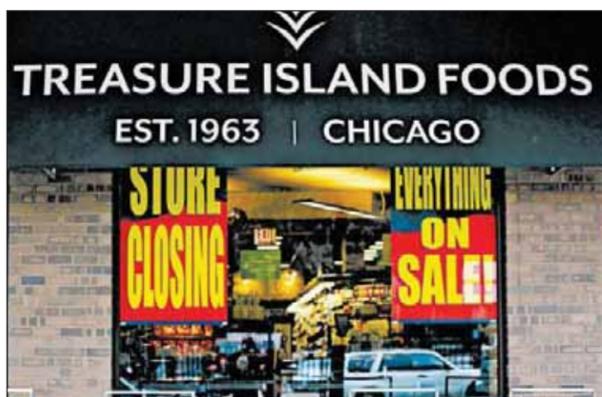
Vendor sues soon-to-close grocery chain

Produce wholesaler says it's owed \$453K in unpaid fruits, veggies

BY GREG TROTTER
Chicago Tribune

Treasure Island Foods, which abruptly told employees last week that it would close, is being sued by a Chicago-area company that alleges the grocery chain owes it more than \$453,000 for unpaid fruits and vegetables.

The lawsuit, filed Monday in Chicago's U.S. District Court by longtime produce wholesaler Anthony Marano Co., alleges Treasure Island violated federal law governing the buying and selling of wholesale quantities of produce. Marano delivered more than \$453,000 worth of produce to Treasure Island's seven stores



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Store closing signs are displayed at a Treasure Island grocery store.

from July 1 to Oct. 1 and “despite demand for payment” the wholesaler hasn't yet been paid, the lawsuit alleges.

Treasure Island told corporate employees on Friday that it would close its remaining six stores — the Lincoln Park loca-

tion closed earlier in September — by Oct. 12. Later it informed store employees about the shutdown. Once a proudly European grocer in Chicago's culinary scene, Treasure Island was the latest independent grocer to close amid shifting consumer tastes and intense competition in the industry.

The lawsuit names Treasure Island Foods, CEO Maria Kamberos and President Christ Kamberos as defendants, as well as Magazi, a separate entity controlled by Maria Kamberos that operates the Treasure Island Foods store in Wilmette, according to the lawsuit.

Calls to Treasure Island's corporate headquarters Tuesday were not returned. Christ Kamberos did not respond to calls or

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Happily hiring for the holidays

Retailers offering turkey dinners, discounts to lure seasonal help

BY ABHA BHATTARAI
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — It's only been fall for a couple of weeks, but the holiday hiring frenzy is in full swing. For proof, just walk through the mall: "We're hiring and we'd love to meet you," signs outside Pottery Barn and Pottery Barn Kids said on a recent weekday at Tysons Corner Center, a sprawling northern Virginia shopping mall just outside Washington. "Make our house your home," offered White House Black Market. "Join our team of outsiders," urged L.L. Bean. The clothing chain Express was looking for "fashion lovers," while the Lego store wanted "energetic, enthusiastic" employees.

Macy's played up "bonus potential" for holiday hires, while McDonald's promised perks such as free meals, \$50 worth of monthly transit cards and "team celebrations."

In other words: Retailers need help — and they're desperate.

A historically low unemployment rate, coupled with projections for record-breaking holiday sales, means retailers, from major chains to small businesses, are being forced to offer higher pay and catchier perks to woo temporary holiday workers.

At stake is what is expected to be the strongest holiday season in years, as retailers look to cash in on a surge in consumer confidence. The unemployment rate is at historic lows, the stock market is at record highs and wages are inching



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Retailers around the country have announced plans for record numbers of seasonal hires this year.

higher, helping to boost sales at a number of big-name chains, including Walmart, Nordstrom and Home Depot. Holiday sales are expected to rise as much as 5.6 percent to a record \$1.1 trillion, according to estimates from Deloitte.

"There is a definite war for talent," said Andrew Challenger, a vice president at job placement firm Challenger, Gray & Christman. "Just as we have this huge spike in consumer demand, retailers are dealing with tightest labor market in 45 years. Whether or not retailers can hire enough people this holiday season could have a real impact on their sales."

In all, retailers are expected to hire 700,000 workers this holiday season, up 5 percent from last year, according to Challenger's firm.

"The No. 1 thing on our mind is that it's competitive out there. The holiday season literally starts and ends with, how do we make sure we have the right amount of associates?"

— Ryan Festerling, Kohl's

Nationally, retailers say they plan to pay as much as 54 percent more than they did a year ago, according to a survey of 1,000 hourly employers by Snag, an Arlington-based online staffing platform for hourly work.

They are increasingly offering a chance at other perks, too: \$500 gift cards at Target, all-expenses-paid vacations to Miami and New York, as well as \$5,000 "prize packages" at JCPenney. Beauty chain Ulta is giving holiday hires half-off

haircuts, while Gap and Old Navy are advertising employee discounts of 50 percent, as well as backup child care and free flu shots. Williams Sonoma declared September "national hiring month," promising on-the-spot store interviews to anybody who wanted one.

Kohl's, which began hiring seasonal employees in July, is providing Thanksgiving Day workers with a turkey dinner and doling out gift cards for perfect attendance during the holi-

days. Also new this year: a designated shopping day when employees will get 35 percent off all purchases, including brands such as KitchenAid and Under Armour. (The retailer's usual employee discount is 15 percent.)

"The No. 1 thing on our mind is that it's competitive out there," said Ryan Festerling, Kohl's executive vice president of human resources. "The holiday season literally starts and ends with, how do we make sure we have the right amount of associates?"

Festerling added that the company has already hired "many, many thousands" of workers and will continue to do so through early November. The retailer plans to hire 90,000 workers this year, up from 69,000 two years ago.

Retailers around the U.S.

have announced plans for record numbers of seasonal hires. Target plans to employ 120,000 holiday workers, a 70 percent increase from five years ago, while Macy's has announced plans to hire 80,000.

UPS, meanwhile, says it will hire 100,000 workers this holiday season, up from 95,000 last year.

The country's largest retailers — Walmart and Amazon — have yet to announce their holiday hiring plans, although Bloomberg reported last week that Walmart was surveying employees on which perks, including pet care and gym memberships, would be most likely to attract new hires.

Amazon, which in recent weeks had begun offering small hourly raises, starting at 25 cents per hour, to its warehouse workers, announced on Tuesday that it will raise its minimum wage to \$15 an hour for all the companies U.S. employees beginning in November. (Jeffrey Bezos, the founder and CEO of Amazon, owns The Washington Post.)

While retailers are advertising more seasonal jobs than before, other industries are scaling back on temporary positions, according to an analysis of job postings by the site Indeed.com.

"What we've seen is surprising: Seasonal job postings in areas such as trucking and warehouse work are slower than they were last year," said Andrew Flowers, an economist for Indeed.

It is likely, he said, that those industries are using the holidays as an opportunity to attract full-time, permanent workers, not just temporary employees who might move on after a month or two.

"In this job market, it's not that appealing to say, 'Hey, come work with us for a few months,'" he said. "Today's workers expect more."

Wholesaler sues Treasure Island Foods over \$453K in produce bills

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text messages. Robert Marcus, Marano's attorney, couldn't be immediately reached for comment.

Under the federal Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, Treasure Island became "a beneficiary in a statutory trust designed to assure payment to produce suppliers" upon receiving the produce, the lawsuit says.

Treasure Island hasn't disputed the debt but hasn't paid it "in accordance with the prompt payment and trust provisions" of the fed-

eral law, the suit alleges.

Some family-owned grocery chains have struggled to keep their lights on in recent years. In 2016, Marano sued another independent grocery chain, the now-defunct Joe Caputo & Sons — which has no business affiliation to Angelo Caputo's Fresh Markets or Caputo Cheese Market — for \$3.6 million worth of unpaid produce that was sold and delivered. A federal judge froze Caputo & Sons' assets, most of which were later acquired by Piggy Wiggly Midwest.

Last year, Joliet-based

Central Grocers, an almost century-old grocery cooperative that served as a wholesaler for more than 400 independent stores in the Chicago area, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, laying off hundreds of workers. Treasure Island was a member of that cooperative and switched to another wholesaler after Central Grocers went out of business. Central Grocers' bankruptcy has since been converted to Chapter 7 liquidation.

Treasure Island owned four of its seven stores, which are likely to draw the attention of developers.

"I think there's going to be a lot of interest in the stores and I think people at Treasure Island know that," said Peter Testa, owner of Testa Produce, another longtime produce wholesaler. "That's where they can cash out."

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Amazon's lowest-paid workers to get a \$2.50-an-hour raise

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earlier. That's the fastest annual gain since the Great Recession ended nearly a decade ago. There are now more available jobs than unemployed people, the first time that has happened in the 18 years the government has tracked data on open jobs.

"To draw workers away from where they currently work, you have to offer them a better deal," said Sylvia Allegretto, an economist and co-chair at the Center on Wage and Employment Dynamics at the University of California at Berkeley.

Yet despite the tight labor market, Allegretto said, wage growth has been pretty tepid. High employment rates should lead workers to gain a stronger foothold and negotiating power with employers, but that effect hasn't happened, Allegretto said.

"Jeff Bezos has become much more wealthy over the past decade, but his workers haven't," she said.

Pay for warehouse workers at Amazon can vary by location. It was offering at least \$12.50 for workers in the Chicago area, \$12.25 an hour in Omaha, Neb., \$13 in Baltimore and \$16.50 in New York, according to recent job postings. The median pay for an Amazon employee last year was \$28,446 worldwide, according to government filings, which includes full-time, part-time and temporary workers.

Amazon has faced criticism from labor rights groups and others over pay and working conditions at its warehouses. One of its harshest critics is Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders. His Twitter account, which has nearly 9 million followers, frequently points out the disparity between Amazon's median employee

pay and Bezos' vast fortune.

Sanders congratulated Bezos in a statement Tuesday for "doing exactly the right thing" and urged other companies to do the same.

Another reason for the wage hike could be to deter the efforts of Whole Foods employees trying to unionize, industry watchers say.

It's not the first time a major U.S. corporation has boosted its minimum wage, Allegretto added.

Target and Walmart, among other retailers, have boosted their minimum wage in recent years.

Both Target and Walmart have said the wage hikes have benefited their businesses. Walmart, which increased its minimum pay to \$11 an hour in February, has seen lower turnover among its employees and has said its higher pay helped improve customer experience in the stores. Walmart is currently the largest private employer in the nation, with a workforce topping 1.5 million employees.

Target CEO Brian Cornell recently said the number of job applicants rose by 60 percent in the days after Target increased its minimum wage by \$2, to \$11 per hour, last year. This past spring, it raised its starting hourly pay for its workers to \$12.

Target said in September 2017 that it planned to raise hourly pay to \$15 by 2020. With Tuesday's move, Amazon has done that already.

Amazon also is increasing wages in some areas outside the U.S. The company announced that the minimum wage will be 10.50 pounds an hour in London and 9.50 pounds in other parts of the U.K. The increases will include 17,000 Amazon employees as well as 20,000 seasonal workers.

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Hotels take on Airbnb — with mixed results

Marriott expanding home-sharing pilot as Hyatt pulls out of deal with Oasis

BY DEE-ANN DURBIN
Associated Press

Travelers sometimes want a cookie-cutter room in a downtown hotel, and they sometimes want a cozy Tuscan farmhouse to share with friends.

Hotels have always been good at providing the first one. Now, they're trying to figure out how to provide the second — and blunt the growth of competitors like Airbnb. But they're having mixed success.

Marriott said Tuesday it's expanding its six-month-old home-sharing pilot in London to three additional European cities. On the same day, Hyatt announced it was pulling out of a money-losing collaboration with luxury home-sharing company Oasis.

Analysts say hotels are now to experiment. Airbnb now has 5 million listings on its site, up 25 percent from a year ago. By comparison, Marriott grew 5 percent last year to 1.3 million rooms. In some markets, like New York and Miami, studies indicate that home-sharing is already eroding hotel profits.

But it's not yet clear how

far hotels are willing to expand into home-sharing, which challenges their traditional business models. It costs more to clean homes scattered in various neighborhoods than rooms at a central location, for example.

The barriers are so great that at least one major hotel company — Hilton — is giving home-sharing a pass for now. The company's CEO, Chris Nassetta, says the quality, consistency and amenities that Hilton customers expect are best provided in hotels.

Other hotel companies, like Marriott, say they can bring order and standards to the chaotic home-sharing market. Hotels promise perks they say Airbnb can't match: fully vetted properties, fluffy white towels and popular loyalty programs that let members use points to book homes.

"The lines are beginning to blur, and depending on what kind of trip it is, sometimes a home feels better than a hotel," said Jennifer Hsieh, Marriott's vice president of customer experience.

Marriott began testing home rentals in London in the spring. This week, it's expanding that pilot program — called Tribute Portfolio Homes — to Paris, Rome and Lisbon. Marriott says the program will now include 340 homes.

Hotels aren't necessarily luring different customers with their home-sharing options. Instead, they're finding that existing customers want more options, says Steve Caron, vice president and head of vacation rentals for Comfort Inn parent Choice Hotels, which has partnered with RedAwning, a company that oversees 20,000 rental properties.

Take Craig Sowerby, an author and freelance travel writer based in Barcelona, Spain. He's a Hyatt loyalty member and usually stays in hotels, but he decided to try an Oasis apartment for a one-month trip to Buenos Aires earlier this summer.

There were some hiccups. He had to pay upfront, months in advance, for the full \$1,745 cost of his stay. He got fresh towels and sheets weekly, but there was no other cleaning. The WiFi didn't work.

On the plus side, he said, he earned credits toward his elite Hyatt status as well as points for future stays. The apartment was also far nicer than the Airbnb he subsequently rented in another part of Argentina. But he thinks it will be a challenge for hotel chains to deliver the same standard of service in shared homes.

"If the hotel chains end up simply offering a 'more expensive Airbnb,' then their potential market will

be limited to those of us who are points or elite status obsessed," Sowerby said.

For its part, Hyatt invested \$22 million in Oasis in 2017 but in the second quarter of this year, it wrote off its investment as a loss, saying regulatory hurdles in some cities were limiting Oasis's growth.

On Tuesday, vacation rental management company Vacasa bought Oasis and Hyatt ceased its affiliation, although Vacasa is honoring reservations that Hyatt members already made. In a statement, Hyatt said it recognizes that customer demand for alternative accommodations remains strong, and it may discuss a future tie-up with Vacasa.

Onefinestay — a luxury home rental company bought by AccorHotels in 2016 — offers properties like a three-bedroom villa on Maui for \$975 per night.

But AccorHotels took a similar \$285 million charge in the second quarter, primarily due to losses at Onefinestay. AccorHotels also said it believes home-sharing needs to be part of its portfolio, but the business hasn't grown as planned.

Maggie Rauch, senior director of research at the travel consulting firm Phocuswright, says making home-sharing profitable

will be a challenge for hotels.

"Does it make sense for Marriott to build a new Marriott around this flexible shared space? Is a hotel company going to buy a brownstone in Brooklyn?" she said.

For now, Marriott's exposure is limited. It partnered with Hostmaker — a U.K.-based home-sharing management company — which scouts homes and makes sure they meet Marriott's standards. Marriott only takes a cut for homes that are rented through the Tribute site.

But Hsieh said home-sharing does have some financial advantages. For example, Marriott has found that home-sharing customers are generally leisure travelers who stay twice as long as typical hotel customers.

Hotels can also charge more for entire homes. Tribute offers a three-bedroom home with a full kitchen, three bathrooms and a balcony in London's Kensington neighborhood for \$956 per night plus a \$129 cleaning fee. It's around the corner from the London Marriott Kensington, where a guest room with a bathroom and two queen beds costs \$330 per night.

Nearby, Airbnb lists a three-bedroom apartment with a basement-level en-

trance for \$782 per night plus a \$169 cleaning fee and a \$234 service fee.

As hotels continue to experiment, the pressure from home-sharing sites isn't going away. In fact, Airbnb is making hotel-like moves of its own.

In late September, it added rooms from 50 boutique hotels in Thailand to its platform through a partnership with a Thai hotel association. Last year, it bought Luxury Retreats, a high-end home-sharing site. And it's trying to standardize what guests can expect with a new designation called Airbnb Plus for properties that pass a quality inspection.

Chris Lehane, Airbnb's policy director, says Airbnb considers online travel agents like Expedia its main rivals, not big hotel companies. The need for accommodations is so vast that Airbnb and hotels will continue to coexist, he says, but Airbnb will do better at providing unique places.

But hotels aren't giving up yet. Daniel Mount, an associate professor of hospitality at Pennsylvania State University, says they should continue to dabble in home-sharing even if it doesn't promise big profits.

"I don't think five years from now, hotels want to look back and say, 'Wow, we should have done that five years ago,'" Mount said.



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The AIDAnova, in Papenburg, Germany, was the world's first LNG-powered cruise ship.

LNG-powered cruise ships help to clean up dirty industry

BY ANNA SHIRYAEVSKAYA
Bloomberg News

The sleek cruise-ferry idling at the harbor in western Norway while picking up passengers spews none of the dirty black smoke typical of ships at busy ports elsewhere.

With a capacity of 1,500 passengers and 600 cars, the MS Bergensfjord is one of the growing number of vessels running on liquefied natural gas, which emits a fraction of the pollutants of the heavy oil and diesel typically used in ships.

It's an example of how one of the dirtiest industries is responding to demands for cleaner air and pristine coastlines.

It's also the latest opportunity for the gas industry, which is quickly expanding along with demand for greener forms of energy. That demand may spur a five-fold surge in LNG vessel production over the next eight years. Carnival Corp., the world's biggest cruise line operator, just added the first of 11 LNG-powered vessels to its fleet, and competitors have their eyes on buying more.

"We are already seeing cruise ships using LNG

fuel," said Paul Wogan, chief executive officer of GasLog Ltd., an LNG tanker owner and operator whose whole fleet can run on the fuel it carries. "You don't want see the big black plumes of smoke at the beautiful locations that they go to. LNG as a bunker fuel will continue to grow in demand."

Diesel and ship oil are blamed for harming human health and the environment, creating sooty black carbon when they burn. These tiny particles settle in the lungs and on land and ice, where they speed melting by absorbing rather than reflecting the sun's rays.

Norway, determined to protect its pristine coastal scenery and chalky-white glaciers, has become the biggest operating area of ships using LNG as an alternative. It has become an early mover on international rules starting in 2020 that are designed to combat shipping pollution.

LNG is natural gas cooled to minus 260 degrees Fahrenheit, which shrinks its volume to ease storage and transportation. The advantage of the fuel is that it's abundant and available. Production from Qatar and Russia to the U.S. is forecast to increase by 30

percent in the six years to 2023, according to the International Energy Agency, which advises most major economies on energy policy.

LNG emits about 25 percent less carbon dioxide than conventional shipping fuels. It contains virtually no sulphur, 85 percent less nitrogen oxide and 99 percent less particulates, exposure to which has been linked to cancer. That's key to reducing emissions from the 90,000-strong global shipping fleet, which consumes about 5 percent of the world's oil demand every day, according to Bloomberg NEF.

The gas-powered vessels' share of the world's commercial shipping fleet is minuscule, but growing. There are 261 in service and on order with another 111 considered LNG-ready, according to DNV GL, which certifies ships for safety. That can reach 1,500 by 2026, according to Finnish engineer Wärtsilä Oyj, which provides marine LNG fuel systems.

LNG isn't the only clean-energy option, either. Battery technology is moving beyond just providing top-up energy and making short journeys. Shipowners are also looking into hydrogen power.

FDA seizes documents at Juul as vaping crackdown ramps up

BY LAURIE MCGINLEY
The Washington Post

The Food and Drug Administration seized more than 1,000 pages of documents in a surprise inspection of e-cigarette maker Juul Labs, the latest indication of an intensifying crackdown on underage vaping.

The agency, in a statement Tuesday, said that last week's inspection of Juul's corporate headquarters in San Francisco was part of an effort to seek "further documentation related to Juul's sales and marketing practices."

The Juul product, which is sleek and shaped like a USB drive, has surged in popularity, including among high school students.

Critics say some of the e-liquid flavors, including mango and creme, make the product especially appealing to minors. But vaping defenders say such flavors are critical to helping adult smokers switch from more dangerous combustible cigarettes to safer e-cigarettes.

The attention on Juul ratcheted up when the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a new report Tuesday showing that the company's sales grew more than sevenfold from 2016 to 2017. The analysis of retail sales data — published in JAMA, the Journal of the American Medical Association — found that Juul's sales increased from 2.2 million devices sold in 2016 to 16.2 million in 2017.

Also Tuesday, Sens. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., and Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, wrote to the FDA asking it to immediately ban e-cigarette flavorings that appeal to children and to restrict online sales of nicotine products.

"While it remains unclear whether e-cigarettes can actually help adults quit smoking cigarettes, it is



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abundantly clear that tobacco companies are developing and marketing e-cigarette flavors that appeal to, and addict, children," the senators said in the letter.

Earlier this year, the senators introduced a bill to restrict e-cigarette flavors unless companies produced evidence that the flavors helped adults quit smoking conventional cigarettes and did not increase youth taking up nicotine or tobacco products.

In a statement Tuesday, Juul Lab's chief executive Kevin Burns said the company is "committed to preventing underage use, and we want to engage with FDA, lawmakers, public health advocates and others to keep Juul out of the hands of young people."

He added that last week's meetings with the FDA "gave us the opportunity to provide information about our business from our marketing practices to our industry-leading online age-verification protocols to our youth prevention efforts. It was a constructive and transparent dialogue."

The FDA inspection followed the agency's request to the company this year for information on the high rates of youth use of Juul products, including "documents related to marketing

and product design," the agency noted in its statement Tuesday.

Last month, FDA commissioner Scott Gottlieb said that teenage vaping had become an "epidemic."

He launched a massive enforcement action against retailers for allegedly selling e-cigarettes to minors and warned manufacturers of a potential ban on flavored e-cigarette liquids.

He also demanded that five leading e-cigarette manufacturers, including Juul, submit plans within 60 days detailing ways to sharply curb sales to underage consumers. Unless the plans promise to "substantially reverse" the youth-use trend, Gottlieb said, the agency would consider steps that could lead to temporary or permanent removal of flavored products from the market.

In recent days, he has also said the FDA is considering banning online sales of e-cigarettes.

On Tuesday, the FDA said that "the new and highly disturbing data we have on youth use demonstrates plainly that e-cigarettes are creating an epidemic of regular nicotine use among teens. It is vital that we take action to understand and address the particular appeal of, and ease of access to, these products among kids."

Fed chair: These are 'extraordinary times' for economy

BY HEATHER LONG
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell said Tuesday that the U.S. economy appears to be in the midst of a "remarkably positive" period that is unprecedented in modern history.

The Fed is predicting unemployment will remain below 4 percent through 2020 and that inflation will remain low — around 2 percent — during that time. This has never happened

before in modern U.S. history. The last time unemployment was that low for several years, in the 1960s, it triggered high inflation, but the central bank and many forecasters don't believe that will occur this time.

"This historically rare pairing of steady, low inflation and very low unemployment is a testament to the fact we remain in extraordinary times," Powell said at the annual meeting of the National Association for Business Economics. "I was asked at last week's

news conference whether these forecasts are too good to be true — a reasonable question."

There is uneasiness at the Fed about predicting such an unprecedentedly rosy period, and Powell said he and his colleagues have a contingency plan in place if the economy veers off the path they are predicting.

"Our ongoing policy of gradual interest rate normalization reflects our efforts to balance the inevitable risks that come with extraordinary times," he

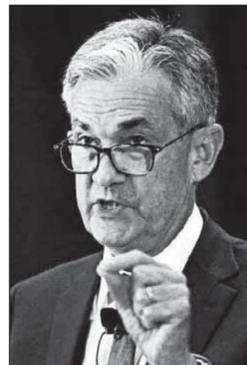
said.

President Donald Trump has taken credit for the strong U.S. economy and also criticized the Fed for raising interest rates too quickly, which Trump fears could cause growth to falter.

When unemployment is this low, businesses typically struggle to find workers and companies are often forced to raise pay to try to lure workers to their firms. That, in turn, causes businesses to hike prices that consumers pay at the store or elsewhere. This relation-

ship between unemployment and inflation is known as the Phillips Curve among economists, but some have questioned lately whether the curve is dead.

Powell said he doesn't think the Phillips Curve is dead, but he also doesn't think inflation is going to jump anytime soon even though the labor market is much tighter now. He argues the Fed is aware of the risks and doing a much more active job of managing inflation expectations than in the 1960s.



ELISE AMENDOLA/AP

Fed Chairman Jerome Powell believes inflation will remain low through 2020.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 26,824.78 Low: 26,627.66 Previous: 26,651.21



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
-37.76 (-.47%)	-1.16 (-.04%)	-16.95 (-1.01%)
Close: 7,999.55	Close: 2,923.43	Close: 1,656.04
High: 8,054.15	High: 2,931.42	High: 1,674.87
Low: 7,983.99	Low: 2,919.37	Low: 1,653.34
Previous: 8,037.31	Previous: 2,924.59	Previous: 1,672.99

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.03 to 3.05%	+15.30 to \$1,202.40	-0.30 to 113.69/\$1	+0.0023 to .8662/\$1	-0.07 to \$75.23

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +1.06	NASD -1.10	S&P +.27	DOW +3.17	NASD -1.13	S&P +.92	DOW +18.25	NASD +22.47	S&P +15.34

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 18	510.50	524.75	505.25	519.25	+9.75
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 18	365	369	363.25	367.50	+1.75
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Nov 18	856.75	867.25	853	866	+8.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Oct 18	28.96	29.36	28.93	29.36	+0.35
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Oct 18	310.40	311.80	307.70	311.20	+0.70
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Nov 18	75.42	75.91	74.93	75.23	-0.07
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Nov 18	3.114	3.194	3.109	3.166	+0.072
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Nov 18	2.1335	2.1373	2.1171	2.1269	-0.0006

LOCAL STOCKS

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	73.81	-31	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	95.83	-10
AbbVie Inc	N	94.23	-77	Equity Residential	N	66.24	+20
Allstate Corp	N	98.85	+32	Exelon Corp	N	44.01	+60
Aptargroup Inc	N	108.15	+30	First Indl RT	N	33.31	+04
Arch Dan Mid	N	50.41	-50	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	52.89	+61
Baxter Intl	N	77.30	-50	Gallagher AJ	N	75.35	+18
Boeing Co	N	386.37	+08	Grainger WJ	N	354.55	-145
Brunswick Corp	N	65.69	-91	GrubHub Inc	N	136.99	-39
CBOE Global Markets	O	104.20	...	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	94.02	-111
CDK Global Inc	O	62.01	-26	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	77.89	-104
CDW Corp	O	87.47	-50	IDEX Corp	N	149.92	-19
CF Industries	N	55.81	+101	ITW	N	144.71	+157
CME Group	O	174.50	+25	Ingredion Inc	N	104.12	+63
CNA Financial	N	45.41	+04	John Bean Technol	N	115.60	-28
Caterpillar Inc	N	154.82	+25.54	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	144.11	+133
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	33.41	-04	Kemper Corp	N	78.26	+53
Deere Co	N	154.82	+3.96	Kraft Heinz Co	O	55.93	+39
Discover Fin Svcs	N	77.33	...	LKQ Corporation	O	31.28	-34
Dover Corp	N	88.15	+00	Littelfuse Inc	O	193.90	-143
Equity Commonwealth	N	32.38	+22	MB Financial	O	46.12	+20

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	12.32	+2.3
Petrobras	13.16	+1.08
Bank of America	29.58	-1.2
Ford Motor	9.20	-0.7
Vale SA	15.62	+5.9
AT&T Inc	33.92	+4.3
Ambev S.A.	4.65	+0.4
Lloyds Banking Grp	2.95	-0.7
Barrick Gold	11.69	+5.5
Fortive Corp	83.62	-81
Banco Bradesco ADS	7.57	+5.4
Snap Inc A	8.18	-18
Itau Unibanco Hldg	11.48	+6.1
General Motors Co	33.30	-90
Oracle Corp	50.23	-1.57
Sthwstn Energy	5.16	+0.4
Rite Aid Corp	1.15	-0.6
Chesapck Enrgy	4.52	-0.6
Gerdau SA	4.23	+0.7
Nokia Corp	5.48	-1.3
Petrobras A	11.53	+1.06
Penney JC Co Inc	1.56	-1.4
Twitter Inc	28.19	-1.2
Wells Fargo & Co	52.13	-1.2

LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	160.23	-1.77
Alphabet Inc C	1200.11	+4.80
Alphabet Inc A	1207.64	-89
Amazon.com Inc	1971.31	-33.05
Apple Inc	229.28	+2.02
Bank of America	29.58	-0.7
Berkshire Hath B	215.29	+5.1
Exxon Mobil Corp	86.46	+6.5
Facebook Inc	159.33	-3.11
JPMorgan Chase	113.97	+4.7
Johnson & Johnson	140.48	+7.9
Microsoft Corp	115.15	-4.6
Pfizer Inc	44.22	-0.5
Royal Dutch Shell B	71.21	-3.8
Royal Dutch Shell A	69.07	-2.5
Unitedhealth Group	270.63	+1.53
Visa Inc	149.67	-1.12
WalMart Strs	95.15	+7.5
Wells Fargo & Co	52.13	-1.2

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCpA m	35.17	-13	+20.9
American Funds AmrenBAlA m	28.97	-25	+9.0
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	651.00	-2	+6.4
American Funds CptlncBlldrA m	60.38	-0.1	+9.9
American Funds FdmtlInvsA m	65.48	-0.4	+13.8
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	56.58	-2.3	+19.3
American Funds IncAmrcA m	23.25	+0.1	+4.9
American Funds InvCAMrCA m	42.25	+0.2	+13.4
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	46.72	-2.4	+13.0
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	47.05	+0.7	+14.3
DFA IntlCorEqIn	13.86	-0.7	+1.5
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.37	+0.1	-1
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	43.21	-1.2	-5.6
Dodge & Cox Stk	215.29	+4.2	+13.6
DoubleLine TlRetBdl	10.34	+0.1	+2
Fidelity 500dxIn	102.62	-0.3	+17.8
Fidelity 500dxInPrm	102.61	-0.4	+17.8
Fidelity 500InIdxPrm	102.61	-0.4	+17.8
Fidelity Contrafund	14.05	-0.9	+24.0
Fidelity ContrafundK	14.05	-0.9	+24.2
Fidelity GroCo	21.37	-2.1	+27.4
Fidelity TlMktIdxPrm	84.13	-1.4	+17.0
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.32	...	+2.2
Metropolitan West TlRetBdl	10.31	+0.1	-1.0
PIMCO IncInslT	11.90	...	+1.0
PIMCO TlRetIn	9.90	...	-1.6
Schwab SP500Idx	45.68	-0.1	+17.8
T. Rowe Price BCGr	114.11	-0.7	+26.4
T. Rowe Price GrStk	72.19	-0.4	+21.9
Vanguard 500dxAdmrl	269.96	-1.0	+17.8
Vanguard DivGrIn	28.78	-0.4	+16.4
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	82.81	-3.0	+22.3
Vanguard HCAdmrl	96.65	+1.6	+13.9
Vanguard IntTTEAdmrl	13.77	...	-1
Vanguard InslIdxIn	266.34	-0.9	+17.8
Vanguard InslIdxInPlus	266.35	-1.0	+17.8
Vanguard InsTlSMInPls	64.70	-1.0	+17.1
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	97.37	-0.7	+6.0
Vanguard MlCpIdxAdmrl	201.93	-9.3	+12.2
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	152.63	-5.8	+22.2
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.45	...	+3
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	76.50	-5.9	+13.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	32.10	-0.4	+5.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	19.00	-0.3	+5.5
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	34.68	-0.7	+7.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	21.42	-0.5	+8.1
Vanguard TlBMDIdxAdmrl	10.36	+0.2	-1.2
Vanguard TlBMDIdxIn	10.36	+0.2	-1.2
Vanguard TlBMDIdxAdmrl	21.76	+0.2	+2.2
Vanguard TlInBIdxAdmrl	32.65	+0.3	+2.3
Vanguard TlInBIdxIn	28.86	-2.0	+1.0
Vanguard TlInSIdxAdmrl	115.43	-7.7	+1.0
Vanguard TlInSIdxIn	115.45	-7.7	+1.1
Vanguard TlInSIdxInv	17.26	-1.1	+1.0
Vanguard TlSMIdxAdmrl	72.83	-1.2	+17.0
Vanguard TlSMIdxIn	72.85	-1.1	+17.0
Vanguard TlSMIdxInv	72.81	-1.2	+16.9
Vanguard WngtNAdmrl	74.01	+0.9	+8.4
Vanguard WlsvInAdmrl	64.21	+1.4	+3.5
Vanguard WndsrIAdmrl	71.01	...	+12.5

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.18	2.18
6-month disc	2.35	2.335
2-year	2.80	2.81
10-year	3.05	3.08
30-year	3.21	3.23

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1202.40	\$1187.10
Silver	\$14.610	\$14.422
Platinum	\$830.10	\$824.00

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.25
Discount Rate Primary	2.75
Fed Funds Target	2.00-2.25
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.39

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys...	
Argentina (Peso)	38.0749
Australia (Dollar)	1.3913
Brazil (Real)	3.9218
Britain (Pound)	.7705
Canada (Dollar)	1.2816
China (Yuan)	6.8835
Euro	.8662
India (Rupee)	73.346
Israel (Shekel)	3.6520
Japan (Yen)	113.69
Mexico (Peso)	18.7979
Poland (Zloty)	3.72
So. Korea (Won)	1118.62
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.66
Thailand (Baht)	32.33

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2821.35	+29.6/+1.1
Stoxx600	381.94	-2.0/-0.5
Nikkei	24270.62	+24.9/+1
MSCI-EAFE	1957.50	-16.1/-0.8
Bovespa	81593.88	+2970.2/+3.8
FTSE 100	7474.55	-21.1/-0.3
CAC-40	5467.89	-38.9/-0.7

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OBITUARIES

CHARLES AZNAVOUR 1924-2018

'French Frank Sinatra' and Armenian activist

BY GREGORY VISCUSI
Bloomberg

Charles Aznavour, the French-born singer who collaborated with stars such as Frank Sinatra and Sting while pursuing his passion for Armenian causes during a 70-year music and film career, has died at 94.

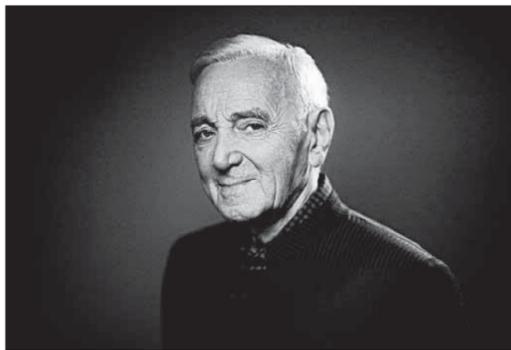
The singer died in his home in Alpielles, in south-eastern France, AFP news agency reported Monday.

Best known for songs in his native French, Aznavour also sang in English, Italian, Spanish, German and Armenian, selling more than 180 million records, according to his website. His personal style was that of a crooner, backed by a jazzy big band, and singing of love and nostalgia. He recorded or performed with artists as varied as Sinatra, Ray Charles, Liza Minnelli, Bob Dylan, Elton John, Jose Carreras, Youssou N'Dour and Julio Iglesias.

Aznavour recorded more than 1,400 songs and appeared in more than 60 films. He performed on stage into his 90s.

Often called the "French Frank Sinatra," Aznavour recorded a duet with the American singer on the song "You Make Me Feel So Young" for Sinatra's 1993 album "Duets." In the same year, Aznavour toured with Minnelli through Europe and the U.S., performing at New York's Carnegie Hall. In 2008 he sang with Sting, Celine Dion and other stars on the album "Duos."

"He now enjoys the magical status of international musical legend," Alan Riding wrote in a 1998 New York Times article. "After the death of Frank Sinatra, he may well be the last practitioner of a song tradition that dates back to the 1940s."



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French-Armenian singer Charles Aznavour, shown in 2017, sang in six languages and appeared in more than 60 films.

Aznavour was born May 22, 1924, in Paris. His parents were Armenian immigrants who were waiting for a visa to move to the U.S. and ended up staying in France. His father, Mischa Aznavourian, was an opera singer who ran a restaurant where bands performed, while his mother, Knar Baghdasaryan, took temporary jobs as a seamstress.

Growing up in poverty, Aznavour dropped out of school early to perform in theaters with his sister, Aida. His big break came in 1946 when he was discovered by Edith Piaf, who took him on tour to the U.S.

Aznavour broke through in France in 1956 with "Sur Ma Vie," a sad love tale with echoes of Sinatra, and produced a series of hits throughout the 1960s, such as "For Me Formidable" and "Que c'est triste Venise."

"The hollow cheeks, slight build and rasping voice were seen at last, not as a handicap, but as an indispensable trademark, and his songs with their gritty descriptions of everyday emotional drama and trauma really hit home," according to the Songwriters Hall of Fame, which inducted him in 1996.

In the 1970s, he had success in the U.K. with "She" and "The Old Fashioned Way," sung in charmingly accented English.

Aznavour's film career included main roles in Francois Truffaut's "Shoot the Piano Player" in 1960 and the 1974 version of Agatha Christie's "And Then There Were None." He also had a smaller part in the 1979 Oscar-winning movie "The Tin Drum."

After touring to raise money for the 1988 Armenian earthquake, Aznavour became that country's goodwill ambassador to UNESCO in 1995, and received Armenian citizenship in 2008. A year later he became the Armenian ambassador to Switzerland. In France he was associated with center-right politicians, supporting Presidents Jacques Chirac and Nicolas Sarkozy. He became an Officer of the Legion of Honor in France in 1997.

"I am not trying to boast, but I have to admit that for an uneducated son of an immigrant, I could have done far worse," he said on his website.

He was married three times and had six children.

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ON OCTOBER 3 ...

In 1226 Francis of Assisi, founder of the Franciscan religious order, died; he was canonized in 1228.

In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln declared the last Thursday in November Thanksgiving Day.

In 1929 the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes formally changed its name to the Kingdom of Yugoslavia.

In 1941 Adolf Hitler declared in a speech in Berlin that Russia had been "broken" and would "never rise again."

Also in 1941 rock star Chubby Checker was born in Philadelphia.

In 1942 President Franklin Roosevelt established the Office of Economic Stabilization.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. troops cracked the Siegfried Line north of Aachen, Germany.

In 1951 the New York Giants captured the National League pennant in Game 3 by a score of 5-4 as third baseman Bobby Thomson hit a three-run homer off the Brooklyn Dodgers' Ralph Branca in the "shot heard 'round the world."

In 1955 "Captain Kangaroo" and "The Mickey Mouse Club" premiered on CBS and ABC, respectively.

In 1960 "The Andy Griffith Show" premiered on CBS.

In 1961 "The Dick Van Dyke Show," also starring Mary Tyler Moore, made its debut on CBS.

In 1962 astronaut Wally Schirra blasted off from Cape Canaveral aboard the Sigma 7 on a nine-hour flight.

In 1967 Riverview, the North Side amusement park that entertained generations of Chicagoans, was shut down.

Also in 1967 folk singer Woody Guthrie died; he was 55.

In 1974 Frank Robinson became major-league baseball's first black manager as he was named to lead the Cleveland Indians.

In 1981 Irish nationalists at the Maze Prison near Belfast, Northern Ireland, ended seven months of hunger strikes that had claimed 10 lives.

In 1987 U.S. and Canadian negotiators agreed on a framework for an accord to eliminate all tariffs between the world's two largest trad-

ing partners.

In 1990 West Germany and East Germany ended 45 years of postwar division, declaring the creation of a new unified country.

In 1991 Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton entered the race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Also in 1991 South African author Nadine Gordimer was named winner of the Nobel Prize in literature.

In 1995 the jury in the O.J. Simpson murder trial announced its verdicts, finding the former football star not guilty of the 1994 slayings of his former wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and Ronald Goldman. (Simpson was later found liable in a civil trial.)

In 1996 Polish poet Wislawa Szymborska won the Nobel Prize in literature.

In 1999 Sony co-founder Akio Morita died in Tokyo; he was 78.

In 2001 the Senate approved an agreement normalizing trade between the United States and Vietnam.

In 2004 actress Janet Leigh died in Beverly Hills, Calif.; she was 77.

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Anos, Nicoletta "Niki"

Nicoletta "Niki" Anos, nee Collas, 83, longtime resident of Westchester, at rest October 1, 2018. Beloved wife of the late George J. Anos. Loving Mother of Aspasia (Bobby), Margo (George), Joanna, and John (Artemis). Dear sister of Susie Regos. Cherished Yiyia of Leo, Marta, Diana, Margaret, and Elisabeth. Dear Aunt and Godmother to many. Visitation Thursday 9:30 AM until time of Funeral Service 10 AM at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church 2501 S. Wolf Rd., Westchester. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations appreciated to Lewy Body Dementia Association 912 Killian Hill Rd. SW, Lilburn, GA 30047, www.lbda.org, Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church, or the charity of your choice. Info. (630) 941-5860 or chapelhillgardenswest.com. May Her Memory Be Eternal.

Chapel Hill Gardens West Funeral Home
17001 Rosemead Road, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181
(630) 941-5860
Lewy Body Dementia Association
912 Killian Hill Rd. SW, Lilburn, GA 30047
www.lbda.org

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Basile (nee Telac), Evelyn M.

Age 91, late of Hegewisch, passed away Saturday, September 29, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Anthony J. Basile. Loving mother of Susan (Richard) Panfil and James Basile. Proud grandmother of James (Jessica) Draper, Ryan Draper, Rory (Natalie) Draper, Brooke (Nick) Ober and Courtney Basile. Devoted great grandmother of Maxwell, Violet and Theodore Ober, Leo, August, Carys, Alexis and Ava Draper. Caring sister of Violet DeFauw and the late Goldie Bergan. Private Services. Arrangements entrusted to Opyt Funeral Home, 13350 S. Baltimore Ave., Chicago, IL 60633, (773) 646-1133.

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Blake, Colette M.

Colette M. Blake, 85, beloved wife of the late Terance Blake II; devoted mother of Terance Blake III (Jerri Schwartz), Richard Blake (Desiree Blake) and the late Jeffrey Blake; proud grandmother of Cash, Arielle, Gavin, Matthew and Sayde Blake. Visitation Oct 5 3:00-9:00 PM and pre mass Oct 6 9:15 AM at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home 4727 W 103rd St, Oak Lawn. Full mass 10:00 AM St Alexander Catholic Church 7025 W 126th St, Palos Hts. Interment Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery, Alsip. Memorial contributions to Corpus Christi Monastery of the Poor Clares 2111 S Main St, Rockford, IL 61102 (www.rockfordpoorclares.org). Information: 708-636-1193 or www.blakelamboaklawn.com

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Bogus, Robert E.

ROBERT E. BOGUS, 68, died on September 19, 2018 from complications of multiple sclerosis. Addictions rehabilitation counselor and university clinical professor. Former resident of Bridgeport, Brighton Park, and Rogers Park. Survived by son Randy, former wife Gail Oppenheim, goddaughter Megan Sanchez, stepmother Florence Yager, stepsister Carol Mayer her husband Edward and their son Michael, aunt Frances Bielawski, and many cousins. Memorial Visitation Saturday, October 6th 11:00am to 12:45pm at the WOLNIAK FUNERAL HOME 5700 S. Pulaski Rd. A complete obituary may be found at wolniakfuneralhome.com. For info: (773) 767-4500

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Byrnes, Mary Jeanne

Mary Jeanne Byrnes (nee Canton) Sept. 30, 2018, Age 89. Beloved wife of the late Francis "Rainey" Byrnes Ret. C.F.D. Loving mother of Francis A. "Tony" Jr. Ret. C.F.D. (Joyce), Georgina (the late Michael) Griffin, Martha (Luis) Martinez and the late Timothy J. Byrnes Ret. C.F.D./O.E.M.C. (Lifelong friend of the late Rita). Fond grandmother of Megan (Rick) Jadron, Lauren Byrnes (Beau Szul), Brian C.F.D. (Stephanie), Brendan O.L.F.D. (Nadine Arvesen), Brooke (Jim) Pierson, Timothy Byrnes, Patrick Byrnes, Emily (Sean) Campbell, Courtney Griffin, Michael, Madeleine and Gabrielle Martinez and the late Caroline and Maura Griffin. Great grandmother of 12. Sister of the late Helen G. (the late James) Furness. Aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Friday 9:00 a.m. from Donnellan Funeral Home 10525 S. Western Ave. to St. Barnabas Church 10134 S. Longwood Dr. for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Int. St. Mary Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Mulliganers 612 72nd Ct., Downers Grove, IL. 60516. Info (773) 238-0075 or sign guestbook at www.donnellanfuneralhome.com.



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Campione Sr., Vincent J.

Vincent J. Campione, Sr. - Beloved husband of Molly E. (nee Chavez). Loving father of Vincent J. Campione, Jr. (Tammy Ring) and Virginia (Guy) Morgano. Proud papa of Joe and John Morgano and Rachel Campione. Dear uncle of many nieces and nephews. Vincent was preceded in death by sisters, Caroline DeSalvo and Frances Arrigo. Vincent was the Founder and Owner of Vincent Signs in Bensenville, IL. Visitation will be held Thursday, October 4, 2018 from 9:30 AM until time of Funeral Service 1:00 PM at First United Methodist Church, 328 S. Church Road, Bensenville IL. Interment Mt. Emblem Cemetery, Elmhurst IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to First United Methodist Church, would be appreciated. For funeral information, please call 630-766-3232 or www.gelisfuneralhome.com



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Collins, Patricia

Patricia Collins nee Wirtz, age 97, of Victorian Village. Beloved wife of the late Dick Collins. Loving mother of Roseann (Norm) Andre and Kathleen (Dennis) Persic. Cherished grandmother of Colleen (Brent) Rogers. Preceded in death by her parents Fred and Rose Wirtz nee O'Hagan and her brother Billy Wirtz. Former Secretary for the Pierce Downer Elementary School, Downers Grove. Funeral Saturday 9:45am from RICHARD J. MODELL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES 12641 W. 143rd St. Homer Glen to Our Lady of the Woods Church, Mass 10:30am. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Friday 4-8pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Providence Life Services (Victorian Village) 12600 W. 143rd St. Homer Glen 60491 or your favorite charity. 708-301-3595 or rjmodellfh.com.

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Copenhaver, James Martin

James Martin Copenhaver, a resident of Lake Forest, Illinois, died on September 27, 2018 of natural causes. He was born on July 21, 1925 in Polo, Illinois where he was raised on the family farm. Jim served in World War II as a naval radio operator, stationed in Guam. Upon discharge, he attended and graduated from the University of Colorado. After a brief stint as a farmer, Jim joined Allstate Insurance Company where he spent his entire career. He is survived by his wife Ann; his children Susan O'Byrne and her husband Stephen of Larchmont, NY; Carolyn Swarhout and her husband Tom of Lake Forest, IL; Sallie Duncan of Biddeford, ME; eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

He was a humble man who had a much greater interest in others than himself and he was extremely devoted to his family. Jim visited his wife everyday for the eight years she has been in a care facility. He had great enthusiasm for life and thrived on bringing people together. Jim was well known at Lake Forest Place for organizing dinner parties. His positive attitude, quick smile and love of a joke will be missed. A service will be held at Lake Forest Place, 1100 Pembroke Dr., Lake Forest on October 13th at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, PO Box 96011, Washington DC, 20090 - 6011, <http://www.alz.org/>



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DeCaro, Raffaella "Rae"

Raffaella "Rae" DeCaro (nee Ottaviano), beloved wife of the late Joseph N. DeCaro; loving mother of the late Nick and Vincent DeCaro; dearest mother-in-law of Karen DeCaro; devoted grandmother of Vincent and Kristen DeCaro; cherished aunt of many nieces and nephews. A very special Thank You to Rae's care taker, Sharon Pepper! Visitation Thursday 9:00 A.M. until time of prayers 10:45 A.M. at Lawn Funeral Home 17909 S. 94th Ave Tinley Park, IL 60487 to St. Julie Billiart Church. Mass 11:15 A.M. Interment Good Shepherd Cemetery. Funeral info (708) 532-3100



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Fazio, Mary Jane

Mary Jane Fazio (nee Timer), age 91, a resident of Palos Hills, IL, died Sunday, September 30, 2018 at her daughter's home in Naperville, IL. She was born on March 28, 1927 in Milwaukee, WI. Arrangements by Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL. For a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.



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Glienke, Albert J.

Albert James Glienke, 80, born and raised in Oak Park and resident of Bailey, CO and Sun City West, AZ passed away Saturday, September 29, 2018. Beloved by family and friends, husband to Joann (Tresselt); father of Kirk (Laura Selby), Kent, and Karen (Gregori Viens); grandfather of Miles Albert; brother to Phyllis (Richard) Tresselt, and Kathleen (Paul) Buturus; uncle to Dick (Jennifer), Jeffrey, Susan (Bill Clark), and Scott (Dina) Tresselt and David (Danielle) Gould, Sara (Jeff) Kovich, and Elizabeth Gould. Al graduated from OPRFHS in 1956 and served as Master of Ceremonies at his class reunions, delighting with his well-known sense of humor. Al worked for the Village of Oak Park for over 35 years, retiring in 1995. Included in his extensive community service, he served on the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund from 1976-95, incl. four terms as President; as Campaign Chair and President of the OPRF Community Chest, and as Asst. Scoutmaster of Troop 16. Al was an award-winning landscape photographer and loved jazz music, cooking, golfing, fishing, camping, road trips around the country, and travels abroad. He was also loved by many cats over the years, and will be missed terribly by Boo Boo.

A Memorial Service will be held at Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church (744 Fair Oaks Ave, Oak Park) on Saturday, October 6 at 2 pm.

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Grady, Patrick Vincent

Patrick V. Grady, age 61, passed away Saturday, September 29, 2018. He was the devoted father of Courtney Elizabeth, Margaret Anne, and William Francis. Beloved son of Eileen McMullan Grady and the late William Francis Grady. Cherished brother of the late John Daniel, Katherine (Thomas) Mangan, Eileen (Dr. Walter) Marbach, Frances (Steven) Barba, Marie (Dr. James) Adamo. Adored uncle to 19 nieces and nephews and 20 great nieces and nephews. Dear cousin, loyal friend and beloved father figure to many.

Visitation will be Saturday, October 6, 2018, 9:30 a.m. until time of the Funeral Mass 11:30 a.m. at Saints Faith, Hope & Charity Catholic Church, 191 Linden St, Winnetka, IL 60093.

Interment private.

Info: 847-675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com.



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Lucky Day Lotto midday	07 15 23 28 39
Pick 3 evening	380 / 3
Pick 4 evening	6980 / 2
Lucky Day Lotto evening	19 22 28 30 41
Oct. 3 Powerball: \$229M	
Oct. 4 Lotto: \$16.25M	

WISCONSIN	
Oct. 2	
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Pick 4	2353
Badger 5	15 18 23 25 29
SuperCash	01 03 08 13 22 26

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Daily 3 midday	368 / 9
Daily 4 midday	7451 / 9
Daily 3 evening	564 / 4
Daily 4 evening	8051 / 4
Cash 5	06 11 33 37 42
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Grant, John William

John W. Grant, 94, born and raised on the south side of Chicago, passed away peacefully on October 1, 2018. He was a longtime resident of Hinsdale, IL and Naples, FL. John graduated from Leo High School in 1942 and served in the United States Army during World War II in Washington D.C. and the Pacific theater.

After graduating from DePaul University, he began a long business career that included executive management positions with General Foods, before joining Miles Laboratories (later Bayer) as President of the Household Products Division, and serving as the U.S. Marketing representative on the Bayer Worldwide Marketing Commission. In 1986, he joined Beatrice Foods as President of the U.S. Food Group. Upon retiring, he served on the Board of Directors of several companies. John was preceded in death by his wife of 48 years, Patricia Grant (nee Neville), his sons John, William and Thomas Grant, and his daughter Shauna Grant Lynch. He is survived by his sister, Rosemary Grant, his brother, Joseph (Anne) Grant, his daughter, Susan Grant, his son, Michael (Erin Philyaw) Grant, and his grandchildren: Scott (Laura) Schwendener, Kevin Schwendener, Kathryn Schwendener, John Lynch, Liam Grant and Dermot Grant. Visitation will be at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 South Grant, Hinsdale on Thursday October 4th from 3pm to 9pm. Funeral Mass Friday, October 5th 11:15 AM at St. John of the Cross Church, 5005 S. Wolf Rd., Western Springs. Interment to follow at Bronswood Cemetery in Oak Brook. In lieu of flowers, memorials in John's memory may be made to Leo High School, 7901 S. Sagamon St. Chicago, IL 60620, appreciated. 630-323-0275 or www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com



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Halprin, Florence

Florence Halprin (nee Butler), age 85, passed away on Monday, October 1, 2018. She is survived by her daughter Dr. Jessica Halprin (Dr. Mitchell Bernstein); brother Benjamin (Shizue) Butler; sister Judith Butler; grandchildren, niece and nephew, and many cousins. Florence received her post graduate degree from the University of Chicago and had a rewarding career in education. She was a life-long learner and loved reading and music. She will be missed. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association. Services were private. Contact the funeral home for shiva information. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfnfo.com

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Heilmann, Erica Anne

nee Altman, age 43. Adored and beautiful bride of Dave, who loved her more than life itself. The best mom ever to Natalie, Joey, Mikey and Brooke. Every day Erica told her wonderful children how much she loved them, and they loved her back soooo much. Erica is survived by her mom and dad, Leona Altman and Glen Altman, wonderful brother Gary (Shawn), and mother-in-law Therese Heilmann. Loving sister in law of Cathy and Bob Lachky, John Heilmann, Diane and Kurt Adams, Chris and Sue Gleason. Precious niece of Anita (Bob) Williams and Diane Stark. Loving aunt, cousin, and Godmother to many. Finally, she is survived by casts of thousands, the people she has touched in the world of theatre, who will never be able to replace this friend.

Erica taught at TF South High School for 20 years and loved her friends there. She also was a cheerleading coach for TF South and St Linus. She changed countless lives through theatre, teaching children, teens and adults, instilling in them the beauty of theatre and all it adds to a life. She helped Oak Lawn win the National City Livability Award in 2009. In 2017 she received recognition by The Tony Awards as one of the top 20 theatre teachers in the country who have demonstrating a monumental impact on the lives of students while embodying the highest standards of the profession. Visitation Thursday 3-9 p.m. at St. Linus Church, 10300 Lawler Ave, Oak Lawn, IL. Friends and family to gather Friday for Mass of the Resurrection at 11:00 a.m. Entombment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. "She was our everything, so loved, and the strongest woman we have ever known". Funeral arrangements entrusted to Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

Robert J. Sheehy & Sons

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Jennes, Patricia A.

Patricia A. Jennes (nee Bowling), 87, of Johnsburg, formerly of Chicago, at rest September 24, 2018. For service information and full obituary visit www.HamsherLakeside.com, or call 847-587-2100.

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Kay, Richard

Richard Kay, 54 of Oak Brook; loving son of Jack and Marilyn (nee Smoley) Kay; dear brother of Debbie Kraus and John Kay; fond nephew of Bob Kay, Franklin and Joseph Smoley; cherished uncle of Kristie, Matthew, Zachary, Nick, Ashley and Kyle; many cousins and his beloved dog Dexter. Memorial visitation Friday, October 5, 2018 at Glueckert Funeral Home Ltd., 1520 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights from 5:00 PM until time of memorial service at 8:00 PM. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 2151, 501st St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38101-2151. Funeral information and condolences www.GlueckertFH.com or (847) 253-0168



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Kelley, James H.

James H. Kelley; Beloved husband of the late Yolanda, nee Camastro; Devoted father of James (Nicole), Joseph and Patrick (Christine); Dear brother of Dorothy Fitch, Geraldine Martens and the late JoAnn Pfaab and Donna Jean Carrano; Loving PaPa of Ariana, Alexis, Joe, Casey, James, Nicholas, Dylan and Emma; Funeral Friday 8:15 a.m. from **Salerno's Rosedale Chapels**, 450 W. Lake St., Roselle (3/4 mile west of Bloomingdale/Roselle Rd.) to St. Isidore Catholic Church. Funeral mass to be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation Thursday from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. For info (630) 889-1700



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Koch, Glenn Roy

Glenn Roy Koch, age 79, passed away on Friday, September 28th. Glenn was born in Chicago, IL on March 5th, 1939, to Earl and Mildred Koch. Glenn was preceded in death by his wives Maureen Porth Koch and Ellen Pepe Koch and is survived by three stepchildren: Donald L. (Michelle) Porth III, Timothy J. (Lori) Porth, and Susan (Matthew) Kurland and eight step-grandchildren: Anna, Luke, Charles, Adam, and Erin Porth and Quinn, Riley, and Ella Kurland. Glenn was a veteran of the US Air Force and a proud 1961 graduate of Beloit College. He was an affiliate member of the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Lions Club, an avid painter, and devoted Chicago sports fan. Visitation will be on Friday, October 5th from 12-3pm at Kolssak Funeral Home, 189 S. Milwaukee Ave. Wheeling, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations to Misericordia at www.misericordia.com appreciated.

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Krzus, Virginia

Virginia Krzus (nee O'Connor). Beloved wife of 69 years to Thaddeus J. Krzus; loving mother of Thomas (Anne), Mary Anne Gasunas, Paul (Suzanne), Michael (Deborah), John (Annette) Krzus and the late Catherine Mary McInerney; cherished grandmother of Joseph, Michael, Katie, Laura, Peter, Marilyn, Paul, Kassia, Christopher, Caitlyn, Daniel, Robert, Kristen and Thaddeus; proud great grandmother of 8; dearest sister of Kathleen Nemecek and the late Charlotte, Mary Ellen, Jack, Jim and Larry; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 3-9pm. Funeral Saturday, 8:15am from Blake-Lamb Funeral Home 4727 W. 103rd to St. Albert the Great Church for Mass 9:00 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Please visit www.blakelamboaklawn.com or call 708-636-1193 for more information.

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Lawler Jr., Paul E.

Dr. Paul E. Lawler Jr. (Lark) Born- April 16th 1928 Died- Oct. 1st 2018 Dr. Paul E. Lawler Jr. Devoted husband of the late Virginia, nee Furey; Loving father of Rosemary (Tom) Cavanagh, Virginia (Dr. Pat) Russell, Paul (Deborah), Peter (Sue), Warren (Cathy), Dr. Charles (Shelly), Hon. Christopher (Julie); Proud Papa of Emily, Christin Clare (Chad) Mozdzen, Thomas (Amanda), Michael, Kyle (Cassie) Russell, Payton Russell, Chloe, James, Bridget, Caitlin, Jennifer (Mike) Cummings, Matthew (Kim), Meghan (Colin) Sullivan, Claire, Daniel, Charles, Kathleen, Will, Jack, Brendan and Kevin, Great Grandpa of eight great grand kids. Dear brother of Bob (Sue), the late Madeline (the late Gene), the late Bill (the late Helen), the late Jack (the late Ann). Loving friend and companion to Adele O'Donnell. Fond uncle, cousin and friend to many. Long time member of Beverly and Long Beach Country Clubs. US Navy veteran. Dr. Lawler was dually trained in Obstetrics and Psychiatry and a staff physician at Little Company of Mary Hospital for over 35 years. Visitation Friday 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. at St Barnabas Church, 10134 S. Longwood Dr. Chicago, IL. Funeral Mass St Barnabas at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday Interment private. In Lieu of flowers Gifts to Catholic Charity Email: donations@catholiccharities.net Mail: 721 N. LaSalle, Chicago, IL 60654 Attn: Maternity and Adoption dept. Misericordia Heart of Mercy Attn: Sister Rosemary Connelly 6300 North Ridge Avenue Chicago, IL 60660 Arrangements entrusted to The Original Lamb Family Funeral & Cremation Service, Rose Lamb Director, 708-710-9549

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Leak, Paul R.

Paul R. Leak, age 78 of Oak Brook and formerly a longtime resident of Glen Ellyn passed away on October 1. Beloved husband of the late Barbara for nearly 50 years. Loving father of Christy Leak (Josh Arnoldus) & Bradley Leak (Miki Koyama). Dear grandfather of Peter Jacob Arnoldus. Fond son of the late Aubrey (late Mary) Leak. Beloved brother of Donald (Joyce) & the late Joan Gates (Late Frank) and uncle of four. Paul was a big time Bears, Cubs & Indiana University basketball fan. He enjoyed collecting antiques, reading books, bird watching and spending time at the family cottage in Wisconsin. He was also a great doggie grandpa to Hana & Hiccup. Visitation is Friday, October 5th from 10 AM - 12 PM followed by a service at 12 PM at Leonard Memorial Memorial Home, 565 Duane St. Glen Ellyn (630) 469-0032 or leonardmemorialhome.com. In lieu of flowers donations to the American Cancer Society are appreciated at cancer.org.

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Learas, Adolph M.

Adolph M. Learas retired Chicago Police Sergeant; beloved father of Paulette (David) Juenger, Connie (Tom) Martino and Mario (Meta) Learas; grandfather of Jeannie (Tom) Renn, Lauren Juenger, Stephanie (Dan) Block, Kristin Martino, Ryan and Sean Learas; great-grandfather of Ava and Charlotte Renn; fond brother of Anna Marie Hernandez and the late Sophie Vasquez; uncle of Sharon Barrera. Visitation Thurs, Oct. 4, 2018, 3-9 PM at Matz Funeral Home, 410 E. Rand Rd., Mt. Prospect. Funeral Fri. 9:15 AM prayers to St. Emily Church for 10 AM Mass Entombment All Saints. Info. 847/394-2336.

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Levy, Stephen

Stephen Levy, 88, beloved husband and best friend of Maxine, nee Kessie, for 57 wonderful years; loving father of Allison, William (Lauren), Phillip and Daniel (Julie); cherished Grandpa / Papa of Lesley, Joe, Casey, Jennie and Yoni; devoted son of the late Fannie and Abe; dear brother of the late Seena (the late Richard) Sloan; treasured uncle, great uncle, great-great uncle and friend of many. Funeral service today, 12 Noon, at Congregation Beth Shalom, 3433 Walters Avenue, Northbrook. Interment Shalom Memorial Park, Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Congregation Beth Shalom and the Jewish National Fund. For information and condolences, **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Lucchetti, Anthony M.

Anthony M. Lucchetti, age 76. Beloved son of the late Anthony Sr. and Corine, nee Fortunato. Dear brother of Mary Terese (the late Edward) LeBlanc, Robert (Lori) Lucchetti and the late George J. and Lawrence Lucchetti. Fond uncle of Marius J. Lucchetti. Visitation Saturday at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago from 9am-11am. Funeral Mass to follow at Queen of All Saints Basilica at 11:30am. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated. Info 773-736-3833 or visit Anthony's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com



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Milburn, Sammy Ray

Sammy Ray Milburn, age 77, late of Crete, former 50 year resident of Park Forest, IL, passed away Sunday, September 30, 2018. Loving husband of 48 years to Nancy E. Milburn, nee Stupka. Devoted father of Taryn (Anthony) Stua. Proud grandfather of Taylor and Brayden. Dear brother of Earline (late Robert) Obrecht, and Ruth Ann Braddock. Kind uncle of Tammyr Cascio and Kimmra (Jeff) Hingher. Preceded in death by his parents Aubrey and Lena Milburn, of Fairfield, IL.

Mr. Milburn was a retired social studies teacher and earth science teacher for 40 years, 39 of those years at Steger Central Junior High School, followed by an additional 12 years substitute teaching. He was a life member of the National Education Assoc., IL Education Assoc., IL Retired Teacher Assoc., and Steger PTA. Sam was an avid gardener, sportsman and hunter, who enjoyed deer and waterfowl hunting, as well as skeet and trap shooting. He was a member of the Frankfort Sportsman Club, National Rifle Assoc., Fairfield Gun Club, and IL State Rifle Assoc. Visitation Friday, October 5, 2018 from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Funeral service Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at **Smits Funeral Home**, 2121 Pleasant Springs Lane (Rt.30&Pleasant Springs Ln.) Dyer, IN. Entombment Skyline Memorial Park Cemetery - Monee, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, greatly appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Smits Funeral Home** - Dyer, IN. For further information please contact 219-322-7300 or visit www.SMITSFH.com

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Morrone, Patrick W

Patrick W. Morrone, age 48, late of Lansing, IL. Beloved husband of Carol Morrone nee Shields. Loving brother of Kathleen (William) Wissing, Michael (Paula), Robert (Stacey) and brother in law Earl Shields Jr. Caring uncle of Meghan, Dale, Robert, Alex and great uncle of Theresa, Arianna and Olivia. Memorial gathering Saturday, October 6, 2018; 1:00-7:00 PM at the **Vandenberg Funeral Home** 17248 Harlem Avenue, Tinley Park, IL. 60477. Interment is private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the American Cancer Society 17060 Oak Park Avenue, Tinley Park, IL. For information on services, 708-532-1635 or www.vandenbergfuneralhome.com

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Nakayama, Alan M.

Alan M. Nakayama, age 66, passed away peacefully on September 27, 2018. Loving husband of 31 years to Deborah Nakayama, nee Burke; Caring father to Kevin and Mark; Dear son to Mary and the late James Nakayama; Cherished brother to Dean (Sandy); Beloved "Uncle Al" to many. Visitation will be from 3-9 PM on Friday, 10/5, at **Blake-Lamb Funeral Home**, 4727 W 103rd St, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. Funeral Service will be at 11 AM on Saturday, 10/6, also at the Funeral Home. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Red Cross, PO Box 37839, Boone, IA 50037.



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Neal, James C.

James C. Neal, age 86, of Forest View, formerly of Berwyn and Glendale, AZ. Beloved husband of the late Carole, nee Neelens; loving father of Cynthia (Greg) Yuskanich, James (Nevette) Neal, Lynne (Michael) Tunis and Wendy Neal; proud grandfather of Cristen (Jessica) Garrity, Amy (John) Kielczynski, Jessica (Reid) Birrell, Michael N. Tunis, Erik (Dawnn) Neal, Neal (Paige) and Ian Robertson, James Barte and the late Donald "Donnie" Garrity; great-grandfather of Devyn and Tristyn Birrell and Brooke and John M. Kielczynski, Logan Tunis, Ryan Garrity, Ryder and Hunter Neal, Lailah & Guiseppe Robertson and Porter and Parker Robertson; dear brother of the late Mildred, Robert and Shirley. Former transportation representative for UIC, former driver for Sears Roebuck & Co. and previous owner of Tru-Value Hardware, Glendale, AZ. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester** Funeral Home, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Funeral Thursday 9:00 a.m. until time of Chapel Service 10:00 a.m. Entombment Mt. Auburn Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to The Original Kuratko Family - Brian D. Kuratko, Director. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.



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O'Connell, John Robert 'Jack'

age 87. Veteran U.S. Air Force Korean War. Beloved husband of Genevieve O'Connell (nee Majerus) for 63 years. Loving father of Deborah (the late Richard) Paszyk, Paula (Patrick) DiOrto, Mary Patricia (Thomas) Bergin, Carol (Robert) Alaniz, Jacqueline (John) Kerr, Janet (Michael) Sullivan, Sharon (Scott) Durling and Matthew (Lori) O'Connell. Cherished papa of 17 and great grandfather of 1. Dear brother of Marian O'Connell, Sister Mary Paulette O'Connell RSM and the late William (Janet) O'Connell. Visitation Friday 3-9pm Funeral Saturday 9:15am from the **Maher Funeral Home** 17101 71st Ave Tinley Pk to St. George Church for Mass at 10:00am. Interment private. To sign guestbook visit maherfuneralservices.com. (708) 781-9212.



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Olender, John

John Olender, Age 94; Loving husband of Stella(Nee Zych); Beloved father of the late Teresa, Conrad and Christine; Devoted uncle of Aleksandra Brzezinski and Wieslaw Olender; Funeral leaving from Pietryka Funeral Home, 5734 W. Diversey Ave. Chicago. Thursday October 4th 9:30am. to St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Church, 5352 W. Belden Ave. Funeral Mass at 10am. Interment at St. Adalbert Cemetery in Niles. Visitation Wednesday 4 - 9 pm. Info. 773-889-0115

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O'Sullivan, Joan P.

(nee Murray). Age 90. Beloved wife of 67 years of the late Michael O'Sullivan. Devoted mother of Michael Jr. (Patricia) O'Sullivan, Patricia Rudofski, and Deborah (Tom) Denison. Proud grandmother of 9. Cherished great-grandmother of 18. Memorial visitation Friday 4 - 8 p.m. Funeral service Saturday 10:30 a.m. at the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL. Interment private. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Pearson, Edward C.

Edward C. Pearson, 69, passed away Sept. 30, 2018. Edward was a Navy veteran and retired cardiologist supervisor. He was an avid Bears fan and weather enthusiast. Beloved husband of Linda M. Pearson; loving father of Eric (Maria) and Adam (Melissa) Pearson; cherished grandfather of Emma and Colin Pearson; master and best friend of Jemma. Memorial visitation Friday, Oct. 5, 2018, 4 p.m. until the time of the service at 8 p.m. at **Matz Funeral Home**, 410 E. Rand Road, Mount Prospect. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, the family requests you call your loved ones and tell them I love you. For information, 847-394-2336

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Platt, Paul

Paul Platt, age 72, beloved husband of the late Karen Platt, nee Saval, cherished father of Jeffrey Platt, devoted son of the late Leon and Shirley, loving brother of Jack (Karen) Platt, David Platt, and Jay Platt dear brother-in-law of Alan Saval, fond uncle of Sharon (Mike) Scrofne, Michael Saval, Esther (Ralph) Chalouh, Yitzchak (Sarah) Platt and many great-nieces and nephews. Funeral Thursday, 10:30 AM at Temple Chai of Long Grove, 1670 Checker Rd. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers contributions in Paul's name to Keshet (www.keshet.org) would be appreciated. Info **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-MITZVAH (630-648-9824), or www.mitzvahfunerals.com



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Pratl, Robert A.

Robert A. Pratl, age 87 US Korean War Veteran and Purple Heart Recipient passed away on Monday, October 1, 2018. Beloved husband of Geraldine (nee O'Connor). Loving father of Robert C. Pratl, Debra (nee Pratl) Kosir, Candice (nee Pratl) Kniffen, Karen (Rich) Dujka and Amy (George) Barlas; cherished grandfather of 14, proud great-grandfather of 3; also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Julia, 6 brothers and 1 sister. Proud Teamster Local Union 753 member.

Visitation Thursday, October 4, 2018 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Chapel Hill Gardens South 11333 S. Central Ave. Oak Lawn. Funeral Friday, October 5, 2018 family and friends gathering from 10:00 a.m. until time of service at 11:00 a.m. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donation to the American Heart Association at www.heart.org or Fisher House at www.fisherhouse.org. For more information 708-636-1193 or visit www.chapelhillgardensouth.com



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Rohde, Keith C

Keith C. Rohde, age 53, beloved husband of Ellen, nee Johnson; loving father of Morgan, Brandon and Keith Michael; dear brother of Cheril (Pete) Berman, Debbie Gorski, Ken (Kim); fond brother-in-law of Michael (Mary Ann) Maslanka, Paul, Brian, Dan, and the late Allen Johnson; cherished cousin of many, loving uncle of many nieces and nephews. He was loved by his many friends. Keith was an avid hunter and fisherman who will be missed by his adoring hunting pup, Cooper. Memorial visitation Thursday 3 to 8 p.m. at **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Ave. Darien. Funeral Friday, meeting at Holy Trinity Church, 111 S. Cass Ave. Westmont, at 9:45 a.m. for a 10:00 a.m. Mass. Int. Private. For info. 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Sikorovsky, Eugene

Eugene "Gene" Frank Sikorovsky died peacefully on Sunday, Sept 30, 2018 at his home in Lake Forest, Illinois. He will be remembered as a true gentleman of the highest integrity. Gene was a retired general counsel and a devoted contributor to the community. He was born November 27, 1927 in Jackson, Michigan, to Frank and Betty Sikorovsky. He received a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Michigan in 1948, where he was President of the Michigan Union and a member of Michiganama. He was granted honors by Tau Beta Pi. Gene received an LL.B. degree from Harvard Law School in 1951. While in law school, he met his future wife Patricia O'Byrne, and they were married in July, 1953 in Kansas City, Missouri. Following law school, Gene was commissioned in the U.S. Naval Reserve as an active duty lieutenant with an early warning airborne squadron from 1951 to 1954 and was stationed in Quonset Point, Rhode Island. Following his military duty, Gene and Pat moved to New York City, where Gene joined the law firm of Cahill Gordon & Reindel. There, he practiced corporate, securities and banking law, becoming a partner of the firm in 1964. After fifteen years with the firm, he joined Reynolds Metals Company in Richmond, Virginia, as Vice President, General Counsel and Director. In 1977, Gene and Pat moved with their family to the Chicago area where he became Vice President, General Counsel for Gould, Inc. in Rolling Meadows, Illinois. He later joined Bell & Howell Company, where he was Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Director until his retirement. He was a member of the New York and Illinois bars and the bars of federal courts including the U.S. Supreme Court. In addition to his professional accomplishments, Gene dedicated his time to many non-profit and community endeavors and cherished opportunities to support those in need. He was a member of the boards of the Gateway Foundation, CASA Lake County, Presbyterian Homes, Career Resource Center, and Bravo Waukegan. He served on the Lake Forest Board of Education, and he was a vestryman and long-time choir member at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Lake Forest. Gene was known for his exceptional kindness, integrity, intelligence, humility and love for his family, extended family and friends. He was an accomplished violinist, and enthusiastically shared his lifelong passion for music with all. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Patricia O'Byrne Sikorovsky; their five children Paul Sikorovsky, Charles Sikorovsky, Catherine Lachenauer, Elizabeth Sikorovsky and Emily DiMiceli; sons-in-law Robert Lachenauer and Joseph DiMiceli; grandchildren Alexandra, Rebecca, Anna, Elena, Sophia, Julia and Elisa; and his brother Edmond Sikorovsky.

A memorial service will be held at 3PM on Saturday, October 6 at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Lake Forest. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations would be deeply appreciated by the following: The Church of the Holy Spirit, 400 East Westminster Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045 and Bravo Waukegan (www.bra-vowaukegan.org). Info: **Wenban Funeral Home** (847) 234-0022.



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Stewart, Debra Jane

Debra Jane Stewart was given the gift of life on November 1st, 1950. She gave it back when unexpected lung cancer gave her only a few months to live. Debra passed on September 28th, 2018, at her home in Evanston, Illinois. Her life was short and she had more to give. She will be remembered by so many who had the joy to know this very special woman.



Debra Stewart was the daughter of CJ and Helen Fenzau. She married John Stewart on May 3rd, 1981. Debra is survived by John and their two beloved sons, Mitchell and Elliot Stewart.

In 1973, she graduated from Purdue University and began her career as a CPA for Arthur Andersen in Chicago, Illinois. In 1976, she became a member of the Illinois CPA Society. In 1983, she started her own tax practice which continued for 10 years. Debra served on the board of directors for Sandburg Village and the National Association of Women Business Owners. As a member of the Chicago Society of Women CPAs, she also served as President from 1980 to 1981.

Debra is known for her high standards in everything. Her opinions and actions were always backed by intense research and organization.

Some of her projects outside of her career were the first Board Manual of Forms and Procedures for Sandburg Village, where she lived for nearly 40 years. Debra wrote a 50 page Residents' Rules and Regulations manual after collecting manuals from other condo associations. Debra developed a robust database program for the annual fund raising auction for Sacred Heart Elementary School. Debra's overall management of the program doubled the school's auction income by the 4th year.

Debra dove into her love of reading and became one of Amazon's top book reviewers coming in at 2,500 books over 8 years. Her highly valued reviews caused authors to send her books by the dozen in hopes of getting a treasured review.

Her family paid this tribute to her, "Debra was truly one of a kind and she will always live in our hearts." A memorial service is being held on Saturday, October 7th, 2018 at 2:00 pm. Please call or text (312)-771-2060 for details.

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Sykes, Betty M.

Betty M. Sykes, nee Gurich; Beloved wife of the late John E.; Loving mother of Joseph (Deborah), Mary, Christine and Meredith; Cherished grandmother of Ryan-Kenji, Keilyn, Sara, Ashley, Jessica and the late Joey; Dearest sister of the late Julie (the late Dr. Louis) Dvonch and the late Peter (the late Josephine) Gurich; Fond aunt and cousin of many; Visitation Thursday 3-9 p.m. at **Belmont Funeral Home**, 7120 W. Belmont Ave. Funeral prayers beginning Friday 9:15 a.m. at **Belmont Funeral Home**, proceeding to St. Celestine Church for Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Betty can be made to Catholic Charities at www.catholiccharities.net Info. 773-286-2500 or www.belmontfuneralhome.com

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Tully, Darlene

Tully, Darlene (nee Hula), age 67, beloved wife of Robert J. Kroll for 9 years and his soul mate for 46 years died on Monday, September 24, 2018. Loving mother of Sean and Megan and devoted grandmother of Javier Zuniga. Dar was born in Illinois and worked as a special education teacher in Wisconsin and a Title I teacher in Illinois. Graveside services to be held on Saturday, October 6, 2018, at Resurrection Cemetery in Justice, Illinois, at 11:00 a.m. This service is open to all family members and friends. A celebration of Dar's life is being planned within a few weeks of this ceremony at a time, date, and location yet to be determined. Please consider a donation in her name to the Wisconsin Humane Society: Home. For more information, please contact www.brettfuneralhome.com/

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White, Marilyn B.

Marilyn B. White (nee Brown), 84, at rest September 27, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Robert P. White; Loving mother of Robert G. (Felecia) White, Ellen (Leo) Miller, the late Michael White, the late Mary Helen White, Chris White, Paul White, Patrick (Mirella) White, and Ann Marie (Samuel) Alberto; Cherished grandmother of 17 and great-grandmother of 14; Dear sister of Lillian (late Richard) Glisk; Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation for Marilyn B. White will be held on Thursday, October 4th, from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Hills Funeral Home, Ltd. 10201 S. Roberts Rd. (8000W), Palos Hills, IL 60465. Funeral Friday, beginning 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home, to Sacred Heart Church, 8245 W. 111th St., Palos Hills for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Info. (708) 598-5880

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Wildeboer, Howard A. 'Howie'

Howard "Howie" A. Wildeboer, 77, born April 6, 1941 in Chicago to the late Henry and the late Lillian (nee Porth), passed away suddenly, Sept. 30, 2018, while on vacation with his son, Ray, and nephew, Billy, at his favorite fishing place, Lake Nokomis, in Tomahawk, WI. At Tuley High School in Chicago, he was captain of varsity basketball and football star of his team. Coached football at Portage Park for 12 years with his best friend and sidekick, Chuck Breitenstein. He loved playing Pinochle with Chuck and Tom Mulcahy. He was a life long Cubs and Bears fan. He accepted his many health issues with optimism and without complaint. Loving husband of 57 years to his high school sweetheart, Joyce (nee Pecka). Proud father of Denise (the late Glenn) Thuernau; Shari (Steve) Caboor and Ray; fond grandfather of Bee (Mike) Phillips, Megan (Tyler) Bravo and Jeremy and Amy Caboor, dear beloved brother of William (Terri). Charming uncle to nieces and nephews and fun-loving cousin and friend of those whose lives he touched. Visitation Thursday, Oct. 4th, from 2:00-8:00pm and again on Friday, Oct. 5th, from 10:00-11:00am at **Michaels Funeral Home & Cremation Care**, 800 S. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg. Please omit flowers. For information..847-891-2900 or visit www.michaelsfh.com.

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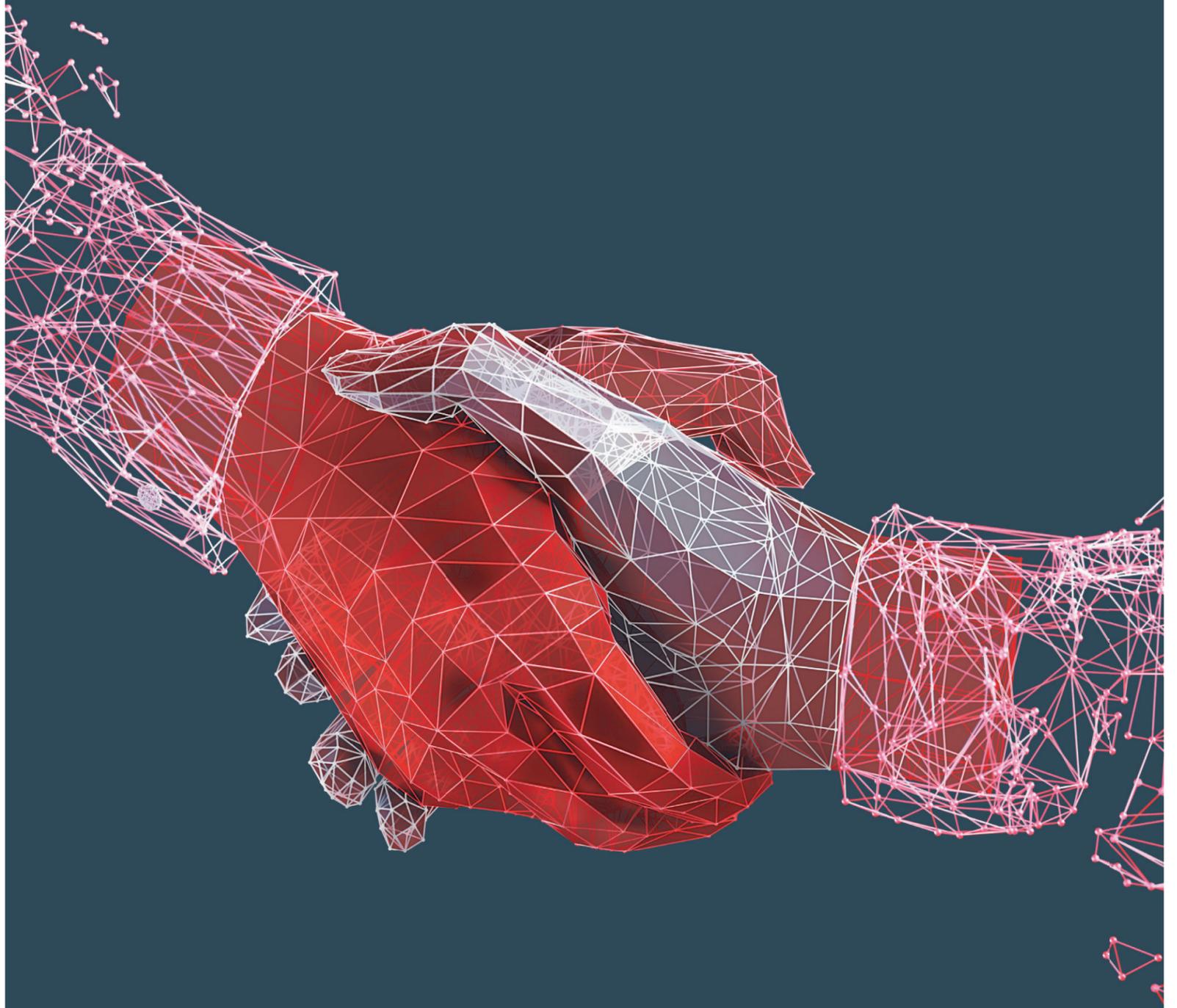
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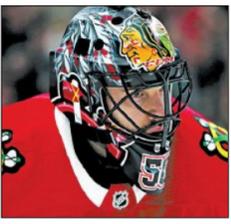


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Being a comfort-zone master led Trubisky to a career day

Whatever Matt Nagy and the Bears coaching staff did to help calm quarterback Mitch Trubisky and make him more comfortable before and after the snap, it worked on Sunday.

Six touchdown passes, 354 passing yards and a rating of 154.6. Heck yeah, it worked in the Bears' 48-10 victory over the Buccaneers.

Trubisky excelled in three areas he had been inconsistent with through three games: accuracy, pocket presence and play recognition. He took



RICH CAMPBELL
On the Bears

advantage of quality pass protection and carved up a depleted Bucs secondary. Full credit to him.

As is their prerogative, Nagy and quarterbacks coach Dave Ragone declined to detail how the game plan and/or play-calling was tailored to Trubisky.

"We did some things a little differently, which I'm not going to get into the exact stuff that we did differently," Nagy said. "We didn't lessen it, I can tell you that."

"These (players) have done a great job at taking it all in. We dug into more of the whys of the concepts that we're doing, changed up how we got to different concepts. For where we're at right now, we feel like we found a good balance for him, but ... I still had a lot of stuff on my play-call sheet."

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No ifs, ands or bats

Cubs finish October with 2 runs in 2 defining losses



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the Cubs

From pleasure to palpitations and finally pain

The Cubs game plan heading into Tuesday night's wild-card game with the Rockies was simple enough.

"Come out here and compete like maniacs," second baseman Daniel Murphy said.

It was the least the Cubs could do after putting their fans through the ringer this season, a six-month grind that had everyone on edge from start to finish.

One day they were world beaters, and the next they looked beaten.

The offense was on fire one game, until that fire was doused inexplicably the next.

Everybody in, everyone out.

You would think a lifetime of waiting for the Cubs finally to win a World Series would alleviate the anxiety level at Wrigley Field, but then you would be wrong.

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OPENING SHOT

Steve Rosenbloom

Remember when Chili Davis' new, improved approach was going to change everything for Cubs hitters? Well, guess what, it just turned Cubtober into Choketober.

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Kris Bryant went 1-for-6 with three strikeouts on Tuesday night.

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TOP OF THE SECOND



BY STEVE ROSENBLOOM

Trubisky better under Nagy

You already know this is a different Bears team, one that exudes actual hope and delivers professional entertainment compared to the awfulness of the previous three years with an offense as stodgy and aggravating as the guy in charge.

But still, even knowing how much better life is, even knowing that the Bears are a playoff contender, seeing the actual statistical differences are stunning. I imagine this is similar to the giddiness and disbelief of logging on to your bank app after your lottery winnings were deposited.

So, compare and contrast Mitch Trubisky's last four games under fired head coach John Fox and offensive coordinator Dowell Loggains to his first four games under rock star head coach Matt Nagy and offensive coordinator Mark Helfrich:

- A 65.7 completion percentage has improved to 70.0.
- Two touchdowns are now eight.
- A 6.28 average yards per attempt has zoomed to more than a full yard better at 7.46.
- A pedestrian 81.6 rating has rocketed to a penthouse-worthy 101.6.

Yes, a lot of Trubisky's 2018 numbers are built on his 354-yard, six-touchdown, 154.6-rating masterpiece against the Bucs on Sunday, but remember, Trubisky never would have been given that game plan last year. He would have missed 100 percent of the passes Fox refused to let him throw. Trubisky deserves credit for executing it this year, the way a No. 2 overall draft pick is supposed to.

And yes, Trubisky has better weapons now, but he also has a coach who demands creativity instead of one who plays to set up the directional punt. And besides, Trubisky still is throwing to Josh Bellamy.

No wonder general manager Ryan Pace wouldn't tell Fox he was trading up to draft Trubisky and no wonder Pace fired Fox. Under the terms of the dismissal, I believe Pace demanded that Fox's home TV system include a V-chip for Bears games.

Raise your hand if you're stunned Bellamy actually caught that touchdown pass Sunday.

Remember how Nagy said last week he was worried Trubisky's head might have reached its capacity of data with plays and schemes and concepts and options and audibles? Nagy said he was thinking of cutting down the playbook, and wasn't that a savvy move by the rookie coach to cut it down to just the plays that produce touchdowns.



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Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky, right, has a good rapport with coach Matt Nagy.

I'm here for it if Trubisky and Pat Mahomes plan to use the NFL for a season-long game of H-O-R-S-E. Or career-long, if we're lucky.

By the way, the "Willy Wonka" play call — when Nagy sent in both quarterbacks to assume the shotgun stance — is not only a laughably brilliant design but also underscores the improvement in center Cody Whitehair's snapping.

Remember how shaky Whitehair was? Remember the talk that rookie James Daniels would start at center and Whitehair would move to guard because of his erratic snapping?

Poof. Gone. Move along. Nothing to see here.

Nobody is worried about it now — nobody on the Bears, anyway — or else they wouldn't have run that gadget play or any

shovel pass that resulted in touchdowns or first downs. Nobody can run a two-QB shotgun — heck a conventional shotgun — if the ball doesn't get snapped cleanly and accurately, even with a big lead over a bad team.

On "Willy Wonka," Whitehair did exactly what he needed to do: Make it perfect so Trubisky could chest-pass it to Taylor Gabriel as he darted parallel to the line of scrimmage for the Bears' fifth touchdown pass of the first half.

Sentence fragment I didn't think I would write this year: "the Bears' fifth touchdown pass of the first half."

What's up, Peter Tom Willis?

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AL WILD-CARD GAME

Seeking relief, A's to start Hendriks



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NEW YORK — Fittingly, Liam Hendriks wore his cap backward. A reliever is going to start a team's postseason opener.

A pitcher with no wins in the regular season. A pitcher cut from the 40-man roster in June who spent two months toiling in the minor leagues.

"Instead of the starter going six and handing it over to the bullpen or going five and handing it over to the bullpen, now we're just reversing it," the Australian right-hander said Tuesday, a day ahead of the Athletics' AL wild-card game against the Yankees.

The Yankees' Aaron Boone made a more conventional choice for his first postseason game as a manager, picking Luis Severino over J.A. Happ and Masahiro Tanaka. Severino created a bullpen night in last year's wild-card game but not by design, lasting just one out and leaving with a three-run deficit against the Twins in a game the Yankees rallied to win 8-4.

A's manager Bob Melvin has been scrambling because of injuries to starting pitchers Jharel Cotton, Kendall Graveman, Sean Manaea, Paul Blackburn, Andrew Triggs and Daniel Gossett.

Yet, the A's finished second in the AL West at 97-65, their best record in 16 years, and their relievers went 45-16, the second-most bullpen wins in big-league history behind the Rays' 54 this year.

Hendriks, a 29-year-old in his third season with the A's, started for the Twins (2011-14) and Royals (2014) before the Blue Jays converted him to the bullpen in 2015. He had a 7.36 ERA in 13 relief appearances this season when he was designated for assignment on June 25 to clear a roster spot for Edwin Jackson.

Then 40-38, the A's won their next six games and 11 of 13.

"Apparently I'm a pariah," Hendriks said jokingly.

Hendriks will be only the fourth pitcher to start a postseason game after a regular season of no wins, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

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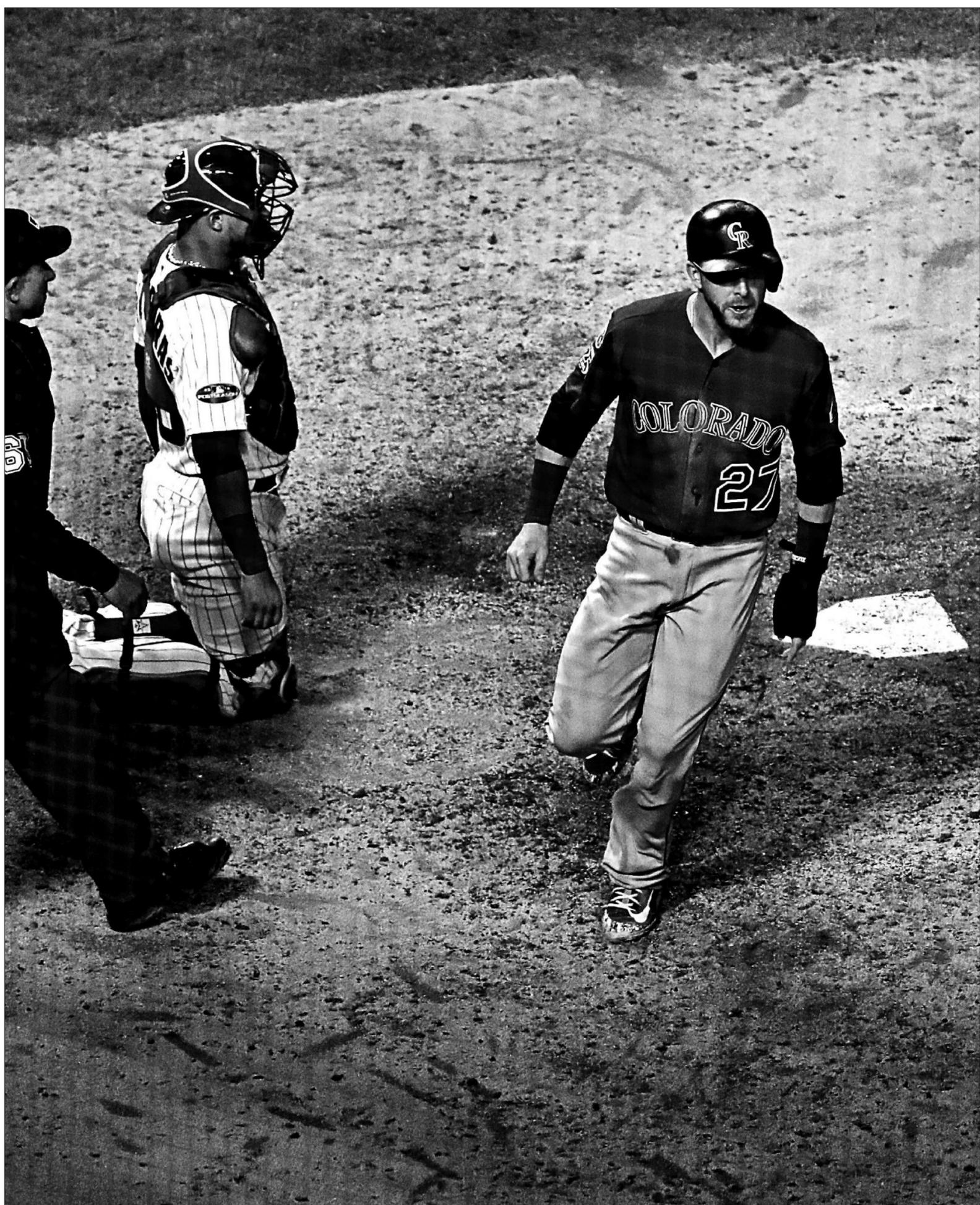
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Cubs catcher Willson Contreras can only watch as the Rockies' Trevor Story scores the go-ahead run on Tony Wolters' single in the 13th inning Tuesday night.

Falling off the edge

Punchless Cubs' postseason run ends in 13-inning heartbreaker

BY MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

After watching his offense sink to new depths for seven innings Tuesday night, Cubs manager Joe Maddon called for measures more drastic than pulling starter Jon Lester after six innings of four-hit ball and summoning Jason Heyward to pinch-hit with the bases loaded in the seventh.

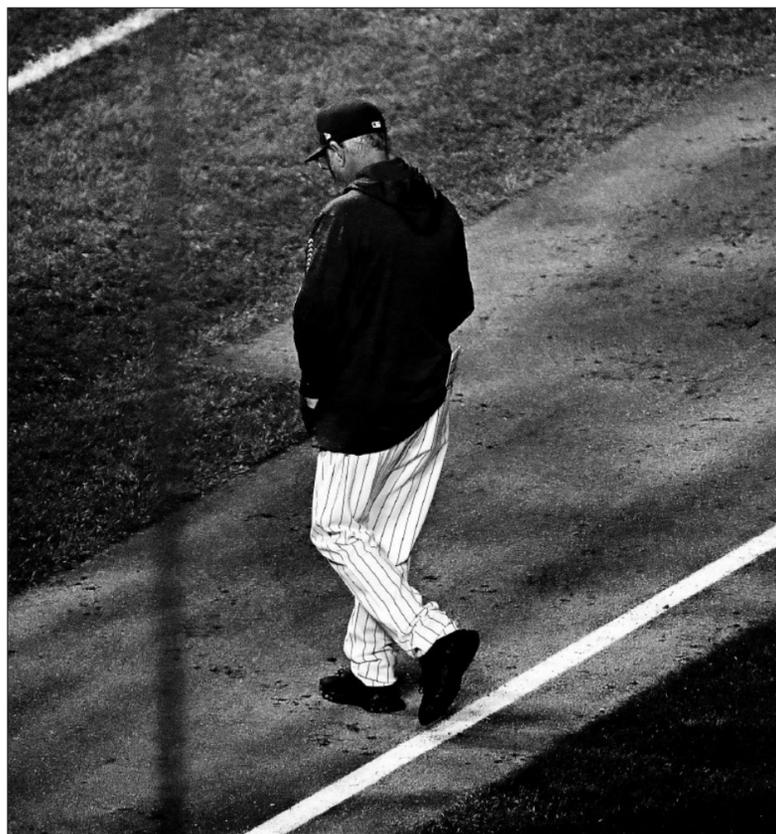
Maddon inserted pinch-runner Terrance Gore after Anthony Rizzo singled with two outs in the eighth. That move paid off when Gore stole second base and Javier Baez came through with a game-tying double for the Cubs' second run in 19 innings.

And after using three relievers, in the ninth Maddon summoned Pedro Strop, whose left hamstring was deemed healthy enough to pitch for the first time since Sept. 13; starter Cole Hamels then pitched two scoreless innings and Kyle Hendricks came in for the 13th.

But after retiring the first four batters he faced, Hendricks allowed three consecutive hits — topped by .170 hitter Tony Wolters' RBI single — with two outs in the 13th that saddled the Cubs with a draining 2-1 loss in the National League wild-card game that eliminated them to end their puzzling season.

The loss ended a Cubs season that featured 95 victories but their inability to hold a five-game lead with four weeks left in the regular season forced them into a win-or-else scenario after losing to the Brewers 3-1 in Monday's NL Central tiebreaker.

The eighth-inning comeback briefly alleviated the stress that had been mounting over an offense that struggled against left-hander Kyle Freeland, who showed no effects from pitching on only three days'



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Manager Joe Maddon walks off the field during the Cubs' 2-1 loss to the Rockies.

rest, while wasting Lester's six innings of four-hit ball.

The Cubs led the NL with a .258 batting average without the services of slugger Kris Bryant for nearly eight weeks. But their lack of hitting contributed largely to losing the

five-game lead they had as recently as Sept. 3.

Their frustrations reached a new low in the seventh even after they loaded the bases on a catcher's interference call on catcher Drew Butera after it appeared pinch-hitter

Tommy La Stella grounded out.

But reliever Adam Ottavino, who hurled a wild pitch and walked Contreras, struck out Heyward on a 97 mph sinker to end the threat. Heyward replaced Kyle Schwarber after Butera's error.

The Cubs scored one or zero runs in 39 games during the regular season, and their frustrations continued when Ben Zobrist and Albert Almora Jr. led off the first two innings with singles but couldn't advance.

Freeland received some help from center fielder Charlie Blackmon, who sprinted to the gap in right center to rob Contreras of an extra base hit that would have scored Almora.

After Almora's hit, Freeland carved up the Cubs' batters by jamming them with cut fastballs and altering the tempo of his windup on occasion.

Freeland jammed Bryant on a soft pop to second to end the third, and he did the same with Rizzo on a grounder to short to open the fourth.

The Cubs fell behind early for the third consecutive game, and the damage could have been worse had it not been for the sharpness of Lester after walking Blackmon and surrendering a double to DJ LeMahieu to start the game. The damage stopped after Nolan Arenado hit a sacrifice fly.

Lester proceeded to lean more on his curve on the outside corner to strike out Trevor Story and Matt Holliday to end the first. Lester retired 17 of the next 19 batters after the double to LeMahieu until Story doubled to left-center.

But Lester rebounded quickly by striking out Holliday on his 86th and final pitch and responding with a yell and fist pump.

Lester lowered his postseason ERA to 2.51 in 154 innings, but the lack of offense caused Maddon to pull him for a pinch-hitter.

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It's a long kiss good night



DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

For a second straight day, a visiting team frolicked on the Cubs' home turf, celebrating a milestone and creating an image to put on the 2019 cover of their media guides.

This time it was the Rockies, 2-1 winners of the longest playoff game ever at Wrigley Field. A single in the 13th inning from Rockies catcher Tony Wolters, a .170 hitter, made the revelry possible.

The Cubs left stunned, saddened and stumped about why they stopped hitting and what will come next now with their season suddenly over. The only certainty is change, a necessity after another dormant offensive effort let down a team whose pitching staff deserved better.

On a forgettable night for everyone but the Rockies, the Cubs had only one at-bat worth remembering. It came from Javier Baez, who arrived at the ballpark Tuesday full of bravado, declaring the Cubs the best team in the National League despite their wild-card status and vowing to disprove doubters he couldn't identify.

"There's no team that can beat us and they know that, that's why they run their mouth a lot, because they know we're the best," Baez said before the extra-inning, win-or-go-home wild-card playoff.

Then Baez backed up his own big talk with the kind of action that made him an MVP candidate who feels emboldened to say whatever he wants.

Baez stroked an 0-2 pitch off Adam Ottavino to score speedy pinch runner Terrance Gore from second base to tie a taut game at 1-1, reviving a home crowd of 40,151 that sensed doom. In a shrewd move by Cubs manager Joe Maddon, Gore had replaced Anthony Rizzo at first base even after Rizzo tried waving off the dugout to stay in the game. On cue, Gore, the fastest man in Chicago — sorry, Tarik Cohen — stole second base to put himself in position for Baez to bring him home quicker than you could say did-you-see-that?

The Cubs needed a Javy miracle on a night nothing else worked against Rockies starter Kyle Freeland.

A second-year player, pitching in his first playoff game and working on short rest, responded to the biggest moment of his career like a playoff veteran. Freeland left leading 1-0 with two outs in the seventh after giving up four measly hits and striking out six on



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Rockies third baseman Nolan Arenado tags the Cubs' Javier Baez in the 11th inning Tuesday night.

82 pitches. The 25-year-old Denver native made the Cubs pay by mixing speeds and mastering the strike zone, efficiently mowing down a reconfigured batting order. Looking for a spark, Maddon had Ben Zobrist bat leadoff in front of No. 2 hitter Kris Bryant and moved Daniel Murphy down in the order. The lineup changed, but the results didn't.

Before the tension mounted, Maddon revealed pregame that in the past couple of offseasons he bought two bikes from Freeland's brother at a shop in Tampa, Fla., each time sharing how much he appreciated Kyle's talents as a pitcher. After Freeland frustrated so many Cubs hitters, the next cycle Maddon buys from his brother should be on the house.

A one-run deficit felt like five. Every swing-and-miss or soft grounder elicited a groan from fans who felt the anxiety build with every weak at-bat. Nothing underscores how prone the Cubs were to offensive ineptitude more than the statistic unearthed by NBC Sports Chicago researcher Christopher Kamka: In 39 regular-season games this season, the Cubs scored one or fewer runs. Only one team experienced futility more frequently — the Orioles, with 40. The Orioles lost 115 games, more than any team in baseball.

Every big threat came courtesy of the Rockies, but every time the baseball gods smiled on the Cubs, they looked away. Right fielder David Dahl misplayed a Kris

Bryant popup, putting runners on first and second with Rizzo at the plate. Almost as quickly as the first chant of "LET'S GO CUBS!" ended, Rizzo grounded into a deflating 4-6-3 double play.

In the seventh, a catcher's interference call during Tommy La Stella's at-bat helped the Cubs load the bases against Ottavino. Then Maddon appeared to let metrics dictate his next move, which invited scrutiny. Maddon pinch-hit Jason Heyward, whose career playoff average of .153 was the lowest for any career major-leaguer with at least 100 postseason at-bats. Heyward's success during the regular season with two outs and the bases loaded — four hits in nine at-bats with one home run and 12 RBIs — influ-

In an epic win-or-go-home game, the Cubs exited to the offseason. Everybody out.

enced Maddon. Meanwhile, Kyle Schwarber, an October legend with a .311 career average in the playoffs, sat on the bench and watched Heyward strike out. Schwarber striking out feebly against former Cubs closer Wade Davis in the ninth certainly weakened the argument.

Playing three games in three cities three days in a row barely fazed the Rockies. The Cubs, meanwhile, played their 42nd game in the last 43 days like a bunch of guys who talked themselves into staying tired.

The Rockies came out swinging against Cubs starter Jon Lester, with Charlie Blackmon and DJ LeMahieu leading off the game with a single and a double, respectively. The Cubs caught a home-field break when LeMahieu's double got caught in the left-field ivy, forcing Blackmon to stop at third. An Arenado sacrifice fly scored Blackmon anyway.

Lester settled down to escape the first with two strikeouts, relying mostly on effective off-speed stuff and the craft and guile that carried the lefty through 21 previous playoff starts. The Cubs ace, pitching in his third winner-take-all game, gave up a few long, loud outs and more hard contact than he would have liked, but he also gave his team a chance the way everyone expected. Over six innings, Lester gave up only four hits and one run, striking out nine and walking one in 86 pitches. In the baseball dictionary, you will find that outing under the definition of clutch.

When Lester struck out Matt Holliday with a runner on second and two outs to end the sixth, he pumped his fist and unleashed a primal yell in a show of emotion every Cubs fan felt. That would be the last batter Lester faced.

Seven relievers followed, including Pedro Strop, appearing in his first action since Sept. 13 after pulling his hamstring running to first against the Nationals.

After Strop struck out Ian Desmond to end the ninth with the go-ahead run in scoring position, he pointed to the dugout and exalted with joy. A city sighed with relief.

A familiar dull ache in the pit of everyone's stomach, regrettably, would return.

In an epic win-or-go-home game, the Cubs exited to the offseason. Everybody out.

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From palpitations to pain

Sullivan, from Page 1

The angst returned in spades this year, and blowing the division lead to the Brewers in Game 163 only made things worse heading into the do-or-die wild-card game against the Rockies.

But nothing prepared them for this night, or a game filled with pain, pleasure and heart palpitations, both real and feigned by Murphy himself.

After Javier Baez's game-tying double in the eighth created a seismic event at the ballpark, the Cubs and Rockies battled into extra innings before the Rockies prevailed 2-1 in 13 innings. Kyle Hendricks gave up three straight two-out singles in the 13th with Tony Wolters knocking in Trevor Story with the tie-breaking run.

The crowd of 40,151 was juiced from the outset, giving the ballpark a playoff atmosphere one day after Cubs fans let their counterparts from Wisconsin shout them in a 3-1 loss to the Brewers in the tiebreaker game. The players were pumped up and making a commotion in the clubhouse beforehand, and Baez seemed particularly feisty during his pre-game news conference, saying if the Cubs played their game "there's no team that can beat us."

"And they know that, so that's why they run their mouth a lot, because they know we're the best," he added. "Even when we're struggling we're ahead of everybody."

Baez backed up his bold talk with the biggest hit of the season, scoring pinch-runner Terrance Gore, who came in to replace Anthony Rizzo and stole second on the first pitch.

The Cubs had everything going for them heading into the wild-card game.

Jon Lester, their October-tested starter was on the mound. The Rockies were physically drained from an overnight flight to Chicago from Los Angeles, where they had lost to the Dodgers in their own Game 163. And the Cubs were playing at home, where a packed house was on hand to try to help them get over the hump.

The Cubs had a chip on their collective shoulders the size of a '68 Impala, and a chance to show everyone what they were made of. Maybe they had blown a five-game lead in the division, but they were still alive, which only nine other teams could say on Oct. 2.

The script began the way it had to, with the Rockies taking a quick lead off Lester, who walked leadoff man Charlie Blackmon before issuing a ground rule double into the ivy to former Cub D.J. LeMahieu. Nolan Arenado's sacrifice fly to center brought home the go-ahead run, and though Lester got out of the inning with no further damage, the Cubs were back in their familiar come-from-behind mode.

To microwave the offense, manager Joe Maddon shook up his lineup, sitting two of his key players in Kyle Schwarber and Jason Heyward against Rockies left-hander Kyle Freeland. Going with matchups, he inserted the slumping Albert Almora Jr., who batted .232 in the second half, and rookie David Bote, who hit .169 after Aug. 28.

But after Almora singled to lead off the second, Freeland retired the next 12 hitters through the fifth inning, and the zeroes on



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Jason Heyward reacts after striking out with the bases loaded to end the seventh Tuesday night.

the old center field scoreboard kept piling up as the night went on. When Lester struck out Matt Holliday to end the sixth with a man on second, he screamed and pumped his fist, as if he could transfer his energy to his teammates through osmosis.

It may have worked. The Cubs caught a break in the sixth after Ian Happ walked leading off and Kris Bryant lofted a fly to right that David Dahl watched fall in for a single, putting two on with one out. Could the Cubs for once be the beneficiaries of a classic, made-for-October gaffe?

Not this time. Rizzo quickly grounded into an inning-ending double play, and the would-be storybook rally had crashed-and-burned. The Cubs loaded the bases in the seventh when Tommy LaStella reached on a catcher's interference call, but with the crowd on its feet anticipating an October moment, pinch-hitter Jason Heyward struck out to end the inning.

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CUBS NOTES

MLB took wait-and-see stance on Russell 'leave'

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Cubs shortstop Addison Russell was ineligible for the wild-card roster after being placed on paid administrative leave as Major League Baseball continues its investigation of allegations of domestic abuse Russell's former wife, Melissa Reidy Russell, made against him.

That leave was set to expire Wednesday and MLB would have had to decide whether to extend it a second time, suspend Russell or clear him of the allegations, in which case Russell would have been eligible for the National League Division Series if the Cubs had beaten the Rockies in Tuesday night's wild-card game at Wrigley Field.

"Right now we're kind of going day by day," Commissioner Rob Manfred said before the game. "I think we will have a final decision shortly, is the best I can (say). The most important thing is to take our time, make sure we have all the facts and make sure we try to make a decision at a point in time when it doesn't affect roster decisions and things like that."

If the Cubs had advanced to the NL Division Series, they would have had to set their 25-man roster by Thursday morning. Manfred said it was "conceivable" the decision could have come down during the postseason. Russell had been away from the team since Sept.

23, when Reidy-Russell's social media post alleging emotional and physical abuse was made public, leading to MLB's decision.

Cubs manager Joe Maddon said Tuesday the decision is "out of our hands" when asked if Russell was in baseball shape and able to play if cleared.

"That would create conjecture if he would be able to play or not based on being in baseball shape or not," he said. "But I don't know anything regarding the investigation. We haven't heard anything there yet."

Strop in, Edwards out: Pedro Strop convinced the Cubs medical staff his left hamstring was healthy enough to put him on the wild-card roster despite not having pitched since Sept. 13.

"I feel good enough," said Strop, who passed agility tests Sunday. "I'm happy to be back."

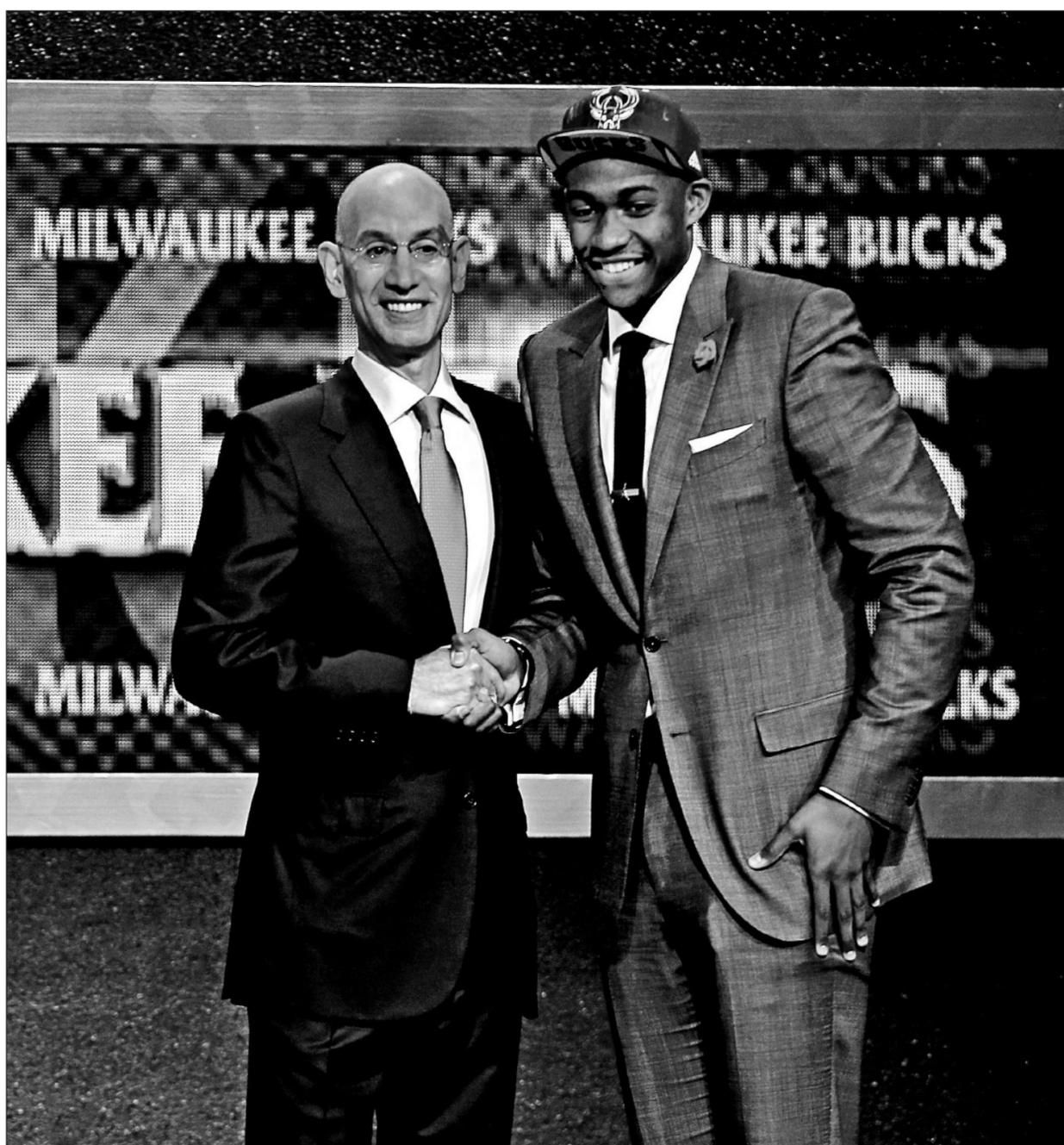
Strop, who had a 2.26 ERA in 60 appearances, said the Cubs wanted to wait until Thursday — the start of the NL Division Series. But Strop wanted to contribute Tuesday night and he did.

Strop went one inning with two strikeouts.

Meanwhile, reliever Carl Edwards Jr. wasn't on the roster because of right forearm discomfort but said he would return for the NLDS if the Cubs advance.

Edwards said he felt discomfort after throwing a curveball Sunday.

BULLS



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Jabari Parker posed with NBA Commissioner Adam Silver after the Bucks selected the Duke product with the No. 2 overall pick in the 2014 draft.

From bitter to sweeter

Parker excited to face Bucks after not-so-fond farewell in Milwaukee

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Four years ago, the Bucks introduced No. 2 pick Jabari Parker at Milwaukee's Public Market, part of that city's identity and fabric. It appeared to be the start of a committed marriage, and Parker embraced his role within the franchise and community accordingly.

Instead, Parker tore his left ACL twice, Giannis Antetokounmpo emerged as one of the NBA's best players and the Bucks went in a different direction this summer. They rescinded their qualifying offer, which allowed Parker to sign a free-agent deal with the Bulls.

Preseason game or not, Parker returns to Milwaukee on Wednesday with an eye on forming a long-term relationship with the Bulls.

"Some great memories being there, some great experiences. Met some great people," Parker said of Milwaukee and the Bucks. "Pretty much bitter how it all ended, but most importantly, I had a sweeter moment being here. So I kind of forgot all the bad memories I had with them."

Parker averaged 15.3 points, 5.5 rebounds and 2 assists over 183 games for the Bucks. But he also missed 145 games because of his knee injuries.

In an April interview with a



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Jabari Parker looks to drive to the basket in the first half of the Bulls' preseason game against the Pelicans on Sunday at the United Center.

Milwaukee radio station, Parker answered "I wish" when asked about the Bucks reportedly being prepared to offer a three-year, \$54 million deal in October 2017. He aired frustration with his role after playing sparingly in the first two games of the Bucks' first-round series with the Celtics.

Parker's minutes increased, and the Bucks played the Celtics to seven games before losing.

"I wasn't planning on leaving so soon, especially being there four years," Parker said. "I love that group. I love the training staff, the medical staff. I just made it home, every moment that I had. I was really involved in the community, always out. But they went in a different direction, which I understood."

Asked if he ever sought an

explanation from Bucks management, Parker shook his head.

"Things happen. It's the business. A lot of stuff wasn't on me. Management went in a different direction. I always was prepared," he said. "I don't think it's my responsibility to create all type of different scenarios in my head. I just take it for what it is. It eliminates my confusion. And I just move on because it's not so important right now."

Parker now has other challenges.

With Lauri Markkanen sidelined six to eight weeks with an elbow injury, Parker is not only learning coach Fred Hoiberg's system, he's doing so at two positions. And while Hoiberg said Parker will start at power forward in place of Markkanen on

"Management went in a different direction. I always was prepared."

—Jabari Parker on leaving the Bucks

Wednesday, the Bulls coach also will get Parker some minutes at small forward.

"I was really impressed with Jabari the way he adjusted as quickly as he did," Hoiberg said.

Hoiberg also lauded the leadership Parker displayed at Monday's practice.

"Jabari was the catalyst as far as hearing his voice and getting on guys and making sure we were going hard, even though it wasn't a contact practice," Hoiberg said.

Parker didn't shoot well in Sunday's preseason opening win over the Pelicans but displayed strong ballhandling and unselfishness, finishing with 15 points, eight rebounds and four assists. As expected, the Bulls introduced Parker "From Chicago . . ." instead of "From Duke . . ." during lineup introductions, a local angle the franchise also took for Derrick Rose and Dwyane Wade.

"I'm glad that they did. It's good being back home," Parker said. "I hope I can make (wearing the Bulls jersey) more relevant and have more pride behind it in building something."

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BLACKHAWKS

HAWKS NOTES

Crawford could make return to ice Oct. 18

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The Blackhawks are looking at Oct. 18 as a possible date for goalie Corey Crawford to make his season debut as he returns from a concussion suffered last season, coach Joel Quenneville said Tuesday.

The Hawks host the Blues on Oct. 13 then have four days off before playing the Coyotes at the United Center.

"Optimistically looking at the calendar and looking at dates, there's a window of four days off after that Saturday game and if all goes well, that could be a perfect scenario," Quenneville said. "You never know if there's a bump or two in the road. But we'll anticipate after this weekend, together, seeing how he handles that. Then we'll get a better idea on picking a date."

Crawford has not played in a game since Dec. 23 and had not participated in a full practice since February before Monday. On Tuesday, Crawford practiced with the team again and Quenneville said he looks like the player of old.

"He looks extremely good out there," Quenneville said. "He's tracking the puck, his quickness, his anticipation, his movements, feels good. Glove hand looks sharp. He's sharp in all areas. So I don't see anything different."

Food for thought: Take a moment to think about which three Blackhawks are expected to make their NHL debuts Thursday at Ottawa against the Senators.

The first two — 19-year-old defenseman Henri Jokiharju and top line winger Dominik Kahun — come to mind faster than the last one. Jokiharju is a former first-round pick who the Hawks hope will become their next great defenseman. Kahun came to camp lesser known but that went away as soon as Quenneville promoted him to a line with Jonathan Toews and Alex DeBrincat.

The third? It's Luke Johnson, whose nondescript name fits well with his slow, uncertain rise in the organization. The Hawks took the gritty forward in the fifth round of the 2013 draft and signed him to an entry-level contract in 2016 after his college career at North Dakota ended.

Despite being excited to play in his first NHL game, Johnson knows it also could be his last.

"It's basically a tryout every day for me," Johnson said. "I feel like I'm still trying to make the team. I still have to come in every day with my best effort. I played in the (AHL) for the last two years so I know how hungry guys are down there. Everybody's striving to get here."

Johnson had an unremarkable 17 points (8 goals, 9 assists) in 73 games during his first year at Rockford then decided to make changes during the offseason. Spurred on in part by cooking classes he took through the Ice-Hogs, Johnson changed his eating habits and came into Hawks' training camp last year having lost 10 to 15 pounds and feeling healthier.

"I wasn't a big junk food guy, I was just eating a ton," Johnson said. "Whenever I was hungry I would just eat a full meal and I didn't really know that was bad for me at the time. I had no idea about nutrition before I got here so before bed I would have a meal. Now it's drink a lot of water and get away from eating so much."

Johnson went through his second training camp last year and didn't make the team but the coaching staff took notice as he increased his point total to 30 (13 goals, 17 assists) at Rockford.

"Last year in camp I think everyone thought he made real good progress over the prior year and he wasn't 100 percent for most of it," Quenneville said. "As the year went on you always hear he's very useful, he's one of those guys who has a real good thought process for the game."

Johnson will center the fourth line with Marcus Kruger and Andreas Martinsen.

"He did a lot of good things we're looking for in that line," Quenneville said. "He can be very responsible and very useful, taking a lot of (defensive) zone faceoffs and having some momentum in a game with some physicality as well with Marty on that line."

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BULLS NOTES

Hobbled Valentine's one role: 'Help this team win'

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When Denzel Valentine's season ended early in April because he needed his left knee scoped, he made clear his views on his role for this season.

"I definitely should be a starter coming in," Valentine said at the time.

This, of course, was before the Bulls signed Jabari Parker in free agency and, with cornerstone Lauri Markkanen slotted at power forward, he was pigeonholed into the small forward position.

On paper, that leaves Valentine on the outside looking in — again — as coach Fred Hoiberg repeatedly has said he prefers having the third-year wing in a reserve scoring role. Nevertheless, Valen-

tine took the high road Tuesday when asked about the Parker signing.

"Everything is up for competition, but I was really excited when they signed Jabari," he said. "Actually I know him for a little minute. I recruited him at Michigan State. He's going to be a great player for us, so I mean as many good players as you can have to help your team win is good. I don't see it as bad for me or whatever."

With Markkanen sidelined six to eight weeks with an elbow injury, it would have been intriguing to see what Hoiberg would have done if Valentine had not sprained his surgically repaired left ankle in the first week of camp. For now, veteran Justin Holiday is starting. And first-round pick Chandler Hutchison

is getting a preseason look as well.

Valentine averaged 10.2 points in 27.2 minutes over 77 games last season, shooting 38.6 percent from 3-point range. He started 37 times, upping his 3-point percentage in that role to 41.3 percent.

But when Markkanen returns, Parker is moving back to small forward.

"My goal, my role is to help this team win," Valentine said. "This is my third year. I know the system. So be a veteran, play the right way."

Best foot forward: The timeline for Valentine's return is undetermined. He rolled his ankle during a practice and isn't at the one-week mark of a one-to-two-week window for re-evaluation. The swelling has subsided some, and he's doing some condi-

tioning and lifting.

"Start touching the ball later this week and see where I'm at," Valentine said. "But no rush at all, it's a long season. I want to come back 100 percent."

"It kind of sucks sitting on the side, watching from afar. It's kind of hard to have a voice and bond with your teammates if you're not going through the grind with them."

Preseason plan: Hoiberg said he planned to start Kris Dunn, Zach LaVine, Holiday, Parker and Robin Lopez again in Wednesday's second preseason game against the Bucks in Milwaukee.

Hoiberg also said he wanted to get rookie Wendell Carter Jr. some minutes with the starters in the second quarter and play Parker some at small forward.

BEARS

Trubisky finally finds comfort zone

Campbell, from Page 1

Unfortunately, that vague explanation prevents outsiders from understanding the adjustments that helped produce Trubisky's spectacular passing performance.

Certainly, Sunday's results matter more than whatever changes facilitated them. Trubisky said last Wednesday he cared only about his grade on the test, not how easy the test was. At least Bears coaches and players know what worked for him and will try to build off that in their attempt to replicate the results over the final 12 games. That's what counts.

Guessing about the exact adjustments serves little purpose. But understanding the schematic elements that were subject to adjustment at least helps us understand part of Trubisky's growth process and how his back-and-forth with coaches drove it.

Nagy, Ragone and offensive coordinator Mark Helfrich acknowledge their ongoing efforts to familiarize themselves with Trubisky's likes and dislikes regarding play-calling, game-planning and executing plays. Their conversations with Trubisky throughout each game week cover a variety of topics, including sequencing of runs and passes, play-to-play adjustments based on how the secondary and/or front is aligned, amount of different personnel groupings, etc.

Coaches could have tweaked any of those variables — or several others. Their goal is to balance the inherent schematic advantages with Trubisky's comfort exploiting them. When Trubisky's mind is calm, his footwork and eyes usually are on point, which increases his accuracy and improves his decision-making.



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Coaches said Mitch Trubisky's eyes were on point Sunday, which increased his accuracy.

That certainly seemed to be the case against the Buccaneers. He hit Trey Burton, Allen Robinson, Tarik Cohen and Josh Bellamy in stride on touchdown passes of 39, 14, 9 and 20 yards.

On throws that traveled at least 20 yards

beyond the line of scrimmage, Trubisky was 5-for-6 for 184 yards and a touchdown, according to the NFL's Next Gen stats.

Trubisky capitalized on exceptional pass protection for his big plays. Any quarterback would love to have at least 3.0

seconds from snap to throw, and Trubisky did several times.

He had 3.50 seconds on the 39-yard touchdown to Burton, 3.72 seconds on the 47-yarder to Burton in the second quarter, and 3.16 seconds on the out-and-up to Tarik Cohen that gained 35 yards in the second-quarter.

"You stop the tape and you watch the green grass we talk about all week long," Nagy said Monday. "If you have green grass as a quarterback — the quarterbacks in this league are too good to not strike. So when the offensive line protects the way they protected, it's a beautiful thing."

One other throw worth singling out is the 30-yard completion to a diving Taylor Gabriel on the first play of a series midway through the second quarter. The Bears used five receivers and an empty backfield against Cover-1, which featured man-to-man coverage and a single high safety.

Immediately after the snap, Gabriel ran past his defender and put up his hand. He wasn't first in the progression, but Trubisky recognized Gabriel was open. Not only did he deliver a great pass for Gabriel to run underneath, Trubisky held the safety in the middle of the field to keep him from contesting the catch.

Trubisky did complete some passes on predetermined reads during the game (on bootlegs and sprint-outs), but that completion to Gabriel was a great example of Trubisky thriving from the pocket, reading the defense and progressing past his first option.

Overall, it was a historic performance that none of us who witnessed it will forget.

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REAL TALK

After inspiring start, how high can 'D' fly?

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For a month now, the football conversation in Chicago has revolved around two major topics. Or more exactly, two key figures in the Bears' push to return to prominence: Khalil Mack — what a player he is — and Mitch Trubisky — what kind of player is he, really?

On Sunday, both the All-Pro pass rusher and the young quarterback stepped up in big ways, sparking the Bears' 3-1 start is about far more than just Mack and Trubisky. Particularly on the defensive side of the ball, where Vic Fangio's unit is playing an inspired and united brand of football.

So just how good has this defense become? What are the next steps in its development? And just how far should suddenly energized fans go with comparisons to great Bears defenses of the past?

Dan Wiederer: Gentlemen's agreement off the jump that we will keep the Mack gushing to a minimum. Not because he's not worth all the praise he's received and will continue to receive. (Heck, he's an easy choice for NFC Defensive Player of the Month honors.) But for the purposes of this conversation, it's worth exploring the full depth of this defense beyond Mack. So let me start you with a series of numbers.

Thirteen players recorded either a sack or had a hand in a takeaway in September. That's impressive evidence of the talent pool Fangio has to work with. In addition, the Bears have eight interceptions through the first four games. That ranks second in the NFL right now and already matches the Bears' total from last season.

The Bears lead the league in sacks with 18. They're second in takeaways with 11. They're third in scoring defense, allowing just 16.2 points per game.

And one more nugget to chew on: This defense has been on the field for 44 full possessions this season and has forced a turnover or a three-and-out on 25 of those series. They have allowed only 11 scoring drives. Wow.

Rich Campbell: Is there a mouse in your pocket? You and ol' Squeaky there can have whatever Mack agreement you didn't consult me on.

Me? From where I've sat for the last four games, all those stats and nuggets you listed cannot be properly contextualized without gushing about the All-Pro newcomer.

He's on pace for 20 sacks and 16 forced fumbles. He's a lock for NFC Defensive Player of the Month, as you said, and an early candidate for the NFL's Most Valuable Player award. And, in true superhero form, he has henceforth single-handedly rendered training camp meaningless.

Whether you're focused on stats or more interested in intangibles like the belief and confidence pulsing through the Bears defense, Mack, incredibly, has transformed and elevated that unit literally overnight.



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Top: Eddie Jackson (39) celebrates after his interception against the Buccaneers. Above: Danny Trevathan breaks up a pass intended for tight end O.J. Howard.

Wiederer: You're violating the agreement! Of course we could sit here and gush about Mack for days on end. On Sunday, for example, I told you that in my time covering this league, the only time I've witnessed an individual dominance on this level was in 2012 when the Vikings' Adrian Peterson ran for 861 yards in December. The show Mack is putting on right now is similar.

But I want to make sure we also acknowledge the completeness of this Bears defense. Linebacker Danny Trevathan is playing the best football he has played since he got to Chicago in 2016. He's flying around with purpose. Safety Eddie Jackson is showing signs that he may be a Pro Bowl performer before long. Akiem Hicks has been terrific up front. And Eddie Goldman remains an underappreciated cog in a well-oiled machine.

And here's the scary part: If you ask me, they are still nowhere near their ceiling. And they should have this nucleus of young difference-makers together for years to come.

Campbell: Trevathan, in particular, stands out. In his first two seasons, he exemplified a good, solid defense that didn't make enough big plays. This season, he already has as many sacks (2), forced fumbles (1) and interceptions (1) as he did in 12 games last year.

Mack is creating opportunities for others, and Trevathan is an example of a teammate who's capitalizing.

Wiederer: Think about this. Throughout August, rookie linebacker Roquan Smith was the most talked about Bears player by a wide margin. When would he sign? How severe was his hamstring tightness? When would he play his first game? How quickly could he become a difference-maker for a defense in need of big plays?

Now, as October begins, Smith's impact has been modest at best. And it hasn't really mattered. The defense is still producing at a high level. Imagine what it can become if Smith becomes a Pro Bowl-caliber performer. And what if Leonard Floyd gets on a roll?

Campbell: Wow. Dan Wiederer — Mr. Perspective — stary-eyed over best-case scenarios. This truly is a turnaround!

Smith and Floyd continue to have intriguing upside relative to how they each have started the season. It's fair to expect Smith to make more tackles and be around the ball more as he accumulates experience and gets comfortable with his assignments. To be fair to Floyd, he's affecting plays with his positioning and effort. Just not quite getting sacks.

Correct me if I'm wrong: I sense you assume the rest of the defense will maintain this level of play all season. Is there a chance they're the hitter who puts up a .385/.440/.615 slash line in April only to regress to the mean as the sample size increases?

Wiederer: Is there a chance September was this defense's peak? Sure. Is there a chance there is a significant regression soon? Yes. Especially if the injury issues that have rerouted many a Bears season before come popping up again at inopportune times. But to me, it seems more logical to think this defensive production can and will continue in the months and years ahead. Why wouldn't it?

As you said yourself, Smith figures to have a larger impact as he becomes more comfortable and experienced. Floyd figures to have a stretch where he's around the quarterback more often. Jackson is a second-year player who's playing terrific ball and still improving. And what if guys such as rookie Bilal Nichols continue to chip in?

Plus, imagine what Mack will be capable of once he finally settles into his new home with added comfort in his new defense and better rapport with his new teammates.

I'm not yet ready to put this defense on equal footing with the Brian Urlacher-led groups of 2005 and 2006. They have to prove themselves over a longer period of time.

But let me flip the question around: In your estimation, which Bears players are currently performing at levels that can't be sustained? And what warning signs have you seen that this group won't be able to keep this up?

Campbell: That's why Sunday's performance against the Buccaneers was so meaningful. Going in, the Bears had lost to the one good offense they had faced in three games. But they grounded the NFL's most productive passing attack and even forced a quarterback switch from Ryan Fitzpatrick to Winston at halftime.

They had three interceptions. They stopped the Bucs on 6 of 7 third downs in the first half. They surrendered only two plays longer than 17 yards in the game. That was a real test, and the Bears aced it because the front seven was disruptive enough to help a secondary that was without injured cornerback Prince Amukamara.

Fangio can conduct a riveting symphony with a pass rush that makes noise with only four rushers. And it's a scary sound for the rest of the league.

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Power rankings

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Last week's ranking in parentheses



- 1. Rams 4-0 (1):** Receivers Brandin Cooks, Cooper Kupp and Robert Woods are all averaging more than 80 yards per game. It's a machine.
- 2. Chiefs 4-0 (2):** Patrick Mahomes used his left hand to complete a pass on the winning drive, but he beat the Broncos with his right arm and legs.
- 3. Saints 3-1 (3):** Running back Mark Ingram returns from a four-game suspension and should give the offense a boost.
- 4. Titans 3-1 (13):** Receiver Corey Davis, the fifth pick in the 2017 draft, is emerging. He had nine catches for 161 yards in a win over the Eagles.
- 5. Jaguars 3-1 (6):** The Jags need to find a way to win without Leonard Fournette for a while after the running back reinjured his hamstring.
- 6. Patriots 2-2 (12):** Josh Gordon debuted in the offense in a blowout win over the Dolphins and Julian Edelman returns from a suspension.
- 7. Ravens 3-1 (14):** Marlon Humphrey, a first-round pick a year ago, did a commendable job on Steelers star Antonio Brown.
- 8. Eagles 2-2 (4):** They host the Vikings in a rematch of the NFC championship game. Neither team is playing at the level it was last year.
- 9. Bengals 3-1 (17):** Andy Dalton led a 16-play drive to win 37-36 in Atlanta on a 13-yard pass to A.J. Green with seven seconds remaining.
- 10. Bears 3-1 (15):** Mitch Trubisky's six touchdown passes and an offense with a wide array of skill-position players have given fans plenty of hope.
- 11. Packers 2-1 (16):** The defense shut out the Bills, but Aaron Rodgers called the offense "terrible" and "not acceptable" following a 22-0 victory.
- 12. Dolphins 3-1 (5):** Which was an aberration: the 3-0 start or the no-show performance in New England?
- 13. Panthers 2-1 (10):** Right guard Trai Turner has been cleared from concussion protocol, which is good news for a line still missing its tackles.
- 14. Chargers 2-2 (18):** Caleb Sturgis has missed two field-goal tries and three extra points. The Chargers used five different kickers last season.
- 15. Steelers 1-2-1 (7):** Running back Le'Veon Bell will reportedly show up for work during the Week 7 open date.
- 16. Broncos 2-2 (19):** The defense did a nice job corraling Patrick Mahomes for three quarters Monday but couldn't finish off the Chiefs.
- 17. Vikings 1-2-1 (11):** Questions about the previously vaunted Vikings defense are piling up for coach Mike Zimmer.
- 18. Falcons 1-3 (9):** They were 11-for-15 on third down and did not have a turnover and still managed to fall 37-36 at home to the Bengals.
- 19. Redskins 2-1 (20):** A Monday night date in New Orleans begins the toughest stretch for the Redskins, who at least are rested after a week off.
- 20. Cowboys 2-2 (23):** So much for putting together a trade for Seahawks safety Earl Thomas.
- 21. Buccaneers 2-2 (8):** Former Bucs coach John McKay once said about his team's execution: "I'm in favor of it." Dirk Koetter can relate.
- 22. Seahawks 2-2 (28):** Thomas wasn't saluting his team when he was carted off with a broken leg. He was bidding goodbye with his middle finger.
- 23. Giants 1-3 (24):** Pat Shurmur admits he probably should have given running back Saquon Barkley more than 16 touches in a loss to the Saints.
- 24. Lions 1-3 (22):** A defense that struggled mightily rushing the passer a year ago has 13 sacks. New problem: The Lions are 32nd against the run.
- 25. Browns 1-2-1 (21):** When you have a 14-point lead in the third quarter, end up scoring 42 points and you still lose, you're the Browns.
- 26. Texans 1-3 (30):** After getting a gift from the Colts in overtime, the Texans have to beat the Cowboys on Sunday to get their season on track.
- 27. Jets 1-3 (26):** Pressure is building on Todd Bowles amid a three-game skid, and that's life in the NFL, even if you're QB as a rookie.
- 28. Raiders 1-3 (32):** They rolled up 565 yards offense in Jon Gruden's first victory, the fourth-most in franchise history.
- 29. Colts 1-3 (27):** Frank Reich went for it on fourth-and-4 from his own 43-yard line in overtime and says he'd do it 10 times out of 10. It didn't work.
- 30. 49ers 1-3 (29):** They could be without three starting offensive linemen for Sunday's meeting with the Cardinals.
- 31. Bills 1-3 (25):** Kelvin Benjamin was critical of the Panthers after they traded him to the Bills last year. Now he's questioning his new team.
- 32. Cardinals 0-4 (31):** Josh Rosen actually looked pretty good in his first career start, but he didn't get help from the Cardinals receivers.

SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
							NEXT: Oct. 14 @MIA Noon
		SEASON OVER					
	PRE: @MIL, 7 NBCSCH AM-670					PRE: @CHA, 6 NBCSCH AM-670	
		@OTT 6:30 WGN-9 AM-720		@STL NBCSCH AM-720	TOR 6 NBCSCH AM-720		
					@DC Noon AM-1200		

WEDNESDAY ON TV/RADIO

MLB	7 p.m.	NBA PRESEASON	9:30 p.m.	NHL	6:30 p.m.	9:30 p.m.	CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SOCCER	11:55 a.m.	2 p.m.	GOLF	8 p.m.	WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL	9 p.m.	9 p.m.
AL wild card: A's at Yankees	Bulls at Bucks	Timberwolves at Clippers	Bruins at Capitals	Ducks at Sharks	Paris Saint-Germain vs. Red Star Belgrade	Tottenham vs. Barcelona	Paris Saint-Germain vs. Red Star Belgrade	Tottenham vs. Barcelona	Paris Saint-Germain vs. Red Star Belgrade	Tottenham vs. Barcelona	Paris Saint-Germain vs. Red Star Belgrade	Tottenham vs. Barcelona	Paris Saint-Germain vs. Red Star Belgrade	Tottenham vs. Barcelona

TENNIS

CHINA OPEN
At the National Tennis Center in Beijing;
Hard-outdoor
Men's First Round
#1 Juan Martin del Potro d.
#2 Albert Ramos-Vinolas, 7-5, 6-2
#3 Alexander Zverev d.
#4 Roberto Bautista Agut, 6-4, 6-4
#5 Grigor Dimitrov vs.
#6 Dusan Lajovic, late
#7 Filip Krajinovic d.
#8 Tenny Sandgren, 7-5, 6-3
#9 Fabio Fognini d.
#10 Radu Albot, 1-6, 6-3, 6-3
#11 Nikoloz Basilashvili d.
#12 Jack Sock, 6-7 (6), 7-5, 6-2
#13 Marco Cecchinato d.
#14 Marcos Baghdatis, 1-6, 6-4, 7-5
#15 Fernando Verdasco d.
#16 Gael Monfils, 2-6, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (5)
#17 Matteo Berrettini d.
#18 Leonardo Mayer, 6-3, 6-2
#19 Filip Krajinovic d.
#20 Mischa Zverev, 6-1, 6-4
#21 Andrey Rublev d.
#22 Joao Sousa, 6-0, 6-4
Women's Second Round
#1 Angelique Kerber d.
#2 Carla Suarez Navarro, 7-6 (4), 6-1
#3 Caroline Garcia d.
#4 Polona Herczeg, 7-6 (2), 6-3
#5 Karolina Pliskova vs.
#6 Aleksandra, late
#7 Naomi Osaka d.
#8 Danielle Collins, 6-1, 6-0
#9 Sloane Stephens d.
#10 Zheng Saisai, 6-1, 6-3
#11 Kiki Bertens d.
#12 Kristina Mladenovic, 6-1, 6-1
#13 Qiang d.
#14 Jelena Ostapenko, 6-0, 6-0
#15 Aryna Sabalenka d.
#16 Garbine Muguruza, 7-5, 6-2
#17 Katerina Siniakova d.
#18 Sloane Stephens d.
#19 Aleksandra Krunic, 7-6 (2), 6-2
#20 Anett Kontaveit d.
#21 Laura Siegemund, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2
#22 Dominika Cibulkova d.
#23 Daria Gavrilova, 6-3, 6-3

RAKUTEN JAPAN OPEN
#1 at Musashino Forest Sport Plaza,
Tokyo; hard-outdoor
Jan-Lennard Struff d.
#2 Marin Cilic, 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (1)
#3 Kevin Anderson vs.
#4 Matthew Ebden, late
#5 Stefanos Tsitsipas d.
#6 Taro Daniel, 6-1, 6-3
#7 Richard Gasquet d.
#8 Denis Kudla, 7-6 (8), 6-3
#9 Frances Tiafoe d.
#10 Max Martner, 7-5, 6-4
#11 Stan Wawrinka d.
#12 Taylor Fritz, 6-3, 6-4
#13 Jeremy Chardy d.
#14 Damir Dzumhur, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3
#15 Nick Kyrgios vs.
#16 Yoshihito Nishioka, late
#17 Gilles Simon vs.
#18 Alex de Minaur, late

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
AMERICAN LEAGUE
White Sox: Recalled C Dustin Garneau, RHP Carson Fulmer and OFs Charlie Tilson and Eloy Jimenez from Charlotte (L); LHP Ian Clarkin and OF Luis Alexander Basabe from Birmingham (SL); and OF Micker Adolfo from Winston-Salem (Carolina).
Boston: Recalled 2B Tony Renda and RHP Marcus Walden, Chandler Shephard and Justin Haley from Pawtucket (IL).
Houston: Recalled 1B AJ Reed, OF Derek Fisher and RHPs Francis Martes and Brady Rodgers from Round Rock (PC).
Minnesota: Fred manager Paul Molitor.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Atlanta: Recalled LHP Adam McCreery and RHP Wes Parsons from Gwinnett (L); and LHP Ricardo Sanchez from Mississippi (SL).

BASKETBALL
NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
Atlanta: Waived C Cole Aldrich.

LATEST LINE

MLB PLAYOFFS
AL WILD CARD
New York +180 Oakland +165
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Los Angeles -197 Atlanta +182
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Houston -143 Cleveland +133

NHL
at Toronto -221 Montreal +201
at Washington -124 Boston +114
at Calgary -125 at Vancouver +115
at San Jose -165 Anaheim +155

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
WEEK 6
at Marshall 18%
at Houston 15%
at Troy 15%

at Marshall 6
Georgia Tech 4
at BYU 2%

at Ga. Southern 13
South Florida 14
Clemson 17
at Temple 13
N. Illinois 10
D.C. United 3
New England 8
Toronto FC 9
at UCF 23%
at FAU 15
at Ohio State 25
at NC State 5
at Wake Forest 2%
at S. Carolina 1
at Michigan 17%
at Cincinnati 14
at W. Michigan 4%
at Buffalo 8
at Akron 3%
at Miami (Ohio) 5%
at Virginia Tech 1%
at Rutgers 14%
at Boise State 2%
at Colorado 2%
at North Texas 27
Washington 21
at Stanford 5
at Wake Forest 14
at SMU 17
California 2%
at UNLV 9%
at Michigan St. 11
at Virginia 29%
Alabama 35%
at Louisiana Tech 10
at Texas A&M 5
Portland 13
at Georgia 26
at Iowa 6%
at Toledo 20%
Auburn 3%
at Air Force 5%
Louisiana-Monroe 22%
Oklahoma 7%
at Memphis 35
at Texas St. 3%
at Rice 2%
at Baylor 4%
at Miami 2%
at Wisconsin 17%
Colorado St. 3
at Hawaii 3

NFL
WEEK 5
at New England 10
at Cincinnati 6
Baltimore 3
at Kansas City 3
Tennessee 3%
at Carolina 1
at N.Y. Jets 1
Denver 3
Atlanta 1%
at Cincinnati 6
at Miami 1%
at L.A. Chargers 5%
at San Fran. 4%
at Philadelphia 3
L.A. Rams 7
Dallas 3
at Houston 3
at New Orleans 6%

NHL
at New Orleans 6%

NFL

NFC NORTH W L T PCT PF PA
BEARS 3 1 0 .750 111 65
Green Bay 2 1 1 .625 92 83
Minnesota 1 2 1 .375 90 110
Detroit 1 3 0 .250 94 114

NFC EAST W L T PCT PF PA
Washington 2 1 0 .667 64 44
Dallas 2 2 0 .500 67 77
Philadelphia 2 2 0 .500 82 81
N.Y. Giants 1 3 0 .250 73 95

NFC SOUTH W L T PCT PF PA
New Orleans 3 1 0 .750 137 121
Carolina 2 1 0 .667 71 60
Tampa Bay 2 2 0 .500 112 139
Atlanta 1 3 0 .250 116 122

NFC WEST W L T PCT PF PA
L.A. Rams 4 0 1 .100 140 67
Seattle 2 2 0 .500 85 81
San Francisco 1 3 0 .250 100 118
Arizona 0 4 0 .000 37 94

AFC NORTH W L T PCT PF PA
Cincinnati 3 1 0 .750 126 113
Baltimore 2 2 0 .500 88 66
Cleveland 1 2 1 .375 102 104
Pittsburgh 1 2 1 .375 102 116

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Miami 3 1 0 .750 82 90
New England 2 2 0 .500 95 84
Buffalo 1 3 0 .250 50 106
N.Y. Jets 1 3 0 .250 89 89

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Tennessee 3 1 0 .750 75 73
Jacksonville 3 1 0 .750 88 56
Indianapolis 1 3 0 .250 94 100
Houston 1 3 0 .250 94 100

AFC WEST W L T PCT PF PA
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Denver 2 2 0 .500 84 97
L.A. Chargers 2 2 0 .500 111 120
Oakland 1 3 0 .250 97 123

THURSDAY
Indianapolis at New England, 7:20 (FOX-32)
SUNDAY
Miami at Cincinnati, noon
N.Y. Giants at Carolina, noon
Denver at N.Y. Jets, noon
Jacksonville at Kansas City, noon
Green Bay at Detroit, noon
Baltimore at Cleveland, noon
Atlanta at Pittsburgh, noon
Tennessee at Buffalo, noon
Oakland at L.A. Chargers, 3:05
Minnesota at Philadelphia, 3:25
Arizona at San Francisco, 3:25
L.A. Rams at Seattle, 3:25
Dallas at Houston, 7:20 (NBC-5)
New York Jets at Texas St., 7:30 (ESPN)
Washington at New Orleans, 7:15 (ESPN)

SEASON'S TEAM HIGHS, LOWS
MOST POINTS
48, Tampa Bay at New Orleans 9/9
48, N.Y. Jets at Detroit 9/10
42, Bears vs. Tampa Bay 9/10
47, Baltimore vs. Buffalo 9/9
45, Oakland vs. Cleveland 9/30 (OT)

FEWEST POINTS
0, Arizona at L.A. Rams 9/16
0, Buffalo at Green Bay 9/30
3, Buffalo at Baltimore 9/9
6, Arizona vs. Washington 9/9
6, Jacksonville vs. Tennessee 9/23
6, Minnesota vs. Buffalo 9/23

MOST TOTAL YARDS
565, Oakland vs. Cleveland 9/30 (OT)
556, L.A. Rams vs. Minnesota 9/27
539, Kansas City vs. Kansas City 9/9
534, New Orleans at Atlanta 9/23 (OT)
529, Tampa Bay at New Orleans 9/9

FEWEST
0, Arizona at L.A. Rams 9/16
145, Buffalo at Green Bay 9/30
153, Buffalo at Baltimore 9/9

MOST RUSHING YARDS
230, Carolina vs. Cincinnati 9/23
208, Cleveland at Oakland 9/30 (OT)
190, San Francisco vs. Detroit 9/16
183, Dallas vs. Detroit 9/30
182, Washington at Arizona 9/9

FEWEST PASSING YARDS
14, Minnesota vs. Buffalo 9/23
19, Pittsburgh vs. Baltimore 9/30
33, Pittsburgh vs. Kansas City 9/16
34, N.Y. Jets at Cleveland 9/30
35, N.Y. Giants at Dallas 9/16

NET PASSING YARDS
Most
456, L.A. Rams vs. Minnesota 9/27
442, Pittsburgh vs. Kansas City 9/16
437, Indianapolis vs. Houston 9/30 (OT)
432, New Orleans vs. Tampa Bay 9/9

FEWEST NET YARDS
70, Buffalo at Baltimore 9/9
83, Arizona at L.A. Rams 9/16
83, Tennessee at Jacksonville 9/23
87, Buffalo at Green Bay 9/30

TIMES SACKED BY OPPONENT
Most
7, Cleveland vs. Pittsburgh 9/9 (OT)
7, Buffalo at Green Bay 9/30
7, Houston at Indianapolis 9/30 (OT)

MLB PLAYOFFS

WEDNESDAY'S PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUP

AL WILD CARD	2018 TEAM	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA	
Oak	Hendricks (R)	0-1	4.12	4-4	0-0	1.0	0.00	0-0	3.0	0.00	
NY	Severino (R)	7:08p	19-8	3.39	24-8	1-1	8.2	6.23	2-1	17.2	2.04

Team rec: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher.
Vs. Opp: Pitcher's record versus this opponent, 2018 statistics.

POSTSEASON GLANCE
NL WILD CARD
Tuesday: Colorado 2, CUBS 1 (3)
AL WILD CARD
Wednesday: Oakland (Hendricks 0-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Severino 19-8), 7:08p (TBS)
DIVISION SERIES (Best-of-5; x-F nec.)
American League (TBS)
Boston vs. N.Y. Yankees/Oakland
Friday: at Boston (Sale 12-4), 6:32
Saturday: at Boston (Price 16-7), 7:15
Monday: Boston (Porcello 17-7) at NY/Oakland
Tuesday: at NY Yankees/Oakland
x-Oct. 11: at Cleveland
Friday: Cleveland (Kluber 20-7) at Houston (Verlander 16-9), 1:05

Saturday: Cleveland (Carrasco 17-10) at Houston (Cole 15-5), 3:37
Monday: at Cleveland
x-Oct. 9: at Cleveland
x-Oct. 11: at Houston
National League (FS1 or MLB/N)
Milwaukee vs. Colorado
Thursday: at Milwaukee, 4:05
Friday: at Milwaukee, 3:17
Saturday: at Colorado, 3:37
x-Monday: at Colorado (Ryu 7-3), 7:37
x-Oct. 10: at Milwaukee
L.A. Dodgers vs. Atlanta
Thu: ATL (Foltynewicz 13-10) at L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 7-3), 7:37
Friday: at L.A. Dodgers, 8:37
Saturday: at Atlanta, 7:07
x-Monday: at Atlanta
x-Oct. 10: at L.A. Dodgers

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE
Georgia St. (2-3) at Troy (4-1), 6:30
Tulsa (1-2) at Houston (3-1), 7

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE
Dartmouth (3-0) at Yale (2-1), 5
Georgia Tech (2-3) at Louisville (1-2), 6
Mid Tenn (2-2) at Marshall (1-4), 6:30
Utah St. (3-1) at BYU (3-2), 8

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE
MIDWEST
Buffalo (4-1) at Cent. Michigan (1-4), 11*
Tulane (2-3) at Cincinnati (5-1), 11*
Maryland (3-1) at Michigan (4-1), 11*
Northwestern (1-3) at UConn (2-3), 11*
Michigan St. (3-1), 11*
E. Mich. (2-3) at W. Mich. (3-2), 11*
Valparaiso (0-4) at Dayton (2-3), noon
Butler (3-1) at Drake (2-1), 1
N. Dakota St. (4-0) at N. Iowa (2-2), 1
N. Illinois (2-3) at Ball St. (2-3), 2
W. Illinois (2-2) at Illinois St. (3-1), 2
Bryant (1-1) at Duquesne (3-2), noon
Miami (Ohio) (1-4) at Akron (2-1), 2:30
Ohio (2-2) at Kent St. (1-4), 2:30
Iowa (3-1) at Minnesota (3-1), 2:30
Bowling Green (1-4) at Toledo (2-2), 2:30
Indiana (4-1) at Ohio St. (5-0), 3
S. Illinois (1-3) at Youngstown St. (1-1), 3
Murray St. (1-3) at E. Illinois (1-4), 6
Indiana St. (2-2) at S. Dakota St. (2-1), 6
Nebraska (0-4) at Wisconsin (3-1), 6:30

EAST
Colgate (4-0) at Bucknell (1-4), 11*
Illinois (2-2) at Rutgers (4-1), 11*
Lehigh (1-3) at Princeton (3-0), noon
Kansas (2-2) at West Virginia (4-0), 11*
Syracuse (1-1) at Pitt (2-3), 11:20*
Marist (4-1) at Columbia (2-1), noon
Bryant (1-1) at Duquesne (3-2), noon
G'town (1-4) at Fordham (0-4), noon
Holy Cross (1-4)
at New Hampshire (0-4), noon
Lehigh (1-3) at Princeton (3-0), noon
Brno (1-2) at Rhode Island (3-1), noon
CCSU (2-2) at Robert Morris (0-3), noon
Harvard (2-1) at Cornell (1-2), 12:30
Penn (2-1) at Sacred Heart (3-1), 2
Villanova (3-2) at Maine (2-1), 2:30
South Florida (4-0) at UMass (2-4), 2:30
Stony Brook (4-1) at Towson (3-1), 3

SOUTH
San Diego (2-2) at Morehead St. (1-3), 11*
Missouri (3-1) at S. Carolina (2-2), 11*
Boston College (4-1) at
NC State (4-0), 11:30*
Jacksonville (4-2) at Davidson (1-1), noon
SC State (0-4) at Morgan St. (1-1), noon
Elon (3-1) at James Madison (4-1), 12:30
Wagner (1-4) at Campbell (4-1), 1
Lane (0-4) at Hampton (1-3), 1
Presbyterian (2-1) at Kennesaw St. (4-1), 1

GOLF

PGA TOUR MONEY LEADERS

Final	Golfer	TRN	MONEY
1.	Justin Thomas	23	\$8,694,821
2.	Dustin Johnson	20	\$8,457,252
3.	Justin Rose	18	\$8,130,678
4.	Bryson DeChambeau	26	\$8,094,489
5.	Brooks Koepka	17	\$7,094,047
6.	Bubba Watson	24	\$5,793,748
7.	Tony Finau	28	\$5,620,138
8.	Aaron Wise	24	\$4,453,841
9.	Webb Simpson	26	\$5,376,417
10.	Jason Day	20	\$5,087,461
11.	Francesco Molinari	20	\$5,065,842
12.	Patrick Reed	25	\$5,006,267
13.	Phil Mickelton	24	\$4,595,187
14.	Rory McIlroy	18	\$4,410,296
15.	Billy Horschel	27	\$4,315,237
16.	Rickie Fowler	20	\$4,223,237
17.	Keegan Bradley	27	\$4,069,464
18.	Xander Schauffele	27	\$4,047,538
19.	Jon Rahm	20	\$3,962,678
20.	Patrick Cantlay	23	\$3,963,962
21.	Tommy Fleetwood	19	\$3,935,147
22.	Kyle Stanley	26	\$3,916,001
23.	Marc Leishman	25	\$3,771,221
24.	Paul Casey	20	\$3,641,771
25.	Cameron Smith	24	\$3,622,607
26.	Kevin Na	26	\$3,578,316
27.	Patton Kizzire	29	\$3,541,151
28.	Aaron Wise	29	\$3,486,407
29.	Gary Woodland	27	\$3,108,907
30.	Kevin Kisner	25	\$2,972,285
31.	Pat Perez	23	\$2,962,641
32.	Jordan Spieth	23	\$2,793,536
33.	Chesson Hadley	30	\$2,768,863
34.	Brian Harman	25	\$2,733,463
35.	Arian Poulier	20	\$2,714,450
36.	Luke List	29	\$2,710,736
37.	Chez Reavie	28	\$2,700,118

NFL NOTES

Dolphins drop ax on fired-up Phillips

Associated Press

The Dolphins released defensive tackle Jordan Phillips on Tuesday in the wake of his angry sideline outburst after he came out of a lopsided loss to the Patriots.

"Free at last free at last," Phillips wrote in an Instagram post that was later deleted. "Good luck to my brothers on the team. I'll miss ya'll, but I couldn't be happier to be out of there."

Phillips and the rest of the Dolphins' front four were dominated in Sunday's 38-7 loss to the Patriots, who rushed for 175 yards.

Phillips said his flare-up during the game didn't play a role in his release.

"Just here to squash this sideline outburst stuff. This move had nothing to do with that," he tweeted.

The Dolphins (3-1) had the day off and didn't discuss the reason for the move. Coach Adam Gase has spoken often about his desire to improve the team's culture following a 6-10 season in 2017.

Kendricks suspended: The NFL suspended Seahawks linebacker Mychal Kendricks indefinitely after he pleaded guilty last month to federal insider trading charges.

Kendricks was suspended under the personal-conduct policy, league spokesman Brian McCarthy said.

IN BRIEF

AUTO RACING: NASCAR will use two primary rules packages next season and race at Daytona and Talladega without restrictor plates for the first time since 1987. The rules packages will be tailored to specific tracks and designed to slow Cup Series cars to create more passing for the lead. At Daytona and Talladega, the two fastest tracks where horsepower-sapping plates are used on the engines, NASCAR will now use a thicker tapered spacer with tapered holes aimed to restrict air flow. The season-opening Daytona 500 next year will be run under current configurations that combine the restrictor plate with a tapered spacer. NASCAR will go to just a spacer at Daytona and Talladega after the 500.

BASEBALL: The Twins fired Paul Molitor one season after he won the AL Manager of the Year award. Molitor has been offered another position within the organization. The Twins went 305-343 under Molitor, with one appearance in the playoffs in 2017. They were 78-84 this year. ... Major League Baseball's average attendance dropped 4 percent to 28,830, its lowest since 2003 after 14 consecutive seasons topping 30,000. Total attendance fell to 69.63 million from 72.67 million last year and a high of 79.5 million in 2007.

The Seahawks signed Kendrick prior to Week 2 because of a need at linebacker with K.J. Wright out following knee surgery.

Federal prosecutors said Kendrick used tips from an acquaintance to make about \$1.2 million in illegal profits on four major trading deals. Kendrick is not expected to be sentenced until January.

Falcons find some help: The Falcons signed defensive tackle Michael Bennett in a move that could reflect a new injury concern with starter Grady Jarrett.

Jarrett left the final drive of the Falcons' 37-36 loss to the Bengals on Sunday with an ankle injury. Coach Dan Quinn said Jarrett is still being evaluated.

The Falcons defense already has lost starting safeties Keanu Neal and Ricardo Allen to season-ending injuries and linebacker Deion Jones for at least eight weeks.

Bennett was released by the Jaguars on Sept 11. He played in only one game in 2017.

Extra points: The Browns placed starting CB Terrance Mitchell on injured reserve with a broken right wrist. Mitchell was hurt in the second quarter of Sunday's 45-42 loss to the Raiders. He underwent surgery on Monday, when coach Hue Jackson said he didn't think Mitchell's injury was season-ending. ... The Panthers signed punter Michael Palardy to a three-year extension, keeping him with the team through 2021.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Minnesota sophomore safety Antoine Winfield Jr. is recovering from surgery to repair a torn Lisfranc ligament in his left foot. Coach P.J. Fleck confirmed the season-ending injury for Winfield, who will seek a second medical redshirt and sixth year of eligibility after playing in the maximum four games. ... No. 23 North Carolina State and East Carolina have agreed to play Dec. 1 after both teams had a game against other opponents canceled due to Hurricane Florence. The replacement game will take place only if neither reaches its conference championship game.

SOCCER: Real Madrid is having trouble scoring with Cristiano Ronaldo no longer on the team. His new club, Juventus, did just fine without him. For the first time in more than a decade, Madrid has gone three straight games without a goal after losing 1-0 at CSKA Moscow in an early setback to the Spanish club's title defense in the Champions League. Meanwhile, Ronaldo was missing for Juventus against Young Boys after his sending-off against Valencia in the opening round of group play. Paulo Dybala stepped up by scoring a hat trick in a 3-0 win to put Juventus on top of its group.

— Edited from news services

Crossword

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- ACROSS**
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BEST MOMENTS OF
2018

J-HEY'S WALK-OFF SLAM



CHRIS SWEDA / CHICAGO TRIBUNE

JUNE
6
WRIGLEY
FIELD



CHRIS SWEDA / CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CUBS 7, PHILLIES 5

After Dylan Cozens hit a two-run, tie-breaking homer off closer Brandon Morrow in the top of the inning, Jason Heyward launched a game-winning grand slam off left-hander Adam Morgan with two outs in the bottom of the ninth, then received the traditional celebratory drenching (left) during a post-game interview.



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Players wear Adidas-branded backpacks at the Adidas Gauntlet tournament in New York. Shoe company sponsorships are at the heart of a probe into basketball's shadow economy.

The roots of the problem: A basketball black market

BY WILL HOBSON
The Washington Post

Black banners embossed with the familiar white, three-stripe Adidas logo draped the banquet room of the SLS Las Vegas resort one morning in late January 2017. Adidas had flown managers of its more than 40 youth basketball teams to Las Vegas to discuss, among other things, upcoming recruiting battles with Nike and Under Armour.

The morning began with a presentation by NCAA staffers, who explained their efforts to keep teenagers in shoe-company leagues from breaking NCAA rules, which included a short video urging youngsters to never take money for their athletic talents.

A few minutes after the NCAA officials left, Chris Rivers, Adidas executive in charge of youth basketball, explained to the new faces in the room why a German apparel company spends millions of dollars on what the industry calls “grassroots.”

“The only (expletive) reason we’re here is for pro prospects,” Rivers said, according to three people in the room who requested anonymity. “We are here to sign professional athletes.”

Rivers is the former longtime No. 2 to Sonny Vaccaro, the famed former Nike, Reebok and Adidas executive considered the godfather of grassroots basketball. Dressed casually in Adidas gear, clothing that undersold his stature in college and professional basketball, Rivers warned Adidas team managers that the competition at Nike and Under Armour would “be doing things dirty,” according to people who were in the room, and said if they needed assistance recruiting a prospect, to contact him or one of his top consultants, a group he referred to as his “elite crew.”

“There are ways we can help,” Rivers said.

Eight months later, Rivers watched with bewilderment as FBI agents swarmed the suburban Portland, Ore., home of his boss, and neighbor, Adidas executive Jim Gatto. In South Carolina, agents led one of Rivers’ consultants away in handcuffs. The next day, in New Jersey, agents streamed into the office of a prominent NBA agent who had considerable influence over Adidas grassroots. A few months later, in Massachusetts, a settler, another member of Rivers’ “elite crew” also found himself facing FBI agents.

For more than two years, the Justice Department had been investigating basketball’s shadow economy — the secretive dealings



Adidas-branded shoes and socks abound at the Adidas Gauntlet tournament, part of the German apparel company’s “grassroots” efforts with the goal of latching onto the game’s next superstar.

among shoe companies, college coaches, NBA agents and elite teenage basketball players and those close to them. Federal authorities also were looking into Nike and Under Armour, and at a news conference, a top FBI official suggested more arrests would come. The NCAA expressed outrage and acknowledged a need for systemic change.

A year later, however — as the first trial to stem from the probe starts Monday in New York — there is a growing perception among basketball insiders that the Justice Department investigation will not fundamentally alter college basketball or the black market that surrounds the sport, but instead will become the latest scandal to punish operators at the lower rungs of this shadow economy, while leaving the larger forces fueling it untouched.

This story is based on interviews with dozens of people at all levels of the basketball economy, including NBA agents, college coaches, grassroots coaches and shoe company consultants. Most spoke on condition of anonymity, to discuss their knowledge of dealings they thought were NCAA rule violations, not federal crimes.

Adidas, Nike and Under Armour declined to make any employees available for interviews. Rivers, who according to two people in Adidas grassroots has been placed on administrative leave, has not been charged with a crime, and did not reply to several voice messages and emails.

This week, in New York, federal prosecutors will try a case based on a disputed legal theory that

makes it a federal crime to break NCAA rules. Two Adidas officials and an aspiring NBA agent face charges connected to accusations they brokered deals to pay the families of top recruits to steer players to Adidas-sponsored teams.

The alleged transactions — \$100,000 for one Louisville recruit, \$90,000 for one Kansas recruit — underscore the tension at the heart of college basketball: Star players are worth far more to shoe companies, agents and schools than they are permitted to earn by the NCAA, a multibillion-dollar entity that enjoys nonprofit status. Absent historic changes to NCAA rules, according to economists who’ve studied the sport, this tension will remain, fueling a black market long after FBI agents and prosecutors in New York lose interest.

“That machine’s just going to keep on moving,” one former Adidas grassroots coach said. “The NCAA’s too big to fail.”

The first thing you need to understand about the basketball black market is that all of it — the grassroots leagues where thousands play, the salaries for shoe-company consultants recruiting for those leagues, the handlers with their hands out and the runners for agents who saunter around hotel lobbies at grassroots events and, when asked who they work for, smile and say “independent contractor” — is fueled by the top 10 to 15 teenage boys playing basketball in each grade, across America.

Projecting the potential of

teenage athletes is an inexact science in all sports, but less so in basketball, where scouts usually can spot professional-level talent by the time a player is 16 or 17. Of the top 15 high school seniors in the country in June 2017, according to ESPN’s rankings, 12 were selected by NBA teams at this past June’s draft.

For Nike, Adidas and Under Armour, grassroots basketball is an educated gamble — money spent in the hope that, among thousands of teenagers playing in their leagues, a few will become recognizable stars for their sponsored college teams and develop into NBA players worthy of endorsement deals. The overarching strategy is to cast a wide net and hopefully attract the next generational talent who will develop a lifelong affinity for the brand — and sell truckloads of shoes.

“Nike, Adidas and Under Armour say, ‘Hey, if we allocate a few million a year, and it eventually gets us the next LeBron, then it’s worth it,’” one former Under Armour coach said. “All it takes is one star.”

The three companies do not publicly disclose how much they spend on grassroots leagues. In interviews, grassroots coaches in all three leagues said sponsorships range from \$50,000 to \$150,000 annually, with most teams on the lower end of the range. Using a conservative estimate based on these figures and the number of teams in each league, Adidas spends at least \$2.5 million annually on grassroots, Nike \$2 million and Under Armour \$1.5 million.

Nike has long dominated

basketball shoe sales, according to an industry analyst, because of its relationship with two megastars — Michael Jordan and LeBron James — and its control of college ranks.

“It’s the kind of thing they’ve built over the years, and really nurtured,” said Matt Powell, senior adviser for market research firm NPD.

In 2017, according to Powell, Nike captured about 74 percent of the \$940 million American basketball shoe market, followed by Under Armour, at 12.1 percent, and Jordan brand — a Nike subsidiary — at 7.8 percent. Adidas was a distant fourth, with just 4.8 percent.

Nike’s stronghold in college basketball — 56 of the 87 schools in the top seven basketball conferences wear Nike, compared with 18 wearing Under Armour and 13 wearing Adidas — is what incited the shoe-company-spending arms race to spread into youth basketball.

Collectively, the three shoe-company leagues act as a farm system for the next generation of college and NBA stars. And since their inception, these leagues have drawn the attention of people whose livelihood depends on getting close to those very same prospects.

The offers from agents and their runners start to flow in shortly after the player ascends national rankings, the former grassroots coach said, but they seldom go right to the player. Instead, the offers go to whoever is seen as close to the player: a parent, an uncle or the grassroots coach.

The former grassroots coach, who worked for a team sponsored by one of the three companies, agreed to discuss the offers he received when one of his players, then 16, became one of the country’s top 10 players in his class a few years ago.

The runner for one agent said he could get a prominent college coach to personally donate to the grassroots team — funding a significant salary increase for the grassroots coach — if the player promised to attend that school and then sign with the runner’s agency.

One agent offered to call friends in the shoe company’s grassroots management and convince them to commit to a multiyear, six-figure sponsorship for the coach.

Another agent said he had partners overseas who could direct star European teenagers to move to the United States and play

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Adidas is estimated to spend at least \$2.5 million annually on grassroots basketball, while competitor Nike spends \$2 million and Under Armour lays out another \$1.5 million.

Uncovering the roots of the problem

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for the coach's grassroots team, inciting a bidding war between the shoe companies for his sponsorship.

When it came time to discuss money, the former grassroots coach said, smaller, boutique firms were more likely to offer cash upfront, with the promise the player would sign when he went pro. One agent offered \$25,000; another, \$50,000.

"I don't really see what's wrong with an agent wanting to pay me \$50,000 to help them land a player who might make them millions," the former grassroots coach said. "In any other industry, that's just good business."

Wealthier, veteran agents, with long rosters of star NBA clients, rarely offered cash upfront, the coach said, instead offering a "finder's fee" if the player made it to the NBA. Potential finder's fees ranged from 10 to 30 percent of the agency's income from the player over the course of his career.

An NBA agent, who also agreed to discuss these dealings on condition of anonymity, confirmed the offers the grassroots coach described are standard in the basketball shadow economy.

Finder's fees can become lucrative, or can amount to nothing, the NBA agent cautioned. Since competition is so fierce, many NBA agents waive their fees (normally 2 to 4 percent) for an NBA player's rookie contract, in anticipation of cashing in on a second contract.

If that player develops into a star like Stephen Curry, slated to make \$37.5 million this season, then the finder's fee will be hefty: An agent's fee of 4 percent amounts to \$1.5 million, and a 30 percent finder's fee comes to \$450,000. But if the player fails to make it to the NBA, or makes it to the NBA but fails to get a second contract, a finder's fee is worthless.

In this way, the NBA agent said, the basketball black market creates difficult decisions for players who want to try to play in college, but whose families can't afford to wait for finder's fees in years to come.

"It's the poor kids and their families that get screwed," the agent said.

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In other industries, T.J. Gassnola, a former top consultant for Adidas in Massachusetts, would have had trouble finding work. Three larceny convictions, an assault conviction and an incident in which a man told Gassnola flashed a gun and boasted of mob connections — which Gassnola denied — would have been viewed as disqualifying factors.

But in the basketball black market, Gassnola's ability to build relationships with teenage pro-



The official game ball players used at the Adidas Gauntlet tournament.

spects and their families made him valuable. In the 2000s, Gassnola, a bulky figure fond of gold chains and vehicles from Mercedes-Benz, was twice the subject of newspaper exposés about the ills of shoe-company money flowing into youth basketball. In 2002, when a reporter from the (Bergen, New Jersey) Record observed Gassnola trying to use his cellphone to help a college coach talk to a recruit, in violation of NCAA rules, Gassnola told the paper in reference to the NCAA: "They can't do a (expletive) thing about it."

In 2006, when the Boston Globe reported that Gassnola's competitors suspected he paid his players, he conceded he had given one of his best players, who came from a poor family, \$100 to spend when they visited Disney World.

"The kid has no money, so I'm helping him out," Gassnola told the Globe. "You want to throw me in jail for that? Go ahead."

Despite the negative press, Adidas kept sponsoring Gassnola and his team, the New England Playaz. Gassnola was protected, other Adidas grassroots coaches believed, because of his business relationship with NBA agent Andy Miller.

When asked why Adidas — and not Nike or Under Armour — is at the center of the Justice Department probe, several Adidas insiders gave a similar answer: because Miller, an agent with a reputation for flouting NCAA rules, gained powerful influence over the company's grassroots.

Miller's clout at Adidas, company insiders said, was due to the fact he represented some of the brand's biggest stars: Kevin Garnett and Chauncey Billups in the early 2000s and, in recent years, Kyle Lowry and Kristaps Porzingis.

In 2007, according to Wayne Simone, a grassroots coach in Connecticut, an Adidas executive tried to bribe him to help get Miller a new client.

Simone's team, Connecticut Se-

lect, had been sponsored by Adidas for more than a decade, he said, when he got an unusual phone call from Daren Kalish, then Adidas executive overseeing grassroots. Adidas was dropping its sponsorship of Connecticut Select, Kalish told him, unless Simone could convince Ryan Gomes, a former Connecticut Select player then in the NBA, to change agents and sign with Miller.

If Simone succeeded in coercing his former player into signing with the agent Miller, he said the Adidas executive told him, Adidas would renew his sponsorship, and include a \$15,000 bonus for him.

"This is how it works, Wayne," Simone recalled the Adidas executive telling him. Simone cursed at Kalish and hung up. Connecticut Select hasn't been sponsored by Adidas since.

"I busted my ass for years, running my program, getting all my kids in school, thinking I was one of the coaches doing it for the right reasons — and then, because I wouldn't take a bribe, the rug got pulled out from underneath me," Simone said.

Kalish, who now works for a wealth-management firm that represents professional athletes, did not reply to several requests to comment.

In 2012, the NCAA banned three Adidas grassroots coaches when it learned about an email to them from Miller that appeared to show an explicit financial arrangement. Like several NBA agents, Miller was long suspected of secretly sponsoring various grassroots teams, which effectively acted as a farm system for him and his agency, ASM. One of the coaches on the receiving end of that email was Gassnola, the colorful Adidas consultant from Massachusetts.

And in 2016, when Merl Code, the longtime director of Nike's Elite Youth Basketball League, lost his job, Miller made a few calls at Adidas and helped get Code hired

as a consultant, according to a person with knowledge of the discussions.

A few months later, in the spring of 2017, FBI agents started wiretapping the phone of Christian Dawkins, a runner for Miller who was trying to start his own agency. Not long after, agents were wiretapping Code's phone as well. Then came the wiretap for Gatto, the Adidas executive, who was also a friend of Miller's.

Last September, the day after arresting Adidas officials and Dawkins, FBI agents raided the New Jersey office of ASM. Miller relinquished his certification as an NBA agent by the player's association but has not been charged with a crime.

In April, court documents revealed that Gassnola had accepted a plea deal and agreed to become a cooperating witness for federal prosecutors. At the trial, Gassnola is expected to testify about secretive payments he helped arrange for Adidas that secured top recruits for Kansas and North Carolina State.

Miller, the wealthy retired agent who personally profited from the recruiting services of Gassnola and Dawkins, declined to comment. He has not been charged with a crime, one of the many unresolved curiosities about the Justice Department investigation.

This could be because Miller is secretly cooperating and providing evidence against others.

Or it could be because federal prosecutors are concerned about weaknesses in their case, which is based on a controversial theory that anyone trying to pay college athletes, in violation of NCAA amateurism rules, has committed a crime.

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After the arrests last September, legal experts predicted the probe would quickly expand the same way many federal criminal investigations do: Those arrested would take plea deals rather than risk trial, and they would provide incriminating evidence against others.

In court documents, FBI agents accused former Louisville coach Rick Pitino and Miami coach Jim Larranaga of involvement in deals to steer recruits to their teams, accusations both adamantly denied.

A year later, however, the expected wave of plea deals has yet to occur. Federal prosecutors have not charged Pitino or Larranaga with any crimes, nor have subpoenas sent to Nike and Maryland — one of Under Armour's flagship schools — resulted in new arrests.

And so, this month in New York, federal prosecutors will try to convince a jury that three men should go to prison for conspiring to funnel amounts ranging from \$40,000 to \$100,000 to the families of college athletes, whose

coaches and schools stood to rake in millions from their on-court performance.

Adidas officials Gatto and Code, and the former runner Dawkins face charges of wire fraud, in connection with deals to steer recruits to Kansas, Louisville, Miami and N.C. State. According to the legal theory espoused by prosecutors, these payments, which ranged from \$40,000 to \$100,000, defrauded the universities, who could have lost money and scholarships due to sanctions if the NCAA learned of the payments.

Economists who have studied college sports have been sharply critical of the Justice Department's decision to portray schools as victims.

"These schools are getting tremendous deals. ... This doesn't make any sense," said David Berri, a professor of economics at Southern Utah University who has calculated the economic impact of highly touted recruits for major Division I colleges to be at least \$1 million — and in some cases as high as \$3 million.

This summer, the NCAA adopted policy changes intended, in part, to reduce the role of shoe companies on the recruiting process. Among them: The NCAA plans to launch its own summer camps for America's best high school players.

Chris Rivers, the Adidas executive who led that Las Vegas meeting, is no longer in charge of Adidas grassroots, according to two people with knowledge of the company's operations. He was absent at Adidas events across the country this summer.

While Rivers did not reply to requests for this story, he has spoken publicly in the past about the NCAA's efforts to curtail the influence of shoe companies in youth and grassroots basketball.

In a 2008 column for *Basketball Times*, a newsletter for hardcore grassroots insiders, Rivers mocked an NCAA effort to regulate shoe company events for star college players.

"Maybe the NCAA wants to be sure that if any organization is making money off the talents of college players while they are in school, they dictate who it is," Rivers wrote, "or get at least a cut of the profits."

In "At All Costs," a 2015 documentary about an Adidas grassroots team, Rivers jokingly compared Nike and Adidas to rival gangs, and was asked to discuss the future of shoe company recruiting battles in youth basketball.

"Ultimately, we all want one thing: We want to drive retail; we want to drive sales," Rivers said. "As long as kids are playing basketball and kids are buying shoes, you're going to have companies like Adidas that are going to want to have involvement."



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"Someone (told) me some of my erasure looks 'aggressive,' but it doesn't feel that way to me," says artist Bethany Collins, whose new show addresses the malleability of words.

ART

The art that's left when words get redacted, from 'Odyssey' to the Marvel Universe

By **CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI** | Chicago Tribune

Bethany Collins stood in the middle of the gallery, gesturing at three long off-white paintings. Each had been smeared from top to bottom; nearly every stroke was smudged.

"It's my spit," she explained. Each piece was a replica of a page from Homer's "Odyssey," each work a different translation of the same passage. Collins had copied the pages onto canvases, perfecting every curve of every font, capturing the width of every space and margin; she re-created

the pages exactly, only larger. Then, when finished, she spit on them, smudging lines until the passages became illegible streaks. Water would have worked, she said, but saliva is more acidic — it leaves a texture, a residue. "And the residue of language," she said with a smile, "that's kind of be-

come my thing." From a distance, the paintings are abstractions, blurry and amorphous. Move closer, you pick up fragments of lettering beneath the smudges, serifs and bits of typography that resemble fractured hieroglyphics of an extraterrestrial civilization. Closer still, you realize: Oh, wait, no, that is English, she's just erased every trace of comprehension. "Everything," Collins said, "but words I want you to read." Indeed, tucked amid smudges, hard to see, are sentences, not

originally sequential, brought together now through erasure. All that remained on one painting, separated by long crossed-out bits, was: "What land is this? What people? What men are born here?" "It's from the part of Book 13 where Odysseus returns to his homeland," she said, "And everything about his country looks familiar, and yet it all feels somehow strange now. When I read that, I thought, 'That sounds a lot like the political moment in this country?'"

Collins, a rising conceptual artist who has been based in Chicago for the past couple of years, is among the savviest practitioners of erasure, a technique typically associated with visual arts and poetry in which an artist creates absence, often removing pieces from another, completed work. In both cases, the result is a creative act of destruction — "an additive subtraction," as artist Jasper Johns once described erasure. Depending on your van-

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MICHAEL BROSILOW PHOTO

David Darlow, Cindy Gold, Catherine LeFrere, Kiah Stern and Andrew White in "Indecent."

IN PERFORMANCE 'Indecent' ★★ 1/2

Story of a Jewish playwright's Broadway debut, obscenity trial

By **CHRIS JONES**
 Chicago Tribune

Anyone who works in the theater is familiar with struggle. But the Polish-Jewish novelist Sholem Asch had so much strife with his 1907 play, "God of Vengeance," that he surely must have felt cursed. At various points in its history, this Yiddish drama about an illicit lesbian love affair in a family brothel was, in the words of the scholar David Mazower, "admired, translated, parodied,

panned, banned, prosecuted, withdrawn, forgotten, revived, celebrated." That celebration of Asch — a pivotal figure in the Yiddish theater and in the history of the American stage — continued last season on Broadway with Paula Vogel's "Indecent," a very successful new meta-play about the tortured real-life history of "God of Vengeance," a tempestuous, populist drama that dared to chronicle religious and social hypocrisy — yep, that has been hanging around America for a

while — and ended up for its pains as the subject of an obscenity trial after it opened on Broadway in 1923. One of the cool things about "Indecent," which I first reviewed on Broadway and which opened this past weekend at the Victory Gardens Theater in Chicago, is that Vogel clearly was on a mission to do for Asch what he could not finish for himself — gain his rightful place as a major 20th-century dramatist as will-

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Oscar Levant's musical wizardry, finally packaged



HOWARD REICH
 On Music

He was as famous for his wit and his chemical dependencies as he was for his music, which is too bad for anyone who admires one of the greatest concert pianists of the 20th century. For notwithstanding the cleverness of Oscar Levant's one-liners or his remarkably fine acting in landmark film musicals such as "An American in Paris" and "The Bandwagon," his pianism stood at the center of his identity.

Yet as a radio, TV and movie celebrity decades ago, Levant was best known as a particularly sharp-tongued wag, delighting millions with wicked zingers that still sting today: "Strip away the phony tinsel of Hollywood, and you'll find the real tinsel underneath." "Leonard Bernstein uses music as an accompaniment to his conducting." "I knew Doris Day before she became a virgin." "There's a fine line between sanity and insanity, and I've erased it." Indeed, Levant — who endured prescription drug addictions, nervous breakdowns, electric shock treatments and other woes — often had a ten-

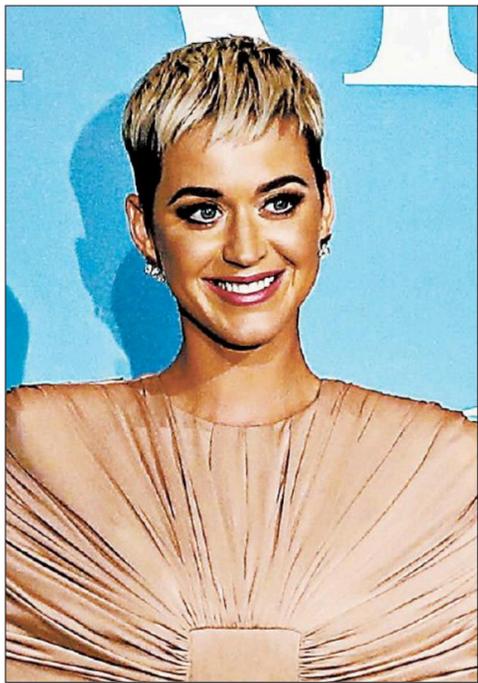
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Singer Katy Perry will receive amfAR's Courage Award during its Oct. 18 gala in Beverly Hills, Calif.

AIDS organization honoring Katy Perry

Katy Perry is adding another award to her trophy case. The pop star will be honored by amfAR at its annual Los Angeles gala on Oct. 18 with a Courage Award. She's being recognized for her "profound commitment to the fight against AIDS, as well as countless other humanitarian causes."

The AIDS organization also has announced that the night will include a special performance by Dame Shirley Bassey.

The evening, which includes a cocktail reception, dinner and a live auction, will take place at the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts in Beverly Hills, Calif.

The amfAR Gala Los Angeles has raised more than \$13 million for HIV/AIDS research programs. Previous honorees include Julia Roberts, Charlize Theron, Ryan Murphy, Jeffrey Katzenberg, Jennifer Lopez and Miley Cyrus.

The evening's honorary co-chair is Hillary Clinton. Co-chairs include Madonna, Eva Longoria, Matt Bomer and Simon Halls, and Orlando Bloom.

amfAR was started in 1985 by Elizabeth Taylor. Since then it has raised and invested more than \$517 million in its own programs and has distributed 33,000 grants to national and international research teams.

— Variety



RICK SCUTERI/INVISION

Swift to open AMAs: Taylor Swift will open the 2018 American Music Awards. The 28-year-old singer made the announcement Tuesday. This is her first awards show performance in nearly three years. Dick Clark Productions says Swift will sing "I Did Something Bad" from her "Reputation" album. The fan-voted AMAs will air live Tuesday on ABC from the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles.

Drummer leaves Sigur Ros after rape allegations: The drummer of acclaimed Icelandic rock band Sigur Ros has left the group after rape allegations were made against him. Orri Pall Dyrason said on the group's Facebook page that he has decided to leave the band "in light of the scale of this matter." The allegations made by a woman in Los Angeles involve an alleged rape in 2013. The drummer has not been charged with any crime.

Keillor appearance canceled: An appearance by Garrison Keillor, former host of "A Prairie Home Companion," at a Vermont book festival has been canceled after public outcry. Burlington Book Festival Founding Director Rick Kisonak confirmed that the Oct. 14 fundraising event would not take place. Festival organizers faced criticism over the appearance of the public radio personality accused of sexual harassment. Keillor has denied the allegations.

Oct. 3 birthdays: Singer Gwen Stefani is 49. Actress Neve Campbell is 45. Rapper Talib Kweli is 43. Singer Ashlee Simpson is 34. Rapper A\$AP Rocky is 30.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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She frets about kids in abuser's home

Dear Amy: My father-in-law is a sex offender who abused his own daughters when they were children. He spent my husband's middle school and high school years in prison.

I spent time in this home when dating my husband. His father and I never had any problems, but I decided that I would not be involved with his parents after they disrespected boundaries of mine. I have not dictated to my husband regarding him having a relationship with them and don't have any interest in doing so.

My problem is, we have young children — a 4-year-old daughter and a 2-year-old son. As our daughter has grown, I've become very worried about my judgment in ever letting our children spend time at their grandparents' house.

I had relented earlier on and let my husband take the kids to their house, but now I feel it is wrong to trust them to go over there. I feel helpless, since I do not go with them. My kids have lots of cousins they love. They will be excluded from activities if I put my foot down and don't let them go to that house.

I feel guilty and lost. I don't want to make my husband feel bad — his family has already been torn apart because of this. No one will talk about the abuse that took place, and it's almost as if it never happened. They cut the daughters who were abused out of their lives.

I don't want to insult anyone or hurt my husband. What should I do?
— Worried Wife

Dear Worried: Imagine this: You won't walk across

the railroad tracks on a blind curve. Instead, you send your young children scampering across — with no education and no ability to discern any dangers. Granted, they are with their father when they are at their grandparents', but from what you describe, the parents have banished his victims, have erased this very serious crime (it sounds as if he served at least five years) from their narrative and are comfortable having children interact with a convicted sex offender in his home.

Please, never subject your children to a situation you aren't willing to face yourself. You should either be brave enough to be with them or you should make sure their father is empowered and vigilant.

As a sex offender, your father-in-law is legally prevented from having access to children in schools or in the neighborhood. And yet his own family — the people who know the most about his history — are placing children in his path. I can understand why you don't want to interfere with your husband's relationship with his father, but you must advocate for your children. Talk with your husband and develop a strategy.

Dear Amy: Our 20-year-old son is going out with an 18-year-old girl. She has access to his phone and has been texting us using his cellphone, pretending he is the person writing.

Both my son and she have acknowledged that she has been the author of many texts to us. When confronted, my son said it was no secret and that it is

a normal thing for teenagers to do.

My husband and I are perplexed by this outrageous behavior. We wonder whether this is the cultural norm of the young generation. We no longer trust that messages are actually from our son.

— Baffled

Dear Baffled: Yes, this is the immature behavior of two immature people. That having been said, you could also text from your spouse's phone. It doesn't actually matter who is doing the typing, as long as the thoughts expressed represent your own.

Whenever you receive texts from your son's number, you should assume these texts represent his thoughts or ideas, even if they weren't typed by him.

Dear Amy: "Concerned About Safety" asked for advice regarding her thrill-seeking boyfriend. I think he should connect with a production company looking for brave stuntmen. There he would learn that science, technology and logistics play a huge role in making what seems deadly become survivable.

If he is really interested in doing what looks stupid, he should sign up for training and wise up on his high-risk survival skills.

— SPS

Dear SPS: Several readers suggested a future in stunt work for this guy. Although I suspect he lacks the discipline, I love this idea.

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Erasure art: where redactions create new meaning

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tage, it also looks like an act of revelation, censorship, appropriation or plain-old artistic revenge. The endgame, though, is the same: picking away at a text to find the art beneath the art, showing another meaning or reading that had been waiting there all along, revealing how a set of words can mean different things to different people.

Collins' new show — at the Patron Gallery in West Town through Oct. 28 — is titled "Undersong" and features three sets of works: the "Odyssey" pieces; a series of classified ads once placed in 19th-century black newspapers by former slaves looking for the family they had been separated from; and paintings of patriotic American songs, including "America the Beautiful" and "My Country, 'Tis of Thee." The "Odyssey" paintings, she said, "felt like the story we tell about ourselves, the classified ads felt like the actual story of who we are, and the songs, those are like a vision of a future that could be — yet probably never will really be, because of course, the future is always us."

Disparate as it sounds, what binds the show — other than being conceived, like so much of contemporary art now, as a response to Donald Trump's presidency — is a fascination with the malleability of words, and a paradoxical urge to erase most of those words.

From a distance, the song paintings look like constellations, snowflakes, feathers; the ads look like simple, monochromatic sheets of paper. Closer, you see the ads are stripped of printed type but rather *imprints* of type; and the song paintings are full of smudges, with phrases and words redrawn over and over, into knotty, abstracted swirls.

"My work often deals with language and race," Collins said, "and since I find language frustrating, erasure works well here. I want you to be frustrated — not with the work but with trying to read it. (Erasure) makes me feel I can control a text that feels out of my hands. By the time I have written something a thousand times, or spit and erased a ton of sentences, I feel a physical mastering of language. By deciding what's legible, I'm dragging out the meaning already there. Era-



LILI HOLZER-GLIER PHOTO 2008

Artist Jenny Holzer's "Findings" and "Homicide," on display in Chicago, centered on redacted words from government documents.

sure, for me, means a nice sharp elbow."

Call it blackout art.

Call it redaction poetry.

The act of subtracting from pre-existing work is an old tradition — at least as old as Duchamp and the ready-made conceptual provocations of the early 20th century. To varying degrees, erasure is found in both John Cage's landmark silent performances for piano, and in the latest Avengers movie, which (spoiler!) erased half the Marvel Universe in a stroke. And yet, the 21st-century era of fake news, say-nothing congressional testimonies and Orwellian double-speak masquerading as official federal policy appears to have been tailor-made for erasure, providing fresh life to the genre.

Documents as official as immigration and naturalization papers, Trump's inauguration speech and the 9/11 Commission report have been squeezed of jargon and given new poignancy. Jenny Holzer's 2006 "Redaction Paintings" found its canvases through the Freedom of Information Act — Colin Powell memos, Iraqi prisoner statements, other Bush-era officialese — at times redacting official redactions with Rothko-like blocks of color. More recently, poet Isobel O'Hare used erasure to edit the apology letters of disgraced men outed by the #MeToo movement.

Aesthetic acts of erasure are accessible and satisfying, said Chicago writer Alison Thumel. "There is a feeling these erasures are uncovering what is really being said."

At the University of Chicago, she studied with poet Srikanth Reddy, whose 2011 book "Voyager" was centered around an erasure of the memoirs of Austrian President (and Nazi intelligence officer) Kurt Waldheim. Last year, on The Rumpus, she published a series of erasure poems derived from articles she found on the right-wing Breitbart news site. She also published "LIFE OF," a collection of poetry that draws from an erasure of "The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up," Marie Kondo's 2014 self-help best-seller.

She started a year after death in her family.

"Kondo notes if an object doesn't 'spark joy' you must let it go," she wrote in an email. "In the midst of my grief, I was struggling to write. At the same time I was wondering what to do with my grief and certain objects I inherited. Those objects and feelings didn't spark joy, yet I couldn't get rid of them. I worked my way through the book beginning to end, eliminating Kondo's words and trying to find my own — in a way using the language of tidying to carve out language for my grief I had not been able to find before."

Erasure work often begins with more classical, meaty text, like "Paradise Lost" or Shakespeare's sonnets. Baltimore artist Jenni B. Baker, among the most prolific practitioners of erasure, has picked away at both David Foster Wallace's "Infinite Jest" and a 1965 edition of the handbook of the Boy Scouts of America; she told the Michigan Quarterly Review that erasure "allows me to

commune with original text and author in a way that a work that was simply 'inspired by' or 'dedicated to' wouldn't."

Novelist Jonathan Safran Fower's "Tree of Codes" from 2010 is actually the 1934 book "Street of Crocodiles" by Polish writer Bruno Schulz, stripped to a new work; Schulz was murdered by Nazis, leaving a void where there was a promise of greatness.

Indeed, because a work of erasure tends to contain both the original work and the revised work, still showing every scissored-out section and redacted sentence, the line between experimental poetry and a traditional work of visual art often gets a little fuzzy.

That said, the most famous act of erasure is arguably Robert Rauschenberg's 1953 work "Erased de Kooning Drawing." It is exactly that. Rauschenberg wanted to know what happens to a work after it has been literally voided. He considered erasing some of his own work but decided the action wouldn't contain the same provocation. So he asked de Kooning, a celebrated master of abstract expressionism at the top of his game then, to donate a work. Rauschenberg is said to have spent a month, and dozens of erasers, destroying the de Kooning. The finished piece (framed and labeled by Jasper Johns), still raises many of the issues and questions attached to the erasure genre:

Can we see beneath the damage?
Was it erased out of protest?
Humor? Jealousy?

And what to make of this — no act of erasure is complete. There's always a stain or shadow left behind, a reminder of the material, flaked and hanging. In "Chalk: The Art and Erasure of Cy Twombly," the forthcoming biography of an artist whose work was often noted for containing the scribbled-over, illegible remains of his handwriting, author Joshua Rivkin writes: "This is the magic (and poison) of these pieces, the sense that there's a secret below, some nearly absent idea ... humming its mystery."

In the back of the Patron Gallery, Collins points to a small red hymnal she made. She filled the book with 100 different versions of "My Country 'Tis of Thee" — most culled from 19th

and 20th centuries, and lyrically reworked by the Temperance Movement and the Confederacy and scores of other causes — "then I lasered out all of the music notes, which was the only cohesive part of the book. So what's left are just a lot of differences."

And a slight acrid smell of burned paper.

And bits of lasered paper — "the dust of language," she says.

Collins grew up in Alabama and bounced around artist residencies before working with the artist Theaster Gates and settling in Chicago. She doesn't bill herself exactly as an erasure artist, but she received her first serious attention about a decade ago for pieces made on chalkboards, using somewhat racist, condescending language she remembered receiving during her art school critiques, now blurred and copied into abstraction. For a 2014 Studio Museum residency in Harlem, she spent a year erasing all mention of color from a Webster's New World College Dictionary to create a "Colorblind Dictionary" — as you turned pages, eraser shavings and paper shards tumbled free.

"Someone (told) me some of my erasure looks 'aggressive,'" she said, "but it doesn't feel that way to me — it feels like there was a problem with language and I tried to meet it."

At the far end of the gallery, behind the administration desk, occupying one entire wall are 91 sheets of paper, which Collins has embossed a solid white and hung in tight, orderly rows. The pages contain the U.S. Department of Justice report on the Ferguson Police Department, issued after the 2014 shooting of an unarmed black teenager by a white officer. Collins soaked the pages and ran them through a process that raised type but removed actual print, leaving a ghost of the words. To read it, stand very close.

But don't read it. Collins intentionally left out the DOJ conclusion. "I'm not sure it counts *exactly* as erasure," she said. "Text is there. But so is an absence. I think of it as printing a lot of nothing. There are 91 pages of words hanging on this wall, and it's still not enough."

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ANALYSIS

Ratings are no longer key to a show's success

BY STEVEN ZEITCHIK
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LOS ANGELES — Over the next three weeks, more than a dozen new shows will plead their case to network-television viewers. Sitcoms, dramas, procedurals, even a show about a man who believes God has friended him on Facebook — all will aim for robust fall ratings, long the cornerstone of a successful TV series.

But a profound shift has begun to seize the television industry: Ratings no longer hold a key to a show's success.

The traditional criterion for the renewal of a series has been supplemented by other factors, including networks' ability to sell the shows to overseas and streaming platforms. What had long been regarded as a kind of brutal meritocracy — only the most popular shows, which drive the most ad sales, are allowed to survive — is now deeply influenced by other variables, leading some shows to stay on the air for years on end with very few viewers.

"Broadcast television used to be about ratings," said Preston Beckman, a longtime Fox and NBC television executive who helped shepherd the latter's must-see TV schedule of the 1990s. "It's become about a lot more complex factors."

Ratings, tabulated by Nielsen to include DVR views on the same day, can be evaluated in various ways. But shows whose episodes regularly draw under 5 million viewers are often seen as struggling, especially if they're not disproportionately strong in the 18-to-49 demographic that advertisers care about.

On one hand, the longevity of these little-seen shows affords them more time to find viewers and a creative footing. But some cultural experts also say it leads to the blocking of fresher ideas and deepens consumer fatigue with broadcast networks, already lacking cachet in the streaming age.

Examples of such resilience abound. A dying TV show in 2018 doesn't keel over as much as wander through an endless night like a character on "iZombie" (the CW, 1.2 million average total viewers last season, now entering its fifth season) or cling stubbornly to life like an organism on Mr. Griffin's microscope from "A.P. Bio" (NBC, just 2.8 million average total viewers, proudly entering its second season).

In fact, last year marked the first time since the ratings site TV By The Numbers began tracking figures nearly a decade ago that fewer than half of network's first-year series were canceled. That marks a severe drop-off — the number once topped 70 percent.

And as the fall season begins this month, 13 shows are entering at least their 10th season, believed to be a modern-day record. That includes such programs as "Grey's Anatomy," entering Season 15, and "The Simpsons," entering Season 30. Viewership for each of these shows is down more than 70 percent from their all-time highs.

Even series that do finally seem dead can earn a second life when another network comes along with a defibrillator, as happened with "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" (Fox, an average of 1.5 million viewers in its most recent season). After the network canceled the show in the spring, NBC swooped in to pick it up.

The shifts are being driven by multiple factors. Broadcast shows overall draw lower numbers in this age, as the generational drift away from broadcast TV to cable and services like Netflix and Hulu has greatly reduced network viewership.



"Crazy Ex-Girlfriend" starring Rachel Bloom, had just 800,000 viewers in its second season but presses on into its fourth season this year.



"Last Man Standing" was picked up by Fox after ABC canceled it after six seasons in 2017.

"In this climate, if you're not going down, you're going up," said Matt Berry, a longtime producer of shows such as "Desperate Housewives" and Tim Allen's "Last Man Standing," which was picked up this season by Fox after ABC canceled it in 2017.

For many directors, that ratings ceiling has led executives to wonder why they're spending millions launching new shows whose numbers might only match ones already on the air. Broadcasters also have to compete with more outlets to find quality new shows in the first place.

But even within the lower expectations, some surviving shows stand out for their poor performance. They remain on the air, however, because networks are looking beyond advertisers to make their money. The market for licensing series after they air — particularly overseas but also on streamers and other platforms — is booming, so many networks keep a show afloat even if traditional ratings are weak.

That is, assuming the show is produced by a network's studio, allowing the parent corporation to collect the profit. Shows produced in-house increasingly hold advantages over shows produced by outside studios.

"Taken" (NBC, a first-season average of 4 million) was shown the kind of mercy hit man Bryan Mills would never display when NBC renewed it last year. That's because NBC owned the series, which held international appeal, and also split costs with its European producer. Ratings continued to sink in the second season, in some weeks barely reaching 2 million total viewers. NBC finally put it out of its misery in June.

The network made a similar move with Fox's "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" because it's produced by NBC's own Universal Television.

"Ever since we sold this show to Fox I've regretted letting it get away, and it's high time it came back to its rightful home," NBC Entertainment Chairman Robert Greenblatt said after the pickup.

Such a long leash means an opportunity for new work to take chances without fear of a quick cancellation, a development as welcome as a shrewd custody arrangement on

"Splitting Up Together" (ABC, 4.2 million viewers but renewed for a second season beginning next month) or a Rebecca a cappella number on "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend" (CW, just 800,000 viewers in its second season, now entering its fourth). But keeping older series hanging on more tenuously than an Elizabeth McCord peace deal on "Madam Secretary" (CBS, entering its fifth season despite a drop of nearly 50 percent in total viewers last year) comes with a significant downside.

"We're in a time when it's much easier to stay on the air but much harder to get on the air," said Danny Strong, the actor-writer behind "Empire" who clawed his way up a long list of pilots to get his new legal drama "Proven Innocent" a midseason deal this season on Fox. "That's either very good or very bad for television, depending on who you are."

Strong echoes what many creators feel — that the never-ending series means fewer slots for their more original shows.

While it's impossible to know why a given show doesn't make the cut, the trend to longevity has appeared to edge out some bolder ideas. This year, a fresh take on "L.A. Confidential" (CBS); Katie Holmes' return to television as an FBI agent (Fox); and a high school reunion comedy from Oscar-winning screenwriter Diablo Cody (ABC) were all among the promising pilots that failed to get pickups.

"The cultural consequence here that with all these 'NCIS' and 'Law & Orders' hanging on you're left to wonder about the innovation that could be happening instead," said Robert Thompson, a television historian and expert at Syracuse University. "It's Darwinian: With all these old stodgy organisms, there's no space for new mutations."

The trend also reinforces the perception that networks are musty places missing out on all the action. "Broadcast is not where a lot of young viewers want to be, and I think some of these [older] shows are the reason why," said Kevin Sandler, a professor at Arizona State University who specializes in TV and media.

TV insiders acknowledge the platform can be less dynamic. But they say

that isn't necessarily a bad thing.

"People say broadcast television is a place for creative bankruptcy," said Peter Lenkov, a veteran writer-producer who has served on long-running shows such as "CSI: NY" and reboots like "Magnum P.I.," which debuted Monday. "But I think that's not the right way to look at it. I look at TV less as place of discovery as a continuation. It's a place you can keep coming back to the characters you love."

In the current climate, networks can also have a harder time to pull the plug because it's more likely they'll hear from fans when they do.

What was once the rarest of events — a fan campaign, carried out via handwritten letters like the pioneering mission to save the 1980s police drama "Cagney & Lacey" early in its run — is now commonplace.

Such was the case with "Timeless," the time-travel series through American history whose ratings were bloodier than Gettysburg (1.8 million viewers in the 18-to-49 demographic after the second season ended in spring).

But audiences mounted a social-media campaign, giving producer Sony Pictures Television leverage to negotiate a deal with NBC for a stand-alone movie later this year. Sony is now contemplating making a "Timeless" return an annual event, according to a person close to the show who was not authorized to talk about it publicly.

TV insiders say that even long-toothed series won't go on forever. Network executives will be replaced. There is pressure for more profit. A low-performing show, even one in the black, could get unseated. "Older shows will finally get canceled," Strong said. Until, he noted, they're rebooted.



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Elizabeth Olsen plays grieving widow in 'Sorry For Your Loss'

BY ALICIA RANCILIO
Associated Press

Elizabeth Olsen is not a user of social media, has never been married and has never experienced profound loss, but the actress has spent her 2018 surrounded by grief as a young widow in the new Facebook Watch series "Sorry For Your Loss."

The 10-episode, half-hour drama premiered earlier this month on the social media's new on-demand platform.

"It's just a journey into how we handle grief and sometimes it's not in the prettiest of ways, and what it brings out in people," Olsen said.

Viewers see her character, Leigh, not only contend with a new reality and future that she never imagined, but deal with the pressure from her loved ones to move on. There's a poignant scene where Leigh's sister Jules (played by Kelly Marie Tran) asks her to return to the house she's been avoiding for months — that she shared with her husband — and pick up some of her own clothes so she can stop borrowing hers. On the surface it seems like an easy ask, but beneath the surface it's so much more.

"It's a readjustment to how you walk through life, and we're just watching this woman adjust to how she is going to move forward because the only thing she can do is move forward," Olsen said. "There's no going back."

Olsen, who is an executive producer of the series, has been involved in the project from the beginning, from its pitch to filming, and also sat in on postproduction editing sessions. It's been a welcome challenge for the actress, best known for playing the Scarlet Witch in Marvel movies.

She calls it "the No. 1 learning experience I have had."

She says Facebook Watch felt like an appropriate home for the show because the social media site is where people go to share important details.

"What I know about Facebook is that it's a place where people find out

about births and they find out about deaths and they find out about where the services will be," she said. "It's a community for those big experiences in people's lives and those big moments."

As far as tackling grief, Olsen has absorbed as much information as she could find on the topic and she wanted to portray it as realistically as possible.

"It's constant if you're looking for it," she said. She studied author Joan Didion, whose 2005 book, "The Year of Magical Thinking," chronicles how she lost her husband and daughter in a short amount of time.

Olsen says she's learned that memory is its own hurdle in the grieving process, and the series uses flashbacks to help viewers understand Leigh's relationship with her late husband, Matt (played by Mamoudou Athie).

"When the memory starts to become foggy, (people) really feel like they didn't just physically lose a person, now they're losing them in their thoughts and that's the most painful experience," Olsen said.

And she says there's something to be said about portraying a character who's confronted by loss at a young age.

"She is a young woman who has lost a husband, and it's different than being a little bit older and wiser and having already experienced and trained yourself how to best go through pain and trauma," Olsen said. "I don't think she's had anything this difficult in her entire life, so the person that she is, is not thoughtful right now, and that's what was fun about it as well. It's just kind of having some erratic behavior at times."

Olsen is already thinking about more episodes.

"I do think about, like, what could we do with Season 2 and how we could even play with our concept of memory and how we use flashbacks, and how to use it for other characters. I'd be interested in, like, shifting perspective a bit more and getting more creative with that, since you can't really tell this story again."

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Oscar Levant's remarkable, tortured life

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uous grip on his mental health. But the man's frazzled energy, combined with a colossal keyboard technique, made him a singular pianist who deserves far more admiration for his musicianship than he generally receives.

That may change with the release of "A Rhapsody in Blue: The Extraordinary Life of Oscar Levant," a Sony Classical boxed set encompassing his complete piano recordings on eight glorious CDs. From Gershwin to Beethoven, Chopin to Prokofiev, Shostakovich to Debussy, Levant offers musical perspectives unlike anyone else's. Like most great soloists, he's more persuasive in the work of some composers than others. Yet to hear the range of his recordings — which is just a fraction of the music he performed but, alas, never documented — is to appreciate anew his stature as piano soloist.

Of course, Levant's recordings of all four Gershwin works for piano and orchestra open the set and remain unrivaled to this day. The combination of hyper-virtuosity and jazz-blues sensibility he brings to the Concerto in F, the nearly manic drive he summons in "Rhapsody in Blue," the interpretive light he sheds on Gershwin's unjustly underestimated Second Rhapsody and the insouciance of Levant's playing in the "I Got Rhythm" Variations point to the deep relationship between performer and composer.

Just as pianist Vladimir Horowitz illuminated the music of Sergei Rachmaninoff and pianist Arthur Schnitger the scores of Karol Szymanowski (and other Rubinstein contemporaries), Levant played Gershwin as perhaps only someone who knew the composer could.

"Oscar was absolutely enthralled with George Gershwin — he idolized



CBS PHOTO ARCHIVE

Levant, shown in a 1949 CBS broadcast, was a soloist whose recordings exuded grace.

him, he was thrilled to be in such proximity to him," the pianist's widow, June Levant, told me in 1990 (she died in 1996).

"But Oscar neglected his own work, spending so much time on George's; he became court jester in George's court.

"He was the first one to play Gershwin's piano music on the concert circuit, and after George died (in 1937), he was the only who played his (piano) pieces for years," added June Levant, when Stan Freeman brought to Chicago his one-man Levant show, "At Wit's End" (written by Joel Kimmel).

"Now," added June Levant, "maybe Oscar can have a little bit of the spotlight all to himself."

That sentiment applies

to the boxed set, as well, for it takes Levant outside the confines of Gershwin's repertoire and larger-than-life persona. Not surprisingly, Levant proves compelling in other music, as well, especially that of the 20th century modernists.

Listen to him play the second movement of Ravel's Sonatine, and you're hearing quintessential neo-classical French pianism — tinged with Levant's signature wit. The sheer gracefulness of this playing, and its attention to details of touch and tone, defy conventional thinking of Levant as a piano pounder. Ditto Levant's recording of Ernesto Lecuona's "Malaguena," performed with a quite natural feel for its Latin rhythmic undercurrents, the pianist mean-

while dispatching its technical challenges as if they were child's play.

Purists may cringe at Levant's recording of Bach's Partita No. 1 in B-flat Major, for he plays a lush arrangement by Harold Samuel and takes unabashedly 20th century liberties with rhythm, rubato and pedaling. Like Leopold Stokowski's extravagant arrangements of Bach's music for a modern orchestra, this is baroque repertoire fattened for contemporary ears and tastes.

Still, there's no denying the lyric poetry Levant brings to the Praeludium, the grandeur of expression he achieves in the Sarabande and the deep-seated romanticism he finds in the Gigue, which unfolds almost as if it were one of

Mendelssohn's "Songs Without Words." As pianist and musical scholar Michael Feinstein explains in his affectionate liner notes, this recording of the Bach never was issued "but is an essential part of his discography." That's true because it shows Levant seamlessly bridging two musical eras.

As in music of Gershwin, Levant crystallizes the all-American rhythmic and melodic cadences of Aaron Copland's "Billy the Kid" suite, in Lukas Foss' arrangement. Any accomplished pianist can play these notes, in other words, but in every phrase Levant reveals his affinity for American music of his time.

Elsewhere in this set, he yields utterly idiomatic accounts of Debussy Preludes; provides an openly subjective view of Beethoven's "Moonlight" Sonata, rushing through the ostensibly calm second movement as if he can't wait to conquer the ferocious technical hurdles of the third; and conjures sonic glitter in the gnarly right-hand passages of Chopin's "Black Key" Etude and a tempestuous spirit in Chopin's "Revolutionary" Etude.

If Levant's accounts of Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1, in B-flat Minor, and Grieg's Piano Concerto, in A Minor, are as monumental as one would have expected, he offers some surprises, too, with lesser known repertoire. There's unmistakable elegance in his performance of Arthur Honegger's Concertino for Piano and Orchestra, and Levant makes a compelling case for Anton Rubinstein's Concerto No. 4 in D Minor.

Still, one wishes Levant had recorded so many other works that would have been enriched by his insights and technical wizardry. Just think of what he might have done with Samuel Barber's Piano Sonata, a milestone in the 20th century repertoire colored by the jazz spirit at

which Levant excelled; Isaac Albeniz's "Iberia," which would have tapped Levant's affinity for Spanish music (articulated on this boxed set in Manuel de Falla's music and an Albeniz miniature); Prokofiev's jazz-influenced Piano Sonata No. 7; and the Everest of them all, Ravel's "Gaspard de la Nuit" (as well as Ravel's two piano concertos).

Whether Levant's celebrity or personal crises prevented him from creating a fuller discography is open to debate, but June Levant, his widow, offered her interpretation of his problems.

"I believe Oscar's breakdowns and addictions really stemmed from a heart attack he had when he was 45," June Levant told me. "He was working very hard on his concerts, movies, radio programs, books, recordings, and finally he had this massive coronary in the middle of a concert tour.

"For six weeks, he was under oxygen, and, in those days, they didn't have the bypass, they didn't know about cholesterol. When you had a heart attack like Oscar's, almost everything in your life had to come to a stop.

"And Oscar never really got over having his concert career wiped out like that, because he never again could concertize as intensely as he used to. On the rare occasion when he would give a concert, he often would have a nervous breakdown afterward, because it took such a big emotional toll on him — just being reminded of how much he had been forced to give up."

Levant died on Aug. 14, 1972, at age 65.

Fortunately, he recorded brilliantly, and now we can better assess the breadth of his gifts.

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Sanaa Lathan stars as Violet Jones, who shaves her head in "Nappily Ever After."

'Nappily' seems dated, but black hair shines all over TV

BY BETHONIE BUTLER
The Washington Post

In Netflix's "Nappily Ever After," an advertising executive (Sanaa Lathan) impulsively shaves her head after a breakup and finds freedom in embracing her natural beauty. But is the moment as empowering as it seems?

"Nappily Ever After" is based on Trisha R. Thomas' 2000 book of the same name. A film adaptation of the novel, which spawned an eight-book series, had previously been in the works at Universal Pictures with Halle Berry attached to the lead role.

In the years since, Chris Rock examined the complex relationship black people have with their hair in the well-received documentary "Good Hair." Companies including Miss Jessie's, SheaMoisture and Carol's Daughter, buoyed by their largely black consumer base, helped propel natural hair care into a billion-dollar industry.

That's one reason "Nappily Ever After" feels so dated. Worse, the film's ostensible celebration of black hair falls flat as experienced through its perfection-obsessed pro-

tagonist, Violet Jones, who shaves off her perpetually hot-combed hair after her longtime boyfriend, Clint (Ricky Whittle), fails to deliver the marriage proposal she believes is imminent.

Violet's big chop leads her on a path to self-discovery, but we never really find out who she is. And even after she shaves her head, there is so much focus on what she looked like before that Violet's decision feels less like a cathartic hair journey and more like a misguided rocket launch.

"Nappily Ever After's" missteps seem even more egregious in light of the more subtle and authentic homages to black hair that have arrived on the small screen in recent years. Beyond embracing natural styles, shows like "Insecure," "Atlanta" and "This Is Us" have portrayed the versatility of black hair that hasn't been chemically processed or damaged by heat.

NBC's "This Is Us" has also been praised for its authentic representation of black hair. As Beth Pearson, Susan Kelechi Watson wears a variety of natural styles, including braids, twists and curls. So do her

and her husband, Randall's (Sterling K. Brown), on-screen daughters, Tess (Eris Baker), Annie (Faithe Herman) and Deja (Lyric Ross).

It's not just network TV. Fans of HBO's "Insecure" have come to expect an array of natural hairstyles showcased by Issa (co-creator Issa Rae). Stylist Felicia Leatherwood has re-created some of the character's most beloved looks (with Rae as her model) in YouTube tutorials.

On FX's "Atlanta," Zazie Beetz wears her hair natural as Van, the ex-girlfriend of Donald Glover's Earn Marks. Beetz's very first scene featured her waking up next to Earn in a vibrant headscarf. As they discussed child-care plans, Van took down her voluminous curls, which had been twisted into Bantu knots. It wasn't the focus of the scene, and that's precisely what made it so powerful.

While "Nappily Ever After" lacks the nuanced approach that these shows have taken in celebrating black hair, Violet's decision to cut her hair was at least empowering for its star, Lathan, who, yes, shaved her head for the role.

RECORDINGS

Underwood's soulless album has nothing on Willie Nelson

BY MIKAEL WOOD
Los Angeles Times

The most talked-about song on Carrie Underwood's new album, at least in the run-up to its release last Friday, has been "The Bullet," in which the country superstar traces the damage left behind by a shooting.

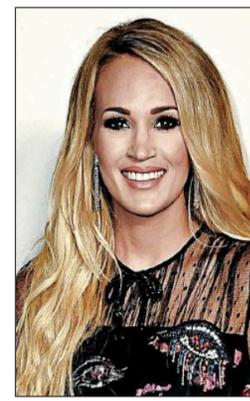
"You can blame it on hate or you can blame it on guns," she sings over finger-picked acoustic guitar, "But mamas ain't supposed to bury their sons."

In interviews, Underwood has said she was drawn to the tune (written by Nashville pros Marc Beeson, Andy Albert and Allen Shamblin) as a mother. Bringing a person into the world, as the singer did in 2015, fundamentally changes the way you think about how people leave it.

But nowhere I've seen, including in the carefully equivocating "The Bullet," does she take a decipherable stance on the issue of guns. And that simply doesn't jibe with a real-life parental mindset (of whatever political persuasion) — one of several red flags on an album, "Cry Pretty," that Underwood's team is explicitly framing as her most personal.

Elsewhere on the record, her first since a facial injury that led to months of seclusion as she healed, Underwood sings about pain and desire and finding a kingdom in a family home.

The singer sets off vocal fireworks. But as the painfully familiar images in "Southbound" demonstrate, the songs on "Cry Pretty" (most of which Underwood co-wrote) cast emotions and experiences in such generalized terms that it's hard to come away with a clear sense of a human in the world.

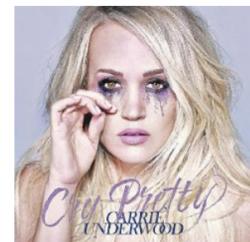


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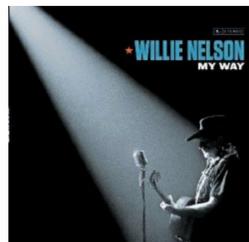


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Carrie Underwood and Willie Nelson recently released new albums, but those recordings have little in common.



CARRIE UNDERWOOD



WILLIE NELSON MY WAY

The effect is of a gifted strategist trying to cover all her bases, never less so than in "Ghosts on the Stereo," which sounds like it wants to be a Coldplay song even as Underwood insists that she's happiest all alone listening to "Hank, Haggard and Jones."

One country legend she doesn't mention there is Willie Nelson. The 85-year-old also has a new album that came out Friday, his third in the last year and a half after April's "Last Man Standing" and 2017's excellent "God's Problem Child."

That rate of production might invite an assembly-line approach that can be just as depersonalizing as Underwood's determination not to offend anyone.

Yet Nelson's "My Way" is utterly idiosyncratic — all the more remarkable given that it's a collection of standards associated with

Frank Sinatra.

His eccentric phrasing brings out new wrinkles in "One for My Baby (And One More for the Road)" and in a "Young at Heart" that suggest he's coming up with the song's tricky intervals on the fly.

And he and his producers, Buddy Cannon and Matt Rollings, make unexpected choices with the arrangements, as in a sprightly "Blue Moon."

"My Way" closes with — what else? — the tune that Sinatra used to sing like a man who'd turned around at the finish line to sneer at his enemies. But Nelson takes a different tack.

The music is hushed, the vocal unembarrassed by its vulnerability.

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Taylor Kinney

"Chicago Fire" (7 p.m., NBC): A three-part, night-long crossover event between NBC's three "Chicago" dramas opens with "Going to War," which finds the team at Firehouse 51 facing a daunting challenge as they devise a strategy to save victims who have become trapped on the top floors of a 15-story apartment complex where a blaze rages out of control. Jesse Spencer and Taylor Kinney star.

"Empire" (7 p.m., FOX): Hey, how hard could it possibly be to launch a new artist, even when you don't have the vast resources of Empire Entertainment at your disposal? Cookie and Lucious (Taraji P. Henson, Terrence Howard) learn the bitter answer to that question as their future with newcomer Treasure (guest star Kaitlynn Simone) threatens to fall apart in the new episode "Pay for Their Presumptions."

"Chicago Med" (8 p.m., NBC): Tonight's three-part crossover event continues with the new episode "When to Let Go," as the doctors and nurses at Chicago Med find themselves pushed to the max as they try to treat an overflow of patients in the aftermath of the apartment blaze. Among the most pressing cases, Dr. Rhodes (Colin Donnell) fights to save the life of someone precious to the firefighters.

"Star" (8 p.m., FOX): Social media trolls run wild after Mateo (William Levy) pulls an outrageous stunt to reveal Star's (Jude Demorest) pregnancy in the new episode "Who's the Daddy." Meanwhile, Simone (Brittany O'Grady) confronts a tough choice between marriage and career, while Cassie and Maurice (Brandy Norwood, Lance Gross) collaborate on an unlikely ploy.

"Criminal Minds" (9 p.m., CBS): The 14th season of this dark, compelling crime drama opens with "300," which — as its title indicates — also marks the 300-episode milestone of the show. The story finds BAU team members Reid and Garcia (Matthew Gray Gubler, Kirsten Vangsness) kidnapped by Benjamin Merva (guest star Michael Hogan), sending their friends and colleagues scrambling to find them.

"Chicago P.D." (9 p.m., NBC): Tonight's three-part crossover event ends on a suspenseful note as the team of detectives in Intelligence discover the actual cause of that horrific apartment blaze, sending them off on a determined race to find the man who was responsible for it, in the new episode "Endings." For Halstead (Jesse Lee Soffer), this case has just taken a very personal turn.

TALK SHOWS

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Bradley Cooper; actress Kathryn Hahn; Jim James performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Nick Kroll; actress Jodie Whittaker; Cat Power performs.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Ryan Gosling; UFC President Dana White; comic Devin Field.*

"Conan" (11 p.m. midnight, TBS): Actor Brian Posehn.*

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCT. 3

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	
BROADCAST	CBS	2	Survivor: "The Chicken Has Flown the Coop." (N) ©	SEAL Team: "Fracture." (Season Premiere) (N) ©	Criminal Minds: "300." (Season Premiere) (N) ©	News (N) ♦			
	NBC	5	Chicago Fire: "Going to War." (N) ©	Chicago Med: "When to Let Go." (N) ©	Chicago P.D.: "Endings." (N) ©	NBC 5 News (N) ♦			
	ABC	7	The Goldbergs (N)	Am Housewife (N)	Modern Family (N)	Single Parents (N)	A Million Little Things: "band of dads." (N) ©	News at 10pm (N) ♦	
	WGN	9	blackish ©	blackish: "Dr. Hell No." ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) ©	WGN News at Ten (N)	
	Antenna	9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Coach ©	Coach ©	Murphy
	This TV	9.3	Under Fire (R,'83) ***	Nick Nolte. ©			Salvador (R,'86) ***	James Woods. ♦	
	PBS	11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Nature: "Animal Misfits." ©		NOVA: "Operation Bridge Rescue." (N) ©	Secrets of Dead (N) ♦	
	The U	26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)	Funny You	Million. (N)	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©	
	MeTV	26.3	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	WKRP Cincinnati	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett	
	H&I	26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ♦	
	Bounce	26.5	One on One	One on One	Lethal Weapon 2 (R,'89) ***	Mel Gibson, Danny Glover.			
	FOX	32	Empire: "Pay for Their Presumptions." (N) ©		Star: "Who's the Daddy." (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)	Modern Family	
	Ion	38	Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods ©	Blue Blood ♦	
	Telem	44	Exatlon EE. UU. (N)	Falsa identidad (N) ©			El recluso (N) ©	Chicago (N)	
	CW	50	Burden of Truth (Season Finale) (N) ♦	Supergirl ©			Dateline ©	Chicago ♦	
	UniMas	60	6 Reto 4 elementos: Naturaleza extrema (N)				La jefa del campeón (N)	Velvet ♦	
	WJYS	62	Salem Baptist Church	Joyce Meyer	Robison		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Monument
	Univ	66	El rico y Lázaro (N)	Mi marido (N)			La piloto (N)	Noticias (N)	
	CABLE	AE		Storage Wars: Auction Mayhem (N) © ♦					
AMC			(7:15) The Walking Dead ©		(8:16) The Walking Dead		(9:17) The Walking Dead		
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BIGTEN			Wm. Volleyball (N)	Women's College Volleyball: Real Housewives-Dallas		Wisconsin at Illinois. (N)		Football ♦	
BRAVO			Real Housewives-Dallas		Real House. (N)		Below Deck ©	Watch (N)	
CLTV			Chic.Best	Weekend	S.E.E. Chi	Liv. Healthy	SportsFeed ©	Politics	
CNBC			Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©	Shark ♦	
CNN			Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)	Tonight (N) ♦	
COM			South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Pk (N) Bojack (N)	Daily (N) ♦	
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DISN			Raven	Raven	Stuck	Stuck	Bunk'd ©	Bunk'd ©	Raven
E!			Total Divas ©		Total Divas (N) ©		Total Divas ©	E! News ♦	
ESPN			World/Poker		World/Poker (Tape)		World/Poker (Tape)	SportCtr (N)	
ESPN2			6 NFL Live! NFL's Greatest Games				Glory 59: Amsterdam (Tape) ♦		
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FOOD			Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games (N)		Big Food (N) Big Food (N)	Grocery ♦	
FREE			Monsters University ***	Monster House (PG,'06) ***	Voices of Steve Buscemi.			700 Club ♦	
FX			6:30 Deadpool (R,'16) ***	Ryan Reynolds. ©			American Horror Story (N)	Horror ♦	
HALL			Harvest Love (NR,'17)	Ryan Paevey, Jen Lilley. ©			Golden Girls	Golden Girls	
HGTV			Property Brothers ©		Property Brothers (N) ©		Hunters (N) Hunt Intl (N)	Property ♦	
HIST			Forged in Fire (N)		Forged in Fire (N)		Knife or Death (Season Premiere) (N)	Forged ♦	
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IFC			XXX: State of the Union (PG-13,'05) **	Ice Cube. ©			(9:15) Braveheart (R,'95) ***	13 Sons ♦	
LIFE			The Holiday (PG-13,'06) **	Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet. ©					
MSNBC			All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)	11th Hour ♦	
MTV		Catfish: The TV Show ©		Catfish: The TV Show ©		Are You the One? (N) ©	Mean Girls ♦		
NBCSCH		NBA Preseason Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Milwaukee				Bucks. (N) White Sox	Cubs Playoff		
NICK		I Am Frankie SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob		Friends ©	Friends ©		
OVATION		6:30 Bad Boys (R,'95) **	Martin Lawrence. ©			Selena: On Cloud Nine (N)	Donnie ♦		
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OHY		NCIS: "Secrets." ©		NCIS: "Psych Out." ©		NCIS: "Need to Know." ©	NCIS ♦		
PARMT		Friday (R,'95) ***	Ice Cube, Chris Tucker. ©			Next Friday (R,'00) **	Ice Cube. © ♦		
SYFY		Avengers: Age of Ultron		The Purge: "Rise Up." ©		Avengers: Age of Ultron ('15) ***			
TBS		MLB Baseball: American League Wild Card: Teams TBA. (N) (Live) ©							
TCM		The Unknown ('27) ***		The Phantom of the Opera ('25) ***		(9:45) The Monster ***			
TLC		My 600-Lb. Life: "Lisa's Story." ©				My 600-Lb. Life: "Sarah's Story." © ♦			
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TNT		6:45 Hercules (PG-13,'14) **				(8:45) Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines (R) ***			
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WE		6 A League of Their Own (PG,'92) ***	Tom Hanks.			A League of Their Own (PG,'92) ***			
WGN America		Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man		
PREMIUM	HBO		Man on Fire (R,'04) **	Denzel Washington. ©			REAL Sports Gumbel		
	HBO2		Student Athlete ©		Insecure ©	Insecure ©	Tracey Ull	Sleight ***	
	MAX		John Wick: Chapter 2 (R,'17) ***	Keanu Reeves. ©			(9:05) X2 (PG-13,'03) ***	© ♦	
	SHO		The Hunt for Red October		Clear and Present Danger (PG-13,'94) ***		Harrison Ford.		
	STARZ		Amityville: Aw		The Mothman Prophecies (PG-13,'02) **		Money ♦		
	STZNC		Big Momma's House **		Into the Blue (PG-13,'05) **		Paul Walker. ©	Stigmata **	

IN PERFORMANCE 'The Artificial Jungle' ★★★ 1/2

Perfectly hilarious blend of classicism, pop-culture camp

By **KERRY REID**
Chicago Tribune

The late Charles Ludlam and his Ridiculous Theatrical Company provided the blueprint for David Cerda's Hell in a Handbag Productions, purveyors of quality camp since 2002. So it's perhaps odd that they've never done a Ludlam play until now. It was worth the wait.

True, Ludlam's last collage/pastiche before his death from AIDS in 1987 lacks the quick-change high-wire antics of "The Mystery of Irma Vep," his best-known work. And while this final work draws upon Emile Zola's "Therese Raquin" for inspiration, those literary roots are buried far beneath the classic film noir ground cover in "The Artificial Jungle."

Blending classicism and pop-culture camp was always Ludlam's trademark, but you don't need to

know a word of Zola to appreciate the tropes in this show, which is closer to "The Postman Always Rings Twice" or "Double Indemnity" in its lineaments (although with a garish 1980s twist in Kate Setzer Kamphausen's costumes and Keith Ryan's wigs).

Director Shade Murray's staging plays to the well-established strengths of the ensemble, mostly made up of Hell in a Handbag stalwarts, including Cerda and Ed Jones. The latter — who lit up the small Stage 773 space as Lana Turner in "L'Imitation of Life" last spring — shows that he's equally hilarious when he's not in drag. Here, he's Chester Nurdiger, the nebishy owner of a Manhattan pet shop with a pneumatic redheaded wife, Roxanne (Sydney Genco) and a dotting mother (Cerda), who drives her daughter-in-law crazy.

When handsome drifter Zachary Slade (David Lip-

schutz) starts tending to the tetras and "turantulas" (as one of the handmade signs in the downscale shop, designed by Samantha Gribben, advertises), sparks fly with Roxanne. And when she finds out that Zach knows something about the life insurance industry — well, as noted, if you've seen "Double Indemnity," you'll know where this is going.

But getting there is a lot of fun, even if this show doesn't go for broke in the crass department, a la John Waters, as in earlier Handbag shows. ("Caged Dames" comes to mind.) Ludlam's work, 31 years after his tragic early death, feels less provocative and more affectionate in its twitting of convention.

Still, it takes a cast and a director in sync with Ludlam's sympathies to hold this show together without tipping too far into histrionic mode. Murray knows how to raise the stakes with



Ed Jones and David Cerda in "The Artificial Jungle."

big visual gags (one bit involves Cerda's incapacitated Mother Nurdiger being wheeled in on a dolly), as well as finding space for subtler moments to read. Jones, who always has a pie-eyed, happy-go-lucky optimism underpinning even his most outrageous characters, plays Chester as an innocent but self-absorbed geek who can't see his bosomy bride falling for Zach right in front of him.

Genco, who I've greatly admired in past Handbag shows, commands the

proceedings here just as Roxanne calls the shots in the plot. She's heaving, blowsy and hilarious, spitting out lines such as, "Nobody ever sent a piranha up the river" with killer timing. Cerda's sweet-but-smothering Mother lets him show off his gift for the subtle — especially in a scene when, after a stroke, Mother is trying to spell out the details of the plot against Chester for the clueless beat cop, Frankie (Chazie Bly). Cerda runs the gamut of emotions relying mostly on his eyes.

When: Through Oct. 28

Where: Hell in a Handbag Productions at Stage 773, 1225 W. Belmont Ave.

Running time: 1 hour, 45 minutes

Tickets: \$32-\$39 at 773-327-5252 or www.handbagproductions.org

The puppets (especially the all-important piranhas) by Mark Blashford and Lanky Yankee Puppet Co. bring low-rent charm in the best possible way, worked by Corey Strode.

Ridiculous Theatrical Company's influence on Cerda and Hell in a Handbag gets a lovely, irreverent homage here. And though "The Artificial Jungle" is not as outrageous or formally challenging as the best work of either company, Murray's staging provides a steady and satisfying stream of laughs, anchored by performers whose sure-footed knowledge of this style could take them through this "Jungle" blindfolded.

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Stakes in production don't rise to the occasion

Indecent, from Page 1

ing and able to take the same risks as any Eugene O'Neill — while also celebrating the enormous obstacles faced by the hard-working men and women of the Yiddish theater, marginalized professionals forced to battle prejudice and resentment within the theater industry and New York politics, even as the flames of fascism began to lick at their heels.

"God of Vengeance" was attacked by religious leaders, who resented its humanized sexual freedoms, and yet it hardly was adequately defended by more secular Americans of the theater, caught as they were in the throes of fear and anti-Semitism.

To put all that another way, just by existing on the very same Broadway that proved so scared of Asch and his art, and so cruel to those dedicated to its performance, "Indecent" was revising history for good.

Anyone interested in either Yiddish theater or in the work of a writer, Vogel, who has become essential to the American theater, will likely find director Gary Griffin's Chicago premiere very worthwhile. Its strengths include a collection of powerful, committed performances from the likes of Catherine LeFrere (who is excellent), Andrew White, Cindy Gold, Noah LaPook and David Darlow, all showing us multiple layers of characters as involved in the

process of producing the play as in the work itself. And Griffin's wise, clear-eyed staging has the benefit of intimacy and a conscious simplicity.

All of that said, I didn't think some of the younger actors achieved the same kind of vulnerability that was so powerful on Broadway — the lead performer, Kiah Stern, is a young newcomer with oodles of talent but a ways yet to go when it comes to really driving a production with her own fears and desires. And this new staging, which chooses not to mine the metaphor of the same proscenium arch abiding through two different eras, doesn't fully capture the sheer weightiness and weariness of the theatrical

When: Through Nov. 4

Where: Victory Gardens Theater, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave.

Running time: 1 hour, 30 minutes

Tickets: \$29-\$77 at www.victorygardens.org

process.

That's a paradoxical metaphor employed here by Vogel to represent the agonizing Catch-22 faced by any Jewish artist who kept believing that art can transform hearts and minds, especially as the early decades of the 20th century slowly revealed the perils of remaining immersed in the transformative power of art, no matter



Cindy Gold, Catherine LeFrere, Noah LaPook, David Darlow and Kiah Stern in "Indecent" at Victory Gardens Theater.

what happened.

Those issues come, I think, from stakes not yet quite rising to the huge heights that the writing demands. There still is much to learn and admire here. But ideally, you'd

really be overcome by the sweep of history, in all its inhuman indecency.

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Oct. 3): Cash flow rises this year. Steady home improvement satisfactions. Discover a valuable surprise. Family joys this winter lead to a turning point between friends. Your career takes off next summer before a domestic challenge requires attention. Provide optimism and support.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Follow your heart over the next few days. Go for substance over symbolism. Wait for developments; you don't have the full picture. Relax.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 6. Focus on home and family today and tomorrow. Clean and clear clutter. Automatic reactions lead to regrettable outbursts; think before you speak. Disagree respectfully.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Creative thoughts and ideas abound. Capture them on film, paper or another medium. Craft stories and images. Consider your words carefully. Generate new possibilities.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. Today and tomorrow are good for making money. Spending it comes easier, too, so watch out. Fact-check your intuition. Keep a positive balance.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. You're getting stronger. Don't steamroll anyone in your enthusiasm. Sometimes the best action is none. Consider other views. Compromise for a mutually agreeable solution.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Look back for insight on the road ahead. The next two days favor peaceful introspection and private productivity. Adapt to changes at the top.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Refine your team strategy for a few days. Distractions abound, and things may not go as planned. Not everyone likes the situation.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Focus on career matters through tomorrow. You might decline a social event to finish a task. Postpone what you can for a tempting prize.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Follow a dream. Study a subject of your passion over a few days. Go to the source. Travel and explore something long imagined.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Make financial decisions for a few days. Not everyone agrees; don't take action without team alignment. Get terms of a deal in writing.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Slow down and let things develop with your partner. Avoid arguments and controversy. Disagreements spark with scant provocation. Relax, and talk things over later.

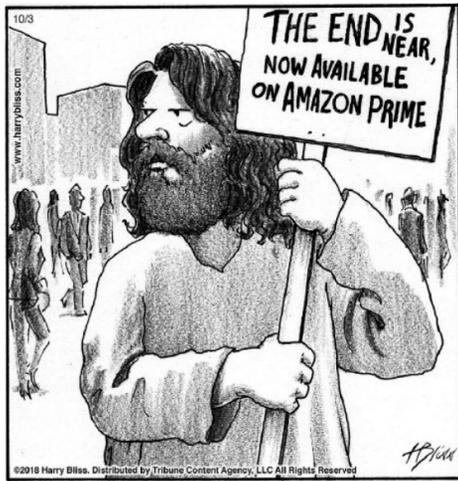
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Don't push yourself too hard, or risk your health. Take extra care with sharp tools. Review plans from multiple angles. Wait for better conditions.

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♦ 972	♣ QJ1073	♦ 4	♣ 84

North-South had a Key Card Blackwood auction to slam. North's five no trump bid promised that the partnership held all five key cards plus the queen of trumps and asked for specific kings. The six-heart bid showed the king of hearts and denied a minor suit king.

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠*	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♥	Pass	6♣	All pass

*0 or 3 key cards, among the 4 aces and the king of spades

Opening lead: Queen of ♣

South won the opening club lead with dummy's ace and led a low spade to his ace. Duplicate players would likely go down in this contract by trying for an overtrick. They would try to cash two high hearts, planning to ruff a heart with dummy's queen of spades, and make

13 tricks whenever the hearts split 3-2. East would ruff the second heart and lead a trump to defeat the slam.

Today's deal was played in a rubber bridge game where overtricks don't matter much. Making the contract is the goal. Declarer cashed the ace of hearts and continued with a low heart and was delighted when East discarded. West won with the jack of hearts and shifted to a low diamond, but South was in command. He rose with dummy's ace of diamonds and led a spade to his 10. He ruffed a heart with dummy's queen of spades and led dummy's remaining trump to his hand to draw the rest of the trumps and claim his slam. Well played!

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Baby Blues



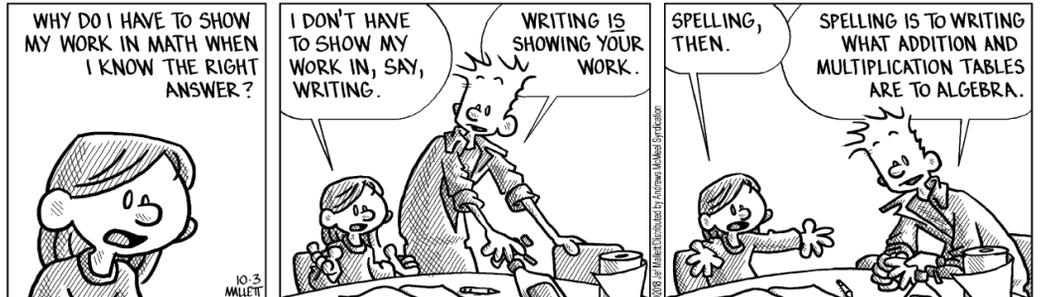
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Mr. Boffo



Frazz



Classic Peanuts



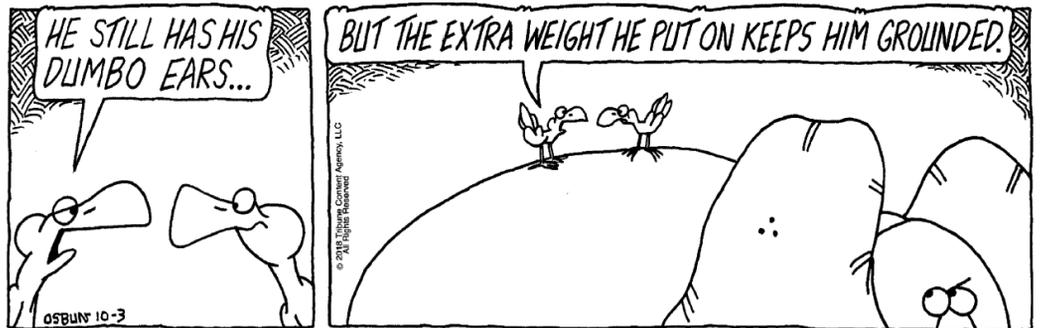
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Animal Crackers



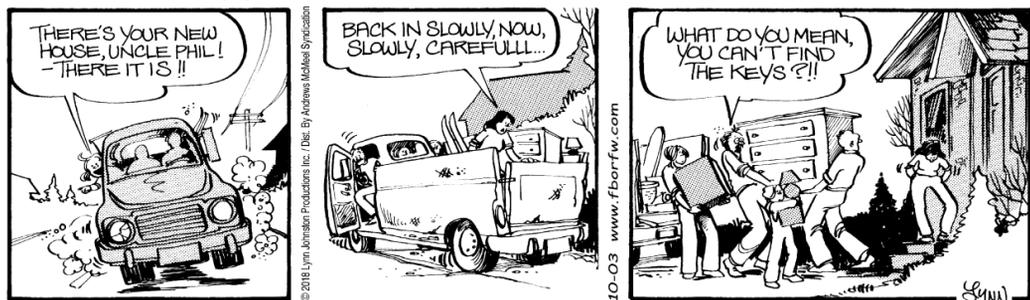
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Dustin By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston



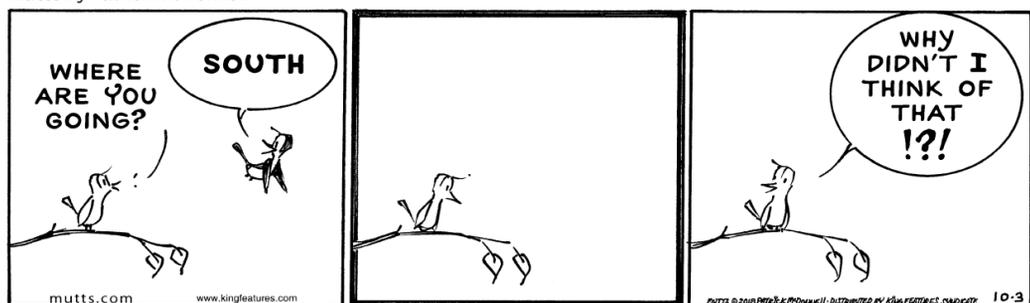
Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall



Hägar the Horrible By Chris Browne



Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



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Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! By Tim Rickard



Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers

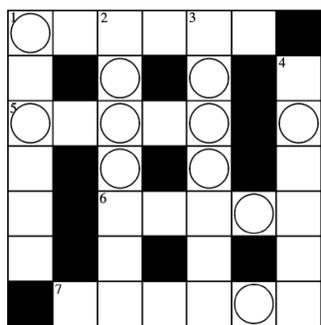


Trivia Bits

Excalibur was the sword that belonged to what medieval hero?

- A) King Arthur
 - B) Beowulf
 - C) Sir Gawain
 - D) Robin Hood
- Tuesday's answer: "Love Train" was a No. 1 R&B hit for The O'Jays in 1973.

Jumble Crossword



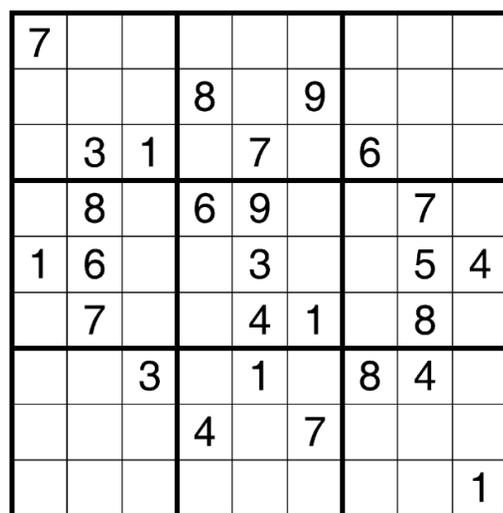
- ACROSS**
- CLUE ANSWER
1. Vanilla GROUYT
5. Identified DEANM
6. Diminish TEAAB
7. Emphasize SERST
- DOWN**
- CLUE ANSWER
1. Northerner NAEKEY
2. Acrobat athlete MYSNGAT
3. Give off DRATEIA
4. Path out GSESR

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: The _____ existed for 276 years.
BONUS

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

10/3



2	4	5	8	3	9	1	7	6
6	9	7	1	2	5	3	8	4
8	3	1	7	6	4	5	2	9
4	5	3	9	7	1	2	6	8
9	6	8	5	4	2	7	1	3
7	1	2	3	8	6	9	4	5
1	8	4	2	5	3	6	9	7
3	2	6	4	9	7	8	5	1
5	7	9	6	1	8	4	3	2

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Tuesday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

SHYAT
NEBUG
FUNXIL
VIRITA

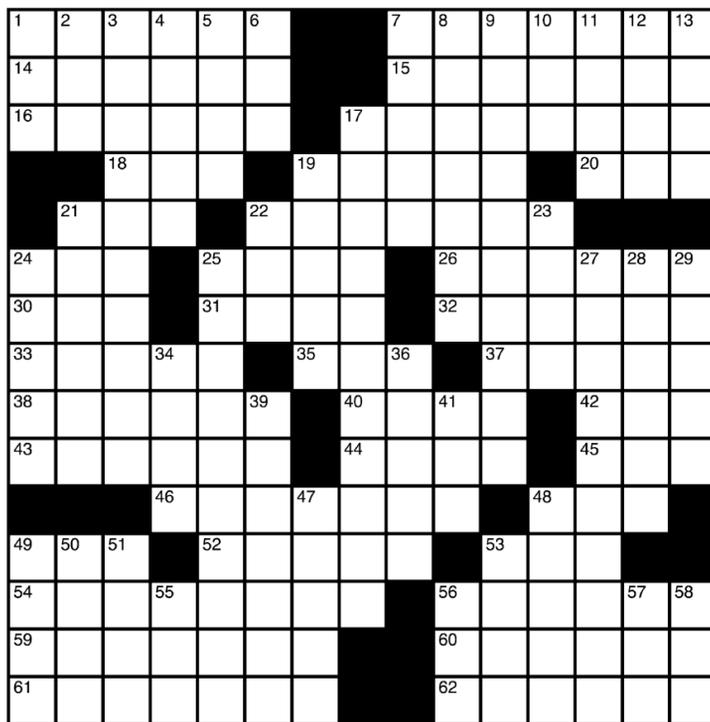
Answer here
"O O O O O O O O" O O O O

Tuesday's answers
Jumbles: DAZED SHOWN SANDAL ADJUST
Answer: When the 1, 3, question mark and exclamation point met, they discussed — ODDS AND ENDS

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Crossword

10/3



- Across**
- 1 Party with a piñata
 - 7 Tin alloys
 - 14 Online icon
 - 15 Expo entry
 - 16 Begrudge
 - 17 31-day month
 - 18 Jabber
 - 19 Surge protector?
 - 20 _ Cat: winter vehicle
 - 21 "That wasn't nice of you"
 - 22 Italian tenor Andrea
 - 24 Cricket club
 - 25 Went down
 - 26 Dander reaction, perhaps
 - 30 1979 Hockey Hall of Fame inductee
 - 31 Shakespearean bad guy
 - 32 _ the line
 - 33 Word with dating or skating
 - 35 Airport NW of LAX
 - 37 Egged on
- Down**
- 17 *Magician's riffled prop
 - 19 Years (for)
 - 21 La Brea attraction
 - 22 Barnyard bleat
 - 23 Bakery employee
 - 24 _ nova
 - 25 *Swimming option
 - 27 Perches for tots, and what the answers to starred clues literally contain
 - 28 Common soccer score
 - 29 Nash who wrote "Parsley / Is gharlsley"
 - 34 Big nights
 - 36 Desert refuges
 - 39 "Revolution From Within" writer Gloria
 - 41 Prof.'s degree
 - 47 Month after 17-Across, south of the border
 - 48 _ scheme
 - 49 Bridge call
 - 50 LPGA golfer Nordqvist
 - 51 Video game rating
 - 53 Nincompoop
 - 55 Spoil
 - 56 "Well, _-di-dah!"
 - 57 Ball holder
 - 58 Pack animal
- Tuesday's solution**
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CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 3 NORMAL HIGH: 68° NORMAL LOW: 47° RECORD HIGH: 91° (1954) RECORD LOW: 29° (1981)

Burst of heat Wednesday, then storms overnight

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 86 **LOW 56**

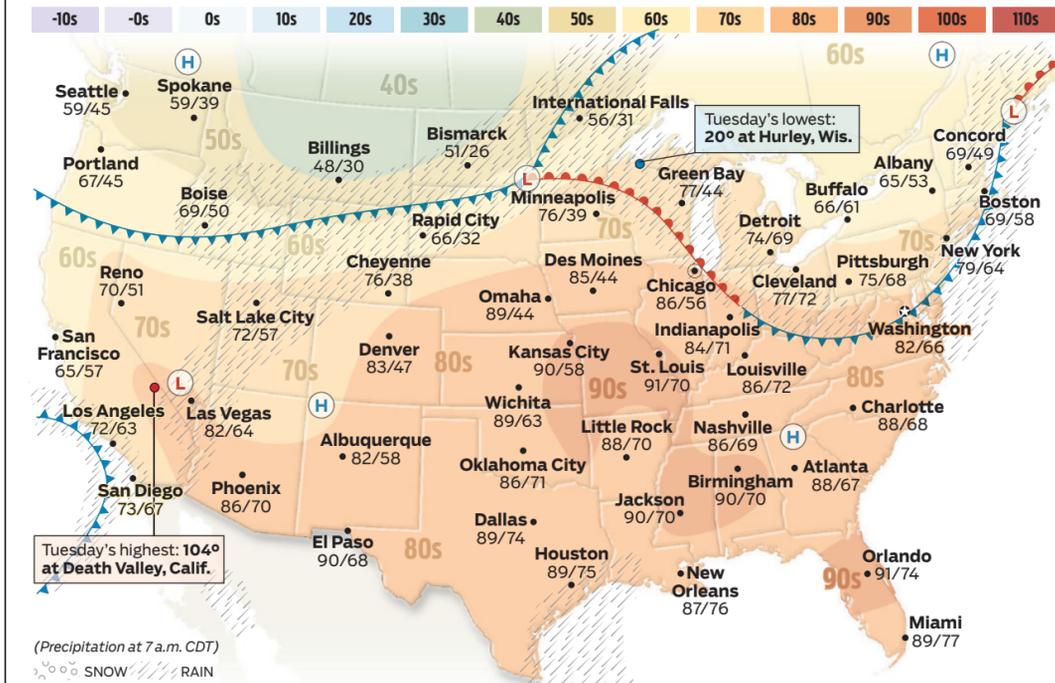
■ Warm front passes overhead early and heads north, allowing strengthening SW winds gusting over 35 mph to spread unseasonably warm air over the area.

■ Partly sunny, windy and very warm with afternoon highs 85 to 90 – some 20-degrees above the normal for this date.

■ Showers and thunderstorms overnight, as winds shift to the northwest and temperatures begin to fall.

■ Thunderstorms accompany a cold front overnight.

NATIONAL FORECAST



As low pressure moves out of the northern Plains into Canada, the associated warm front will surge north, passing over the Chicago area early Wednesday followed by increasingly strong southwest winds gusting over 35 mph by later morning. Afternoon temperatures will surge into the 80s, approaching the 90-degree mark in many areas.

The low-pressure system cold front will sweep through from the west overnight with thunderstorms expected along and just ahead of the frontal boundary. High pressure will follow Thursday with a brisk northeast wind off Lake Michigan. With a southwest steering flow aloft, the next low pressure system should quickly surge out of the central Plains, spreading a band of showers and thunderstorms back over the Chicago area Friday.

THURSDAY, OCT. 4

HIGH 63 **LOW 53**

Lingering showers possible southeast of the city around daybreak, otherwise partly sunny, breezy, seasonably cool. Highs 60-65°. Clouding over at night with a chance of rain toward morning. Winds northeast 10-20 mph.

FRIDAY, OCT. 5

HIGH 70 **LOW 62**

Another round of scattered showers/thunderstorms as gusty southwest winds bring milder air back into the area. Highs upper 60s north to near 80-degrees far south. Thunderstorms overnight.

SATURDAY, OCT. 6

HIGH 68 **LOW 62**

A few showers early move off to the southeast. Becoming partly sunny with highs in the upper 60s to lower 70s. Clouds thicken overnight with another round of showers/t-storms possible by Sunday morning. Southeast winds.

SUNDAY, OCT. 7

HIGH 69 **LOW 64**

Chicago Marathon could have relatively mild temps with clouds and possible showers as a warm front moves north over our area. High temps in the upper 60s to lower 70s. A chance of showers overnight. Southeast to south winds.

MONDAY, OCT. 8

HIGH 81 **LOW 70**

Columbus Day. Area sits in the warm sector of a deepening Plains storm system. South to southwest winds of 15-25 mph help raise afternoon temps to around 80° area-wide. A few showers or t-storms possible.

TUESDAY, OCT. 9

HIGH 80 **LOW 67**

Partly cloudy and continued unseasonably mild with an increasing chance of showers and t-storms by afternoon into the overnight hours. High temps in the upper 70s to mid 80s. Gusty southwest winds.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
I have a bet with a friend: What is the warmest state in the United States? I say Florida, and my friend says Hawaii.
— Georgia Wittford, Chicago

Dear Georgia,
You win the bet. Averaged through the year, Florida is the warmest among the 50 states, and Hawaii ranks second. Third place goes to Louisiana and fourth to Texas, followed by Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama, South Carolina and Arkansas. It's true that Hawaii is the warmest state during the winter, but it falls out of contention during other seasons, especially summer. Surrounded by the Pacific Ocean whose waters keep summer temperatures from rising too high, Hawaii remains comfortably warm in the summer, but temperatures climb considerably higher in other states: Louisiana, Texas, Florida, Oklahoma, Mississippi and Arkansas, and several others.

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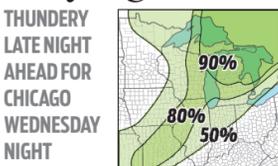
WGN-TV meteorologists Steve Kahn, Richard Koehneman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.



Hear Tom Skilling's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Summer returns for a day; t-storms Wednesday night

WEDNESDAY
SUMMER-LEVEL WARMTH FOR A DAY
Potential for severe weather Wednesday afternoon and night

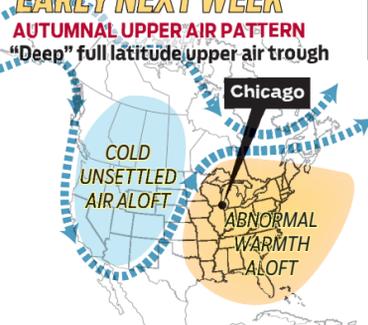


CHICAGO'S WETTEST SYSTEM SWEEPS IN LATER THIS WEEK

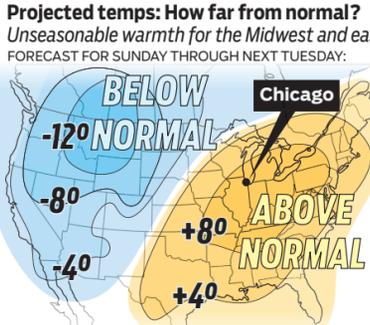
Precipitation probability:

DAY	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
WEDNESDAY	15%	80%			
THURSDAY	5%	68%			
FRIDAY	85%	68%			
SATURDAY	45%	35%			
SUNDAY	50%	33%			

EARLY NEXT WEEK AUTUMNAL UPPER AIR PATTERN



HUGE LOWER 48 TEMP VARIATIONS



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives TOM SKILLING, BILL SNYDER < KEVIN DOOM < THOMAS VALLE / WGN-TV

MIDWEST CITIES				OTHER U.S. CITIES				WORLD CITIES							
WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	WEDNESDAY	FC	HI	LO
Illinois				Albany	sh 65	70	58	Fairbanks	su 57	35	58	Acapulco	pc 88	77	68
Carbondale	pc 87	70	ts 82	Albuquerque	pc 82	58	sh 75	Fargo	rn 57	28	49	Algiers	pc 74	60	52
Champaign	pc 89	64	sh 71	Amarillo	pc 93	62	sh 85	Flagstaff	ts 62	42	59	Amsterdam	pc 59	52	43
Decatur	pc 89	64	sh 70	Anchorage	pc 97	46	sh 63	Fort Myers	pc 90	73	51	Ankara	pc 79	49	39
Moline	pc 87	51	pc 62	Asheville	sh 82	62	sh 84	Fort Smith	su 89	70	50	Athens	pc 78	65	56
Peoria	pc 88	55	pc 66	Aspen	sh 68	45	sh 58	Fresno	ts 76	64	sh 74	Auckland	sh 61	59	50
Quincy	pc 91	55	cl 66	Atlanta	pc 88	67	pc 89	Grand Junc.	pc 75	55	sh 68	Baghdad	su 106	75	61
Rockford	ts 84	49	pc 60	Atlanta City	su 80	63	pc 80	Great Falls	pc 41	28	cl 46	Bangkok	pc 71	55	46
Springfield	pc 81	60	sh 69	Austin	pc 89	73	pc 87	Harrisburg	pc 76	60	ts 85	Barbados	sh 85	79	70
Sterling	pc 86	49	pc 61	Baltimore	pc 80	66	ts 87	Hartford	pc 74	57	pc 77	Barcelona	su 77	59	50
Indiana				Birmingham	pc 48	30	sh 44	Helena	pc 51	32	cl 36	Beijing	su 89	51	41
Bloomington	ts 84	71	ts 78	Bismarck	pc 51	26	rn 46	Honolulu	pc 86	75	sh 86	Beirut	su 86	75	66
Evansville	pc 86	72	ts 84	Boise	pc 69	50	sh 57	Houston	pc 90	70	ts 89	Berlin	pc 58	43	34
Fort Wayne	cl 84	70	ts 78	Burlington	pc 60	52	sh 71	Intl Falls	rn 56	31	pc 44	Bermuda	pc 81	76	67
Indianapolis	pc 84	71	ts 76	Brownsville	pc 92	76	sh 92	Jackson	su 90	70	ts 89	Bogota	pc 65	49	40
Lafayette	pc 86	69	ts 72	Buffalo	pc 66	61	ts 70	Jacksonville	pc 87	75	pc 87	Brussels	pc 60	49	40
Louisville	pc 86	69	ts 72	Burlington	pc 60	52	sh 71	Jamaica	pc 52	36	sh 48	Bucharest	su 70	45	36
South Bend	pc 83	61	pc 65	Charltn SC	su 85	70	pc 86	Kansas City	pc 90	58	ts 62	Budapest	pc 62	40	31
Wisconsin				Charltn WV	sh 81	66	ts 82	Las Vegas	ts 82	64	su 80	Buenos Aires	su 69	45	36
Green Bay	ts 77	44	pc 56	Chattanooga	pc 86	67	pc 87	Lexington	fg 83	69	ts 82	Cairo	pc 94	73	64
Kenosha	ts 82	51	su 56	Cheyanne	pc 76	38	sh 58	Lincoln	pc 91	43	sh 53	Cancon	ts 85	77	68
La Crosse	ts 76	42	pc 56	Cincinnati	pc 84	71	ts 79	Little Rock	su 88	70	pc 87	Caracas	cl 79	65	56
Madison	ts 79	45	su 56	Cleveland	cl 77	72	ts 74	Los Angeles	ts 72	63	pc 73	Casablanca	su 87	65	56
Milwaukee	ts 80	48	su 56	Colorado	pc 83	45	pc 63	Los Angeles	ts 72	63	pc 73	Copenhagen	pc 55	45	36
Wausau	pc 70	39	pc 54	Columbia MO	pc 80	60	ts 65	Los Angeles	ts 72	63	pc 73	Dublin	sh 66	54	45
Michigan				Columbia SC	pc 88	68	pc 91	Madison	pc 89	69	ts 87	Dublin	sh 66	54	45
Detroit	sh 74	69	ts 71	Columbus	sh 82	70	ts 79	Memphis	sh 89	72	pc 90	Edmonton	su 42	28	19
Grand Rapids	ts 80	59	pc 63	Columbus OH	pc 89	76	pc 88	Miami	ts 82	64	su 80	Frankfurt	pc 61	51	42
Marquette	ts 69	42	pc 48	Dallas	pc 89	74	pc 90	Minneapolis	ts 76	39	pc 51	Geneva	pc 68	47	38
St. Ste. Marie	pc 63	45	pc 43	Daytona Bch.	ts 88	75	pc 89	Mobile	ts 88	74	pc 89	Guadalajara	pc 82	58	49
Traverse City	ts 75	49	pc 53	Denver	ts 83	47	pc 67	Montgomery	pc 89	69	su 90	Havana	pc 88	71	62
Iowa				Des Moines	pc 85	44	sh 57	Norfolk	ts 88	75	ts 87	Hong Kong	su 86	73	64
Ames	pc 83	41	pc 57	Dubuque	pc 81	46	sh 57	New Orleans	ts 87	76	ts 88	Istanbul	pc 74	64	55
Cedar Rapids	pc 83	44	pc 57	El Paso	su 90	68	su 91	New York	pc 79	64	pc 83	Jerusalem	pc 87	64	55
Des Moines	pc 85	44	sh 57				Norfolk	pc 86	71	pc 87	Johannesburg	pc 79	40	31	
Dubuque	pc 81	46	sh 57				Oklahoma City	pc 86	71	pc 87	Kabul	pc 79	50	41	
							Orlando	pc 91	74	pc 91	Kiev	sh 54	43	34	

CHICAGO DIGEST

TUESDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	67	56	Midway	68	59
Gary	70	61	O'Hare	60	53
Kankakee	70	62	Romeoville	68	57
Lakefront	68	59	Valparaiso	76	61
Lansing	69	60	Waukegan	63	55

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2018	NORMAL
Tue. (through 4 p.m.)	0.01"	0.09"
October to date	1.57"	0.19"
Year to date	39.45"	28.53"

WEDNESDAY SUNBURN FORECAST

TIME OF EXPOSURE BEFORE SUNBURN BEGINS	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
7 a.m.	Burn unlikely	Burn unlikely
1 p.m.*	45 minutes	45 minutes
4 p.m.	Burn unlikely	Burn unlikely

SOURCE: Dr. Bryan Schultz *Peak intensity

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Wind	S 16-36 kts.	N 15-25 kts.
Waves	3-5 feet	3-6 feet
Tue. shore/crib water temps	68°/68°	

TUESDAY PEAK POLLEN LEVEL

POLLEN	LEVEL
Tree	0
Grass	0
Mold	Moderate
Ragweed	Low
Weed	Low

SOURCE: The Gottlieb Memorial Hospital Allergy Count, Dr. Joseph Leija

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Tuesday's reading: Good
Wednesday's forecast: Moderate
Critical pollutant: Particulate

WEDNESDAY RISE/SET TIMES

	Sun	6:50 a.m.	6:29 p.m.
Moon	11:13 a.m.	3:22 p.m.	



TUESDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	7:38 a.m.	6:50 p.m.
Venus	9:45 a.m.	7:03 p.m.
Mars	4:04 p.m.	1:20 a.m.
Jupiter	10:25 a.m.	8:18 p.m.
Saturn	1:39 p.m.	10:48 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

Planet	Time	Direction
Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	Not visible	
Mars	8:45 p.m.	25° S
Jupiter	7:30 p.m.	10° SSW
Saturn	7:30 p.m.	24° SSW

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

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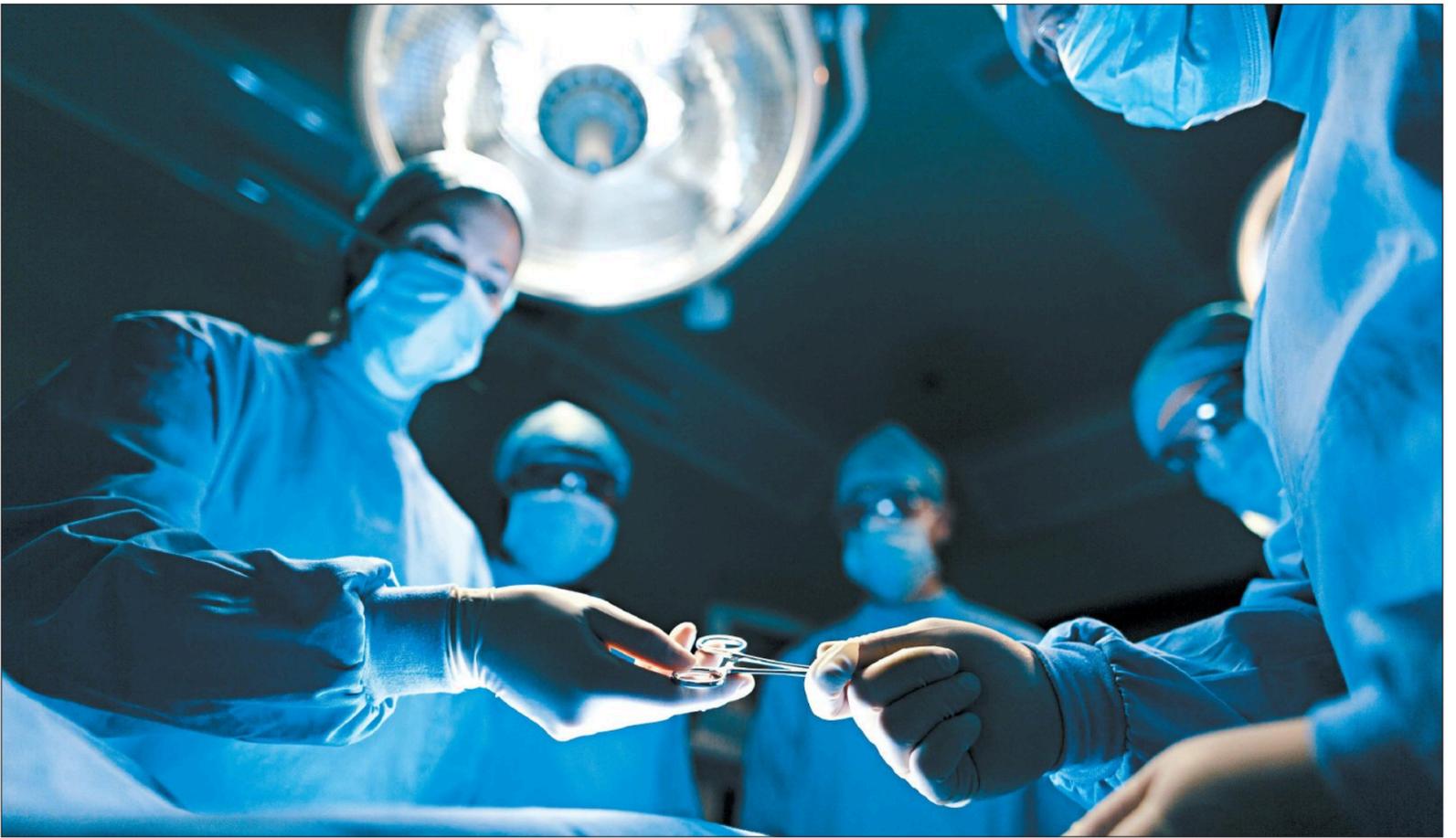
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BREAST CANCER ISSUE



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Out of nearly 6,000 nursing home residents who had inpatient breast cancer surgery in the past decade, 31 to 42 percent died within a year, according to a new study in JAMA Surgery.

Cancer quandary for elderly

For nursing home patients, breast surgery may do more harm than good

BY LIZ SZABO
Kaiser Health

Surgery is a mainstay of breast cancer treatment, offering most women a good chance of cure.

For frail nursing home residents, however, breast cancer surgery can harm their health and even hasten death, according to a study recently published in JAMA Surgery.

The results have led some experts to question why patients who are fragile and advanced in years are screened for breast cancer, let alone given aggressive treatment.

The study examined the records of nearly 6,000 nursing home residents who had inpatient breast cancer surgery in the past decade. It found that 31 to 42 percent died within a year of the procedure. That's significantly higher than the 25 percent of nursing home residents who die in a typical year, said Dr. Victoria Tang, lead author and an assistant professor of geriatrics and

hospital medicine at the University of California at San Francisco.

Although her study doesn't include information about the cause of death, Tang said she suspects that many of the women died of underlying health problems or complications related to surgery, which can further weaken older patients. Patients who were the least able to take care of themselves before surgery, for example, were the most likely to die within the following year. Dementia also increased the risk of death.

It's unlikely that many of the deaths were due to breast cancer, which often grows slowly in the elderly, Tang said. Breast cancers often take a decade to turn fatal.

"When someone gets breast cancer in a nursing home, it's very unlikely to kill them," said study co-author Dr. Laura Esserman, director of the UCSF breast cancer center. "They are more likely to die from their underlying condition."

Yet most patients in the study got sicker and less independent in the year following breast surgery.

Among patients who survived at least one year, 58 percent suffered a serious downturn in their ability to perform "activities of daily living," such as dressing, bathing, eating, using the bathroom or walking across the room.

Women in the study, who were on average 82 years old, suffered from a variety of life-threatening health problems even before being diagnosed with breast cancer. About 57 percent suffered from cognitive decline, 36 percent had diabetes, 22 percent had heart failure, 17 percent had chronic lung disease and 12 percent had survived a heart attack.

The high mortality rate in the study is striking because breast surgery is typically considered a low-risk procedure, said Dr. Deborah Korenstein, chief of general internal medicine at New York's Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

The paper provided an example of how sick, elderly people can suffer

from surgery. An 89-year-old woman with dementia who underwent a mastectomy became confused after surgery and pulled off all her bandages. Health care workers had to restrain her in bed to prevent her from pulling off the bandages again. The woman died 15 months later of a heart attack.

Surgery late in life is more common than many realize. One-third of Medicare patients undergo surgery in the year before they die, according to a 2011 study in *The Lancet*. Eighteen percent of Medicare patients have surgery in their final month of life and 8 percent in their final week.

Nearly 1 in 5 women with severe cognitive impairment, such as Alzheimer's disease, get regular mammograms, according to a study in the *American Journal of Public Health*.

The new study leaves some important questions unanswered.

The paper didn't include healthier nursing home residents who are strong enough to undergo outpatient surgery, said Dr. Heather Neuman, a surgeon

and associate professor at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. These women may fare better than those who are very ill.

Esserman and Tang said their findings suggest doctors need to treat breast cancer differently in very frail patients.

"People think, 'Oh, a lumpectomy is nothing,'" Esserman said. "But it's not nothing in someone who is old and frail."

In recent years, doctors have tried to scale back breast cancer therapy to help women avoid serious side effects. In June, for example, researchers announced that sophisticated genetic tests can help predict which breast cancers are less aggressive, a finding that could allow 70 percent of patients to avoid chemotherapy.

The Medicare database used in this study didn't mention whether any of the patients had chemotherapy, radiation or other outpatient care. So the UCSF researchers acknowledged that they can't rule out the possibility that some of the women suffered complications due to these other

therapies. In general, however, authors noted that only 6 percent of nursing home residents with cancer are treated with chemotherapy or radiation.

The authors said doctors should give very frail patients the option of undergoing less aggressive therapy, such as hormonal treatments. In other cases, doctors could offer to simply treat symptoms as they appear.

The new study raises questions about the value of screening nursing home residents for breast cancer, Korenstein said. Although the American Cancer Society hasn't set an upper age limit for breast cancer screening, it advises women to be screened as long as they're in good health and expected to live at least another decade.

Residents of nursing homes generally can't expect to live long enough to benefit from breast screening, Korenstein said.

"It makes no sense to screen people in nursing homes," Korenstein said. "The harms of doing anything about what you find are far going to outweigh the benefits."

From being bullied to inspiring Chicago kids



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

Bert Healy changed Justin Tranter's life.

You know Bert Healy. He's the radio host in "Annie" who sings "You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile" with the Boylan Sisters right after Daddy Warbucks an-

nounces a \$50,000 reward to anyone with information about Annie's real parents.

Anyway, when Tranter's middle school announced "Annie" — his favorite movie of all time — as its musical selection his seventh-grade year, Tranter wanted in.

"I never joined the chorus at school because the bullying was so bad," Tranter told me. "But it was 'Annie!' That's when I got the guts to start singing out loud in public."

He auditioned. He

landed the Bert Healy role.

"After that, there was no turning back," he said. "I was determined to be a musical theater star. Oh, my God. I was so determined it was embarrassing."

Now, at age 38, Tranter is one of the most successful songwriters in modern pop music.

His writing credits include Halsey's "Bad at Love," Imagine Dragons' "Believer," Jason Derulo's "Lucky," Selena Gomez's "Good for You" and Justin Bieber's "Sorry." He's been

nominated for a Golden Globe and a Grammy.

But the years between Bert Healey and Justin Bieber, between finding the courage to sing in public and watching the world's biggest pop stars sing his words to their legions, were brutal.

Tranter is gay, a fact his classmates couldn't abide. He grew up in Hawthorn Woods in the '80s and early '90s, and he said he was routinely beaten up and ostracized at school.

"At home, I was always

safe and celebrated," he said. "I won the lottery in terms of being born into my family — my parents and my brothers. But school was always pretty terrifying."

Middle school was bad. High school got worse.

"Walking through the cafeteria was a parade of torture," he said. "It was as bad as it could be."

His parents, he said, made the decision to transfer him to the Chicago Academy for the Arts during his freshman year.

"It saved my life," he said. "Being 14 in 1994 and seeing kids already living their truth? It felt like the most magical place ever."

"For a teenager to have a safe place to collaborate, to push their boundaries creatively, to be accepted," he continued, "it's life-changing."

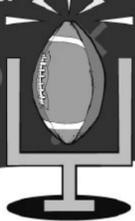
He promised himself that once he made it big, he would find a way to pay back the school for the impact it had on him, for

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Songwriter Justin Tranter sits last month in the studio he donated funding to build for the Chicago Academy of the Arts, where he was once a student.

Tranter donates studio to academy

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the sense of belonging it offered him in a way that few other places had.

He recently made good on that promise. Tranter donated a state-of-the-art recording studio to the Chicago Academy for the Arts and enough money to fund a contemporary writing and production instructor.

The school isn't releasing a dollar figure for the gift but confirms it's the largest donation from an alum in its history.

The studio includes a control room outfitted with Pro Tools, a microphone-filled tracking room, a vocal booth, acoustic paneling and a lab with four production workstations.

Tranter came to town last month to dedicate the studio and perform a concert with current academy students at the ribbon-cutting.

"I always say our kids aren't at the academy — they are the academy," head of school Jason Patera told me in the hallway as students and parents rushed up the steps to find a seat for Tranter's concert. "Justin is living proof."

The studio, Patera said, gives students access to world-class tools and instruction, but the gift is bigger than that.

"He's an inspiration to the kids," Patera said. "Not just because he's an alum and not just because he's written a bunch of hit songs. He's an inspiration because the kids here understand what it means to cultivate community, and now they get to see him doing that on the world stage."

Patera remembers Tranter in high school.

"When I was 19, seeing what he was doing at 17 made me want to be a part of this place," Patera said.

Patera was never a student at the Chicago Academy for the Arts. He attended Morton West High School in Berwyn. But he hung around the campus and landed occasional music gigs in their performances.

"I was playing drums in the show 'Chicago,' and Justin was one of the actors," Patera said. "He was one of a handful of students where, as a young person, I thought, 'Not only do I want to be like him, I want to be where people like him are.'"

Thursday night, they were back together on-stage, surrounded by students with a safe place to collaborate, to push boundaries, to be accepted.

I love a happy ending.

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Violence Against Women Act on brink

What's at stake as federal law could lapse in December

By KATE THAYER
Chicago Tribune

As the world heard Christine Blasey Ford detail her sexual assault accusations Thursday against U.S. Supreme Court nominee Judge Brett Kavanaugh, the Violence Against Women Act — legislation first passed during a strikingly similar time in history — was on the verge of expiring.

The law, enacted in 1994 and renewed and expanded since, was set to expire Sept. 30. It was put in place, in part, to fund social service agencies that support victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. Considered landmark legislation, it arrived in the aftermath of the 1991 testimony by Anita Hill during Clarence Thomas' confirmation hearings to be a Supreme Court justice. Hill alleged that she had been sexually harassed by Thomas. The law also was enacted with the backdrop of the so-called Year of the Woman, when a record number of women ran for and won congressional seats in the 1992 election.

While President Donald Trump on Friday signed a larger spending bill to avoid a government shutdown — which included an extension of VAWA through Dec. 7 — some lawmakers have been pushing for more permanent action.

What is the Violence Against Women Act?

The act funds social service agencies that aid victims affected by sexual violence, such as rape crisis centers, shelters and legal-assistance programs. Over the years, various provisions were added, like setting up reporting mechanisms surrounding campus dating violence,



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Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., flanked by Attorney General Janet Reno, left, and Rep. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo., discusses the Violence Against Women Act in Washington in 1994.

and extending protections for the LGBT community.

If the act is not extended beyond December, the largest implications would be financial, said Katharine Baker, professor at Chicago-Kent College of Law, who has written extensively on sexual and domestic violence.

Back when the act was first implemented, lawmakers recognized that prosecuting sexual assault and domestic violence crimes needed support outside a courtroom, Baker said. A network of social service agencies and a funding mechanism for them are crucial to helping victims so they can come forward, she said.

Many prosecution offices, since then, have set up separate units to handle sexual assault and domestic violence cases, because they require a different set of skills, said Baker, adding that in some states money from VAWA goes to those units.

Why does it matter?

Sexual assault and domestic violence crimes

"are difficult to prosecute," Baker said.

"Victims are traumatized in different ways that usually require social workers (and other professionals)," she said. "We need to help women if they are going to tell their stories."

"It's a brutal, brutal process to be a victim of a sexual assault or a victim of domestic violence ... and to have to talk about it in a courtroom. Those are very difficult proceedings for women to go through," Baker added. "To be successful, you need a social service infrastructure to continue."

And without successful prosecution of these crimes, Baker said, the social message is that offenders can "get away with it."

What's at stake

Letting the Violence Against Women Act expire could have more than legal or financial implications. There are also symbolic implications. Some lawmakers and victims rights advocates have said failing

to extend it could give the impression that curbing violence against women is not a priority.

But Baker said Ford's testimony in Senate Judiciary hearings regarding her allegations against Kavanaugh could also highlight just how hard it is for victims to come forward, how difficult it is for prosecutors to prove these cases and how social service networks only bolster those efforts.

In her testimony, Ford referenced sessions with a therapist, Baker pointed out. "But what about people who can't afford that? That's one of the things the funding from VAWA provides."

These hearings highlight "how hard these crimes are to prosecute, how difficult it is to get to the truth, and in order to get to the truth, you need different kinds of resources."

CQ-Roll Call and The Washington Post contributed.

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Bills mount for breast cancer survivors

HealthDay

Surviving breast cancer is certainly its own reward, but a new study finds that many who do are saddled with thousands in out-of-pocket expenses for years.

On average, breast cancer survivors get hit with an extra \$1,100 in yearly out-of-pocket cancer-driven costs, researchers found.

But interviews with 129 breast cancer survivors further revealed that the so-called financial toxicity of breast cancer is an especially burdensome problem for those who, following treatment, end up with a side effect known as lymphedema.

The condition is sometimes triggered by cancer surgery, chemotherapy, radiation and/or infection, and it is characterized by chronic inflammation due to the buildup of lymphatic fluid throughout the upper body.

For these patients, who make up 35 percent of the nation's 3.5 million breast cancer survivors, out-of-pocket expenses rocket up to roughly \$2,300 per year.

"Even 10 years after breast cancer treatment, women who have lymphedema have over double the yearly health care costs compared with women who don't have lymphedema," said study author Lorraine Dean. She's an assistant professor of epidemiology at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore.

Dean noted that the "higher costs for women with lymphedema is only partially due to costs for actual lymphedema-related needs," with more study needed to better understand why the condition drives up costs so dramatically.

But what's already clear, said Dean, is that "high costs leads those with lymphedema to not manage their lymphedema as well as they could, and even affects women who have insurance.



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On average, breast cancer survivors get hit with an extra \$1,100 in yearly out-of-pocket cancer-driven costs, and those expenses are even higher for women who end up with a side effect known as lymphedema, according to researchers.

"(So) we need better policies to protect people from high costs, and that includes policies that offer more comprehensive insurance coverage for the after-effects of cancer treatment," she said.

Dean and her colleagues noted that prior efforts to assess cancer-related costs either focused on patient expenses that occurred shortly after a diagnosis or those processed through insurance claims.

But to gain better insight into out-of-pocket expenses, the team studied a pool of cancer survivors in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. On average, the women were 63 years old and 12 years past their initial cancer diagnosis, and all had insurance. Half of them had lymphedema.

For six months, the women noted any related expenses, including visits to health care providers, drugs and physical fitness costs. Those with lymphedema were asked to tally condition-specific costs, such as for compression garments or bandages.

The inability to perform daily tasks was also noted, quantified and tallied as a "productivity loss" in the final expense estimate, as were three months of paid receipts and patient estimates for three additional months of likely future expenses.

When all such expenses were added, breast cancer patients without lymphedema were found to pay an average of about \$2,800 a year more than a decade after their diagnosis, com-

pared with more than \$3,300 among those with lymphedema.

The findings were published recently in the Journal of Supportive Care and Cancer.

Dean said those in financial straits could seek help from organizations such as the American Cancer Society, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, LIVESTRONG, CancerCare and the National Lymphedema Network.

"But most of the help that people can get ends closer to the time of diagnosis or treatment," she warned, "so while these programs help prevent people from having greater burden early on in their care, they may not be as helpful for women facing long-term costs.

"Rather than putting the

burden on patients to navigate the high costs, we should be looking to make changes to keep costs lower," Dean added.

Sarah Hawley is an associate professor of internal medicine at the University of Michigan Medical School. She agreed that while there is increasing awareness about the problem, "resources for patients are still limited," she said.

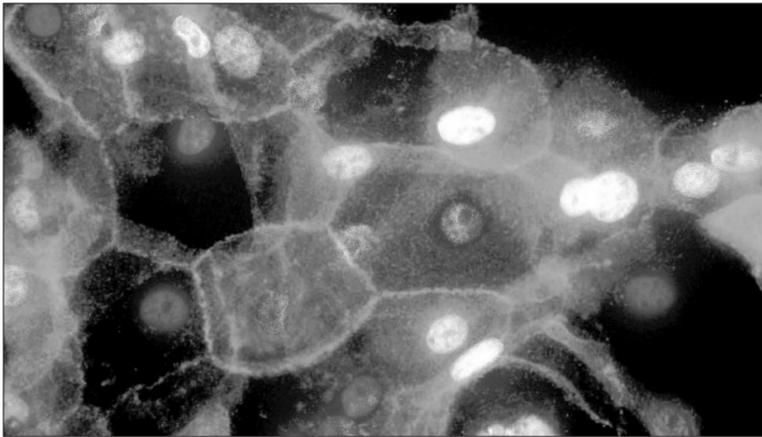
"I think this study supports the need for patient-focused tools and resources to help them prepare for the potential of long-term financial impact, and to support them having those discussions with providers throughout their cancer care," Hawley said.

Susan Brown, senior director for education and patient support with Susan

G. Komen for the Cure in Dallas, agreed that "financial stress is a reality for many people living with breast cancer."

But she suggested that in addition to reaching out to organizations such as her own, patients seeking financial help should explore options with a wide range of caregiver contacts, including hospital discharge planners and patient service officers.

"A doctor, nurse or social worker may have information about financial resources," Brown said. "Most hospitals and treatment centers have financial counselors. They can help people understand the details of their insurance paperwork and give an estimate of the cost of the treatment."



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A culture of breast cancer cells. A study looked at variations in a gene tied to the cancer.

Lab testing may identify dangerous gene mutations

BY MALCOLM RITTER
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Scientists say they've found a new way to help determine whether specific genetic abnormalities are likely to make people sick, a step toward avoiding a vexing uncertainty that can surround DNA test results.

Researchers used genetic engineering to create thousands of tiny variations in a gene linked to breast cancer, and tested each one in a lab to predict whether it would promote the disease if it appeared in a person.

When those predictions were checked against what scientists already knew about the BRCA1 gene, "we were very accurate," said Lea Starita of the Brotman Baty Institute for Precision Medicine in Seattle.

The technique, which she and her colleagues hope to extend to other genes, is aimed at easing a frustrating problem in genetic testing. Sometimes those tests reveal an abnormality in a gene linked to the disease, but nobody knows whether that particular quirk is hazardous. It's called a "variant of uncertain significance," or VUS.

Such a result can cause

anxiety and worse: Experts talk about women who've had breasts removed after learning they had a VUS in a gene linked to breast cancer, only to find out years later that further research showed their variants were harmless.

The new work aimed to identify tiny variants in the BRCA1 gene's DNA code that keep it from working. Mutations that disable this gene greatly raise the risk of breast and ovarian cancer.

Results were published in September by the journal Nature.

Researchers created nearly 4,000 tiny variations in key sections of the gene. Then they tested whether each variant crippled the gene within cells that die when BRCA1 isn't working. That let them predict which variations would promote cancer if found in a person.

To check the accuracy of their predictions, they consulted a database that lists the effects of BRCA1 variants. Results showed 169 of the variants they generated had been declared dangerous in the database, and the test had predicted that in 162 of them. Similarly, the test correctly categorized 20 of

22 variants deemed harmless in the database.

Researchers plan to expand the test to other genes that can predispose people to cancer. It might also be expanded to genes linked to other diseases.

Going beyond cancer genes would raise the difficult challenge of finding appropriate lab tests, said Jay Shendure of the Baty institute. (His salary is paid by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, which also supports The Associated Press Health & Science Department.)

The approach allows testing variations before they're even seen in people, so their significance can be immediately known once they show up for the first time in a genetic test, he said.

Results look promising for resolving VUS in BRCA1 when used along with other information, said Heidi Rehm of Boston's Massachusetts General Hospital and the Broad Institute in Cambridge, Mass. She didn't participate in the study.

BRCA1 has a low rate of VUS test results, but Rehm said she believed the general approach could also be applied to some other genes.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Low-risk patients shown not to benefit from daily aspirin

BY JOE GRAEDON
AND TERESA GRAEDON
King Features Syndicate

Q: Without a doctor's instruction and unbeknownst to his family, my father was popping one regular-strength aspirin a day for years. When he was rushed to the hospital, they found a heart valve leaking, and they implied the aspirin my father admitted to taking was probably the cause.

A: We hate it when doctors blame patients for a condition they have no control over. A leaky heart valve is not your father's fault.

Your father probably was trying to protect his heart with aspirin, based on information that this inexpensive drug can prevent repeat heart attacks. The latest research shows, however, that for people at low risk, the increased danger of bleeding may outweigh any benefit (The Lancet, Aug. 26, 2018). In addition, your father was taking a higher dose than would be recommended even for those at great risk of a recurrent heart attack.

Before taking any medication on a regular basis, people should discuss the pros and cons of it with their doctors.

Q: I have been using NasalCrom for years, usually two times a day in allergy season and once per day as a preventive the rest of the time. Is there any harm in taking it every day over a long term?

A: Cromolyn (the active ingredient in NasalCrom) is considered safe and effective as a long-term maintenance treatment for asthma (Sleep & Breathing, December 2012). We got a bit nervous when we spot-



PATRICK SISON/AP

Most people won't benefit from low-dose aspirin or fish oil to prevent a first heart attack or stroke, studies show.

ted a study linking it to amyloid beta in the brain. However, the research shows that rather than exacerbating the risk of Alzheimer's disease, it appears to reduce it in mice designed to develop this condition (Journal of Biological Chemistry, Jan. 23, 2015). There's a big leap from mice to humans, but the results suggest there might not be a problem long term.

Q: I read in your column recently about using milk of magnesia topically for rosacea. I have been using metronidazole to treat my acne rosacea for several years. It costs a lot of money, but I've not had much success.

I tried milk of magnesia on my face starting three days ago, and my rosacea has almost completely disappeared! Best of all, it cost me only \$2 a bottle versus a \$200 copy for metronidazole.

A: Metronidazole is an antimicrobial medication commonly used to treat rosacea. In this inflammatory skin condition, the face flushes easily and may stay reddened. There may be bumps that look like pimples. Thickened bumps may form, especially on the nose.

We could not find any published studies of the

effects of milk of magnesia on rosacea, although many readers have been equally enthusiastic. It certainly is less expensive than your metronidazole gel.

If you need that prescription refilled, ask the pharmacist how much it would cost for you to pay out of pocket instead of using your insurance. You might be able to save money.

Q: I was using a cane to walk due to the pain I was experiencing in both knees from arthritis. I was seeing a chiropractor for back pain from a fall and told him I wished he could help my knee pain as well.

He told me about grape juice and Certo. I've tried this remedy for two weeks now. The results are amazing! I take it twice a day, and the pain has subsided completely.

A: The mixture of 2 teaspoons of Certo (liquid fruit pectin) in 3 ounces of purple grape juice twice a day is a popular remedy for arthritis. Concord grape juice has anti-inflammatory activity, and so does pectin.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.

Crafting help for survivors

86-year-old knits bra inserts for women who've had mastectomies

BY PAM KRAGEN
San Diego Union-Tribune

Pat Anderson admits to spending nearly half of every day knitting in her living room rocking chair. But don't underestimate this hardworking philanthropist.

Anderson, 86, is the founder of the Sisterhood of the Boobless Wonders, and the fashion accessories she turns out in her "knocker rocker" each day are knitted pairs of breast-shaped bra inserts that she calls "Busters."

At her own expense, the veteran textile designer makes the lightweight synthetic yarn-and-micro-fiber cushions and mails them to women like herself who have undergone mastectomies as the result of breast cancer.

Since January 2017, she has shipped 187 pairs of Busters to grateful women around the country, and the prolific artisan has another 100 pairs in reserve for anyone else in need.

Anderson's Busters come in all major bra cup sizes and a rainbow of delicate pastel colors. The one yarn shade she avoids is beige because she said it looks too much like skin.

"I don't call my Busters prosthetics because they're not replacement parts," she said. "These are nice little accessory products to give you some comfort and dignity and they help make your clothes fit right."

Anderson lost her breasts to cancer at age 74. During her recovery she received a pair of silicone prosthetic forms to wear inside her bra.

"They were terrible," she said. "I think every breast cancer survivor has a pair of



Pat Anderson, 86, of Escondido, Calif., knits one of her "Busters" wardrobe accessories for breast cancer survivors.

those in a box hidden in their closet. They're heavy, they hurt your back and they don't fit properly."

She experimented with rolled-up socks and bath scrubbers but nothing worked. Eventually she gave up and wore nothing, but her clothes never fit properly and she could no longer use her own body as a model for her handmade jackets.

Three years ago her daughter and fellow fiber artist, Kristin Osborn of Ramona, Calif., emailed her a link to the website for Knitted Knockers, a group that works with knitters nationwide who make breast-shaped bra inserts for people like herself.

Anderson joined the group and produced a couple hundred pairs of Knitted Knockers. But she didn't like the knitting pattern they use because the cushion it creates is

unnaturally ball-like. She also didn't like that volunteer knitters had to buy the patterns and yarn kits from the yarn stores that run the organization.

Instead, she decided to start her own organization, the Sisterhood of the Boobless Wonders (SBW for short) and has made it the final capstone project of her 50-year career as a fiber designer and craftswoman.

Anderson was raised in Minnesota, the descendant of a long line of Scotch-Canadian weavers, spinners and tailors. She learned to knit as a girl from her mother and grandmother, making socks for injured soldiers in World War II.

As an adult, she taught college-level textile design at a private studio where she made and sold her weavings, pillows, jackets, table linens and yardage for sewing. She said she prefers functional design over

visual fiber art because it's designed to be touched.

"It's a form of communication when you work on a handcrafted item because your entire energy is focused on it and that comes through your hands into the piece," she said.

Her late husband, Duane Anderson, was an early computer design engineer whose company was purchased in 1982 by NCR Corp. The couple relocated to Escondido, Calif., that year for what was supposed to be a two-year stay while he did transitional work at the NCR plant in Rancho Bernardo, Calif.

But Duane fell in love with California and decided to retire here two years later. They bought a 20-acre ranch in Escondido. He built a woodworking shop and became known for his handcrafted spinning wheels built from his wife's design. She re-

launched her fiber business with her daughter.

In 2006, she fought and beat breast cancer. Four years later, her husband passed away. When her eldest son and caretaker, Erik, died earlier this year, she moved into Escondido's Redwood Terrace retirement community with her dog Charlotte.

Anderson works with Sharp Memorial Hospital's oncology patient navigators to get referrals for women who'd like a pair of her Busters. She also takes requests via email at spinshuttlestudio@gmail.com.

Among her satisfied recipients is Cindee Collins of Murrieta, Calif., who lost both her mother and grandmother to breast cancer. After her double-mastectomy a few years ago, she found Anderson's Busters during an online search for prosthetics.

Collins said she loves

how she can fit the soft, adjustable, lightweight and fully washable Busters in the pockets of her sports bra, and she especially loves how they were designed by a breast cancer survivor who understands the challenge mastectomy patients face.

"She's just a lovely, lovely lady, and she does this for the love of it," Collins said. "I think these are the greatest thing since sliced bread."

Another recipient from San Diego, who asked that her name not be used, said she was so unhappy with the prosthetics on the market that she went lopsided for four years after a single mastectomy. Then she heard about Busters.

"I thought I was doing OK without it until I got these, and it really changed my perspective," the woman said.

Anderson underwrites the cost of her materials, including the cellophane gift bags she packages the Busters in and the butterfly-decorated shipping bags she mails them in. Inside each package is a letter bestowing upon the recipient honorary membership in the Sisterhood.

Recipients can make an optional donation for postage, and many checks have come tucked into handwritten thank-you cards. What Anderson doesn't use for postage, she saves and donates to Sharp's breast cancer program.

Anderson said she plans to use the rest of her retirement years making Busters and hopes one day to pass along the project to other master knitters or members of the Sisterhood.

"This whole experience has been the most fun I've had yet," she said. "It's so fulfilling talking to these women who all appreciate that I'm a survivor. I know what they're going through because I've been where they've been."

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Perfect for fall: Add apple, pearl onions and sweet potatoes to pork tenderloin medallions. Or use apples to make cider spiked with schnapps, below.

The essence of autumn

Boiling apple cider yields a delightfully versatile ingredient for fall recipes

By ROBIN MATHER | Chicago Tribune

The leaves of the sumac, autumn's sentinel, have begun to turn red or orange, and the maples will soon follow. Summer faded to fall on the equinox — this year, Sept. 22 — and that may be the bad news.

The good news is that fall's brilliant colors signal that cider season has arrived. Knowledgeable cider-makers say the best cider is made with a blend of apples that combines sharp, sweet, bittersweet and bittersweet varieties. But even a cider made with sweet apples alone, served icy cold and preferably with a cinnamon-sugar-dusted doughnut in hand, is one of the Midwest's fall pleasures.

They know a thing or two about cider in New England, too, where colonists brought the British cider-making tradition — and the apple trees, too — to these shores. The Puritans were used to cider, preferably lightly fermented, as an alternative to beer, and they would have wanted that familiar drink.

Even a small orchard can yield more apples for cider than a big family could use. As Lew Nichols and Annie Proulx write in their marvelous book, "Cider: Making, Using and Enjoying Sweet and Hard Cider" (Storey, 2003), a semidwarf tree can yield four to



five bushels of apples, and every bushel yields 2 to 3 gallons of cider. A full-size tree may produce as many as 18 bushels.

By the time of the American Revolution, people could buy sugar and molasses, and of course canny Yankees knew about making maple syrup and producing their own honey. But all that cider created another New England tradition: boiled cider, or as New

Englanders sometimes called it, apple molasses.

Today, boiled cider is among the 3,500 foodstuffs on Slow Foods' Ark of Taste, and one of only 200 from the United States. Although a few companies still offer boiled cider — King Arthur Flour and Wood's Cider Mill in Vermont, to name a couple — it's

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Because decent automatic coffee machines are so pricey, a manual device might be preferable. A French press is among the least expensive options. You can make cold brew or cafe au lait in it too.

Making better coffee at home

Find the best devices for a flavorful cup

By CHERYL STRITZEL MCCARTHY
Chicago Tribune

It's remarkable that a simple seed can contain such depth and breadth of flavor. Like the coffee bean, Jessica Easto's book "Craft Coffee: A Manual" (Agate Publishing, \$19.95) dives deep and reaches wide as it teaches consumers how to improve their daily cup.

Coffee, the drink, is made up of but two ingredients: water and beans. But there's much to learn about choosing equipment, buying beans and heating water. Even

the way you pour water over grounds affects your cup of joe.

Today, thanks to farmers, importers, roasters and baristas, coffee quality is high. It's realizing that quality in your home-brewed cup that can seem out of reach. But with a bit more time and money, better is possible, Easto says.

Easto came to coffee enlightenment via "a circuitous road paved with ignorance." In high school she ordered her first cup of coffee black because she didn't realize people expect plain coffee to be bad and dump in sugar and cream to make it palatable. In graduate school she bought a pour-over device, only because a machine

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Tribune Holiday Cookie Contest submissions begin

BY JOE GRAY
Chicago Tribune

Calling all Chicago-area cookie bakers! Yes, it's barely October, but it's already time for the Chicago Tribune's annual Holiday Cookie Contest. Submissions begin today.

We're looking for a cookie recipe that you have created — unique cookies, those with a twist. Maybe you've added an unusual ingredient to a traditional or family favorite, or maybe you've invented an out-of-the-ordinary treat. The Chicago Tribune's cookie contest is more than three decades old, and your cookie could become a part of that long tradition.

To enter, submit the recipe, describing why it is special, and a photo of the cookies (if you have one) to the Tribune. You may also post a short video in which your cookies star.

All submissions will be posted on the Food & Dining page online, where readers will help choose the finalists by voting for their favorites. The top 15 vote-

getters will become finalists, who will be asked to bring two dozen of their cookies Nov. 5 to the Tribune's new offices (160 N. Stetson Ave.), where the cookies will be tasted and ranked by a panel of Tribune food writers and a guest pastry chef. In addition, we have the Joe Gray Save. I have the option of elevating an additional cookie from the submissions if I feel it's worthy of being a finalist but for some reason has not garnered the votes.

And the prizes? First place wins \$250 cash; second place, \$150; third place, \$50. Plus the winners will be invited for a cookie party and a tour of the Tribune's beautiful new test kitchen, high above Millennium Park on the 40th floor of the Prudential building.

The details

- Your entry must be your original recipe. Submissions that are clearly copies of another person's published recipe will be disqualified.
- Include an explanation



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Fran Ann Swierczewski of Oak Forest won first place in 2017 with her recipe for Mom's Rice Krispies cookies.

(200 words maximum) of what makes the cookie special.

- Include your contact information: your name, address, daytime telephone number and email address (if you have one). We must be able to contact finalists to invite them to bring in their cookies. Personal information beyond name and town will not be published online or in print.
- If you have a photo of your cookies, or can take one, please include it. Like-

wise, if you want to submit a video of the cookies — of the making of them or the eating, whatever you like — you can do so. (Neither a photo nor a video is required, but entries with strong visuals fare better in voting than those without.)

- Submit your entries online at chicagotribune.com/cookie or via mail to Holiday Cookie Contest, Chicago Tribune, 180 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60601. (Entries sent via snail mail will be posted on

chicagotribune.com, so that they can be part of the voting.)

- Submissions will be accepted beginning Oct. 3, at 12:01 a.m., and ending Oct. 23, at 11:59 p.m. Central time. Mailed entries must be received by Oct. 22 (to give us time to enter submissions into the database). Voting opens Oct. 24 online at 12:01 a.m. and ends Nov. 2 at 12:01 a.m.

- Voters will be asked to choose based on the creativity and originality of the recipes.

- Participants must be 13 years old or older and reside in the state of Illinois, Lake County, Ind., or Kenosha County, Wis.

- Food professionals or employees of the Chicago Tribune or their family members are not eligible.

- The three winners from last year's Chicago Tribune Holiday Cookie Contest are not eligible for this year's contest.

- The Chicago Tribune cannot discuss the contest in any way with contestants.

- The finalists will be the

15 entries that receive the most votes.

- Finalists will be contacted by email or telephone Nov. 2 and asked to bring two dozen of their cookies to the Tribune's offices at 160 N. Stetson Ave., on Nov. 5 by 10 a.m. for judging. Finalists who are unable to do so will be removed from the contest.
- There will be an option for one Food & Dining Editor Save; if one cookie seems worthwhile but doesn't garner enough votes to be among the finalists, then Food & Dining Editor Joe Gray will pull it out of the pack to include it in the judging.

- Winners will be chosen Nov. 5. Winners will be notified by telephone, and arrangements will be made to photograph them to be included with the story about the winners, which will be published Dec. 5, online at chicagotribune.com/dining and in print in the Tribune Food & Dining section.

For complete rules, go to the contest page at chicagotribune.com/cookie.

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Chicago's German beer culture shrinking but still elite

BY JOSH NOEL
Chicago Tribune

At Laschet's Inn, it's almost as if American beer never happened.

Among nearly 50 beers available at the venerable North Side German restaurant, exactly one is American-made: Miller Lite, whose presence is whispered at the bottom of the menu, alongside the non-alcoholic beers. (The indignity!)

Everything else at Laschet's is imported. Most of it is German — or Austrian or Czech, which are rooted in similar traditions.

That includes all 12 drafts, seven of which pour classics at least vaguely familiar to American palates — Hofbrau, Stiegl and Hacker Pschorr among them — and five that rotate with the seasons: malty maibock in spring; bright, refreshing kolsch in summer; fresh Oktoberfest this time of year; and dark, hearty doppelbock and dunkelweizen in winter.

On a recent Thursday evening, almost every table at Laschet's was occupied — with families, solo diners and well-dressed people just arriving from work. They sat with tall mugs filled with BBK, a slightly sweet pilsner that is the restaurant's top-selling beer.

They discussed the merits of Grevensteiner's zwickel (a more malt-forward take on the unfiltered pilsner) versus Stiegl's (drier and absolute perfection). They ordered Julius Echter Hefe-Weisse, a creamy hefeweizen rife with notes of banana and light clove, and plenty of half-liters of Oktoberfest.

Bud and Bud Light, Corona and Modelo, PBR and any IPA need not apply.

"It's why our customers come to us," said Scott Seisser, bar manager at Laschet's. "If they wanted an IPA or a craft beer, there are places for it. We're a German place. We do German things."

Few things are more German than beer.

Back in the 1970s, when the U.S. was home to fewer than 100 mostly similar breweries, German imports, along with beer from England, Belgium and a handful of other countries, were the alternative — the nation's original craft beer, in a sense.

Today the U.S. is approaching 7,000 breweries, about 150 of which are in and around Chicago. German imports have been among the categories to

suffer most; according to Chicago-based market research firm IRI Worldwide, dollar sales of German imports are down nearly 10 percent this year nationally, just as they were a year ago.

Chicago has a front-row seat for the decline. Once rife with cozy, dim places like Laschet's, the city's roster of German bars and restaurants has dipped "from maybe 45 to about a dozen" during the past 20 years, said Monica Felix, museum and collections manager at DANK Haus, a German-American cultural center in Lincoln Square. The most recent loss was particularly stinging: The legendary Chicago Brauhaus closed in December after anchoring German culture for 52 years.

"People remembered celebrating birthdays and anniversaries there," Felix said. "Christmas and Oktoberfest."

Yet Chicago's German beer culture stubbornly, proudly chugs on. Though it only tends to enter the American consciousness this time of year — the original Munich Oktoberfest runs Sept. 22 to Oct. 7 — it remains on display year-round at Laschet's and beyond, including a trio of nearby bars: Resi's Bierstube, Huertenbar and Carol's Hansa Clipper, where the meager domestic offerings (Miller Lite and Miller Genuine Draft) come with an admonishment on the chalkboard menu: "You are in a German bar ... get over it."

There are also a handful of modern takes on German beer, including The Radler in Logan Square and Funkenhausen, which opened in August in West Town. Funkenhausen pours entirely imported beer on draft — all German, except one Austrian brand. About half the draft beer served by The Radler is craft that comes from within 50 miles of the restaurant, and the other half is German, Austrian or Czech.

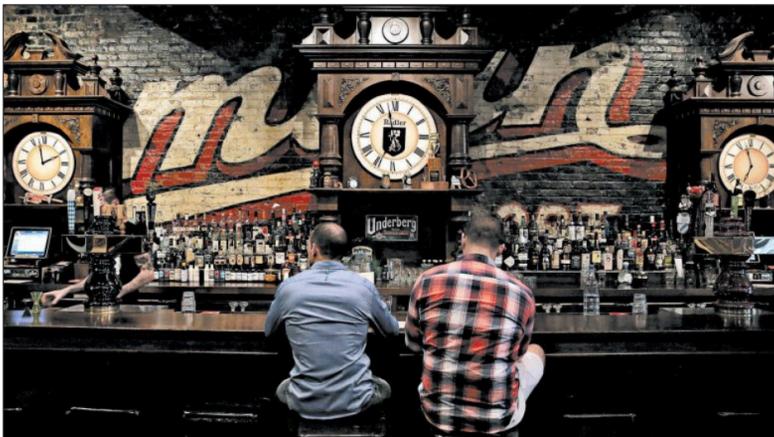
When launching The Radler five years ago, co-owner Adam Hebert was taking a calculated risk while also scratching his own personal itch. He is a dedicated fan of German beer who thought a gamble on faultless drinkability couldn't fail.

"We were flooded with IPAs at the time, and when you picked something up, it could be absolutely stellar or complete garbage," Hebert said. "As much fun as that is to try a bunch of stuff, at the end of the day



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Bar manager Scott Seisser fills a stein at Laschet's Inn, where most of the 50 beers are imported from Germany.



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About half of the beer at The Radler, which opened five years ago on North Milwaukee Avenue in Chicago's Logan Square neighborhood, is German, Austrian or Czech.

on my patio after a hard day of work, I wanted something clean and dependable that's delicious."

Yet German beer is no monolith. It is lagers and ales. It is light and dark. It is easy drinking and profoundly complex. It is large brewing companies and smaller, more artisanal purveyors. It is often a superior alternative to Bud and Miller, but welcome relief for those fatigued by craft beer's boldness, bitterness, sweetness and occasional inconsistency.

If there's anything German beer tends not to be, it's inconsistent. Its proponents laud it as some of the most stable and well-built beer in the world — from the largest producers to the smallest — and argue that its renown has unjustifiably suffered in the U.S. amid the rise of craft beer.

Even Chris Quinn, whose The Beer Temple bar and bottle shop is regarded as a vanguard of Chicago craft beer, agrees. In addition to the latest trendy craft beers, Quinn maintains a curated selection of German beers that appeal mostly to a dedicated fan base.

"I love German beers," Quinn said. "They still dominate the lager world from a quality and purity standpoint, and their wheat ales are still among the

best."

German beer is at once distinct from American craft brewing — boozy stouts or IPAs? *Nein!* — but also very much a source of inspiration. There has been a resurgence of American interest in lagers with depth and character in recent years; craft breweries from large (Firestone Walker, in Paso Robles, Calif.) to small (Chicago's Spiteful Brewing) have waded in.

Though the largest German brewers haven't seen a surge of interest (as evidenced by recent sales figures), the smaller ones have, said Samu Rahn, a key account and brand manager at Louis Glunz Beer, one of the city's primary distributors of imported beer.

"It seems to be a full circle, in a sense, where American craft consumers have run the gamut of extremity — palate-wrecking double IPAs, Warheads-level kettle sours, pastry stouts — and are now returning to balance, consistency and repeatability as the benchmarks for quality," Rahn said.

While Rahn has seen a modest uptick in interest in German, Austrian and Czech imports, he said beers from those countries also continue to suffer from an ingrained craft beer mindset that "fresh and local" is inherently better.

"Too often a fresher, but lesser American offering is chosen over a superior import that many younger breweries are trying to emulate," he said.

The Germans have been brewing for so long, he said, that a 6-month-old German lager that has been properly packaged and maintained — that is, kept cold — can be superior to a fresh lager from an American brewery.

Even so, questions about freshness justifiably persist with any imported beer. When was the beer brewed? Packaged? How long was it exposed to the elements on a European dock? Was its shipping container blasted by the sun for weeks during its trans-Atlantic journey? Did it sit at a dock in the U.S. getting warmer still, then sit at ambient temperatures in a warehouse? Any or all scenarios are fairly likely.

However, retailers say they are seeing more frequent and smaller shipments arriving — which can translate to fresher beer. Also, importer B. United International launched a rigorous process nearly 10 years ago for ensuring freshness, which includes transporting the beer in refrigerated, pressure-controlled 3,500-gallon stainless steel tanks, then kegging and canning it once it reaches B. United's head-

quarters in Oxford, Conn. (Bottles are still filled by their breweries in Europe, then transported.)

B. United founder Matthias Neidhart knew he needed to improve traditional importing practices when complaints increased among American retailers as his business grew. Bars and beer stores would gripe that the beer was arriving in dubious shape.

The company, which imports beer from about 20 countries, including a sizable percentage that is German, is one of the few importers to keep its beer cold across the Atlantic and the only one to keg and can its imports stateside.

All of B. United's beers, including those delicate German lagers, are showing up in better shape than ever, Neidhart said.

When he began importing, he went after "very select German breweries." B. United's German portfolio includes renowned breweries such as Schneider, Einbecker, Uerige, Schlenkerla and Heinrich Reissdorf, whose Reissdorf kolsch is B. United's top-selling German beer. It has emboldened Neidhart to bring in even more, and adventurous, brands. Laschet's is taking advantage by tapping a monthly specialty, often a rare import from B. United. Recently it was Leipziger Gose — a beer that single-handedly introduced American brewers to the tart, briny style.

While many other bars and restaurants are content to duke it out for the latest craft beer, Seisser is quite happy for Laschet's to have dibs on the latest from Germany. "It's an authentic product that has just been perfected," Seisser said.

Which raises a question: What is Miller Lite doing on Laschet's menu? It was a favorite of the previous owner's wife, Seisser said. He just decided to leave it. It doesn't sell much.

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Great values from prestigious Bordeaux



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Branding is powerful, and sometimes that power seeps out, well beyond the reach of individual producers, no matter how powerful they happen to be in their own right. Think about a few places that are famous for producing something great. Wisconsin cheese. Vermont maple syrup. Florida oranges. Bordeaux red wine.

Those places, among many others, offer a stamp of approval on their most famous products — generally if the products come from there, they can be quite good and often even great. This brings us to Crus Bourgeois du Medoc, a wine style that offers good quality at mostly affordable prices.

These wines come from the Medoc region, which sits within the larger region of Bordeaux in southwestern France. Ranking world wine regions in terms of prestige is a highly subjective and debatable pursuit, but no one would argue against Bordeaux appearing somewhere in the top five spots, and many would place it confidently at No. 1.

The Medoc is home to four of the five Premier Cru (First Growth) wines of Bordeaux, plus bottles from the other classified Bordeaux reds, many Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Growth wines. By that measure alone, you could easily call the Medoc the most prestigious region in Bordeaux.

Crus Bourgeois du Medoc fall below those Fifth Growth wines in prestige, but these wines are indeed from Bordeaux — official AOC (*appellation d'origine controlée*) wines



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Crus Bourgeois du Medoc is a variety of wine from the Bordeaux region that offers quality at mostly modest prices.

carrying prestigious Bordeaux appellations on their labels (Medoc, Haut-Medoc, Margaux, Pauillac, Saint-Estephe and others), but not the prices.

One difference between the rarified, highly celebrated reds of Bordeaux and the more accessible Crus Bourgeois du Medoc is the vast price disparity. Of course that is not the only difference — no more than price is the only difference between an apartment on Ile Saint-Louis in Paris and one in a middle-class suburb on the outskirts of the city.

Many Crus Bourgeois du Medoc wines stand firmly in the \$20 to \$30 range. Savor that tasty fact while you consider recent First

Growth Bordeaux vintages fetch anywhere from a few hundred dollars to more than \$1,000. And then consider that one of the bottles in the tasting below retails for about \$15.

These are red wines made mostly of the stalwart Bordeaux grape varieties cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet franc and petit verdot. They are expressive wines with evolving layers of aromas and flavors even when they lack the overt fruit character of some New World wines. Bright and jammy New World wines are not everyone's cup of tea, anyway. These Bordeaux reds often have expressions of freshness, due to their bright acidity, and what

some may lack in ripe fruit they make up for in savory depth. They are meant to accompany hearty beef, game, lamb or pork dishes — braised, roasted or grilled.

They are often a good value to begin with, but if you age them for a few years, suddenly they can be even better. It's fun to announce how much (i.e., how relatively little) you paid for a wine years earlier after you open it and discover that it is good. You have put in the time and waited it out, and now it is ready to be shared.

No matter how cheap — or expensive — a wine is, one thing you cannot buy is time. But pulling out a bottle that you have aged

on your own is a joy in itself and often worth much more than whatever you paid for it in the first place. There's no reason that you couldn't drink these wines right away, either. Open one at 6 p.m., and drink it an hour or two later with dinner.

Close to 200 Crus Bourgeois du Medoc are available in the United States, so you should be able to find at least some of the wines in fine wine shops. Below are notes from a recent tasting of Crus Bourgeois du Medoc wines. They are listed in ascending order according to price.

2015 Château Tour de Pez. From Saint-Estephe, this wine offers plum,

blackberry, forest floor, and nutmeg plus mocha and roasted nuts on the finish. \$15

2014 Château Moulin de Canhaut. Funky, earthy and full of plum, herbs, pine needles, cedar, black cherry and ripe dark berries, this one offered mocha on the finish. \$20

2015 Château Larose-Trintaudon. This 60/40 blend of cabernet sauvignon and merlot from Haut-Medoc is full of plum, tangy pomegranate, mouth-coating milk chocolate and black tea leaves on the finish. \$25

2014 Château Moulin a Vent. From the Moulisen-Medoc commune, this wine tastes of plum and other dark fruits mingled with herbs, dried leaves, leather and fig, with 14 percent alcohol. \$25

2015 Château Haut-Logat. Full of plum, and notes of candied fruit, anise, herbs and white pepper, this Haut-Medoc wine is silky with bright acidity. \$25

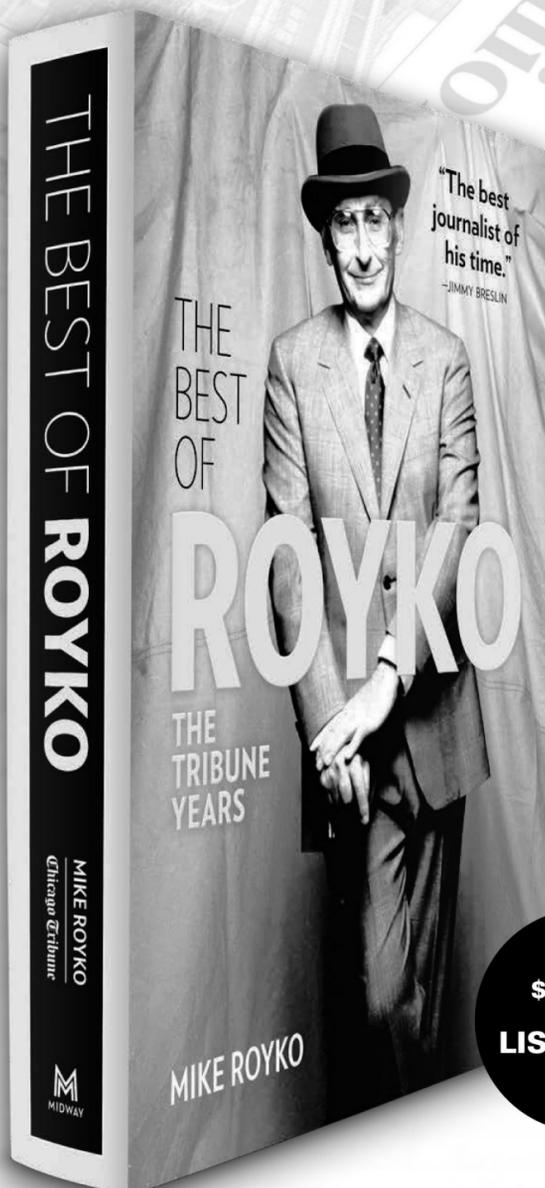
2015 Château du Retout. Blackberry, ripe blue fruit, leather, espresso, dark chocolate and orange zest commingle in this rich lip-smacker made of majority cabernet sauvignon with some merlot. \$25

2014 Château Reverdi. A 50 percent-merlot-based blend, this wine offers smoke, dark cherry, herbs, a whiff of cranberry and savory notes, plus pine needles, spice and black olive. \$29

2014 Château Rollan de By. Plum mingles with licorice in this rich and luscious merlot-dominant wine, with its supple mouthfeel and its touch of sweet black fruit. \$35

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Are restaurants too loud?

Reducing din may require expert help

By GRACE WONG
Chicago Tribune

When Pacific Standard Time opened in April, it was one of the city's buzziest openings, but to actually eat there was almost deafening.

"I was able to step back and say this is the biggest issue with the restaurant," said partner Joshua Tilden. "It wasn't the food, it wasn't the service, (but) I thought this problem was easily rectifiable."

In a city where bustling restaurants often mean noisy dining experiences, patrons like Claudia Fariello Bolnick, 71, of Streeterville, find themselves increasingly frustrated with their inability to have conversations with family and friends. Fariello Bolnick said she's noticed the issue isn't unique to Chicago — other cities she's visited seem to have similarly loud volume issues.

While she considers Chicago a "fabulous restaurant city," she believes diners' experiences could be more pleasant if restaurants considered their volume.

"Some people have told us if we go at 5 o'clock, we can have a nice experience, but we don't like to eat at 5 o'clock. We're not that old!" Fariello Bolnick said. "How (restaurants) can be so shortsighted to put it (low) on the priorities list is amazing to me."

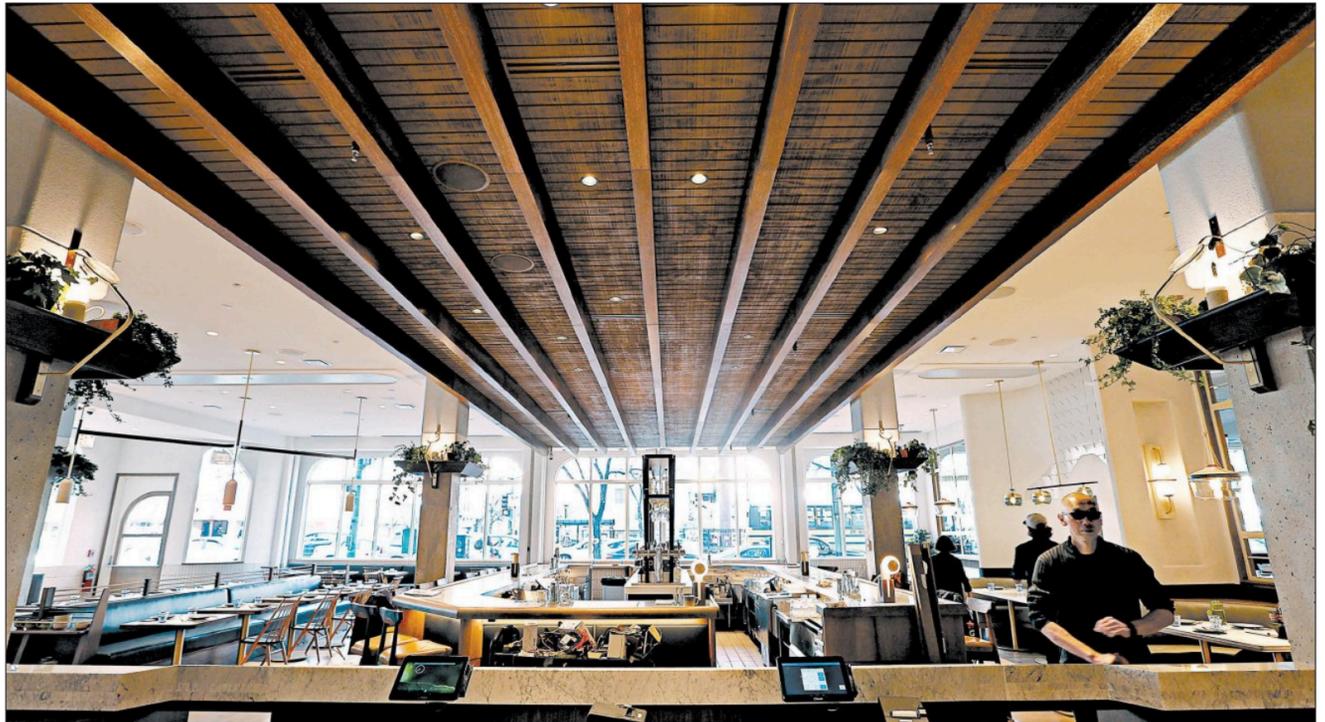
The Acoustical Society of America is launching a subcommittee to explore this issue, while other organizations like Consumer Reports and Zagat have also conducted studies, concluding that the ability to hold a conversation is more important to patrons than previously thought.

Noise in restaurants isn't always bad — sometimes it's even preferred. Creating a lively atmosphere requires a certain level of noise, Tilden said. But getting the right amount is key.

Tilden originally took a do-it-yourself attitude to fix the noise issue at Pacific Standard Time, laying out rugs and installing carpet beneath tables. But the restaurant remained loud. The next step was to hire an audio engineer. A few sound-wave tests later, the restaurant installed sound-proofing methods that were both effective and fit with the design.

"It's made a world of a difference," Tilden said. "You can hear conversations now. You can hear the music now. And guests' comfort is something that's really important to all of us. It felt good to finally get a solution in place."

In an ideal situation, sound would be one of the highest priorities, taken into account during the



Pacific Standard Time restaurant hired an audio engineer to reduce the volume in its dining space.

design process, said David Paoli, an acoustical engineer at Shiner Acoustics. Sound absorption is the key to a good-sounding restaurant because it reduces the noisy din that can often be created by both the materials in the restaurant and the patrons themselves.

Hard surfaces like wood, concrete, steel and brick are remediated by soft, porous materials that absorb the sound waves frantically bouncing off everything in a restaurant. Stephen Blake, architectural and contract territory manager with Armstrong World Industries, which provides consultations and products for noise control for commercial spaces and homes, said sound-absorbing tiles and "blades" (or panels) help to absorb these sound waves and prevent them from bouncing around.

Many sound abatement companies offer products like sound blades made with a fiberglass or mineral fiber core as the main absorption material. The blades are covered by a soft fabric that is acoustically transparent, meaning the sound waves pass through to the core material, and installed in ceilings, a space's largest unobstructed surface area.

"Without sound absorption, spaces get noisy," Paoli said. "When you're talking and you want to be heard, you have to raise your voice, and before you know it, it's very loud."

When sound engineers go into a space, they measure reverb time — how long it takes for sound energy to dissipate, Blake said. Restaurants with hard surfaces like the previously mentioned concrete and brick may seem to have normal volume until patrons start coming in and add to the sound energy. With nowhere to go, sound bounces off hard surfaces, subtly causing people to



Daisies restaurant in Logan Square has installed some sound absorption products and scheduled an appointment with an acoustics expert to reduce the restaurant's noise.

raise their voices, creating a din.

This is often observed when a restaurant has been constructed without sound absorption techniques and products. Applying sound abatement strategies after a restaurant is already finished is much more difficult and expensive than taking it into consideration from the start, Paoli said. Simply put, it tends to cost less to incorporate acoustics into the design than it does to retrofit them in a space that's already operating.

"It all comes down to aesthetics," Paoli said. "We consult the architectural community, and they know who we are. But a lot of times, it comes down to budget and (whether restaurant owners) want to spend the money on our service or try to do it themselves?"

Tilden agreed, saying that in a perfect world, sound would be a higher priority, but in reality, most opening restaurants are "under the gun" to hit a certain budget. Acoustic design can get pushed to

the side.

"In order to get it done right, it costs a lot of money," Tilden said. "It's not like we're in an extremely lucrative profession as is, so I think every dollar counts before you open. If I had to make assumptions on why it's not done more often, that's probably it."

After consulting with an audio engineer and finding a solution that would also mesh with the design of the restaurant, the Pacific Standard Time team settled on a product that could be sprayed on and matched with the stucco walls. And because the ceilings are high, the material is barely noticeable once the sun begins to set.

However, this may only be a short-term solution, Blake said. Spray-on material tends to degrade fairly quickly, Blake said, and after about 30 years, it can even disintegrate.

"You don't want that over your food," Blake said. "It's good and effective stuff, but like everything, it has its pros and cons."

For Gregory Scott, who

has hearing loss and lives in New York, it became near impossible to go on dates at a restaurant simply because he couldn't hear the person he was with. He had to check online reviews and ask friends about the quiet spots around town.

He began compiling a list of places that he would share with other people who had the same concerns. Before long, he created Soundprint, an app billed as "like Yelp, but for sound." Using an iPhone (Android options are being explored), people can measure sound in a restaurant, bar or cafe with a decibel meter, and the crowd-sourced measurements are shown on a map. Users can look at the app and immediately see where quiet and loud businesses are located by the crowd-sourced score, allowing them to decide whether it's an establishment they'd like to visit.

"(The app is raising) noise pollution awareness," Scott said. "(Noise pollution is) an epidemic, and we're making ourselves deaf."

Places are getting louder and louder, and people think it's normal. We want to raise awareness on what is a safe environment to have conversation in."

Soundprint is now in such major metropolitan areas as Chicago, New York, Las Vegas, Nashville, New Orleans and D.C. Scott has worked with restaurants in some of these areas to find solutions to their noise problems.

Loud venues are also dangerous for employees who work for long periods of time, Scott said, and he hopes restaurants won't see the app as an attack, but rather a quantifiable way to assess their noise levels.

Daisies' owner Joe Fillman said capital is hard to come by when you're starting out and not part of a restaurant group. To address the volume of the neighborhood restaurant in Logan Square, he bought noise-reducing foam from Amazon. Within three days, it turned yellow. He scheduled an appointment with a professional and plans to have additional sound abatement products installed before cold weather sets in.

In the meantime, Daisies doesn't take reservations for parties of more than seven and has had some other absorption products installed until the restaurant can be fully outfitted with sound abatement products.

"It's becoming something a lot more people are paying attention to," Fillman said. "If something is getting in the way of people having a great time there, there are so many restaurants. They can choose to go somewhere else. Unfortunately, something like noise might be enough for someone to not come back."

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Pork chops with fall flavors

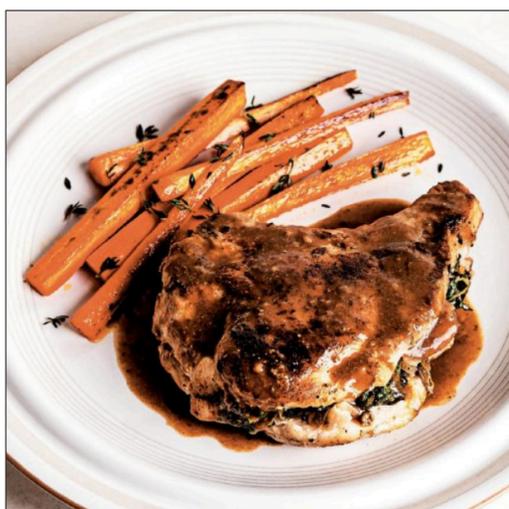
By ELLIE KRIEGER
The Washington Post

Here, big, juicy pork chops are stuffed and sauced with a flurry of fall flavors — and it's all cooked in a single pan. They are filled with a savory-sweet mixture of sauteed apple, onion and kale, done just enough so the apple becomes tender, the onion mellows and the kale wilts a bit.

To stuff the chops, you simply cut a slit in each piece of meat to create a pocket, then pack in the mixture.

You can use toothpicks to help keep them sealed, but I don't bother; I never mind a few bits of filling tumbling out during cooking, like an overflowing cornucopia. The meat is cooked in the same pan as the filling, until it is browned and just cooked through.

The sauce is made in the same pan by simmering a fruity riesling wine and



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flour-thickened broth, then spiking that with tangy Dijon mustard and a sprinkle of paprika. Viewed together — the amber-colored sauce, the golden-brown chops, the bursts of red apple and green kale

from the stuffing — the colors on the plate celebrate the season and its wonderful flavors.

Ellie Krieger is a registered dietitian, nutritionist and cookbook author.

Apple and kale stuffed pork chops

Makes: 4 servings

- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 small red apple (unpeeled), cored, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 large clove garlic, minced
- 3 cups lightly packed fresh baby kale leaves, stemmed, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 4 center-cut, bone-in pork loin chops (3/4 inch thick and about 8 ounces each)
- 2 teaspoons flour
- 1 teaspoon sweet paprika
- 3/4 cup riesling
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 cup low-sodium chicken broth

1 Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the onion; cook, stirring occasionally, until softened, about 3 minutes. Add the apple; cook, stirring, until tender, 4 minutes.

2 Add the garlic and kale; cook, stirring, until the kale is just wilted, 1 minute. Season with 1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper; transfer to a bowl to cool.

3 Cut each pork chop horizontally to the bone, making a pocket for the stuffing. Stuff the apple-kale mixture into the pockets. Season chops with remaining 1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper.

4 Heat 1 tablespoon oil over medium-high heat in the same skillet. Put two pork chops in the pan, reduce the heat to medium and cook until nicely browned, 2 to 3 minutes per side. Cover; cook until just cooked through, 2 to 3 minutes. Transfer to a plate; tent with aluminum foil to keep warm. Repeat with more oil and the remaining pork chops.

5 Wipe out the skillet with a paper towel. Heat the remaining 1 tablespoon oil over medium heat. Stir in the flour; cook, stirring constantly to form a roux that is a shade darker, about 1 minute. Stir in the paprika, then add the wine, stirring until the mixture comes to a boil. Reduce wine by about half, then whisk in the mustard and the broth. Return to a boil; cook, stirring occasionally, until the sauce is reduced and thickened, 5 minutes. Serve the pork chops with the sauce poured over them.

Nutrition information per serving: 370 calories, 19 g fat, 4 g saturated fat, 80 mg cholesterol, 15 g carbohydrates, 5 g sugar, 28 g protein, 470 mg sodium, 2 g fiber



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Co-owners Derrick Robles, left, and John Latino at the Bongo Room's Andersonville location.

Bongo Room: 'Doing our own thing' for 25 years

BY MOLLY EACH
Chicago Tribune

When Rolling Stone did a profile on alternative rock star Liz Phair in 1994, the interview was conducted at the original Bongo Room in Wicker Park. Phair was a regular, and after the article cited the restaurant — she ordered blueberry pancakes — business took off.

"I never saw her after that, but if I ever did, I would get on my knees and thank her," said co-owner Derrick Robles said. "She really got the ball rolling."

Robles and co-owner John Latino in July celebrated Bongo Room's 25 years of business, a milestone in any industry, but especially in the notoriously cutthroat restaurant world.

In that time, they have always done things their own way. They've never had investors. There's no advertising budget. They've never hired a publicist or offered daily specials. They last tweeted in 2012, last Instagrammed in 2015, and you definitely won't find them hosting influencer gatherings.

"We were fine just doing our own thing," Robles says. "We've never sought the limelight, never wanted anything written about (the restaurant). We just kept our noses to the grindstone and did what needed to be done." (Full disclosure: This writer waited tables at the Bongo Room for five years in the mid-aughts.)

In 1993, Latino, then a culinary student and part-time cook at the Pump Room, was offered the chance to take over a deli-slash-coffee shop in Wicker Park if he would assume the lease and the loan. It was an offer the aspiring chef couldn't refuse. He asked Robles, his then-romantic partner and a server at the Pump Room, to go in on the project. Latino's brother gave them \$800 for rent, his parents spotted them \$300 for supplies, and together they opened a small, 20-seat spot on Damen Avenue, in half of the space now occupied by Stan's Donuts.

Latino, then 28, worked the kitchen (along with a holdover employee from the deli, who baked). Robles, 26, ran front of house. They dubbed it the Bongo Room on the suggestion of two friends and Pump Room regulars, who were inspired by a 1959 movie called "Expresso Bongo."

"We didn't know what we were doing," Robles says. "The first year and a half was a complete learning experience for us. John hadn't fine-tuned his culinary skills yet, so we kept it as it was, which was a coffee shop deli. And it didn't work."

The restaurant on the verge of going under, Latino came up with a new breakfast menu. "I remem-



The Bongo Room opened in a 20-seat space in Wicker Park in 1993. There now are three locations featuring breakfast and lunch.

"If you listen to what people want and give them what they want, it's a win-win."

— Derrick Robles, co-owner

ber thinking we have to do something for more income, instead of just selling what we're selling," Latino says. "Mario (the former deli employee) made this cinnamon raisin bread, and I was like, 'Let's make French toast.' That's kind of how it started. Our menu was eight items, a couple pancakes, eggs, French toast and a bagel special."

Within six months of the new menu, they were over capacity, especially on weekends.

Friends and family helped with the bustling restaurant. An old friend became their first server, Latino's mom worked the register, and Robles' mom washed dishes and baked loaves of banana bread for French toast. It was here that they received one of their first valuable pieces of owner advice: "Listen to what your customers are asking for," said Robles.

"Some restaurants spend so much time and energy and money creating a vision of what they think their restaurant is supposed to be, and they are so hell-bent on making it work that way that they don't listen to what people are actually asking for. If you listen to what people want and give them what they want, it's a win-win."

This philosophy provided a vision, and Latino continued to hone his creative twists on breakfast food based on customer enthusiasm for non-diner breakfast and lunch food. Though the city is now populated with elevated breakfast-and-lunch-only spots now, the Bongo Room was one of the first. "Because I didn't have any formal training aside from school — I worked at the Pump Room for two months, but I was basically schlepping out happy hour stuff — my way of learning was to take something I knew in my head and see if I could make it breakfast-oriented," Latino says.

In 1997, they moved the restaurant to a larger space at 1470 N. Milwaukee, where it's been ever since, growing from 20 seats to 80 seats literally overnight; they ran out of eggs and milk the first weekend. In 2003, after 10 years, the duo were finally in a position to open a second location in the South Loop. "I was ready to do something more, because we had been consistently busy for a long time," Robles says. "But it's true what they say: It takes seven years before you see a light at the end of the tunnel."

Reflecting on those early years, even after the move to Milwaukee Avenue, Latino and Robles remember struggling to pay bills, shopping at secondhand stores and sharing an apartment post-breakup (they split just over a year after opening) to save money on rent. But even as they've navigated tight times, growth, a breakup, the rocky road to best friendship, and everything since, their business partnership has never wavered.

"Money never came between us," Latino says, "even when we were fighting." "No matter what we were going through, when times were bitter or times were bad, we have always trusted each other," adds Robles. "Which is why, after 25 years, we have never fought about money. Never. Which is a huge, huge thing. And it's only gotten stronger."

Now with three locations — they opened a third restaurant in Andersonville in 2012 — the Bongo Room is fully thriving. Drive past any of their locations on a Saturday morning, and you'll see a line of tourists and locals alike, eager to dig into piles of chocolate French toast stuffed with mascarpone cheese, lobster Benedicts, breakfast burritos and fluffy pancakes topped with rich sauces.

Weekdays or weekends,

you'll also spot Robles and Latino, whether they're sitting at the bar doing paperwork or working the host stand on weekend mornings. "One of us is always at the restaurants," Latino says. Though he's out of the kitchen on a day-to-day basis, he still develops all of the dishes. "I think a lot of people's dream is to own a restaurant, not operate it. It looks great from the outside, but the day-to-day operation, it's tough," Robles adds.

Their perch at the podium also allows them to connect with customers and take in feedback, both directly and indirectly. "We get to hear the good stuff along with the bad stuff," Robles says. "I don't go to tables as much as I used to, so that's my way of staying connected, being at the host stand on weekends. Because you hear the truth."

These days, the two are looking forward, loosely discussing another location (no neighborhood has been pinpointed yet). But even as they add to their restaurant roster, they're sticking to the philosophies honed in that small space under the "L" tracks, and though they debate subjects like putting more energy into social media, both men point to simple concepts to define the Bongo Room experience.

"I think the most important thing we can do is offer a consistent product," Robles says, citing Latino's food as the No. 1 reason they are still in business. "We try really hard to make that happen, and it happens, and it's really hard to do. People go to Bongo Room and know what to expect."

Looking back at the past 25 years, they're struck with gratitude toward customers, employees, family, friends and each other. "I couldn't be more grateful to be on this journey with John," Robles says. "I know I'm part of it, but this was his dream, and I'm lucky that he chose me, and that I was smart enough to say yes." Latino adds, "I feel exactly the same way. I'm so grateful to him."

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How to make better coffee at home

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seemed extravagant for her single morning cup.

Enter her friend Andreas, a barista who noticed her manual coffee maker. He showed her a couple of ways to improve her brew. She learned that coffee, when brewed manually, can be manipulated for best results. Revelation! She married Andreas and was on her way to coffee nirvana.

Easto writes as a home coffee brewer living with a professional. (Andreas is now a technical specialist for an espresso machine company.) Her book offers comprehensive knowledge, some of which the casual home brewer may want to skip, such as “Rwandan flavor notes include raisin and other dried fruits.” Instead, latch onto her practical advice.

The equipment

Start with equipment, since your brewing method affects everything else. The first question is manual devices versus automatic coffee makers. Easto focuses on manual because decent automatic machines are so pricey. “Manual methods allow anyone to make cafe quality coffee at home,” she writes.

(If you do want automatic, check out the Specialty Coffee Association’s list of certified machines.)

Manual devices fall into two categories: immersion and pour-over. Prices don’t include disposable filters. The former includes:

French press: Good for beginners. Versatile, since you can also make cold brew or cafe au lait in it. \$17 to \$70, depending on design and material.

Aeropress Coffee and Espresso Maker: “There isn’t a faster brewing time with such tasty results,” Easto says. Works well with various grind sizes, brewing times and water temperatures. Finer grinds produce less acidic coffee. About \$30.

Abid Clever Coffee Dripper: User-friendly. Uses a paper filter, which produces a cleaner taste. About \$22.

Pour-over manual devices require a steady hand with the hot water. (The amount of time that water is in contact with grounds affects how flavor molecules dissolve.) A slow, controlled pour produces better results. Pour-over devices include:



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE; SHANNON KINSELLA/FOOD STYLING
Making cold-press coffee can be as simple as putting freshly ground coffee beans into a jar and adding cold water, then letting the mixture steep for 12 hours.

Melitta: Good for beginners. Affordable. “The first that allowed me to taste different flavors in coffee,” Easto says. \$4 to \$30.

Bee House Coffee Dripper: Affordable. Compatible with grocery-store filters. Fits most coffee cups, allowing you to pour-

over right into your cup. \$19 to \$33.

Walkure: This Dutch device, which Easto says is “easy on the eyes and easy to use,” is pricier than most pour-overs or drippers. Doesn’t require a paper filter but produces a cleaner brew than other paperless devices. \$89.

Cold brew in a jar

Prep: 5 minutes

Steep: 12 hours

Adapted from “Craft Coffee: A Manual” by Jessica Easto.

- 1 cup fresh whole coffee beans
- 1 quart-size glass jar with lid, plus another larger jar with lid
- Paper or cloth coffee filter, or cheesecloth

1 Grind coffee to a medium-coarse size using a manual or electric burr grinder.

2 Place ground coffee in jar, gently shake to level. Add 20 ounces cold water. If some grounds float, stir until they sink. You want all the grounds submerged. Cover and refrigerate, 12 hours.

3 Gently pour coffee through a filter into a second, larger jar, leaving grounds behind. To the strained coffee in the second jar, add an equal amount of cold water. Taste and add more cold water if necessary. The resulting cold brew will keep, tightly covered, in the refrigerator for two weeks. Serve over ice, if you like.

The method

Choose one device, and learn to use it, so you can focus on other variables such as grind, water and beans. Grinding whole beans just before you brew is best, but ditch the blade-style grinders. That spinning blade results in uneven grind sizes, which means uneven flavor extraction. A burr grinder, electric or manual, is more even and lets you control the size.

If you don’t want to buy a burr grinder, ask your coffee shop to grind a week’s worth of beans for you. This results in a trade-off in freshness, but beans ground to the optimum size for your device beats fresher beans mangled by a blade grinder, Easto says.

Your tap water is likely fine; a simple carbon-filter water pitcher may improve it. Don’t use distilled water or mineral water, which makes coffee acidic or dull. And reverse-osmosis water filter system? Unnecessary, in Easto’s opinion.

Use water that’s just off the boil, not boiling. Boiling water dissolves too many compounds too fast, resulting in bitter coffee.

The most important variable is beans.

“No matter how carefully you make coffee, you can’t create quality,” Easto says. “It must be there to begin with.”

Do

Skip the grocery store. Most have a limited selection of quality beans. Find a roaster in town or online.

Ask questions. Where did the coffee come from? What’s its taste like? Staff should be able to steer

you to a coffee you’ll like.

Buy fresh, buy often. Look for a roast date on the bag. Coffee goes stale quickly. Buy only what you’ll use in a week.

Don’t

Buy in cans. Craft coffee is sold in bags, usually with a valve in front that helps keep it fresh. That one-way valve allows air to go out without letting air in. In bags, you can squeeze air out to reduce oxidation. “You can’t squeeze air out of a can,” Easto says.

Buy flavored coffee. Craft coffee has inherent flavors. It doesn’t have flavor added to it.

Also, beware of words like bold, full-bodied, dark, or French or Italian roasts. Craft coffee producers are unlikely to use those terms.

Once you’ve scored a bag of quality beans, store it as you would a spice, in an airtight container in a cool, dark, dry space. Keeping it in the original bag is fine (squeeze that air out between uses).

Keep the bag away from water and steam. Don’t put it in the fridge, where it can absorb odors. Experts debate whether storing in the freezer helps, but it likely won’t negatively affect your beans.

Buy quality beans, and handle them right, Easto urges, and you’re well on your way to a better cup at home. “Coffee is a fickle beast. It’s swayed by external factors, from the weather to the water to your eager hand.”

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Boiled cider is fall fuel

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incredibly easy to make at home.

You’ll need a large pot, several hours of hands-off time and a gallon of good cider. Pour the cider into the pot, and bring it to a boil over high heat; if impurities rise, skim them off, so your boiled cider will be clear. Once the cider is at a rolling boil, reduce the heat enough to maintain a boil and let the cider cook, uncovered, until it has reduced to about 2 cups. This may take three hours, and you’ll want to check on it from time to time, but you don’t need to stir it or fiddle with it in any way.

When the cider has reduced, strain it into something like a pint canning jar, and let it cool. Cover and refrigerate to use as desired. It will thicken slightly as it chills.

If you continue to boil it past the 2-cup mark, you’ll eventually get boiled cider jelly. But this will need stirring as it reduces more and more, and it’s prudent to transfer it from your large pot to a smaller one after you reach the two-cup stage.

You can use boiled cider in both sweet and savory applications. I like a sheet-pan dinner with pork tenderloin medallions, chopped sweet potato or butternut squash, pearl onions and apples, all tossed in boiled cider and dusted with thyme and rosemary before baking. A deep-dish double-apple pie of apples drizzled with boiled cider and topped with a classic streusel is another good way to use some of your stash. But perhaps my favorite way to use boiled cider is in the cocktail above.

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Boiled cider was drizzled on the apple in this deep-dish double-apple pie, which has a classic streusel topping.

Double-apple streusel-topped pie

Prep: 30 minutes **Bake:** 50 to 60 minutes
Makes: 6 to 8 servings

If you prefer, you can cover this towering apple pie with a pastry crust, but a classic streusel topping is handsome and delicious.

- Pastry for a 9- or 9 1/2-inch deep dish pie pan (store-bought or your favorite recipe)
- 4 large cooking apples, such as Granny Smith, Fuji, Honeycrisp or Jonagold, or a mix of those
- 2 teaspoons each: allspice, cinnamon, brown sugar, cornstarch
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons butter, cut into bits
- 1/4 cup boiled cider
- Streusel:
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup rolled oats
- Pinch of salt
- 4 tablespoons butter

1 Heat oven to 375 degrees. Line a 9- or 9 1/2-inch deep dish pie pan with pastry. Flute the edges. Set aside.

2 Peel and core the apples, then slice them as uniformly as possible into 1/8-inch slices. Place the sliced apples in a large bowl. Combine allspice, cinnamon, brown sugar, cornstarch and salt, and add to the apples, tossing to coat.

3 Place the apples in the lined pie dish. Dot the apples with bits of butter, then drizzle 2 tablespoons boiled cider over all.

4 For the streusel, combine flour, brown sugar, rolled oats and salt in a bowl. Use your fingers or a pastry blender to cut in the butter until coarse crumbs form. Strew the streusel over the apples as evenly as possible. Drizzle with remaining 2 tablespoons boiled cider.

5 Bake the pie until apples are tender and crust is nicely browned, 45 minutes to an hour. Allow pie to cool before slicing.

Nutrition information per serving: 324 calories, 15 g fat, 7 g saturated fat, 23 mg cholesterol, 48 g carbohydrates, 24 g sugar, 3 g protein, 189 mg sodium, 3 g fiber

Pork tenderloin medallions with apple, pearl onions and sweet potato

Prep: 20 minutes **Cook:** 30 minutes **Makes:** 4 servings

I’ve also used boneless pork country-style ribs, pork chops and pork loin in this dish with good results. Substitute butternut squash for the sweet potato for a nice switch-up.

- 1 1/4 pounds pork tenderloin, cut into 1/2-inch-thick medallions
- 2 tart apples, such as Granny Smith, cored, cut into chunks
- 1 bag (14.4 ounces) pearl onions, thawed
- 2 large orange, yellow or white sweet potatoes, peeled, cut into chunks
- 2 tablespoons boiled cider
- 1 tablespoon Dijon-style mustard
- 1 tablespoon dried rosemary
- 2 teaspoons dried thyme
- 2 teaspoons dried sage
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

1 Heat oven to 350 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or aluminum foil.

2 Place the pork, apples, pearl onions and sweet potatoes in a large bowl; toss with the boiled cider and mustard until everything is coated.

3 Transfer the pork to a separate bowl; spread the apples, pearl onions and sweet potatoes on the baking sheet. If you have boiled cider mixture left in the bowl, drizzle it over all.

4 Crumble the rosemary, thyme and sage with your hands into a small bowl and blend. Scatter the dried herbs over the contents of the baking sheet.

5 Season generously with salt and pepper. Bake 15 minutes. Add pork to the pan; toss with other ingredients. Baked until pork is cooked through, about 15 minutes. Serve immediately.

Nutrition information per serving: 417 calories, 9 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 97 mg cholesterol, 50 g carbohydrates, 24 g sugar, 34 g protein, 209 mg sodium, 6 g fiber

Cider mill

Prep: 5 minutes **Makes:** 1 serving

You can make a much sweeter version of this drink by using spiced rum instead of schnapps, and ginger ale instead of the ginger beer.

- 2 ounces apple schnapps, such as Schonauer Apple Schnapps
- Alcoholic ginger beer, such as Crabbies Original Alcoholic Ginger Beer
- 2 tablespoons boiled cider
- Small tart apple, for garnish
- 1 clove, for garnish

Fill a tall glass, such as a Tom Collins glass, with ice. Add the schnapps, then fill the glass almost completely with ginger beer. Add the boiled cider and stir. Cut 3 thin slices of apple, layer them and then fan them slightly; pin them together by pushing a clove through them. Set the apple fan atop the ice cubes in the drink and serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 264 calories, 0 g fat, 0 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 46 g carbohydrates, 28 g sugar, 0 g protein, 25 mg sodium, 0 g fiber



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REVIEW: Ina Mae Tavern & Packaged Goods ★★

A taste of New Orleans in Wicker Park

By NICK KINDELSPERGER
Chicago Tribune

Before this summer, Brian Jupiter was the guy to know if you wanted a wild boar feast. As the executive chef at Frontier (1072 N. Milwaukee Ave.), he set the restaurant apart by adding a whole animal section to the menu, where he'd cook entire beasts — pigs, goats, alligators — for you and, one would assume, a lot of other people.

For his next project with the Pioneer Tavern Group, he's come up with something a bit more personal: a restaurant that harks back to his childhood. Luckily for us, he was born and raised in New Orleans, one of the most exciting places to eat on earth.

But first Jupiter had to contend with the reality that most Cajun and Creole restaurants in Chicago don't last long. "So many Cajun places have come and gone," acknowledges Jupiter over the phone. He hopes he'll succeed by exposing a different part of the city. "Most celebrate the Mardi Gras aspect and the sugary hurricanes. Nobody went after the culture of New Orleans." Jupiter pauses for a few seconds, before continuing: "Listen, New Orleans is a different place."

It really is. If you haven't been to the Crescent City, it can be hard to fathom how easy it is to stumble into great food. Sure, the city has its traditional fine-dining spots (Commander's Palace, Arnaud's Restaurant) and well-trodden tourists spots (Cafe du Monde, Central Grocery). But you can also walk into what looks like a forgotten Irish pub 2½ miles away from the French Quarter and score a life-altering seafood po'boy for about \$10 (Parasol's, by the way). It's the range that sets New Orleans apart.

Ina Mae Tavern & Packaged Goods keeps its ambition focused mostly on this casual end. As its name suggests, this is a tavern, and it's a very good place to drink. Cocktails go for \$10, a near miracle in the Wicker Park neighborhood, and the drinks aren't just watered-down slosh. Most of the offerings are plays on classic cocktails, which fortunately don't take too many liberties. "We wanted drinks with not a lot of ingredients," says Jupiter, "but with a very clean taste." That's true of the dark and moody La Louisianne, which tastes like absinthe-rinsed Sazerac with aromatic Benedictine stirred in. Much lighter is the Rex Organization, a refreshing take on a Pimm's Cup, which seems tailor-made to sip on the restaurant's large sidewalk patio. (Get to it while you still can.)

Drinking, it turns out, is the easy part. Unless you're with a large group, it can be hard to figure out what section of the food menu to fully commit yourself to.



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Most of the cocktail offerings at Ina Mae Tavern & Packaged Goods, a new restaurant in Chicago's Wicker Park, are plays on classic cocktails.



Jupiter



The sturdy bread of Ina Mae Tavern's Peacemaker po'boy holds juicy fried shrimp and roast beef.

On the left side, you'll find appetizers, soups and salads, none of which are exactly small. Fans of Frontier will recognize the char-grilled oysters (\$18), six oversize bivalves bathed in a salty cayenne-spiked Creole butter. They aren't exactly light, and \$18 isn't cheap, but it's hard to deny the appeal of juicy oysters swimming in molten butter. The thick New Orleans gumbo ya ya (\$9) is complex and comforting, but it also comes to the table in a hefty mug so large it makes a thud when it hits the table.

Things get more interesting in the middle of the menu, which is dedicated mostly to boiled or fried seafood. The boiled offerings come with tender potatoes and corn, and they might make you feel slightly virtuous, but you'll be passing up the chance to see what this kitchen can do with a fryer. The crunchy fried Gulf shrimp (\$14) stay remarkably plump, while bite-size fried crawfish (\$14) are clean and juicy. Can't decide? Go with a po' boy seafood tower, which at \$36 is a steal,

especially compared with the \$150 fresh seafood towers businesspeople with expense accounts order downtown.

The restaurant's frying prowess continues with Mae's signature fried chicken (\$12), a three-piece platter of darkly fried chicken drizzled with honey and served with a biscuit. The skin is crackly, the meat juicy and the touch of honey adds a pleasing hint of sweetness to each bite. I wish the skin didn't slip off the meat so easily, but that's all forgiven if you order the dish during happy hour. Before 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, the fried chicken is half off — only \$6. Add to the deal a selection of half-priced cocktails, and Ina Mae's might just have the best happy hour in the city.

But it's the po'boys on the right side of the menu where Jupiter's passion for his hometown is easiest to feel. There are a number of places around Chicago claiming to serve po'boys, but none comes close to New Orleans' finest. I asked Jupiter why it was so hard to replicate the sandwiches here.



The crunchy fried Gulf shrimp at Ina Mae Tavern & Packaged Goods stay remarkably plump.

(\$12), which is New Orleans' slightly less messy answer to our Italian beef. The sturdy bread manages to easily hold up to the shards of tender beef, even though the meat is soaked in a rich, salty gravy and topped with cooling lettuce, tomato, mayonnaise and pickles. The bread can even take the strain of The Peacemaker (\$14), which adds juicy fried shrimp to the roast beef. Think of it as a handheld surf and turf.

While Ina Mae's nails the traditional po'boy fillings (organized under the "Nola" heading in the po'boy section), I was genuinely surprised how much I enjoyed the creative fillings (which you'll find under "Mae's"). That includes the crispy Nashville hot chicken po'boy (\$14), a seemingly sacrilegious marriage of cuisines, which Jupiter admits is the restaurant's most ordered item. The fried chicken finds its true calling here, adding an audible crunch to each bite, along with a ringy heat. A cooling cabbage slaw helps temper the spice level somewhat.

With a messy sandwich in hand and a stiff cocktail at arm's-length, it feels slightly strange that the restaurant also takes reservations. Not that the food doesn't warrant your time or money, but the practice suggests that Ina Mae's offers an experience it clearly doesn't want to do. And if you come in with misplaced expectations, it can lead to nitpicking — like the fried chicken skin that falls off — ignoring what makes the place such an irresistible draw for Wicker Park: a bit of the generous New Orleans spirit right in our backyard.

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Tribune rating: Two stars

Open: Dinner Monday to Saturday, brunch and dinner Saturday and Sunday.

Prices: Small plates \$9-\$18; shared entrees \$10-\$36

Noise: Conversation-friendly
Four stars, outstanding; three stars, excellent; two stars, very good; one star, good; no stars, unsatisfactory. Meals are paid for by the Tribune.

"It's all about the bread," he says. "That was the biggest challenge. Po'boy bread is not a baguette. It has a crunch on the outside, but breaks when you bite it, so everything doesn't spill out."

Indeed, the bread at Ina Mae's gets the closest in Chicago to nailing that balance of the delicately crispy crust with a forgiving interior. You can see that most clearly with the roast beef po'boy

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OFFICIAL CHAMPAGNE PROVIDER OF THE CHICAGO CUBS.

Binny's BEVERAGE DEPOT

COMING SOON TO: EVANSTON & JOLIET

Prices valid with Binny's Card

Jack Daniel's 1.75L	Hennessy VS Cognac	Grey Goose Vodka	Tanqueray Gin 1.75L	Crown Royal	Johnnie Walker Red Label 1.75L
\$35⁹⁹	\$29⁹⁹	\$19⁹⁹	\$28⁹⁹	\$19⁹⁹	\$27⁹⁹

Crown Russe Vodka 1.75L \$8.99	Jim Beam Bourbon 1.75L..... \$19.99
Svedka Vodka or Flavors 1.75L..... \$15.99	Woodford Reserve Bourbon..... \$29.99
Evan Williams Bourbon 1.75L \$17.99	Avion Silver Tequila \$31.99
Fireball Cinnamon Whisky 1.75L..... \$18.99	Johnnie Walker Black Label 1.75L \$49.99

CAN YOU DO YOUR JOB BLINDFOLDED?

Binny's Wine Director Barbara Hermann is a 7 time winner of Chicago's premier blind wine tasting competition. For the last 30 years she's also been proving no one can pull the wool over her eyes. She has a nose for great wine — and a nose for great deals. Here are her best buys:



- | | |
|---|---|
| #1 Castle Rock Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley \$6.99
Full bodied, Washington State cab. A steal at 6.99. | #6 Domaine Saint Damien Cotes du Rhone \$13.99
Spicy, robust red. Drinks like a \$30 Gigondas. |
| #2 Alexander Valley Vineyards Rosé of Sangiovese. \$11.99
Crisp and spicy. A great fall weather rosé. | #7 Bogle Phantom \$14.99
Rich and robust, an oak aged blend of mostly petite sirah and zin. |
| #3 Boundary Breaks Riesling Ovid Line..... \$12.99
Off-dry German style from NY's Finger Lakes. | #8 Olema Pinot Noir \$17.99
Silky and supple with pure red fruits. |
| #4 Cline Chardonnay Sonoma Coast..... \$12.99
Famous zin winery scores with this buttery, smoky chard. | #9 Chateau La Vieille Cure Fronsac..... \$21.99
A Bordeaux overachiever. Can drink or hold. |
| #5 Chateau Ragotiere Muscadet..... \$13.99
Bone dry, salty and chalky. Think oysters! | #10 Ridge Geyserville \$39.99
An iconic Californian field blend dominated by zin. |

OCTOBER WINE SALE

Save up to 30% on over 1,500 wines from 15 different countries

BEER SPECIALS



Miller Lite or Coors Light 24/12oz btl's or cans

\$13⁹⁹



Old Style 24/12oz cans

\$10⁹⁹



Miller High Life 30/12oz cans

\$11⁹⁹

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WALT'S

FOOD CENTERS

SALE DATES:
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 3rd THRU
TUESDAY, OCT. 9th, 2018

STORE HOURS:
Mon.-Sat. 7 am to 9 pm
Sun. 7 am to 7 pm



View Our Ad & Current Values
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Affy Tapple
Caramel Apples
• Plain • Peanut



10/\$10

Sweet Red
Raspberries

2/\$3



From Our Deli Hut

Walt's Signature Premium
Brown Sugar Honey
Ham **\$4.98**
Lb. \$2.49 1/2 Lb.

Walt's Signature Premium
Oven Roasted
Turkey Breast **\$6.98**
Lb. \$3.49 1/2 Lb.

Walt's Signature Premium
Italian Beef **\$9.98**
Lb. \$4.99 1/2 Lb.

Washington
Extra Fancy Premium
Apple Sale!

• Red Delicious
• Golden Delicious
• Fuji • Granny Smith • Gala

99¢
Lb.



Grape Tomatoes
Pkg.

99¢



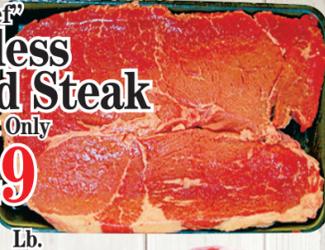
Walt's Premium USDA Choice
"Natural Beef"

Boneless Round Steak

Sold As Steak Only
\$3.49
Lb.

Boneless New York Strip Steak

Any Size Package
\$7.99
Lb.



Dutch Farms Grade "A"
Large Eggs

Dozen **79¢**
Limit 2, Add'l. 99¢



Xtra-Large Dozen **99¢**

Jumbo Dozen **\$1.19**

Walt's "All Natural" Fresh Chicken

Split Chicken Breasts

\$1.59
Lb.

Indiana Kitchen
"All Natural" Pork

Assorted Pork Chops
Value Pack

\$1.69
Lb.



From Our Country Bakery

Walt's Own Fresh Baked
Vienna Bread

1 Lb. Loaf **\$1.49**

Hoagie Buns
6 Pk. Regular or 12 Pk. Mini

Walt's Own Signature
Chocolate Chip
Cookies **\$3.49**
10 Pk. Pre-Packaged

Walt's Own Signature
Fruit Filled Danish
Coffee Cake **\$4.99**



Grown In Idaho
Potatoes
28 Oz.

2/\$5

Weight Watchers
Smart Ones

Entrees
Selected Varieties
4.4 - 10.5 Oz.

6/\$10



Jays
Potato Chips
10 Oz.

2/\$4

Hinckley Springs
Water
24 Pk. 5 Ltr. Btl.

4/\$10



Pillsbury
Rolls
• Crescent • Cinnamon
Selected Varieties
8 - 13.9 Oz.

2/\$4

Dutch Farms or
Best Choice
Butter
• Regular • No Salt
1 Lb. Qtrs.

2/\$6



Save \$8 When You Buy Any 8 of these Fine Products
Limit 2 Mix or Match Offers Per Customer Per Visit.

Kraft Cheese **\$1.39**
• Shredded • Chunks
Selected Varieties 5 - 8 Oz.

Kraft Philadelphia Cream Cheese **\$1.69**
• Original • 1/3 Less Fat
8 Oz. Box

Puffs Facial Tissue **69¢**
88 - 180 Ct.

Tide Liquid Laundry Detergent **\$4.99**
46 - 50 Oz.

Nabisco Chips Ahoy Cookies **\$1.49**
9.6 - 13 Oz.

Oscar Mayer Funpack Lunchables **\$1.49**
Assorted Varieties
8 - 10.7 Oz.

Jell-O Pudding • Gelatin **99¢**
4 Pk.

Oscar Mayer Sliced Bacon **\$2.99**
Selected Varieties
12 - 16 Oz.

Look Inside on Pages 4 & 5 Over 50 Items to Choose From

Pictsweet Polybag
Vegetables
• Southern Classics • Farm Favorites
Selected Varieties
10 - 14 Oz.
Sale Price **4/\$5**
Digital Reward Coupon **-\$1.00**
When You Buy 4
Final Price 4/\$4
Must Use Walt's App to Redeem



Hostess
• Twinkies • Cupcakes
• Ding Dongs • Ho Hos
6 - 10 Ct.
Sale Price **2/\$5**
Digital Reward Coupon **-\$1.00**
When You Buy 2
Final Price 2/\$4
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FOOD CENTERS
Savings With Service

W Digital Rewards
DEAL of the Week



Available on the Walt's mobile app or at www.waltsfoods.com
Affy Tapple
Homemade Fresh
Caramel Corn
Pkg.
99¢
Limit 1

PRODUCE

Affy Tapple
Caramel
Apples
•Plain •Peanut

10/\$10



"Hass" Extra Large
Avocados
99¢ Ea.

California Fresh
Celery
Large Stalk
99¢



Ocean Spray Fresh
Cranberries
12 Oz. Bag
\$1.99

Washington
Extra Fancy Premium
Honeycrisp
Apples

\$1.99 Lb.



Washington
Fancy Sweet
Bartlett
Pears
99¢ Lb.



Washington
Sweet
Red
Pears
99¢ Lb.



Homegrown Fresh
Green Beans
\$1.39 Lb.

Fresh Express
Salad Blends

- Leafy Romaine
- Sweet Butter
- Fancy Greens
- Sweet Hearts
- Farmer's Garden
- Hearts of Romaine
- Veggie Lover's
- American •Italian

2/\$5



Sweet Red
Raspberries

6 Oz.
Pkgs.

2/\$3

Seneca
Apple
Chips

Bag
\$1.99



Assorted
Flavors



Washington Extra Fancy Premium
Apple Sale!

•Red Delicious •Golden Delicious
•Fuji •Granny Smith •Gala

99¢ Lb.

Grape
Tomatoes

Pkg.
99¢



Wonderful
Pistachios
14 Oz. Bag
\$5.99



Salt &
Pepper

California
Sno-White
Cauliflower
\$1.99 Ea.



Wonderful
Pistachios
•Raw
•Roasted & Salted
•Lightly Salted
16 Oz. Bag
\$5.99



Jack-O-Lantern
Extra Large
Carving
Pumpkins

\$3.99 Ea.



Homegrown
Extra Large
Green Bell
Peppers
\$1.39 Lb.



Extra Large
Sweet
Red Bell
Peppers
\$1.39 Lb.



Flavorful Premium
Tomatoes
\$1.39 Lb.

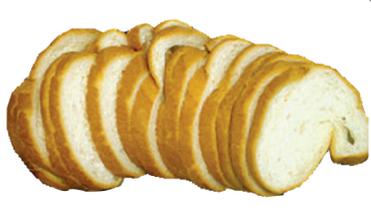


On the
Vine!

COUNTRY BAKERY

Walt's Own
Fresh Baked
Vienna
Bread

1 Lb. Loaf
\$1.49



Walt's Own
Blueberry
Cream Cake

1/2 Ring
\$4.99



Walt's Own
Fresh Baked
Hoagie Buns

•6 Pk. Regular
•12 Pk. Mini
\$1.49



Walt's Own Glazed
Blueberry
Donut Holes

18 Pk. Pre-Packaged
\$2.49



Best
Donuts
in
Town

Made
Fresh
in
our
Store

Walt's Own
Homestyle
Cherry Pie

8 Inch
\$5.99



Walt's Own
Blueberry Muffins

4 Pk. Pre-Packaged
\$3.99



Walt's Own
Pineapple
Upside Down Cake

6 Inch
\$3.99



Walt's Own Signature
Fruit Filled
Danish
Coffee Cake

\$4.99



Walt's Own Signature
Chocolate Chip
Cookies

10 Pk. Pre-Packaged
\$3.49



Walt's Own
Buttercream Iced
Banana
Half Cake

8 Inch
\$6.99



BUTCHER SHOP

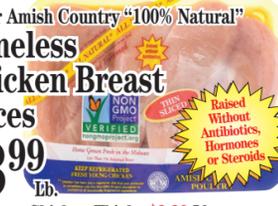
Jennie-O Grade "A"
Frozen Turkey Breast
\$139 Lb.



Walt's "All Natural" Fresh Chicken
Split Chicken Breasts
\$159 Lb. **No Added Hormones**



Miller Amish Country "100% Natural"
Boneless Chicken Breast Slices
\$399 Lb. **Raised Without Antibiotics, Hormones or Steroids**
 Boneless Chicken Thighs **\$3.29** Lb.



Walt's Premium USDA Choice "Natural Beef"
Boneless Round Steak
 Sold As Steak Only
\$349 Lb.
 Fresh Ground Chuck Value Pack **\$2.99** Lb.



Kingsford Fully Cooked
Baby Back Pork Ribs with Sauce
 16 Oz.
\$599



Honeysuckle Fresh
Turkey Sausage
 •Italian •Bratwurst
 1.25 Lb.
\$399
 99% Lean Ground Turkey 16 Oz. **\$3.99**



Smithfield
Spiral Sliced Half Ham
\$249 Lb.



Walt's Premium USDA Choice "Natural Beef"
Strip Loin
 Sold Whole in the Bag
\$599 Lb.

Walt's Premium "Natural Beef" "Value Priced"
Tenderloin
 Sold Whole in the Bag
\$699 Lb.



Farmland
Sliced Bacon
 Selected Varieties
 12 - 16 Oz.
\$299



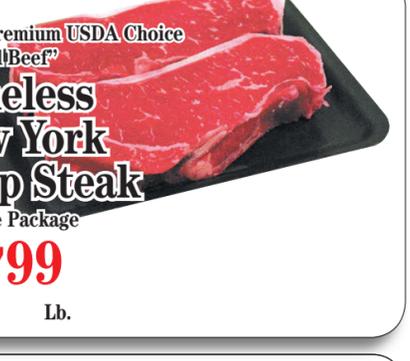
Johnsonville Breakfast
Pork Sausage
 •Links •Patties
 Assorted Varieties
 12 Oz.
2/\$5



Cook's Center Cut
Ham Steak
\$249 Lb.



Walt's Premium USDA Choice "Natural Beef"
Boneless New York Strip Steak
 Any Size Package
\$799 Lb.



Oscar Mayer
Bologna
Cotto Salami
 (Excludes Beef, Turkey)
 Selected Varieties
 16 Oz.
99¢



Oscar Mayer
Economy Lunchmeat
 Selected Varieties
 14 - 16 Oz.
2/\$4



Carl Buddig
Lunchmeat Tubs
 Assorted Varieties
 7 - 9 Oz.
2/\$5



Walt's Premium USDA Choice "Natural Beef"
Sirloin Tip Roast
 Sold As Roast Only
\$359 Lb.
 Sirloin Tip Steaks Value Pack **\$3.99** Lb.



Hormel
Fully Cooked Bacon
 2.52 Oz.
\$299
 Hormel Pillow Pack Pepperoni 5 - 6 Oz. **\$2.99**



Bobak's
Smoked Sausage
 Selected Varieties
 14 Oz.
\$399



Carl Buddig
Premium Lunchmeat Deli
 Assorted Varieties
 8 Oz.
\$169



Simply
Mashed Potatoes
 Selected Varieties
 21 - 24 Oz.
2/\$5



Scott Pete
Smoked Polish Sausage
 Selected Varieties
 20 Oz.
\$379
 Beef Smoked Polish Sausage 20 Oz. **\$4.99**



On-Cor
Bagged Breads Chicken
 •Nibblers •Strips •Patties
 26 - 27.5 Oz.
2/\$7



Specialty Shoppe

"Reward Yourself With Quality"

Chairman's Reserve Certified Premium Black Angus Beef
"Don't Settle for Less"

Chairman's Reserve Certified Premium Beef is Graded USDA Choice selecting only the upper two thirds within that grade. We hand trim and cut the thickness to your specifications. When serving Chairman's Reserve Premium Beef, you can always count on beef that is tender, juicy and flavorful.

Chairman's Reserve Premium Black Angus Beef
Boneless Strip Steak **\$999** Lb.

Chairman's Reserve Premium Black Angus Beef
Porterhouse Steak **\$999** Lb.

Chairman's Reserve Premium Black Angus Beef
Boneless Sirloin Steak **\$699** Lb.



Seafood Specials

CATCH! THE SAVINGS

Sea Best
Salmon Fillets **\$599** 16 Oz.

Sea Best
Cod Fillets **\$599** 16 Oz.

Sea Best
Tilapia Fillets **\$379** 16 Oz.

Sea Best
Ocean Perch Fillets **\$499** 16 Oz.

Ocean Café
Crab Cakes **\$499** 17 Oz.



Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork
Center Cut Pork Chops
 Value Pack
\$269 Lb.



Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork
Assorted Pork Chops
 Value Pack
\$169 Lb.



Check Out Our LOW PRICES DELI-HUT Check Out Our LOW PRICES Everyday

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Walt's Signature Premium
Brown Sugar Honey Baked Ham
\$498 Lb.
 \$2.49 1/2 Lb.

Walt's Signature Premium
Italian Beef
\$998 Lb.
 \$4.99 1/2 Lb.



Garden Fresh
German Potato Salad **\$329** Lb.

Garden Fresh Sour Cream
Cheddar & Macaroni Salad .. **\$359** Lb.

Garden Fresh
Bow Tie Pasta Salad **\$399** Lb.

Garden Fresh
Steakhouse Potato Salad **\$499** Lb.

Walt's Deli Hut
Bread Pudding **\$549** Lb.



BUY OF THE WEEK!

Hormel
Spiced Ham
\$578 Lb.
 \$2.89 1/2 Lb.

Eckrich
Deli Loaves
 Selected Varieties
\$598 Lb.
 \$2.99 1/2 Lb.



BUY OF THE WEEK!

Wisconsin
Cheese
 •Muenster •Brick
\$398 Lb.
 \$1.99 1/2 Lb.

Stella
Cheese
 •Mozzarella •Provolone
\$458 Lb.
 \$2.29 1/2 Lb.



BUY OF THE WEEK!

Jennie-O
Turkey Ham •Pastrami
\$498 Lb.
 \$2.49 1/2 Lb.

Walt's Signature Premium Oven Roasted
Turkey Breast
\$698 Lb.
 \$3.49 1/2 Lb.



Dietz & Watson
Oven Classic Turkey Breast
\$798 Lb.
 \$3.99 1/2 Lb.

Dietz & Watson
Buffalo Chicken Breast
\$698 Lb.
 \$3.49 1/2 Lb.

Gluten Free



King's Command
Meatloaf
 24 Oz.
\$799

Walt's Deli Hut Breaded
Chicken Breast Tenders
\$499 Lb.
 Breaded Chicken Breast Tenders
 2 Lb. Bucket **\$9.95**



Dietz & Watson
All Varieties Beef
\$1098 Lb.
 \$5.49 1/2 Lb.

Dietz & Watson
Cheese
 •Horseradish Cheddar
 •Roasted Garlic Cheddar
\$758 Lb.
 \$3.79 1/2 Lb.

Gluten Free



DAIRY

Pillsbury Rolls
•Crescent •Cinnamon •Sweet
Selected Varieties
8 - 13.9 Oz.
2/\$4

Yoplait Yogurt
•Fruitside
•Greek 100 •Mix-ins
Selected Varieties 4 - 5.3 Oz.
88¢

Dutch Farms or Dean's DairyPure Sour Cream
16 Oz.
2/\$3

Dutch Farms or Dean's Cottage Cheese
16 Oz.
3/\$5

Dutch Farms Butter
•Regular •No Salt
1 Lb. Qtrs.
2/\$6

Oberweis Milk
•Whole •Chocolate
•2% Reduced Fat
•Skim Fat Free
1/2 Gallon
2/\$6

Pillsbury Cookies
16 - 16.5 Oz.
2/\$5

Dutch Farms Cheese Spread
8 Oz.
\$2.39

Dutch Farms Cracker Cheese Cuts
10 Oz.
2/\$6

Kraft Cheese Cubes
Selected Varieties
6.4 Oz.
2/\$5

Dutch Farms Orange Juice
Gallon
\$3.99

Blue Bonnet Margarine
1 Lb. Qtrs.
Sale Price
Digital Reward Coupon
79¢

Blue Bonnet Soft Spread
15 Oz.
\$1.59

Dean's DairyPure Whipping Cream
1/2 Pint
3/\$5

Dutch Farms Cream Cheese
•Original •1/3 Less Fat
•Fat Free
8 Oz. Box
2/\$3

Dutch Farms Ricotta Cheese
15 Oz.
\$2.49

Dutch Farms Premium Dips
11.5 - 12 Oz.
\$2.19

Oberweis Fruit Punch •Lemonade •Tea
1/2 Gallon
2/\$4

Dutch Farms Cheese
•Regular Shredded 8 Oz.
•Thick Cut Shredded 7-8 Oz.
•Recipe Blend/Shredded 7-8 Oz.
•Natural Slices/Selected Varieties 6 - 7.6 Oz.
•Bars Selected Varieties 8 Oz.
•Regular American Singles 12 Oz.
3/\$6 *Your Choice!*

Reddi Wip Whipped Topping
13 Oz. Can
\$3.99

Dannon Yogurt
•Activia 4 Pk.
•Danimals Drinks 6 Pk.
•Regular Yogurt 32 Oz. Tub
\$1.99

Dean's TruMoo Chocolate Milk
•Whole
•1%
1/2 Gallon
2/\$6

Almond Breeze Milk
96 Oz.
\$3.99

FROZEN

Dean's Classic Ice Cream
56 Oz.
2/\$5

Mr. Dell's "All Natural" Hash Browns
24 - 32 Oz.
\$2.99

DeWafelbakkers Pancakes
Pkg.
\$2.49

Kemp's Premium Ice Cream
48 Oz.
3/\$10

Dean's Bars
•Ice Cream
•Crunch •Fudge
•Orange Crunch
12 Pk.
2/\$6

Campione Cole's
•Garlic Toast 11.25 Oz.
•Garlic Bread 16 Oz.
•Five Cheese Garlic Bread 11.75 Oz.
•Garlic Dinner Rolls 8 Oz.
•Garlic Breadsticks 10 Oz.
2/\$5 *Your Choice!*

Grown In Idaho Potatoes
28 Oz.
2/\$5

Pictsweet Polybag Vegetables
•Southern Classics •Farm Favorites
Selected Varieties 10 - 14 Oz.
Sale Price **4/\$5**
Digital Reward Coupon
When You Buy 4
Final Price **4/\$4**
Must use Walt's App to redeem

Van de Kamp's Fish
•Battered Tenders or Fillets 18.1 - 19.4 Oz.
•Beer Battered Fillets 19.1 Oz.
•Breaded Sticks 24.6 Oz.
•Breaded Fillets 21 Oz.
\$4.99

Louisa Pasta
Selected Varieties
16 - 22 Oz.
\$2.99

Weight Watchers Smart Ones Entrees
Selected Varieties
4.4 - 10.5 Oz.
6/\$10 *Your Choice!*

Healthy Choice Steamers Dinners
Selected Varieties
9.5 - 11.5 Oz.
\$2.99

Marie Callender's Dinners •Pot Pies
Selected Varieties
10.5 - 16 Oz.
\$2.99

Swanson Pot Pie
7 Oz.
10/\$10

Marie Callender's Lasagna
31 Oz.
\$4.99

Palermo's Thin Crust Pizza
12 Inch
5/\$10

Banquet Boneless Chicken
•Nuggets •Patties •Tenders
24 Oz.
\$3.99

Banquet Sliders
•Cheeseburgers
•Chicken
10 - 11.64 Oz.
\$3.99

SeaPak
•Jumbo Butterfly Shrimp 9 Oz.
•Crunchy Popcorn Shrimp 18 Oz.
•Clam Strips 12 Oz.
\$5.99

Ore Ida Bagel Bites
7 Oz.
\$2.49

Vito & Nick's Pizza
12 Inch
\$8.99

Doreen's Gluten Free Pizza
13.3 - 14.3 Oz.
\$5.99

Walt's Pizzeria Style Pizza
12 Inch
2/\$9

Jack's Pizza
•Original
•Half & Half of Pizza
12 Inch
4/\$10

BUY ANY 8 OF THESE FINE

Limit 2 Mix or Match Offers Per Customer Per Visit.

Oscar Mayer Sliced Bacon
Selected Varieties
12 - 16 Oz.
\$2.99

Kraft Mayo
22 - 30 Oz.
\$2.49

Kraft Miracle Whip
22 - 30 Oz.
\$2.49

Malt O Meal Cereal
22 - 36 Oz.
\$1.49

Smucker's Preserves
18 Oz.
\$1.49

Kraft Cheese
•Shredded •Chunks •Crumbles
Selected Varieties
5 - 8 Oz.
\$1.39

Coffee
•Maxwell House
22 - 30.6 Oz.
•Gevalia
6 - 12 Ct. K-Cups or
12 Oz. Bag.
\$4.99

Hershey's Pudding
4 Pk.
\$1.49

Kraft Philadelphia Cheesecake Cups
2 Pk.
\$1.49

Kraft Philadelphia Soft Cream Cheese
7.5 - 8 Oz. Tub
\$1.99

Kraft Natural Cheese Slices
Selected Varieties
7 - 8 Oz.
\$1.69

Oscar Mayer Wieners
(Excludes Beef, Cheese)
Selected Varieties
14 - 16 Oz.
\$1.79

Freschetta Pizza
12 Inch
\$3.99

Devour Frozen Entrees
Selected Varieties
7.2 - 12 Oz.
\$2.29

Kraft Frozen Mac & Cheese Entrees
Selected Varieties
8.5 Oz.
\$2.29

Kraft Velveeta Shells & Cheese
•Deluxe Mac & Cheese
9.4 - 14 Oz.
•Velveeta Skillet
11.6 - 15.66 Oz.
\$1.99

Kraft Mac & Cheese •Velveeta Shells & Cheese
4 Pk. Cups
\$2.99

Kraft Velveeta Cheese
2 Lb. Loaf
\$6.49

GROCERY

Campbell's Chunky Soup
15.3 - 19 Oz.
2/\$3

Campbell's Soup
•Chicken Noodle
•Tomato
10.75 Oz.
88¢

Swanson
•Broth
•Stock
32 Oz.
2/\$4

Wishbone or Western Salad Dressing
15 Oz.
2/\$4

Regular, Diet
•Pepsi
•Mtn. Dew
•Crush
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans or
8 Pk. 12 Oz. NR Btls.
3/\$10

McCormick Chili Seasoning Mix
1.25 Oz.
89¢

Bush's Chili Beans
15.5 - 16 Oz.
89¢
\$1 Digital Reward Coupon
When You Buy 4
Must use Walt's App to redeem.

Heinz Ketchup
38 Oz.
\$2.99

Hunt's Spaghetti Sauce
24 Oz.
5/\$5

•7Up
•Dr. Pepper
•A&W •RC
•Canada Dry
6 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls. or
6 Pk. 7.5 Oz. Cans
5/\$10

Betty Crocker Specialty Potatoes
3.7 - 5.1 Oz.
4/\$5

Betty Crocker Hamburger Helpers
4.7 - 7.6 Oz.
10/\$10

Spam Luncheon Meat
12 Oz.
\$2.99

Crisco Oil
•Canola
•Vegetable
48 Oz.
\$2.79
\$1 Digital Reward Coupon
When You Buy 2
Must use Walt's App to redeem.

•Jays Potato Chips
10 Oz.
•Snyder's Pretzels
12 Oz.
2/\$4

La Preferida Refried Beans
16 Oz.
89¢

La Preferida Taco Seasoning Mix
1.25 Oz.
2/\$1

La Preferida Spanish Rice
5.25 Oz.
3/\$4

La Preferida Diced Green Chiles
4 Oz.
69¢

Hostess
•Twinkies •Cup Cakes
•Ding Dongs •Ho Hos
6 - 10 Ct.
Sale Price **2/\$5**
Digital Reward Coupon
When You Buy 2 **-\$1**
Final Price **2/\$4**
Must use Walt's App to redeem.

Purina Alpo Dog Food
•Come & Get It!
•Prime Cuts
16 Lb.
\$8.99

Purina Tidy Cats Scoop Litter
20 Lb.
\$7.99

Suavitel Liquid Fabric Softener
50 Oz.
\$2.99

Palmolive Dishwashing Liquid
20 Oz.
\$1.99

Hinckley Springs Water
24 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls.
4/\$10

•Viva Paper Towels
6 Pk. Big Rolls
•Cottonelle Bath Tissue
6 Pk. Mega Rolls or
12 Pk. Double Rolls
\$5.99 **Your Choice**

PRODUCTS AND SAVE \$8

Limit 2 Mix or Match Offers Per Customer Per Visit.

Mix or Match Items from Pages 4 & 5

Kraft Regular American Cheese Singles
12 Oz.
\$1.79
When You Buy Any 8. Must Buy 8. Single Item Price \$2.79 Ea.

Nabisco Honey Maid Graham Crackers
12 - 14.4 Oz.
\$2.29
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Regular, Diet
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2 Ltr.
4/\$5

Regular, Diet
•Pepsi
•Mtn. Dew
•Crush
2 Ltr.
4/\$5

Regular, Diet
•Coke
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6 Pk. 7.5 Oz. Cans
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