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## Trump leaning toward deal

He's not 'thrilled,' but hints he'll get money for wall elsewhere

BY JILL COLVIN,  
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Under mounting pressure from his own party, President Donald Trump appeared to be grudgingly leaning toward accepting an agreement Tuesday that would head off a threatened

second government shutdown but provide just a fraction of the money he wants for his Mexican border wall.

Trump said he would need more time to study the plan, but he also declared he was not expecting another shutdown this weekend when funding for parts of the government would run out. He strongly signaled he planned to scrounge up

additional dollars for the wall by raiding other federal coffers to deliver on the signature promise of his presidential campaign.

"I can't say I'm happy. I can't say I'm thrilled," Trump said of the proposed deal. "But the wall is getting built, regardless. It doesn't matter because we're doing other things beyond what we're talking about here."

Accepting the deal, worked out by congressional negotiators from both parties, would be a disappointment for a president who has repeatedly

insisted he needs \$5.7 billion for a barrier along the U.S.-Mexico border, saying the project is paramount for national security. Trump turned down a similar deal in December, forcing the 35-day partial shutdown that left hundreds of thousands of federal workers without paychecks.

Lawmakers tentatively agreed Monday night to a deal that would provide nearly \$1.4 billion for border barriers and keep the government funded for the

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"The wall is getting built regardless," said President Trump during a Cabinet meeting Tuesday at the White House.

### SPRING TRAINING



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

## A strange, slow start

Pitchers and catchers kicked off spring training on Tuesday, with the Cubs throwing in Mesa, Ariz., and the White Sox setting up in Glendale, Ariz. Spring was once a time for teams to forget the past and focus on what's ahead. But this is the second straight season where unsigned free agents are bountiful, and many teams could completely change their outlook with one or two signings. **Paul Sullivan, Chicago Sports**

## Drive span reopens, but case not closed

Cracks signal woes in bridges other than Lake Shore

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI AND JOE MAHR  
Chicago Tribune

A northbound Lake Shore Drive bridge reopened Tuesday, just 26 hours after it was closed as a result of cracked steel beams.

City officials say the bridge is again safe for drivers, and the city and state plan inspections in the next few days for similarly designed structures. But the dramatic damage raises questions about the reliability of other area bridges, especially as an increase in extreme weather creates more stress on materials.

A review of Illinois Department of Transportation records found that 400 out of 3,460

bridges in the six-county area are considered "structurally deficient," meaning that they are in need of repair or possibly replacement. That's nearly 12 percent.

Problem bridges include heavily traveled spans like the Lake Shore Drive bridge over the Chicago River, which is just north of the stretch that closed Monday, and the I-80 bridges over the Des Plaines River in Joliet.

"We can't sit around and wait for something to happen," said Mark Barkowski, a senior vice president with the F.H. Paschen construction company, which worked on the Lake Shore Drive bridge repairs. "If anything, the Lake Shore Drive bridge is a wake-up call for Chicagoland and the state of Illinois."

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Students Grace Moriarty, from left, Cece Lampa, Holly Kauck and Michael Moriarty, foreground, work on a project to write obituaries for children lost to gun violence.

## 'NOBODY IS SAFE'

Local teens write obituaries to memorialize children killed by guns since Parkland shooting

BY KATE THAYER  
Chicago Tribune

Some hadn't yet celebrated their first birthday; others were on the cusp of adulthood. Some died by accident; others were killed by someone they knew; still others were killed by a stranger as they stood in the wrong place at the wrong time.

All are children dead from a gun.

Over the past few months, more than 200 teens across the country,

including some in the Chicago area, are naming those children, writing obituaries for every minor who has died from a gunshot in the year since the massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., that left 17 dead and sparked a youth movement on gun control. The memorials are part of a project from the nonprofit The Trace to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the shooting, which is Thursday.

Jimmy Rodgers, 15, of the Garfield Park neighborhood, has written nine obituaries. The kids vary in ages, and all lived out of state, he said. Some were teens like him; some died much younger.

The George Washington College Prep sophomore said that, having lived in West Side neighborhoods his whole life, he already knew the impact of guns. He said he hopes this project spreads

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## ARE LOOKS NO LONGER IMPORTANT FOR FILMS?

To keep it under three hours, the Academy Awards announced plans to live-stream four categories — cinematography, editing, makeup/hairstyling and live action short film — during the commercial breaks. It may do the job. It also may send the message that nobody cares how a movie is actually made. **A+E**

## Jury finds 'El Chapo' guilty on all counts

Drug lord facing a likely life sentence, prosecution says

BY TOM HAYS  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mexico's most notorious drug lord, Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, was convicted Tuesday of running an industrial-scale smuggling operation after a three-month trial packed with Hollywood-style tales of grisly killings, political payoffs, cocaine hidden in jalapeno cans, jewel-encrusted guns and a naked escape with his mistress through a tunnel.



5 ways Chicago played a role in Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman's conviction.  
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Guzman listened to a drumbeat of 10 guilty verdicts on drug and conspiracy charges that could put the 61-year-old drug lord behind bars for decades in a maximum-security U.S. prison selected to thwart another one of the breakouts that made him a folk hero in his native country.

A jury whose members' identities were kept secret as a security measure reached a verdict after deliberating six days in the expansive case. They sorted through what authorities called an "avalanche" of evidence gathered since the late 1980s that Guzman and his murderous Sinaloa drug cartel made billions in profits by smuggling tons of cocaine, heroin, meth and marijuana into the United States.

As the judge read the verdict, Guzman stared at the jury, and his wife watched the scene, both with resignation in their faces. When the jurors were discharged and Guzman stood to leave the courtroom, the couple traded thumbs-ups.

U.S. District Judge Brian Cogan lauded the jury's attention to detail and the "remarkable" approach it took toward deliberations.

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Come meet writer, producer and author Jacob Tobia. From interviewing former U.S. Presidents to working with queer and trans youth, Jacob helps others embrace the full complexity of gender and their own truth, even when that truth is messy. Jacob's soon-to-be-released memoir "Sissy: A Coming-of-Gender Story" follows Jacob's story from the moment a doctor put "male" on the birth certificate though Jacob's work today. With fierce honesty, wildly irreverent humor, and wrenching vulnerability, Sissy takes readers on an odyssey sure to make you never think about gender – both other people's or your own – the same way again. **When: March 12, 2019 from 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. at We-Work, 515 N State Street, 14th Floor, Chicago, IL 60654 To learn more and purchase tickets, go to [jacobtobiaunscripted.eventbrite.com](http://jacobtobiaunscripted.eventbrite.com).**

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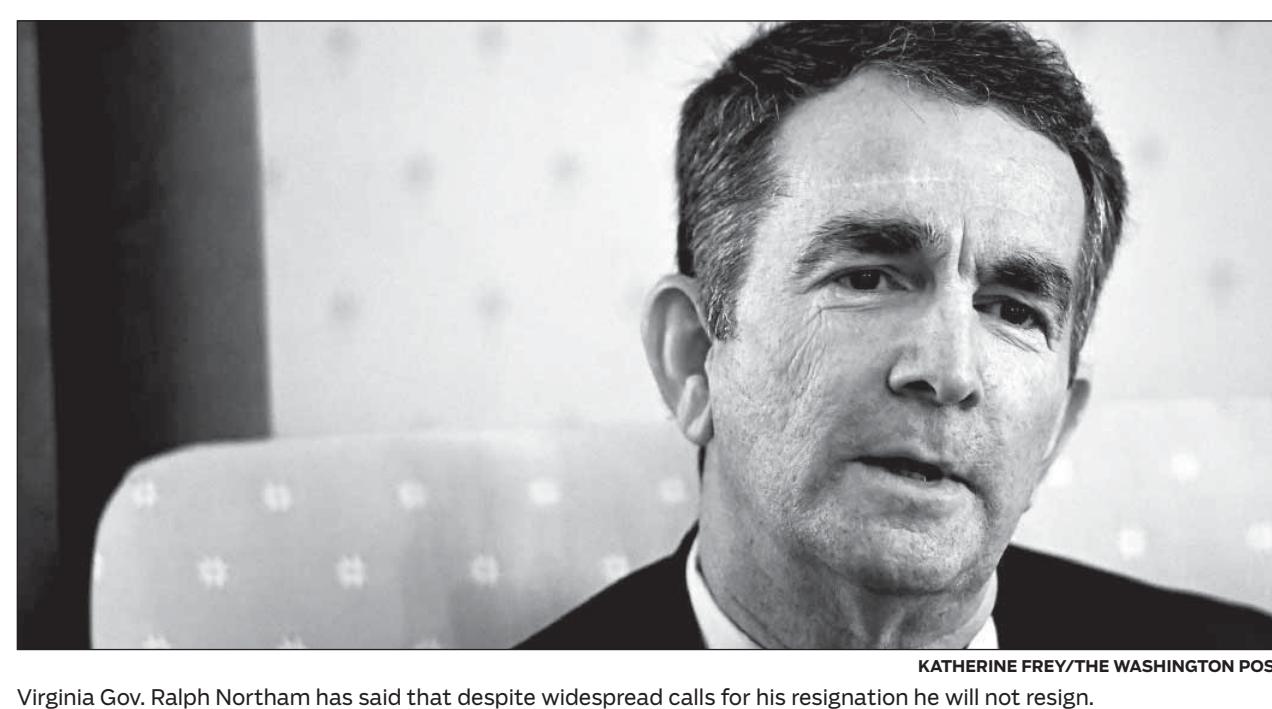
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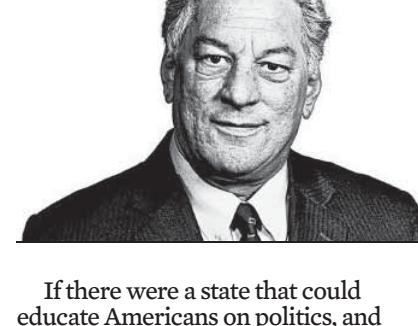
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KATHERINE FREY/THE WASHINGTON POST

Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam has said that despite widespread calls for his resignation he will not resign.



## JOHN KASS

# A teaching moment from Virginia's Democrats

If there were a state that could educate Americans on politics, and what happens when virtue smacks up against raw political power, you'd have to say it's Virginia.

Illinois is broken. People flee Illinois for the same reason they flee New York: taxes.

But they don't run from Virginia. They gravitate to Northern Virginia, home to some of the wealthiest counties in the country, and all those rich lawyers and lobbyists and journos and politicos and equestrians work in Washington.

These are the rulers and the palace guards, the gatekeepers and peddlers of influence. In another age, another place, they would wear powdered wigs at the Palace of Versailles. But now they live in Virginia.

And there, just a few days ago, the social justice warriors of the Democratic Party were clear of mind and heart and purpose.

When allegations of racial intolerance or toxic masculinity were focused on a Republican, the Democratic warrior priests knew exactly what to do.

Because the dogma lives loudly within them. Right, Sen. Feinstein?

From the partisan punditry of the Kavanaugh hearings to the social media mobs unfairly attacking those Covington High School boys, the tactics were the same.

Peel the (metaphoric) skin off the offenders' backs and engage in an orgy of virtue-signaling. It is proud and loud and angry. You even hear it in the voices of news anchors, and you pick it up reading between the lines of news stories.

Then something remarkable happened with Virginia politics. You might call it a teaching moment.

Racism and allegations of sexual assault ran smack into the desire of Democrats to keep power in Virginia. And two key Democratic constituencies, African-Americans and women, collided on the intersectional highway from political hell.

You could say it was a mighty struggle between public virtue and the pursuit of raw power — Virginia is an important state in the 2020 presidential election — and guess who

won?

If you said "public virtue," then go sit in the corner and put on the dunce cap.

Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam, a Democrat and pediatric neurologist, had just defended, in an interview, an abortion practice that would allow the infant to be killed after birth. The left sighed. Yet they weren't bothered about what some of us were calling infanticide.

But then the unthinkable — to Democrats — happened.

Old yearbook photos of Northam surfaced. He was either the one in the Ku Klux Klan costume or the one in blackface. He admitted it. Then he denied it. Then he admitted to wearing blackface, but only to look somewhat like the late moonwalker Michael Jackson.

But it all got so confusing because Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring, who'd damned Northam for wearing blackface, was forced to admit that yes, he, too, had worn blackface.

And then Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax — an up-and-coming African-American Democrat — was rocked by claims that he sexually assaulted two women.

Fairfax denied the claims, although they are detailed and, unlike allegations against Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh, they have been supported by contemporaneous recollections of friends and associates of the alleged victims. But Fairfax wasn't interested in all that. He said he was being set up by Northam.

"Does anybody think it's any coincidence that on the eve of potentially my being elevated that that's when this smear comes out?" Fairfax told reporters.

Northam was quoted as saying in response, "These accusations are very, very serious. And they need to be taken seriously. ... We need to get to the truth. The truth is important. If these accusations are determined to be true, I don't think he's going to have any other option but to resign."

Ah, the truth.

So, if white Gov. Northam is pushed out for blackface, he'd be succeeded by Fairfax, a black man now twice

accused of being a sexual predator. And if he were pushed out, state Attorney General Herring, another white Democrat who also once wore blackface, would be in line to be governor.

And if the three of these pompous weasels were pushed out? A Republican could take over. And the Democrats couldn't handle that.

So none of the three Democrats are going anywhere.

To keep the governor politically alive, at least for a time, Northam first had to be cleansed.

This was accomplished in an interview by Oprah friend and CBS correspondent Gayle King. She baptized him in the media waters of absolution on "Face the Nation."

She talked to people, she said. And the people she talked to assured her that Northam wasn't racist.

"No one — the people that I talked to do not believe he's racist," she concluded. "They think it was a stupid thing but don't think he's racist."

I love it when reporters talk to "people." Sometimes, reporters talk to experts and then write "experts say" this or that. I love it when "experts say" something.

Two key constituencies of the Democratic Party are in symbolic conflict, African-Americans and women.

And all the old virtue-signaling has been put on hold, until the Democrats can figure it out, because this isn't about skimming Republicans, is it?

That's easy.

This is about protecting Democratic control of Virginia.

And it's becoming embarrassing.

It's not about morality is it? It isn't about protecting women or condemning racism. It's all about one thing and one thing only:

The exercise of power.

Virginia Democrats? Thanks for the lesson.

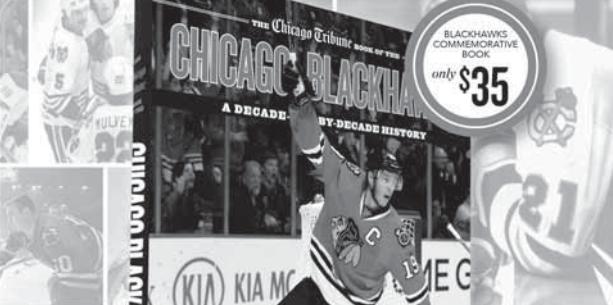
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# Ice warnings remind daughter of father's death



**MARY SCHMICH**

Amanda Dwyer was 16 years old on the winter day that a block of ice slipped from a high ledge in downtown Chicago and killed her father.

It was the day — February 28, 1994 — that explains why “Caution. Falling Ice” signs are now as much a feature of Chicago’s winter landscape as ice itself.

On that morning, Dwyer and her father, Donald Booth, rode the train down from suburban Milwaukee so she could take tests designed to help her know what career might suit her. He dropped her at the testing center and told her he’d be back for lunch.

The morning was chilly, but warm enough to melt ice.

At 11:45 a.m., Booth, a 48-year-old Wisconsin businessman and father of three, walked past the Neiman Marcus building on North Michigan Avenue. At the same moment, a piece of ice, later described as the size of a microwave oven, crashed toward the ground. It hit him in the head. He was pronounced dead on arrival at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. His daughter kept waiting for him to pick her up for lunch.

“It’s still very vivid,” Dwyer said when I talked to her Tuesday.

Twenty five years have passed since Donald Booth died — an event that made big news — and Dwyer might have preferred to spend that time somewhere besides the city where she lost her father. Instead, after college, she moved to Chicago, a place he loved, and stayed for many years, even though every winter she dreaded the appearance of the falling ice signs that proliferated after his death.

The first time she saw one, she burst into tears and called her mom. But she got used to them, built a life here, married, smiled when co-workers or her hairdresser would say, “I saw the signs and thought of you.”

Like other members of her family, she took to spotting dimes on the ground and picking them up, sensing they were a signal from her father. She learned to avoid the corner near Neiman Marcus.



Chunks of ice fall off the Two Prudential Plaza building along Stetson Avenue in Chicago on Tuesday.

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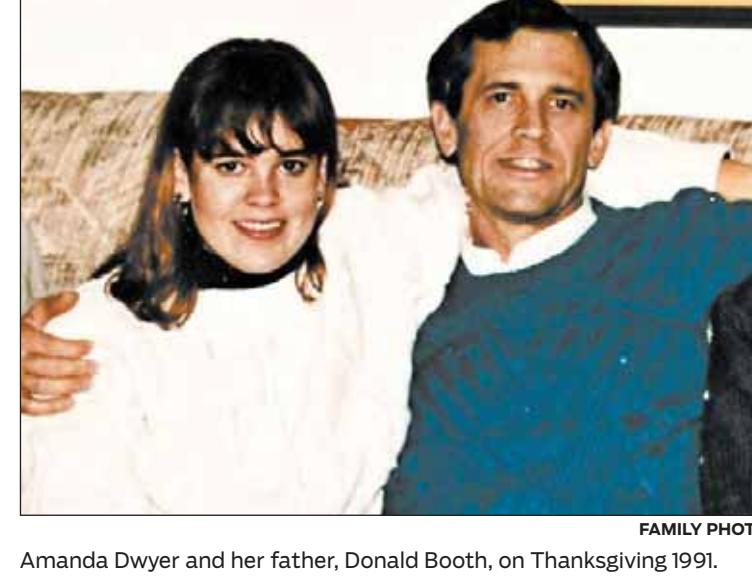
“Every year on Feb. 28, it’s always a day of reflection and thinking of Dad and passing along memories,” she said. “But we keep moving forward. It’s not like we’re stuck in time.”

A couple of years ago, Dwyer and her husband moved back to Brookfield, Wisconsin, near her mother, who remarried. She has two children and stays home to care for them.

“It’s nice not to be around the signs anymore,” she said. Like the rest of us, she never found those cautions to be useful guides.

“I think a lot of people see them and they’re, OK, great, now what am I supposed to do?” she said.

It’s a question we all ask. Do I look up? Move over? Walk faster? Slower? There’s some value in vigilance, but the signs are likely to offer more protection to building owners than to pedestrians. Booth’s family sued Neiman Marcus and the building’s owner and eventually settled for \$4.5 million.



FAMILY PHOTO  
Amanda Dwyer and her father, Donald Booth, on Thanksgiving 1991.

Money is no consolation, though, for losing a father, a sibling, a husband, a friend. Donald Booth was all of those. Several days a week, Dwyer drives past the cemetery where he’s buried.

“It’s good and bad,” she said.

I asked Dwyer what she’d like her father to know about her life all these years later.

“A lot of me feels like he’s been with me all of this time,” she said, “I don’t think I’d be telling him something he doesn’t know. That

I’m happy, I found someone who loves me very much. We have two great kids. He’d be a great grandpa, that’s for sure. I think I’ve made him proud. He’d be happy that we’ve all stayed pretty close. A lot of people can go off the rails when something crazy happens.”

She credits her mother for keeping the family together. And she still collects dimes.

“My daughter has started to find dimes, too,” she said. “We often find them when we’re struggling through something and need to know he’s thinking about us.”

She keeps the dimes in a container on the mantel.

Donald Booth’s death is a small piece of Chicago’s history, but it lives on in the “Falling Ice” signs. So maybe next time you walk past one and wonder what you should do, the thing to do is to pause and remember Donald Booth.

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## 5 ways Chicago played a role in 'El Chapo's' capture

By ANNIE SWEENEY,  
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Chicago Tribune

The historic trial of Sinaloa cartel boss Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman may have unfolded in a federal courtroom in New York City, but Chicago played a pivotal role in much of the drama. Here are five takeaways on the role of the Second City.

### 1. Chicago was cartel's hub

For years, Chicago was the American distribution hub of El Chapo's vast illicit narcotics network that brought tons of drugs into the city. At the top were Pedro and Margarito Flores, twin brothers who rose from the obscurity of the Little Village neighborhood on the West Side to working directly for El Chapo before cutting a secret cooperation deal with the government.

### 2. Little Village twin brothers ran operation here

Some of the most riveting evidence came from extraordinary access the twins had to El Chapo himself. In his testimony at Guzman's trial in December, Pedro Flores described how he and his brother could barely keep up with the shipments that arrived to the United States via submarine, vegetable trucks and even a load of live sheep. According to one estimate by federal agents, the twins helped smuggle at least 71 tons of cocaine and heroin and nearly \$2 billion in cash.

### 3. Then they flipped on 'The Man'

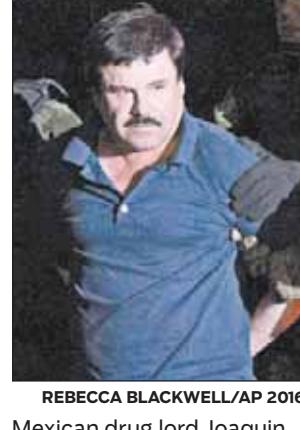
The daring cooperation by the Flores twins led to one of the most stunning secret recordings of the trial — El Chapo himself negotiating the price of a massive drug shipment. When law enforcement caught up with them in 2008, the twins made an even more extraordinary move, agreeing to cooperate against El Chapo and his inner circle. The twins provided the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration crucial insider details on the massive amounts of drugs flowing to the United States, leading to seizures in Chicago and Los Angeles.

They also recorded about 70 conversations with cartels members over the phone and in person, often using a device from Radio Shack stuffed into a hip pocket, instead of sophisticated wires tucked under their clothes. On Nov. 15, 2008, Pedro made perhaps the most stunning recording in the history of Chicago drug cases when he called El Chapo to talk about reducing the price of a recent shipment. "My friend!" El Chapo answered the phone enthusiastically as agents listened in.

### 4. The Empire carpet jingle

Pedro Flores testified that when his drug trafficking crew needed to test out their new cellphones, they used a number familiar to most Chicagoans. In his second day on the witness stand, Flores walked jurors through some of the more mundane tasks of running a large-scale cocaine distribution network, including how he set up the dozens of cellphones for his crews to use. Flores said he tested the phones by dialing 312-588-2300. "That's the number for Empire carpeting," Flores testified when asked by a prosecutor what the number was. "I used to always dial that number." Flores did not sing the number in the company's ubiquitous advertising jingle, and the testimony got little reaction in the Brooklyn courtroom. Still anyone from Chicago likely had the song stuck in their head for days.

### 5. 'El Chapo's' right-hand man awaits sentencing in Chicago



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Mexican drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman was recaptured after breaking out of prison in Mexico.

Guzman's conviction clears the way for the sentencing in Chicago for his former right-hand man, Vincente Zambada-Niebla, the son of the current Sinaloa boss.

Zambada-Niebla, 43, one of the highest-level Sinaloa operatives to flip against El Chapo, is scheduled to be sentenced on April 25 by U.S. District Chief Judge Ruben Castillo. Known as "Mayito," he pleaded guilty in Chicago to two separate cases alleging he trafficked thousands of pounds of cocaine and heroin into the U.S. using speedboats, submarines and jumbo jets, records show. Zambada-Niebla also acknowledged the cartel used "military-caliber" weapons to enforce their shipments as well as "violence and threats of violence" to rivals, informants and law enforcement. He faces up to life in prison, but given his dramatic testimony at Chapo's trial in January, prosecutors are expected to ask Castillo to sentence him to far less. He's also agreed not to contest an unprecedented order to forfeit \$1.37 billion in ill-gotten proceeds from the cartel.

## Smollett reiterates his cooperation

Police still asking for phone records after attack

By WILLIAM LEE  
Chicago Tribune

A day after Chicago police said they need more complete phone records from "Empire" actor Jussie Smollett, his representatives released a statement insisting the actor is "continuing to work closely" with detectives investigating a reported attack against him in Streeterville.

The statement, released Tuesday, came less than 24 hours after police publicly stated that the records Smollett and his manager provided weren't sufficient for solving the case that has quickly captured nationwide attention, from Hollywood to the White House.

"Jussie is the victim here, which has been stated by the superintendent of police," read the statement from Chris Bastardi of the Sunshine Sachs crisis management firm representing Smollett. Police had sought Smollett's phone records since shortly after he reported the attack in the 300 block of East North Water Street.

The New York Post's "Page Six" column first reported Monday that phone records for Smollett and his manager, whom he told authorities he was speaking with during the attack, were turned over to Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson's chief of staff. But hours after receiving the records — a heavily redacted document file of the actor's calls and a screenshot of his manager's phone calls — a spokesman for Johnson said detectives would likely need additional data from Smollett to crack the case.

According to Smollett's statement, "Any redacted information was intended to protect the privacy of personal contacts or high-profile individuals not relevant to the attack."

The statement added: "Jussie has voluntarily provided his phone records from within an hour of the attack and given

multiple statements to police. Chicago PD has repeatedly informed us that they find Jussie's account of what happened that night consistent and credible. Superintendent Johnson has been clear from day one that Jussie is a victim. We are continuing to work closely with the Chicago PD and remain confident that they will find Jussie's attackers and bring them to justice."

Smollett, 36, a star of the hit Fox drama "Empire" who is openly gay and has emerged as an activist for LGBTQ rights and HIV education, told police he had just left a Subway shop in the Streeterville neighborhood in the early morning hours of Jan. 29 and was walking to his apartment when two men walked up, yelled slurs, hit him and wrapped a rope around his neck while yelling,

"This is MAGA country!"

A chemical — maybe bleach — was poured on him, police said. A week earlier, on Jan. 22, witnesses told police a postal worker dropped off a letter at the studio where "Empire" is filmed. It was postmarked in southwest suburban Bedford Park on Jan. 18 and bore two American flag stamps. The letters MAGA were written in the upper-left corner of the envelope.

Police have not said whether they believe the two incidents are related, and so far they are being investigated separately: the letter by the FBI and the alleged attack by Chicago police.

The attack triggered an avalanche of public support from celebrities and a comment from President Donald Trump, as progress in the widely watched case has slowed. Police have not located surveillance video that captured the attack.

Smollett's television program is expected to film scenes downtown this week, but it's unclear whether he will be part of those scenes.

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## Watchdog: State should tax retirement income

By DAN PETRELLA  
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gained traction in Springfield.

The watchdog group's report notes that Illinois is one of only three states that have an income tax but don't tax any retirement income. All of Illinois' neighbor states tax retirement income in some form.

Civic Federation President Laurence Msall called the state's policy "an outdated and expensive exemption" that shifts the tax burden from wealthy retirees to working people. By taxing all retirement income that is subject to the federal income tax, Illinois could bring in \$2.5 billion during the budget year that begins July 1, according to the report. Last week, the Pritzker administration projected a \$3.2 billion budget deficit for the next fiscal year in a report that set the stage for a low-expectations budget plan next week.

The report also recommends extending the state sales tax to 14 services that are taxed in Wisconsin but not Illinois, including cable and internet, parking and towing, and landscaping.

The Civic Federation cautions against counting money from legalized marijuana and sports betting taxes in Pritzker's initial budget, noting that new industries take time to catch on and that revenue from such efforts often falls short of projections.

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A man uses a plastic milk crate for a protective helmet as ice falls from 875 N. Michigan Ave. downtown on Tuesday.

## High winds could cause havoc on Wednesday

By KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS AND LIAM FORD  
Chicago Tribune

Wind gusts of up to 40 mph in Chicago caused low visibility from blowing snow and put the area at risk for further outages.

Tuesday evening after an overnight ice storm caused snow and ice to cascade from Loop high-rises amid a messy morning commute.

The strong winds Tuesday evening and early Wednesday were expected to exacerbate problems begun with the ice storm that started Monday night and lasted into Tuesday morning.

The overnight ice storm, which left a half-inch of ice in some areas, snarled the Tuesday morning commute, causing the cancellation of train lines and disrupted power to more than 80,000 Commonwealth Edison customers. As the day warmed, falling ice led to street and sidewalk closures throughout downtown, in-

cluding near the Willis Tower and 875 N. Michigan Ave., the former John Hancock Center.

The ice combined with

the wind storms was ex-

pected to lead to more

power outages into

Wednesday morning. By

Tuesday evening, the Na-

tional Weather Service re-

corded peak gusts of be-

tween 40 and 45 mph in

northern Illinois and north-

west Indiana.

By about 4 p.m. about

12,000 ComEd customers

were without power

throughout much of north-

ern Illinois, with more than

68,000 customers having

had their power restored,

according to the utility.

ComEd had about 400

crews in the field, restoring

power and preparing for

the wind storms, said Marrietta Harrison, a spokeswoman for the utility.

"With a storm like this,

it's not just iced lines," said

John Schoen, a spokesman

for ComEd. "It's tree

branches that get coated in

ice and then a branch that

maybe weighed 10 pounds suddenly weighs 20 pounds and it snaps off, hitting a power line."

Strong westerly winds

that began developing in the

afternoon were expected to

increase the threat of power

outages later Tuesday into

the night.

The combination of the

added stress from the

weight of the ice and the

strong winds will likely re-

sult in downed tree limbs

and power lines which may

result in power outages," the

weather service said. The

winds also will make for

"difficult travel, especially

for high-profile vehicles on

north to south roads," the

weather service said.

The weather also forced

cancellations at O'Hare and

Midway airports. By 7 p.m.

there had been just under

360 canceled flights at

O'Hare over the previous 24

hours, with about 105 can-

celled at Midway.

Because of the ice that

fell overnight on overhead

power lines, train service on

the South Shore Line and

Metra Electric District was suspended Tuesday morning, according to the transit agencies, though the lines resumed limited service by the afternoon.

Also complicating the

morning commute, north-

bound Lake Shore Drive near the Chicago River was closed until Tuesday afternoon because of two cracked steel beams that support the roadway, but it

reopened for the evening

commute, authorities said.

After temperatures be-

low the normal high

Wednesday of 35, reaching

only about 28, Thursday

was expected to see a high of

about 40. Temperatures on

Friday through Sunday were

expected to be in the upper

20s. Rain was ex-

pected Thursday, with pos-

ible freezing rain and snow

Thursday night and Friday

morning.

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# Banana costume leads to council confrontation

City Council's Black Caucus leader rips white aldermanic candidate over online photo

BY JOHN BYRNE

Chicago Tribune

The head of the City Council Black Caucus ripped a white aldermanic candidate Tuesday for a picture showing him wearing a banana costume while posing with friends in monkey masks and African-American youths.

South Side Ald. Roderick Sawyer, 6th, reacted to the 2013 picture of 1st Ward candidate Daniel La Spata that appeared online by saying, "I have no interest in having a colleague in the City Council who would participate in this sort of bigotry."

"Whether it's Ralph Northam in Virginia, or an aldermanic candidate here in Chicago, there should be no place in our politics for this kind of blatant racist imagery," Sawyer said in a statement, referencing the Democratic Virginia governor who has faced calls to resign after he was accused of wearing blackface in a photo taken during the 1980s.

La Spata released a statement saying he's sorry for the photo. "I apologize unequivocally for the photo from my bachelor party six years ago," La Spata said. "The photograph and the costumes were not racially motivated, but I understand how it could be perceived. As alderman, I will use my office to break down racial inequities in our ward and city, as I've done personally and professionally for the last thirteen years."

La Spata campaign spokesman Jeff Salvadore said the picture was taken in 2013 near Millennium Park. As part of La Spata's bachelor party festivities, his friends had him dress in the banana costume, then they put on monkey masks and chased him around the park, Salvadore said.

Afterward, they bumped into the youths and someone in the group snapped an impromptu picture of ev-



CROPPED FROM DANIEL LA SPATA'S ORIGINAL FACEBOOK PHOTO

Daniel La Spata appears in a 2013 photo wearing a banana costume his campaign spokesman said was taken as part of his bachelor party. La Spata said he's sorry for the photo.

eryone posing on a street corner while the four kids smiled and gave thumbs-up signs, Salvadore said.

Incumbent Ald. Proco "Joe" Moreno, 1st, released a statement Tuesday regarding the photo of La Spata.

"My office and I personally have received dozens of phone calls and messages from national and local media outlets as well as angry residents regarding the social media post by a candidate for 1st Ward Alderman. Daniel LaSpata posed with African-American children wearing a banana costume while surrounded by men,

Park home.

Police located the car early Feb. 4 and initially charged a woman with misdemeanor trespass to a motor vehicle. But the woman told the Tribune that Moreno, whom she said she dated on and off, let her use the car. Moreno told the Tribune that he knew the woman and that he had let her borrow the car. He said he reported it stolen when he needed it back but couldn't get in touch of her.

La Spata at the time called for Moreno to resign "before the next scandal hits."

"We deserve an alderman with integrity that spends their time focusing on making housing affordable and improving our schools rather than one that makes headlines explaining his personal problems," La Spata said.

Ald. Gilbert Villegas, 36th, chairman of the council's Latino Caucus, also condemned the photo, saying he has "concerns when a candidate for alderman displays this type of behavior."

"Whether it's elected officials from Virginia or the White House, hate has no home here & definitely not on the City Council," Villegas said in a statement.

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## Evanston, Skokie land Ill. park grants

BY DANIEL I. DORFMAN

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Renovations at parks in Evanston and Skokie got a boost following the announcement that both communities would receive a state grant for the projects.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources announced Feb. 5 the 89 communities that would receive Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grants under the new Pritzker administration.

The purpose of the grants is to allow communities to create more open space and enhance recreational opportunities.

Evanston's Harbert Park and Skokie's Laramie Park were two of the recipients, with \$320,000 going to Evanston and \$400,000

heading Skokie's way.

Under OSLAD grant rules, communities must at least match the funding provided by the state.

Therefore, the city of Evanston will give \$320,000, with \$100,000 coming from the Northwestern University Good Neighbor Fund, noted Lara Biggs, the city's chief engineer.

Before the state grant selection was announced, the city was only planning to do "minor repairs," Biggs said.

Biggs noted the plan now

in place calls for construction of a new picnic shelter and associated new furnishings, an upgrade of existing lighting structures, renovation of the park's basketball court and potential improvements to a path from Main to Dempster

where some flooding issues exist.

Biggs said the project needs to be completed by end of December 2020, under OSLAD grant rules.

Over in Skokie, a facelift at Laramie Park in the 5200 block of Sherwin Avenue has been under consideration since last year, according to a statement from the Skokie Park District.

Like in Evanston, the park district will be required to at least match the \$400,000 state grant.

A public hearing was held last September where district commissioners received input from the public and some concepts Hitchcock Design Group, according to the statement.

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## Griffin giving \$1M to Daley campaign

BY GREGORY PRATT

Chicago Tribune

Billionaire hedge fund CEO Ken Griffin, who has given tens of millions to former Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner and supported Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, is donating \$1 million to Bill Daley's mayoral campaign.

In a statement about the contribution, Griffin called Daley "a proven leader who understands the critical importance of working for all Chicagoans regardless of politics, race or background."

"He will bring together a diversity of views across the city on our most pressing challenges of creating jobs, reducing violent crime, and improving our schools so we all can be proud to live and work in this world-class city that we call our home," Griffin said.

Daley lauded Griffin right back in a statement, though he also attempted to deflect

the likely criticism that the donation will generate over Griffin's ties to Rauner and Emanuel.

"His investments in Chicago, in its cultural institutions, in its healthcare organizations, and in improvements that benefit all residents are a model of giving back to the community," Daley said in a statement.

"While we may not agree on every political issue, Ken's commitment to Chicago is unquestionable and unwavering."

State records show Griffin, Citadel's CEO, donated \$36 million to Rauner's political committee, including a \$20 million contribution that's believed to be the largest contribution ever given to a campaign by a noncandidate in the state.

Griffin also has personally contributed nearly \$1.29 million to Emanuel-aligned campaign funds. His ex-wife, Anne Dias Griffin, contributed an additional \$125,300 to the mayor while

the two were still married, records show.

For Daley, Griffin's donation is a major boost that will help him flood the airwaves in the final 13 days before the Feb. 26 mayoral election with ads touting his promised property tax freeze and "no more excuses" tagline as he seeks to finish in the top two and make a nearly certain April 2 runoff.

The downside for Daley is the contribution will invite attacks that he will cater to business interests at the expense of neighborhoods — criticism that dogged Emanuel, who was dubbed "Mayor One Percent" by some critics, for eight years.

It could also draw more attention to Daley's Rauner ties. Last week, Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza criticized Daley for co-chairing Rauner's transition, sparking a sharp back-and-forth.

*Chicago Tribune's Bill Ruthhart contributed.*

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# Burr Ridge Village Board asks Mottl to step down

Three say acting mayor politicized the position

**BY JESSE WRIGHT**  
Pioneer Press

Three Burr Ridge Village Board members called Feb. 11 for acting Mayor Zach Mottl to step down, saying he has politicized the position in violation of a promise made during a closed-door meeting in November.

"You told us that if you politicized the role of village president then you would step down," board member Guy Franzese said. "You've politicized the position. Now it's time for you to step down."

The requests came during a discussion regarding Sterigenics, the Willowbrook company under fire for emissions of cancer-causing ethylene oxide. Board member Al Paveza

said he did not appreciate a news release that stated Mottl had authorized the village to join Willowbrook and Darien in seeking an injunction against the company.

Paveza said the whole board authorized that action, but said Mottl was using the issue as part of his campaign for mayor in the April 2 election.

"I don't think it should be said that you called for an injunction. We're all working on it," Paveza said.

Franzese said the board directs staff to take legal action and said not only had Mottl acted beyond his authority, but that he previously was not critical of Sterigenics, even once suggesting Willowbrook cancer incidents could be caused by alcohol.

"You told me the reason



Mottl

for the elevated incidents of cancer in women is because the women in Willowbrook drink too much," Franzese said.

After a closed meeting in November following the resignation of

Mayor Mickey Straub, Paveza, Mottl and Franzese were selected to be acting mayors, taking turns until the April election with Paveza first, then Mottl and finally Franzese. Mottl was chairing his first meeting as mayor pro tempore, and is to

chair two more meetings before Franzese takes over.

"You're politicizing the Sterigenics situation and you promised you wouldn't," Paveza said. "I have to agree with Trustee Franzese, you aren't living up to what you promised."

Mottl later said Franzese misquoted him regarding

alcohol and Sterigenics. "I did mention that to my knowledge one drink or more a day increases a woman's risk of breast cancer substantially. I did not say that women drink too much," Mottl said.

Board member Tony Schiappa joined the call for Mottl to step down, and made a motion to replace him immediately. But Mottl said he wouldn't hear the motion because it came during an update on the Sterigenics situation. Schiappa later asked for a vote to be put on the next agenda.

It is the second incident of politics taking center stage at a Burr Ridge meeting. In January, Mottl insinuated other board members may be ethically compromised because of accepting campaign contributions from local businesses. He also questioned contributions made to Gary Grasso, the former mayor who is

running for mayor in the April 2 election.

Mottl said during the meeting he did not want to grandstand, but issued a statement Tuesday on the calls for him to step down as acting mayor. He said the other board members were politicizing their position.

"After all, they are the ones who brought up my campaign activity during last night's board meeting," Mottl said. "I have complete confidence that I'll prevail in any votes and it's ridiculous to think that I would step down."

He said he was fighting for fairness, equality, being fiscally prudent and against Sterigenics.

"So I don't know why anyone, other than someone who supports my opponent, would want me to stop doing those things," he said.

During public comment at the end of the meeting, four residents complained

about Mottl and supported the request for him to step down. Critics complained that he is politicizing the temporary position, and they also complained about his opposition to a school tax referendum.

Yvonne Mayer, a candidate for the Hinsdale High School District 86 Board, said she was upset by Mottl's suggestion that alcohol is responsible for an uptick in breast cancer in Willowbrook.

"That is ignorance that is, is, is, it's shocking to me," she said. "If you're actually going around saying that, you can't be the face of this village. You can't be the village mayor."

At the end of it, however, Mottl said the issue is up to the public. "I'll remind everyone the voters will decide this," he said.

*Jesse Wright is a freelance reporter.*



People look at comic books during Free Comic Book Day at Chimera's Comics in La Grange in 2015.

## Chimera Comics owner to give away his store

**BY HANK BECKMAN**  
Pioneer Press

If you love comic books and think the greatest job in the world would be owning a comic book store, a golden opportunity may have just come your way from the owner of Chimera Comics in La Grange.

Carmelo Chimera plans to give his store at 4915 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn, to the person who submits the best essay — in 500 words or less — on what makes a great comic book store.

"This could be a life-changing opportunity for one person," Chimera said. "But it can also be an inspiration for many others."

Essays will be accepted until Feb. 28, or until he receives 500 essays, although he's shooting for 2,000.

The limit was set to get a representative sampling of people genuinely interested in comics, discourage competitors from stacking the deck with their employees submitting essays and assure people that the contest is real.

"I don't want people thinking this is just some sort of scam, or that I'm just trying to get rid of my

debts," Chimera said.

Indeed, the \$25 application fee will go toward settling all of the store's open accounts and the give-away will include the available inventory.

"I want people who are really interested," Chimera said. "I'm looking for passion, I'm looking for creativity, and I'm looking for a work ethic. There is a lot of hard work running a small business."

He also stressed that the winner being based on merit made the contest more than just an ordinary raffle or game of chance.

Chimera, 29, was born and raised in Oak Lawn and graduated from Brother Rice High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Carthage College in Kenosha, Wis., and went on to get a law degree from the University of Chicago.

The Chicago resident practices law in downtown Chicago, and operates the chain's flagship store at 15 1/2 S. La Grange Road in addition to the Oak Lawn store. He previously operated a Chimera Comics in Woodridge.

And even though the married Chimera has yet to start a family, he increases

ingly found that the workload was a little too heavy.

"Part of this is that it's really hard to reconcile the businesses with my work," he said. "I'm spread too thin."

Chimera is also making his own contribution to literature, recently publishing his first graphic novel, "Magnificent" available at the store's website, chimerascomics.com.

For the uninitiated, a graphic novel is essentially an longer, extended comic book. Some are a combination of comic books made into one offering, while Chimera's work is one continuous story, coming in at about 90 pages and telling the coming-of-age story of a Chicago superhero.

Chimera doesn't plan to become a full-time artist, as the pressure to make money off his writing would inevitably affect the quality of the work.

"I don't think it's something I would want to do full time," he said. "You want to do quality work, not just quantity."

Chimera's philosophy background was a natural introduction into comics and the urban fantasy genre.

"I think of it as conducting a thought experiment,"

he said. "Then you can really set up your own rules.

You get to ask fundamental questions about what it is to be a person and entertain people at the same time. That's my highest aspiration."

Asked to cite one experience as an entrepreneur that stands out as his most memorable, Chimera talked about the amateur collector who stopped in one day with a collection to sell that included an original Spider-Man comic from 1962.

"We sold that on consignment for him for about \$10,000," he said. "We were being honest."

Chimera hopes that reputation for honesty will benefit the new owner of the Oak Lawn store, saying that a business's good name is key to continued success.

"I want to inspire people," he said explaining in part his motivation for the giveaway. "It's OK to dream big. Great things can happen."

For more information about how to enter the essay contest, and tips on writing a good essay, go to chimerascomics.com.

*Hank Beckman is a freelance reporter.*

## Chief: Highland fire victims have to wait to get back into homes

**BY MICHELLE L. QUINN**  
Post-Tribune

Council at its Monday night meeting praised the town's first responders, as well as its residents, for their efforts in helping those who needed it. Councilman Bernie Zemen, D-1st, said he arrived at the scene around 6 p.m. and was awed by the firefighters.

"Within 20 minutes, everything I was wearing was frozen, so I can't even imagine what the firefighters were going through. Just remarkable," Zemen said. "There were police officers all around, directing people where they needed to go, and every corner had a VIP car."

"What a showing by the community."

Councilman Dan Vassar, D-3rd, said the town is "very lucky to have the public safety it has" and thanked residents who're still bringing in clothes and other items for the people affected.

"What you see in this, you see the best of Highland. The negativity you see in other places isn't," Vassar said.

Council President Steve Wagner, D-4th, congratulated the department for getting through the ordeal with zero injuries to firefighters and Hampton residents.

"All can rebuild, but no one can bring back a life," Wagner said.

Timmer said Friday that the department got the call to respond at around 3:30 pm. The fire originated inside and was trapped in and climbing through the walls and floors, he said.

Firefighters fought inside for about 45 minutes before the interior became unsafe, Timmer said. They moved to the outside, where aerial trucks took over trying to extinguish the fire pouring through the roof.

All 25 apartments in the building were rented out, but many of the residents were at work, Timmer said.

*Michelle L. Quinn is a freelance reporter.*



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# Oak Park zoning ordinance aimed at affordable housing

BY STEVE SCHERING

Pioneer Press

The Oak Park Village Board is reviewing several staff recommendations for an inclusionary zoning ordinance, which is aimed at bringing more affordable residential units to the village.

Village staff provided six recommendations for trustees to consider on Feb. 11, including an ordinance applying to both new "by-right" construction and "planned developments" of 25 units or more. The ordinance would require between 5 and 10 percent of the housing units in each development be set at affordability levels of 80 percent of average median income for rental and 120 percent average median income for owner-occupied.

Staff also proposes the village allow developers to pay a fee in lieu of their creation of on-site affordable housing units, which is proposed to be set between \$50,000 and \$100,000 per unit. It would allow the village to leverage those cash resources by supporting existing rental units or increasing the chances of additional state and federal funding for small stand-alone projects.

The village previously used \$500,000 from its affordable housing fund to assist The

Community Builders in gaining approval for a 37-unit, low-income housing development at 801 S. Oak Park Ave.

"That's why we wanted the fee in-lieu-of option," Oak Park development customer services manager Tammie Grossman said. "We recognize the fee in-lieu-of option helps you target a deeper income level, like the people at the Grove Apartments, like the New Moms facility, like Community Builders. We think it's the best of both worlds. You can target a lower income, and we didn't think it made sense to force the developers to put those low-income rents."

According to Grossman, a two-person household at the 50 percent AMI level earning about \$33,850 a year would be able to afford an apartment rent of \$846 a month. She said staff feels, in some cases, the village can assist more residents with funds generated by fees in-lieu-of as opposed to requiring new developments having affordable units within them.

"That is difficult to make work in a private rental deal," Grossman said. "That's like a give of \$750 a month in rent. If you take that income from the fee in-lieu-of and you put it into a different development,

and you match it with other types of subsidies and match it with other types of programs, then you are able to target that [lower] income level."

Some, like resident Joshua Klayman, worry that by allowing developers to "buy out" of affordable housing requirements, the village could end up becoming segregated if that money is used to create affordable units elsewhere.

"That's not inclusionary zoning," Klayman said. "Where is there an incentive for anyone to create the kind of mixed-income housing that keeps all kinds of people living together as neighbors in this village?"

Additional recommendations by staff include the creation of affordable housing development bonuses, such as allowing density, height or parking variances, to entice developers to provide affordable units. Additional bonuses could also include a reduction in permit fees in exchange for affordable units.

Staff also recommends limiting the inclusionary housing requirement to new

development of rental apartments and town homes, and eliminating the requirement for condominium developments. That exemption could be removed in the future, if needed, staff says.

**"Is there a matrix that says we need 2,000 units at 30 percent AMI? Do we need 2,000 units at 50 percent AMI? Does that exist?"**

— Trustee Deno Andrews

"Last year, of condos for sale in Oak Park, 28 percent met the Illinois Housing Development Authority's definition of affordability," Grossman said. "We feel there is an abundance of affordable condo units right now."

A recommendation by staff asks for the establishment of specific transit-oriented inclusionary housing development areas, specifically areas for such areas within a quarter-mile of a CTA or Metra station.

Some on the board, however, asked that portions on Oak Park's east side be removed from the transit-oriented area as to not inhibit possible development in areas long under-served by developers.

Oak Park Trustee Dan Moroney felt properties east of Ridgeland Avenue and the entire CTA Blue Line should be removed from the ordinance, citing possible future redevelopment opportunities along that railway.

would love to see a matrix that says this is the number of households we're going to target at this income level."

Trustees are expected to debate the ordinance again at a future board meeting, which could include a draft ordinance to review for future approval.

Whatever a final ordinance looks like, village officials said the policy would likely change with the times, adding it would benefit the village and potential developers by having inclusionary housing requirements outlined at the start.

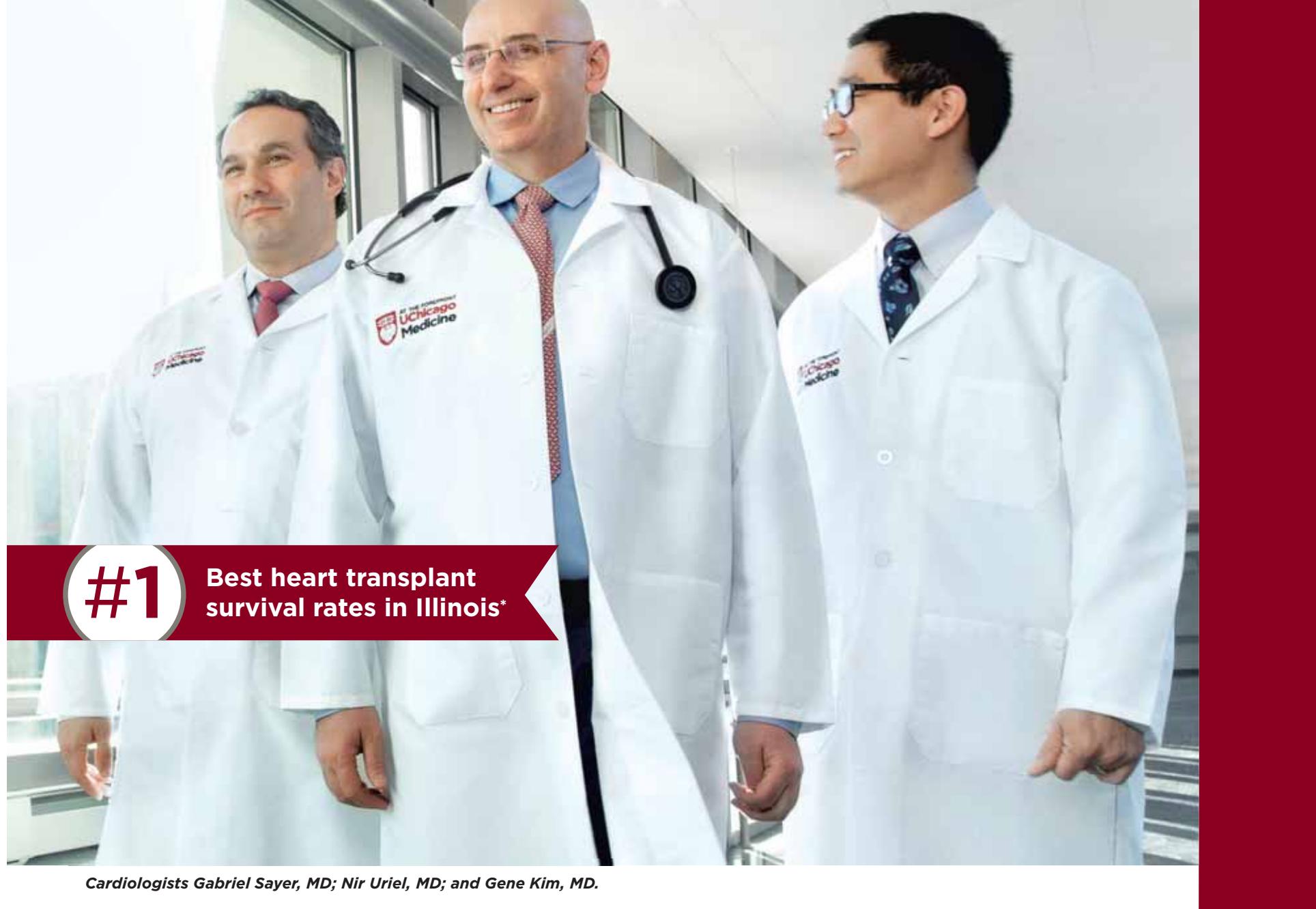
"The math is always changing," Trustee Bob Tucker said. "It changes in a different economic cycle as well. It's a real difficult balance. I think whatever ultimately gets decided by this board, or the next board, it can always get changed. It's part of this experiment of trying to figure out where the sweet spot is. I do want this ordinance and I believe in it. Now is the time. We can work on the specifics when this comes back to us again."

Moving forward, Andrews said he would like to see information on where the village is falling short with housing options for residents, which he feels could help guide future goals with the ordinance.

"Where is the actual need?" Andrews said. "Is there a matrix that says we need 2,000 units at 30 percent AMI? Do we need 2,000 units at 50 percent AMI? Does that exist? I

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Ragged concrete on Waukegan Harbor's "lighthouse pier" is scheduled to be cleared out as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers proceeds with a \$1.6 million rehabilitation project.

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## Waukegan pier set for extreme makeover

BY DAN MORAN

News-Sun

From the boat launch all the way out to the lighthouse, Waukegan Harbor's south pier – known bureaucratically as the "government pier," but to locals as the "lighthouse pier" – extends more than a half-mile out into Lake Michigan.

If you haven't enjoyed that walk on a calm, sunny day almost any time of year, put it on your list. If you have, you know about the

pier's many characteristics, from the holes used to anchor fishing poles to the rocks that form works of art along the south side of the breakwall.

The view from the eastern tip, in the shadow of the lighthouse, delivers a pocket of calm beyond the noise of the city. Walking back toward the harbor, the postcard sight of the boat slips stands against the towers on the bluff and the remaining industrial silos to illustrate the history of Waukegan.

The pier is one of the great public amenities in not just Waukegan, but Lake County as a whole. But, as with most man-made structures, there comes a time when nature starts to reclaim its territory to a point where something has to be done.

That point was reached a while ago. Along with the charming features mentioned above, the eastern half of the lighthouse pier is a minefield of fractured concrete and exposed rebar.

In a city wrestling to balance its books and repair aging infrastructure, the casual visitor might think this is just another post-industrial reality that will stubbornly remain as-is.

Fortunately, as the above-mentioned "government pier" title might imply, the facility is under the umbrella of the federal government – and the good news is that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is scheduled to cover a renovation that will wipe away all that damaged concrete.

According to a report before the Waukegan City Council last week by Waukegan Port District General Manager Joe Seidelmann, taxpayers can thank rising lake levels for the Corps having the available funds to do the job – which will cost about \$1.6 million.

"Last year, there was a surplus of funding because of the lake level being up, and they did not have to dredge as much sand (out of the harbor entrance)," Seidelmann said. "They were able to redo the concrete on the north pier (in 2017) near the public beach."

"This year, due to a surplus of funding due to the lake level continuing to rise, the Corps of Engineers is going to finally take care of the concrete problem on the (south) pier of that channel."

As Seidelmann pointed out, the west end of the pier was renovated in the early 2000s out to a dogleg where it runs due east. The new plan, he told the council on Feb. 4, is to "finish off that concrete all the way to the lighthouse, as well as install new safety ladders and make sure everything is safe and sound out there for the public to access."

Of course, as with a road project, these improvements come with a temporary setback: The pier will be closed to the public for roughly five months, starting around March 1 and continuing until the end of July.

"It's good information, but it might be a little disappointing to some of our fishermen," Mayor Sam Cunningham told Seidelmann. "Fishing is going to be very limited (on) the lighthouse pier."

Seidelmann said this week that all of the work will be weather-dependent, meaning that if we have a mild spring and summer, the window of construction could be lessened.

But it looks like anyone who makes a tradition of watching the city's Fourth of July fireworks display from the lighthouse pier might want to have a backup plan.

"(It) is going to cause a lot of public concern," Seidelmann told the council, "but I want to make sure that everybody is aware that this is a good thing that's happening – we're finally getting this pier rehabbed, and everything's going to be brand new when they're completed."

He added that the Port District is looking at the project as "another step toward the lakefront really being brought to the new. It's been great over the last several seasons to see how many strides we've made along the lakefront."

According to Seidelmann, the district has partnered with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Waukegan Park District on a Harbor Walk that runs from the north end of industrial channel past the Waukegan Yacht Club down to a breakwall on the south end of the harbor.

He said waypoint signage has been set up with information about regional fish and migratory birds as well as the history of Waukegan Harbor, including Environmental Protection Agency cleanup efforts.

He also pointed out that improved public docks along the walk – including a breakwall on the south end of the marina – will provide safe sites for anglers while the pier renovation is taking place.

Overall, he said, the overhaul of the lighthouse pier "could cause some access issues, but we still want people to enjoy the lakefront without any concern."

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# Lake Shore Drive bridge reopens

**Bridge, from Page 1**

## Cracks in the bridge

The 33-year-old Lake Shore Drive bridge shut down on Monday was not ranked as one of the area's worst bridges — it was rated in "fair" condition at its last inspection in June 2017. The bridge is inspected every two years under federal guidelines, and was due for its next review in June.

The cracks in the structure were spotted by electrical crews working on traffic signals near the bridge on Monday morning, according to the Chicago Department of Transportation.

The damage to the bridge, located at Randolph Drive just south of the river, was caused by corrosion exacerbated by the extreme weather conditions, said CDOT commissioner Rebekah Scheinfeld. In late January and early February, the temperature in Chicago swung from an arctic -23 degrees Fahrenheit to a spring-like 51 degrees in just a few days.

The temperature swing caused the steel to contract and then rapidly expand, said Barkowski. One of the beams that cracked under the Drive was particularly vulnerable to these extremes because it faced out — exposed to Lake Michigan and the sunshine, Barkowski said. "It's exposed to the weather in a big way."

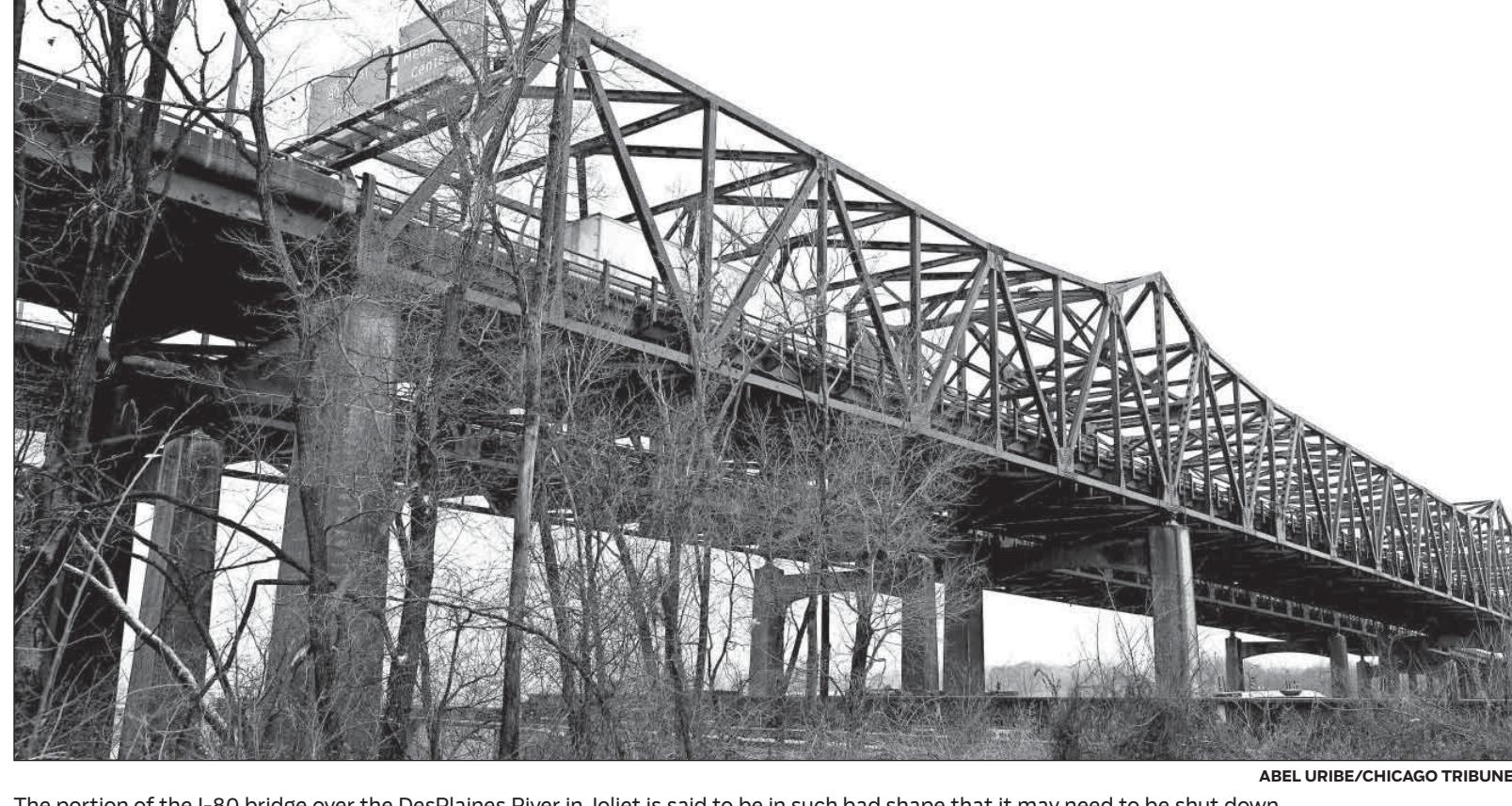
A third beam cracked on a ramp to southbound Lake Shore Drive from Wacker Drive, said CDOT spokesman Michael Claffey.

City engineers think the bridge was "particularly vulnerable" to extreme weather fluctuations due to its design, Scheinfeld said. The cracks happened at the expansion joint, which was designed to handle weather fluctuations. This time the temperature apparently swung too hard.

The city and state are planning inspections of similarly designed bridges in the city. Illinois Department of Transportation spokesman Guy Tridell said he believed there are fewer than five.

The northbound stretch of the Lake Shore Drive bridge usually handles about 60,000 vehicles a day. The city is using steel support towers to brace the 33-year-old bridge so the city could safely reopen it while it makes permanent repairs.

Engineers contacted by the Tribune were leery of saying, for sure, what went wrong without having



The portion of the I-80 bridge over the DesPlaines River in Joliet is said to be in such bad shape that it may need to be shut down.

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Just south of the Chicago River, steel beams of Lake Shore Drive's new roadbed extend south as cars maneuver the notorious S-curve on March 26, 1984.

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looked at the bridge. But, in general, they agreed with city officials that the wild temperature swing could have contributed to what happened.

Purdue University professor Mark Bowman said such fractures are typically caused by a combination of things. A particularly heavy vehicle may have rumbled by, perhaps pounding an already weaker connection point. The extreme cold could have weakened the steel to the point it was more susceptible to all the stress.

Illinois Institute of Technology Professor Gongkang Fu said perhaps it all began with a crack so small it couldn't be seen that weakened the steel for years, perhaps decades, and that could have festered from untreated corrosion and snowballed into a deep frac-

ture amid the wild temperature swing.

A California engineering professor who saw pictures of the damage said the corroded condition of the expansion joints should have been reported and a remedy recommended at the last inspection. Abol-hassan Astaneh-Asl, professor emeritus of civil engineering at the University of California, Berkeley, said the corrosion was likely caused by salty water dripping down into the expansion joint.

Fu and Bowman cautioned that it can be tough for inspectors to spot everything. They compared the job to a routine physical that may miss serious but hidden diseases.

"The truth is, you can't always detect everything," Bowman said. "It's not like we're Superman and we

have X-ray vision."

Fu said the incident shows the dangers of a highway system stocked with deteriorating bridges but woefully short on cash to inspect, fix and replace them. While such fractures are rare, the lower frequency and depth of inspections increases the odds of serious bridge problems going undetected.

The Lake Shore Drive span, for example, was not rated so poorly that it received annual inspections. Its inspection window was every two years, and the problem surfaced toward the end of that window.

"If you do that inspection in 12 months, this could have probably been caught," Fu said.

"In general, if you're looking for who's at fault, it's the money's fault," he said. "We just don't have the

adequate funding to address every issue that we probably need to."

## Other bridges and problems

Illinois, which hasn't had an infrastructure capital bill since 2009, ranked fifth in the nation in terms of the number of "structurally deficient" bridges in 2017, at 2,303 bridges or 8.6 percent of the total, according to the American Road & Transportation Builders Association, which used Federal Highway Administration figures.

Barkowski, who is also chair of the Illinois Road & Transportation Builders Association, warned that

there are big problems in other parts of the Chicago area — particularly the bridges along I-80 from I-55 to I-294. He said the Des Plaines River portion in particular is in such bad shape that it may need to be shut down.

The westbound section of the Des Plaines River bridge has a "sufficiency" rating of 6 out of 100, the lowest for an interstate in the Chicago area, according to IDOT records. The eastbound section scores a slightly higher 74.

IDOT has been planning to replace the bridges as part of a larger rebuilding of that part of I-80. An IDOT spokesman did not immediately respond to a request Tuesday to elaborate on the agency's plans.

The Lake Shore Drive shutdown on Monday was the most dramatic but not the only bridge problem in

the area. A piece of concrete fell from the Oak Park Avenue overpass on the Eisenhower Expressway and landed on a driver's windshield, according to media reports.

Howard Learner, head of the Environmental Law and Policy Center, said both bridge problems illustrate why Illinois needs to focus on necessary transportation infrastructure and not shift funds to non-priorities like the proposed Route 53 Tollway extension into Lake County.

Scheinfeld said the incident shows why the region needs reliable and sufficient funding to both maintain and repair structures, and to respond to emergencies.

"It's an important reminder of how much we rely on and depend on having infrastructure that's in a state of good repair and reliable," she said.

Commenting about the Lake Shore Drive bridge shutdown, Mayor Rahm Emanuel renewed his long-standing call for a state infrastructure bill to help avoid situations like the cracked beams. He also has recommended an increase in the gas tax to help pay for it.

"They're going to do a study, they're going to give you the cause," he said. "But prior to this, I have been clear about the need for a transportation bill."

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## Teens see 'individual lives behind the deaths' of kids

**Obits, from Page 1**

that awareness around.

"No matter what block ... there's always been something," said Rodgers, who described running from gunshots as a kid. "I just think it's important, letting a lot of people know guns aren't good at all."

For a group of students at York Community High School in Elmhurst, working on the project was eye-opening. The west suburban teens said that while they were aware of the severity of gun violence, especially its prevalence in some Chicago neighborhoods, writing obituaries for children who died across the country under-scored that gun violence can happen anywhere.

"Seeing those names on a spreadsheet hit home. If it happened to me, would someone write an article about it?" said Ava Uditky, a 16-year-old York sophomore. "Gun violence is an everyday problem, and it happens everywhere. Nobody is safe."

The project, started by nonprofit news organization The Trace, aims to compile obituaries for every person 18 and younger murdered or accidentally killed by a gun from the date of the Parkland shooting through Wednesday. The news organization, which devotes its coverage to gun violence, partnered with the Miami

Herald to compile the list of victims, using local police reports and the Gun Violence Archive, a nonprofit that tracks shootings.

The teen writers, many of whom learned about the project at school, chose to participate and randomly selected names from the more than 1,100 victims to memorialize. They were paid \$25 per obituary, and their work appears on [sinceparkland.org](http://sinceparkland.org).

"The goal is to really show people the full scope of gun violence in America," said Akoto Ofori-Atta, The Trace managing editor. The project employed teen writers instead of professional journalists, she said, because "we thought it was their story to tell."

In many cases, teens know more about the pervasive problem of gun violence than adults do, she said, whether it's because they see it firsthand or they prepare for the possibility of it, however remote, in school lockdown drills.

And while the Parkland school shooting mobilized teen activists to take a stand on gun control and inspired legislation, Ofori-Atta said it is also important to highlight all circumstances of gun deaths, because most don't occur during school mass shootings. Most happen on the streets or in homes, she said.

The March for Our Lives movement inspired young

people across the country to participate in rallies and school walkouts in the months after the Parkland shooting, calling for stricter gun control. The group also focuses on lobbying Congress and local governments, and holds youth voter drives.

Natalie Daskal, executive director of March for Our Lives Chicago and a 17-year-old Chicago student at Francis W. Parker School, said that while the movement has quieted locally since teens across the Chicago area walked out of school last spring, her group remains active.

"We're having to work harder than we did before ... and be constantly reminding people that this is still so important," she said. "There's still people dying every day."

The group's main focus is researching candidates and registering young voters, Daskal said. "The change is going to happen at the ballot box."

The teen writers for The Trace project believe putting names and faces to gun statistics can also inspire change. The teens scoured news reports, funeral home obituaries and social media accounts to learn about victims, including their interests and whom they left behind. Some student writers also reached out to victims' family members for tough con-



For Michael Moriarty, from left, Grace Moriarty, Holly Kauck and Cece Lampa and others at York Community High School in Elmhurst, working on the project could be eye-opening.

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really see the individual lives behind the deaths," Lampa said. "The victims were young people just like them."

York junior J.J. Hennessy, 16, said he learned not only how victims died, but also their hobbies, their nicknames and other details family and friends would note in obituaries and on social media.

While scrolling through the Facebook page of a teen killed in a drive-by shooting in Georgia, Hennessy noticed when posts turned from silly messages from friends to painful posts about missing him. "When you're writing about this, you know this person is no longer living," he said. "That's a really powerful message to have in the back of your head."

As Hennessy researched a toddler who died in an accidental shooting after finding a gun in her Ohio home, he said he learned that she loved Minnie Mouse and cheese puffs, so he included those in the obituary he wrote. The details were important to tell the story, Hennessy said.

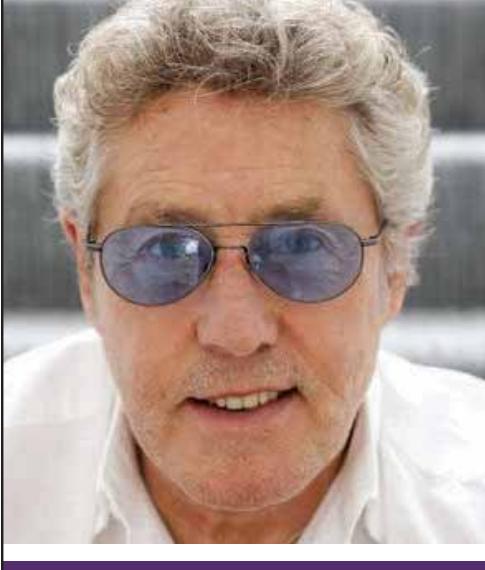
"These parts of obituaries, everyone can relate to," said Rodgers, the Chicago teen who worked on the project. "Gun violence, it doesn't just stop at a certain group. Everyone will be able to identify with these children."

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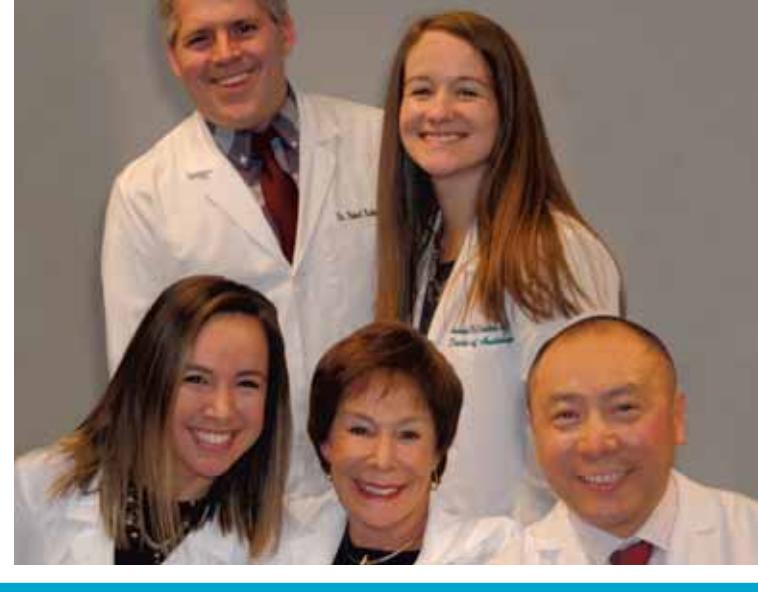
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## It's no longer 'Drop and give me 20'

Army hopes new fitness test better prepares troops

BY LOLITA C. BALDOR  
Associated Press

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — Army soldiers struggle to haul heavy sleds backward as fast as they can down a grassy field, filling the brisk morning air with grunts of exertion and the shouts of instruction from coaches.

Sgt. Maj. Harold Sampson shakes his head. As a military intelligence specialist he spends a lot of time behind a desk. Over his two decades in the Army, he could easily pound out the situps, pushups and 2-mile run that for years have made up the service's fitness test.

But change has come. The Army is developing a new, more grueling and complex fitness exam that adds dead lifts, power throws and other exercises designed to make soldiers more fit and ready for combat.

"I am prepared to be utterly embarrassed," Sampson said two days before he was to take the test.

Commanders have complained in recent years that the soldiers they get from basic training aren't fit enough. Nearly half of the commanders surveyed last year said new troops coming into their units could not meet the physical demands of combat. Officials also say about 12 percent of soldiers at any one time cannot deploy because of injuries.

In addition, there has long been a sense among many senior officials that the existing fitness test does



GERRY BROOME/AP

A new fitness test to ensure more combat-ready troops is scheduled to be in place by October of this year.

not adequately measure the physical attributes needed for the battlefield, said Gen. Stephen Townsend, head of U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command.

The new test, "may be harder, but it is necessary," Townsend said.

Reaching the new fitness levels will be challenging.

Unlike the old fitness test, which graded soldiers differently based on age and gender, the new one will be far more physically demanding and will not adjust the passing scores for older or female soldiers.

For example, in the current test — two minutes of

situps, two minutes of

pushups, a 2-mile run —

younger soldiers must do

more repetitions and run

faster to pass and get maximum scores than those who

are older or female.

Townsend said the new

test was designed based on

scientific research that

matched specific exercises

to tasks that soldiers in

combat must do: sprint

from fire or carry a

wounded comrade on a

stretcher.

The scoring is divided

into three levels that require

soldiers with more physi-

cally demanding jobs, such

as infantry or armor, to

score higher.

"We needed to change

the culture of fitness in the

United States Army. We had

a high number of nonde-

ployable soldiers that had a

lot of muscular/skeletal in-

juries and medical chal-

lenges because we hadn't

trained them from a fitness

perspective in the right

way," said Army Maj. Gen.

Malcolm Frost, commander

of the Army's Center for

Initial Military Training

and the officer in charge of

developing the new fitness

test.

Frost said the new test

will help screen out recruits

who are less physically fit

and mentally disciplined.

Those who make the cut are

more likely to stay in the

service.

It will also challenge senior

officers, such as Sampson,

who have been doing less

physical desk jobs.

"It breaks the mindset of

'I am an intel soldier,'" said

Sampson. "It changes it to 'I

am a soldier' because bullets

on the battlefield don't discriminate."

The six events take

nearly an hour and are done

in order with only a few

minutes rest in between:

■ A dead lift, with weights

between 140 pounds and

340 pounds.

■ A standing power throw,

which requires soldiers to

throw a 10-pound medicine

ball backward and over-

head.

■ Hand-release pushups,

completing as many as pos-

sible in 2 minutes.

■ The "sprint-drag-carry"

that includes a 50-yard

sprint, a 50-yard backward

sled drag, a 50-yard lateral,

where soldiers shuttle side-

ways down the lane and

back, a 50-yard carry of two

40-pound kettle bells and a

50-yard sprint.

■ After a short rest, the

soldiers do the leg tuck

pullup, as many as possible

in 2 minutes.

■ A 2-mile run.

"Many folks find it easy to

do the maximum standard

for the current test," Frost said. "This new test is gender- and age-neutral. I cannot max this test."

Across the country, 63 battalions are working on the final test development and will eventually go back to their units and train others. By Oct. 1, the entire Army will be using the test. By October 2020, it will be the official exam all soldiers will have to pass.

Technique is key to success.

As the soldiers lined up to fling the medicine ball back over their heads, coaches stood by ready to shove them out of the way if the ball went straight up and came right back down.

The first throws landed with a chorus of thuds; many throws fell short. But the second and third tries went farther as soldiers figured out when to release the ball.

Next they moved to pushups.

A few lanes away, Staff Sgt. Idris Arroyo, started what most consider the toughest element, the sprint-drag-carry. Pulling the 90-pound sled backward down the lane, her feet slip and she stumbles.

"C'mon get up! Get up, pull, pull!" a coach yells. Arroyo bounces up, drags it to the end and shifts quickly to the next movement.

Just how hard was the new test?

"It was pretty difficult," said Arroyo.

Commanders said the test will be harder at first for less fit soldiers or longtime veterans, who are in less physical jobs, and many may fail at first. But they said that over time, as soldiers adjust and get stronger, their scores will improve.

## 'Revolution babies' getting grip on reality

Young dealing with economic hardships from 1979 overthrow

BY MEHDI FATTAH  
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — They were born after their parents' protests brought down the shah of Iran in 1979, when enthusiasm gave way to the hard years of U.S.-led isolation and a bloody, eight-year war with Iraq.

Iran's "revolution babies" are a major force in the country today, in the wake of the overthrow of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi and the creation of the Islamic Republic, now marking its 40th anniversary.

More than half of Iran's 80 million people are under 35, and all of them deal with the legacy of the uprising, especially as the country struggles anew under reimposed U.S. economic sanctions after President Donald Trump pulled Washington out of Tehran's nuclear agreement with world powers last year.

For many, the objectives of the revolution are still elusive.

"We had some goals and still believe those goals were right," Farzad Farahani, a 22-year-old university stu-

dent. "We had demands and still think those demands were fair, but the revolution failed to fully realize our demands."

Besides installing the Shiite theocracy that governs today, the Islamic Revolution touted independence from both the West and the East. It also came with a host of plans pushed by the leftists who joined forces with Iran's clergy, including economic development, education and social justice. Its leaders promised the people a share of Iran's lucrative oil sales.

Today, nearly every Iranian can read, compared with only 47 percent in 1976, according to government statistics at the time. College enrollment is high, as evidenced by the crowds of young people on the streets near Tehran University.

But at least 1 in 4 can't find work, according to the International Monetary Fund, amid Iran's 11 percent unemployment overall. Those who do find jobs often take positions below their means, such as those with doctorates driving taxi cabs.

Mania Filum, a 27-year-

old student, said the revolution did produce more educated Iranians, but now she and her friends are determined to leave if there's an opportunity abroad.

"Everybody plans to win funds for Ph.D.s and leave Iran," Filum said. "Those who are staying, it's because they have rich daddies, or daddies that own factories or good jobs. They can have a job and have a stable situation."

Iran has a large youth population, in part because family planning clinics were dismantled after the revolution. The government aimed for an "army of 20 million" loyalists to confront "global arrogance" and lead the Muslim world.

Many also grew up after a bloody war in the 1980s that Iraq launched against Iran and saw 1 million killed.

"The economic situation is very bad. My father went to the war and was wounded in action, he was ready to sacrifice his life, and he loved Imam (Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini)," said Kimia Zakeri, a 20-year-old student.

"Even now, when we talk, he doesn't want to accept



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Kimia Zakeri, a graphic design student, says "the economic situation is very bad" in Iran.

the reality and the bad situation," Zakeri said. "My parents are very unhappy. They think that the economic situation should have been much better."

The younger generation has known times of incredible political pressure — and a brief thaw.

Western sanctions have been a fact of life for decades in the wake of the storming of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran in 1979 and the 444-day hostage crisis that saw Iranians chanting "Death to America!"

There was a sense of optimism in 2015, when Iran reached the nuclear deal in which it limited its enrichment of uranium in exchange for the lifting of

sanctions. But that hope has faded under Trump, who withdrew from the agreement over Iran's growing role in the region and its ballistic missile program.

Shayan Momeni, a 27-year-old dentistry student, blames Iran's current problems on the United States.

"America likes to dominate the Middle East, but it can't achieve that," he said. "Now it's struggling to bring us to our knees, but it hasn't succeeded."

Filum disagreed.

"Japan could have cut its ties with America forever after Hiroshima and could have kept saying, 'Death to America' until now, but it kept its ties, enjoyed the benefits, and this greatly

helped its progress," she said. "But Iran is not like that. It still insists that America is bad, it's our enemy. Britain is bad, it's our enemy."

She asked: "This is independence at what price?"

Mohammad Ahadi, a 25-year-old cook, is proud of the progress Iran has made.

"Before this 40-year period, people had no say," Ahadi noted outside a Tehran mosque where he had just prayed. "But today, when we look at everything after 40 years, our missile and nuclear technology and our achievements in the Middle East and around the world are talked about everywhere. It's a great feeling, and we feel powerful."

## King again: Wire fox terrier wins Westminster

BY BEN WALKER

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A wire fox terrier named King became America's top dog Tuesday night at the Westminster Kennel Club in Madison Square Garden. King was chosen best in show.

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# Key anti-abortion tests on the horizon

Activists see past high court's 5-4 vote in Louisiana case to other laws in pipeline

BY DAVID CRARY  
Associated Press

Activists on both sides of the abortion debate are reacting cautiously to a 5-4 Supreme Court vote blocking Louisiana from enforcing new abortion regulations. They agree that the crucial tests of the court's stance are still to come.

Depending on the viewpoint, the vote represented a temporary victory or setback — but not proof as to how the court might deal with a slew of tough anti-abortion laws working their way through state legislatures and federal courts.

"We're elated — but not in the sense of uncorking the champagne," said Center for Reproductive Rights attorney Travis Tu, who has helped lead the fight against the Louisiana law. "We're elated in the sense of we just dodged a bullet."

NARAL Pro-Choice America President Ilyse Hogue, while relieved by the court's vote, said it "illustrates a sobering reminder: The thread that women's rights hang by is dangerously thin."

The law in question

would require Louisiana abortion providers to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals.

Chief Justice John Roberts joined the Supreme Court's four liberals Thursday in putting the law on hold pending a full review of the case. President Donald Trump's two appointees, Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh, were among the four conservative justices who would have let the law take effect.

Activists on opposing sides voiced hope that the case will eventually return to the Supreme Court for a definitive ruling on the substance of the law.

"We will continue to do all that we legally can to protect Louisiana women and the unborn," said Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry.

Benjamin Clapper of Louisiana Right to Life said he was not concerned by Roberts' break with the other conservative justices, suggesting the chief justice might eventually vote to let the law take effect.

"We don't see last night's decision necessarily as a setback," Clapper said. "It



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Chief Justice John Roberts sided with the court's liberals in putting the Louisiana law on hold pending a full review.

sets the stage for a full review that could go either way."

Beyond the Louisiana law, which resembles a Texas law struck down by the Supreme Court in 2016, many other anti-abortion measures are being litigated in the courts or being considered in this year's legislative sessions. Many were designed to present a challenge to Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court ruling that established a nationwide right to abortion.

In at least six states — Florida, Kentucky, Mississippi, Ohio, South Carolina and Tennessee — efforts are

underway to enact bills to outlaw abortions after a fetal heartbeat is detected, as early as six weeks into a pregnancy. Backers of these bills said they were undeterred by the Supreme Court's latest action.

"I'm not really concerned at this point what the court does," said Mississippi state Sen. Angela Hill. "I'm concerned about doing what Mississippi wants us to do."

Asked if the Supreme Court vote would have an impact on the "heartbeat" bill debate in Ohio, anti-abortion activist Janet Porter said, "None whatsoever."

Porter, author of the original legislation that's now spread to other states, noted the health challenges facing liberal Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg and suggested that conservatives will have "yet another judge on the court by the time we get there." She also questioned the notion that Roberts' vote with the court's liberal wing in the Louisiana case signaled that he'd side with them in future abortion cases.

Ohio Right to Life President Mike Gonidakis agreed.

"What Justice Roberts' action says to us is that he wants the whole thing briefed, he wants the opportunity to grill both sides," Gonidakis said.

Abortion rights supporters also expect Roberts to cast the critical swing vote in future abortion rulings.

"We know there are four justices who were willing to allow a law to take effect even though the Supreme Court struck down an identical law less than three years ago" said Jennifer Dalven, who heads the American Civil Liberties Union's Reproductive Freedom Project. "We don't know how that will play out with other laws. It's really a question of Chief Justice Roberts."

In addition to the "heartbeat" bills, several other anti-abortion measures have surfaced in multiple states, including two that National Right to Life executive director David O'Steen views as strong candidates to pass muster with the Roberts-led court.

One type of measure would ban most abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy on the disputed premise that a fetus can feel pain at that stage. Another set of bills seeks to ban a commonly used second trimester procedure known as dilation and evacuation.

O'Steen said Roberts "would have every reason" to support both of these measures if they came before the court.

At the lone abortion clinic operating in New Orleans, nurse Vanessa Shields-Haas, who helps escort patients into the facility, said she was pleasantly surprised at the 5-4 vote to block the state law's implementation.

"The new makeup of the Supreme Court indicated that it was likely it would have gone through, which would have had devastating consequences," she said. "It's clear that this law is about ideology. It's not about safety."

## LA to become biggest U.S. city to ban fur sales in '21

BY EMILY ALPERT  
REYES  
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles will become the biggest city in the country to ban the sale of animal fur under a new law backed Tuesday by the City Council.

The ordinance, which will go into effect in 2021, makes it illegal to sell, manufacture or trade furs or fur clothing and accessories such as coats, handbags and key chains in LA city limits.

The ban includes a number of exemptions: Used

furs can still be sold at secondhand shops. People can still sell or trade the pelts of dead animals preserved through taxidermy. And the city will not prohibit fur produced from animals taken lawfully under a trapping license.

Animal rights activists hailed the decision, denouncing the fur business as barbaric and unnecessary.

"Animals are not fabric — they are sentient beings who suffer terribly," said Patty Shenker, a member of Animal Defenders International. "And we must in-

clude them in our moral compass."

Fur sellers and manufacturers, in turn, said their industry was being unfairly singled out and smeared, and warned that legal action could be next.

Because the Tuesday vote was not unanimous, the proposed law will come back to the council for a second, procedural vote before going to Mayor Eric Garcetti for his signature. The sole councilman to oppose the law was Greig Smith, who was recently appointed to fill the seat vacated by Councilman

Last year, 60 percent of respondents in a Gallup poll deemed it "morally acceptable" to buy and wear clothing made of animal fur.

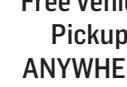
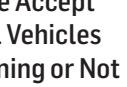
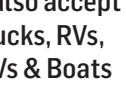
Mitchell Englander.

At a committee meeting last week, Smith said he was concerned about shutting down "legitimate businesses," calling it "not American," and noted that the city had not estimated the economic impact. His spokesman, Colin Sweeney, later said that Smith "thinks controlling the industry with regulations to minimize harm ... is preferable to a ban."

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# 'Not thrilled' Trump leaning toward deal

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rest of the fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30.

The agreement would allow 55 miles of new fencing — constructed using existing designs such as metal slats — but far less than the 215 miles the White House demanded in December. The fencing would be built in Texas' Rio Grande Valley.

Full details were not expected to be released until Wednesday as lawmakers worked to translate their verbal agreement into legislation. But Republican leaders urged Trump to sign on.

"I hope he signs the bill," said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, who joined other GOP leaders in selling it as a necessary compromise that represented a major concession from Democrats.

Appropriations Committee Chairman Richard Shelby, R-Ala., expressed optimism Trump would be on board.

"We believe from our dealings with them and the latitude they've given us, they will support it," he said. "We certainly hope so."

Others were less upbeat. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, who traveled with the president to a rally in Cornyn's home state Monday night, said, "My impression flying back with him from El Paso last night is that he thinks it's pretty thin gruel."

A presidential rejection of the deal could plunge Congress into a new crisis, as lawmakers have no clear Plan B. They need to pass a funding bill to avoid another shutdown at midnight Friday and have worked to avoid turning to another short-term bill that would prolong the border debate.

Speaking at a Cabinet meeting, Trump said of a possible shutdown: "I don't think it's going to happen."

Still, he made clear that, if he does sign on to the deal, he is strongly considering



J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

"I hope he signs the bill," said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, who spoke to reporters Tuesday about the bipartisan compromise.

supplementing it by moving money from what he described as less important areas of government.

"We have a lot of money in this country and we're using some of that money — a small percentage of that money — to build the wall, which we desperately need," he said.

That could be more difficult than he made it sound, facing challenges in Congress or federal court or both.

The White House has long been laying the groundwork for Trump to use executive action to bypass Congress and divert money into wall construction. He could declare a national emergency or invoke other executive authority to tap funds including money set aside for military construction, disaster relief and efforts to

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—President Donald Trump

counter drugs.

Previewing that strategy last week, acting White House Chief of Staff Mick Mulvaney said, "We'll take as much money as you can give us, and then we will go off and find the money somewhere else — legally — in order to secure that southern barrier." He said more than \$5.7 billion in available funds had been identified.

McConnell, who had previously said he was trou-

bled by the concept of declaring a national emergency, said Tuesday that Trump "ought to feel free to use whatever tools he can legally use to enhance his effort to secure the border."

The framework under consideration contains plenty to anger lawmakers on both the right and left — more border fencing than Democrats would like and too little for conservative Republicans — but its authors praised it as a genuine

compromise to keep the government open and allow everyone to move on.

Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer urged Trump to accept the package to avert another shutdown, calling the tentative accord "welcome news."

But the proposal was met with fury by some on the right, including Fox News Channel's Sean Hannity, a close friend of the president, who slammed it as a "garbage compromise."

Jenny Beth Martin, co-founder of the Tea Party Patriots, released a scathing statement saying she and others had been "hoodwinked."

"This so-called 'deal' is worse than a joke," she said.

The hosts of Trump favorite "Fox & Friends," however, urged the president to agree to the deal and

keep the government open, a relief to White House officials and congressional Republicans who had been nervously watching the roll call of conservative media voices, trying to predict where Trump would land.

Conservative Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., a close ally of the president, said that if Trump does agree to the deal, he could be spared a "conservative uproar because everyone expects executive action to follow." That's despite concerns from many Republicans about executive overreach and the precedent Trump might be setting for future presidents of both parties.

"Two things are clear. We will not have a shutdown of the government and executive action to reprogram additional border security dollars is required," Meadows said.

## Jurors in NYC find 'El Chapo' guilty on all drug counts

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he was still alive, gasping for air.

The defense case lasted 30 minutes. Guzman's lawyers did not deny his crimes as much as argue he was a fall guy for government witnesses who were more evil than he was.

In closing arguments, defense attorney Jeffrey Lichtman urged the jury not to believe government witnesses who "lie, steal, cheat, deal drugs and kill people."

U.S. Attorney Richard Donoghue called the conviction "a victory for the American people who suffered so much" while the defendant poured poison over the borders. He expected Guzman to get life without parole.

"It is a sentence from which there is no escape and no return," Donoghue told a news conference outside the courthouse, through snow and sleet.

He added: "There are those who say the war on drugs is not worth fighting. Those people are wrong."

Lichtman said the defense will appeal the case. "No matter who the defendant is, you still have to fight to the death," he said.

The trial cast a glare on the corruption that allowed the cartel to flourish.

Colombian trafficker Alvaro Cifuentes caused a stir by



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Members of the media swarm Emma Coronel Aispuro, wife of Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, after the verdict Tuesday.

testifying that former Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto took a \$100 million bribe from Guzman. Pena Nieto denied it, but the allegation fit a theme: politicians, army commanders, police and prosecutors, all on the take.

The tension at times was cut by some of the trial's sideshows, such as the sight of Guzman and his wife, Emma Coronel Aispuro, showing up in matching burgundy velvet blazers in a gesture of solidarity. Another day, a Chapo-size actor

who played the kingpin in the TV series "Narcos: Mexico" came to watch, telling reporters that seeing the defendant flash him a smile was "surreal."

While the trial was dominated by Guzman's persona as a near-mythical outlaw who carried a diamond-encrusted handgun and stayed one step ahead of the law, the jury never heard from Guzman himself, except when he told the judge he wouldn't testify.

But his sing-songy voice filled the courtroom, thanks

to recordings of intercepted phone calls. "Amigo!" he said to a cartel distributor in Chicago. "Here at your service."

One of the trial's most memorable tales came from girlfriend Lucero Guadalupe Sanchez Lopez, who testified she was in bed with an on-the-run Guzman in 2014 when Mexican marines started breaking down his door. She said Guzman led her to a trap door beneath a bathtub that opened up to a tunnel that allowed them to

escape.

Asked what he was wearing, she replied: "He was naked. He took off running. He left us behind."

The defendant had previously escaped from jail by hiding in a laundry bin in 2001. He then got an escort from crooked police officers into Mexico City before retreating to one of his many mountainside hideaways. In 2014, he pulled off another jail break, escaping through a milelong lighted tunnel on a motorcycle on rails.

## Australian government under fire over treatment of refugees

**By RICK NOACK**  
The Washington Post

Years before the U.S.-Mexican border wall became a synonym for anti-immigration measures pursued at all cost, Australia embarked on its own, deeply divisive experiment.

More than half a decade ago, Australia's government decided that all migrants arriving in the country by boat should be placed in detention camps outside of the country, on the Pacific Ocean island nation of Nau-

ru and Papua New Guinea's Manus Island.

The detention practice has since drawn severe protests in Australia, backed by international institutions such as the U.N.'s Human Rights Committee, which called the camps "unsustainable, inhumane and contrary to its human rights obligations."

One of the asylum seekers who was detained there for years is the Iranian Kurdish journalist Behrouz Boochani — who is this year's winner in absentia of

the country's prestigious Victorian Prize for Literature, worth over \$70,000. The award puts an uncomfortable, renewed spotlight at the ongoing treatment of asylum seekers by the governments of Nauru and Papua New Guinea on behalf of Australia. The Australian government maintains that it is not responsible for migrants' treatment in the processing centers.

"It's an Australian story that as a nation we cannot be proud of, but it's a story that cannot be ignored," the

Australian Human Rights Law Center wrote in a response to the award ceremony on Thursday.

Dubbed "Australia's Guantanamo" by its critics, the camp where Boochani was held was closed in 2017 after years of mounting pressure on Australia to end the controversial practice.

In his award-winning book, "No Friend but the Mountains," Boochani wrote an inside look of the camp. He typed the book on his phone and shared it with a translator via WhatsApp.

That way, he explained, camp guards were unable to detect and confiscate the documents.

Boochani, like many other refugees who were held in the now-closed camp, still involuntarily lives on Manus Island and can neither enter Australia nor return to his home country, Iran, where he fears prosecution over his work. Authorities in Australia made no exception for last month's award ceremony in Melbourne, signaling that the current govern-

ment stands by its controversial hardline stance on migration, even ahead of elections in May and a shift in public opinion toward a less radical approach.

"In some ways I am very happy because we are able to get attention to this plight and you know many people have become aware of this situation, which is great," Boochani told the BBC. "But on the other side I feel that I don't have the right to have celebration because I have many friends here who are suffering in this place."

## FBI seeks help in matching killer's portraits to victims

BY DEL QUENTIN  
WILBER  
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The victim wears a mournful expression. Her head is slightly cocked, her bright red lips dipped in a frown, her eyes staring into the middle distance.

Samuel Little drew the portrait from memory nearly two decades after he says he killed the woman in 1996 in Los Angeles. It is one of 16 haunting pictures that police say the serial killer made in prison of his victims — and who remain unidentified.

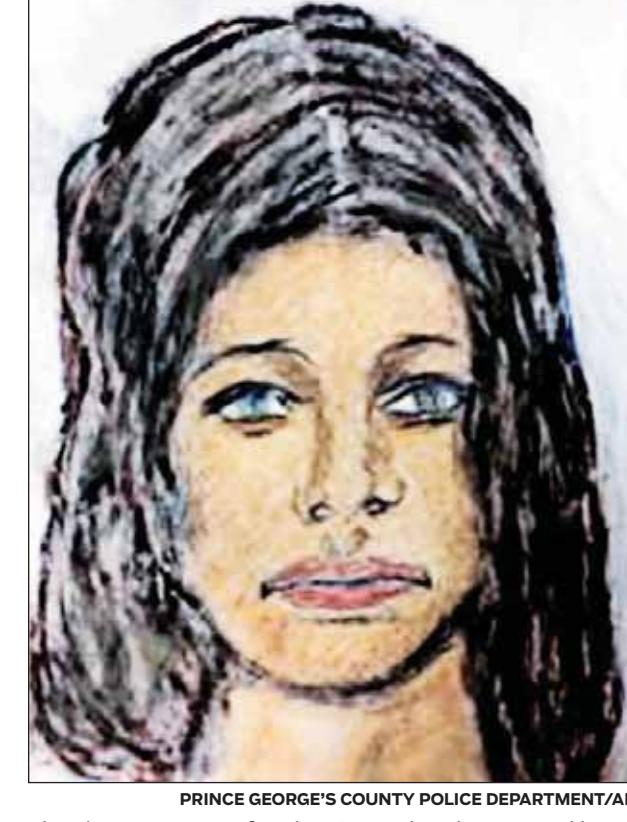
The FBI released the portraits Tuesday in hope of generating tips that might help authorities identify the women Little killed, and finally close out the long-cold cases.

After Little began confessing in May to killing 93 people over 35 years, starting in 1970, police and federal law enforcement have scoured old files and crime scene photographs in an effort to link unsolved murders to the details he recalled.

Police have confirmed more than 36 cases so far, a tally that puts Little among the deadliest serial killers, according to the FBI. He claims to have killed 20 people in Los Angeles.

Linking Little's confessions to victims has been difficult for several reasons.

Little



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT/AP

This drawing is one of 16 that Samuel Little says are likenesses of women he has admitted killing.

Without a gunshot or knife wound, police mistakenly blamed overdoses, accidents or natural causes for some of the slayings and never opened a murder investigation. Some bodies have never been found, and some departments have lost old case files.

Little has told investigators he considers himself an accomplished artist and promised last year that he could render portraits of his victims from memory.

Investigators encouraged him to do so, and using a mix of chalk, pastel pencils and watercolors he has drawn 16 in their final frightened moments, the last known images of the victims until police found their remains.

Each image has bright red lips and large oval eyes. Most stare straight at the killer or just over his shoul-

der.

He gave each a unique feature or two: A Miami teenager's blue headband holds back long black hair; a victim in Atlanta has sharp features and appears caught in mid-laugh; and a woman slain in Texas has purple hair.

Police have yet to link 13 of the portraits to victims or crimes.

In the other three cases — one from Prince George's County, Md., another from West Memphis, Ark., and the third from Pascagoula, Miss. — police have matched one of Little's confessions to skeletal remains and corresponding case files. But they have been unable to put a name to the bones.

Little had confessed to killing 90 people by November, the FBI said. But the grim tally rose after he recalled, while being driven in December from one Texas jail to another, killing three more victims.

## Climate change to alter how cities feel in 2080, study finds

BY SETH BORENSTEIN  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The climate in New York City in 60 years could feel like Jonesboro, Ark. now. Chicago could seem like Kansas City, Mo., and San Francisco could get a Southern California climate if global warming pollution continues at the current pace, a new study finds.

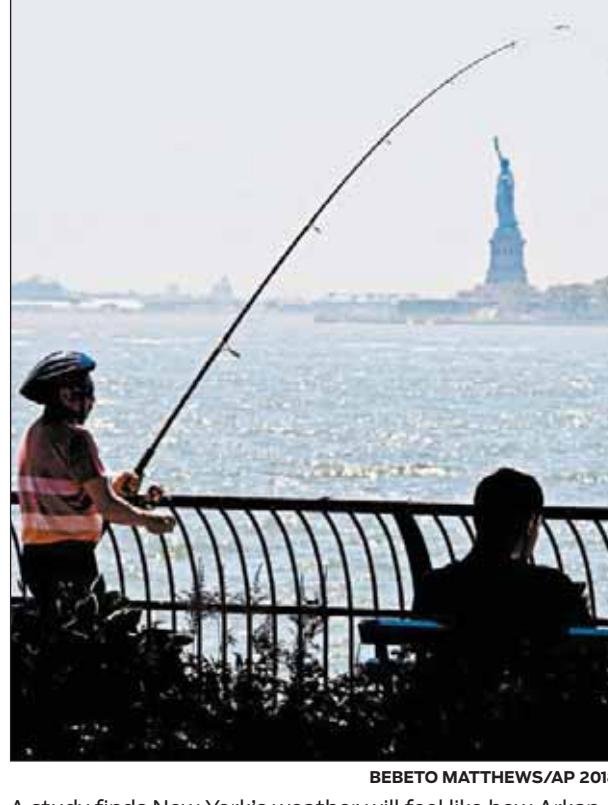
In 2080, North Carolina's capital, Raleigh, could feel more like Florida's capital, Tallahassee, while the nation's capital will have a climate more akin to just north of the Mississippi Delta, if the globe stays on its current carbon pollution trend. Miami might as well be southern Mexico and the beautiful mornings in future Des Moines, Iowa, could feel like they are straight out of Oklahoma.

That's according to a study Tuesday in the journal *Nature Communications* that tries to explain climate change better.

"The children alive today, like my daughter who is 12, they're going to see a dramatic transformation of climate. It's already under way," said study lead author Matt Fitzpatrick. He's an ecology professor at the University of Maryland's Center for Environmental Sciences in Frostburg, Md., which won't quite measure up to its name with climate more like current day southern Kentucky.

But if the world cuts back on its carbon dioxide emissions, peaking around 2040, then New York's climate can stay closer to home, feeling more like central Maryland, while Chicago's climate could be somewhat like Dayton, Ohio's.

Fitzpatrick looked at 12 different variables for 540 U.S. and Canadian cities under two climate change scenarios to find out what the future might feel like in a way a regular person



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A study finds New York's weather will feel like how Arkansas is now if global warming continues at its current pace.

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who wasn't part of the study. "The science here isn't new but a great way to bring impacts to the local scale user."

The 540 cities on average move 528 miles to the south climate-wise, if carbon emissions keep soaring. If the world cuts back, the cities move on average 319 miles.

The city that moves the most is Wasilla, Alaska, which if emissions aren't cut back could feel like eastern Wisconsin, 11 degrees warmer in the summer.

"Visualizations that tap into our own lived experiences make a lot of sense," said Oregon State University climate scientist Kathie Dello, who wasn't part of the study and doesn't like what it shows for her region. "Telling people in historically mild Portland that the climate in the late 21st century will be more like the hot Central Valley of California is jarring."

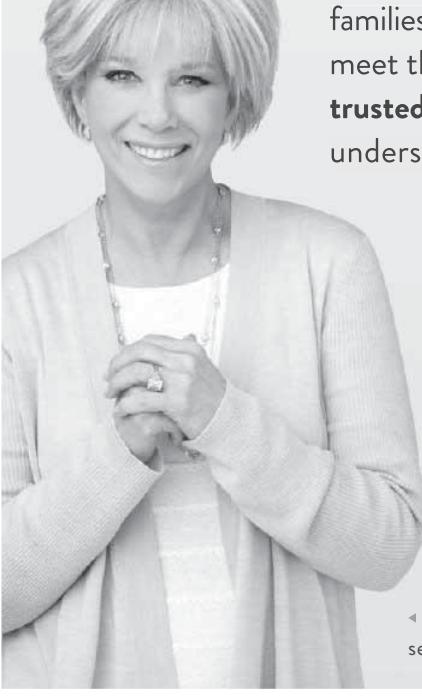
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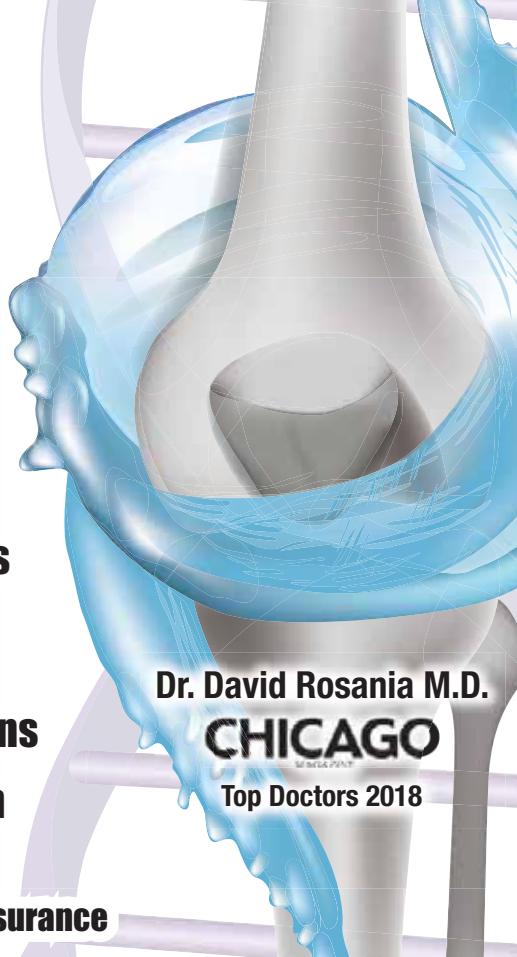
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Opposition leader Juan Guaido sings the national anthem Tuesday in Caracas.

## Guaido plans Feb. 23 caravans to get U.S. aid into Venezuela

BY SCOTT SMITH AND  
CHRISTINE ARMARIO  
Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — Opposition leader Juan Guaido called Tuesday for mobilizing caravans of Venezuelans to bring emergency food and medicine across the border from Colombia in a daring plan to outmaneuver President Nicolas Maduro.

With thousands of cheering supporters surrounding him, Guaido set Feb. 23 as the date for bringing in the U.S. assistance.

That means another 11-day wait for the aid, which has been warehoused on the Colombian border since last week — and a full month since Guaido declared himself Venezuela's rightful president — a timeline that threatens to deflate momentum toward unseating the entrenched socialist leader.

"Right now, I'm going to give this order to the armed forces," Guaido told the mass of people gathered in Caracas. "Allow in the humanitarian aid. That's an order."

Despite that authoritative assertion, there has been little evidence that the allegiances of the security forces — the country's key powerbroker — have swung

behind Guaido, a virtually unknown lawmaker until last month, when he took the helm of the opposition-controlled National Assembly.

The 35-year-old lawmaker has rallied masses of Venezuelans into street demonstrations that have left at least 40 dead since he declared himself interim president Jan. 23.

On Tuesday, he told supporters that thousands of volunteers he's recruited online will help organize the food and medical supplies and help get them across from Colombia.

Guaido also announced a second collection point for aid to be brought in from Brazil.

Using such popular mobilizations carries the risk of more violent confrontation with the armed forces, a fact that opposition leaders acknowledged Tuesday.

Jose Manuel Olivares, Guaido's representative in helping lead the aid mission from Colombia, said he and other lawmakers plan to be at the front of the Feb. 23 push to get the aid in, even if it means risking their lives.

"We have never told people to do something we are not willing to do," he said. "We're going to be there with people taking the risk."

Maduro backers, mean-

while, gathered Tuesday in a square in the capital, cheering and waving flags. They spoke out on state TV against intervention from what they called the "U.S. empire," saying that Maduro is Venezuela's rightful president.

"We know that behind this supposed humanitarian aid is the intention to intervene in Venezuela," Vice President Delcy Rodriguez said on state TV. "It's a cheap show."

Maduro says the humanitarian aid is part of a U.S.-led coup to topple him and won't let it across the border.

Venezuela's military last week barricaded a key bridge between Venezuela and Colombia in an apparent attempt to keep the aid from entering.

On Tuesday, protesters called on Maduro to relent, citing epidemic hunger and illnesses that can't be treated in Venezuela, once among Latin America's wealthiest nations, with the world's largest oil reserves.

"Nicolas Maduro should put his hand on his heart and accept that aid," said Mayerly Prada, among a group of protesters on the Colombian side of the Tenditas International Bridge. "It's help for many Venezuelans like my son."

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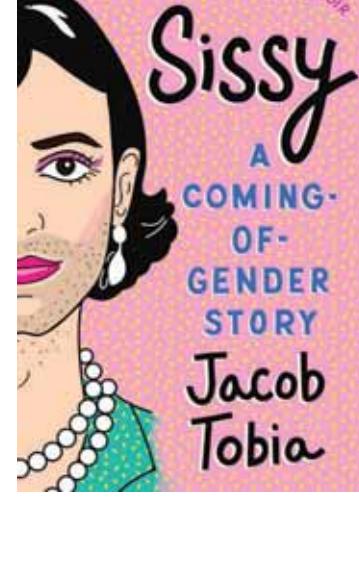
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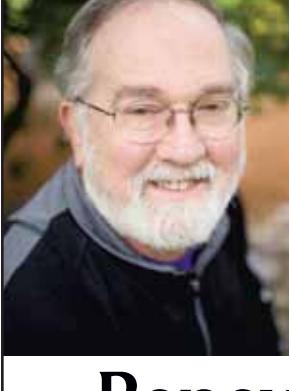
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## NEWS BRIEFING

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### Senate backs wide-ranging public lands, conservation bill

**WASHINGTON** — The Senate has approved a bill that revives a popular conservation program, adds a million acres of new wilderness, expands several national parks and creates four new national monuments.

The measure combines more than 100 public-lands bills that add more than 350 miles of wild and scenic rivers and 2,600 miles of federal trails. It designates nearly 700,000 acres of new recreation

and conservation areas. The bill also withdraws 370,000 acres in Montana and Washington state from mineral development. The Senate passed the bill, 92-8, sending it to the House.

The bill reauthorizes the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which supports conservation and outdoor recreation projects nationwide. The program expired last fall after Congress could not agree on language to extend it.

### British P.M. asks lawmakers for more time on Brexit deal

**LONDON** — British Prime Minister Theresa May urged restive lawmakers Tuesday to hold their nerve and give her more time to rework a divorce agreement with the European Union, heightening concerns that Brexit uncertainty will continue right up to the edge of the U.K.'s departure on March 29.

With Britain's EU exit just 45 days away, May tried to avert a rebellion

when Parliament votes again Thursday on Brexit by promising another series of votes two weeks later.

Some lawmakers want to use Thursday's votes to impose conditions on May's Conservative government in an attempt to rule out a cliff-edge "no deal" Brexit that would see Britain crash out of the EU without a framework for smooth future relations.

### National debt reaches a new milestone, topping \$22 trillion

**WASHINGTON** — The national debt has passed a new milestone, topping \$22 trillion for the first time.

The Treasury Department's daily statement showed Tuesday that total outstanding public debt stands at \$22.01 trillion. It stood at \$19.95 trillion when President Donald Trump took office on Jan. 20, 2017.

The debt figure has been rising at a faster pace

following passage of Trump's \$1.5 trillion tax cut in December 2017 and action by Congress last year to increase spending on domestic and military programs.

The national debt is the total of the annual budget deficits. The Congressional Budget Office projects this year's deficit will be \$897 billion, which would be a 15.1 percent increase over last year's imbalance of \$779 billion.



Vice President Joe Biden embraces Rep. Debbie Dingell on Tuesday as a flag is fastened to the casket of her husband, former Rep. John Dingell, at his funeral in Dearborn, Mich. Dingell, 92, the longest-serving member of Congress in U.S. history, died Thursday.

### Trial of Catalan separatists begins in Madrid amid protests

**MADRID** — Twelve Catalan separatists went on trial Tuesday in the Spanish capital for staging a failed 2017 independence referendum that triggered a constitutional crisis and exposed rifts in a nation's identity.

The trial is unprecedented in modern Spain. Carlos Lesmes, the president of Spain's Supreme Court, characterized it as the "most important" case since the country returned to democracy in 1975.

It will be a test for the impartiality of Spain's judiciary. And, as it plays out on live television and saturates

news headlines, reviving debates about democratic rights and political control, it will be a test of whether Spain's governing minority coalition can hold together.

As what is expected to be a three-month trial got underway, pro- and anti-separatist demonstrators shouted at each other outside the court, surrounded by hundreds of police.

The 12 separatists — including Catalonia's former vice president and other regional officials — stand accused of rebellion, sedition and the misuse of public funds. If convicted, they could face up to 25

years in prison. They deny the charges.

In October 2017, they staged an independence referendum in open defiance of the government in Madrid and the Spanish courts.

According to their results, 90 percent of voters supported secession — which Catalonia's regional parliament used as the basis for declaring independence. But only about 43 percent of Catalans participated, with most of those who supported the national government's position boycotting the exercise.

### Pentagon outlines artificial intelligence strategy

**WASHINGTON** — The Pentagon outlined its first artificial intelligence strategy in a report released Tuesday, saying it wants to expand the use of AI in warfare in ways that are in accordance with the nation's values.

The plan calls for accelerating the use of AI sys-

tems throughout the military, from gathering intelligence to predicting maintenance problems in planes or ships.

The report makes little mention of autonomous weapons but cites a 2012 military directive requiring humans to be in control.

The U.S. and Russia are

among a handful of nations that have blocked efforts at the United Nations for an international ban on "killer robots" — fully autonomous weapons systems that could one day conduct war without human intervention. The U.S. has argued that it's premature to try to regulate them.

### McConnell to call Senate vote on Green New Deal plan

**WASHINGTON** — Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell says the Senate will vote on the Green New Deal, a sweeping plan by Democrats to combat climate change and create thousands of jobs in renewable energy.

The plan calls for a New Deal-style mobilization to shift the U.S. economy away from fossil fuels such as oil and coal and replace them with renewable sources such as wind and solar power.

McConnell and other Republicans oppose the plan but are hoping to force Senate Democrats — including a crowd of 2020 presidential candidates — to vote on a proposal Republicans say would drive the economy off a cliff and lead to a huge tax increase.

President Donald Trump slammed the plan at a rally Monday in Texas, saying it would "shut down American energy."

**In Arizona:** Retired astronaut Mark Kelly, husband of former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords who was shot and wounded in a failed assassination attempt, announced Tuesday he will run to finish John McCain's last term in the U.S. Senate.

The Democrat will take on Republican Sen. Martha McSally in 2020.

**In Hawaii:** A federal grand jury indictment unsealed Tuesday accused former Honolulu city prosecutor Katherine Kealoha of dealing opioids with her physician brother Dr. Rudolph Puana and using her position to steer law enforcement away from him after police told her that he was buying cocaine.

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## EDITORIALS

# For Chicago city treasurer: Ameya Pawar

With a 14-way race for Chicago mayor, the open seat for city treasurer isn't getting much attention. But it should. The next treasurer will oversee — and be a part of — resolving Chicago's dramatic financial challenges. The office's primary role is to make sound investment decisions with taxpayer money.

Our pick is Ald. **Ameya Pawar** of the 47th Ward. At a time when transparency and ethics policy stand tall in voters' minds, Pawar has proved committed to both. Even as a freshman elected in 2011 in a ward where Mayor Rahm Emanuel was a constituent, Pawar wasn't afraid to challenge the political establishment. Unlike most of his colleagues, he rejected pay increases aldermen receive to augment their six-figure salaries.

**He also kept his word** on term limits. His



Pawar

aldermanic seat is up for grabs because he promised voters he would serve only eight years. Boy do we wish more politicians believed in, and practiced, term limits.

Pawar has been a consistent advocate for tax increment financing accountability and transparency, and we trust he will transfer that watchdog perspective to the treasurer's office.

He also has been a patient but firm advocate for the creation of the Council Office of Financial Analysis, an extra set of eyes on the mayor's office designed to provide independent analysis of spending, borrowing and budgets. That office sputtered to get off the ground and desperately needs to be strengthened. Pawar supports that, too,

and says that as treasurer he would back efforts to build more teeth and independence into that office.

He also was a chief sponsor of an ordinance to expand the powers of the city's inspector general to investigate aldermen. That ordinance had many starts and stops and pitted Pawar against the council's most powerful aldermen, including Ald. Edward Burke, 14th. But Pawar stuck with it at a time when many of his colleagues flipped and flopped like slippery fish.

Pawar also kept the heat on Lincoln Towing Service, a company accused of predatory practices that City Hall and outside regulators finally held to account.

**And he is aptly skeptical of Emanuel's risky plan** to sell \$10 billion in pension bonds to prop up the city's retirement accounts. Emanuel's notion bets on invest-

ment returns in the funds outpacing interest costs the city will owe to investors. It's a bad idea. "I don't think it's the right time to do it," Pawar says, adding that he won't hesitate to use his bully pulpit to steer the City Council away from proposals that put taxpayers at risk.

For those reasons, we support Pawar for treasurer, even though we don't agree with some of his big-picture initiatives, such as the idea of a public bank for Chicago. His advocacy for that idea doesn't disqualify him for the treasurer's seat. It just gives us a lot to write about in opposition if he advances it.

His opponents — Peter Gariepy, a certified public accountant, and state Rep. Melissa Conyears-Ervin — offer voters a choice here. But Pawar's track record in just eight years pushes him to the front. Pawar is endorsed.

As the Feb. 26 Chicago election approaches, you'll find the mayoral and aldermanic candidates' answers to our surveys, and our endorsements, at [chicagotribune.com/candidates](http://chicagotribune.com/candidates). To find more information about the mayoral candidates, go to [chicagotribune.com/mayorsrace](http://chicagotribune.com/mayorsrace).

# Fixing the Lake Shore Drive bridge, and how we pay for repairs

The schizophrenia of freeze-and-thaw weather chills our bones and frays our nerves. It also wrecks havoc on Chicago's infrastructure. Case in point: A pair of steel girders that hold up a downtown bridge over which 60,000 vehicles travel each day.

You've likely seen the photo: A hunk of dislodged steel hanging precariously alongside a jagged crack in one of the beams. If you travel the drive every day, you may be tempted to send a "thank you" box of cookies to the work crew that discovered the problem.

Temporary repairs finished Tuesday allowed traffic flow to resume. Steel reinforcement plates will be attached underneath the roadway as a permanent fix later this year.

This episode serves as a reminder to state and local officials: Bridges, tunnels and other pieces of crucial infrastructure cannot be allowed to erode to the point of disaster, or in the case of the Lake Shore Drive bridge, a disaster waiting to happen.

In 2017, we cited a study by the American Road and Transportation Builders Association that listed 8.4 percent of Illinois' 26,704 bridges as "structurally deficient." According to the study, nine of the state's 10 most-traveled bad bridges are in the Chicago area.

"Structurally deficient" doesn't mean those bridges are on the verge of collapse. It does mean they have one or more structural defects that require attention, according to the Federal Highway Administration's National Bridge Inventory.

"If you neglect an asset of this magnitude over a sustained period of time, you are really calling for trouble," P.S. Sriraj, director of the urban transportation center at the University of Illinois at Chicago, told the Tribune's Mary Wisniewski.

Money for infrastructure has been hard to come by for some time. The state hasn't passed a capital spending bill in 10 years. But shoring up vital city infrastructure is



Workers examine a cracked beam on the ramp to Lake Shore Drive in Chicago on Tuesday.

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less about some massive trove of new funding, and more about spending existing transportation dollars wisely, so that top priority projects get done first. Maintaining existing highways and bridges should take precedence over building new ones.

There's another common sense way to pay for road repair and road-building projects. We believe it is fair to have people who drive on roads and bridges pay for their upkeep.

A gas tax is, in essence, a user fee. But the federal Highway Trust Fund, which

helps fund road construction, relies on an 18.4-cents-a-gallon federal gas tax that hasn't been raised since 1993. And with cars and trucks more fuel-efficient, along with the advent of alternative fuel sources, the gas tax as a road-building funding source is running on fumes.

Another approach would be to apply a fee toward miles driven: a vehicle miles traveled tax. It wouldn't be that hard to implement. Transponder technology already exists in cars to deduct tolls. The same technology could be used to log miles traveled.

Photos of the Lake Shore Drive girder problems may have prompted some commuters to Google stories and images of the interstate bridge collapse in Minneapolis in 2007 that killed 13 people. Afterward, Minnesota lawmakers enacted a statewide \$2.5 billion bridge improvement program.

Chicago shouldn't have to wait for a catastrophe to serve as motivation for bridge repairs. Spending now makes more sense than waiting until bridges become unsafe. As for motivation, those photos of Lake Shore Drive girders do the job nicely.

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

It's probably for the best that Ralph Northam seems determined not to resign as governor of Virginia. . . .

Should Jesse Jackson's entire life come down to the anti-Semitic words "Hymietown" uttered by him in 1984 (and comically immortalized by Eddie Murphy)? Should Prince Harry forever be remembered as the royal who dressed as a Nazi? What about Joy Reid's virulently homophobic blog posts, or Joe Biden's racially condescending description of Barack Obama as "the first mainstream African-American who is articulate and bright and clean"?

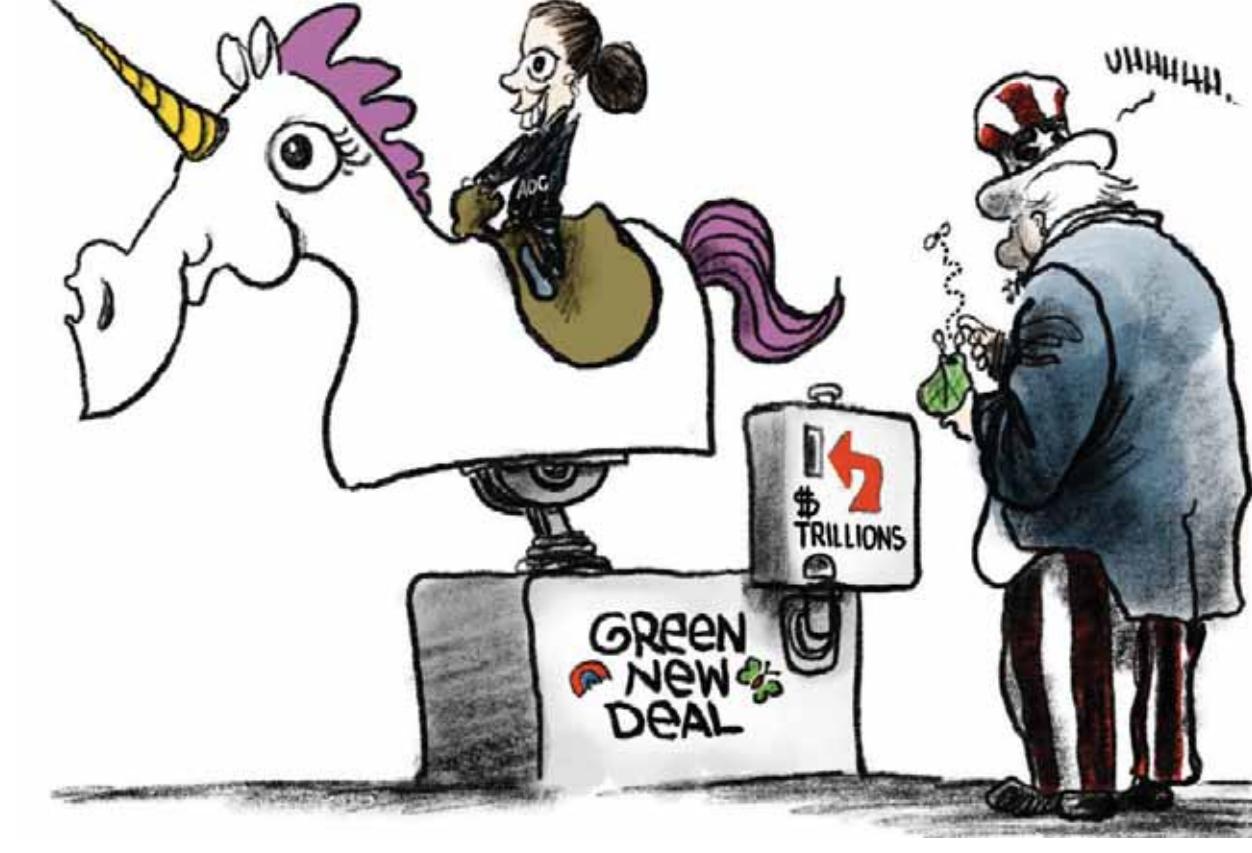
The list goes on. It will get considerably longer as more people continue to commit their dumbest thoughts to Twitter and their most embarrassing selfies to Instagram.

Maybe at some point the sheer abundance of embarrassing material will render us insensitive to what's truly unforgivable in the past behavior of public figures. Or maybe we'll just stumble along, calling for someone's head merely because we happened upon his frozen image at his worst and immediately forgot the rest of his life. For those not thus caught, it won't be because they are innocent, but because they are lucky. . . .

Ralph Northam needs to clear up just who's in that photo, so Virginians won't think he's lying. And he has an opportunity to speak powerfully about the legacy of a casual racism that tainted his generation of Virginians, and about the need for repentance and redemption. The best way for him to do so is as governor.

Bret Stephens, The New York Times

SCOTT STANTIS



# Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE

## A call for supermarkets to stop selling National Enquirer



ERIC ZORN

It's immoral for stores to sell the National Enquirer.

This has been true since long before the Florida-based supermarket tabloid began churning out poisonously and deliberately false propaganda during the 2016 presidential campaign season — “Hillary (Clinton): 6 months to live!”; “Bill (Clinton) caught in teen sex ring!”; “Hillary hitman tells all!”; “Hillary and Huma (Abedin) going to jail!”; and on and on and on.

But it's especially true now that news events have shown the depths to which the Enquirer and its parent company, American Media Inc., appear to have gone to distort, mangle and conceal the truth in pursuit of political goals.

I refer specifically to the emails AMI lawyers recently wrote to Jeff Bezos, head of Amazon and owner of The Washington Post. Those emails threatened that the Enquirer would publish embarrassing, intimate photos of Bezos if Bezos didn't retract his accusations that the tabloid's recent coverage of Bezos' marital infidelity was politically motivated. The suggestion: that AMI was going after those whom President Donald Trump considers his enemies.

“These communications cement AMI's long-earned reputation for weaponizing journalistic privileges, hiding behind important protections, and ignoring the tenets and purpose of true journalism,” Bezos wrote in a blog post Thursday in which he reproduced the emails. “Of course I don't want personal photos published, but I also won't participate in their well-known practice of blackmail, political favors, political attacks and corruption.”

Good for Bezos. And good for journalist Ronan Farrow, actor Terry Crews and former Associated Press investigative editor Ted Bridis, each of whom has come forward to say that they, too, have resisted AMI's efforts to extort them.

Now what about the enablers?

My issue isn't so much with those of you who plunk down your \$4.99 and buy the Enquirer or who subscribe for about \$130 a year. You are willing supporters of the shambolic dog's breakfast of gossip, scandal, humiliation, health tips and bizarre news provided by the paper, but there aren't that many of you anymore anyway. The Enquirer's weekly circulation, which reached 6 million 40 years ago, is down to just 218,000, according to Adweek.

My issue is more with the merchants — those who operate the estimated 40,000 supermarkets and 67,000 pharmacies in the U.S., many of which give the Enquirer pride of place in racks by the checkout counter. This sort of display is a force multiplier for the incendiary, mendacious



Merchants who continue to display the National Enquirer on their racks should consider how they are helping facilitate the spread of lies.

headlines that do nearly all the political dirty work for the Enquirer and its sister publication, Globe (“Hillary Clinton's two secret strokes,” etc.).

Stores that would never give such prominence to, say Penthouse, fearing the wrath of parents not wishing to have their children corrupted by erotica, cheerfully contribute to the degradation of minds young and old by having them endure a gauntlet of journalistic sewage just to pay for their purchases.

Stores that won't sell cigarettes because of their negative health effects proudly sell publications that are a cancer on their communities.

It's not just that the Enquirer serves malignant lies — the Alzheimer's disease, brain cancer, multiple sclerosis, strokes and severe weight gain that it reported afflicted Hillary Clinton as she engaged in her spectacular pre-election crime spree — but that its publisher acts to conceal the truth.

AMI paid for the rights to stories of two women who say they had affairs with

Trump. AMI purchased the rights not to publish those stories but to bury them. It bought off a doorman at Trump World Tower to try to keep him from going public with an unsavory allegation against Trump. And it made a deal in 2005 with Bill Cosby in which Cosby agreed to an interview with the Enquirer in return for the tabloid's promise not to publish sexual assault allegations against him for two years, according to the comedian's sworn testimony in a deposition.

Yes, the Enquirer sometimes gets it right amid all the irresponsible speculation about the deaths of JonBenet Ramsey and Natalie Wood and the health of Cher, Angelina Jolie, Chevy Chase and many others who have defied the Enquirer's announcements of their imminent demises.

The paper was out front in coverage of the O.J. Simpson case, led the way in exposing the politically crippling infidelity of 2008 Democratic presidential hopeful John Edwards and proved eerily prescient

in predicting the death of Michael Jackson. These occasional spasms of enterprise and accuracy actually make the Enquirer a more destructive product than such comically fictional publications as the old Weekly World News (actual headlines: “Lincoln was a woman”; “Hillary names Bigfoot as her running mate”; “Fat cat owns 23 old ladies”).

To accuse stores of immorality for selling the Enquirer may sound harsh. But if it's immoral to lie and to attempt blackmail, as Bezos alleges, it's immoral to facilitate the spread of lies and, through sales, the funding of an organization that uses the threat of exposure of embarrassing material to get its way.

Retailers, the recent news has put you on notice. You're either with the National Enquirer or against it. The neutral ground has disappeared from under your feet.

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## Lessons of Northam, Omar: What to say after ‘sorry’



CLARENCE PAGE

Amid all the calls for the resignation of Gov. Ralph Northam, who admitted to wearing blackface makeup in the 1980s when he was a medical student, guess which group of Virginia voters is most staunchly supporting Northam?

Would you believe, African-Americans?

Yes, according to a Washington Post-Schar School poll taken as the controversy boiled last week, a 58 percent majority of black Virginia residents who identify or lean Democratic said he should remain in office. That's compared with 49 percent of white Democratic voters and leaners.

As an African-American, I was surprised but not shocked to hear that the group that presumably should be the most offended by Northam's youthful indiscretion may well be his strongest supporters as a group.

For one, we tend to be a forgiving group, especially for people who support an equal-rights agenda. We so appreciate the historic civil rights laws that President Lyndon Johnson pushed to passage in the 1960s, for example, that we have all but forgotten the powerful Texan's leadership in the Senate of Southern Democratic opposition to civil rights in the 1950s.

For another, Northam, who acknowledges growing up with “white privilege” in rural Virginia, has an admirable record on poverty and civil rights issues that black voters tend to care about. He has worked to expand health care under Medicaid to the poor and restore voting rights to felons, and he favored the removal of monuments to the Confederacy from public spaces.

No wonder 87 percent of the state's black voters turned out to vote him into office in 2017.

Although the Post poll didn't break out results by age, I am guessing that the polling sample was older than Virginia's general population. We older voters tend to turn out in much larger numbers than younger voters. We also tend to remember the days when segregation and other injustices were so much worse that the wearing of blackface sounds like a minor offense.

All of which gives me a sliver of hope for two other embattled officeholders, freshman Democratic Reps. Ilhan Omar of Minnesota and Rashida Tlaib of Michigan, who have been taking heat for their criticism of Israel.

Omar responded to a tweet opposing the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement with a sarcastic tweet, quoting Puff Daddy's homage to \$100 bills, “It's all about the Benjamins, baby.” Asked who was paying U.S. politicians to be pro-Israel, she responded, “AIPAC,” meaning the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, this country's most prominent pro-Israel lobby and frequent object of anti-Semitic conspiracy theories.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and the rest of House Democratic leadership, as well as numerous Republicans and Jewish leaders, wasted no time in rebuking Omar's remarks and calling on her to apologize for her use of what Pelosi called “anti-Semitic tropes and prejudicial accusations about Israel's supporters.”

Omar immediately issued an “unequivocal” apology, saying, “Anti-Semitism is real and I am grateful for Jewish allies and colleagues who are educating me on the painful history of anti-Semitic tropes.”

Good for her. I wish we would have such similarly swift regrets from President Donald Trump, who last weekend again mocked Sen. Elizabeth Warren, a Demo-



People leave notes of support outside the office of Rep. Ilhan Omar, D-Minn., on Capitol Hill. Omar apologized this week for tweets that were criticized as being anti-Semitic.

catic presidential candidate, as “Pocahontas.” Or Rep. Steve King, the Iowa Republican who, after years of offensive remarks about “white supremacy” and “white nationalism” was finally removed by Republicans from all House committee assignments, after Republicans lost their House majority.

Omar, a Somali-American and the first member of Congress to wear a hijab, knows about that deterioration in discourse. Looking at some of the tweets she has received, calling for her to be impeached, deported or worse, shows how far we need to go with bridging racial, ethnic and cultural gaps in this country.

But looking at what Gov. Northam has done in Virginia, redoubling his efforts to do a “listening tour” and other conversation starters around race and heritage since his job came under fire, points the way to a brighter future, if we work at it.

I can easily understand how Omar, a newcomer to national politics, can be tone-deaf to the sinister implications of criticism

that steps over the line from honest Middle East policy debate to a repeating of, unfortunately, widespread and false anti-Semitic tropes.

For example, AIPAC, which rallies donors on behalf of pro-Israel candidates but doesn't make direct contributions to candidates, is far exceeded by evangelical Christians and other non-Jewish conservatives as major donors on behalf of Israel.

I have denounced bigotry and anti-Semitism, whether it comes from Trump's “Muslim ban” demagoguery or Nation of Islam Minister Louis Farrakhan. If Americans are going to overcome the legacy of our hate-infected past, we need to work together against those who would profit from tearing us apart.

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# PERSPECTIVE

## What to make of the Democratic presidential candidates and flaws



STEVE CHAPMAN

One Democrat after another has entered the 2020 presidential race, and, it grieves me to say, one after another has been found lacking in one respect or another.

Elizabeth Warren falsely claimed to be Native American and isn't likable. Cory "I am Spartacus" Booker is a showboat. Kirsten Gillibrand turned her "A" rating from the National Rifle Association into an "F." Amy Klobuchar is the worst boss on Capitol Hill. As a prosecutor, Kamala Harris betrayed African-Americans by supporting harsh treatment of criminals.

Revelations like these raise serious doubts about the fitness of these candidates for the grave responsibilities that go with the nation's highest office. Yes, they do. And I'm El Chapo.

None of these failings, alleged or real, would have been disqualifying even in those innocent days when Gary Hart had to withdraw for apparently cheating on his wife. During the intervening period, the public's expectations have steadily declined.

So it is refreshing to see that in the era of Donald Trump, minor foibles can still elicit somber chin-stroking by CNN pundits. It suggests that some candidates will be held to recognizable standards when it comes to their conduct and policies.

The alleged sins of these candidates do not exactly shatter precedent. Warren is no Cherokee, but Lyndon Johnson's great-great-grandfather didn't die at the Alamo. Not likable? It was a rare voter who wanted to have a beer with Richard Nixon.

When it comes to feigned heroism, Booker is no match for Ronald Reagan, who spent World War II stateside but claimed he helped liberate a Nazi concen-



EVAN VUCCI/AP

President Donald Trump has been able to overcome words and deeds that individually would have sunk any other candidate.

tration camp. Gillibrand's about-face on guns when she moved from the House to the Senate parallels George H.W. Bush's somersaults on abortion and supply-side economics.

Klobuchar is reported to erupt in screaming rage at subordinates, just as Bill Clinton did. Clinton, whom African-American novelist Toni Morrison celebrated as "our first black president," pushed "tough-on-crime" policies long before Harris notched her first conviction.

But whether any of their faults is too much to bear is not the important thing. The important thing is that they have perfectly normal shortcomings. That makes a vivid contrast with the incumbent president, who is not so much a person with flaws as an agglomeration of gross flaws shaped like a person.

Donald Trump's chief talent has been his ability to overcome words and deeds that individually would have been enough to destroy any other candidate. He mocked a former POW, John McCain, attacked a Gold Star family, slandered Hispanics and Mexican immigrants, bragged about sexually assaulting women, owned a share in a casino that featured a strip club, ran a charitable foundation that used its funds to pay off his legal settlements and issued a nonstop torrent of falsehoods.

In the White House, he has done things that would have been shocking from any previous president — praising white nationalists, falling in love with the dictator of North Korea, spewing insults via Twitter, trusting the Kremlin and the Saudi regime over U.S. intelligence officials and wasting hours every day watching cable news while shirking real work. Not to mention firing the FBI director in an admitted attempt to kill an investigation of his possible collusion with the Russian government.

Next to this Denali of defects, the alleged imperfections of his potential Democratic challengers, even if they were all put in one pile, would barely make a speed bump.

Warren lied about her ancestry? Trump claimed his father emigrated from Sweden; it was Germany. He's as likable as a loan shark. Booker's self-promotion pales next to the habitual bankrupt who peddled himself as a business wizard.

Gillibrand changed her stripes on guns; Trump used to support abortion rights, a ban on assault weapons and the 2003 invasion of Iraq. Klobuchar loses a lot of staffers? Senior figures in this administration have the shelf life of a banana.

Harris put a lot of criminals away, but Trump campaigned for the execution of five black and Latino teens accused of raping and beating a Central Park jogger in 1989 — and asserted their guilt even after they were exonerated.

Anyone inclined to shrug off Trump's gross character defects as old news while obsessing about those of his likely opponents might ponder the advice of Jesus of Nazareth. Before trying to take the speck out of someone else's eye, he suggested, remove the log from your own.

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### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### Make child welfare a priority

Regarding Gov. J.B. Pritzker choosing a new director for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services: As the CEO of the Illinois Collaboration on Youth, representing 85 child welfare and youth service agencies, I have seen the uncertainty and instability that a constantly changing director has caused. ICOY urges Gov. Pritzker to choose an experienced child welfare professional who understands Illinois.

But no director can single-handedly rescue our child welfare system.

The crisis in child welfare has been building steadily over the past decade. That crisis has many symptoms, including inadequate placement and treatment options for children suffering from trauma and serious mental illness, and rising intakes from the opioid epidemic. There is a workforce crisis: on the public side, where shortages resulted in more than \$9 million in overtime last year, and on the private side, where providers experience annual turnover rates approaching 50 percent. More than 1,700 abuse investigations are older than 60 days.

This crisis was exacerbated by the unnecessary and destructive state budget impasse, where many human services were left to starve.

What can be done to reverse this crisis?

A new director needs a strong partnership with private sector providers that serve children and families under DCFS care. They need the resources do to their jobs — but have received no meaningful rate increases in this century. We have been asking providers to do the impossible with insufficient funding.

A new director must have a close working relationship with the Department of Human Services and the Department of Healthcare and Family Services. The child welfare system is a system of last resort. We should be doing more across the executive branch to identify, support and stabilize fragile families so that they can safely stay together.

A new director must have an honest relationship with the General Assembly, where problem-solving is not dictated by the latest headline, or a governor's unwillingness to acknowledge the damage his policies have caused.

A new director must have a team of professionals who can bring their knowledge and expertise to help protect children and rebuild Illinois' child welfare system. The new director and his or her team also must have access to data systems to guide decision-making.

The truth is we must become the heroes our children need. Until then, we all are the villains in this story.

— Andrea Durbin  
CEO, Illinois Collaboration on Youth

#### Path to universal health care

I love "socialized medicine." And so do most elderly people in the U.S. Yet many of them savaged Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama for wanting to offer health care to everyone, including our children and grandchildren, regardless of ability to pay. Both of them encouraged support for universal health care: medical care for young and old, rich and poor, smart and ignorant, employed and unemployed, insured and uninsured. My socialized medicine is "Medicare," that lovely entitlement that allows me to live a healthy and long life without bankrupting myself or my family.

What about my children and grandchildren? Several have pre-existing conditions that will make insurance impossible for their families to afford if, as Republicans have pushed for, the mandate that everyone regardless of pre-existing conditions have access to health insurance is repealed. All other advanced countries have universal health coverage, and they live as long or longer than we do. And pay a lot less for it.

Medicare for all? I don't know if that is the best answer. But the same government that came up with Medicare and Medicaid can come up with universal health care.

— Karen Evans, Glen Ellyn

#### Your valentine can be anyone

On Feb. 14, many will celebrate Valentine's Day, a day usually associated with doing something special for a significant other. Maybe for this Valentine's Day, we could do something special for more than just a significant other. Call a friend or relative, anyone you can think of who might love to hear your voice with a "thinking of you" or "love ya." Send or bring over a card or some candy or flowers. I heard of a florist who randomly gave a flower to total strangers on the street.

Since Valentine's Day reminds us of love, wouldn't it be wonderful if we could spread that love yearly? So, I wish you all a Happy Valentine's Year.

— Dee Philip, New Lenox

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## Amazon not the solution to Chicago's exodus

BY ELLEN SHEPARD

With Gov. J.B. Pritzker's renewed bid to attract Amazon's second headquarters, Chicago is about to cement its reputation as the "second city." That's second, as in "willing to take New York's castoffs" and "dumb enough to be fooled twice."

The renewed bid comes after news reports last week indicating that Amazon executives were reconsidering their choice of New York as one of the company's new headquarter locations. (The other is in a Virginia suburb of Washington, D.C.)

Pritzker and others who have jumped back on the Amazon HQ2 bandwagon believe that Illinois' and Chicago's population losses are due to high taxes and that massive corporate handouts are the solution.

There is ample evidence to the contrary. ■ In 2018, the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability reported, "Taxes rank low on the list of reasons that people move, far below things like job opportunities, being close to friends and family, or overall cost of living, which is often more affected by housing costs than state and local taxes."

■ The same report found that the rate of

out-migration from Illinois is twice as high for individuals making \$25,000 or less than for people making \$100,000 or more. Further, the top destination for households with over \$100,000 of income migrating out of Illinois is New York City. Of the top five destinations, all but Houston have higher top state income tax brackets than Illinois.

■ In 2016, Crain's Chicago Business reported that the population in Chicago's central, North and Northwest Side neighborhoods was "booming," while population in majority African-American South and West Side neighborhoods had dropped 10 percent in the previous five years alone. This continues a trend that has resulted in a citywide African-American population decrease of more than 230,000 since 2000.

■ A multitude of studies have found that mega-deal corporate subsidies rarely generate enough in additional tax revenues to repay the cost of the subsidies, that there are more efficient investments in economic growth and that the opportunity cost of resources diverted from more efficient investments is high.

Chicago and Illinois do need to address

population loss. It's a real issue with real impact on state and city revenues. However, friendlier economic climates for the population that would be employed by Amazon HQ2 isn't the solution. We need to focus our public resources on creating employment opportunities, safe neighborhoods and great public schools where they are most needed in order to stanch the flow out of our communities.

Incidentally, those are the same elements that influence corporate location decisions, according to corporate subsidy watchdog Good Jobs First. Their studies find that while businesses are more than happy to take handouts, their location decisions are ultimately based on proximity to a strong workforce and good quality of life to retain that workforce.

If Amazon wants to come to Chicago, fine. But not with a penny of public dollars. New York is getting smart enough to figure this out. We need to get smart too.

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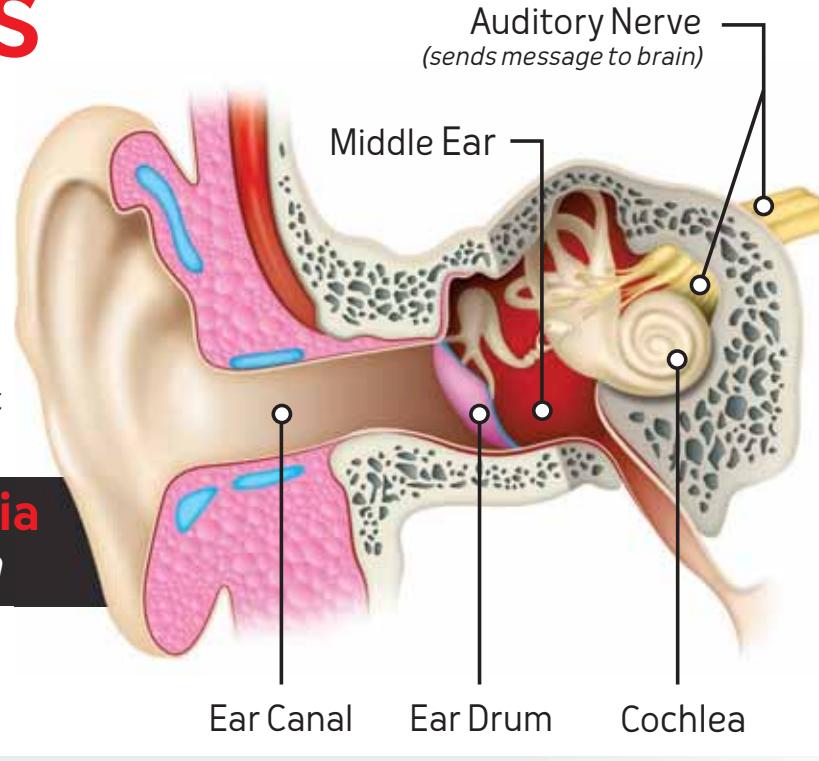
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# Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

## Last vacant city Dominick's finds tenant



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A closed Dominick's at 2101 E. 71st St. is shown in 2014. The location will become a Shop and Save this fall.

**Shop and Save will open in fall, bringing grocer to South Shore neighborhood**

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ  
Chicago Tribune

Shop and Save has finalized a deal to buy the last remaining vacant Dominick's site in Chicago and plans to open this fall in what has become a food desert in the South Shore neighborhood.

Niles-based Shop and Save, which has two other store locations in Chicago

and four in the suburbs, bought the Jeffery Plaza shopping center at 71st Street and Jeffery Boulevard and will fill the anchor space that has been empty since Dominick's shuttered all its stores in late 2013.

The announcement of the \$25 million project comes a year after Shop and Save signed a letter of intent to buy the property and after a prolonged vacancy that had frustrated city offi-

cials, residents and Ald. Leslie Hairston, 5th, given the few other grocery options in that area.

South Shore has been classified as a food desert by City Hall since Dominick's closed. The nearest full-service grocer is a Jewel-Osco more than a mile away, leaving approximately 14,000 residents on the east side of South Shore without convenient access to a market for the past five years, according to the city.

The city will provide \$10 million in tax increment financing to help Shop and

Save redevelop the 62,000-square-foot former Dominick's store, part of the 113,000-square-foot shopping plaza. The project will create up to 85 construction jobs, up to 85 permanent jobs within the grocery store and retain 59 full- and part-time jobs at the other stores in plaza, according to a news release from the city. Local hiring efforts will be required as part of the TIF assistance.

"Across Chicago, we are working to replace former

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## Insurer launches food delivery

Program aims to get healthy meals to food deserts

BY CORILYN SHROPSHIRE  
Chicago Tribune

A pilot program offering delivery of low-cost prepared meals has launched in more than two dozen Chicago neighborhoods, seeking to address concerns that limited healthy food options may be contributing to a higher rate of emergency room visits and hospital stays.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois has teamed up with a local prepared foods company to make and deliver meals to 25 ZIP codes in areas including Mount Greenwood, Humboldt Park, Ashburn, and Belmont-Cragin for roughly \$10 per meal, or \$5 per meal if subscribers purchase two meals.

The pilot program, known as FoodQ, was created by Health Care Service Corp., the parent company of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois and the Blue Cross Blue Shield Institute, an offshoot of the insurer aimed at addressing the social challenges needed to achieve good health outcomes. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says being able to get nutritious food is essential to good health.

The companies say the pilot program aims to remove the barriers of transportation and availability that affect people living in food deserts. "These neighborhoods also tend to overutilize emergency

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A WGN-TV camera operator works a game between the Chicago Cubs and the New York Mets at Wrigley Field in 2014.

## Cubs team with Sinclair for new sports network

Regional channel to launch in 2020, will be exclusive TV home to games

BY ROBERT CHANNICK  
Chicago Tribune

The Chicago Cubs are teaming with Sinclair Broadcast Group to launch a regional sports network in February 2020 that will become the exclusive television home of the Cubs.

The Marquee Sports Network will air the full regular season schedule, expanded pregame and

postgame coverage, classic broadcasts from the archives and other local sports programming.

It marks the end of more than 70 years of over-the-air broadcasts for the Cubs, and the beginning of an ambitious endeavor to sell cable and satellite providers on the value of carrying the new regional network — no sure thing in an increasingly frag-

mented world of cable TV.

But if all goes according to plan and cable providers from Southwest Michigan to Iowa — Major League Baseball's designated home broadcast turf for the team — agree to carry the new network, viewers will have no choice but to watch local Cubs games on pay TV.

"We've been looking at this for a while," said Crane Kenney, president of business operations for the Cubs. "We think the new network is going to

give our fans unprecedented access and a richer, deeper connection to the team."

Having their own channel will enable the Cubs to have all of their programming in one place, versus splitting the games between two broadcast stations — WGN-Ch.9 and WLS-Ch.7 — and sharing coverage with the Bulls, Blackhawks and White Sox on NBC Sports Chicago, formerly Comcast SportsNet, the regional sports network formed in

2004.

NBC Sports Chicago announced a multiyear media rights deal last month with the Bulls, Blackhawks and White Sox.

Change has been in the air for several years. The Cubs signed five-year deals with WGN and WLS after the 2014 season, with the plan of launching the regional sports network beginning in 2020. The team also ended its longtime national platform on

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## Amazon's 'Flesh-and-blood robots'

Resellers raid clearance aisles, peddle items online for a tidy profit

BY RACHEL SIEGEL  
The Washington Post

With their two young kids in tow, Juston and Kristen Herbert drove to a Target near their home outside Scottsdale, Ariz. It was time to get to work.

The Herberts were on the hunt for all of the Contigo water bottles the store had in stock, and kept the camera rolling for their 6,400 YouTube subscribers. Within minutes, an employee pulled out 32 two-packs — sold on clearance for \$5 each — from a back storage room. For two people who recently left their jobs in finance, the blue-and-black plastic bottles might as well have been made of gold. The Herberts would resell the two-packs on Amazon for \$19.95. Subtracting some taxes and fees, they'd clear \$6.16 in profit. All told,



DOMINIC VALENTE/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Juston Herbert fixes his daughter's sandal as his wife, Kristen, looks on after they've loaded the car from a buying trip.

the Herbert's 10-minute Target run earned them \$198.

Juston, 30, and Kristen, 28, estimate they can reel in \$150,000 this year from their newest gig: retail arbitrage. The basic idea is to buy up a bunch of the same item — from water bottles

to vacuums to Monopoly boards — and then resell them online for a handsome profit.

For some, this is just a lucrative side hustle — perhaps to climb out of debt or save up for a Disney World vacation. For others, it has become their primary way

of earning a living. And beyond that, the Herberts say, this work is helping them build up \$50,000 so they can adopt a child.

"If we're showing that you can come up with big money for an adoption,"

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## Edelman hires noted Leo Burnett ad exec

BY ROBERT CHANNICK  
Chicago Tribune

Public relations giant Edelman has named Judy John, the advertising executive behind the groundbreaking #LikeAGirl campaign, as its first global chief creative officer.

John, the Toronto-based North American chief creative officer for Leo Burnett, will lead Edelman's growing creative network, charged with generating viral social media buzz for its clients.

"Her #LikeAGirl campaign is the perfect indicator of the kind of ideas that we want to have for clients," Richard Edelman, president and CEO of Edelman, said Monday.

A longtime creative executive with Chicago-based ad agency Leo Burnett, John has also been CEO of the Toronto office since 2011. She has served as creative lead on campaigns including Amazon's first Super Bowl

commercial, Samsung's first global Olympic campaign and BlackBerry's first global campaign.

None has had more impact than the award-winning #LikeAGirl campaign.

Launched at the Super Bowl in 2015 as a campaign for Procter & Gamble's feminine care brand Always, #LikeAGirl shattered stereotypes by redefining the derisive phrase as a sign of strength.

Like the most successful Super Bowl ads, the #LikeAGirl video continues to flourish online, with tens of millions of ongoing views.

Hiring John represents another major step into advertising at Edelman, the legacy, family-owned PR firm founded in Chicago nearly 70 years ago.

Edelman has stocked up on about 600 advertising staffers across its glob-

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# December job openings leap to record 7.3M

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. employers posted the most open jobs in December in the nearly two decades that records have been kept, evidence that the job market is strong despite several challenges facing the economy.

The Labor Department said Tuesday that job openings jumped 2.4 percent in December to 7.3 million. That is the most since records began in December 2000. It is also far greater than the number of unemployed, which stood at 6.3 million that month.

Businesses have shrugged off a variety of potential troubles for the economy in the past two months and kept on hiring. The 35-day partial government shutdown began Dec. 22, and growth in China, Europe and Japan has weakened, threatening U.S. exports. Still, employers added 304,000 jobs in January, the government said earlier this month, the most in nearly a year.

The jump in openings

in December suggests hiring will likely remain robust. Openings are typically filled within 1 to 2 months. The surge in available jobs indicates that businesses expect demand to remain healthy and that they will need more employees to meet it.

Tuesday's data also showed that employers boosted hiring in December, while the number of people who quit remained unchanged at 3.5 million — a sign of a dynamic job market, as most people quit to take a new job.

The number of unemployed typically runs far ahead of job openings, but that switched last year. That could mean potentially stronger wage gains are in store in the months ahead. With job postings so high at a time that the unemployment rate is at a low 4 percent, businesses may be forced to pay more to attract the workers they need.

Average hourly pay rose 3.2 percent in January from a year ago, the government said earlier this month.



ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

The average tax refund paid by Feb. 1 is down 8.4 percent from the same week last year.

## IRS watchdog: Shutdown led to 'shocking' drop in phone aid

BY MARCY GORDON

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Disruptions from last month's partial government shutdown caused a "shocking" deterioration in the IRS' telephone help for taxpayers in the first week of the filing season, the agency's watchdog said in a report released Tuesday.

In the week of Jan. 28, the official start of the tax season, Internal Revenue Service staffers answered only 48 percent of calls seeking help in filing returns, with an average wait time of 17 minutes, the report from the office of the National Taxpayer Advocate said. That compares with 86 percent of calls answered, and an average wait of 4 minutes, at the same time last year.

In addition, 93 percent of taxpayers who phoned during the last week in January to arrange installment tax payments were unable to speak with an

assistant.

The difference between the two years "for levels of service and wait times for phone lines is shocking," the advocate, Nina Olson, wrote in her annual report to Congress. "These numbers translate into real harm to real taxpayers. The IRS will be facing tough decisions in light of the shutdown's impact."

The agency is reviewing the report and is "continuing to assess the impact of the shutdown on our various operations," the IRS said in a statement Tuesday. "The IRS successfully reopened operations following the shutdown, and the agency is seeing a good start to the 2019 filing season."

The report flagged other problems at an agency that was already straining, even before the shutdown, from the burden of a complex new tax law, inadequate funding and antiquated computer systems. The IRS' workforce faced a

huge backlog — including 5 million pieces of mail to process — when it returned to full strength Jan. 28 after the 35-day partial shutdown, which had furloughed most of its employees.

During the shutdown, the Trump administration made money available to pay hundreds of billions in refunds and ordered nearly 60 percent of the IRS workforce back to work without pay to handle tax returns and questions. Yet fewer than half the recalled employees had returned to their jobs by the time the shutdown had ended, according to congressional and government aides.

The disruption raised the possibility of delayed processing of returns and refunds — an annual check that about three-quarters of U.S. taxpayers typically count on. Lower-income households, especially, depend on refunds as their biggest cash infusion of the year.

The IRS has said that when taxpayers file electronically and use direct deposit to their bank accounts, roughly nine out of 10 refunds will continue to be issued this year in fewer than 21 days.

Still, anger is being vented on social media from people who have already filed their taxes and received smaller-than-expected refunds. President Donald Trump had pledged that under his tax law, families would receive an average \$4,000 tax cut. Most taxpayers did receive a tax cut. But because of how some workers had adjusted the amount of money withheld from their paychecks, their refund has ended up smaller than they had anticipated.

The average refund paid in the first week of the filing season, which ended Feb. 1, was \$1,865 — down 8.4 percent from \$2,035 in the same week last year — according to the IRS.



JULIO CORTEZ/AP

The 2.4 percent jump in U.S. job openings to 7.3 million in December suggests hiring will likely remain robust.

## Local health insurer launches food delivery

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room and avoidable hospital visits," said Dr. Trent Haywood, president of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Institute. "Sixty percent of health outcomes are driven by issues such as transportation to good food ... if we make meals that are healthy, flavorful and affordable, combined with food delivery, will people adopt the service?"

Since FoodQ's launch late last month, 228 people have registered for the service and 156 meals have been delivered, HCSC spokeswoman Manika Turnbull said. The pilot also involves 15 ZIP codes in Dallas.

A FoodQ subscription costs \$10 per month for customers to avoid a \$6 delivery fee. A subscription also makes two individual meals available for \$10. Options include cheese lasagna adobo marinated

pork and a turkey chorizo burger.

"Healthy food allows people to maintain healthy lifestyles and avoid complications if they happen to be diagnosed with chronic conditions such as prediabetes and hypertension or other chronic conditions," Haywood said. "If you have access to healthy meals, you shouldn't have to show up in the emergency room."

The pilot program is a part of the equation of providing people with options to make better dietary choices for better long-term health, said Shannon Zenk, a professor in the department of health systems science at the University of Illinois at Chicago's College of Nursing who frequently writes about food deserts. "A longer-term solution is investing in neighborhoods so they do have businesses

and retailers, and investing in neighborhoods, so people have the income they need," she said. "The short-term strategies are needed and important but it's also important to keep our eye on the long-term strategy."

In Chicago, the meals will be prepared and delivered by Kitchfix, a food preparation and delivery service. For the West Town-based company, the pilot program represents an opportunity to test its ability to increase the quantity of meals produced at lower prices, particularly as the company aims to expand nationally, according to Brian Evangelista, vice president of marketing.

Blue Cross and HCSC said they are underwriting the food delivery program, but declined to disclose the amount of the investment.

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## Cubs, Sinclair team up to launch sports network

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WGN America after the 2014 season.

Part of the Cubs' motivation is the potential of earning higher broadcast rights fees. "As those games come to cable, which is generally a more lucrative place for games to air, there's an assumption that the team would benefit from that," Kenney said.

But in the five years since the Cubs planted the seed of the regional sports network, the pay-TV landscape has changed dramatically, with cord cutting and skinny bundles squeezing the carriage fees cable companies are willing to pay for even sports, long the most valuable programming commodity.

That is where the Cubs' partnership with Maryland-based Sinclair, the country's largest TV station owner, comes into play. Sinclair owns 191 TV stations and the Tennis Channel, which gives it leverage in negotiations with cable and satellite providers such as Comcast, DirecTV and Dish.

Since acquiring the Tennis Channel in 2016 for \$350 million, for example, Sinclair has doubled its reach to 60 million homes.

"We have strong relationships with cable companies and satellite operators," said Sinclair's president and CEO, Chris Kenney. "That is a key function we will fill here."

Ripley expressed confidence in getting not only cable and satellite providers, but streaming services to sign up for the new Cubs network. Negotiations are underway, he said.

Bob Leib, a Wisconsin-based financial consultant to professional sports teams and owners, said sports broadcast rights continue to have value for teams, even as the media landscape shifts. The bottom line is viewers still want to watch the Cubs and most are willing to pay up to do so, he said.

"The fan subscriber's insatiable demand for game programming creates a built-in tolerance for price increases," he said.

Live sports programming traditionally charges the highest fees on pay TV, led by ESPN, which received an average of \$746 per subscriber per month last year, according to S&P Global Market Intelligence.

NBC Sports Chicago received about \$4.20 per subscriber per month last year, ranking 10th among regional sports networks, according to S&P Global.

Both ESPN and NBC Sports Chicago are expected to increase their fees to cable providers this year.

Ripley did not provide a per subscriber fee target, but said the new Cubs

**"We expect to have more distribution with the new network than we have today."**

— Crane Kenney, president of business operations for the Cubs

network will charge a competitive price to cable providers, and ultimately subscribers.

"The Cubs perform at the top end in terms of ratings and loyalty fan base," Ripley said. "They will always fetch premium pricing for premium programming, and the market will ultimately determine what that price will be."

Neither Ripley nor Kenney would disclose the economics of the network partnership agreement, but both Sinclair and the Cubs have a significant stake in its success, they said.

The Cubs represent Sinclair's first foray in a regional sports network. Sinclair is also kicking the tires at Fox, which is divesting its regional sports networks as a requirement of its pending merger with Disney.

Last year, Sinclair saw its proposed \$3.9 billion deal to buy Chicago-based Tribune Media crumble under scrutiny by the Federal Communications Commission over potential "misrepresentation or lack of candor" in its application.

The broadcaster also generated a lot of pushback over its conservative-leaning local news product.

Ripley said the Cubs network should be much less controversial.

"This is a totally different strategy and genre," he said. "It's sports, not news, so there won't be any politics around this."

Launching a sports network could provide a big return for the Cubs and Sinclair, but it's not without its risks.

The Los Angeles Dodgers provide a cautionary tale with their own network, launched in 2014 with Time Warner Cable. SportsNet LA has paid off big for the team, earning a reported \$8.35 billion over 25 years. But it remains unavailable in most Los Angeles homes after most cable and satellite providers balked over higher carriage fees. Charter Communications bought Time Warner Cable in 2016.

Still, cable providers need good programming, said Marc Ganis, a sports marketing consultant. "They desperately need compelling content to limit cord cutting. Live sports generally and the Cubs specifically are vitally important in the effort to stop the bleeding of subscribers and remain relevant as delivery systems change."

Kenney expressed confidence that Cubs fans will still have plenty of ways to watch the team.

"We expect to have more distribution with the new network than we have today," Kenney said. "We feel pretty confident about the desire for our product."

## Edelman names Leo Burnett exec as chief creative officer

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al network over the past five years, developing its creative chops to rival traditional ad agencies.

The focus, however, is not on traditional paid advertising such as television, radio or print, but rather on "earned" media — planting ideas on social media channels that catch fire on their own merits.

The creative business has been built "from the bottom up," Edelman said, and after talking with John at the Cannes advertising festival in France last year, he knew he had found his leader.

John, who emigrated to Canada with her parents from China, will continue to be based in Toronto, but will spend time in Edelman's Chicago, New York



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and London offices as well.

Her new job is set to begin April 29.

Edelman was founded in 1952 by Richard's father, Dan Edelman, a transplanted New Yorker and former reporter. It began with three employees and one client, the Toni Home Permanent Co., located just down the hall at the Merchandise Mart.

Now co-headquartered in Chicago and New York, Edelman has grown into the world's largest public relations firm, with 6,000 employees and \$900 million in annual revenue.

Recent expansion into digital and creative services now accounts for about a quarter of the firm's revenue, Edelman said.

In addition to her advertising prowess, Edelman said he was drawn to John's backstory. She grew up working in her family's Chinese restaurant, handing out menus, taking orders and helping out in any way she could.

"She understands family business," Edelman said. "That's really important to me. She fits the culture."

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# 7 million delinquent on car loans in U.S.

Despite strong economy, many struggle to pay bills

BY HEATHER LONG  
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A record 7 million Americans are 90 days or more behind on their auto-loan payments, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York reported Tuesday, even more than during the wake of the financial crisis era.

Economists warn this is a red flag. Despite the strong economy and low unemployment rate, many Americans are struggling to pay their bills.

"The substantial and growing number of distressed borrowers suggests that not all Americans have benefited from the strong labor market," economists at the New York Fed wrote in a blog post.

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someone can live in a car if all else fails. When car-loan delinquencies rise, it is a sign of significant duress among low-income and working-class Americans.

"Your car loan is your No. 1 priority in terms of payment," said Michael Taiano, a senior director at Fitch Ratings.

"If you don't have a car, you can't get back and forth to work in a lot of areas of the country. A car is

usually a higher priority payment than a home mortgage or rent."

People who are three months or more behind on their car payments often lose their vehicle, making it even more difficult to get to work, the doctor's office or other critical places.

The New York Fed said there were over a million more "troubled borrowers" at the end of 2018 than there

were in 2010, when unemployment hit 10 percent and the auto loan delinquency rate peaked. Today, unemployment is 4 percent, and many more Americans have jobs, yet a significant number of people cannot pay their car loan.

Most of the people who are behind on their bills have low credit scores and are under age 30, suggesting young people are having a difficult time paying for their cars and their student loans at the same time.

Auto loans surged in the past several years as car sales kept growing year after year, hitting a record high in 2016 of 17.5 million vehicles sold in the United States. Overall, many borrowers have strong credit scores and repay their loans, but the auto industry has suffered from high defaults among so-called "sub-prime" borrowers with credit scores under 620 on an 800-point scale.

The share of auto loan borrowers who were three

months behind on their payments peaked at 5.3 percent in late 2010. The share is slightly lower now — 4.5 percent — because the total number of borrowers has risen so much in the past several years. Still, economists are concerned the rate has been climbing steadily since 2016 even though unemployment fell to its lowest level in almost half a century and the number of people impacted is far greater now.

Experts warn Americans to be careful where they get their auto loan. Traditional banks and credit unions have much smaller default rates than so-called "auto finance" companies such as the "buy here, pay here" places on some car lots.

Fewer than 1 percent of auto loans issued by credit unions are 90 days or more late compared with 6.5 percent of loans issued by auto finance companies.

The No. 1 piece of advice I have is to not get your financing from a car dealer-

ship," said Christopher Peterson, law professor at the University of Utah and former special adviser to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. "Shop separately for the vehicle and the financing. Go to a credit union or community bank to get a low-cost loan."

Rates can vary substantially depending on a borrower's credit score and where they obtain a loan. A "prime" borrower with a credit score in the range of 661 to 780 can get an auto loan rate of about 4.5 to 6 percent, according to NerdWallet. In contrast, a sub-prime borrower is typically looking at rates from 14.5 to 20 percent.

While defaults on auto loans are a red flag, they are unlikely to take down the entire financial system like mortgages did in the lead-up to the 2008-09 financial crisis. The total auto loan market is just over \$1 trillion, far smaller than the \$9 trillion home mortgage market.

## Resellers go online for a tidy profit

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Kristen said, "you can come up with big money to get yourself out of a hole, credit card debt or a house payment."

While the idea to buy something cheap and sell it at a higher price is age-old, the concept of retail arbitrage has emerged in the digital age.

Chris Green wrote one of the go-to how-to books on the topic, titled "Retail Arbitrage." And he's helped popularize the moniker.

The term seems to be having a moment. In December, according to Google Trends, searches for "retail arbitrage" spiked on YouTube, where aficionados post videos of their shopping and reselling sprees. (One reseller, who has more than 52,000 YouTube subscribers, filmed his 22-hour buying binge through 17 Walmarts. He filled his trunk with 182 Monopoly games and flipped most of them in one night for \$2,500.)

In the early 2000s, resellers started flipping products on eBay. But Green's guide focused on the engine behind many of these small businesses: Fulfillment By Amazon, or FBA.

Through FBA, people can add their own products to Amazon's vast online catalog. Sellers package



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Kristen and Juston Herbert, with their children, have built a business in retail arbitrage — buying goods at brick and mortar stores and selling online.

their products and ship them to Amazon warehouses, where they are stored until an order comes in. Amazon takes it from there — pulling an item off the warehouse shelf and getting it to the customer's door.

Green, who's been dubbed the "godfather of retail arbitrage," used to be a sales representative for Bosch Power Tools. He started reselling power tools on eBay in the early 2000s.

Then, with the rise of Android and iPhone apps that can scan products and

track down major sales, Green realized retail arbitrage could work for anyone, even those who didn't know the inner workings of an industry.

"I used to teach grandmas to do it," Green said.

For Mike "Reezy Resells" Rezendes, retail arbitrage has been a kind of salvation. Rezendes said he grew up in a troubled household and was married with a child by 16.

As a teenager, he noticed commercials for eBay on TV and started selling whatever he could rummage around the house, like

his Nintendo and its games and controllers.

Now, Rezendes, 34, has been reselling items online full-time for 14 years. His YouTube channel, "Reezy Resells," has more than 85,000 subscribers (Rezendes calls his followers "Reezy's ninjas.") He runs his company with his best friend from high school and oversees a small team who buy up goods from stores like Nike, Marshalls and Ross.

Last year, the company saw \$800,000 in gross sales for about \$240,000 in profit. In January, he got more

than \$8,000 in ad revenue from YouTube.

One day last month, Rezendes had more than 100 pairs of Nike shoes in his garage that he planned to ship to Amazon. He was working on a YouTube video breaking down how he bought 100 Nerf guns from Target.com and flipped them for \$1,500.

Rezendes, who lives in Santa Cruz, Calif., said retail arbitrage has kept him from having to fill a 9-to-5 desk job. But he also knows online resellers and small-business owners like him are crucial to Amazon's

model.

Amazon "needs people like me to fill all the holes in the marketplace," he said.

"We're literally flesh-and-blood robots for Amazon," Rezendes said.

The retail giant hasn't shied away from promoting its small businesses: In 2018, the number of small and medium-size businesses that passed \$1 million in sales in Amazon stores worldwide grew by 20 percent. Third-party sales are growing at a faster rate than first-party sales online, the company said last month.

## Grocer

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food deserts with grocery stores and access to fresh food in every community," Mayor Rahm Emanuel said in a statement. "This agreement will not just ensure residents of South Shore have a neighborhood grocery store, it will create new jobs and make the community even stronger." The city says its food desert population decreased by more than 31 percent between 2011 and 2017, based on the number of people who live more than one mile from a store of 10,000 square feet or more that sells produce. Chicago has 21 more grocery stores now than it did three years ago and twice the number of farmers markets, the city said.

The new Shop and Save, an independent chain owned and operated by Cezary and Eva Jakubowski, will have a deli, European-style bakery, fresh produce and a selection of meats and seafood.

Fifteen of the 72 Dominick's stores left vacant after parent company Safeway closed the chain were in Chicago, and all but one had new grocery store tenants within a year. Four are now Jewel-Oscos, four are Whole Foods, three are Mariano's, one is a Tony's Finer Foods and one is a Cermak Fresh Market.

Shop and Save filled a site in Norwood Park and, now, the last remaining site in South Shore.

David Reifman, commissioner of the city's Department of Planning and Development, blamed the delay in South Shore on an "extremely difficult seller" who was often absent and had unrealistic expectations for the value of the property. The selection of nearby Jackson Park as the future site of the Obama Presidential Center "emboldened their unreasonableness," Reifman said.

"He felt no urgency to move forward notwithstanding our pressure and (that) of the community," he said. The seller, Los Angeles-based Cannon Commercial, could not immediately be reached for comment.

The city, which in 2013 formed a task force to find grocery tenants for the shuttered Dominick's locations, threatened to pursue eminent domain to take public control of the South Shore property. Ultimately the city helped secure the deal with TIF money and about \$2 million to \$3 million in new market tax credits, Reifman said.

"I don't normally try to overstate our role in things," he said, "but this deal would not have happened without our involvement."

Despite the vacant anchor, Jeffery Plaza maintained all of its small-scale retailers, including a Chase

bank branch, H&R Block and Papa John's, according to real estate firm CBRE.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for Shop and Save to anchor an important retail center in a dense, well-established and burgeoning south Chicago neighborhood that will welcome a

quality food establishment that offers fresh produce, meats and other daily necessities," said CBRE's Keely Polczynski, who represented Cannon in the sale.

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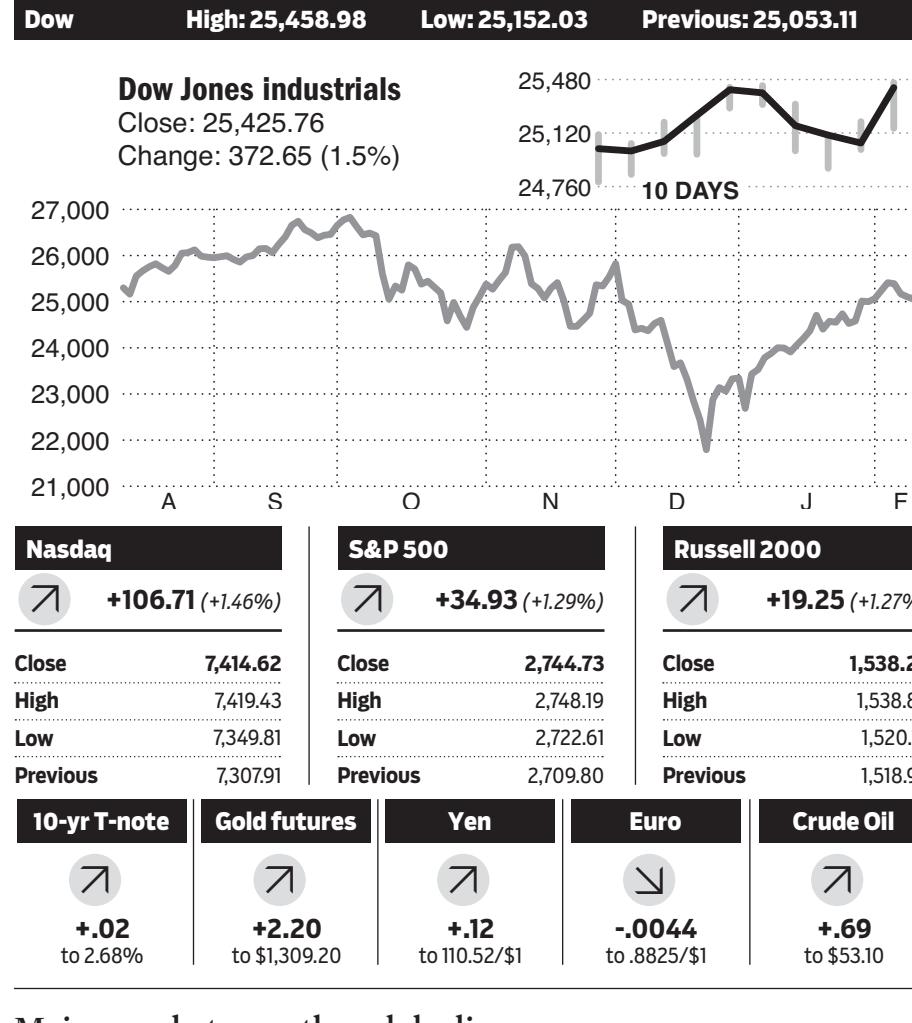
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Abbott Labs	N	75.06	+.15	Equity LifeStyle Prop	N	108.08	-.17	Mondelez Intl	O	47.55	+.10
AbbVie Inc		92.91	+.16	Equity Residential	N	72.54	-.92	Morningstar Inc	O	126.33	+.19
Allstate Corp	N	102.32	+.62	Exelon Corp	N	47.92	+.12	Motorola Solutions	N	137.22	+.04
Aptargroup Inc	N	42.34	+.33	First Indl RT	N	33.58	... NI Source Inc	N	26.78	+.27	
Arch Dan Mid	N	72.48	+.75	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec N	N	47.07	+.19	Ntnr Trust Cp	O	92.05	+.24
Baxter Intl	N	410.72	+6.77	Gallagher AJ	N	79.69	-.20	Old Republic	N	20.67	+.01
Boeing Co	N	48.67	+.39	Grainger WW	N	312.52	+5.68	Packaging Corp Am	N	97.20	+.38
Brunswick Corp	N	56.24	+.99	GrubHub Inc	N	79.57	+1.49	Paylocity Hldg	O	83.42	+.12
CBOE Global Markets	N	132.67	+3.74	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	103.74	+.83	Stericycle Inc	O	45.54	+.96
CDK Global Inc	N	92.72	+2.21	IDEX Corp	N	142.97	+2.61	Teleph Data	N	35.84	+.58
CDW Corp	N	42.91	+.95	ITW	N	138.64	+2.41	TransUnion	N	63.26	+1.54
CF Industries	N	178.93	+1.61	Ingridion Inc	N	93.04	+1.07	Tribune Media Co A	N	46.11	+.04
CME Group	N	43.21	+.30	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	166.15	+19.88	US Foods Holding	N	34.63	-.65
CNA Financial	N	165.19	+3.25	Kemper Corp	N	78.56	+.79	USG Corp	N	43.16	+.07
Caterpillar Inc	N	23.73	.92	Kraft Heinz Co	O	48.11	+.78	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	302.50	+4.40
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	69.72	+1.84	LKQ Corporation	O	26.70	.28	United Contl Hldgs	O	87.97	-1.18
Discover Fin Svcs	N	90.01	+2.62	Littelfuse Inc	O	182.85	+3.47	Ventas Inc	O	63.44	-.31
Dover Corp	N	32.73	+.14	MB Financial	O	44.75	+.64	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	71.56	+1.09
Equity Commonwealth	N	106.71	(+1.46%)	McDonalds Corp	N	173.97	-.29	Wintrust Financial	O	72.96	+.75
				Middleby Corp	O	123.56	+3.32	Zebra Tech	O	182.96	+4.58

## MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	9.98	+.01
EnCana Corp	6.11	+.01
Newfield Explor	16.35	+.15
Chesapeake Engy	2.41	+.01
Amazon.com Inc	28.69	+.28
Bank of America	10.87	+1.21
Vale SA	8.80	-.19
Coty Inc	178.93	+1.61
Snap Inc A	132.67	+3.74
Aurora Cannabis Inc	7.17	...
Weatherford Int'l Ltd	22.21	+1.43
Under Armour Inc	29.81	+.10
AT&T Inc	6.24	+.03
Ambev S.A.	4.98	+.05
Pfizer Inc	41.87	+.19
Ford Motor	8.46	+.13
Wells Fargo & Co	49.05	+1.40
Cloud Peak Energy	.63	+.05
Lloyds Banking Grp	2.95	+.04
Callon Petroil	7.39	-.69
Twitter Inc	30.39	+.16
Itau Unibanco Hldg	38.10	+.31
Analy Capital Mgmt	10.45	-.02
ConAgra Brands Inc	23.73	.92

## LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	168.71	+1.26
Alphabet Inc C	1121.37	+26.36
Alphabet Inc A	1127.58	+25.46
Apple Inc	170.89	+1.46
Bank of America	28.69	+.28
Berkshire Hath B	206.15	+3.10
Exxon Mobil Corp	75.40	+1.30
Facebook Inc	165.04	-.75
JPMorgan Chase	102.60	+1.72
Johnson & Johnson	134.16	+2.16
Microsoft Corp	106.89	+1.64
Pfizer Inc	41.87	+.19
Procter & Gamble	99.26	+.99
Royal Dutch Shell B	65.11	+1.00
Royal Dutch Shell A	63.16	+.69
UnitedHealth Group	263.50	+6.36
Visa Inc	141.99	+1.19
Wal-Mart Stores	96.97	.77

## LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

CHG 1-YR %RTN

FUND	NAV	IN \$	%RTN
American Funds AMCPa m	30.60	.40	+5.4
American Funds AMrcnBaBa m	26.26	.21	+3.6
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	46.20	.55	-3.1
American Funds CptlnCldrA m	58.97	.31	-5
American Funds FdmtlnvsA m	50.05	.72	+2.1
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	47.20	.64	+5.0
American Funds IncAmrcA m	21.65	.12	+1.1
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Fidelity USBldxnsPrm	11.35	-.01	+3.1
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Metropolitan West TtlRetBdl	10.49	-.01	+3.4
PIMCO InclInstl	11.93	...	+2.9
PIMCO TtlRetInps	10.02	...	+2.7
Schwab SP500Idx	42.03	.54	+5.4
T. Rowe Price BCGr	64.16	.92	+8.3
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	253.94	+3.25	+5.4
Vanguard DivGrn	26.49	.28	+9.7
Vanguard EqIncAdmrl	71.64	.87	+4.2
Vanguard GrdxAdmrl	77.00	+1.00	+7.0
Vanguard InvTrnGdAdmrl	86.49	+1.27	+9.8
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## OBITUARIES

**ROBERT RYMAN** 1930-2019

# Abstract artist known for 50 shades of white

BY HARRISON SMITH

The Washington Post

Robert Ryman, a revered abstract artist who experimented with the most basic elements of painting — including the shape and material of a canvas, the fixtures that hold it to a wall and the movement of a brush over its surface — while working primarily with a single color, white, died Friday, Feb. 8 at his home in Manhattan. He was 88.

His death was confirmed by Susan Dunne, president of Pace Gallery in New York, which had long represented Ryman. She did not give the cause.

Wielding his brush like a prism, Ryman seemed to coax an entire rainbow out of the color white. He died Friday.

works of Henri Matisse and especially Mark Rothko, the abstract expressionist whose paintings were sometimes attached directly to the wall, hung without a frame.

Ryman purchased brushes and paint and, not quite sure where or how to begin, he started painting in the evenings after work. By the early 1960s, he was a full-time artist, covering his canvas with reds and blues only to paint over everything with white.

"At one point I just decided: Well, I'm putting this color down, and I'm really not that interested in the color that I'm putting down," he said in a 1972 interview for the Smithsonian's Archives of American Art. "I'm only doing it because somehow being a painter I should use color. But here I am painting it out, so why not get this down a little stronger and not put the color on in the first place?"

As part of his experimentation, he worked with a sweeping array of brushes and materials, applying oils, tempera, acrylics or casein paint to surfaces that included cotton, aluminum and cardboard. Alternating mediums, he played with the way heavy and lightweight surfaces hung on the wall, or the way a piece of wood gave a brown tinge to his paint.

He also tinkered with the heights of his paintings and employed unconventional fasteners, including plastic straps, aluminum tubing and strips of masking tape, which he considered a part of the work itself. By the 1980s, he was producing "three-dimensional paint-



KATSUMI KASAHARA/AP 2005

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ings," including works of painted aluminum that thrust out of the wall.

While Ryman's work has become a staple of permanent collections around the world, his work has sometimes baffled viewers, including at a 2010 solo show at the Phillips Collection in Washington. At times, recalled senior curator Vesela Sretenovic, his canvases triggered an all-too-common response from viewers: Well, even I could paint that.

"What I said to visitors who could not get into the work is that it's not about stories, personal stories or specific narratives," Sretenovic said in an interview. "It's really hard to get people to take that in and make themselves comfortable."

Ryman's works, she added, were "about silence, and introspection. A silent world emerges through all these layers of paint."

Robert Tracy Ryman was born in Nashville, Tenn., on May 30, 1930. His father was an insurance salesman, his mother a schoolteacher who played piano.

Ryman attended the George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville, where he studied music but did not receive a degree. After serving in an Army band, he moved to New York in 1952 and played bebop in Greenwich Village clubs. He was hired as a MoMA guard in 1953 and was soon joined on the museum's staff by several other emerging artists, including Dan Flavin, Sol LeWitt and Michael Venezia.

Ryman was featured in his first solo show in 1967, at the Paul Bianchini Gallery in New York, and five years later had a solo show at the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum. He was featured in a 2015 retrospective at Dia's Chelsea gallery in Manhattan.

Ryman's first marriage, to Lucy Lippard, a MoMA colleague turned art critic, ended in divorce. In 1969, he married painter Merrill Wagner. In addition to his wife, survivors include a son from his first marriage, Ethan Ryman; two sons from his second, Will Ryman and Cordy Ryman; and six grandsons. His children are artists.

On close inspection, they revealed themselves as dynamic, subtle and surprisingly moving creations, in which attention was focused on the paint itself, and on the inventive ways in which it was applied to surfaces of wood, fiberglass, steel or traditional canvas.

"It helps to think of Mr. Ryman as a kind of philosopher-carpenter with an inborn, almost mystical love of paint as paint," New York Times art critic Roberta Smith wrote in 2015. "Is this a painting? Is that a painting?" could be taken as the main credo of his art," she added.

Ryman was widely regarded as one of the most influential American painters of the past half-century. His artistic schooling, such as it was, occurred in the 1950s while he was working as a security guard at the Museum of Modern Art in New York. Raised in Tennessee, he had come to Manhattan to pursue a jazz career as a tenor saxophonist, and he dined on canned beans and hamburgers while taking lessons with pianist Lennie Tristano.

The MoMA had initially served as a practice space, where he could play in the auditorium without fear of angering other tenants in his uptown apartment. But he was soon drawn to the

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### ON FEBRUARY 13 ...

**In 1542** the fifth wife of England's King Henry VIII, Catherine Howard, was beheaded after being convicted of adultery.

**In 1633** Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei arrived in Rome for trial before the Inquisition, accused of defending Copernican theory that the Earth revolved around the sun instead of the other way around. (Galileo was found vehemently suspect of heresy, and ended up being sentenced to a form of house arrest.)

**In 1635** Boston Latin School was founded, making it the first secondary school in North America.

**In 1741** Andrew Bradford of Pennsylvania published the first American magazine, "The American Magazine,

or A Monthly View of the Political State of the British Colonies" lasted three issues.

**In 1795** the University of North Carolina became the first U.S. state university to admit students with the arrival of Hinton James, who was the only student on campus for two weeks.

**In 1914** the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, better known as ASCAP, was founded in New York.

**In 1920** the League of Nations recognized the perpetual neutrality of Switzerland.

**In 1935** in Flemington, N.J., a jury convicted Bruno Richard Hauptmann of first-degree murder in the 1932 kidnap-slaying of Charles and Anne Lindbergh's infant son. (Hauptmann was later executed.)

**In 1945** Soviet troops captured Budapest, Hungary, from the Germans in World War II after a 1 1/2-month siege. **Also in 1945** Allied planes began bombing the German city of Dresden.

**In 1960** in the Sahara Desert, France exploded its first atomic bomb.

**In 1984** Konstantin Chernenko was named to succeed the late Yuri Andropov as general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party.

**In 1988** the Winter Olympics opened in Calgary, Alberta.

**In 1994** American skier Tommy Moe won the men's downhill competition at the Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway.

**In 1996** in the continuing drama of man versus machine, world chess champion Garry Kasparov asked for a draw in his third game against the IBM supercomputer "Deep Blue," leaving the six-game match in Philadelphia tied at 1 1/2 games each. **Also in 1996** the rock musical "Rent," by Jonathan Larson, opened off-Broadway.

**In 2016** Antonin Scalia, U.S. Supreme Court justice who was the intellectual cornerstone of the court's modern conservative wing, died; he was 79.

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#### ILLINOIS

**Feb. 12**

Mega Millions ..... **15 32 39 50 65 / 7**

Mega Millions jackpot: \$173M

Pick 3 ..... **854 / 6**

Pick 4 ..... **7887 / 3**

Lucky Day Lotto midday ..... **19 27 39 40 45**

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Pick 3 evening ..... **012 / 2**

Pick 4 evening ..... **8735 / 9**

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Feb. 13 Powerball: \$242M

Feb. 14 Lotto: \$9.75M

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Pick 3 ..... **587**

Pick 4 ..... **6626**

Badger 5 ..... **04 06 10 15 16**

SuperCash ..... **08 09 15 21 22 39**

#### INDIANA

**Feb. 12**

Daily 3 midday ..... **419 / 3**

Daily 4 midday ..... **4061 / 3**

Daily 3 evening ..... **094 / 1**

Daily 4 evening ..... **4732 / 1**

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### Death Notices

#### Babcock, Margaret 'Peggy'

Peggy Babcock passed away unexpectedly on

February 7th, 2019. She was born in Glen Ellyn, Illinois on

February 21, 1933 to Emil and Dorothy Cooper. After

graduating from DePaul University in 1954, she began her teaching career in

a one room school house in Bloomington, Indiana while her husband Robert Babcock

attended graduate school at Indiana University. Then Robert and Peggy moved to the Chicago area and made their home in Wheaton for many years. After teaching elementary school

for many years, Peggy returned to college and earned an associate degree in Interior Design from

College of DuPage. Peggy then taught interior

design at the College of DuPage while running her

own interior design business. After retiring, Robert

and Peggy began spending their winters in Naples, Florida and eventually Naples became Peggy's per-

manent home.

Peggy was a loving wife, mother, and matriarch to

her family. She had a generous and outgoing nature,

and deep appreciation of family and friends. Peggy

had a special way of taking a personal interest in

everyone she met which resulted in many close and

lifelong friendships. She cared deeply about the

world and the communities she lived in, and gave

much of her time volunteering and supporting many

charitable causes. Peggy was a spirited and energetic person up until the day she died.

Peggy was preceded in death by her husband of 49

years, Robert, and her beautiful and loving grand-

daughter, Alexandra Babcock. She is survived by

her children, Molly Day, of Massachusetts and Tom

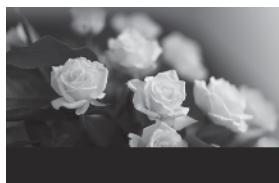
Babcock and his wife Pamela of Louisiana. She is

also survived by her granddaughter Shannon Day

of Massachusetts. She will also be greatly missed

by her dear friend and companion, Edwin Burts, of Naples.

A celebration of Peggy's life will be held



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## Haddon, Kenneth 'Ken or Kenny'

Kenneth "Ken or Kenny" Haddon, 80, 13 year resident of Kelly Lake, formerly Homewood, IL died Saturday morning, February 9, 2019 at Bellin Hospital ICU following a short illness. He was lovingly attended to in his passing by his wife and five children. The 3rd child of 8 was born November 3, 1938 in Winchester, TN to William H. and Mollie E. (Woolsey) Haddon. At age 9 years, Ken received the Abbott and Costello Award for Bravery after saving the lives of his sisters in a fire. He graduated from Thornton Township High School with the class of 1957 in Harvey, IL.

On May 14, 1960 he married his high school sweetheart, Virginia "Ginny" Walenga at Ascension Catholic Church in Harvey, IL and were blessed with five children. The couple lived in the Homewood area for most of their married lives and attended St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Ken was a 39 year steel-worker and member of the United Steelworkers of America, Local 1053. Over the course of his lifetime, Ken was a member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America and performed landscaping and yard maintenance, routinely working multiple career paths simultaneously in support of the education and advancement of his family. The couple retired to Kelly Lake in 2006 permanently and attended St. Anthony Catholic Church in Oconto Falls.

Survivors are his loving wife of 58 years, their five children, Laura L. (Michael) Herman; Steven M. (Mary) Haddon; Terese A. (Kirk) Ongman; Thomas K. (Amy) Haddon; Julie A. (Brett) Haddon-Cook; 14 grandchildren of whom he was extremely proud, Matthew A. Maples, Kelly M. Maples and Melissa L. (Brian) Plugge, Joshua S. Haddon, Benjamin C. Haddon, Eliza R. Haddon, Hailey M. Ongman, Hannah T. Ongman, Jo H. Ongman and Grace E. Ongman, Mason T. Haddon and Emma J. Haddon, Kyla M. Haddon-Cook and Quintynn A. Haddon-Cook; one great-granddaughter, Mila L. Plugge; two brothers, Jimmie (Joanne) Haddon and George (Laquita) Haddon; two sisters, Lana (John) Holt and Alice Buchaus; two sisters-in-law, Carol Haddon and Marilyn Wajda; one brother-in-law, Wayne Smith; the proud uncle of many nieces and nephews. In addition, Ken's loyal and loving Aussiedoodle, Izzie was the joy of his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, William Hulon Haddon and Billy Joe Haddon, one sister, Katie Smith and two brothers-in-law, William Buchaus and Frank Wajda. Ken will forever be missed by his devoted and loving family.

Visitation will be held after 3pm Friday, February 15, 2019 at Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls until the time of service. Prayer services will be held 7pm Friday at the funeral home with the Rev. Fr. Joel Sember officiating.

Visitation will also take place from 3-8pm Sunday, February 17, 2019 at Vandenberg Funeral Home, 17248 S. Harlem Ave. Tinley Park, IL. Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10am Monday, February 18, 2019 at St. George Catholic Church, 6707 W. 175th St. Tinley Park, IL with the Rev. Fr. Ken Fleck officiating. Burial will follow in Holy Cross Cemetery, Calumet City, IL.

In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, a memorial fund will be established.

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## Harnish, David A.

DAVID A. HARNISH, 66, of Palatine, IL, formerly of Lancaster, PA. David Harnish passed away February 10, 2019, surrounded by his beloved wife, Nancy (Hines), his loving brother, Paul, and his adoring feline family. Born February 9, 1953, in Lancaster, PA, he was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Anne (Weaver) and by numerous cherished

fur babies. David came to Chicago in 1971 to study film at Columbia, graduating from UIC in 1975. He took great pride in applying his creative artistry at Walgreen Co. (Deerfield, IL). He was immersed in the dizzying world of corporate communications, active in various trade organizations, advancing cutting-edge technologies, tweaking/replacing them as they evolved, collaborating with fellow artists, and mentoring many. David's deep concern for everyone he knew and everything he did also led him to head his homeowners' associations. And to follow the political world with incisive scrutiny! In honor of David's love for animals, please support your local no-kill animal shelter. Visitation Saturday, February 16, 2019 from 10 AM until time of Funeral Service at 12 Noon at Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 185 E. Northwest Hwy., Palatine. 847-359-8020 or www.smithcorcoran.com.

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## Helfer, Gail E.

Gail E. Helfer, 62. Beloved daughter of the late Herman and Frieda Helfer; cherished

sister of Harvey (late Regina) Helfer and the late Joel (Eve) Helfer; caring aunt of Cliff, Zachary (Megan), Jeffrey, and Rachel (fiancé Bobby Devereaux) Helfer. Funeral service Friday, Feb. 15, 10:30 AM at Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Memorial Park. Memorial contributions to NAMI, www.nami.org, or the American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org appreciated. For info: 847-256-5700.

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## Hitzeman, Mildred Marie

Mildred M. Hitzeman nee MacNeivins, age 97. Beloved wife of the late Leonard. Proceeded in death by her brother and sister. Loving aunt to her nieces and nephews. Many other relatives and friends. Visitation Friday from 10:00 A.M. until time of Funeral service 1:00 P.M. at Brust Funeral Home 415 N. Gary Ave Carol Stream. Private interment at Abraham Lincoln national cemetery Elwood, IL 630-510-0044

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## Jaworski, Helen

Helen Jaworski, nee Bochenek, age 78. Beloved wife of Czeslaw "Chester" Jaworski; loving mother of Dorothy (Peter) Kapetan, Jerzy Jaworski and Renata (Eric) Tarasievich; dear grandmother of Nicholas, Jeremy, Grace, Sara, Payton and Griffin. Helen was the youngest of 13 siblings; fond aunt of many. Visitation Friday, Feb. 15th from 4:00 PM until 9:00 PM at the Skaja Terrace Funeral Home 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave in Niles. Funeral Saturday 9:15 AM to Immaculate Conception Church for mass at 10:00 AM. Entombment St. Adalbert Mausoleum. Funeral info: 847-966-7302 or [www.skajafuneralhomes.com](http://www.skajafuneralhomes.com).

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## Jeras, Sandra K.

Sandra K. Jeras, nee Kawula, age 82, 50 yr resident of Lyons. Beloved wife of Ret. Lt. Lyons PD, Joseph A. Jeras; loving mother of Joy (Rob) Elmore, Jodi, Jill and Jori Jeras; proud grandmother of Joey, Jacob, Rachael and Joshua; dear sister of Daniel (Gayle) Kawula and the late Judith Bennis; proud aunt of Garrett, Christopher, Kimberlee, Beth, David, Phillip and Trisha; also many beloved great nieces and nephews. Sandra was a proud member of the Hawthornettes (Hawthorne Works), the Triners Group and the St. Hugh CCW and Ladies Dinner Group; she loved cooking, baking and being with family. Family and friends will be received at the Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Friday, February 15, 2019 from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Saturday 9:15 a.m. from the funeral home to St. Hugh Church for 10:30 a.m. Mass. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Jude Children's Hospital ([www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)) appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to The Original Kuratko Family Directors, Brian D. Kuratko, Director. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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## Jirik Sr., John E. "Jack"

John E. "Jack" Jirik Sr., age 85 of Lombard, U.S. Air Force Veteran. Beloved husband for 61 years of Dolores "Dorie", nee Janota, loving father of Debbie (Rick) Roll, Jackie (late Michael) Musil, John Jirik Jr. and Barb (Bill) Hyland, cherished grandfather of Richie and Kyle Roll and Chrissy and Caitlin Hyland, dear brother of Mel Jirik, fond uncle to many.

A visitation will be held Thursday, February 14, from 3-8pm at Brust Funeral Home, 135 S. Main St., Lombard. Funeral services will be held Friday, February 15 with 9:30am Prayers at Brust Funeral Home to St. Pius X Church, 1025 E. Madison St., Lombard for a 10am Mass. Interment will follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visit [www.brustfuneralhome.com](http://www.brustfuneralhome.com) or call 1-888-629-0094 for information.

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## Kahn, Douglas H.

Douglas H. Kahn 58, of Vernon Hills, IL passed away unexpectedly February 9, 2019 at Advocate Condell Hospital in Libertyville.

Doug is survived by his loving wife Laureen of 28 years, his beloved sons; Matt (special friend Katie Sangbusch) and Chris, brother; James (Donna) Brydon, stepbrother; Charles (Chris) Bjanes and many nieces and nephews. He will be loved and missed by many...

He was preceded in death by his parents Peter and Jean (nee Brydon) Kahn.

In lieu of flowers donations to American Cancer Society [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) or the Mental Health America [www.mentalhealthamerica.net](http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net). would be appreciated.

A Celebration of Life will be 1:00 pm Saturday February 16, 2019 at Willow South Lake Church 625 Barclay Blvd, Lincolnshire, IL. There will be a reception immediately following the service and in spirit of Doug his recommended attire would be very casual shorts, tee shirts, Hawaiian shirts (all optional of course).

Funeral Arrangements were entrusted to Northern Illinois Funeral Services, Inc 847-833-2928.

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## LaBeck, Priscilla R.

Priscilla Ruth LaBeck nee Gaylord, 76; Beloved wife of the late Roger; Devoted mother of Roger, Jr. (Patricia), John (Michelle), James and Thomas (Lynn); Loving grandmother of Cody, Sara, Nicole, Joseph, Ethan, Lauren, Madison and Zachary; Dear sister of Judy Huelskamp and the late Robert Weirick, Jr. Visitation Friday Feb. 15th from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Cumberland Chapels 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral begins Saturday with visitation at 9:00 a.m. until time of prayer service at 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment to follow at Ridgewood Memorial Park Cemetery in Des Plaines. Info: 708-456-8300 or [www.cumberlandchapels.com](http://www.cumberlandchapels.com)

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## Lamping, Sr., James J.

age 50. Beloved father of James J., Jr. Brendon, Aidan, Sean and Tristan. Loving son of David and Patricia nee Duddy. Fond brother of Suzanne Schnaitman and Michael (Shirley). 25 year employee Department of Transportation, City of Chicago. Funeral Prayer Service Saturday, February 16, 10:15 a.m. at Parkside Chapels & Cremation Services, 5948 Archer Ave (2 Blks West of Central Ave at Major), Chicago, to St. Jane de Chantal Church Mass 11:00 a.m.. Visitation Friday 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers memorials to your favorite charity. Info. 773-767-9788. Online tributes [www.parksidechapels.com](http://www.parksidechapels.com)

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## Lippert, Terrence A.

Terrence A. Lippert, age 59, of Cary, Illinois passed away on February 10th, 2019, in the company of his loving family after a long and courageous battle with appendix cancer. Terry was born to John and Margaret "Marge" in 1959. He married the love of his life, Mary (McCue) in 1983. Together Mary and Terry raised three wonderful and loving children. Surviving

as his legacy, pride and joy is Tera Peplow (Michael), Matthew (Molly) and Bryan. He will be watching over his two beloved granddaughters: Adalyn "Addie" Lippert and Chase Peplow along with his granddogs, Brody and Blizzard. Terry was adored by his sister Cathy Cameron (Jerry) along with his McCue family and several nieces and nephews. He is also greatly missed by the McGee family and his colleagues and friends at Callero & Callero and the Tuckers at CDI Corp. Terry was an amazing father, husband, grandpa, son, brother, uncle, friend, colleague, mentor and coach to many. He will be fondly remembered and missed dearly by all. Visitation Saturday, February 16, 2019 from 9-11AM, with a Funeral Mass starting at 11AM at Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 410 North First St, Cary, IL. A Celebration of Life gathering will be announced by the family at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to appendix cancer research through the ACPMP Research Foundation at acmp.org.

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## Loizzo, Marjorie "Marge"

Loizzo, Marjorie "Marge", Lake Forest, IL, passed away on Sunday, February 10, 2019, surrounded by family. Born to DeLyle "Bud" and Rose (Fude) Nelson, on August 28, 1936, in Palo Alto County, IA. Marge graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Briar Cliff University in Sioux City, IA, in 1958. After nursing positions in Texas, Maine, and Missouri, Marge met her future husband, Dan, while a nurse at Highland Park Hospital, Highland Park, IL. After their eighth child was born, Marge began work as a part-time nurse for the residents of Lambs Farm from 1976 through 2018. She served as a school board member at Rondout School District 72, where her children and two grandchildren attended, from 1974 to present, most recently serving as secretary. Marge was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Libertyville, IL, and enjoyed attending daily mass. Marge loved traveling the world with her husband, Dan, being with her children and grandchildren, baking and gardening.

She is preceded in death by both parents and her husband of 57 years, Dan. Marge is survived by her brother Larry (Lil) Nelson, Alcalde, NM; her sister Carol (Bill) Schiers, Dunedin, FL; daughters, Toni (Randy) McCarten, Saratoga, NY, Patricia (Robert) Hinton, Franklin, TN, Martha Ehmann, Lake Villa, IL; sons, Joseph (Gina), Lake Forest, IL, Daniel, Libertyville, IL, Thomas, Seattle, WA, Michael (Jamie) Gainesville, FL, John (Amy) Libertyville, IL; 15 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation for Marge will be from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Friday February 15th at McMurrough Funeral Chapel, 101 Park Pl (Rt 176, 1 Blk East of Rt 21) Libertyville, IL. Funeral Mass will be 10:00 am Saturday, February 16th at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 121 E Maple Ave., Libertyville, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lambs Farm, ATTN: Development Department, 14245 W. Rockland Rd., Libertyville, IL 60048 [www.lambsfarm.org](http://www.lambsfarm.org) or El Nino Rey, c/o St. Norbert Parish, 1809 Walters Ave., Northbrook, IL 60062. Funeral information (847) 362-2626. Please sign the guestbook at Libertyvillefuneralhome.com

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## Mulligan, Michael Joseph

Michael Joseph Mulligan age 70, of Chicago, passed away February 10, 2019.

Mike is the loving father to Michael (Laura), Kathleen (Andrew) Macklin, Martin, Joseph, Colleen (Timothy) Pleace, and Brendan (Brienne) Mulligan; amazing Papa to Connor, Layla, the late John, Bridget, and Jameson Macklin; big brother to Patrick (Diane), Daniel (Mary), Terrence, Catherine (Lee) Swendsen, and Antoinette (James) Dudek; former spouse to Nancy Mulligan; loving son to the late Michael and Helen Mulligan; fun uncle to many; devoted guardian to Dozer, Finnegan, and Vern.

A Vietnam War Veteran, he honorably served in the US Army and US Army Reserve. Retired Chicago Police Sergeant, serving in the Chicago Police Department for 41 years. In retirement, he became the most sought after babysitter, dog watcher, and chauffeur. Food aficionado, movie critic, and loudest cheerleader for all kids' sporting events.

Visitation will be Friday, February 15, 2019 from 3-9 pm at Andrew J. McGinn & Son Funeral Home (10727 S. Pulaski Rd.; Chicago, IL 60655). Mass of Christian Burial will be Saturday, February 16, 2019 at 10:30 am at St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel; 7740 S. Western Ave.; Chicago, IL 60620. Burial at St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery in Rochelle, IL at a later date.

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## Mrizek, John R.

John R. Mrizek, age 84, of Brookfield. Beloved husband of the late Ruth Ann Mrizek, nee Livesey; loving father of Richard Mrizek and Stephen (Brandi) Mrizek; dear grandfather of Zetta, Mira, Evelyn, Magdalyn and Addison; uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday, February 14, 2019 from 5 P.M. to 8 P.M. and Friday, February 15, 2019 10:30 A.M. to time of Service 11 A.M. at Hitzeman Funeral Home, Ltd., 9445 West 31st Street, Brookfield, IL 60513. Interment Private Bohemian National Cemetery, Chicago. Memorials appreciated to Pal

# Chicago Tribune Death Notices

Chicago Tribune extends our condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have passed.

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## Nichols, Donna Lammering

Donna Rae Lammering Nichols, age 66, passed away on February 11, 2019. She was born on October 18, 1952 in Chicago, IL and was raised in Munster, IN. Donna graduated from Purdue University where she received her B.S. and M.S. degrees. She married her beloved husband Richard Carter Nichols on June 18, 1977.

Donna had an enthusiasm for life and lived it with joy, grace, and faith. She was devoted to her family, friends, and teaching children. As a dedicated elementary school teacher, her career spanned 25 years as a teacher in both IN and IL before her retirement in 2012. Donna will be remembered for her caring heart for family and friends. Her positive approach to life was an inspiration to all.

Donna is survived by her husband, Richard Carter Nichols; daughters Christen (Leo) Morand and Kimberly (Mark) Fletcher; son Eric (Chelsey) Nichols; grandchildren Noah Fletcher, Lucy Morand, Claire Morand, Benjamin Fletcher, Robert Morand and Hannah Fletcher; mother Elsie Lammering; sister Dale (Dan) Doogs; brother Richard (Patti) Lammering; and many cousins, nieces and nephews, and friends. She was preceeded in death by her father Donald R. Lammering.

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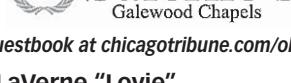
## O'Rourke, BVM, Sister Patricia

Patricia O'Rourke, BVM, 90, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2019, at Caritas Center, Dubuque, Iowa. Visitation will be 9-10:15 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 14, 2019, in the Marian Hall Chapel, Dubuque, followed by wake and funeral service. A complete obit and video streaming are available at [bvmisters.org/obits](http://bvmisters.org/obits).

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## Paladino, James N.

James N. Paladino; Beloved husband of Donna, nee Centracchio; Devoted father of Patrice (Tom) Meyer, Samuel (Terrin) Paladino, Natalie Cici and Dana (Jim) Daluga; Loving son of the late Samuel and Annette Paladino; Fond grandfather of Alyssa, Raymond, Cecilia and Penelope; Dear brother of Susan (Jim) Paladino-Butz; Dear uncle of Julie Paladino-Butz; Visitation Friday, February 15, 2019 at **Salerno's Galewood Chapels**, 1857 N. Harlem Ave., Chicago, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Chapel Service to begin at 1:00 p.m. Interment will follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations made to the American Stroke Association, [www.stroke.org](http://www.stroke.org) would be greatly appreciated. For info (773) 889-1700



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## Pater, LaVerne "Lovie"

LaVerne "Lovie" Pater, nee Names, of Westchester. Beloved wife of the late John; loving mother of Dawn (Jerry) Hall, Jim (late Judy), Tom (Debby), Bill (Kathy), and Sandra (Steve) Malikowski; proud grandmother of Russell Hall and Marlena (David) Hochberg, David (Pamela) Pater and Lindsay (Eric) Caughlin, Michael and Marisa Pater, Matthew and Valerie Pater, and Andrew, Alyse, Janelle, and Kevin Malikowski; great-grandmother of Madelyn, Jordyn, and Cameron Pater; dear sister of the late Bert (JoAnne) and the late Lee. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blocks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Friday, February 15, 2019 from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Saturday 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home to Divine Providence Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to American Cancer Center ([www.cancercenter.com](http://www.cancercenter.com)) appreciated. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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## Polansek, Thomas

Thomas Polansek, 71, of Northfield, passed away on Feb. 9, 2019. Beloved husband of Kim, father of Becky and Tommy, and brother of Marianne Moss. [Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries](#)

## Pope, Elizabeth Joan

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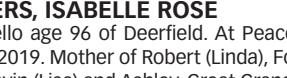
Elizabeth Joan Pope, nee Sullivan, age 87; beloved wife of the late Angelo Pope; loving mother of Angelo (Michelle) Pope, Cynthia Pope-Romano, Cathleen Pope, Michael Pope, and Elizabeth (Edward Tiesenga) Pope-Tiesenga; cherished grandmother of Heather (Jim) Busam, Anthony Pope, Michael James Pope, Daniel Romano Jr., Donald Romano, Amalia Romano, Elizabeth Romano, Alexander Romano, Alissa Pope, Michael Pope, and Stephanie Pope; dearest great-grandmother of Kali Pope, Isabella Pope, Nico Pope, Marcus Busam, and Ethan Busam; survived by her sister Dorothy and brother Michael "Jack" and preceded in death by her brother William "Bill" and her sister Mary; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday, February 14th, 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 South Grant St. Hinsdale. Funeral Friday, February 15th, family and friends to meet for a 10:00 AM Funeral Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer Parish, 1530 Jackson Ave. River Forest, IL. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For information: 630-323-0275 or [www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com](http://www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com)



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## Ringa, Harry J.

Harry J. Ringa; Beloved husband of 59 years to Susan, nee Brics; cherished father of Mark and Michele (Chris) Abram; dearest brother of Rita (the late Dan) Sadak; dear uncle of Steve, Lisa, Connie, Cynthia, Rita, Andy, John and the late Michael. Visitation, Thursday, from 9 a.m. until time of prayers at 12 p.m. at **Kolbus-May Funeral Home** 6857 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, donation to Loving Hands Hospice would be appreciated. For information 773-774-3232 or [www.kolbusmayfh.com](http://www.kolbusmayfh.com)



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## Sanders, Isabelle Rose

nee: Acello, age 96 of Deerfield. At Peace In Christ Feb. 12, 2019. Mother of Robert (Linda), Fond grandma of Devin (Lisa) and Ashley, Great Grandma of Ella and Lucas. Dear sister of the late Michael, Cataldo "Tally" Acello and the late Theresa Johnson. Visitation Fri., Feb. 15, 2019 4-9 pm at **SEGUIN & SYMONDS FUNERAL HOME**, 858 Sheridan Rd., Highwood Funeral Sat. Feb. 16, 2019 10 am at Immaculate Conception Church, Highland Park. Private interment Ascension Cemetery 847-432-3878

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## Schafer, Fred T.

Former Principal of Kirby School District 140 from '67 - '99. Beloved husband of Kathleen (nee Clancy). Loving father of Colleen (Mark) Chorazycewski & Fred (Kathleen) Schafer. Cherished grandfather of Anna, Erin, Mary, Theresa & Charlie. Devoted son of Marie Shilt (nee Kiblidge) and the late; Fred Schafer & Charles Shilt. Visitation Friday, February 15th from 3 until 8 p.m. Chapel prayers Saturday, February 16th, 9:30 a.m. at the Kerry Funeral Home & Cremation Care Center, 7020 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights proceeding to Saint Stephen, Deacon & Martyr Catholic Church, Tinley Park, Mass 10:30 a.m. Interment Saint Mary Cemetery in Evergreen Park. [www.kerryfh.com](http://www.kerryfh.com) ~ (708) 361-4235 ~ [www.facebook.com/kerryfuneral](http://www.facebook.com/kerryfuneral)



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## Schultz, Ethan Jordan

Ethan Jordan Schultz. Beloved son of Paulina and Ryan Schultz. Loving brother of Dylan James Schultz. Cherished grandson of Rose Glater, Lev (Rita) Glater, Robin Schultz and Steven Schultz. Fond nephew of Michelle (Oleg) Dziabenko, Justin (Taylor) Schultz and Dimitry (Alex Lyatskovsky) Glater. Service Friday 12 Noon at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd.(at Niles Center Road) Skokie. Interment Memorial Park. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals**- Skokie Chapel 847.229.8822, [www.cjfinfo.com](http://cjfinfo.com)



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## Schutz, Sr. Pauline, OSF

Sr. Pauline Ann Schutz, OSF, formerly known as Sr. Alice Marie, entered into Eternal Life that is promised by Jesus Christ on February 10, 2019 after having served as a member of the Sisters of Saint Francis of Mary Immaculate for more than 66 years.

Sister Pauline and her twin Geraldine Schutz Draniczarek were the 4th & 5th children of Nicholas & Hermina (Minnie) Schutz. They were born on May 26, 1931. Their older siblings were Florence Porter (1922 – 2008), Lauretta Schutz (1925 – 1926) and Nicholas (1927 – 2001). Her younger sibling is Georgiana Schutz Glennon, who survives her. She is also survived by numerous nieces & nephews in the Draniczarek, Porter, Schutz and Glennon families in addition to a multitude of great nieces and great nephews and cousins. She was also pre-deceased by two brothers-in-laws, Elmer Porter and Arthur Draniczarek, a sister-in-law, Mary Alice Schutz and her nephew, John Draniczarek.

Sr. Pauline attended St. Pascal School and Alvernia High School in Chicago. She ministered at parishes in Ohio and also in Illinois. St. Pauline served at St. Pius X parish in Lombard for 38 years where her love of the parishioners was reciprocated to a degree seldom ever seen. After her vision became seriously affected, she came to rely on others to assist her in her role as Parish Minister. This group became known as her "Angels".

Public viewing will take place at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1025 E. Main Street, Lombard, Illinois on Wednesday, February 13th from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. Additional services provided by her religious order will take place at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home on Friday, Feb. 15th beginning at 2:00 p.m. and concluding with a Mass of Christian Burial at 7:00 p.m. Donations to the Sisters of Saint Francis of Mary Immaculate, 1201 Wyoming Avenue, Joliet, Illinois 60435 would be appreciated.

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## Scott, Andrew L 'Andy'

Andrew L Scott (Andy), 75, passed away on October 19, 2018. Son of the late Marshal L and Zoe Scott. Formerly of Chicago, Thousand Oaks, CA, and Chiba, Japan. Survived by siblings Thomas (Pat) Scott, Carolyn (Robert) Furtelle, and James (Darline) Scott, along with many nieces/nephews and grand-nieces/nephews. A memorial service will take place on February 20, 2019 at 12:00 PM at the **Conejo Mountain Memorial Park** in Camarillo, CA. For info, please check their website or call 805-482-1959. <https://www.conejomountain.com/tributes/AndrewAndy-Scott>

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## Smoron, Richard S 'Smiley'

Richard "Smiley" S Smoron, 69, of Chicago, passed away in his Las Vegas home early afternoon Friday, February 1st, 2019. He was born December 27, 1949 in Chicago, IL to the late Stanley and Antonette Smoron. Beloved husband of Judy Smoron; devoted father of Richard Charles (Kortnie), and Sherrie Marie; dear brother of Edward C Wojton; fond uncle and friend to many. Over the course of his life, Richard served his beloved Country in Vietnam and then returned home to serve his community for thirty-two years as a Chicago police officer. While accomplished in his career, Rick was most proud of the daily presence he played in his children's lives. Visitation is located at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, on Saturday May 4th, 2019, from 0930 to 1030, Rick's celebration of life Mass to follow visitation. 1450 Green Trails Dr, Naperville, IL 60540.

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## Soso, Richard P.

Richard P. Soso, age 69, Retired CFD, passed away surrounded by his family on February 11. Rich was the beloved husband of Joan, nee Hallisy, loving Dad of Katie (Tom Webb), RJ (Meghan) and Maureen (PJ) Kadow. Dear Dida of Morgan and Lizzie. Rich was predeceased by his parents, Mary and Richard Soso and was best friend and brother to Daniel (Lorie). Rich spent his life surrounded by loving grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and countless friends. Once you were Rich's friend, you were it for life. Starting with his Rockwell family, then at Morgan Park High School, at Rainbow Beach and South Shore Beach as a Lifeguard Captain, and at Ridge Park as a Swimming Coach, Rich made lifelong friends. After graduating from Southern Illinois University, where he was a member of the TKE Fraternity, Rich worked at Hines Veteran's Hospital as a Corrective Therapist and as a teacher for Chicago Public Schools, before joining the Chicago Fire Department in 1977. Rich was a 40 year member of Chicago Firefighters Union Local 2, a 50 year member of the Croatian Fraternal Union and a regular of the Dobro Jutro Breakfast Club. Our family wants to thank the compassionate and caring nursing staff of Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit at Loyola Medical Center in Maywood would be appreciated. Funeral Friday, February 15, 2019, 10 a.m. from the Thompson-Kuenster Funeral Home, 5570 W. 95th Street, Oak Lawn, to St. Christina Church for 11 a.m. Mass. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Thursday from 3 to 9 p.m. 708-425-0500 or [www.thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com](http://www.thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com)

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## Till, SVD, Bro. Wayne

Bro. Wayne Till, SVD, 85, November 19, 1933, Bellevue, IA. Loving son of the late William Joseph and Agnes Marie (nee Manderscheid) Till. Visitation at Divine Word Residence, Techny, Thursday, February 14, 3 p.m. until time of Funeral Mass, 4:00 p.m. and visitation at Divine Word College, Saturday, February 16, 11 a.m. followed by the Funeral Mass 12 Noon. Private burial at St. Mary Cemetery, Techny, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials made be made in Bro. Till's name for the care of retired Divine Word Missionaries at Divine Word Residence, 1901 Waukegan Rd., Techny, IL 60082. Arrangements by N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home 847-998-1020.

## Smith-Corcoran

Funeral Homes

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## Steffan, Evelyn J.

Evelyn J. Steffan, age 89. Beloved wife of the late Rudy Steffan; mother of Rudy, Bruce, Claudia and Kathy; dear grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt and friend to many. Services entrusted to **Blake-Lamb Funeral Home** 4727 W. 103rd St. Oak Lawn. For more info 708-636-1193 or visit [www.blakelambfunakawn.com](http://www.blakelambfunakawn.com)

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Funeral info 847-824-5155 or [oehlerfuneralhome.com](http://oehlerfuneralhome.com)

## N.H. Scott & Hanekamp

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## Tribe, Harold O.

Harold O. Tribe, 86, passed away on February 8, 2019. He was born on January 29, 1933. Visitation will begin at 9a.m. Saturday, February 16th at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 100 S. School St., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056 followed by a church service at 11a.m. Interment to follow at St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery, Mt. Prospect. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church listed above or Luther Village, 1220 Village Drive, Arlington Heights, IL 60004.

Funeral information call 847-255-7800 or [friedrichsfh.com](http://www.friedrichsfh.com)

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## Wahlen, Frank

Frank Wahlen, age 56. Beloved and proud father of Claire and Grace Wahlen. Devoted son of Winnie, nee O'Neil and the late Frank. Loving brother of Cathy (Magic Rucker) Wahlen Pniewski, Suzy Betcher, Eddie Wahlen and Marty (Rasa) Wahlen. Cherished nephew of Peg Dunning Hansen. Caring uncle of 15 nieces and nephews. Fond cousin of 26. Retired from Lakewood Carpentry Services and a 35 year



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Name of the person: Michael Zielski  
Lienholder: Kinecta Federal Credit union  
Description of article: 2015 Cadillac XTS  
VIN#2G61N5531F9108574  
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## LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF  
Damaron M Mitchell  
A MINOR  
NO. 2019JD00027

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Damaron Mitchell (Mother)**, respondents, and **TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **January 7, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Stuart Lubin** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **02/21/2019** at **9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR 58 COURTRoom 11 ,

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT  
February 13, 2019

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY:  
B. Pucci, E. Bammel

ATTORNEY FOR:  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS  
ADDRESS: 1100 South Hamilton  
CITY/STATE: Chicago, Illinois 60612  
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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,  
COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF  
Ashawn Green Demarz' McCoy AKA Demarz' McCoy AKA Demarz' McCoy

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Angela Green-Starkay

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00747 18JA00748

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Angela Green Starkay (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 8, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Andrea Budro** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/26/2019** at **9:30 AM** IN CALENDAR 4 COURTRoom D, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
February 13, 2019

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF  
Maximus Gomez

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Veronica Cruz (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00656

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Luis Gomez AKA Candido R. Gomez Romero (Father)** Any and All Unknown Fathers Any respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **July 12, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Andrea Budro** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/07/2019** at **9:30 AM** IN CALENDAR 4 COURTRoom D, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
February 13, 2019

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,  
COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS

## NOTICE INVITATION TO BID

TO  
METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

Sealed proposals, endorsed as below, will be deposited in the sealed bid depository located in the lobby of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Administration Building, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, from the date of the Invitation to Bid, up to 11:00 A.M. on the bid opening date, and will be opened publicly by the Director of Procurement and Materials Management or her designee at 11:00 A.M. on the stated bid opening date below:

## CONTRACT 18-802-21

## FURNISH, DELIVER AND INSTALL A SHAFTLESS SCREW CONVEYOR IN AN AERATED GRIT TANK AT THE CALUMET WATER RECLAMATION PLANT

Estimated Cost: \$300,000.00  
Mandatory Pre-Bid Site Walk-Through

Mandatory Technical Pre-Bid Conference:

**Bid Opening: March 12, 2019**

Compliance with the District's Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D, Appendix C and the Multi-Project Labor Agreement is required on this Contract.

The above is an abbreviated version of the Notice - Invitation to Bid. A full version which includes a brief description of the project and/or service can be found on the District's website, [www.mwrd.org](http://www.mwrd.org); click the Contracts and Proposals quick link on the District's Home page. Go to Contracts Being Currently Advertised and click for further information.

Specifications, proposal forms and/or plans may be obtained from the Department of Procurement & Materials Management, Room 508, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, Monday - Friday, between 8:45 A.M. and 4:15 P.M. Documents, unless stated above to the contrary, will be mailed in response to a fax request (312/751-3042). The vendor may also download specifications, proposal forms and/or plans online from the District's website, [www.mwrd.org](http://www.mwrd.org). No fee is required for the contract documents unless stated above.

All Contracts for the Construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1 et seq.), where it is stated in the invitation to Bid Page.

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals if deemed in the public's best interest.

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

By Darlene A. LoCascio  
Director of Procurement and Materials Management

Chicago, Illinois

February 13, 2019

## LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

## ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PUBLIC NOTICE

Morton Salt has applied for an IDNR/CMP Federal Consistency Determination for the replacement of an existing seawall, in the Calumet River at 3457 E. 100th Street, Chicago, IL. Inquiries and requests to view the complete application may be directed to Jim Casper, Director, OUR's Chicago Office at (312) 793-5947, or [james.casper@illinois.gov](mailto:james.casper@illinois.gov). The full application is available at <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/cmp/Pages/CMPFederalConsistencyRegister.aspx>. You are invited to send comments regarding this project to 160 N. LaSalle Street, Suite S-703, Chicago, IL 60601 by March 14, 2019.

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Triton College will receive sealed proposals at 1005 Fifth Avenue, River Grove, IL 60171 for the following needs.

Linear Drain Replacement Building T  
NO PRE-BID MEETING

Bid opening Tuesday 2/26/2019 1:30 PM

Specifications will be issued to prime bidders, which may be obtained from the Purchasing Department or by visiting [www.triton.edu/rfp](http://www.triton.edu/rfp). Bid proposals will be received up to the hours and dates listed above in room A 306, Finance Office located in the Learning Resource Center building at Triton College. Immediately after the closing hour for receiving bids, they will be publicly opened and read aloud in room A-300.

All questions pertaining to construction documents should be sent to Arcon & Associates, Inc., Attention Gaspare Pittello (630) 495-1900, Ext. 210 or email [g.pittello@arconassoc.com](mailto:g.pittello@arconassoc.com)

## VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an informational meeting concerning the intersection improvements of Cicero Avenue at Touhy Avenue will occur at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 28, 2019 during the regularly scheduled Traffic Committee meeting. The meeting will take place in the Council Chamber at the Lincolnwood Village Hall, located at 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL 60712. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the need for the project, present the proposed roadway geometry, and solicit public input. A slide show presentation will be conducted with a formal question and answer period. The project team members will be available after the formal presentation to answer any further questions in an open house forum. Written comments will be accepted at the meeting, or can be mailed to [al@wd.org](mailto:al@wd.org). Comments received by March 14, 2019 will become part of the official meeting record. This meeting will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Persons needing special accommodations should contact Andrew Letson, Public Works Director at (847) 745-4851 at least 5 days prior to the meeting.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE  
CITY OF NAPERVILLE  
Bid and Requests for Proposals Available Online

All City of Naperville solicitations will be advertised on our web site: <http://www.naperville.il.us/bidfps.aspx>

You are invited to review all bid or proposal requests for any upcoming projects. All projects are available for download or pick-up. Please contact the Procurement Services Team office at 630.420.6064 if you have any questions.



## NOTICE TO DISADVANTAGED BUSINESSES

Whittaker Construction & Excavating, Inc., P.O. Box 21, Carrollton, Illinois 60518, is seeking disadvantaged businesses for the Village of Channah

**FORECLOSURES**

WWR #10148376 STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF COOK THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS TRUSTEE FOR CIT MORTGAGE (AAT) TRUST 2009 Plaintiff, vs JAVIER TREJO, ROSARIO CERVANTES, DO, INCORPORATED, CITY OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, INC. K/N/A ONEMAIN FINANCIAL OF ILLINOIS, INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants. CASE NO: 2019CH00557 Calendar: 60 Property Address: 4338-46 W Barry Avenue, Chicago, IL 60641 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Rosario Cervantes, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Chancery Department, Cook County, Illinois, by the Plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows: Lot 7, Block 8 & 9, Block 4 in Cushing's Subdivision of the West 50 Acres of the North 120 Acres of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Township 40 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois, commonly known as 4338-46 West Barry Avenue, Chicago, IL 60641. Parcel Number: 13-27-200-023-0000 and which said Mortgage was made by Javier Trejo, Mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for the CIT Group/Consumer Finance, Inc., as Mortgaggee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Cook County, Illinois as Instrument Number 0717048005; And for such other relief, prayer; that summons was duly issued out of the said Chancery Department, Cook County, Illinois, against you as provided by law; and that the said suit is now pending. NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU, the said above defendant, file an answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of Chancery Department, Cook County, Illinois, at the Courthouse, in the City of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, on or before the MARCH 15, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. Clerk of the Circuit Court Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. 180 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2400 Chicago, IL, 60601 Telephone: 312-782-9676 Facsimile: 312-782-4201 ChicagoREDG@weltman.com ARDC No. 6289784 Cook Atty. ID 31495 Pub: 2/13, 20, 27/2019 6137558

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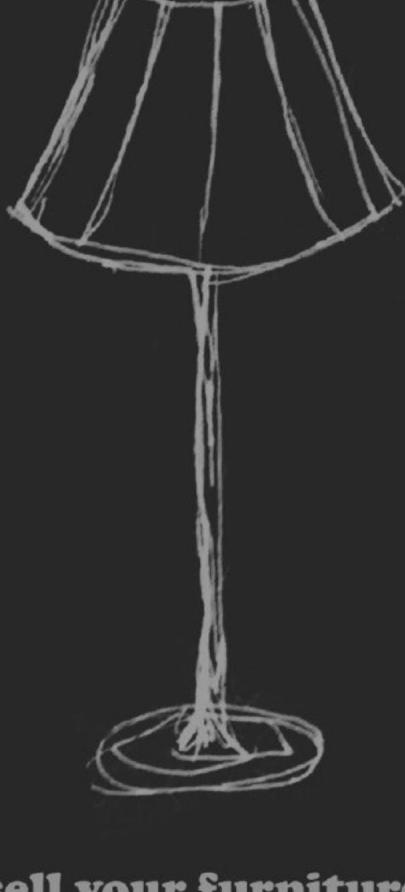
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TO: Olga Carol Goschy (re: Goschy Family Trust dated 6-29-1994); John F. Goschy, Jr. (re: Goschy Family Trust dated 6-29-1994); Philip Null Goschy (re: Goschy Family Trust dated 6-29-1994); Almee R. Goschy (re: Goschy Family Trust dated 6-29-1994); Almee Goschy (re: Goschy Family Trust dated 6-29-1994); Ann Marie Goschy (re: Goschy Family Trust dated 6-29-1994); James P. Goschy (re: Goschy Family Trust dated 6-29-1994); Sean Goschy (re: Goschy Family Trust dated 6-29-1994); Barbara Goschy (re: Goschy Family Trust dated 6-29-1994); Amber Goschy (re: Goschy Family Trust dated 6-29-1994); Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Parties in Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested in Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2018 COTD 00056 FILED: January 9, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: June 6, 2016 Certificate No. 14-000827 Sold for General Taxes of: 2014 Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 101 Haman Road in Inverness, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 02-18-209-000-000 Vol. 149 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 10, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6-month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. 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## CUBS SPRING TRAINING



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Cubs shortstop Addison Russell takes infield practice Tuesday in Mesa, Ariz. Russell has 28 games remaining on his suspension for violating baseball's domestic violence policy.

# Springtime dilemmas

**Baseball's slow pace problem:  
Free-agent market at a crawl**



**PAUL SULLIVAN**  
*On baseball*

MESA, Ariz. — Spring training was once a time for teams to forget the past and focus on what's ahead. But this is the second straight season when unsigned free agents are bountiful, and many teams could completely change their outlook with one or two signings.

Is the game changing for keeps, or is it just a blip in the long history of escalating player salaries?

Cubs pitcher Kyle Hendricks, who will be a free agent after 2020, said he wasn't sure what the free agent glut means for the future of baseball.

"It's interesting for sure," Hendricks said Tuesday on the first

official day of Cubs camp. "We want to play against the best competition. I think there are a lot of teams that could improve by adding guys that are out there. It's definitely a strange coincidence what's happening right now. I'm not sure if it's going to last or not. It's just one of those things (where) we're kind of sitting back and waiting also, with everyone else."

Justin Verlander, on the other hand, thinks it's more than a strange coincidence. The Astros ace on Monday tweeted "the system is broken," referring to the

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Cubs President Theo Epstein speaks to the media Tuesday about two controversies that have plagued the team.

**Epstein insists Cubs won't allow Russell, Ricketts controversies to define them**

**BY MARK GONZALES**  
*Chicago Tribune*

MESA, Ariz. — Addressing two controversial subjects from a tension-filled winter, Cubs President Theo Epstein elaborated Tuesday on ways the organization could improve through Addison Russell's domestic violence suspension and the publication of Joe Ricketts' offensive emails.

Epstein, speaking a day before Cubs pitchers and catchers conduct their first workout of spring training, carefully lent his full support to Russell, the shortstop who must sit out 28 more games of a 40-game suspension for violating Major League Baseball's domestic violence policy.

As for Ricketts' emails, in

which the patriarch of the family that owns the Cubs shared and endorsed racist and Islamophobic jokes and conspiracy theories, Epstein said it was "upsetting to read" what he termed "ugly, disgusting views" that "have no place in our organization, in the sport of baseball or in society overall."

Responding to those who believe the Cubs immediately should have released Russell, who worked out with teammates Tuesday, Epstein said: "I personally think we're doing the right thing. I understand people who are upset and think we should just move on, but I can at least pledge to these people we're taking this on earnestly and it's

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## BRUINS 6, BLACKHAWKS 3

# Winning run ends with step up in class



MADDIE MEYER/GETTY-AFP

The Bruins' Brad Marchand collides with Blackhawks goalie Collin Delia during the first period Tuesday at the TD Garden in Boston.

**Streak over at 7 as Hawks can't recover from bad 1st period**

**BY JIMMY GREENFIELD**  
*Chicago Tribune*

BOSTON — Exactly what it will take for the Blackhawks to be granted some respect isn't clear, but their seven-game winning streak didn't do it.

Sure, victories over the Islanders and Capitals started the streak, but those came nearly a month ago. More attention has been paid to the last five wins, all against teams either on the cusp of or far outside the playoff race.

Start beating some good teams consistently and maybe — maybe — the Hawks can be taken

seriously.

If they are there yet, Tuesday night's game against the Bruins didn't prove it.

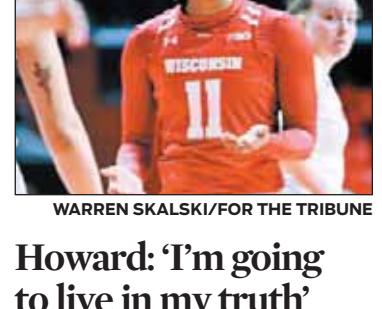
The Hawks were dominated in the first period, allowing three unanswered goals en route to a 6-3 loss at TD Garden. It snapped their longest winning streak in two years and essentially reset their season once again.

There are still 25 games remaining, and there's no shame in a road loss to a tough opponent. The night wasn't a total loss, as the Hawks remained four points out of the last wild-card spot when the Wild lost at home to the Flyers.

"We had a good run, and at some point it was going to end,"

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## COLLEGE BASKETBALL



WARREN SKALSKI/FOR THE TRIBUNE

**Howard: 'I'm going to live in my truth'**

Why Wisconsin senior sits alone on the bench for national anthem.

**Blue Demons making strides as a program**

But DePaul isn't ready to compete with the likes of No. 10 Marquette.

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PHIL ROSENTHAL

## Superstars still awaiting deals

With spring training starting, let's take a little batting practice.

Here are nine innings worth of cuts:

**1. After reading Manny Machado was spotted with Kyle Schwarber at the baptism for Albert Almora Jr.'s son, I want more Manny news.**

I want to know where he is at all times and who is with him. Like the Stanley Cup. Or a Kardashian.

Going out for food. Hanging out by the pool. Attending a school recital. Seeing the new Rebel Wilson rom-com. Driving for Uber.

Where's my MannyGram app?

**2. Maybe Machado and Bryce Harper should sign with Netflix.**

Put them in an RV and have them travel to major-league ballparks around the country.

They could talk to fans about why owners charging a markup of more than 1,000 percent on beer can't cover the cost of a top free agent.

They could confront owners, asking on camera why teams couldn't use their talent and what a fair price for their services might be.

Let them surprise kids at Little League fields along the way, too, offering playing tips, signing autographs, explaining how arbitration works and the way free agency is supposed to go.

**3. Tell me again why there's no money for free agents.**

Major League Baseball revenue was an unprecedented \$10.3 billion in 2018, the 16th consecutive year baseball has set an all-time high. That's according to Forbes, which noted growth slowed last year but looks to pick up in 2019 and beyond thanks to streaming and TV deals kicking in.

**4. Where did all that money go?**

At the same time, the MLB Players Association found the average salary went down in 2018 from 2017.

It wasn't much of a drop, an average of just \$1,436 per player, but it's noteworthy as only the fourth year-to-year decline since the union began tracking the numbers in 1967.

The other down years were 2004 (a 2 percent decline), 1995 (a 4 percent slide after a 7 1/2-month strike) and 1987 (a \$66-per-player drop in a season in which own-



JEFF GROSS/GETTY-AFP

With teams opening Spring Training camps, Manny Machado remains a free agent.

ers were found to have colluded to thwart free-agent windfalls).

**5. Why this matters.**

The single biggest threat to baseball's continued prosperity is a labor war.

There's not a player who hasn't noticed the sluggish free-agent markets this year and last and how few of the players who have signed this offseason managed to secure multiyear deals.

The odds of a strike or lockout increase for 2021 the clearer it becomes to players they probably won't reap the rewards they expected when toiling under financial constraints from the minors through the early years of their big-league careers.

Fester resentment rarely results in easy negotiations.

**6. Why do so many people label players greedy in these matters while letting owners skate?**

Between players and owners, who's more important to the game? Whom do you go to see at the ballpark? Whose peak earning potential can be sustained for a limited amount of time?

Now ask yourself who is more deserving of reaping the riches the sport generates.

**7. Can restraint be a two-way street?**

It would be nice to think fans could be as financially disciplined as MLB owners the

next time, say, a team-owned sports network seeks to raise consumer cable rates so they can increase revenue through carriage fees for their TV channel.

**Stretch for a couple of hot takes.**

Real fans don't need anyone to lead them in singing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game."

Ditto for the national anthem, which carries a specific power when sung in unison by a crowd, something hired guns often brought in for show tend to discourage.

**8. Is anyone surprised Kyler Murray chose football over baseball?**

If Murray had wanted to play baseball, the flirtation with football wouldn't have dragged on as long as it did. Surely neither he nor his representatives failed to note how the Machado and Bryant situations have dragged on.

**9. Imagine if the Ricketts family were in charge of repairing the cracked beam on that Lake Shore Drive bridge near the river.**

There would be video advertising boards and special lanes for drivers willing to fork over big cash, no doubt.

But how many years would it take to finish?

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**WHITE SOX**

## Machado's gloves telling the story?

BY TIM BANNON | Chicago Tribune

Manny Machado is definitely going to sign with the White Sox.

Or the Oakland Raiders.

Or maybe the San Antonio Spurs or the Los Angeles Kings.

On Tuesday, Rawlings, with whom Machado has his baseball glove deal, tweeted photos of his 2019 gloves, which are black and white/silver.

The sporting goods company wrote: "Check out Manny Machado's gloves for this season! Where do you think he is going to play this season? Is the black and white a sign?"

Does Rawlings, based in St. Louis, know something the rest of the world does not?

With the Orioles, for whom he played from 2012 to the middle of 2018, Machado used either a black-and-orange glove or a brown glove with black trim. Sometimes he even played third base with an orange-and-black glove.

He spent the second half of 2018 with the Dodgers, for whom he mostly used the traditional brown glove.

With spring training underway and the free-agency freeze-out resulting in a dearth of tangible Machado news, those hungry for any indication of where he'll play this season will nibble at anything.

Then there was Machado's appearance this weekend at the baptism for pal Albert Almora Jr.'s son. Also there was another Cub, Kyle Schwarber.

"If he goes to the South Side, that's going to bring a lot of excitement to the fans of Chicago," Schwarber said.

Over the weekend, it was reported the Sox made Machado an eight-year offer for \$250 million, \$30 million more than the Yankees reportedly offered.

Asked at SoxFest if the Sox are prepared to outspend other teams to sign someone such as Machado, general manager Rick Hahn said: "Do we have no limits? No. Everyone has a limit on how far you're willing to go on something. You also have to keep in mind there are at times ... other elements besides economics."

Other elements such as a baseball glove?

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## Baseball's slow pace: Free agents unsigned

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100 or so remaining free agents.

"They blame 'rebuilding' but that's BS," Verlander tweeted. "You're telling me you couldn't sign Bryce or Manny for 10 years and go from there? Seems like a good place to start a rebuild to me. 26-36 is a great performance window too."

Of course, the Astros had a \$26 million payroll at the start of 2013 when they were in the midst of their rebuild, while Verlander was signing a seven-year, \$180 million extension with the Tigers that made him the highest-paid pitcher in the game. He currently makes \$28 million. But back in '13, Verlander wasn't publicly complaining about rebuilding teams like the Astros declining to sign free agents to 10-year deals and pocketing the savings while their young players developed. Like everyone else, he probably assumed salaries would continue to skyrocket, as they did until 2017.

The Cubs also profited by rebuilding, winning the World Series in 2016. They are a team that could improve by signing a prime-time free agent such as Manny Machado or Bryce Harper, not to mention closer Craig Kimbrel. But the team says it isn't budging from its budget.

Cubs President Theo Epstein said Tuesday "there's always a chance we manage to squeeze one more (reliever) in to give (manager Joe Maddon) a number of quality options to 2019."

"That's one area where the market has been pretty soft and pretty slow-developing and we've been active," he said. "So we'll stay in touch with everybody."

But no big signing appears likely for the Cubs before the start of the regular season. Epstein said they've been transparent about trying to find "value-based" free agents this offseason, and to do so in "an artful way."

Asked whether it's a problem for MLB to have so many free agents unsigned as spring training begins, Epstein predicted things would be "re-ordered" by the time the next collective bargaining agreement is agreed upon by MLB and the players' union. The current five-year contract runs through 2021.

"I do empathize and feel for the players who are still out there, who don't know where they're going to be with spring training starting, and how tough that is on their families," Epstein said. "It's not easy to get to free agency. ... There's a lot of blood, sweat and tears that goes into that. It's a moment guys have been looking forward to their whole lives, and when it doesn't pan out exactly the way they'd imagined (it's difficult)."

"I know we're talking about million-



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Free agents are available, but Cubs manager Joe Maddon and President Theo Epstein will go with what they've got.

aires here and everything. It's not one of society's great problems, but I still feel for these guys."

General manager Jed Hoyer said the offseason signings have been "creeping later and later" over the last decade and that something needs to change.

"We've probably reached a point where it's gone way too far," he said. "Certainly it's not in anyone's best interests to have animosity, labor strife, talk of work stoppage, things like that."

A signing deadline would be a start, though it's unlikely to be considered by the union.

After Hoyer addressed the players' discontent, Epstein added there is "zero animosity" between Cubs management and players, suggesting "the cure to a lot of ills is just to talk through it, and put yourself in the other party's shoes" to get a better understanding of each other.

Hendricks, for one, said he understands Cubs management's thinking in keeping to their budget.

"One hundred percent," he said. "And if you look around the team, we have the guys. I think we have the guys to get it done, and it has been that way through the years. It's just executing on the field."

"That's what it comes down to, so if you can't make improvements there, this is where you have to make improvements, coming out to spring, getting ready for our games to start and taking it day by day."

We won't know until October whether the Cubs' strategy works.

But at least baseball is back, and for that we can all be thankful.

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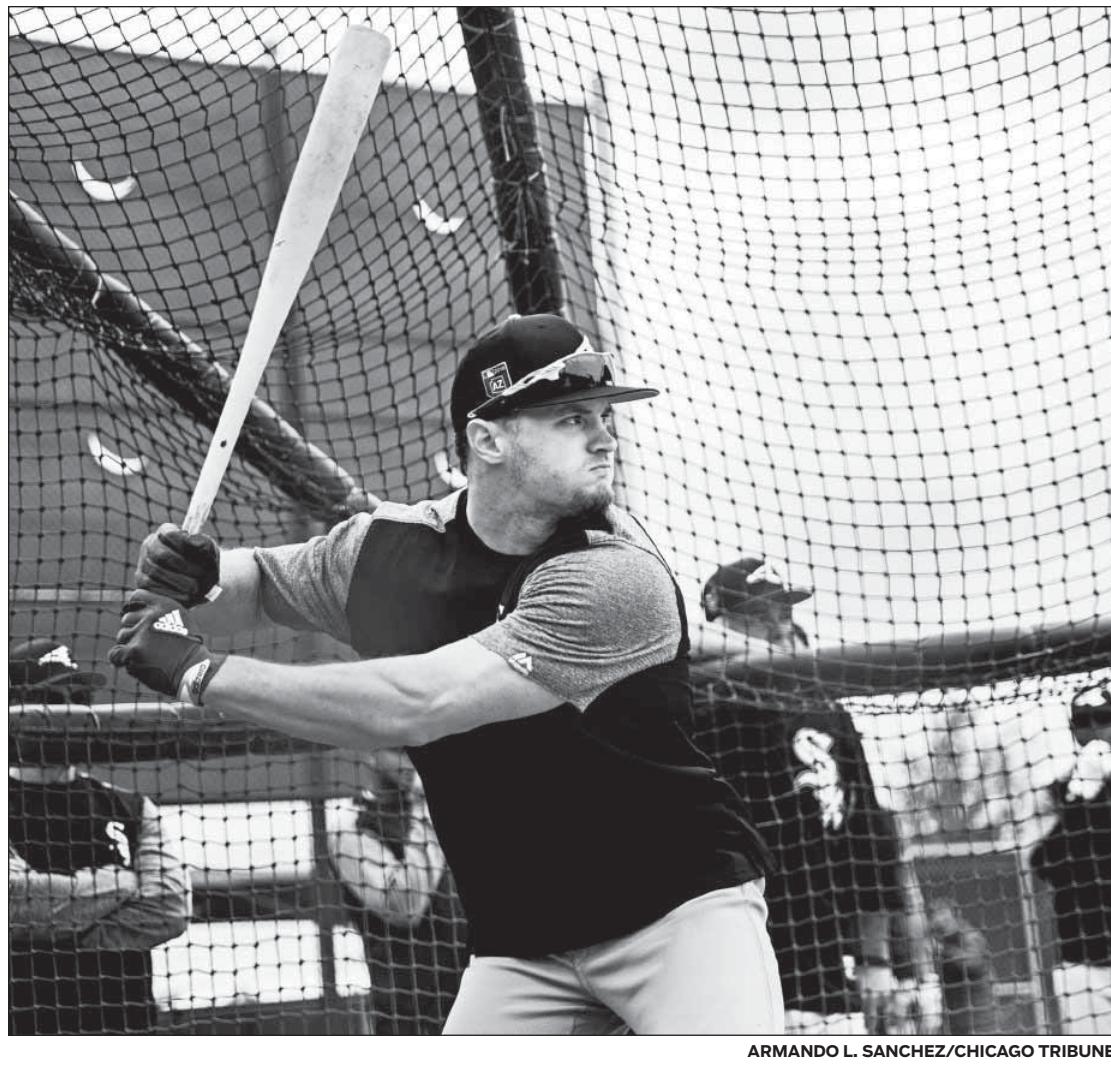
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Wisconsin once offered White Sox outfielder Adam Engel a full-ride football scholarship.

# Passion to play

**Sox's Engel advises Kyler Murray to do what he loves most**

By TEDDY GREENSTEIN

Chicago Tribune

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Heisman Trophy winner Kyler Murray is giving the stiff-arm to baseball. He tweeted Monday that his goal is to become an NFL quarterback because football is "my love and my passion."

White Sox center fielder Adam Engel salutes that decision, saying: "If I had a chance to talk to Kyler, I'd say follow your passion, follow your heart. It sounds like that is what he is doing."

"Do whatever you love to do. That way you will enjoy it for whatever your career allows."

Engel had his own football/baseball dilemma while playing quarterback at Ohio's Loveland High School.

"I was trying really hard to get recruited to play football, but it was a slow process," he said Tuesday during White Sox spring training workouts. "When I found out I probably couldn't play (Division I), I said, OK, I'll

play baseball."

Engel accepted a scholarship to play baseball at Louisville. About a week later, Wisconsin football coach Bret Bielema offered a full ride.

Too late.

"My word means a lot to me," Engel said.

Make no mistake: Had the Badgers offered first, Engel would have joined a 2010 recruiting class that featured running back James White. He likely would have been a slot receiver.

"But I would have played anywhere," Engel said. "Football was my favorite sport to play, but playing in the big leagues it's hard to say I made a mistake. I love what I do."

Engel, 27, proved to be one of baseball's best athletes last season, soaring above the fence to rob three hitters of home runs during a one-week span.

However, he is still trying to establish his offensive credentials.

Engel hit .235 last season with six homers and 18 walks in 463 plate appearances, getting on base 27.9 percent of the time. That's up from a .235 on-base percentage in 2017.

"My big goal for the season is to get on base at a higher clip," he

said. "I want to really mature as a batter — work counts and bring value. If I can get on base, I can help the team."

Engel hopes to develop into a top-of-the-order threat.

"As I develop, I think I will move toward the top of the lineup," he said. "I want to be that (No.) 1 or 2 guy. I think that's attainable. That being said, I've got some work to do."

Engel said he ran "in the 4.4s" in high school but said it would be "ignorant" to believe he could have become an NFL player in the mold of the Patriots' Julian Edelman.

"There's such a skill and craft to what he does," Engel said.

Football, he said, is "a different animal. During the game the whole thing is adrenaline-based. In baseball it's better to be able to calm yourself down."

The Sox drafted Engel in the 19th round in 2013, cementing his choice of sports. Had he played for Bielema at Wisconsin, he would have tried for an NFL career.

"But who knows," he said. "Maybe I'd be at a desk somewhere working a day job."

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**Davidson would like to provide some relief**

Ex-Sox believes he can aid Rangers on mound

By JEFF WILSON

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

SURPRISE, Ariz. — One thing Matt Davidson wanted to make perfectly clear Tuesday was his intentions as a two-way player.

The Rangers won't have to juggle the next Shohei Ohtani.

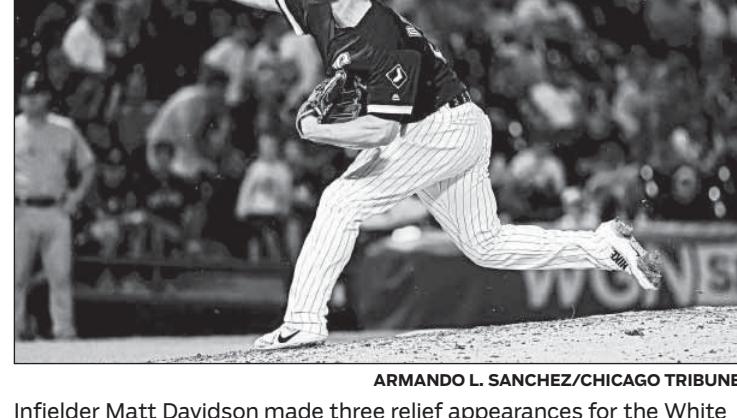
"I don't want it to seem like I can just go to the big leagues and be a good pitcher," Davidson said.

Davidson, though, comes to spring training with plenty of intrigue after morphing into a two-way player last season with the White Sox. He made three scoreless one-inning appearances, his first June 29 at Globe Life Park, and allowed a hit and a walk to put himself in position to possibly pitch more the rest of his career.

Davidson also hit 46 home runs over the last two seasons as a corner infielder and designated hitter and has too much he still wants to accomplish to abandon hitting altogether. But he is intent on hitting and pitching this season.

"I'm excited for it," Davidson said. "I'm reporting to camp as a position player and that's what I want to do ... but I think (I could fill) the role of maybe blowout games or when the bullpen is really taxed. I'm not here to be a full-time reliever; it's more of a utility pitching role."

Davidson, who signed a minor-league deal with a spring



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Infielder Matt Davidson made three relief appearances for the White Sox in 2018 and hopes to help the Rangers in a similar manner in 2019.

training invitation last week, hasn't pitched off a mound this offseason and only recently started a pitcher's throwing program. The Rangers will give him a few weeks to work his way into throwing bullpen sessions.

He is a right-hander who throws a fastball, knuckle-curve and split-fingered fastball. And he's not a washed-out offensive player with a good arm but rather a very good high school pitcher who was also an excellent hitter.

"The interesting part with Matt is a lot of guys hit and have a good arm, so they get converted to the mound," general manager Jon Daniels said. "He was the other way around. He was a pitcher first in high school, played both ways and ultimately focused on hitting, but he does have some training at the amateur level."

Davidson, who turns 28 next month, doesn't envision himself becoming the same kind of two-way player as Ohtani, who pitched and hit his way to the 2018 American League Rookie of the Year award for the Angels. Ohtani won't pitch in 2019 after undergoing Tommy John elbow surgery after last season.

Davidson sees value in a player

who can provide infield defense and pop at the plate while also pitching the final inning or two of a blowout or saving the bullpen after a period with an especially high workload.

He retired Ryan Rua and Carlos Tocci before striking out Rougned Odor to cap a perfect inning in his major-league pitching debut in an 11-3 Sox loss to the Rangers. Davidson's average fastball velocity in his three innings was 89.9 mph.

"I could get out there and throw decent, throw strikes and make an off-speed pitch," Davidson said. "And that's after nine years of not throwing."

"I want to be almost a pitcher's best friend. Nobody wants to go in when it's a 7-0 blowout. I want to be that guy that helps them out and makes them better in situations when they need to be good."

That said, his three appearances were a thrill and the fulfillment of a lifelong dream. He wants to keep pitching and wants to be good when he does get the chance.

"I had the time of my life out there," Davidson said. "There's a value of helping the pitchers out. It's almost like, 'Hey, we're gassed. Throw Matt in there.'"

**CUBS****CUBS NOTES**

# Epstein not looking to reach for wallet

By MARK GONZALES

Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — The Cubs might be able to add one more free agent, but don't expect it to be a big-ticket player such as Bryce Harper.

"We've been very clear this winter about the landscape we're operating in, the different areas that we can improve the team, the different resources available to us and how we'd have to be creative and value-based and try to attack all areas we could in an artful way," President Theo Epstein said Tuesday.

"And this probably isn't a winter where we threw money at problems, so I'm not going to talk about any specific free agent or class of free agents. But you can extrapolate the approach we've taken this winter as probably going forward what's most realistic for us."

The Cubs are likely to add a reliever — but only at a cost that suits them.

"There's always a chance we manage to squeeze one more in to give (manager) Joe Maddon more quality options and depth," Epstein said. "We'd love to be in a position to withstand a couple injuries and still put a quality bullpen out there."

**Top prospect sidelined:** Albert Alzolay, who hasn't pitched since May 29 because of a lat injury, will miss about two weeks after hurting his side while slipping during a

bullpen session two weeks ago.

The Cubs are enforcing an "abundance of caution" due to Alzolay's injury last season, general manager Jed Hoyer said. Several publications ranked Alzolay, 23, as the organization's top prospect, but he threw only 39 2/3 innings for Triple-A Iowa last season.

Alzolay is targeted to return to Iowa for the start of 2019 but could get a midseason call-up.

Other pitchers who will have their work tailored because of injuries are closer Brandon Morrow, who underwent elbow surgery in November, and newcomers Kendall Graveman and Collin Rea.

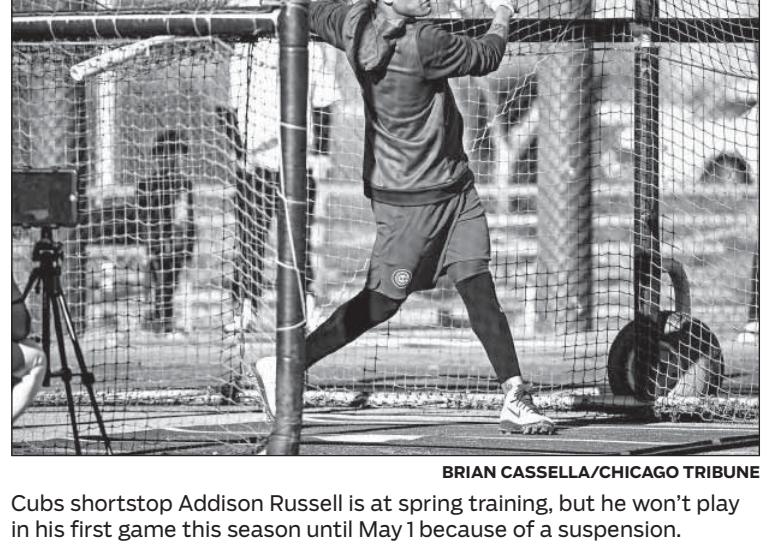
**Own it now:** Maddon is in the final stages of completing the presentation of his 2019 slogan — "Own It Now."

"If you think about owning it now, you can talk about ownership as part of the team, you can think about owning the exact moment you're in — whether it's the at-bat, the pitch, just about owning it now," Maddon said.

"And a lot of it has to do with the present tense. And if you look at the word 'now' and spell it backward, it means 'won.'

"So if we get in the habit of owning the moment, we have a pretty good chance of winning it at the end of the year. So 'own it now' is something I'm going with."

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Cubs shortstop Addison Russell is at spring training, but he won't play in his first game this season until May 1 because of a suspension.

# Offseason controversies get addressed by Cubs

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important to us, that they're not just words.

"They're actions, and we'll continue to be transparent with you and our fans about everything we're doing to try to attack this problem with domestic violence, and we'll continue to hold Addison to an incredibly high standard or he won't play a regular-season game as a Cub ever again."

Epstein emphasized that the Cubs will continue to lend support to Russell's ex-wife, Melisa Reidy, and will require every team employee to undergo an "enhanced" program on domestic violence prevention.

Russell, 25, will speak with reporters before the first full-squad workout Monday for the first time since accusations surfaced Sept. 20 on his ex-wife's Instagram account. He will be eligible to rejoin the Cubs on May 1, but they still could release him even if he completes MLB's treatment program.

Russell appeared more muscular and looked at ease as he took batting and fielding practice, spoke with teammates and shook hands with a cameraman and a reporter.

"He's been given a conditional second chance by this organization (but) there are a lot of standards we're going to hold him to," Epstein said. "He has to continue to put the work in to become a better person and a better citizen, better teammate, better person in society and better father. And the good news to report at this early juncture is he has really taken things to heart and put a significant amount of work in."

"He's fully and enthusiastically complied with everything (MLB) has put in front of him as far as therapy and counseling. Beyond that, he's reached out on his own to engage in a therapist, someone he's stayed in contact with three to four times a week, and that will continue long after the mandated therapy is done."

Epstein said the Cubs have resumed their support of Family Rescue Inc. — which provides shelter and services to domestic violence survivors in Chicago — after a lengthy absence and have made a more active commitment to working with the House of Good Shepherd, which assists families affected by domestic violence.

He preferred to let future actions dictate the organization's steps to heal wounds caused by the disclosure of Ricketts' emails. Chairman Tom Ricketts, Joe's son, is expected to address the issue with players during his annual speech before the first full-squad workout.

Epstein said he joined Tom Ricketts "in condemning racism and Islamophobia."

"The reality is that now some of our fans are forced into a position where there are other things they have to think about," Epstein said.

"We need to demonstrate through our actions that we believe in 'Everybody in' (one of the Cubs' slogans), and walking through the turnstiles at Wrigley Field is a sanctuary from some of our problems in the real world. Baseball is diverse, welcoming ... a public trust that is here for all."

Epstein said he hoped the team's intention to make amends speaks more than any statement, adding that a day at Wrigley Field to honor the Islamic community would be only part of the solution.

"Diversity is important everywhere," Epstein said. "Not just because it's the most important thing to do, but it helps you win. If you're not diverse, you don't have the benefit of different backgrounds, different histories, different perspectives, which is what you need collectively to get to the right answer."

"It applies to our fan base as well. Every part of our fan base should feel as welcomed as the next. One of the great things about baseball is you walk through the turnstiles and come through the ballpark for three to 3 1/2 hours and just enjoy the game."

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7 p.m.	Rockets at Timberwolves	ESPN
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	<b>MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b>	
5:30 p.m.	Providence at Villanova	FS1
5:30 p.m.	Saint Louis at George Washington	CBSSN
6 p.m.	Rutgers at Northwestern	BTN, WGN-AM 720
6 p.m.	Clemson at Miami	ESPN2
6 p.m.	Richmond at VCU	ESPN2
6 p.m.	South Florida at UCF	ESPN News
7 p.m.	Loyola at Bradley	NBCSCH
7 p.m.	Illinois State at Northern Iowa	NBCSCH+
7 p.m.	Georgia Tech at Virginia Tech	WCUI-26.2
7:30 p.m.	Georgetown at Seton Hall	FS1
7:30 p.m.	Creighton at Xavier	CBSSN
8 p.m.	Minnesota at Nebraska	BTN
8 p.m.	Texas Tech at Oklahoma State	ESPN2
8 p.m.	Vanderbilt at Florida	ESPN2
9:30 p.m.	Arizona State at Colorado	FS1
9:30 p.m.	Boise State at Fresno State	CBSSN
10 p.m.	USC at Stanford	ESPN2
	<b>GOLF</b>	
8 p.m.	ISPS Handa Australian Open	Golf Channel
	<b>NHL</b>	
7 p.m.	Oilers at Penguins	NBCSN
	<b>UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SOCCER</b>	
2 p.m.	Tottenham Hotspur vs. Borussia Dortmund	TNT
	<b>COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b>	

#### HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED TUESDAY

1. Tennessee (22-1) did not play. Next: vs. South Carolina, Wednesday.  
 2. Duke (22-2) beat No. 16 Louisville 71-69. Next: vs. N.C. State, Saturday.  
 3. Gonzaga (22-1) did not play. Next: vs. Loyola Marymount, Thursday.  
 4. Virginia (21-2) did not play. Next: vs. Notre Dame, Saturday.  
 5. Kentucky (20-4) lost to No. 19 LSU 73-71. Next: vs. No. 1 Tennessee, Saturday.  
 6. Michigan (22-3) lost to Penn State 75-69. Next: vs. No. 24 Maryland, Saturday.  
 7. Nevada (23-1) did not play. Next: at Wyoming, Saturday.  
 8. North Carolina (19-5) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Saturday.  
 9. Houston (23-1) did not play. Next: at UConn, Thursday.  
 10. Marquette (20-4) did not play. Next: vs. Seton Hall, Wednesday, Feb. 20.  
 11. Michigan State (20-5) beat No. 20 Wisconsin 67-59. Next: vs. Ohio State, Sunday.  
 12. Purdue (17-7) lost to No. 24 Maryland 70-56. Next: vs. Penn State, Saturday.  
 13. Villanova (19-5) did not play. Next: vs. Providence, Wednesday.  
 14. Kansas (19-6) did not play. Next: vs. West Virginia, Saturday.  
 15. Texas Tech (19-5) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma State, Wednesday.  
 16. Louisville (17-8) lost to No. 2 Duke 71-69. Next: vs. Clemson, Saturday.  
 17. Florida State (18-5) did not play. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Wednesday.  
 18. NC State (18-5) did not play. Next: vs. NC State, Saturday.  
 19. LSU (20-4) beat No. 5 Kentucky 73-71. Next: at Georgia, Saturday.  
 20. Wisconsin (17-8) lost to No. 11 Michigan State 67-59. Next: vs. Illinois, Monday.  
 21. Iowa (19-5) did not play. Next: at Rutgers, Saturday.  
 22. Virginia Tech (18-5) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Wednesday.  
 23. Iowa State (18-6) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Kansas State, Saturday.  
 24. Maryland (19-6) beat No. 12 Purdue 70-56. Next: at No. 6 Michigan, Saturday.  
 25. Buffalo (21-3) beat Akron 76-70. Next: at Toledo, Friday.

#### HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED TUESDAY

1. Baylor (21-1) did not play. Next: at Kansas State, Wednesday.  
 2. Louisville (21-1) did not play. Next: vs. Miami, Sunday.  
 3. Oregon (21-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 9 Oregon State, Friday.  
 4. UConn (22-2) did not play. Next: at UCF, Sunday.  
 5. Mississippi State (22-1) did not play. Next: vs. Missouri, Thursday.  
 6. Notre Dame (22-3) did not play. Next: at Boston College, Wednesday.  
 7. Maryland (22-2) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Thursday.  
 8. Marquette (21-3) did not play. Next: at St. John's, Friday.  
 9. Oregon State (20-4) did not play. Next: at Oregon, Friday.  
 10. Duke (20-5) did not play. Next: vs. NC State, Saturday.  
 11. South Carolina (17-6) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia, Thursday.  
 12. N.C. State (21-2) did not play. Next: at No. 16 Syracuse, Wednesday.  
 13. Gonzaga (22-2) did not play. Next: vs. San Diego, Thursday.  
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 20. Miami (21-5) did not play. Next: at No. 2 Louisville, Sunday.  
 21. Florida State (20-4) did not play. Next: at Clemson, Thursday.  
 22. Texas A&M (18-5) did not play. Next: vs. LSU, Thursday.  
 23. Rutgers (17-6) did not play. Next: vs. Ohio State, Thursday.  
 24. Michigan State (17-6) did not play. Next: at Wisconsin, Thursday.  
 25. South Dakota (22-3) did not play. Next: at Western Illinois, Saturday.

#### TUESDAY'S RESULTS

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7. Marquette (7)	21-3	595	7		
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9. Oregon State (9)	20-4	485	10		
10. Stanford (10)	19-4	479	11		
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23. Rutgers (20-5)	16-6	82	24		
24. South Dakota (20-5)	19-5	59	24		
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Mississippi at Auburn, 7					
Vanderbilt at Florida, 8					
WEST					
Wyoming at Utah, 8					
UCLA at California, 9					
Arizona St. at Colorado, 9					
Southern Cal at Stanford, 10					
WOMEN					
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BALL STATE (2)	Ball St. at Akron, 6				
OHIO (3)	Ohio at Toledo, 6				
KENTUCKY (4)	Kent St. at Michigan, 6				
ILLINOIS (5)	N. Illinois at Miami (Ohio), 6				
BUFFALO (6)	Buffalo at Bowling Green, 6				
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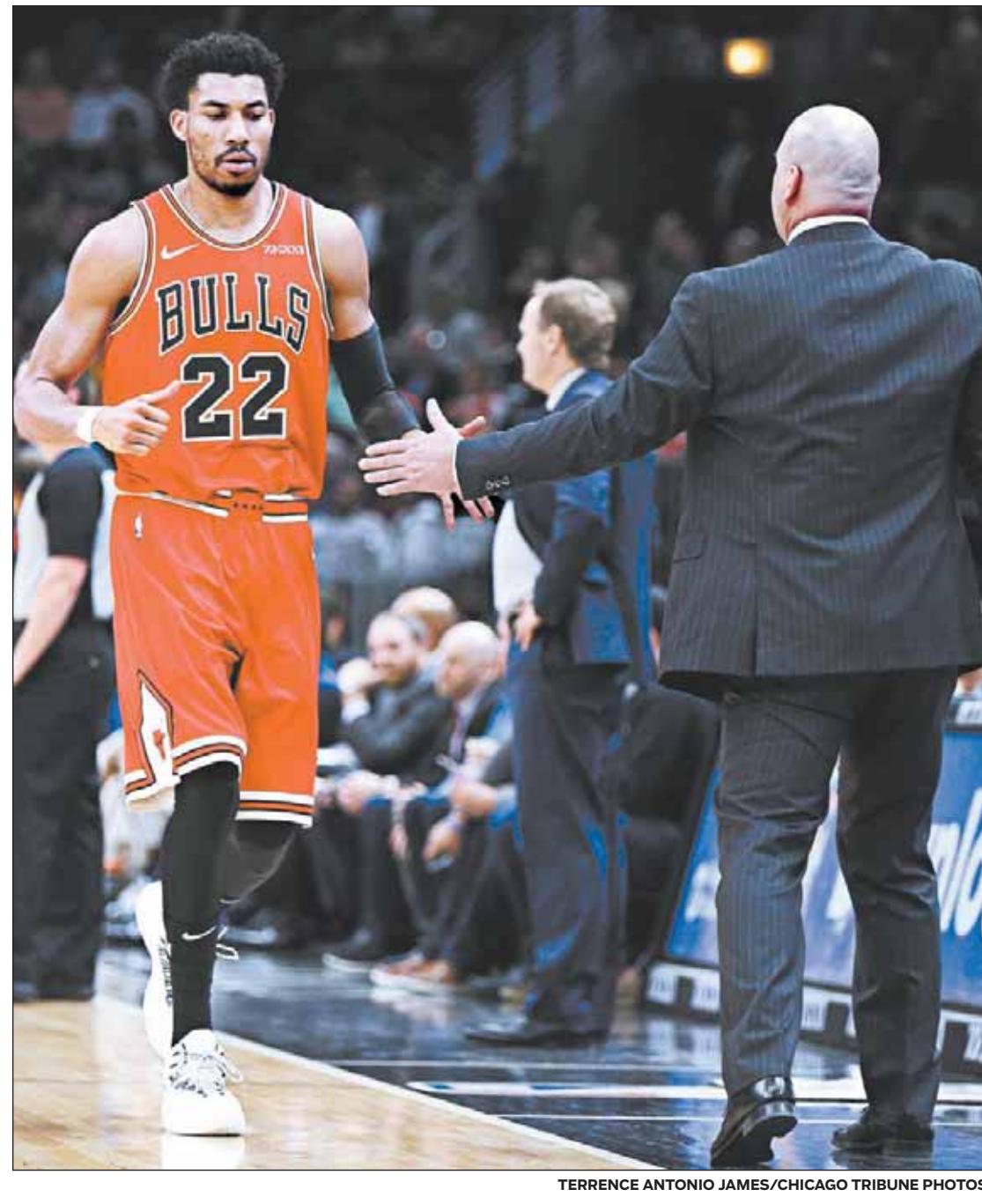
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**BULLS**

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Bulls coach Jim Boylen, right, says newcomer Otto Porter Jr. "understands what we're doing."

# Smooth arrival

Porter's willingness to learn has made transition to Bulls easy

BY SHANNON RYAN

Chicago Tribune

Bulls coach Jim Boylen corrected himself Tuesday when he described the team's new addition, Otto Porter Jr.

"His versatility is his greatest attribute," Boylen said before pausing. "His greatest attribute is his demeanor and his spirit. His versatility is right up there."

Porter's transition to the Bulls after last week's trade from the Wizards has been smooth. The Bulls acquired Porter a day before the trade deadline in exchange for Jabari Parker, Bobby Portis and a 2023 second-round pick.

In his first three games with the Bulls, Porter scored 18 points against the Nets, 17 against the Wizards and 18 against the Bucks, making a combined 8 of 14 3-pointers.

"Just coming in open-minded and ready to learn," Porter said of his approach after being traded. "I don't want to come here and act like I know everything because I don't. Just trying to get a good sense of where we're headed."

Tuesday marked his first full practice, which included a scrimmage.

Teammates were impressed with his ability to quickly pick up the offense and play multiple positions.

"He doesn't even really know any of the plays," Zach LaVine said after Monday's loss to the Bucks. "He's been doing great. We put him in pick-and-roll, and he took over part of the game. He was facilitating, making shots. He's a lot more than just a catch-and-shoot guy. I think his role is going to be a lot bigger than what it was in Washington. He's a lot better than that."

Boyleen echoed the praise, noting Porter's relative ease in adjusting to the Bulls.

"I think he is (confident)," Boyleen said. "Sometimes you get a new guy and you maybe sense



Bulls guard Kris Dunn injured his tailbone during the second half of Monday night's loss to the Bucks at the United Center.

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some fear that they're overloaded in their mind or maybe they're overwhelmed. I haven't felt that from him at all. He takes it as it comes and understands what we're doing."

Porter, a 6-foot-8 small forward in his fifth season out of Georgetown, has made his presence known with vocal leadership in meetings, games and at practice.

"During the games, just to settle the team down," he said. "A team might go on a run. I'm like, telling the team: 'Hey, teams make runs. We can't get our heads down. We have to focus on the next play.'

"It's just little things I try to influence our team keeping ourselves. Holding everybody accountable. For us, just playing for each other. We're learning. We're still young. We're still learning how to play for each other, play hard (and) cover each other's mistakes."

**Dunn questionable:** Kris Dunn missed practice with a bruised tailbone and is questionable for Wednesday's home game against the Grizzlies.

He left Monday's game in the third quarter after taking a hard fall driving to the hoop and being hit by Brook Lopez. Dunn struggled with a pelvic bruise last week.

"He's very sore and stiff," Boyleen said.

Boyleen said he has hope for a healthy Dunn to work toward a more consistent season.

"The difference is he hasn't been as consistent this year (compared to last season)," Boyleen said. "But also the difference is he has handled the inconsistency very well. He's not emotional. He's not been difficult to coach. He wasn't difficult to coach last year. He handles his rough moments like a veteran. He's coachable. That gives me hope he can become more consistent and continue to grow."

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# No. 1 among toughest feats: Six titles

So says MJ, who still gives kudos to Harden, Westbrook streaks

BY STEVE REED

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Michael Jordan says James Harden's streak of 30 straight 30-point games and Russell Westbrook's 10 straight triple-doubles are both impressive and tough to accomplish.

But the Bulls Hall of Famer and Hornets owner added — flashing a big grin — that there is one accomplishment tougher

than both of those feats: "Which is harder from the player's standpoint? Six championships by all means."

Jordan praised both players for what they're doing, saying the streaks show "the talent that we have within the league."

"It shows progression in the league," Jordan said during an interview at the Hornets facility while discussing the upcoming All-Star weekend. "I am very proud of how both guys have done because they are making a mark for the league and I think it really helps grow the league."

Westbrook finished with 21 points, 14 rebounds and 11 assists to notch his 10th straight triple-double in the Thunder's 120-111 win over the Trail Blazers, breaking a tie with Wilt Chamberlain for the most consecutive triple-doubles.

Both Harden and Westbrook will be in Charlotte this weekend for the All-Star Game.

**BLACKHAWKS****BLACKHAWKS NOTES**

# Personal choices on optional skates

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

Chicago Tribune

BOSTON — A few Blackhawks elected to sit out Tuesday's optional morning skate, but the vast majority, including Patrick Kane and Jonathan Toews, took the ice at TD Garden.

It's not uncommon for coaches to make skates optional on a game day, especially at this point in a season that began with training camp nearly five months ago.

Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton likes to make the morning skate optional when the team has practiced the day before. He wouldn't mind if more players rested.

"I wish a few more guys would take the option and not skate," Colliton said. "We want to save the energy for the game."

Toews isn't trying to be a hero or a role model by participating in the morning skate. It's simply what works for him.

"Everyone knows you do what you've got to do at this point of the season to get ready," Toews said. "The fact that I'm out there and Kaner's out there doesn't mean anyone else has to be doing that. Everyone's taking care of themselves and their body right now."

**Bean there, done that:** A year ago, Dylan Sikura was leading Northeastern to the champi-

onship of the Beanpot, a tournament held each February at TD Garden featuring Boston College, Boston University, Harvard and Northeastern.

It's a big deal in Boston — the tournament was first played in 1952 — and when the Hawks called up Sikura on Monday, it gave him the chance to attend Monday's title game between Northeastern and Boston College.

His old coaches had something more in mind. They invited him into the Huskies locker room before the game to announce the starting lineup to the team.

"It was cool," Sikura said. "That was a big part of my life for four years. Not just the school but also the Beanpot here. To be able to be a fan again and still have an impact on the guys and see the guys before and after, it was fun."

Northeastern won its second straight title with a 4-2 victory.

**One-timers:** Kane had an assist

Tuesday against the Bruins, his 14th straight game with an assist to tie Stan Mikita's team record set in 1967. ... Kane, Toews and Alex DeBrincat entered with point streaks of at least seven games, the first time three Hawks have had simultaneous streaks of at least that length since Adam Creighton, Denis Savard and Steve Larmer from Dec. 9-22, 1989.

# 7-game win streak ends with step up in class

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Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton said. "For me it's more important how we're going to respond. Do we continue as we were, playing well, playing sharp, playing hard, playing for the team, excited about the opportunity we have? Or do we kind of shrink for a little bit. That's the challenge."

The Bruins played without leading scorer David Pastrnak, who injured his thumb Sunday after attending a sponsorship dinner. He requires surgery that will sideline him for at least two weeks.

That didn't matter in the first period, even after Bruins goalie Tuuka Rask allowed a fluke goal on what appeared to be nothing more than a dump-in from near the blue line by Alex DeBrincat. The puck somehow found its way through Rask and into the net to give DeBrincat his 29th goal, a new career-high.

DeBrincat's goal extended his career-high point streak to nine games. Patrick Kane had a third-period assist to increase the NHL's longest active point streak to 15 consecutive games.

The Hawks had the game's first two power plays, including a 5-on-3 for 49 seconds. But they couldn't take advantage, and soon the Bruins began to swarm Hawks

goalie Collin Delia. They couldn't solve him until near the end of the period, when they scored three times in 4 minutes, 12 seconds to take control.

"We've got to come out much, much harder than we did today," said Erik Gustafsson, whose 12th goal pulled the Hawks to within 4-3 early in the third period. "Boston is a great team, but it felt off today. Throwing pucks everywhere. We didn't play as a team today."

Despite outscoring opponents 37-20 during their winning streak, the Hawks were outshot 264-235 over the seven games. Four teams — the Wild, Lightning, Red Wings and Islanders — have had their season-high shot total against the Hawks.

The Bruins outshot the Hawks 14-7 in the first period and 37-26 for the game.

"We built a lot of confidence within ourselves throughout (the winning streak)," said Duncan Keith, who scored his third goal of the season in the second period. "We know what we were doing well and what we were doing to have success, and tonight we only did that in spurts. Against a good team like Boston, they're going to make you pay. And they did."

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The Bruins' David Krejci celebrates after scoring a goal against Blackhawks goaltender Collin Delia during the first period Tuesday night.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL



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Wisconsin's Marsha Howard stays seated while her teammates stand for the national anthem before a game against Illinois.

# Not really all alone

Though she sits by herself during anthem, Wisconsin's Howard has support

BY SHANNON RYAN | Chicago Tribune

MADISON, Wis. — When her teammates gather to stand side by side on the court during the national anthem, Wisconsin's Marsha Howard sits alone on the bench, closes her eyes and bows her head.

Howard, a senior forward, does not have the name recognition of Colin Kaepernick or Eric Reid — NFL players who created controversy and sparked national conversation when they protested police brutality and other racial injustices by declining to stand during the national anthem. When LeBron James and other NBA players wore warm-up shirts to call attention to those issues, it warranted a segment on "SportsCenter."

Many articles were written about former Wisconsin men's basketball player Nigel Hayes in 2016, when he stood behind his teammates during the anthem with his head bowed.

Howard's similar silent, peaceful protest is not in the brightest of spotlights as women's sports receive little media attention and the Badgers play in front of fewer than 4,000 fans per game at the Kohl Center.

Her protests mostly have been met with neutrality by opposing fans.

Since her sophomore season, Howard has put herself in a position that opens her to criticism but also in a spot in which she can have her largest impact.

"It's just who I am. I'm a go-getter," said Howard, a Chicago native who played at Crete-Monee. "If this can make a change, I'll be part of it."

"I never really thought about the negative backlash. I'm going to live in my truth. I'm going to speak up about things that are harming my culture and my people. I was OK with living in that light."

For those who know Howard best, this is no surprise. Growing up in Englewood before moving to the south suburbs, she was never easily intimidated.

Surrounded by two brothers and male cousins, she would suit up in pads after their football practices and volunteer to help run extra plays.

"I was the only girl around 12 boys," she said with a laugh, covering her mouth with hands with pink and silver fingernails. "I was in the mix with everything. I had to turn into a bully sometimes to show them I'm able to stand up to them."

Howard also played flute in the band and was passionate about cheerleading. On the basketball court, she was ferocious.

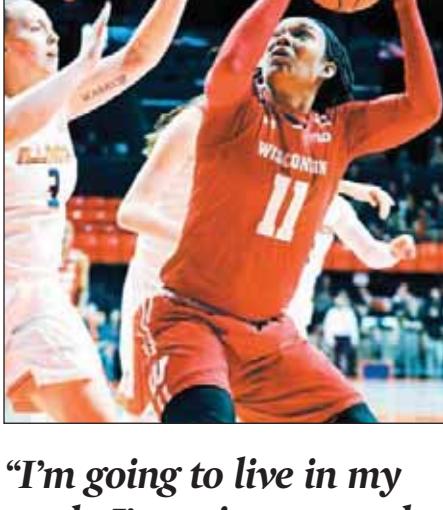
She was a leader, a three-star recruit ranked No. 10 in the state. Off the court, she encouraged teammates with complicated home lives to stick with basketball.

"She was always a voice of reason," Crete-Monee coach Christina Cobbins said. "We always knew she was special. She realized she was a leader."

After seeing Kaepernick take a knee on the sideline when he played for the 49ers to protest racial injustice in 2016 — an act he and others believe has resulted in him being blackballed from the NFL — Howard understood she could also use sports to urge fans to think about inequities in society.

She talked to other black student-athletes and students at Wisconsin, some of whom encouraged the athletes to use their platforms for all of them.

"When he broke it down and explained why he was kneeling, I was like, OK, we have the same ideology," Howard said. "I can do the same thing. I can do this at Wisconsin for everyone who comes be-



**"I'm going to live in my truth. I'm going to speak up about things that are harming my culture and my people."**

— Marsha Howard

hind me and for people who can't be a Colin Kaepernick in their situations."

She thought about instances growing up when her brothers and male cousins were racially profiled. Howard recalled an incident when her brothers were falsely accused of vandalism and taken into custody by police officers before being released when no evidence was found.

She recalled racism at Wisconsin, sometimes subtle and sometimes overt. During a 2016 Wisconsin football game, a fan wore a mask of President Barack Obama with a noose around his neck.

"Here at Wisconsin, there is an undertone to the disadvantage we have (compared) to everyone else," she said. "It's not to say everyone on campus is of that nature. I've met a lot of people in class and people I'm proud to say I've met. But there are other people at Wisconsin who grew up differently and view people of color a certain way and have no fear of expressing that."

She wanted to bring that to light for Wisconsin fans.

In 2016-17, Howard and a few black teammates stood, arms locked, behind their teammates on the court during the anthem. Last season, she and then-senior Cayla McMorris stood in the tunnel during the anthem.

This season Howard is protesting in the manner she planned to originally — sitting silently on the sideline in sight of all fans.

"My initial intent was to sit on the bench," she said. "Not everyone wanted to be seen in that light. We found small other ways of doing it. Now I'm (sitting) alone and can go with my initial intent."

Howard and Wisconsin staff members said they haven't heard negative reactions from home or opposing crowds.

When Howard couldn't use the tunnel last season because of facility logistics during a game at Iowa, Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, tweeted that Howard was "not patriotic enough to stand for natl anthem" and implored his constituents to "Express outrage to university."

Howard said she didn't fear a backlash and concentrated on the overwhelmingly positive responses she saw supporting her

right to free speech.

"I just said, 'What is he trying to say right now?'" Howard said. "Right after he made that tweet, I got 10 other good tweets. I'm still getting more and more love and support from other outsiders. The positive far outweighs the negative."

When Howard's family attends games — which is almost always — they also sit in the stands during the anthem to show support for Howard. At a recent home game, Howard's mom, Marsha Smith-Vercher, said a fan told her son to stand for the anthem.

"It was weird and disappointing," said Smith-Vercher, who told the man he shouldn't speak so aggressively to young people.

Before deciding to launch her protest, Howard sought her mother's approval.

"I told her if that's what she believes in, I support her 100 percent," Smith-Vercher said. "I told her, 'I'm with you.'"

Howard also talked to the coaching staff and her teammates, who she said have been supportive.

Assistant coach Myia Johnson had especially meaningful advice for Howard. Johnson played at Rutgers when radio host Don Imus made racist and sexist comments about the Scarlet Knights women's basketball team.

"My thing was to make sure (protesting players) understood we completely support them," Badgers coach Jonathan Tsipis said. "Also, know you're going to be asked why. It's important you have that active dialogue."

"We have 16 kids (on the team) raised in different ways. Some have different views and some of it may be because of where they lived, so they can have that dialogue together. There are a lot of teachable moments."

Howard also wants to be an example to defy stereotypes about the South Side of Chicago, which is often used as a dog whistle by politicians and portrayed negatively in media. Howard, who is studying sociology, hopes to become a social worker after her playing career.

She's usually the last player signing autographs after games. During team volunteering in high school and college, she fully embraced the opportunities. As a team leader, she was asked to read "The Energy Bus" after last season. She sent each of her teammates an e-ticket asking them to also read the book and learn how to use their energy positively with her.

Most nights as a 5-foot-10 post player, Howard gives up several inches in the Big Ten. Yet she leads the Badgers (11-13, 2-10) with 13.5 points and nine rebounds per game and 23 blocks.

She said she talks to younger teammates about how to approach the game.

"It's just instilling the 'I can' attitude," Howard said. "Not just 'I should do this,' but 'I will and I'm able to.' It's a mentality that you can do it. It's not impossible. I've shown it."

She approaches her protest with the same fearlessness and upbeat attitude. Professors and fans often shake her hand to tell her she has inspired them.

Her goal, she said, is to provoke that awareness.

"It's just letting Wisconsin be aware of our situation and not trying to push things under the rug when it is brought to light," Howard said. "People are becoming aware of challenges we face at UW."

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## Leitao won't get hyped over some baby steps

Demons making progress, but coach wants real results



SHANNON RYAN

If you plan to take a road trip with DePaul coach Dave Leitao, don't get too dreamy-eyed about your vacation until you've actually arrived.

After all, there could be a flat tire, a wrong turn, an empty gas tank.

There's way more road ahead when you start a trip, so play it cool.

"When you set a GPS and go on the drive, you don't marvel at the beach until you get there," he said.

Applying that philosophy to DePaul's season, Leitao said nobody should be overly jazzed about their progress. And likewise, nobody should be running them out of the city after Tuesday night's 92-73 loss to No. 10 Marquette at Wintrust Arena.

For a team that has taken its lumps — and near incessant calls for Leitao's firing by many frustrated fans — it seems like the Blue Demons should embrace their baby steps toward progress. Despite losing to one of the best teams in the nation — a team that shot 52.4 percent on Tuesday night and connected on 12 of 29 3-pointers — Leitao could easily have agreed with my question about the Blue Demons' need to focus on building momentum rather than being discouraged by being dismantled by a talented opponent.

The Blue Demons have gotten better after all.

DePaul (13-10, 5-7 Big East) already has its most wins since it finished 20-14 in 2006-07, and with a strong finish in its final six games could make a case for an NIT invitation. The Blue Demons were in a tie for third in the league before facing the Golden Eagles (21-4, 10-2).

They have upsets against five top-80 teams this season and came into the Marquette game with back-to-back conference victories — something that hasn't come easily to DePaul.

Leitao said it's not fair to judge DePaul's progress midseason. Maybe it's frustrating to hear people praise incremental improvement when he — and the team and fans — want significantly more.

"I get cynical," he said. "We live in a world where — it's not just DePaul, it's everywhere — you win a game, you conquered the world. Everyone subliminally or otherwise looks at it that way, treats it that way and they talk to our players that way. That's all we did was win two in a row. We lose (and) a lot of people say this program is nowhere near where it needs to be. You can't live like that."

He added, "You don't get a bonus from your boss and then become CEO. You don't call in sick and then get fired. You just keep working every day. That's what I'm trying to emphasize for our guys."

DePaul struggled, like many teams, to contain Marquette's Markus Howard. The crafty junior guard supplied 36 points on 12 of 21 shooting, his fourth 30-point game in his last five outings.

The Blue Demons were led by Femi Olajobi's 19 points, and they looked competitive for about 16 minutes when they trailed 35-34. But Leitao said the Blue Demons were "more than one play behind" from the jump and struggled to disrupt Marquette's "rhythm or confidence."

DePaul does need to be judged with context.

In his previous three seasons at DePaul — he's in the fourth year of his second stint with the program — Leitao's team collected just nine total Big East wins and never won more than 11 games.

"Are we better than we were?" he said. "Yeah, OK, but tomorrow is another day. I don't know what's going to happen tomorrow. We could have five guys with hairline fractures (who could) be out for a while. I don't know. The only thing I can control is what we do on a moment-by-moment, day-by-day basis. I can't be like a groundhog and pop out and say, 'Man, it's springtime and we've arrived.' It's unfair to this program to look at it like this."

From the outside, it's still gloomy at DePaul. From Leitao's perspective, he doesn't want anyone planning bouquets or funeral arrangements until the end of the season.

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DePaul guard Eli Cain splits the Marquette defense on a drive to the basket Tuesday night during the Blue Demons' loss, which ended their two-game winning streak.

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# Golf Channel going back to school with live events

BY DOUG FERGUSON

Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES** — Golf Channel is interested in live programming from Monday to Wednesday, and the answer might be found in college tournaments. It is adding another prestigious event this year, and more could be on the way.

"We're trying to grow appropriately," Tom Knapp, executive vice president of programming and partnerships, said last week at Pebble Beach when Golf Channel announced plans to televise the Western Intercollegiate. "Somewhere in the 10-to-12 range feels right as a long-term goal."

Golf Channel already has the East Lake Cup in the fall, along with the NCAA men's and women's championships in May, which has made for compelling television with eight finalists competing in team match play.

The Western Intercollegiate is next.

The 54-hole stroke play event is entering its 73rd year and is held at storied Pasatiempo, an Alister MacKenzie design in Santa Cruz, California. It will be televised live from April 15-17, the Monday through Wednesday right after the Masters.

Getting televised live will only add to the prestige of what already is one of the premiere college events in the spring.

The trick is figuring out what else would fit. It helps to have courses with heritage, such as East Lake and Pasatiempo, and Knapp said there needs to be a balance between fall and spring. Golf Channel already has elevated interest in college golf through the NCAAs, and more live events could be a plus.

"We learned a lot when we started doing this," Knapp said. "Thirty percent of sports fans are golf fans, and 60 percent of sports fans are college fans. To be able to combine those is huge for us."

Knapp said he hoped to have a full college slate of events over the next four years, conceding that not every tournament (or course) works for TV. Even so, it can be hard for the average fan to keep track of a college season, such as who is playing where.

"We're trying to help with that to a degree that we can come up with a televised series that makes sense," he said.

### Tiger's assistants

What would a Presidents Cup be without Fred Couples involved? Go back to 2007 to find the last time Couples was not part of the matches.

U.S. captain Tiger Woods appointed the 59-year-old Couples to be an assistant at Royal Melbourne in December. Couples remains one of the most popular figures in golf with players and fans. He was Presidents Cup captain in 2009, 2011 and 2013, and an assistant the last two times.

Woods also selected Steve Stricker and Zach Johnson, and he plans to announce one more before the Presidents Cup on Dec. 12-15.

Stricker was Presidents Cup captain in 2017 and is expected to be appointed Ryder Cup captain for next year.

"Freddie and I go way back in the Presidents Cup," Woods said. "And we're basically coming full circle at Royal Melbourne. He and I teamed up in one our matches in '98, I was a captain's pick in '11 and now we get to return as two leaders of this team. We're going to have some fun, but we're there to win."

### California kings

Phil Mickelson, Tiger Woods and Billy Casper — all native Californians — now share an obscure record for most PGA Tour victories in California at 14.

But there are differences.

Woods won his tournaments on four courses — eight at Torrey Pines, three at La Costa Resort, two at Pebble Beach and one at Harding Park. Nine of his 14 were regular PGA Tour events. He won U.S. Opens at Torrey and Pebble, two World Golf Championships at La Costa (Match Play) and one at Harding Park.

Mickelson won multiple times on all the West Coast venues, except for the Safeway Open at



Tiger Woods, left, named Fred Couples one of his assistants for the Presidents' Cup in December. Couples was the U.S. captain in 2009, '11 and '13. MATT SLOCUM/AP



Phil Mickelson, above, tied fellow native Californians Tiger Woods and Billy Casper with his 14th career PGA Tour title in the Golden State. ERIC RISBERG/AP

Silverado, which has been around for only five years. Along with his five titles at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, Lefty has won three times at Torrey Pines and twice each at the old Bob Hope Classic, Riviera and the winners-only Mercedes Championship when it was at La Costa.

Casper was the real king of California. He won the U.S. Open at Olympic Club in 1966. He won twice at Pebble and the Hope, and twice in the Los Angeles area on different courses, neither of them Riviera. He also won seven other PGA Tour events, some of which no longer exist, such as the Bakersfield Open and Hesperia Open.

In all, Casper won his 14 titles in California on 12 courses. That doesn't include the three-course rotation at the Hope.

### Kuchar's caddie

The Mexican caddie for Matt Kuchar when he won the Mayakoba Classic told golf.com he was paid \$5,000 the night after the victory, and that Kuchar later offered an additional \$15,000 that the caddie turned down because he found it unacceptable.

"No thank you. They can keep their money," David Girl Ortiz told the website.

Kuchar used Ortiz for Mayakoba when his regular caddie couldn't make it. Kuchar earned \$1,296,000 for the victory.

Michael Bamberger at golf.com spoke to Ortiz through a translator. The caddie says the original agreement was \$3,000, plus an unspecific percentage of whatever Kuchar won. Ortiz says he didn't expect to be paid like a regular

PGA Tour caddie — a typical payout is 10 percent for a victory — but that he thought it was worth \$50,000.

The story was panned in social media last month when PGA Tour Champions player Tom Gillis tweeted about it, saying Kuchar paid only \$3,000. Asked about it at the Sony Open, Kuchar said: "It wasn't 10 percent. It wasn't \$3,000. It's not a story."

According to the website, Ortiz wrote in a Jan. 24 email to Kuchar's agent, Mark Steinberg: "I am not looking to disparage Matt or give him a bad name. Fair is fair, and I feel like I was taken advantage of by placing my trust in Matt."

Ortiz says he wrote three emails and received one reply from Steinberg that said in part, "What Matt has offered is fair."

### Web president

Alex Baldwin has been appointed president of the Web.com Tour, becoming the first woman to lead one of the six tours sanctioned by the PGA Tour. She replaces Dan Glod, president the last two years of the PGA Tour's main development tour, who is taking a role in sponsorship strategy.

Baldwin most recently was vice president of marketing partnerships for the tour.

PGA Tour commissioner Jay Monahan called it a "watershed moment for our organization."

Before joining the tour in 2017, Baldwin worked at Fenway Sports Management and CAA Sports. She also was an agent at IMG, where her clients included Hall of Famer Karrie Webb and Brad Faxon.

### Divots

James Hahn and Kevin Kisner have been elected co-chairmen of the Player Advisory Council for 2019. That means they join the PGA Tour Policy Board next year for three-year terms. Hahn and Kisner were elected over Paul Casey and Justin Thomas. An international player has never served on the PGA Tour board.

Hall of Fame pitcher John Smoltz, who won the celebrity portion of the Diamond Resorts Tournament of Champions, is getting sponsor exemptions to three PGA Tour Champions events — the Cologuard Classic in Arizona (March 1-3), the Mitsubishi Electric Classic outside Atlanta (April 19-21) and the American Family Insurance Championship in Wisconsin (June 21-23). The Web.com Tour added the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail Championship in Alabama to its schedule, to be played April 18-21.

### Stat of the week

With his victory at Pebble Beach, Phil Mickelson joined Tiger Woods as the only players to surpass \$90 million in career PGA Tour earnings. Woods, now with more than \$115 million, went over the \$90 million mark 10 years ago.

### Final word

"The behavior is not acceptable. But what's going on? What's led to that behavior? That's the question."

— Paul Casey, on Sergio Garcia damaging five greens out of frustration at the Saudi International.

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Mikaela Shiffrin takes the women's super G title at the Alpine skiing world championships in Are, Sweden. Shiffrin chose to compete in only three events instead of going for five.

# Carving her path

As face of skiing, Shiffrin finds own route to success

BY STEVE DOUGLAS

Associated Press

**ARE**, Sweden — During her inexorable rise to someday becoming the most successful Alpine skier in history, Mikaela Shiffrin has been shooting some admiring glances at another young female athlete excelling at her chosen sport.

And she, too, is emerging from the shadow of an all-time great.

"Somebody I've been watching lately, and I'm really excited for, is Naomi Osaka," Shiffrin said Tuesday. "I think that she at least seems like a really nice, down-to-earth girl, trying to do her job and coming up the ranks in a sport that has Serena Williams, the face of tennis."

"Watching Osaka and seeing how she handles herself competing against one of her biggest idols has been pretty cool for me to see."

While Osaka, the winner of the last two Grand Slam tennis tournaments and — at only 21 — the new No. 1 player in the world, is just starting on the long road to emulating Williams, Shiffrin is already close to eclipsing Lindsey Vonn's record-breaking exploits.

Fifty-six World Cup victories. Two Olympic gold medals. Four world championship golds, with possibly two more coming in Are, Sweden, this week. Shiffrin is on course to obliterate perhaps every skiing record in the book.

At 23, and with Vonn newly retired, Shiffrin is the face of skiing — whether she likes it or not.

"In my own head, I'm thinking about what I'm going to have for lunch. I'm not thinking, 'Oh, the face of ski racing,'" she said, laughing.

In Vonn's farewell news conference after concluding her show-stopping career with a bronze in the downhill on Sunday, she included Shiffrin when listing the ski racers she believes need to step up and promote the sport in the coming years.

"It's not just about success," Vonn said. "It's about doing everything you can to promote (skiing). That's a part of your job as an athlete."

Shiffrin is belatedly coming around to that train of thought, even though she says being a poster girl doesn't come naturally to her.



Naomi Osaka has won the last two Grand Slams in tennis while emerging from Serena Williams' shadow.



Mikaela Shiffrin has let her skiing do most of the talking, but she's ready to do more to promote the sport.

"I wouldn't say I'm the most self-confident person out there but I feel comfortable in my own skin and I certainly feel comfortable on my skis," said the American, who described herself as "naturally a fairly introverted personality."

"I would like to believe that just being a really kind person and a good athlete and having success is enough to promote the sport, but it's not really. There needs to be some drama, some excitement, some really big personalities. For me, maybe I'm growing into that."

This enhanced self-belief perhaps explains why Shiffrin felt emboldened to race only three events at the world championships, despite external pressure to go for gold in every discipline. She has already won the super-G and has strong gold-medal

chances in the giant slalom and slalom on Thursday and Saturday, respectively.

Her decision to skip last week's Alpine combined, in which she would have been the favorite, surprised Vonn and Bode Miller. Indeed, Vonn said she didn't understand it, saying Shiffrin had "100 percent the capability" of getting a medal in all five disciplines.

Back in Are after spending some days training across the border in Norway, Shiffrin expanded on a long and heartfelt Instagram post she posted in response to Vonn and Miller's comments.

"I wasn't disappointed. Actually I was really flattered," she said. "I was incredibly honored that two of the greatest athletes in our sport said that they thought I could win in all events."

"The reason I made this post was because they both also said they thought essentially that I was wrong in making my decision and I have reasons that maybe they didn't consider in making my decision."

Shiffrin said she has "paid too much attention to all the expectations of other people" in recent years.

"This year, it's been one of my goals to see that, to hear it, to understand it, and to let it go," she said.

It's an approach that was backed by Scandinavian ski greats Kjetil Andre Aamodt and Anja Paerson.

Aamodt, who won Olympic or worlds medals in all five disciplines during his career, called her decision "smart," while Paerson, who won five medals — including three golds — on home snow at the 2007 worlds in Are, said: "I love that she's taking her own way."

The president of U.S. Ski and Snowboard sees no issue with Shiffrin picking and choosing her events, either.

"I think it's great," Tiger Shaw told The Associated Press, "that she's smart enough to say, 'You know what, I'm going to focus on the ones I want to win. And yes I can go in every event and I could probably win the downhill, too. But I'm going to race the ones I want to race. I'm me and everybody else can think whatever they think!'"

Certainly, Shiffrin has no regrets this week as she goes for her fifth and sixth world titles.

"I'm a little bit fresher going into these races," she said. "It almost feels like a second start to the world championships."

**MY WORST MOMENT**

# 'There was this terrible silence'

Rita Moreno and weathering a heartbreaker of an audition

By NINA METZ | Chicago Tribune

On the Netflix comedy "One Day at a Time," the role played by Rita Moreno is based — at least in part — on show co-creator Gloria Calderon Kellett's own mother. "Down to her hairstyle," said Moreno.

"Her mother is there every week when we do the show and it's like I'm looking at myself. It's kind of bizarre! But she's just flattered to damn pieces and she loves the character."

When first approached about the role a few years back, Moreno, who is now 87, had one stipulation.

"I was on a conference call with Norman Lear and the two show creators, Gloria and Mike Royce, and I said, 'I know she's an older woman. I know she's an *ooold* woman! A grandma and somewhere in her late 70s — but I want her to be sexual.'

"Because what happens when you play older

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**IN PERFORMANCE**

'The Producers' ★★★ 1/2

**Fearless, fresh and breaks all the rules**

BY CHRIS JONES  
Chicago Tribune

Mel Brooks was ecstatic. Anne Bancroft danced on a nearby table. Matthew Broderick chuckled. Even Nathan Lane cracked a smile. "The Producers" was a hit.

In fact, the spinoff musical from the deliciously archaic movie was the greatest pre-Broadway tryout in Chicago history. For anyone who was inside the Cadillac Palace Theatre that night in 2001, the problem of the night was preventing the bursting of one's sides.

But this is a review of the Paramount Theatre of Aurora's new production of "The Producers" as directed by Jim Corti. As I sat there on Sunday, I kept thinking to myself, they'd never get away with that joke now, followed by, they'd never dare do that joke now, followed by ... you get the idea. As the Paramount stage filled with swastikas, (spinning swastikas, swastikas on shanks, swastikas on sticks), I found myself looking around for protesters who did not understand the chief creator's unwavering creed that hate must be combated at all times with ridicule. I didn't see any, although a few people already had left in a hurry. Perchance they cared not for Ulla Inga Hansen Benson Yansen Tallen Hallen Svaden Swanson Bloom and her preferences for elevenses.

"The Producers," let us stipulate,

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NETFLIX

"Roma" writer-director Alfonso Cuarón also served as cinematographer. If he wins, it'll happen during a commercial.

## Don't slight cinematography

Are the Oscars telling the public it doesn't matter how movies actually look?



**MICHAEL PHILLIPS**  
Tribune movie critic

There's a wonderful behind-the-scenes photograph, in black-and-white like the film itself, of a street scene from Alfonso Cuarón's "Roma." It's full of lighting equipment, illuminating what looks like

several genuine Mexico City blocks, set-dressed to look like 1971.

It's not real. While much of "Roma," up for 10 Academy Awards, was filmed on real streets and sidewalks, the scene in the photograph first published by American Cinematographer magazine and then, later, the Chicago Tribune, is an illusion.

Cuarón and his designers poured cement, erected storefronts and created a life-size version of Cuarón's memory of what the streets looked like in 1971. It was built from the ground up, in an industrial lot

outside of Mexico City. Then, acting as his own cinematographer, he fussed with the lighting to get the raindrops on the cars to look a certain way, and the actors moving around the set to look another way.

And it all looks like magic.

Cuarón is up for a cinematography Oscar as well as awards for screenwriting, direction and best picture this year. This year, three of the five cinematography nominees come from foreign-language pictures. (The other two are "Cold War" and "Ne-

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David Spade's new Comedy Central show will feature his "signature take" on pop culture.

### Spade to launch late-night show

David Spade is returning to late-night TV, in a bid from Comedy Central that will shake up the way the network does business around midnight.

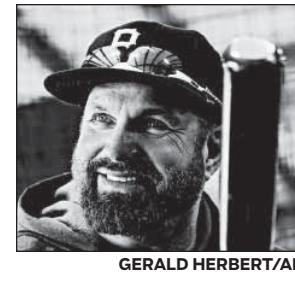
Spade will devote considerably more time going forward to the Viacom-owned network, where he will later this year launch a new late-night series that will follow the network's flagship "Daily Show." At 11:30, Spade will go head to head with opening monologues from NBC's Jimmy Fallon, CBS' Stephen Colbert and ABC's Jimmy Kimmel.

The series marks the first time in years the network hasn't sought to follow "The Daily Show" with talent that initially came to light in that landmark program. In recent years, Comedy Central has stocked 11:30 with Stephen Colbert, Larry Wilmore and Jordan Klepper, all of whom first rose to greater renown interacting with either former "Daily" host Jon Stewart or current one Trevor Noah.

It's also the first time that Comedy Central won't deliberately set out to focus on political themes and national affairs in the time slot. Spade is expected to focus on other areas of discussion, offering a "signature take on the pop culture news of the day," according to the network.

The program, yet to be titled, will include a rotating group of celebrities and comedians.

— Variety



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**Brooks in spring training:** Garth Brooks is out of baseball retirement. The country music legend will spend just over a week participating in spring training with the Pittsburgh Pirates, reporting Monday with the pitchers and catchers. The 57-year-old has previously been in the camps of the San Diego Padres (1999), New York Mets (2000) and Kansas City Royals (2004). His workouts start Thursday.

**Couric writing memoir:** Katie Couric is writing a memoir, one she is counting on to live up to its title: "Unexpected." In an announcement Tuesday, the publisher Little, Brown and Company said that the book is scheduled for spring 2021. Couric plans to share details both "hilarious" and "humiliating" as she looks back on her prize-winning, 40-year career in television.

**Ford calls for ocean conservation:** Harrison Ford offered an emphatic plea Tuesday for protecting the world's oceans, calling out those who "deny or denigrate science." The 76-year-old actor stressed the importance of acknowledging the effects of climate change on the world in a speech on the closing day of the World Government Summit in Dubai. Ford has long supported conservation efforts. In his address, Ford called on governments and officials to rely on "sound science" to shape their policy.

**Feb. 13 birthdays:** Actress Kim Novak is 86. Actress Stockard Channing is 75. Talk-show host Jerry Springer is 75. Singer Peter Gabriel is 69. Actress Mena Suvari is 40.



## ASK AMY

BY AMY DICKINSON

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### Slurs landing too close for comfort

**Dear Amy:** My friend said something homophobic. I told her that my son is gay and she said, "Oh, I hope I did not offend you?"

My co-worker said something anti-Semitic. After he saw the expression on my face he said, "Oh, I hope I did not offend you?" (My grandparents are Jewish).

I am not comfortable talking with them further about this. My real question is: How do I get past what they both said?

— Not Sure How to Feel

**Dear Not Sure:** Your question implies that people with a close connection to an offended group should perhaps feel more offended by slurs than other people, because the offense becomes personal and therefore cuts deeper.

This might be true, but you should not have to disclose a close personal relationship to the subject of a slur ("My son is gay") in order to be disgusted and to express your disgust. If you truly believe that we are all sisters and brothers (as Dr. King taught), then your kinship to any offended group would be implicit.

Readers often ask how to respond to those who hurt or offend them. Recently I responded to an offensive commenter with "WHY did you say that?"

You seem to feel a burden to "get past" these comments. But the people who made them showed you who they are: They express their bigotry when they think they are safe in their bigot bubble. And here is how you should feel: Disappointed, enlightened and free of the burden of explaining yourself

or making excuses for them.

**Dear Amy:** We have a kiddo (just turned 9) who is not a fan of physical contact with people other than his dad and me.

My family, a gregarious set of huggers, does not understand this. My sister and stepmom are the biggest problem, as they both think that wrestling him into some sort of a half-head hug is acceptable, even though he has done an admirable job of telling them he would prefer a high-five or a fist bump.

How do we, as his parents, make them understand that this preference is not about them, or their lovability, but about him as a separate human being who just doesn't appreciate this kind of physical contact?

I'm a hugger too, but I am at a loss to make them understand that they need to respect his wishes, even though he is still a youngster. Any thoughts or advice is much appreciated.

— Vicariously Misunderstood in Denver

**Dear Misunderstood:** Although I have never met a 9-year-old boy who actually enjoyed being hugged by anyone other than his parents, your family members don't seem willing to understand or accept this fairly common aversion.

But even if they don't understand it, they should respect it. He is a child and has the right to express his preference. He has quite admirably tried to communicate his preference and has offered alternatives. Spinning this scenario somewhat beyond what some might think is its

rational conclusion, I believe that this is really about consent.

Perhaps these women in your family will understand your point if you put it this way: "When you ignore 'Buddy's' wishes not to be hugged, what you are really telling him is that it doesn't matter if someone else says, 'No.' If you feel like touching them or wrestling them into a hug, you should just go ahead and do it. This is not an appropriate message to give to a boy who is interested in creating and respecting boundaries. So ... please stop it. He loves you. He just doesn't want to be handled."

**Dear Amy:** Thank you for running the question from "Puzzled," who brought up the subject of young people calling their parents by their first names. I got a kick out of the people you quoted in your answer and agree with you (and others) that this is basically a sign of disrespect.

I went through a phase of doing this, and my dad put his foot down. I'll never forget what he said: "Anyone can be called by their first names, but only we get to be called 'Mom' and 'Dad.' We're proud of that, and I think we've earned it." He ignored the few other times I did it — getting it out of my system, perhaps.

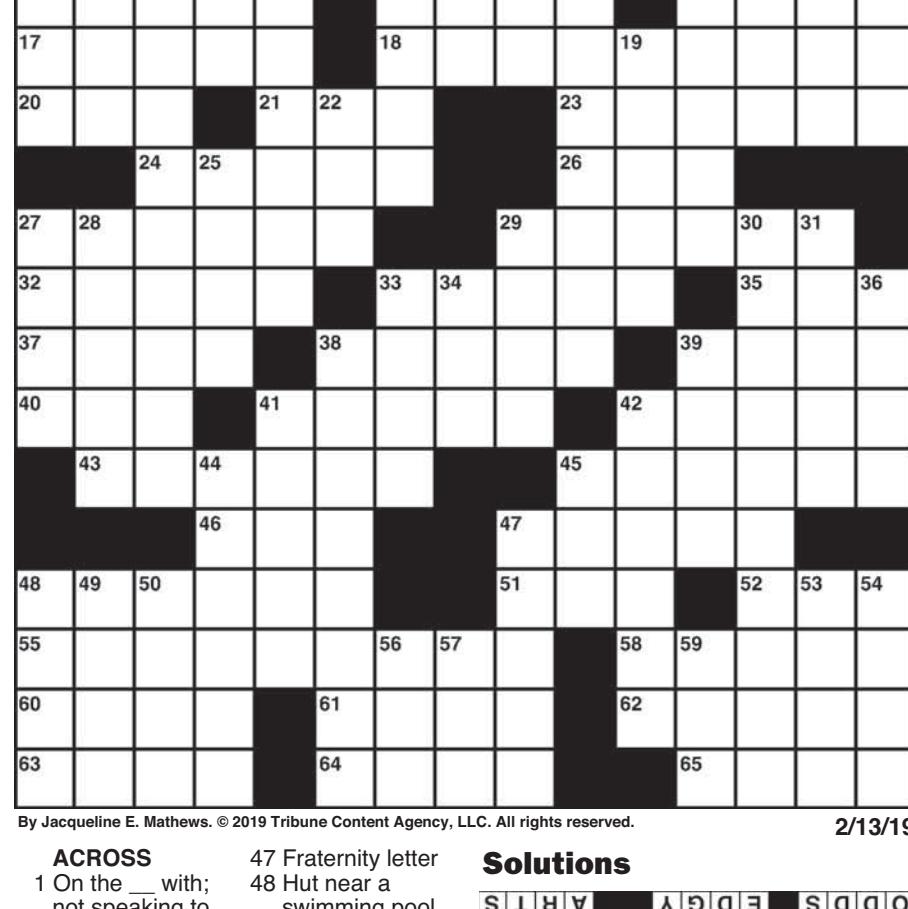
— Missing My Dad

**Dear Missing:** "Dad" was wise and patient. I can see why you miss him.

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### ACROSS

- 1 On the \_\_\_ with; not speaking to
- 5 Slightly open
- 9 Black bird
- 13 Plant pest
- 15 White fish
- 16 Vesuvius' output
- 17 Steed
- 18 Walked unsteadily
- 20 Family card game
- 21 Behold
- 23 Revolutionary rider Paul
- 24 Damp
- 26 Very late bedtime
- 27 Zsa Zsa & Eva
- 29 \_\_\_ Rico
- 32 Wed secretly
- 33 Saves
- 35 Wheel center
- 37 Feel the loss of
- 38 Does an usher's job
- 39 Crumbly cheese
- 40 \_\_\_ pants; Jean-Claude Killy's attire
- 41 Arial & Times New Roman
- 42 Female animals
- 43 Personal writings
- 45 Baffling questions
- 46 "...a miner, forty-niner, and \_\_\_ daughter, Clementine..."

### Solutions

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14 Hope to get

19 Autry & Kelly

22 Curvy letter

25 Klutz's word

27 Diamonds & rubies

28 Similar

29 Animals in the house

30 From then on

31 External

33 Griffey Sr. & Griffey Jr.

34 Break a fast

36 Lowest singing voice

38 Teriyaki marinade

39 Quick

41 Pass out

42 Back teeth

44 Shattered glass fragments

45 Get-up-and-go

47 Singer Springfield

49 Enthusiastic

50 Be flexible

53 Count calories

54 Decays

56 Slender stick

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59 \_\_\_ moment; instant of realization

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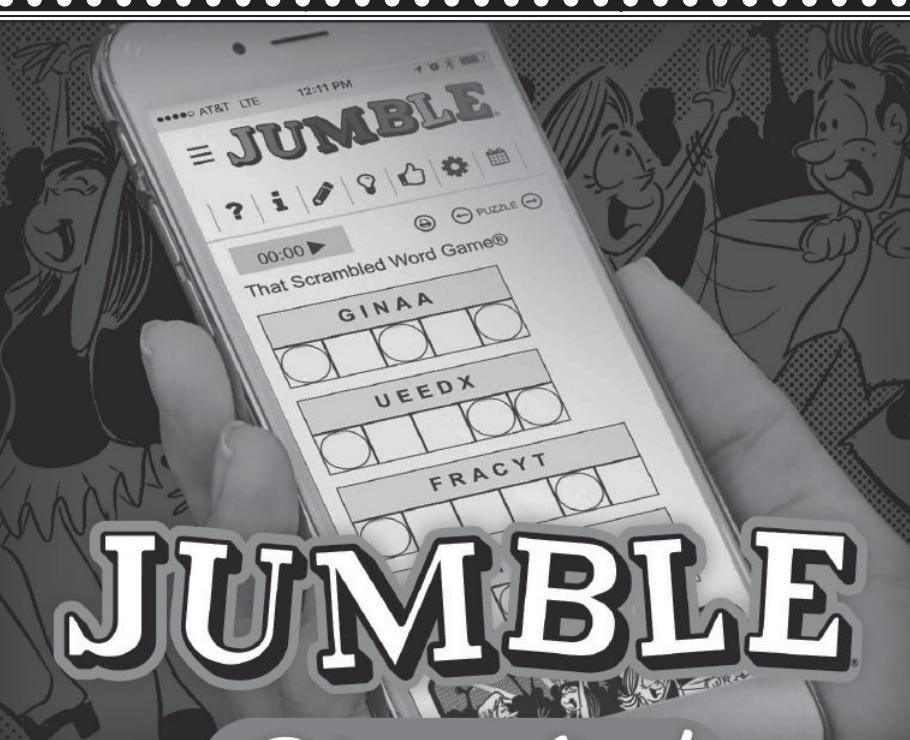
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## POP MUSIC PREVIEW

# The fascination of Jeff Goldblum

Sex symbol,  
social media star,  
cool jazz dude

BY JANINE SCHAUTS  
Chicago Tribune

What hasn't Jeff Goldblum conquered?

The Hollywood star proudly wears the crown of cult hero (1984's "The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai Across the 8th Dimension," 1988's "Earth Girls Are Easy"). He's helped lift box office bonanzas then (1993's "Jurassic Park," 1996's "Independence Day") and now (2017's "Thor: Ragnarok"). And proved his musical aspirations weren't just a parlor trick when his debut album, "The Capitol Studios Sessions," with his band, the Mildred Snitzer Orchestra, shot to the top of Billboard's Jazz Albums chart last November.

At 66, the bespectacled father of two is also winning at social media where fans post their tattoos, handmade drawings and costumes and bric-a-brac all containing his visage in an effort to show off their admiration and receive the actor's seal of approval. He does this by rating the unusual displays of affection.

Some movie critics hand out stars; some music critics give out letter grades. Goldblum doles out "Goldblums" on a scale of one to 10. What constitutes the coveted 10 out of 10 Goldblums? "I'll tell you the key to it of course," he purrs over the phone from Los Angeles. "The code is," he pauses, relishing in the silence, "there's no code. It's mysterious. It's your own taste of the moment."

This fascination with Goldblum isn't sudden or rooted in nostalgia. Five decades on the big screen and in the public eye disproves that, but when a



Jeff Goldblum brings his Mildred Snitzer Orchestra to Park West on Feb. 15 for two shows.

**When:** Friday 7:30 p.m. (sold out) and 10 p.m. Friday

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25-foot chest-baring statue of the actor as his "Jurassic Park" character, rock star mathematician Dr. Ian Malcolm, appears, like it did in London last summer, it's hard to deny something has shifted. Goldblum is experiencing a level of hysteria normally reserved for a Beatle. Except the screamers are adult women (and men) lining up at his concerts to take selfies.

Goldblum tries to stifle his embarrassment about his current sex symbol status. "I feel like I'm a late bloomer. I'm having a bit of a growth spurt and especially around music and

many other things – acting and fatherhood. I find myself kind of wildly at the peak of my appetite in my interest and passion about it, so if that allows me to be a little interesting to anybody else of all persuasions, fine and dandy," he says with a gravelly chuckle.

A recent fashion hound and October's recipient of InStyle Magazine's Man of Style Award, it's apropos Goldblum calls from his "luxurious little closet" in the house he shares with wife, retired Olympic gymnast Emilie Livingston Goldblum, and their two sons, Charlie Ocean and River Joe. He admits he doesn't always sit amongst his designer wardrobe, but needs to avoid waking up the boys from their nap. "It's a little more sound-proof in here," he says with that instantly familiar cadence that anchors countless impressions.

David Duchovny's smooth take on Goldblum's quirks in a "Jeopardy!" skit from a late '90s episode of "Saturday Night Live" stands out as one of his favorites, but the impersonations regular fans present onstage at his concerts flatter him the most. He invites the shamelessly brave up there, of course, as one of the many interactive diversions peppered his freewheeling shows.

Don't let the high jinks fool you. Despite outward appearances, Goldblum takes the music portion of his seemingly never-ending supply of talent very seriously. Playing the piano since he was a teen in Philadelphia, he remains disciplined about practicing daily. "I keep evolving ... I'm trying to get better and better as I go on. I'm nothing if not a humble student," he confesses.

While this current jaunt

across America – which stops in Chicago for two engagements at Park West – intends to promote the album, Goldblum has had almost two decades of semi-weekly appearances with the band at L.A. supper club Rockwell to perfect his persona behind the piano. Music director John Mastro pulls the strings and concocts each night's roster of games, contests, photo ops, movie trivia – anything that gives Goldblum a chance to turn his gaze towards the audience. And Goldblum improvises it all. Even the set list remains a mystery to him until the five-piece band starts the first bar of each song.

"I have no idea what we're gonna do exactly, and I won't know until the moment that it happens," he admits. "And I just kind of like that surprise ride as it unfolds to the audience and, at the same time, for

me."

Goldblum's interest in getting to know the faces staring back at him in the often sold-out crowd matches their desire to get close to his star power. If the cult of celebrity gets them in the door to hear standards like "Me and My Shadow" and "My Baby Just Cares for Me," so be it.

"I never want to take away a good job from somebody who's devoted their whole life to music. I know I'm getting this opportunity 'cause some people may be a little interested in some things beside the music, but the people I play with are just fantastic," he says. "I like the idea of turning people onto this music that they may not have had such a big experience with yet, but they'll be hearing for the rest of their lives if they're otherwise interested. So, it's kind of sweet."

## 'HAPPY DEATH DAY 2U' ★★ 1/2

Sequel has less gore, more love power

BY KIMBER MYERS

Los Angeles Times

While the first "Happy Death Day" was a delightful surprise — full of heart and ingenuity, if lacking in gore — its sequel feels like nearly as much of a revelation. That shock isn't because of its horror movie elements like jump scares and multiple murders; it's because unlike its predecessor, it isn't even primarily a horror movie. "Happy Death Day 2U" still trades in the trappings of genre, but slides the franchise sideways into science fiction.

By nature, the sequel should find it easy to re-create what we liked about the original because of the time loop where Tree (Jessica Rothe) was caught in the first movie. But the real feat of "Happy Death Day 2U" is its refusal to take that easier route while still pleasing fans of the first one. Instead of Tree's now-familiar routine, this movie begins with the roommate of Tree's boyfriend, Carter (Israel Broussard) — Ryan (Phi Vu) — now stuck in a loop of his own and repeatedly dying like Tree was in the first film.

Now, Tree, Carter, Ryan and two of Ryan's fellow quantum mechanics students (Suraj Sharma and Sarah Yarkin) have to figure out how to get things back to normal using the same science that broke time in the first place. They're fighting against time, a new killer and an angry Dean Bronson (the always welcome Steve Zissis) to find the solution.

The idea that Tree's predicament is based in



Jessica Rothe, right, and her fellow quantum mechanics students must break time in "Happy Death Day 2U."

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**Running time:** 1:40

science switches things up a bit and allows returning director Christopher Landon — and the audience — to have a different kind of fun. It's gleefully geekier this go-round, from a prominently featured Nikola Tesla bobblehead to an always-in-progress game of "Settlers of Catan."

The previous film called itself out as the spiritual successor to "Groundhog Day," and its sequel acknowledges its debt to the "Back to the Future" trilogy at every turn. Bear McCreary's score nods to Alan Silvestri's classic compositions, and there's an enviably cool Mondo "Back to the Future" poster on the wall. Even "The Power of Love" makes an appearance here, but instead of a song by Huey Lewis and the News, this time it's the message of "Happy Death Day 2U."

What sets "Happy Death Day" and its follow-up apart from similar genre fare is that emphasis on love, as well as kindness and being a better person. They're remarkably sin-

cere for movies that feature literally dozens of deaths, a number of which are played for laughs.

"Happy Death Day 2U" retains its predecessor's simultaneously gonzo and PG-13 approach to violence, offering death after death but never really showing much. An early shot of Ryan picking his nose is probably the goriest we get here.

That tone generally works, not just thanks to Landon's direction, but also largely because of Rothe. She's one of the most magnetic new actresses on screen, equally capable of showing vulnerability and pain as well as a blithe, easy humor.

Returning to the loop unhinges Tree, and it's a blast to watch Rothe's character freak out, particularly when everyone around her is confused. The script from Landon would do

better to develop more of the expanded list of characters, but it's hard to blame him for wanting to focus on the film's biggest strength.

Like most sequels, "Happy Death Day 2U" can't quite replicate the feelings of joy and discovery of the original, but Landon deserves credit for varying the tune, while still playing the hits that will please the fans of its predecessor.

## 'ISN'T IT ROMANTIC' ★★

# A concussion leads to a romantic awakening

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS  
Chicago Tribune

"Isn't It Romantic" gets by, barely, on its apparently inexhaustible comic premise, and on Rebel Wilson's stand-back-world-get-off-my-runway comic chops. Why isn't it better? Realizing it's easier to review the thing than to make the thing, I ask nonetheless. Why?

For many the answer will be: *It's fine! It's not much, but ...* It exists to be liked. And if it is time we saw a broader array of performers, and body types, inhabiting this particular genre. Last November Wilson, on "Ellen," said she was

"proud to be the first-ever plus-sized girl to be the star of a romantic comedy."

This was news to Queen Latifah, among others, and already you're getting into debates about what constitutes plus-sized. Also, isn't

focusing on that one aspect of a movie, or the dress size of its headliner, playing into the wrong, regressive hands?

From the beginning, these movies have typically been the province of the rail-thin and the archetypally movie-star-acceptable. "Isn't It Romantic" shakes it up a little. But this jokey treatise on the genre's alluring lies is a 15-minute sketch, taffy-pulled out to 88 minutes.

It's one of those "adorable concussion" movies. A Manhattan architect whose work life is all about being exploited by others, Natalie receives a blow to the head and suddenly she's the star of her own candy-coated rom-com, set in a fantasyland version of New York City. (In one of the wittier details, there are gobs of fresh flowers everywhere she goes.)

Suddenly the hunky,

smarmy client (played by Liam Hemsworth, of the



A Manhattan architect (Rebel Wilson) finds herself in a clichéd romantic comedy in "Isn't It Romantic."

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**Running time:** 1:28

great fun to watch when they're singing and dancing. Had "Isn't It Romantic" turned into a full-on musical, the contrivances and tired, vaguely patronizing messaging would've been easier to ignore. And seriously: What's up with the concussion trope? Amy Schumer: concussion, followed by weirdly humiliating and newly acquired self-confidence, in "I Feel Pretty." Taraji P. Henson: concussion, followed by new mind-reading skills and a come-to-Jesus reckoning for the Type A workaholic, in "What Men Want." At this rate, audiences are risking head injuries of their own just watching these movies.

Director Todd Strauss-Schulson works from a script by Erin Cardillo, Dana Fox and Katie Silverman. All parties involved know they can get an audience on their side just by piling on the ritual slights and humiliations, with the Wilson character as the target. But there's not much kick to "Isn't It Romantic," even after it goes over the rainbow. It gets by, and commercially it may well be a modest hit — but has more to do with Valentine's Day timing than the film itself.

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## Moment

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people, that goes out the window and it's never even considered, nobody even talks about that. So I definitely wanted her to be an outrageous flirt. I mean, this woman is shameless. She will try to seduce a fence post — and be very upset that she can't and want to know why! Oh my God, is that so fun to play!"

Moreno is giving an Emmy-worthy performance on "One Day at a Time," now in its third season. She's already won an Emmy twice before in her career. Plus a Grammy, an Oscar and a Tony, which means she's one of the very few members of the EGOT club.

Talk about achievements in a stellar career. But Moreno talked about the dry spells as well. Despite all those awards on a shelf, sometimes you walk into an audition and it's as if none of it happened. When asked to share a worst moment, Moreno said: "I'm going to tell you a heartbreaker. At least, it was for me."

### My worst moment ...

"I hadn't done a movie in quite some time at this point. Gosh, I'm guessing I was in my early 60s, something like that. I'm one of those people who's never looked her age, I guess it's because of the Caribbean genes."

"Anyway, my agent had sent me a script that had a wonderful featured role in it. And I was so excited because I really hadn't worked in film at least a few years — and for actors that's like forever. So I really worked on that script, it was a modern Western, and I really worked on that part — every nuance, every word, every breath, every comma. And I thought I kind of had it nailed. That they're going to have to work hard *not* to give me the part because I'm thinking: I got this."

(Moreno later confirmed the film was 1991's "Revenge.")

"So I went to the audition buoyant, I just couldn't wait. I walk into the room and the director is — there are two Scott brothers, it was one of them. Oh wait, it was Tony Scott. And I said to him: 'I can't wait to do this scene for you' because I really think I have it. I think I've nailed it. I had the script open to that scene. It was maybe just two scenes that this character had in the whole movie, but they were pretty marvelous."

"And as he looked down at my open script, there was this terrible silence. And he said (*in a British accent*), 'Oh, no, no, dahling' — he's British — 'no, dahling, there's been some mistake. This is not the scene we wanted you to audition for.'

And I was so embarrassed, the blood kind of left my head. And I said, 'Oh. Uh, what is the scene?'

"And remember, this is after not having done a movie for 10



"One Day at a Time" stars Marcel Ruiz, Rita Moreno, Justina Machado, Todd Grinnell and Isabella Gomez.

years or something.

"And he said, 'It's the scene with the Mexican whorehouse madam' — and she had about three lines. In Spanish. My native language. (*Moreno was born in Puerto Rico and lived there as a young child and raised in New York.*)

"I literally got paralyzed for an instant. And the blood really did leave my head and sort of collected in a pool around my ankles, I swear. I was going to audition for *this*?"

"It turned out, my agent had given me the wrong part. So I wasn't exactly thrilled about him either, obviously."

"But in that room, it was as if time stood still. I felt horrifically humiliated for many, many reasons, which should be obvious. I mean, I had already done years and years in the past of Conchita-Lolita parts and had sworn off them. And also: I had won the Oscar for Anita in 'West Side Story.' I also won the Golden Globe for that role. By this point in my career I had a number of awards in my living room — not that that's the thing you think about, but it's not unimportant, and particularly for a Hispanic actress; in fact it's extremely important and very meaningful."

"And I truly, I almost got dizzy. And I thought: How am I going to deal with this? This man obviously doesn't know anything about me or what I've done — what I'm capable of doing."

"The room got entirely silent and all of his minions were there and it's as though everybody went (*sharp intake of breath*) ... It's not like it was just he and I and perhaps the writer, this was happening in front a roomful of people. And I was almost — the tears were this close to my eyelids."

"And I thought: What do I say to this insensitive creature? How do I recuperate from this?

"For a terrible, terrible moment I was going to do the scene."

"And then I thought: Are you crazy? What is wrong with you?"

"And I suddenly — it's as though I grew two feet taller and from somewhere I found a sense of dignity that I had been ignoring for years and years and years because I'd been kind of beaten down because I

hadn't been getting film work.

"I looked at him and I said in the most calm and dignified way: 'I'm sorry, but I don't do Mexican whorehouse madams.' I was trembling. I was absolutely trembling, not only with hurt but with rage at the same time. And he said: 'Oh, no, no, dahling — you don't understand ...'

"And I said: 'No, you don't understand.'

"And then I did something that was, for me, very brave: I very slowly picked up my coat, put it on, then took my shoulder bag, put it on my shoulder and very slowly walked out of the office. I was done."

"And I went downstairs to my car and burst into tears — there I was, this woman in her 60s (with so many career accomplishments and major awards) could not get a job."

**The power dynamic in auditions never favors the actor. Was Moreno worried there were would be some blowback walking out of an audition like that?**

"I didn't even think of that. I was so *broken* by what happened that it never even occurred to me that he might in some way get even — and frankly I don't think he was that kind of person. It was just this comedy of errors — but not funny."

"The thing that surprised me about me was that I had the temerity to make a very very slow exit. I made them wait for me to leave, and it took forever (*laughs*). It was rife with dignity and a sense of self-respect."

"I've just begun to be able to tell this story without getting tearful again, because it hurts so much. I remember going home, drying my tears, fixing my makeup and then my husband asking, 'How did it go, honey?' And I just said, 'Well, I don't think I'm going to get this part.'

"But he knew me. He knew. And he put his arms around me and I burst into tears and he embraced me and stroked my hair the way you do when you're trying to comfort someone. And he reminded me that I did have *value*. And that I was worthy — and that in fact, I was a very talented person. And had it not been for him, I really

honestly don't know how I would have managed without just completely falling apart."

"So it's not the kind of story you probably expected, but there it is. I think it's important for people to know that it ain't all: Rita Moreno, isn't she wonderful on 'One Day at a Time'?"

"And it wasn't the director's fault that my agent got it wrong. But I think that once he got the gist of it, he might have handled it more gently."

"It's a story I tell as often as I can when I'm talking to young students. I had already won all these awards and this still happened. And having not worked for a while, it really stunned and poleaxed me."

### The takeaway ...

"The thing to do — and this is the hard part — is not get bitter."

"Show business is a very hard-hearted and difficult business and you had better toughen up. You had better learn how to take those kind of blows and get up dust yourself off, as they say, and keep moving. It's easier said than done because it hurts so badly."

"And it hurts in a way that you can't fight back — I mean, if someone won't see you to audition for a role, what are you going to do? Your agent can beg and scream and holler, but if they don't want to see you because they don't see you in that part, what are you going to do? It's very, very frustrating. And that's still happening."

"As for my agent at the time, gosh let me think — you know, being 87 sucks for only one reason: Your memory sucks! (*As an aside*) I have a constant battle with nouns — nouns and I are not liking each other these days: I'm always saying, 'You know, the whatchamacallit.' 'The coffee table, Rita?' 'Yeah, the coffee table.'

"But back to my agent: I stuck with him because he loved me and he cared about me. He made a terrible mistake, but I have to allow people their mistakes. And my agents now, with whom I've been with for 6 or 7 years, they love me and respect me and they fight very hard for me."

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## Oscars

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ver Look Away."

So this is a particularly galling year to marginalize the art, craft and magic of cinematography — a huge contribution to how movies actually look, and feel — on Oscar night.

On Monday Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences president John Bailey, himself a cinematographer, announced a long-rumored change in the ABC Oscars telecast. In the interests of keeping the show around the three-hour mark, the categories devoted to cinematography, editing, live action short film and makeup/hairstyling are getting an abbreviated moment in the spotlight.

Those four categories will be taped and edited and popped into a later spot in the program. During the commercial breaks, viewers can live-stream those awards if they choose.

Who knows, maybe it'll look all right. If you're tuning in to the Oscars Feb. 24 to see if ABC (owned by Disney) will pay sufficient, self-interested corporate tribute to "Avengers: Endgame," the Marvel movie (also answering to Disney stockholders), then none of this stuff about cinematography, editing, makeup and live action shorts may matter to you. At all.

"I want to reiterate," Bailey's letter to the Academy members said. "All 24 Academy Award-winning presentations will be included in the broadcast. We believe we have come up with a great way to do this, and keep the show to three hours." The Tony Awards do something like already. It's not without precedent.

ABC is committed to the Oscars through 2028. Ratings hit a new low last year. ABC, among others, draws a direct correlation between the ratings and the lack of blockbusters up for Oscars, although this year's crop includes "Black Panther" (huge hit, really good film), "Bohemian Rhapsody" (huge hit, not a good film) and "A Star is Born" (huge hit, good film, the awards season's also-ran so far).

Next year, the Oscars move to Feb. 9, to curb awards-season fatigue. I like that change.

Next year, the Academy may well implement a plan, first floated in August 2018 before going back to the drawing board, to add a "best popular film" awards, aka "the popcorn Oscar." It'll be designed to recognize the biggest hit the Academy can live with, awards-wise, and potentially boost the ratings.

That, I don't like. That sounds like a bad marriage between the People's Choice Awards and the Oscars, not a revised Oscars.

And that's not this year's problem. This year's problem is more about the perception of marginalizing the below-the-line artists whose work can help make or break a film's success, box office figures aside.

Cinematographers and editors, particularly, set the tone and the rhythm of a film. They respond to the director's vision, and the footage, and complete the fresco. They directly affect what we see, and how we respond to a movie. Every single second of it.

The wrong editing can ruin a film, either flagrantly or subconsciously. The right editor can salvage it. A routine cinematographer can pour the wrong, flat, inexpressive light on a scene and before you know it, you're mentally checking out as a viewer, often without knowing precisely why.

And the right light, as Cuaron's "Roma" asserts so beautifully, amplifies a singular achievement.

If the Oscar telecast, and ABC, can't get interested in making what these below-the-line artists do for a living part of the big show, then the big show is messed up.

Ratings are tough all over for the decades-old institutional affairs. Sports, entertainment, none of it's immune to competition and a cluttered, assaultive marketplace. But giving the people what they want has to make some sense. As critic Mark Harris tweeted, hilariously, following a recent Sunday: "Lowest rated Super Bowl in ten years. They should definitely cut the songs, keep it to three hours, and take out all the field goals, which younger audiences have a hard time relating to."

On Monday, Harris and many others couldn't help but notice one other thing. Not a single nominee in the four, soon-to-be-Oscar-marginalized categories comes from a film made by Disney, ABC's parent company.

Coincidence? Perhaps. But if ABC and the Oscars keep this up, by 2028 we may be watching a 90-minute infomercial with no host, no technical or design awards, no sense of craft or history, and a whole helluva lot of "Avengers" cast members, whoever they are by then.

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was of its time. A time that does not feel that long ago to me, but change, friends, comes quickly.

I've seen enough regional productions of this show by now to see some of the pitfalls. Max Bialystock, the conniving producer, has to be just roguish enough to remain likable. Just because Broderick wasn't a great singer doesn't mean the accountant Leo Bloom doesn't have to sing well if you don't have Broderick (believe me, he does). And the show resists directors who heed not the advice of the prophet Mel when he stateth, "don't be stupid, be a smarty." I would worry about printing the rest of that line, a caution that Brooks, of course, would find absurd.

The biggest pitfall of all, though, is the urge to copy. Over time, the material has become synonymous with the original staging — such as, for example, the famous Susan Stroman dance numbers featuring a chorus of Little Old Ladies using their walkers to tap. But that's not kosher, really. Although, as they sing in "Avenue Q" it's a fine, fine line.

What I liked best about Corti's production can be summed up in two sentences. His show is fearless, often doubling down where others would demur. And it is brimming with original ideas.

To wit: Corti and his ensemble stages Little Old Ladyland in what looks like a Palm Beach senior hotel, replete with pool boys. Instead of walk-



Sawyer Smith (front, center), Christopher Kelley, Jake Morrissey, Jason Richards, Blake Hammond, Sean Blake, Adam Fane, Brandon Pisano and Sara Reinecke in Paramount Theatre's "The Producers."

**When:** Through March 17

**Where:** Paramount Theatre, 23 E. Galena Blvd., Aurora

**Running time:** 2:45

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ers, fake seniors partake of an in-and-out-of-the-water, Busby Berkeley-style extravaganza. It's spectacularly zesty in all the right ways. Similarly fresh is the "Springtime for Hitler" sequence, which Corti stages like a twisted tableau from "Beauty and the Beast."

Most newer productions of this show have been simplifica-

tions. That does not apply here. It's a massive staging — a full orchestra with the original orchestrations to the Brooks and Thomas Meehan ditties, a set design from William Boles that crams half of Times Square on to the Paramount stage and all manner of spectacle.

All of the leads are engaging—the standout is Jake Morrissey, a huge local storefront talent who has been waiting for this kind of challenge and director. He sings (and dances) far better than any Leo I've seen before and his comic timing is top-notch. He plays opposite the experienced Broadway actor Blake Hammond as Max, whose work I also enjoyed, even if he takes a

while to rev up to full comedic speed.

Ron E. Rains dives deep into Franz Liebkind, the West Village Nazi whose lousy play the producers hope to destroy, bilking all their wrinkly investors. Elyse Collier gives Ulla the self-aware wink she needs. Adam Fane flies away as Carmen Ghia, as he should.

And no moment in the show is funnier than the sight of Sean Blake, who plays Roger DeBries, standing there grinning sheepishly in full-on Hitler gear. You'll just have to be there.

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## WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Hayley Orrantia

**"The Goldbergs"** (7 p.m., ABC): Erica and Valley Erica (Hayley Orrantia, Alison Rich) finally manage to find a new band member to replace Lainey in their group, but Geoff (Sam Lerner) starts to regret his assisting them in that quest when Barry (Troy Gentile) convinces him the newcomer has ulterior designs on Erica in the new episode "My Valentine Boy."

**"grown-ish"** (7 p.m., FREE): Having decided to give working as a stylist a try, Zoey (Yara Shahidi) offers to help the twins revamp their image so they can, with luck, improve their social media standing in the new episode "Workin' Me." Fully aware that sex can be a powerful marketing tool, Jazz (Chloe Bailey) cranks up her sexuality to a degree that her friends become uncomfortable, leading to a discussion about image and empowerment. Meanwhile, Ana's (Francia Raisa) new romance starts to heat up.

**"Big Brother: Celebrity Edition"** (8 p.m., CBS): Season 2 of this reality show spinoff may have been much shorter than its higher-profile CBS summertime sibling, but it managed to pack in its share of unexpected surprises almost from the get-go, as viewers saw Houseguest Anthony Scaramucci bail from the cast even before the first elimination episode. With a cast made up mostly of personalities who are — how to put this politely? — a bit past their sell-by dates, the competition for camera time occasionally got a little desperate. Tonight's finale reveals the winner.

**"The Masked Singer"** (8 p.m., FOX): Surreal? Goofy? Addictive? However you choose to describe this, um, unique celebrity competition series, it enters a new phase of play as the remaining six singers merge for the first time into one big group in the new episode "All Together Now." They'll still continue performing anonymously and incognito for the often baffled judges, with guest panelist J.B. Smoove joining Ken Jeong, Jenny McCarthy, Nicole Scherzinger and Robin Thicke. Nick Cannon is the host.

**"The Real Housewives of New Jersey"** (8 p.m., 9 p.m., 10:30 p.m., 12:32 a.m., Bravo): In the Season 9 finale, "Hotheads and Hookahs," Dolores finally reaches an important decision about Frank, while Melissa's search for her sister leads her to a discovery that is downright shocking. Elsewhere, the ladies try to convince Teresa to banish Danielle from their social circle altogether.

### TALK SHOWS

**"Conan"** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Jay Baruchel.\*

**"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actors Steve Martin and Martin Short; Avril Lavigne performs.\*

**"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (10:35 p.m., CBS): TV host Trevor Noah; actress Natasha Lyonne; The Marcus King Band performs.\*

**"Jimmy Kimmel Live!"** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actress Jennifer Lopez; actress Jessica Rothe; Josh Groban performs.\*

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### WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEB. 13

		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	MOVIES
BROADCAST								
CBS	2	The World's Best: "The Auditions, Part 3." (N) C	Big Brother: Celebrity Edition (Season Finale) (N) C	Bind." (N) C	News (N) ♦			
NBC	5	Chicago Med: "Can't Unring That Bell." (N) C	Chicago Fire: "It Wasn't About Hockey." (N) ♦	Chicago P.D.: "Ties That	NBC 5 News (N) ♦			
ABC	7	The Goldbergs (N) Schooled (N) C	Modern Family	Single Parents (N)	Match Game (N) C	News at 10pm (N) ♦		
WGN	9	NBA Basketball: Memphis Grizzlies at Chicago Bulls. From the United Center in Chicago. (N) (Live) C				WGN News at Nine (N)		WGN News at Ten (N)
Antenna	9.2	Alice C	Alice C	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson C	3's Comp.	
This TV	9.3	Valdez Is Coming (PG-13, 71) ★★	Burt Lancaster. C			Man of the East (PG, '72) ★★ C	♦	
PBS	11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Nature: "Wild Way of the Vikings." (N) C	NOVA: "Rise of the Rock-ets." (N) C	Dictator Playbk (N) ♦		
The U	26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)	The Game	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld C	
MeTV	26.3	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle WKRP Cinci.	Hogan Hero Hogan Hero	C. Burnett			
H&I	26.4	Star Trek C	Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ♦		
Bounce	26.5	Scandal C	Money Talks (R, 97) ★★	Chris Tucker, Charlie Sheen.	Man Apart ♦			
FOX	32	Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell (N)		The Masked Singer: "All Together Now." (N) ♦	Fox 32 News at Nine (N)	Modern Family		
Ion	38	Blue Bloods C	Blue Bloods C	Blue Bloods C	Blue Bloods C	Blue Blood ♦		
TeleM	44	• Exatlon EE. UU. (N)	Betty en NY (N) C	El barón (N) C	Chicago (N)			
CW	50	Riverdale C	All American C	Dateline: "Manson." C	Rosario Tijeras ♦	Tiro de ♦		
UniMas	60	Tres Milagros ♦	Atrapada ♦		Coach's Cor. Paid Prog.	Monument		
WJYS	62	Salem Baptist Church	Joyce Meyer Robison		Amar a muerte	Noticias (N)		
Univ	66	Jesús	Mi marido tiene familia					
CABLE								
AE		Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage ♦	
AMC		Jurassic Park III (PG-13, '01) ★★ Sam Neill. C	(9:05) Jurassic Park III ('01) ★★ C					
ANIM		North Woods Law: Uncuffed (N) C		North Woods Law C	North-Law ♦			
BBCA		Planet Earth II C	Planet Earth: Dynasties C	(9:26) Planet Earth II C				
BET	♦ (5:03) Obsessed ('09) *	Boomerang	Boomerang	(9:02) American Soul	Martin C ♦			
BIGTEN	♦ College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Minnesota at Nebraska. (N) C	Sweet Home C	Postgame			
BRAVO	Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NJ (Season Finale) (N)	SportsFeed C	Watch (N)			
CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed C	Politics		
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	Tonight (N) ♦			
COM	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Daily (N) ♦		
DISC	Moonshiners (N) C	(8:01) Moonshiners (N)	Homestead Rescue (N)	Vikings ♦				
DISN	♦ (6) Zombies Sydney-Max	Bunk'd C	BazaarDvrk	Bunk'd C	Bunk'd C	Raven		
E!	Botched C		Botched (N) C	Dating	Dating (N)	Busy (N)		
ESPN	NBA Basketball: Houston Rockets at Minnesota Timberwolves. (N)			NBA Basketball (N) ♦				
ESPN2	♦ College Basketball (N)	College Basketball: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)			SportCtr (N)			
FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)	Hannity (N) C	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News				
FOOD	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games (N)	Guy's Grocery Games	Grocery ♦				
FREE	grown-ish (7:31) Pretty Woman (R, '90) ★★ Richard Gere. C (SAP)			700 Club ♦				
FX	Guardians of the Galaxy (PG-13, '14) ★★ Chris Pratt. C			Guardians-Glyx ♦				
HALL	Anything for Love (NR, '16) Erika Christensen. C			Summer in the Vineyard (NR, '17) C				
HGTV	Property Brothers C		Property Brothers (N) C	Hunters (N) Hunt Int'l (N)	Property ♦			
HIST	Forged in Fire (N)		Forged in Fire (N)	(9:03) Knight Fight (N)	Forged ♦			
HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic		
IFC	♦ Sherlock Holmes-Game	Trading Places (R, '83) ★★ Dan Aykroyd, Eddie Murphy. C						
LIFE	Project Runway (N)	Project Runway (N)	American Beauty Star (N)	All Stars ♦				
MSNBC	All in With (N)	Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word (N)	11th Hour ♦				
MTV	Ridiculous. Ridiculous.	The Challenge (N) C	MTV News Presents Parkland (N)					
NBCSCH	College Basketball: Loyola-Chicago at Bradley. (N)		Bulls Postgame (N)	Bulls (N)				
NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	The Office	The Office	Friends C		
Ovation	♦ (6:30) The Love Letter (PG-13, '99) ★★ Interview With the Vampire (R, '94) ★★★ C							
OWN	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes		
OXY	NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles: '76." (N)	NCIS: LA ♦			
PARMT	Big (PG, '88) ★★ Tom Hanks, Elizabeth Perkins. C			Big (PG, '88) ★★★ C				
SYFY	♦ Fast and Furious-Drift	The Magicians (N) C	Deadly Class (N) C	Freddy ♦				
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full (N)	Conan (N)		
TCM	Lawrence of Arabia (PG, '62) ★★★ Peter O'Toole, Alec Guinness. C							
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life: "Brandon's Story." (N)			Family by the Ton (N)	My 600-Lb ♦			
TLN	Camp Meeting	Diane	The Three	Life Today	Exalted	Humanit ♦		
TNT	♦ (6:30) Suicide Squad (PG-13, '16) ★★ Will Smith. C		Drop/Mic (N) Jokers (N)	I Legend ♦				
TOON	Adventure	Adventure	Amer. Dad.	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy		
TRAV	Mysteries-Museum (N)	Loch Ness Monster Lives	Paranormal Ca. (Series Premiere) (N)	Mysteries ♦				
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King		
USA	Law & Order: SVU			Suits: "Peas in a Pod." (N)	Mod Fam ♦			
VH1	Black Ink Crew: Chicago	Black Ink: Chicago (N)	Black Ink Crew: Chicago	Cartel Crew				
WE	Love After Lockup C		Love After Lockup C	Love After Lockup C	Love- Loc. ♦			
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Pure: "Funeral." (N)	Cops C			
HBO	Won't You Be My Neighbor? ('18) ★★	Crashing	(9:15) 2 Dope Queens	True Det ♦				
HBO2	Crashing (7:35) 2 Dope Queens		(8:35) True Detective	Nick Buoniconti ♦				
MAX	Repo Men (R, '10) ★ Jude Law. C		(8:55) Blade Runner 2049 ('17) ★★★					
SHO	American Pie (R, '99) ★★ Jason Biggs. C		(9:05) American Pie 2 (R, '01) ★★					
STARZ	♦ (6:15) Toy Story 3 ★★	Overboard (PG, '87) ★★ Goldie Hawn. C		Backdraft ♦				
STZENC	♦ (6:26) Mr. Mom ('83) ★★	The Rundown (PG-13, '03) ★★ The Rock. C		Wedding ♦				
PREMIUM								

## Harris Theater plans a diverse, ambitious new season

A Beethoven marathon, Bangarra Dance of Australia and Tanztheater Wuppertal

BY CHRIS JONES

Chicago Tribune

With major new funding from the property developer Sterling Bay, the Harris Theater plans a diverse and ambitious 2019-20 season, including visits from Bangarra Dance Theatre of Australia and Tanztheater Wuppertal Pina Bausch and a performance of all of Beethoven's symphonies.

**The Complete Beethoven Symphonies** (Feb. 27 to March 3, 2020) will be performed by Sir John Eliot Gardiner and the Orchestre Revolutionnaire et Romantique. Harris Theater CEO Patricia Barreto said in an interview that she expects many Beethoven-loving patrons to arrive from out of town, stay in a hotel and attend all five nights (al-

though tickets will also be sold separately).

**Bangarra Dance Theatre** (Nov. 22-23) arrives as part of an international tour. The company emphasizes contemporary work based on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, expressing the background of all of its dancers.

**Tanztheater Wuppertal** (May 1-3, 2020) was founded by the late Bausch and has not performed in Chicago before. It will present "Palermo Palermo," a highly theatrical work created by Bausch.

**A Celebration of Lar Lubovitch** (Oct. 5-6) will be a tribute to the founder of the Chicago Dancing Festival, with special performances from the Joffrey Ballet, Martha Graham



As part of the 2019-20 season at the Harris Theater in Chicago, Tanztheater Wuppertal will present Pina Bausch in "Palermo Palermo."

Dance Company, Ballet Austin and American Ballet Theatre.

**Horoscopes**

**Today's birthday** (Feb. 13): Your team hits a winning streak this year. Disciplined strategies pay. Get a summer burst of physical energy leading to a quieter reflective phase. Discover a deeper sense of purpose next winter, before resolving challenges with your health, work and fitness. Friends are your greatest asset.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Think before you speak. Impulsive outbursts could get expensive. Research your options. Do the homework before making your pitch.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. Compute expenses before you spend. Consider a profitable opportunity. Minimize risk and save resources by using what you already have. Financial misunderstandings could arise.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 9. Energy surges are predictable. Don't let overconfidence trick you. Slow to untangle a personal matter. Check the instructions first. Listen to another perspective.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 6. Slow down, and think things over. Prepare carefully as the risk of error is high. Sort, organize and plan privately for a few days.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Have patience with social miscommunications. Don't believe everything you hear. Talk is cheap. Misunderstandings spark easily; clarify things in the moment.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Consider professional opportunities over the next few days. Let go of a preconception. Listen carefully to advance. Actions speak louder than words.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Expect traffic delays on the road. Slow to avoid accidents or breakdowns. Stick to tested routes and add extra time. Do the homework.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Research your investments before you make them. Avoid risk, and stick to more reliable sources. Find ways to cut waste. Discover hidden resources.

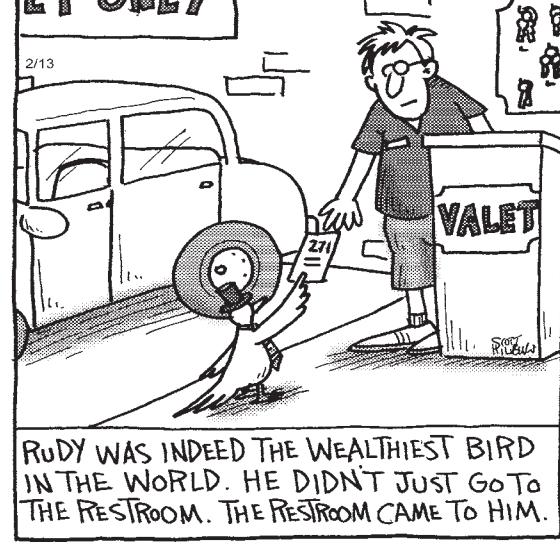
**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Compromise is required today and tomorrow. Avoid poking your partner's sensitivities. Miscommunications could frustrate. Breathe deeply, and walk outside for a change of view.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Slow to maintain a steady pace. Obstacles could risk accident or injury. Stretch and rest your muscles. Keep your eyes on the prize.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Relax with your family and friends. Ignore criticism for now. Avoid risky propositions. Patiently unravel a disagreement. Ease stress with fun, games and romance.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 6. Domestic changes have your attention for a few days. Proceed with caution. Work out disagreements before pushing forward.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

**The Argyle Sweater** By Scott Hilburn

RUDY WAS INDEED THE WEALTHIEST BIRD IN THE WORLD. HE DIDN'T JUST GO TO THE RESTROOM. THE RESTROOM CAME TO HIM.

**Bliss** By Harry Bliss**Bridge**

Both vulnerable, West deals

**North**

♠ A 10 9 2  
♥ A 10 6 4 3  
♦ Q J 6  
♣ 5

**East**

♠ 6 5 4 3  
♥ 5  
♦ 10 9 8 4 3 2  
♣ J 4

**West**

♠ 7  
♥ 8 7 2  
♦ K 5  
♣ A K Q 10 8 7 6

**South**

♠ K Q J 8  
♥ K Q J 9  
♦ A 7  
♣ 9 3 2

Today's deal is a good example of expert reasoning at the table. South reasoned that his partner almost certainly had a five-card heart suit for his three-heart bid. He could have just doubled again with extra values and no five-card suit. Also, South reasoned, if his partner had started with

three spades and five hearts, he would have just overcalled at his first turn rather than make a takeout double. Therefore, North also had a four-card spade suit. The double promised at least three-card support for all unbid suits, so that

meant that North had three diamonds and a singleton club, or possibly four diamonds and no clubs.

Putting all this together, South realized the slam would play much better in the four-four spade fit rather than the five-four heart fit, so he bid the slam in spades, introducing the suit for the first time at the six level. That was a good decision, as South was able to ruff two clubs in the dummy and discard his losing diamond on dummy's fifth heart. A six-heart contract would have had no chance with the king of diamonds offside.

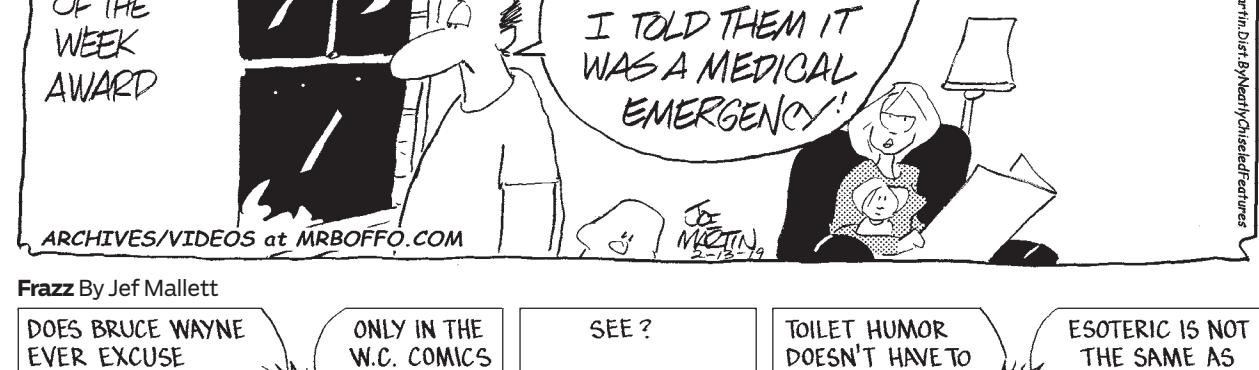
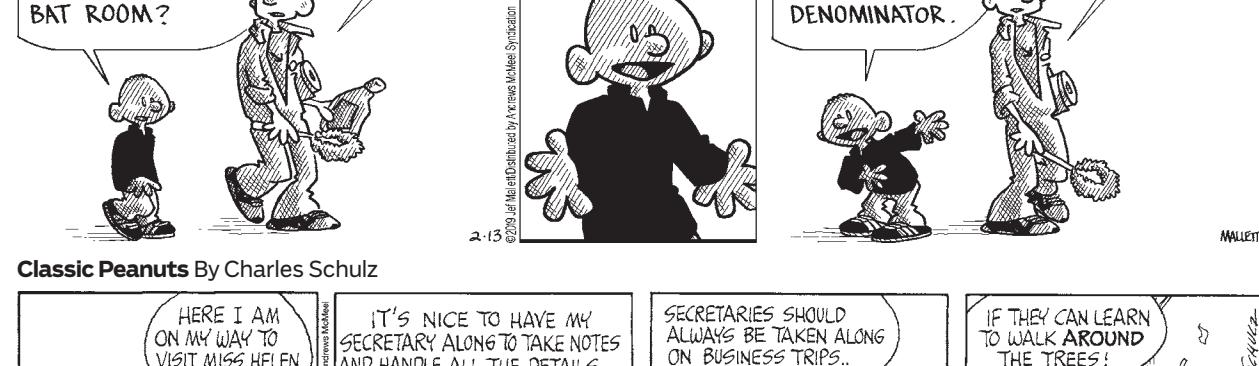
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**Dilbert** By Scott Adams**Baby Blues** By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

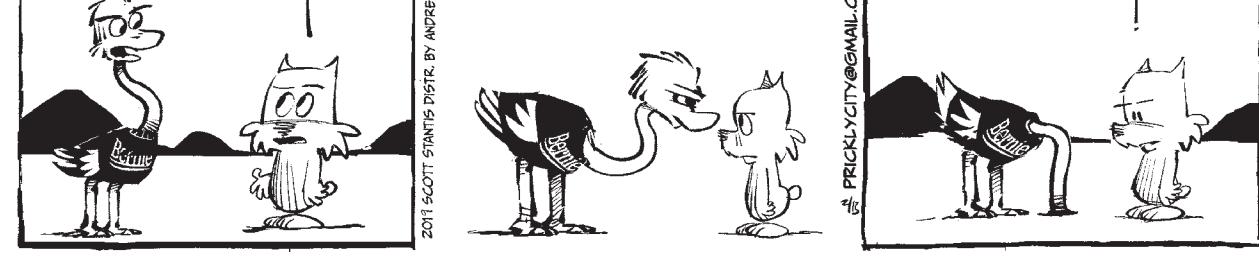
Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman (Zits is on vacation until February 18. Please enjoy this strip from 2014.)

**Mr. Boffo** By Joe Martin**Frazz** By Jef Mallett

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**Classic Peanuts** By Charles Schulz**Pickles** By Brian Crane**Dick Tracy** By Joe Staton and Mike Curtis**Animal Crackers** By Mike Osburn

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**Prickly City** By Scott Stantis

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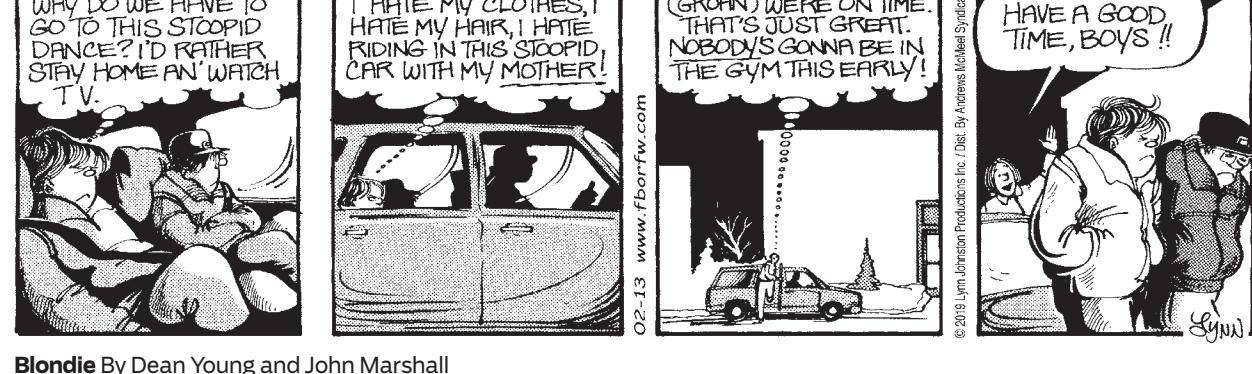
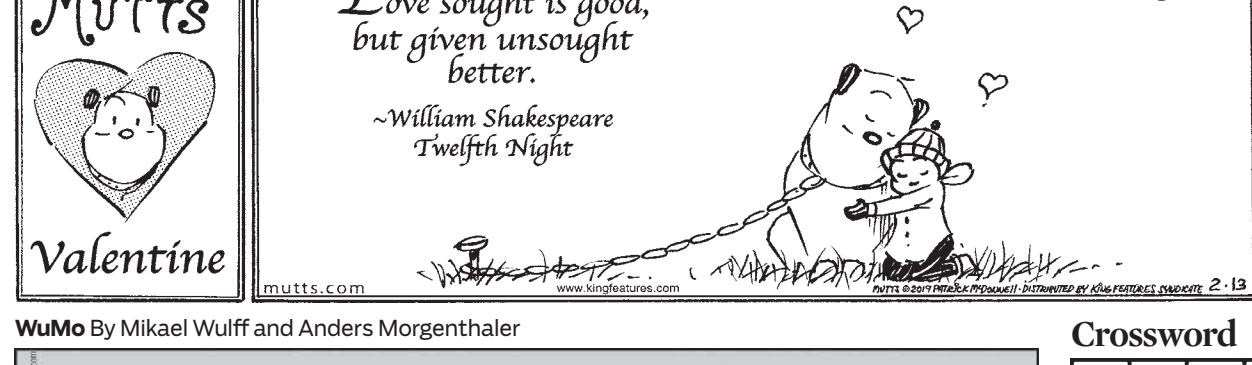
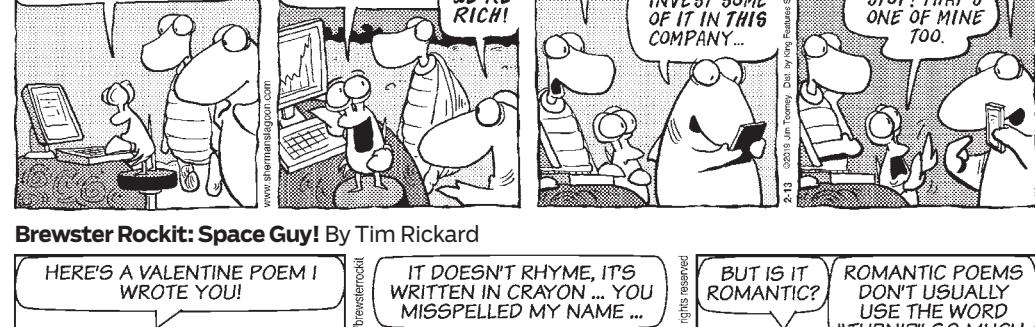
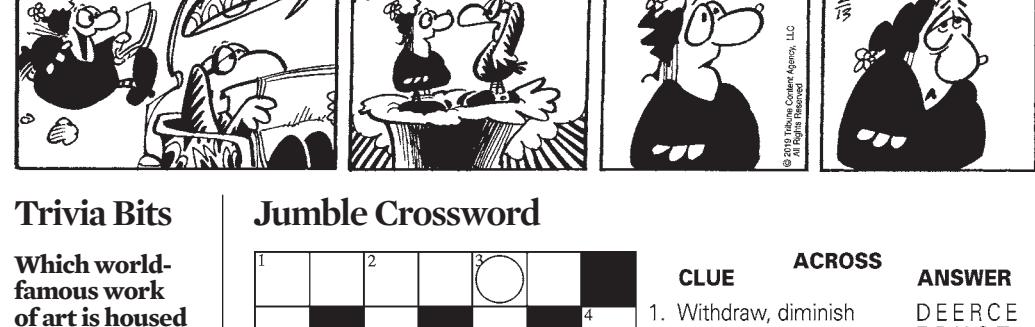
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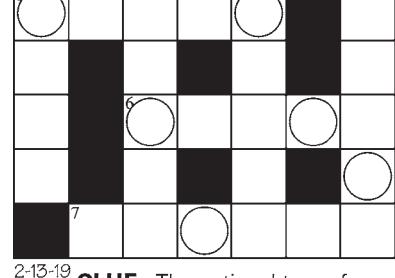
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**Dustin** By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker**For Better or for Worse** By Lynn Johnston**Blondie** By Dean Young and John Marshall**Hagar the Horrible** By Chris Browne**Mutts** By Patrick McDonnell**WuMo** By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler**Sherman's Lagoon** By Jim Toomey**Brewster Rockit: Space Guy!** By Tim Rickard**Broom-Hilda** By Russell Myers**Trivia Bits**

Which world-famous work of art is housed in the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan?

- A) The Burghers of Calais
  - B) Michelangelo's David
  - C) "The Last Supper"
  - D) "Mona Lisa"
- Tuesday's answer: Eucalyptus leaves are the primary food of koalas.

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**Jumble Crossword**

**CLUE:** The national tree of \_\_\_\_\_ is the cinchona tree, which produces quinine.

**BONUS**

**ACROSS**

1. Withdraw, diminish
5. \_\_\_\_\_ space
6. Fossil resin
7. Trickery

**DOWN**

1. Newbie
2. \_\_\_\_\_ cheese
3. Lasting
4. Middle East city

**ANSWER**

DE ERCE  
R U O T  
B M R A E  
D C I T E E

**ANSWER**

KI R O E O  
G A C T E O T  
U E L A B D R  
U E I T B R

**Tuesday's solution**

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**Sudoku**

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

**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.

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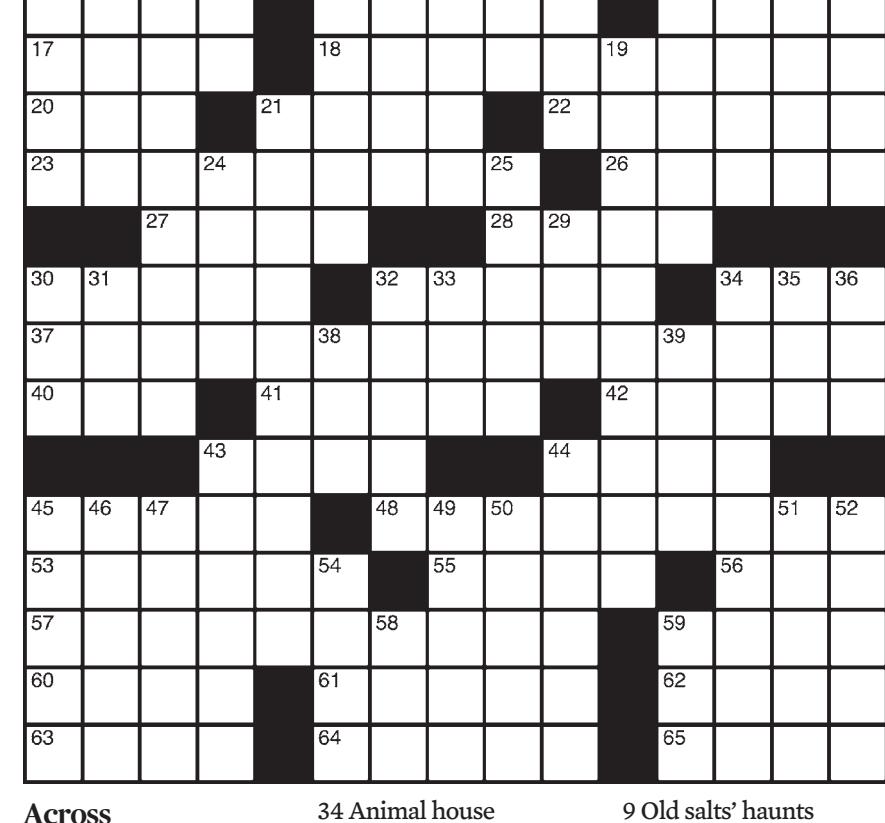
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**Tuesday's answers**

Jumbles: SWAMP YOUNG INDUCT CAMERA  
Answer: The new human-powered Greek ship would be able to stay at sea for — DAYS IN A ROW

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**Crossword****Across**

- 1 Lamb bearers
- 5 Common Vegas hotel room amenities
- 10 Tea holders
- 14 Herod sent them to Bethlehem
- 15 Full of energy
- 16 Day: Bayer vitamin brand
- 17 Faction
- 18 Cook's reply to 37-Across?
- 20 Nightmarish street of film
- 21 Gimlet garnish
- 22 Dr. Reid in "Criminal Minds," familiarly
- 23 Librarian's reply to 37-Across?
- 24 Trainer's reply to 37-Across?
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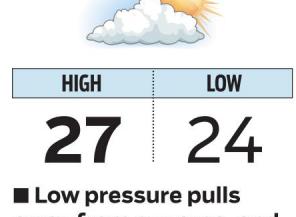
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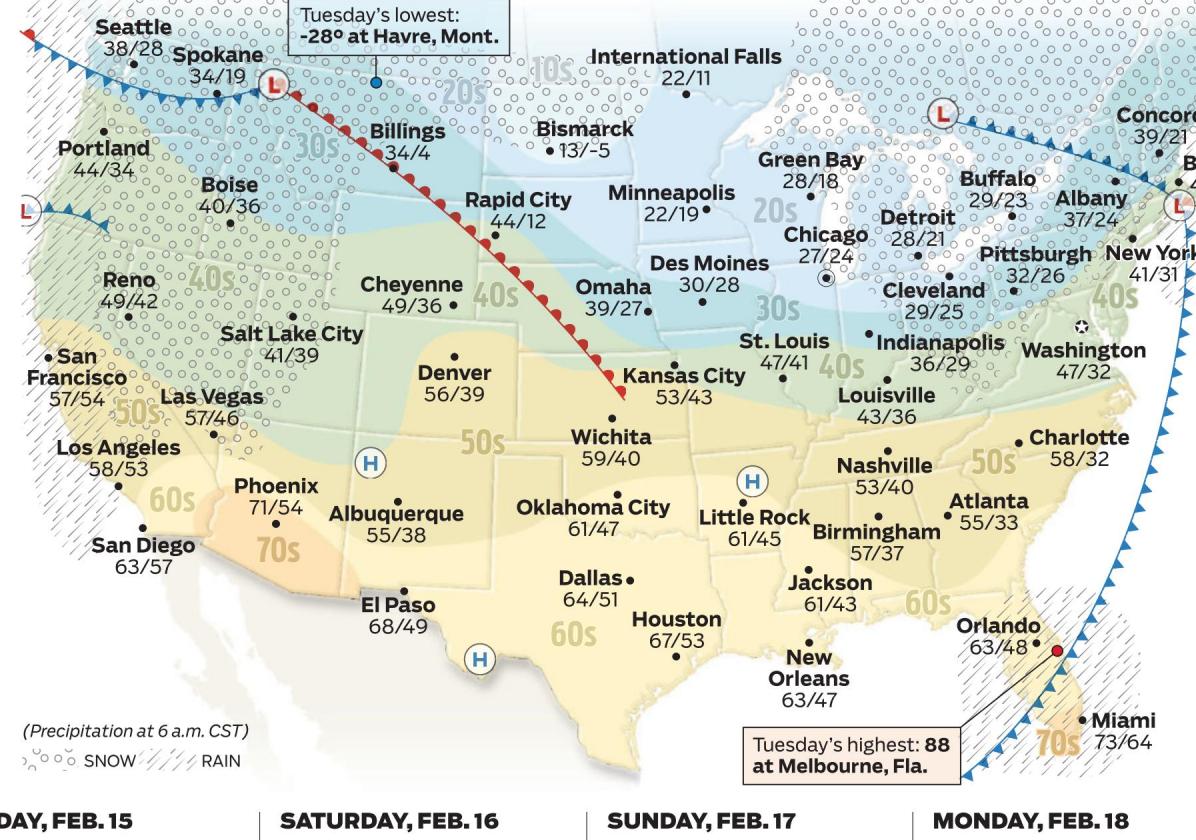
## Ice storm yields thickest glaze here in 71 years

**LOCAL FORECAST**


■ Low pressure pulls away from our area, and the overnight Wind Advisory will end early in the morning, as winds slowly weaken.

■ Despite partly sunny skies, temperatures will probably fall short of the 30-degree mark, as colder air rides the westerly winds into northern Illinois.

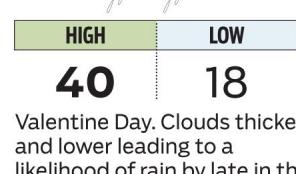
■ Winds turn to the south overnight and high clouds associated with the next low pressure system increase from the northwest. Temperatures dip to the low 20s, then rise to near freezing by morning.

**NATIONAL FORECAST**


A check of the records indicates the ½-inch glaze that built up over portions of the Chicago area during Monday and Tuesday's ice storm apparently is the thickest experienced here since a major ice storm hit on New Year's Day 1948! Later Tuesday afternoon into the overnight hours, ice-coated trees and power lines tangled with westerly winds gusting to 50 mph, compounding already existing dangerous travel conditions.

The surge of cold air riding the strong west winds will be short-lived, as winds should quickly shift to the south later Wednesday ahead of the next low pressure system that is forecast to boost temperatures close to the 40-degree mark and trigger a band of showers before the associated cold front sweeps through our area. An extended period of cold will follow.

THURSDAY, FEB. 14

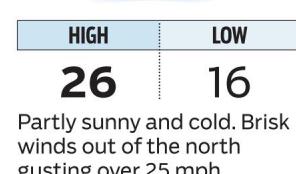


Valentine Day. Clouds thicken and lower leading to a likelihood of rain by late in the day. Temps reach the upper 30s and low 40s. Southwest winds 15-25 mph shift to the northwest late. Rain ending and turning colder overnight.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

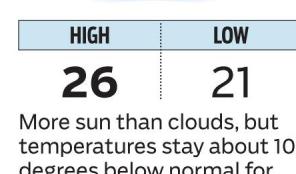
FRIDAY, FEB. 15



Partly sunny and cold. Brisk winds out of the north gusting over 25 mph. Afternoon highs in the middle 20s with wind chills in the lower teens. Clear skies overnight.



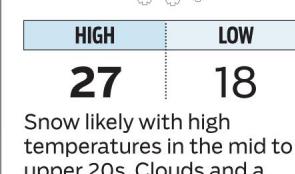
SATURDAY, FEB. 16



More sun than clouds, but temperatures stay about 10 degrees below normal for mid-February. Increasing and thickening clouds overnight with a chance of snow by morning.



SUNDAY, FEB. 17



Snow likely with high temperatures in the mid to upper 20s. Clouds and a chance of flurries overnight. Partial clearing, colder overnight. East to northeast winds.



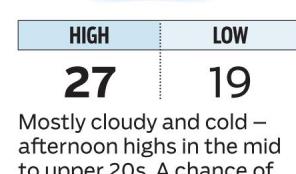
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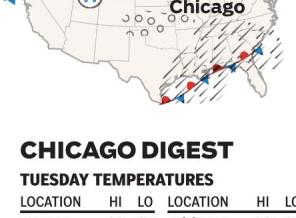
President's Day. Scattered clouds and continued cold — highs in the middle 20s. An increase in clouds overnight. Northeast winds.



TUESDAY, FEB. 19



Mostly cloudy and cold — afternoon highs in the mid to upper 20s. A chance of snow mainly south later in the day and overnight. Northeast winds.


**ASK TOM**

Dear Tom,  
Since increasing carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is causing global warming, then why the continued manufacture of carbonated soft drinks?

— Thomas Schillaci, Bartlett

Dear Thomas,  
Assume the average American drinks 50 gallons of carbonated soft drinks each year and the U.S. population is 328 million. That means about 16.4 billion gallons of soda is consumed every year in the U.S. One gallon equals 3.78 liters, so U.S. annual consumption of carbonated soft drinks is 63 billion liters. Total annual carbon dioxide emissions is about 274 billion metric tons. Thus, 0.001 percent of all carbon dioxide emissions in the U.S. is contributed by carbonated soft drinks. These are rough approximations, but the inescapable conclusion is carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere from soft drinks is inconsequential.

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### Feb. 11-12 ice storm accents Chicago's active winter

**CHICAGO'S 2018-19 WINTER SEASON (DEC.-FEB.)**  
Freezing rainfall days running much above normal

Double the number of days and duration over normal of freezing rain so far in the 2018-19

**IN CHICAGO PROPER**  
Most significant ice build-up in 71 years  
Official ice accretion across the Chicago metro area

	DeKalb	Bolingbrook	Plainfield	Marengo	Oswego	Manteno	Downers Grove	Channahon	Naperville
	<b>0.54"</b>	<b>0.50"</b>	<b>0.50"</b>	<b>0.50"</b>	<b>0.50"</b>	<b>0.25"</b>	<b>0.25"</b>	<b>0.25"</b>	<b>0.20"</b>

**COLD FRONT**  
WARM FRONT

**SNOWFALL FROM MONDAY'S WINTER STORM**

FAR NORTHERN CHICAGO AREA COUNTIES

Hebron	3.8"	Waukegan	2.5"
Bullvalley	3.7"	Lake Zurich	2.5"
WonderLake	3.6"	Rockford	2.0"

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**THURSDAY'S BRIEF WARM-UP FOLLOWED BY STRONG COLD PUSH**
**Predicted high temperatures**

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**CHICAGO DIGEST**
**TUESDAY TEMPERATURES**

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	33	27	Midway	33	28
Gary	34	29	O'Hare	34	27
Kankakee	34	28	Romeoville	36	27
Lakefront	34	28	Valparaiso	37	31
Lansing	33	28	Waukegan	35	28

**CHICAGO PRECIPITATION**

PERIOD	2019	NORMAL
Tue. (through 4 p.m.)	0.34"	0.06"
February to date	1.67"	0.65"
Year to date	3.63"	2.38"

**CHICAGO SNOWFALL**

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Tue. (through 4 p.m.)	1.0"	0.2"
Season to date	35.0"	33.2"
Normal to date	24.6"	25.8"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

**LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS**

WEDNESDAY	16-36 kts.	S 13-26 kts.
Wind	W 16-36 kts.	S 13-26 kts.
Waves	Ice floes	Ice floes

TUE. shore/crib water temps 34°/32°

**U.S. SNOW COVER**

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# HEALTH & FAMILY



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Veterinarian Natalie Marks with Finnley and the dog's owner at Blum Animal Hospital in Chicago last month. Marks said she started taking better care of her mental health around 2010.

## Veterinarians at risk

BY KATE THAYER  
Chicago Tribune

Feeling overwhelmed and overworked, Dr. Natalie Marks, a veterinarian and new mom, looked at herself in the mirror one day and didn't recognize the person staring back at her.

"I wasn't smiling," she said. "It didn't even look like me."

Marks was trying to balance the demands of her job with the demands of home, while also advancing her career. She said yes to everything except rest.

"I would wake up in the morning, and it was hard to get out of bed," said Marks, now 42 and the medical director at Blum Animal Hospital in Chicago.

For months, Marks said, she suffered, but eventually she told a colleague she needed to scale back her schedule. Then she started taking care of her mental health. Nine years later and in a better place, Marks said she often wonders what could have happened if she hadn't asked for help.

Veterinarians, particularly female ones, are more likely than the general population to die by suicide, according to a study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention published this month in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association. Authors analyzed death records from 1979 through 2015, which showed female veterinarians were 3.5 times more likely to die by suicide than the general public. Male veterinari-

**Suicide prevention a focus for animal care professionals:  
'There is absolutely nothing weak about asking for help'**

ans were 2.1 times more likely, according to the study.

Those in the veterinary field theorize that their colleagues could be more at risk of suicide for several reasons: Veterinarians often work in small practices, fueling feelings of isolation and burnout. They spend a lot of time dealing with the death of their animal patients and grieving pet owners. They also accumulate large sums of student loan debt while not enjoying the eventual high salaries of other medical professionals. And they have access to and considerable knowledge of lethal drugs.

Reacting to the disturbing trend, suicide prevention and mental health initiatives are popping up at veterinary schools, hospitals and professional groups, as those who work in the field try to change a culture where people are often overworked and wary of asking for help.

"It's an issue that, in the last few years, has really gained transparent momentum," said Marks, who in her role as medical director at Blum instituted a three-day workweek two years ago to promote self-care and work-life balance. The hospital's veterinarians work 12-hour shifts that can run longer, and also receive calls at home outside working hours,

she said. The shortened week helps prevent burnout among the veterinarians, who Marks says tend by nature to be giving overachievers who put themselves last.

Marks said she knew, from her own experience, that it was important to create the policy. Back when her oldest child was a baby, Marks said, she "hit a wall." Like many new moms, Marks wasn't getting a lot of sleep or time for herself. She said she also wondered if she had postpartum depression, though it was never diagnosed. She was working long hours and staying involved in professional organizations to get ahead in her career.

"I was at a point where I had to say, 'I can't do this anymore,'" Marks said. She scaled back her work schedule and commitments. She also sought help from a life coach and paid more attention to self-care, like exercise.

Marks said she now advises colleagues not to be afraid to ask for help.

"There is absolutely nothing weak about asking for help. It took me many months to say that," she said.

Dr. Suzanne Tomasi, a veterinary epidemiologist with the CDC and lead author on the study, said her work is the first study of female veterinarian

deaths. While the field was once dominated by men, it is now 60 percent women, she said, and that will soon grow to 70 or even 80 percent, given the makeup of veterinary schools.

That's important because in the general population, women are more likely to have thoughts of suicide, Tomasi said. But with veterinarians, suicide attempts are more likely to be successful, because of their knowledge of lethal drugs.

"So an attempt is not an attempt," she said. "An attempt becomes suicide."

With a documented risk, suicide prevention and mental health are top of mind at veterinary schools and associations. Jennifer Brandt, director of well-being and diversity initiatives at the American Veterinary Medical Association, said members are offered free suicide prevention and education training. The organization's goal is for all of its members to take the one-hour training and self-assessment tool, she said.

The group also addresses well-being, during an annual summit, and has a number of resources on its website that focus on work-life balance, financial stress and self-care, as well as a peer assistance program and resources on where

to get help, Brandt said.

Veterinarians are also supporting one another. The Facebook group Not One More Vet formed more than four years ago after the suicide of a popular California veterinarian and animal behaviorist, said Dr. Melanie Goble, one of the group's early members and one of the founders of its spinoff nonprofit group.

The Facebook group is a place where veterinarians offer emotional support, seek guidance and can find suicide prevention resources anonymously, Goble said. The nonprofit, formed about two years ago, also offers grants to veterinarians in crisis.

"We all know (a veterinarian) who died by suicide," said Goble, who had suicidal thoughts earlier in her life but didn't start addressing them until veterinary school.

Goble, now 40, said she's treated her depression and works as a sort-of substitute veterinarian in Wisconsin. She travels around to practices to fill in when a veterinarian needs time off.

She said many in her field agonize over ethical dilemmas when it comes to the care of animals, and can also suffer when pet owners lash out as they mourn their pets. Given those emotional aspects of the job, it's important to take time off, even though it's harder to do if you're the only veterinarian in a practice, Goble said. "It's not easy to leave it at the door."

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## Ronald McDonald House families displaced



HEIDI STEVENS  
*Balancing Act*

The Ronald McDonald House in Hyde Park will likely need three to four months of repairs before it can operate at full capacity after a frozen pipe burst earlier this month, displacing seven families whose children are receiving care at nearby Comer Children's Hospital.

"We'll rebuild the Ronald

McDonald House, which is a home away from home for our families," Holly Buckendahl, chief executive officer of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana, told me. "In the interim, we'll just find another way to help them. It takes a village to do what we do every day, and the commu-

nity has always been there for the families. That will just look a little different for the next three months."

For now, the seven families are staying in hotel rooms near Comer, but Buckendahl and her staff are working to find an arrangement that feels a little more homely.

"Laundry service, home-cooked meals, grab 'n' go lunches," she said. "Access to the daily things they need, so they can focus on the health of their children."

Maybe you want to help. A landing page on the Ronald

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# Protein packed with benefits

Research suggests older adults should boost consumption, especially when facing stress or illness

BY JUDITH GRAHAM

Kaiser Health

Older adults need to eat more protein-rich foods when they're trying to lose weight, dealing with a chronic or acute illness or facing a hospitalization, according to a growing consensus among scientists.

During these stressful periods, aging bodies process protein less efficiently and need more of it to maintain muscle mass and strength, bone health and other essential physiological functions.

Even healthy seniors need more protein than when they were younger to help preserve muscle mass, experts suggest. Yet up to one-third of older adults don't eat an adequate amount because of reduced appetite, dental issues, impaired taste, swallowing problems and limited financial resources.

Combined with a tendency to become more sedentary, this puts them at risk of deteriorating muscles, compromised mobility, slower recovery from bouts of illness and the loss of independence.

Recent research suggests that older adults who consume more protein are less likely to lose "functioning": the ability to dress themselves, get out of bed, walk up a flight of stairs and more. In a 2018 study that followed more than 2,900 seniors over 23 years, researchers found that those who ate the most protein were 30 percent less likely to become functionally impaired than those who ate the least amount.

While not conclusive (older adults who eat more protein may be healthier to begin with), "our work suggests that older adults who consume more protein have better outcomes," said Paul Jacques, co-author of the study and director of the Nutritional Epidemiology Program at Tufts University's Jean Mayer USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging.

In another study, which was published in 2017 and followed nearly 2,000 older adults over six years, people who consumed the least amount of protein were almost twice as likely to have difficulty walking or climbing steps as those who ate the most, after adjusting for health behaviors, chronic conditions and other factors.

"While eating an adequate amount of protein is



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not going to prevent age-associated loss of muscle altogether, not eating enough protein can be an exacerbating factor that causes older adults to lose muscle faster," said Wayne Campbell, a professor of nutrition science at Purdue University.

So how much protein should seniors eat? The most commonly cited standard is the recommended dietary allowance (RDA): 0.8 grams of protein per kilogram (2.2 pounds) of body weight per day.

For a 150-pound woman, that translates into eating 55 grams of protein a day; for a 180-pound man, 65 grams.

To put that into perspective, a 6-ounce serving of Greek yogurt has 18 grams; a half-cup of cottage cheese, 14 grams; a 3-ounce serving of skinless chicken, 28 grams; a half-cup of lentils, 9 grams; and a cup of milk, 8 grams.

Older adults were rarely included in studies used to establish the RDAs, however, and experts caution that this standard might not

adequately address health needs in the older population.

After reviewing additional evidence, an international group of physicians and nutrition experts in 2013 recommended that healthy older adults consume 1 to 1.2 grams of protein per kilogram of body weight daily — a 25 to 50 percent increase over the RDA. (That's 69 to 81 grams for a 150-pound woman, and 81 to 98 grams for a 180-pound man.)

For seniors with acute or chronic diseases, the group suggested protein intake of 1.2 to 1.5 grams per kilogram of body weight while noting that the precise amount needed "depends on the disease, its severity" and other factors. (At the 1.5 grams-per-kilogram level, a 150-pound woman would need to eat 102 grams of protein daily, while a 180-pound man would need to eat 123 grams.) Even higher levels, up to 2 grams per kilogram of body weight, could be needed, it noted, for older adults who are severely ill

or malnourished. (These recommendations don't apply to seniors with kidney disease, who should not increase their protein intake unless they're on dialysis, experts said.)

"Protein becomes much more important during events in an older adult's life that force them into a situation of muscle disuse — a hip or knee replacement, for instance," said Stuart Phillips, director of McMaster University's Center for Nutrition, Exercise and Health Research in Canada.

Another recommendation calls for older adults to spread protein consumption evenly throughout the day. This arises from research showing that seniors are less efficient at processing protein in their diet and may need a larger "per-meal dose."

"The total dose that you eat may not matter as much as the dose you eat at a given meal," said Elena Volpi, a professor of geriatrics and cell biology at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. "If

I eat too little protein during a meal, I may not adequately stimulate the uptake of amino acids into skeletal muscle. If I eat too much, say from a large T-bone steak, I won't be able to store all of it away."

Based on her research, Volpi suggests that older adults eat 25 to 30 grams of protein per meal. Practically, that means rethinking what people eat at breakfast, when protein intake tends to be lowest. "Oatmeal or cereal with milk isn't enough; people should think of adding a Greek yogurt, an egg or a turkey sausage," Volpi said.

Protein in all forms is fine. Animal protein contains all nine essential amino acids that our bodies need; plant protein doesn't. If you're a vegetarian, "it just takes more work to balance all the amino acids in your diet" by eating a variety of foods, said Denise Kathryn Houston, associate professor of gerontology and geriatric medicine at Wake Forest School of Medicine in North Carolina. Otherwise, "I would

typically recommend having some animal protein in your diet." As long as red meat is lean and you don't eat it too often, "that's OK," Houston said.

What about powdered or liquid protein supplements? "There's generally no need for supplements unless someone is malnourished, sick or hospitalized," Volpi said.

In a study not yet published, she examined the feasibility of supplementing the diets of older adults discharged from the hospital with extra protein for a month. Preliminary data, yet to be confirmed in a larger clinical trial, show that "this can improve recovery from a hospitalization," Volpi said.

"The first line of defense should always be real food," said Samantha Gallo, assistant director of clinical nutrition at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York. "But if someone isn't able to consume a turkey sandwich and would rather sip a protein shake during the day, we'll try that."

## How to help Ronald McDonald House families

**Stevens, from Page 1**

McDonald House website lists suggested donations. A \$125 donation will cover one family's hotel stay. You can donate cash or gift cards for Uber or Lyft to cover families' transportation to and from the hospital. You can drop off individually wrapped sandwiches for families to grab for lunch. (Call the Ronald McDonald House at 773-324-5437 to arrange a drop-off time and place.)

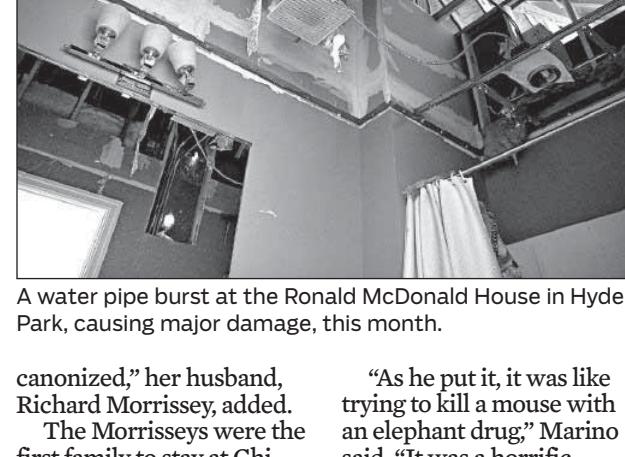
"Community support is vital right now," Buckendahl said.

Ronald McDonald Houses operate in five locations in and around Chicago and more than 365 locations around the nation, providing food and lodging for families whose children need to stay in the hospital for an extended period. Most of the families at the Hyde Park location, Buckendahl said, live between three and five hours away from Comer.

Last year, I had the chance to interview Charlie Marino, the man who brought Chicago its first Ronald McDonald House, in 1977.

"Charlie is the closest person you'll find to a saint," Dayle Morrissey told me at the time.

"I'm surprised he's not



A water pipe burst at the Ronald McDonald House in Hyde Park, causing major damage, this month.

canonized," her husband, Richard Morrissey, added.

The Morrisseys were the first family to stay at Chicago's first Ronald McDonald House. Their baby girl, Kathey, was diagnosed with cancer at 10 months old. She went through two years of chemotherapy at Children's Memorial.

Marino understood. In 1975, Marino's daughter, Gage, was diagnosed with stage 4 leukemia. When Marino was 11, he lost his 4-year-old brother to cancer.

Ed Baum, Gage's oncologist, told the Marinos they could try to save her life with a clinical trial that involved nine chemotherapy drugs plus radiation. She was 6 years old at the time.

"As he put it, it was like trying to kill a mouse with an elephant drug," Marino said. "It was a horrific barrage. But we went with it because there was no other hope for her."

The treatments ravaged her immune system. She developed a lung condition that threatened to suffocate her. She spent months in the hospital, during which time the Marinos met families who traveled from all over the Midwest to see specialists at Chicago's Children's Memorial Hospital.

"We saw all these parents sleeping on chairs, living out of suitcases," Marino recalled. "We asked Dr. Baum, 'Has anyone ever thought of buying a house



Kayla Ybanez was staying in the house in Chicago when the pipe burst. Seven families were temporarily relocated to a hotels near Comer Children's Hospital.

nearby where people can sleep?' He said, 'Oh, people have been talking about that for years!'

Baum told the Marinos about the new Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia, which Philadelphia Eagles general manager Jim Murray had helped establish after a player's daughter was diagnosed with leukemia. It opened in 1974.

The Marinos flew to Philadelphia to tour the house. "It was perfect," Marino said. "My wife said, 'You don't have to reinvent the wheel. We've seen what it needs to be. Just don't mess it up.'"

With help from Murray and Baum, the Marinos set

to work raising money and hunting for a location.

Chicagoland McDonald's Association President Bill Chunowitz committed to raising \$150,000, Marino said, and a couple of dozen families volunteered to hunt down furniture, carpeting, fixtures, you name it.

They purchased the convent from St. Clement's Church at 622 W. Deming Place, which had 17 bedrooms, three kitchens, a laundry room and plenty of play spaces. It opened in 1977, bearing the name Ronald McDonald House — the second in the nation.

I thought about Marino and that story when I read about Friday's burst pipe.

I also thought about something Richard Morrissey told me about what the Ronald McDonald House offered them. Food and shelter and proximity to their child, yes. But also community.

"You learn not to be proud," Richard Morrissey said. "You learn to ask for help, ask for prayers, ask for support. You get a sense of empathy you never even considered until you see a child diagnosed with cancer. It was very reassuring to be around people who could relate."

A burst pipe shouldn't stand in the way of that.

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# Why sleepless nights can mean more painful days

BY ALAN MOZES

HealthDay

If you were up all night and you ache all over the next morning, your lack of sound slumber might be to blame.

New research found that sleep loss delivered a double whammy to the brain that all but guaranteed greater levels of body pain.

"Activity in the somatosensory cortex, previously associated with the location and intensity of pain, was enhanced following sleep loss," explained study author Adam Krause.

And "in two regions called the striatum and the insula, sleep deprivation decreased the activity associated with pain (relief)," he added. These regions control the release of dopamine, often called the "feel-good" hormone.

Krause is a Ph.D. candidate with the Center for Human Sleep Science at the University of California, Berkeley.

During the study, 25 healthy, young participants got the normal eight hours of sleep one night. A week or so later, the same group underwent a night of no sleep whatsoever.

After each session, all the volunteers underwent "thermal pain sensitivity" tests, followed by MRI scans to monitor brain activity while their legs were exposed to uncomfortable levels of heat.

After a full night of sleep, most participants reported feeling heat discomfort at about 111 degrees Fahrenheit. But after a night of no sleep, that pain threshold dropped to 107 degrees Fahrenheit.

Brain scans pinpointed the neurological basis for the uptick in pain sensitivity following sleep loss.

The research team then surveyed 60 adults (average age 38) over a 48-hour survey period. All had



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Researchers say better sleep acts as a natural analgesic that can help manage and alleviate pain.

reported experiencing pain during the survey period, and all were asked to: keep sleep diaries; report mood and anxiety levels; rank pain intensity, when experienced.

"We found that reductions from one night to the next in the quality of the sleep, rather than just the quantity — total hours asleep — predicted worse pain the following day," Krause noted.

"The optimistic take-away here is that better sleep can help manage and lower pain. (It's) a natural analgesic that we can all pick up in repeat prescription each night, if we choose," he said.

"It is our hope that this research especially encourages health care systems to bring sleep closer to the center of treatment. If we can improve sleep conditions in the setting in which patients are most often in pain — the hospital ward — perhaps we can reduce the dosage of narcotic drugs and clear hospital beds sooner," Krause suggested.

The findings were published in late January in the Journal of Neuroscience.

Monika Haack is an

associate professor of neurology with Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center's Human Sleep & Inflammatory Systems Laboratory in Boston. She expressed little surprise at the findings.

"There is very strong evidence to date — and the current study supports this again — that short or disturbed sleep, either in clinical (settings) or in the general population, increases our experience of next-day pain," Haack said.

"And a number of studies, including the current study, have shown that sleep is a stronger predictor of pain than pain is a predictor of how we sleep," she added.

"I think the most important and novel finding of the study is that the authors found a biological basis, neuronal brain structures, that correspond to the pain sensitivity increase observed after sleep loss. Only if we understand the biology and mechanisms underlying this relationship will we be able to develop target- or mechanism-specific strategies to prevent pain-processing changes associated with short or disturbed sleep," Haack said.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

## Oils in mustard help combat muscle cramps

BY JOE GRAEDON  
AND TERESA GRAEDON  
King Features Syndicate

**Q:** You frequently mention yellow mustard as a possible remedy for muscle cramps. Is there something about yellow mustard in particular that seems to make it work?

**A:** There have been no scientific studies of any type of mustard to relieve muscle cramps. Hence, there is no way to judge whether Dijon mustard is better or worse than cheap yellow mustard. We suspect that mustard works through the same mechanism as pickle juice, vinegar, cinnamon or cayenne pepper. Mustard oils contain isothiocyanates that activate transient receptor potential channels in sensory nerves in the skin, mouth, throat and stomach (Nature, Jan. 15, 2004). Stimulating these nerves sends out a signal that overrides the inappropriate hyperactivity of nerves causing muscle cramps (Muscle & Nerve, September 2017).

**Q:** My tennis elbow has come back with a vengeance. I can't use oral NSAIDs because I take Eliquis, but my primary care physician says I can use the diclofenac sodium topical gel (1 percent) for as long as I need it. She knows I take a blood thinner. Is this really OK?

**A:** You are right to avoid oral pain relievers such as ibuprofen or naproxen, since these NSAIDs can cause gastrointestinal irritation. With apixaban (Eliquis) in your system, you could end up with a bleeding ulcer. Drug-interaction experts Drs. John Horn and Philip Hansten have written about NSAID and anticoagulant interac-



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tions. They note: "The use of topical NSAIDs is not considered to increase the risk of bleeding" (Pharmacy Times, Dec. 21, 2017).

**Q:** My husband and I returned from a trip to Europe with a strain of the flu apparently not covered by our flu vaccine. We took Xofluza and after three doses, both of us developed diarrhea and abdominal cramping. We stopped taking the meds, and the symptoms stopped. The headache, congestion and body aches of the flu were bad enough without adding the diarrhea caused by expensive meds.

**A:** Baloxavir (Xofluza) is a brand-new anti-viral flu medicine. This oral medication shortens the duration of flu symptoms when taken within 48 hours of getting sick. We are puzzled why you took three doses. The advantage of this medicine is that it is given as a single dose. The triple dose might have increased your risk for diarrhea, a recognized side effect of Xofluza. The clinical trial data showed that 3 percent of people taking one pill suffered this complication.

**Q:** You've written about cinnamon as a supplement that could help control blood sugar

levels. I understood you to say that *Cinnamomum cassia* has more coumarin than *Cinnamomum verum*. Coumarin should be avoided because it might harm the liver. The cinnamon I purchased says *Cinnamomum burmannii* on the label. Do you know how much coumarin there is in this type of cinnamon?

**A:** *Cinnamomum burmannii* contains many of the same compounds that provide the familiar cinnamon flavor from cassia cinnamon (*Cinnamomum cassia*) or Ceylon cinnamon (*Cinnamomum verum*). *C. burmannii* has anti-inflammatory activity and can help regulate blood sugar after a meal (Pharmacognosy Review, July-December 2012). You are right that coumarin has the potential to damage the liver. Relatively high levels are found in cassia cinnamon and also in *C. burmannii*. Since coumarin is not water-soluble, we suggest you make tea or another type of water extract with your *C. burmannii*. That should provide you with the benefits and minimize the risk of harmful liver effects.

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# Effective breathing during exercise

Researchers find that most of us are doing it wrong

BY JAE BERMAN  
The Washington Post

Imagine yourself exercising: running, hiking, dancing, lifting weights — whatever you like to do. Picture yourself pushing to a maximum intensity. Now, ask yourself: Are you breathing out of your nose or your mouth?

If you are like most exercisers, you breathe through your mouth, especially as the intensity of the exercise mounts. But experts are learning that breathing through the mouth may not be as efficient or effective as breathing through the nose.

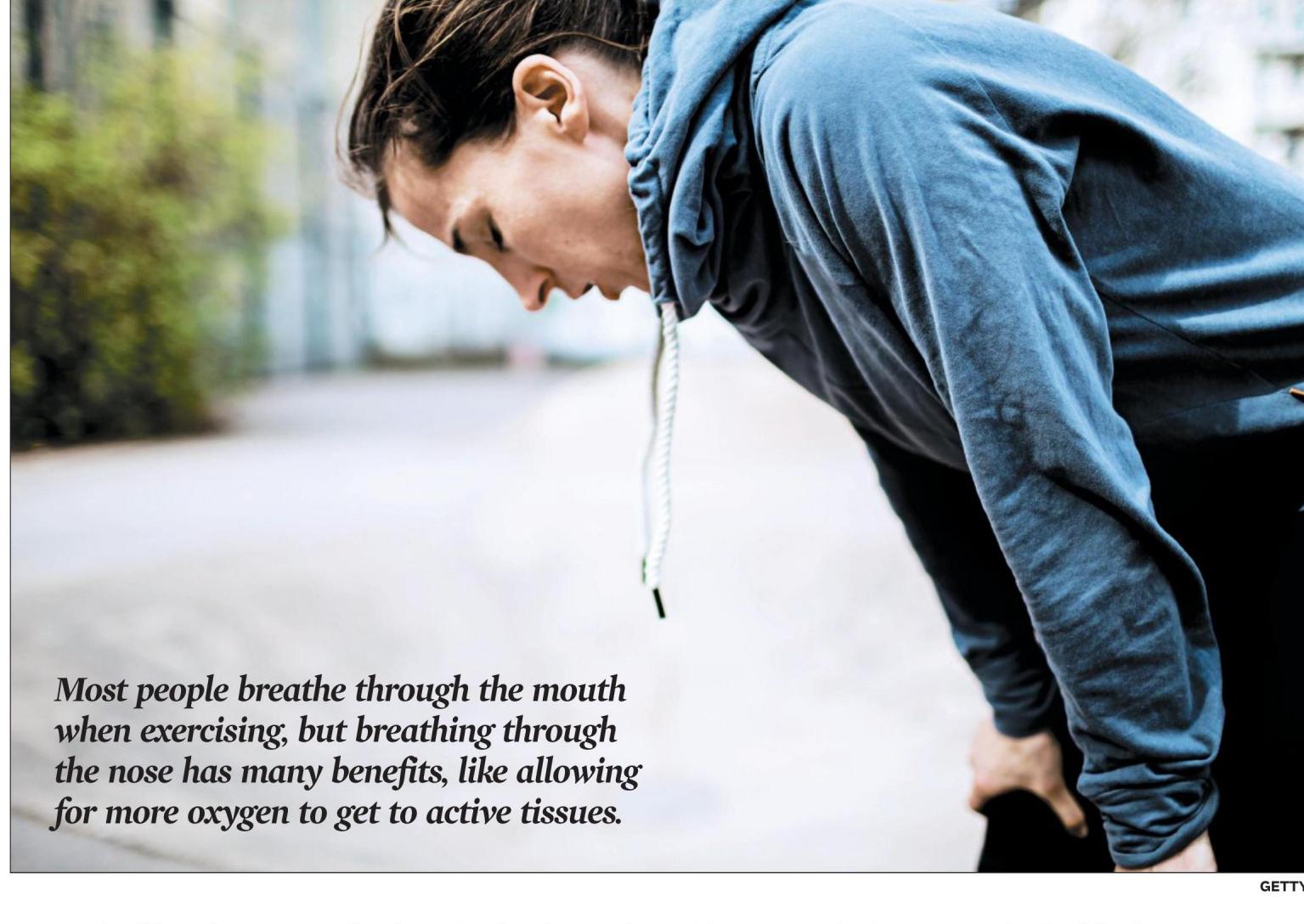
The nose is built with a specific purpose: to support our respiratory system (the primary purpose of the mouth, on the other hand, is to start the digestive process). The nostrils, hair and nasal passageways are designed to assist in filtering allergens and foreign bodies from entering the lungs. The nose also adds moisture and warmth to inhaled air for smoother entry to the lungs.

Nasal breathing, as opposed to mouth breathing, has another important advantage, especially for effective and efficient exercise: It can allow for more oxygen

to get to active tissues. That is because breathing through the nose releases nitric oxide, which is necessary to increase carbon dioxide in the blood, which, in turn, is what releases oxygen. Mouth breathing does not effectively release nitric oxide, which means the cells are not getting as much oxygen as through nasal breathing, which could lead to fatigue and stress.

A recent study demonstrated this. The study tested 10 runners, male and female alike, who for six months had used nasal-only breathing while exercising. Participants were put through standardized testing, once with nasal breathing and then with mouth breathing, to compare their maximum oxygen intake rates. They were also tested for various other respiratory and exercise markers, including oxygen and carbon dioxide levels while exercising.

Their maximum rate of oxygen



**Most people breathe through the mouth when exercising, but breathing through the nose has many benefits, like allowing for more oxygen to get to active tissues.**

consumption did not change from nasal to mouth breathing. But the study found that the runners' respiratory rate, breaths per minute and ratio of oxygen intake to carbon dioxide output decreased during nasal breathing. The researchers said this is probably because of the lower breath rate used during nasal breathing, which allows more time for oxygen to get to the bloodstream.

Hyperventilation through the mouth, i.e., the quick and hard breaths through the mouth that so many of us take when exercising at high intensity or feeling stressed, causes the body to offload more carbon dioxide, making it harder to oxygenate our cells. In intense moments, nasal breathing is the ideal way to oxygenate our systems.

Nasal breathing also activates the part of the nervous system that supports rest, recovery and

digestion, rather than the part of the nervous system that is responsible for survival or stress states, such as flight or freeze. That means that, even if the body is in a stressful state of high-intensity exercise, nasal breathing can provide a sense of calm and allow us to function better.

"It's incredibly difficult to learn or process anything in survival mode," says Brian Mackenzie, author, athlete and founder of the Art of Breath, a program that teaches how to use breathing to optimize athletic performance. "We are now understanding some of the deeper layers to managing stress, which has direct impact on not only the general population, but is at the heart of how elite performers can optimize performance."

So, if nasal breathing helps us stay relaxed and improves our athletic performance, how can we do more of it?

First, pay attention. Do you more often breathe through your nose or mouth during the day? What about while exercising, especially as the workouts get more difficult? Notice what is happening with the breath as well as what it feels like to pay attention to the breath.

Now consider practicing nasal breathing. Close the mouth and relax the tongue and jaw. Start by simply nasal breathing during warmups and cool-downs with workouts. Then try experiencing daily life while breathing through the nose.

Some people who mouth-breathe during sleep try "mouth taping," putting specially designed tape over their lips to assist with nasal breathing.

Once you have your groove and are consistently nasal breathing, check for potential differences in these areas.

Emotional state: Nasal breath-

ing should lead to a more relaxed state. (When life is stressful, and you note that you are mouth-breathing, try switching to nasal breathing and inhaling slowly and deeply.)

Exercise performance: At first, high-intensity exercise may feel more difficult with nasal breathing. The body needs to adapt to a different approach to the respiratory process, and if it is used to hyperventilation during exercise, nasal breathing may feel a bit slow at first. Things will shift. Be patient.

Exercise recovery: Because nasal breathing is more efficient, recovery should be smoother.

Immune system: Nasal breathing is a major line of defense against airborne pathogens. The mouth has no defense system. You may experience improvements with overall breathing and decreasing allergies or colds.

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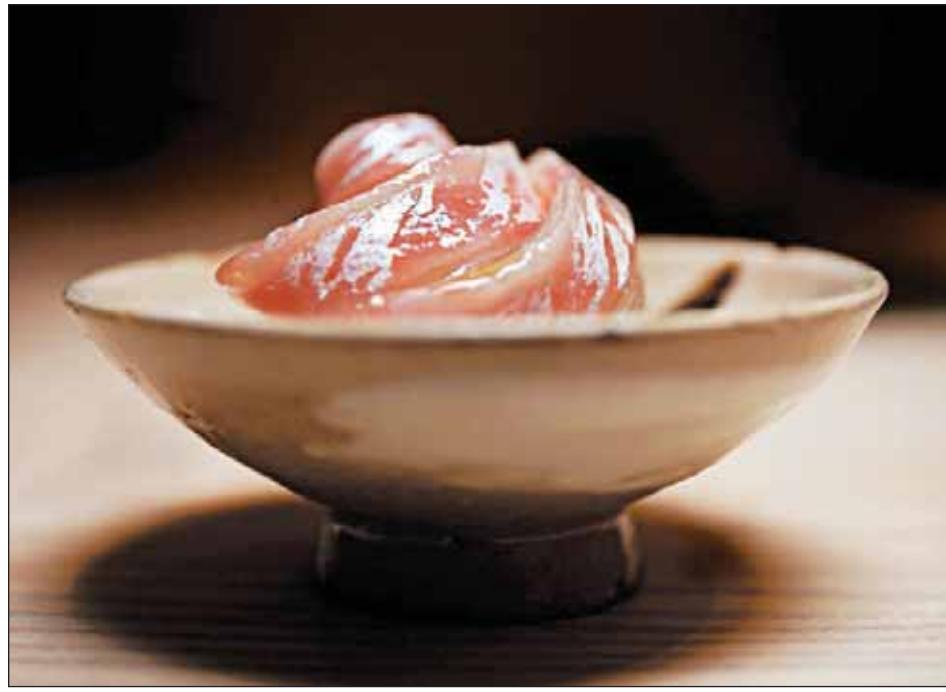
# Chicago Tribune FOOD & DINING



Ocean trout at Otto Phan's 5-month-old restaurant, Kyoten.



Toro (fatty tuna) at Kyoten, located at 2507 W. Armitage Ave.



Madai (Japanese red snapper). The menu at Kyoten changes frequently.



Aji (Japanese horse mackerel). Phan is proud of his imported, large-grain rice.

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# Sushi BOOM

Chicago's 3 new omakase restaurants — from revelation to the expected

BY PHIL VETTEL | Chicago Tribune

A year ago, Chicago had no omakase restaurants. You could find omakase — a multicourse, chef's-choice progression of dishes — as an option at some places, but there were no restaurants devoted to the style.

Now there are three, and soon there will be four, once B.K. Park (chef/owner of Juno) gets Mako up and running. All deliver 17-course tastings (keeping in mind that most "courses" consist of a single bite). Two restaurants' tastings hover around the \$125 mark, and a third — considerably more ambitious — commands \$220.

All are small, accommodating seven to eight guests at each seating (two seatings per evening). That's fewer than 50 guests per night combined. All three require reservations, which, not surprisingly, are scarce.

How to choose? I ate at all three, in the course of four days (one visit each), and this is what I found:

## Kyoten

Otto Phan does not lack for confidence, and his 5-month-old restaurant does not lack for showmanship. Omakase dining can be solemn affairs, silent but for the brief explanation of what the chef has just handed you and the appreciative murmurs from the

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## Cassoulet: Make-ahead steps simplify the French classic



**JEANMARIE BROWNSON**  
*Dinner at Home*

Full of toothsome white beans, sausages, pork, lamb and duck, topped with crispy crumbs, this dish is one of the world's best cold-weather cures. It's also a supremely satisfying dish to cook. Really. I break down the recipe into easy-to-execute parts, such as cooking the beans and making the broth, then prepare them casually a few days in advance of serving.

We've toted the made-ahead parts to the cabin for an easy assemble and bake after a day of cross-country skiing. I've doubled the recipe to serve a crowd and to stock the freezer. I've made co-workers

My cycling instructor resolves to only buy what she truly loves so she buys less. I posit that if you cook what you truly love, you will enjoy the process more.

Take cassoulet for example. I adore this humble French casserole.

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Ika (seared squid), prepared by chef Sangtae Park at Omakase Yume. Seatings are at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.



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Sangtae Park's tachiuo (cutlassfish) at Omakase Yume. Yume serves 15 to 17 tastes for \$125.



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Akami (tuna) with foie gras and black truffle, prepared by chef Hiromichi Sasaki at Omakase Takeya.

## Omakase

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guests. Not so here: Phan is positively chatty, sliding in occasional one-liners amid explanations of what he's doing, and why.

"Is this too rich for anybody?" he asks after handing out fatty ocean-trout nigiri. "I can always adjust. If it's too big, I can use less rice."

Ah, the rice. Phan waxes rhapsodic about his imported, large-grain rice and says he's the only chef in America who uses it. Taste the large, almost meaty grains against the succulent trout, or with alderwood-smoked shima aji ("the gentle smoke cure balances the iron-y flavor," Phan explains), and you'll pay close attention to sushi rice from that day forward.

The menu changes frequently — Phan said he's changed dishes five minutes before service. ("Adjusting as we go puts the service people in a bind sometimes," he said.) And thus there is no signature bite for guests to anticipate.

"There is no 'favorite dish,'" Phan said. "If there is, by human nature, you'll be waiting on it. I don't want people waiting for that toro piece, or that crowd-pleasing beef. I want every bite to be a home run, every bite to tell a story."

That said, the octopus, sliced immediately off the boil and tossed with torched avocado and ponzu, is a revelation, as is the Alabama red shrimp ("I think it's the best shrimp in the world"), formed into a nigiri so delicate the chef places them directly into each guest's hand. Tilefish nigiri is equally tricky to handle, especially graced with a dab of creme fraiche, horseradish (not wasabi, Phan makes clear) and caviar. (You'll have stray caviar clinging to your fingers after this dish; you won't mind.)

Dry-aged A5 wagyu is brushed with aged tenderloin fat; Spanish mackerel is aged two weeks ("wrapped in Bounty to regulate the moisture"), then lightly grilled. I love uni, and the imported uni that Phan offers is the best I've ever tasted.

Phan moved to Chicago from Austin, Texas, where he has an acclaimed restaurant by the same name. He's not circumspect about the reason for his move: He wants a Michelin star, preferably two, and Chicago is one of only four American cities the Michelin Man visits.

"Chicago absolutely ticked every box imaginable," he said. "I'd reached a ceiling in Austin; the type of sushi I make was always meant for a national marketplace, and Chicago was the obvious bull's-eye."

"I love the balance, I love everything about Chicago," he said. "I was able to open quickly and relatively affordably, as opposed to New York or San Francisco. And to be honest, in a market with a lot of tasting menus, none of them (in Chicago) was sushi until just recently."

There's a short list of six sake, available by the glass (\$12-\$27) or bottle (\$46-\$160). The sake tasting, \$75, lets you try all six; that's what I recommend.

Despite the \$220 tariff, seats at Kyoten (prepaid tickets are sold via [kyoten.com](#)) are hard to come by. The good news is that Phan increased the number of seats at each seating (6 and 8:45 p.m.) to eight. "We were seven for the first couple of months," he said, "but we went up to eight. Eight is really the maximum number you can handle if a single chef is serving."

This is the best sushi experience in Chicago.



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Chef Sangtae Park smokes a piece of salmon earlier this month at Omakase Yume, a so-small-you-could-miss-it spot in the West Loop.



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A "seasonal set" of gindara saikyo yaki (miso-marinated black cod), smoked madai (sea bream), and mozuku and yamaimo (seaweed and yam) at Omakase Takeya.



Kyoten chef Otto Phan moved to Chicago from Austin, Texas, in pursuit of a Michelin star or two. "Chicago absolutely ticked every box imaginable," he said.

### Tribune rating: ★★★

Kyoten, 2507 W. Armitage Ave., 512-888-7559; [kyotenchicago.com](#)

### Takeya

Dining at this hidden treasure is like visiting a speak-easy; you enter Ramen-easy (a popular place in its own right) and take a perilous-looking flight of stairs down to a pretty, seven-seat basement bar, done in neutral tones and blond wood. Your first name is written on a place card, but no need to search; you'll be shown to your seat. And now you know the names of your fellow diners.

Base price for the 16-

course omakase is \$130; upgrades include drinks (I had a very nice, \$35 bottle of sake that lasted the entire tasting) and optional extra courses (\$6 to \$12).

After an amuse course, perhaps some chilled daikon with pickled vegetables, and a piping-hot chawanmushi with flounder, mushrooms and a bit of yuzu zest, Tokyo-trained chef Hiromichi Sasaki will get to work. Seasonality and market availability greatly influence what you'll experience in the roughly 16 tastes headed your way, but there are highlights to look for.

On my visit, for instance, there was golden eye snapper nigiri, lightly torched

and topped with a bit of caviar, followed by a rich and unctuous piece of shimeji, or stripejack mackerel. Then Hokkaido scallops, barely seared (I've burned worse in Orlando in December) and dressed with sea salt and fresh yuzu juice.

Eventually there will be a "seasonal set," a three-dish kaiseki platter. My assortment included miso- and yuzu-marinated black cod; an appealingly smoky madai sashimi (cold-smoked over cherrywood) and sweet shrimp with salmon roe and avocado.

Chances are good you'll be served a tuna progression, beginning with bright-red akami, topped with

### Ratings key

Four stars, outstanding; three stars, excellent; two stars, very good; one star, good; no stars, unsatisfactory. Meals are paid for by the Tribune.

narrow time frame than other omakase meals, but Park works at an efficient pace. My dinner took 90 minutes exactly; I didn't feel rushed.

One might expect an omakase to start slowly, with simple tastes teasing of the complexity to come; indeed, that's how it has worked with the handful of omakase meals I've had. Park, however, has different ideas — shattering the model with an opening appetizer of octopus, monkfish liver and pickled vegetables; the octopus, slightly chewy, plays nicely against the liver's mousse-y texture. It's an opening course that tells the guests: Buckle in.

Two bold nigiri — fluke with a tiny dab of kimchi, madai with grated daikon — are followed by an akami-chutoro-otoro tuna progression. The latter two receive merely a light dab of soy-kombu glaze, but the akami gets a helping hand from a dab of yukhoe (Korean tartare, made here using otoro scraps) placed atop the lean fish.

A soy-onion garnish adds a bit of sweetness to smoked and seared salmon; a long piece of sweet shrimp has its delicacy countered by a dab of something pungent.

"Fermented bean paste?"

I venture.

"Fermented shrimp brains," I'm told. My bad.

Miso black cod has achieved cliche status these days, but the golden color and seared edges of Park's version make the dish noteworthy. Eel with sweet ponzo is equally overdone, but again, execution and flavor save the day. Then, as at Takeya, there were the a la carte options; I'm still not a fan of this practice, but that didn't prevent me from indulging in satisfyingly rich mackerel and creamy uni (the latter in a very generous portion).

After the obligatory tamago (nice and custardy), there's a very good dessert of panna cotta with matcha powder and red beans.

Kyoten undoubtedly is the omakase that will command the most attention in the months to come, and deservedly so. But at almost half the price, Omakase Yume offers quality, complexity and innovation for nearly \$100 less. That's irresistible.

**Tribune rating: ★★**

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7710; [omakasetakeya.com](#)

### Yume

Sangtae Park logged time at two of Chicago's best Japanese restaurants (Japonais, Mirai) before opening Sushi Badaya in Highland Park and Izakaya Yume in Niles. Then, with his wife, Kate Kim-Park, and business partner Calvin Pipping, he moved to a so-small-you-could-miss-it spot in the West Loop.

"Size-wise, it was perfect for what we wanted," Pipping said. "You don't really notice us when you walk or drive by, but as a reservation-only restaurant, we weren't overly picky (about that). We like where we are."

The dining room is pretty and minimalist. Walls are clad in wide planks of natural wood; a few alcoves, holding backlit vases and teapots, are the only adornments. The L-shaped bar accommodates eight guests.

Park's omakase numbers

15 to 17 tastes, priced at

\$125. Seatings are at 5:30

and 7:30 p.m.; that's a more

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# Sparkling rosé perfect for Valentine's Day

BY DAVE MCINTYRE  
The Washington Post

Don't look to me for dating advice, but I will happily suggest some wines for your Valentine's Day celebration. It's a special occasion — as special as you want it to be, at least — and wine can help set the mood. Best of all, a special occasion wine doesn't have to be expensive — just delicious.

Your wine strategy for the evening needn't be complicated. You have bigger priorities, after all. If there's room for only one bottle on your menu, make it bubbly. Whether a true Champagne, a crémant from France, an Italian prosecco, Spanish cava or a New World sparkler, bubbles create romance in a bottle. These wines are also very food friendly and can extend through the meal. Remember my mantra: "Bubbles go with everything."

## Sparkling rosé

And if roses are part of the decorations, why not mirror them with a sparkling rosé? My splurge pick for this year is the Charles Orban Brut Rosé from Champagne. It costs \$47, which is actually a great value for top-flight bubbly, especially as this is a grower Champagne, meaning the winery uses only grapes from its own vineyards and controls production from vine to wine. This delicious rosé will reflect the glint in your eye as it entrances with flavors of strawberries, raspberries and spring flowers.

If your budget's tight, cava is the way to go. I'm a fan of the Biutiful Brut Rosé, which I recommended last fall, as well as the 1+1=3 white and rosé, all widely available. (The 1+1=3 Brut was one of my Greatest Values of 2018.) I also really enjoy the Belle Jardin Blanc de Blanc from France — not Champagne, but



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A sparkling rosé such as the Charles Orban Brut Rosé from Champagne can help set a Valentine's Day mood.

bright, tasty and best of all, affordable at a modest \$15.

many favorites to list. (But we can start with Brooks, Domaine Drouhin, Rose-rock and J. Christopher. Let me catch my breath and I can go on from there.) Santa Barbara offers some delicious pinots, including from J. Wilkes, Lucas & Lewellen and Cambria. And any pinot from Siduri is worth seeking out.

## Dessert wines

If your evening isn't complete without a red wine, pinot noir is the answer. Its silky texture mellows the mood, and it also pairs well with a wide variety of foods. Burgundy is the gold standard, and with some judicious searching it is possible to find a great one at an affordable price. The Chateau de Santenay Hautes-Cotes de Beaune, at \$26, was one of my favorite wines last year, a gorgeous single-vineyard wine at a very friendly price. I tend to gravitate toward Oregon pinot noir, where I have too

**These wines are also very food friendly and can extend through the meal.**

mains of the dinner wine. That makes a glass of sweet sherry, port or madeira all the more special. These can pair nicely with elegant desserts such as custards, nut tarts or chocolate cake.

Late-bottled vintage port is a good, value-priced wine (\$20 to \$30) that pairs excellently with chocolate desserts. For a splurge, look for the outstanding 2016 vintage ports now reaching the market. Vintage port is big and intense, with strong

tannins to help it age for decades. When it is young, however, vintage port offers explosive fruit. Aged tawny ports are great with custard-based desserts.

Of course, you can always end with bubbles. Sweet Champagnes, typically labeled demi-sec, are hard to find, but there's a Valentine's secret sleeping on your store's Italy shelf. It's called brachetto d'acqui, and hails from Piemonte, the home of Barolo in

Italy's northwest. Brachetto is a fizzy red with an alluring aroma of orange blossoms and raspberries, plus a sweetness and acidity that can match a chocolate dessert perfectly, especially if there is fruit or a fruit sauce involved. It's also lighter in body and lower in alcohol than port or sherry.

If sparkling wine, pinot and dessert seems like a lot of wine — well, it is. But you don't have to finish any bottle. Just save any remaining wine using your favorite preserving method, and keep your mind fresh for the rest of your Valentine's evening.

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# Chocolate loves savory dishes too

JAMES P. DEWAN  
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Here's a thought: If the heart is the symbolic representation of Valentine's Day, instead of serving our lovers chocolate on that ballyhooed holiday of love, perhaps we should be feeding them organ meats.

No?

Chocolate it is, then.

But, can we at least shed that tired old "sweets for the sweet" trope? Look at it this way: We already knock back piles of chocolate, but it's all sweet. Chocolate bars. Chocolate brownies. Chocolate chip cookies. All delicious. But, all sweet.

We've become so used to chocolate as a sweet that we forgot that, in its pure form, it's as non-committal as Switzerland and as versatile as cinnamon, cardamom or a host of other spices. Spices, by definition, are made from the nonleafy parts of plants — seeds, bark, etc. Chocolate starts out as a bean. Raw beans are fermented, dried, roasted and ground to an oily paste, which can be separated into cocoa powder and cocoa butter or, with the addition of sugar, turned into the beloved confection we earthlings adore.

Speaking of sugar, you know the percentages that adorn choc-

olate's packaging refers to the amount of pure chocolate contained therein, right? Or were you sleeping during that lecture? The opposite percentage refers to the sugar content. In other words, 64 percent chocolate is 36 percent sugar. That's a good fact to know if you're new to this whole "adding chocolate to dinner" thing.

And, if you are that newbie, a reasonable question is, where to start? Many of us, for example, associate savory chocolate with rich Mexican moles, but, at the same time, we're frightened by those sauces' seemingly endless list of ingredients and complicated techniques. Again, then, where to start?

"My advice is, if you're cooking, taste a small piece of chocolate along with whatever protein you're making — like pork tenderloin or a T-bone steak," says my friend and the chocolate expert chef Erika Webb. "Elements of chocolate exhibit different flavors, like fruitiness, spiciness and earthiness. This lends itself to a variety of savory sauces. Start with bittersweet chocolate, like 80 to 85 percent, and try it and see if you think the flavors complement each other."

One thing to remember is that we're not trying to turn dinner into a big beefy brownie. Instead, we're taking advantage of chocolate's natural umami and bitterness, along with its subtle flavor profile. Sure, whisk a piece of good chocolate into a pan sauce made from that pork tenderloin or T-bone, but think of it like the

nutmeg in your au gratin potatoes or the vermouth in your martini: If you can really taste it, you've added too much.

"I put a little dark chocolate into just about all my tomato sauces, chilis, mushrooms, Parmesan cheese dishes ... anything fermented tends to work well," says Katrina Markoff, founder of high-end maker Vosges Haut-Chocolat. "Dark chocolate adds umami, and to add it to a dish that's already hearty, like lasagna, the meat and the roasted tomato and the chocolate, paired with the lightness of the ricotta — it's just awesome."

For lighter dishes, like fish, Markoff uses white chocolate and cocoa butter to bolster a white wine cream sauce (see recipe). And, yes, unlike some of our naysaying pooh-poohers who insist otherwise, we accept that white chocolate — made from cocoa butter, milk solids and sugar — does indeed count as chocolate.

In fact, if you want all the richness but less of the chocolate flavor, you could just use plain cocoa butter (or, as the nerdier among you may know it, Theobroma oil). Treat it like actual butter, and whisk it into those sauces or use it to sauté vegetables. The effect is subtle, but the flavor is unexpected and delicious.

If you want the flavor of chocolate more than the fat, go with plain cocoa powder. Add a little to your favorite spice mix, and make a rub for steak or chicken. Ooh, or

combine it with ground coffee and a little salt and brown sugar and some chili powder, and dust it on pork chops. Then imagine a pan sauce using brewed coffee, like red-eye gravy!

Regardless, remember there is no right or wrong apart from how

you like it. And, as long as you cook from, if not actually with, the heart, I'm betting you'll like it a lot.

*James P. DeWan is a culinary instructor at Kendall College in Chicago.*

## Cocoa potato chips

**Prep:** 10 minutes   **Cook:** 15 minutes   **Makes:** about 4 servings

Recipe adapted from one by Katrina Markoff of Vosges Haut Chocolat.

1 ounce cocoa butter chips, chopped

1 small sprig fresh rosemary or 1/4 teaspoon dried rosemary

1/4 teaspoon vanilla bean paste or vanilla extract

1 bag (5 ounces) potato chips

1/4 teaspoon black cocoa powder or regular

1 ounce caviar or other fish roe, optional

1 ounce white chocolate

Creme fraiche

**1. Melt** cocoa butter chips over low heat; add rosemary and vanilla. Let infuse in a warm place, 15 minutes.

**2. Place** potato chips in a large bowl. Remove rosemary sprig from melted cocoa butter. Drizzle butter over potato chips. Immediately toss with cocoa powder and caviar, if using.

**3. Grate** white chocolate over the potato chips with a rasp grater. Serve immediately with creme fraiche for dipping.

**Nutrition information per**

**serving:** 290 calories, 22 g fat, 8 g saturated fat, 1 mg cholesterol, 22 g carbohydrates, 4 g sugar, 3 g protein, 245 mg sodium, 1 g fiber



White chocolate garnishes potato chips — made with cocoa butter, rosemary, vanilla and cocoa powder.

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Chef Rafael Esparza holds his bottle of house-made Malort syrup at Finom, the Hungarian-inspired cafe he co-owns.

## Malort Chai-town Latte has a surprising origin

BY LOUISA CHU

Chicago Tribune

After a night with a Chicago Handshake, the one-two punch in the face made with an Old Style beer and a shot of Malort, what better way to start your morning than with the bitter liqueur in your coffee? Said no one ever.

Yet at Finom Coffee in Old Irving Park, chef Rafael Esparza has created what he calls a Malort Chai-town Latte.

Made with Emperor's House chai from Rare Tea Cellar, soy milk and house-made Malort syrup, it's a silk purse from a sow's ear and hair of the dog that bit you.

"Danny (general manager Daniel Speer) and I don't drink, so when someone gave us a bottle of Malort on opening day, we knew it would be used mostly for decor," Esparza wrote in an Instagram photo caption, where I first

saw his creation. "I got tired of looking at it, so I decided to make some syrup for all my Chicago folks who want to make #malortface before the sun goes down."

Like many Malort-fueled life choices, Esparza — who co-owns the Hungarian-inspired cafe with Speer — had a moment of dramatic regret. A flash of flames leapt from the pot as he initially made the syrup for the latte, he said. Re-enacting the moment, Esparza raised his hands over his head to show how high the fire climbed.

Esparza had poured the bottle into a pot, then flambeed the 70-proof liquor. It should be noted that Finom's 130-year-old landmark wooden building was built only 18 years after the Great Chicago Fire in 1871. Luckily he recovered, cooked the liquor further to reduce the alcohol, then added grapefruit juice and sugar.

When sipped neat, the syrup begins light and lovely before Malort's signature bitterness returns, not quite inducing full-blown Malort face, but a finish of malaise. Hidden in the latte, silken soy foam and warm chai spices rise valiantly, only to be left with an aftertaste of ennui.

Esparza, however, who's so sociable he seems to be friends with everyone in the bar and restaurant industry, has never had a drink in his life.

"I grew up in a neighborhood where that was kind of prevalent everywhere, drugs and alcohol," he said. "But people in my family didn't really drink much, so it was never really one of those things I was surrounded by in the house."

"I said very early on that didn't seem like anything I wanted to get into. I never really saw the fun side of it, only the very tragic side of it."

Speer, on the other hand,

doesn't drink much anymore.

"I worked in a restaurant bar setting for a long time, so it kind of went with the territory," he said. "At some point in my life, I got tired of feeling bad."

"I got married, had a kid. I felt better when I stopped drinking," he added. "I still have a drink socially every now and then, but not to the point where I was almost 10 years ago now."

Has he had Malort?

"Oh yes, many times," said Speer, grinning.

The Malort Chai-town Latte (\$5.25) and Chicago-style shots (50 cents added to any drink) will be available while the syrup lasts. Esparza will make more Malort syrup if someone gives them another bottle, he said, laughing.

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## Cocktail sets the right mood

BY LISA FUTTERMAN

Chicago Tribune

A fantastic Mexican pomegranate liqueur recently landed in U.S. liquor stores, and its origin story is partly a history lesson that ends in a cocktail glass.

It starts in 1864, when the French emperor Napoleon III installed Maximilian of Hapsburg as emperor of Mexico. He held a teetering role in conflict with the rule of President Benito Juarez until he was executed in 1867. During this brief French regime, 50,000 French folks, including Henri Vallet, migrated to Mexico. Vallet, a chemist who settled in Mexico City, created two Old World-style bitter liqueurs — Amargo-Vallet (an earthy angostura bitter) and Fernet-Vallet (an herbal spirit) — that are still made according to his formulations to this day. Even after the French rule was just a memory, the Fernet-Vallet lived on, sitting on a dusty shelf in nearly every taberna in Mexico as a hangover cure, taken in a shot called a piedra, consisting of the fernet plus anisette plus a squirt of lime (lime).

In 2012, riding the fresh wave of amaro interest in the U.S., the maker of these liqueurs, Royal Vallet, began exporting to the north. In 2014, Jacob Lustig, a long-time champion of Mexican spirits, purchased Royal Vallet. Soon, with the help of chemist Roberto Ladron de Guevara, he created Granada-Vallet, a pomegranate liqueur in the style of a red Italian bitter aperi-



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Granada-Vallet pomegranate liqueur, which is a red Italian bitter aperitivo, stars in El Corazon Escarlata cocktail.

### El Corazon Escarlata (The Scarlet Heart)

**Makes:** 1 cocktail

Cocktail created by Lisa Futterman.

1 ounce Granada-Vallet

1 ounce rum (we used aged)

1/2 ounce orange liqueur

1 to 2 teaspoons simple syrup

2 ounces hibiscus tea (see method)

Hibiscus ice cubes, if desired

Combine all ingredients (except hibiscus ice cubes) in a mixing glass with plenty of ice; stir until well-chilled. Strain into a rocks glass over fresh ice (made from hibiscus tea if desired); serve at once.

**Hibiscus tea:** Steep 1 ounce dried hibiscus (Jamaica) flowers with 16 ounces water in a covered jar at room temperature, 2-4 hours. Strain and refrigerate. Use as a cocktail ingredient, serve sweetened as iced tea or make into ice cubes.

tivo to complete the trio. Tart pomegranate, native to Nayarit, gets infused in a base of Veracruz rum with citrus, cinnamon and fenugreek, then bittered with gentian root, and cinchona and wormwood barks. Its natural warm red color

comes from Oaxacan cochineal, derived from insects, a daring move in these days of veganism. (A backlash against using the bug in food and beverage manufacturing has led some makers to seek red dye subs.) But Lustig wanted to

offer a liqueur sourced from all-natural, all-Mexican ingredients, "no tinctures, no extracts, no chemicals."

Granada-Vallet, like its Italian cousins Campari and Aperol, tastes great on ice before dinner, or in simple cocktails like a spritz or Negroni — think of it as a more bitter, pomegranate-forward version of Campari. With Valentine's Day approaching, we thought its rich red color would lend both brightness and bitterness to winter cocktails.

Most simply, a big splash in a Champagne flute topped with cava makes a fruity pink sparkler. When combined in a stirred cocktail with rum, orange and hibiscus tea infused from dried Jamaica flowers, Granada-Vallet goes tropical but not tiki. Made flirty and dramatic with hibiscus tea ice cubes, the deep red Corazon Escarlata will kick off Valentine's dinner for two on a bitter and sweet note.

Lisa Futterman is a freelance writer.

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# Cassoulet without the stress

**Cassoulet, from Page 1**

jealous with the most amazing lunches.

The first cassoulet I made as a young student of French cooking comes from the pages of Anne Willan's 1981 "French Regional Cooking." I spent two days making her ultrarich duck confit before making the rest of the dish. When the children were young, and therefore kitchen time was limited, I turned to Pam Anderson's "Perfect Recipes for Having People Over," which uses canned white beans.

These days, my recipe inspiration pulls from both of those books, as well as the delicious versions served at favorite bistros, including Le Bouchon, which combines duck, pork belly and lamb, and Bistro Campagne (where, for \$10, you can add foie gras to the already-rich dish).

When I have the time, I mail-order the beautiful white cassoulet beans from Rancho Gordo. Otherwise I buy dried white beans at a market that has a high turnover of the legumes, so I'm using the freshest possible. Fresh, dried beans mean slightly shorter cooking times and more tender finished beans. Canned beans will yield a cassoulet with a softer overall texture, but equally delicious.

As for the meats, the recipe here allows for lots of flexibility. A combination of poultry and pork products always proves delicious. I substitute fresh duck for the traditional duck confit (duck simmered to tenderness in its own fat). For economic reasons, you can skip the pricey duck and simply use more chicken.

Some recipes add staved pork or lamb to the casserole dish. For ease, I use fully cooked pork sausage. You can vary the sausages, too, to suit your tastes. I like the combination of flavors and textures from smoked Polish and fresh Italian-style sausage. But, I've also used spicy Hungarian for a bolder dish and chicken sausage for a leaner version. You can add chunks of roasted pork, lamb or smoked ham if you wish.

I habitually whirl leftover, dried-out baguette or sourdough bread in the blender to make my own coarse crumbs. Stored in a freezer container, the crumbs can be frozen for several months. I replenish the crumbs whenever any bread's gone stale.

To top the cassoulet, toss the breadcrumbs with a little butter and chopped fresh parsley. This cassoulet season, I'm stirring in some of those French fried onions sold in cardboard cans in the supermarket. They add a great crunch.

JeanMarie Brownson is a freelance writer.

## Break it down

Here's the game plan for breaking the cassoulet recipe down into parts:

**1. Cook** the beans for the bean base; they'll keep several days.

**2. Finish** the bean base; make the crumb mixture up to a couple of days in advance.

**3. Make** the duck broth, if using, up to several days in advance.

**4. Brown** all the meats; refrigerate them, covered, up to a couple of days.

**5. Assemble** everything the day you're serving the casserole.

**6. Heat** the oven while the assembled cassoulet stands at room temperature.

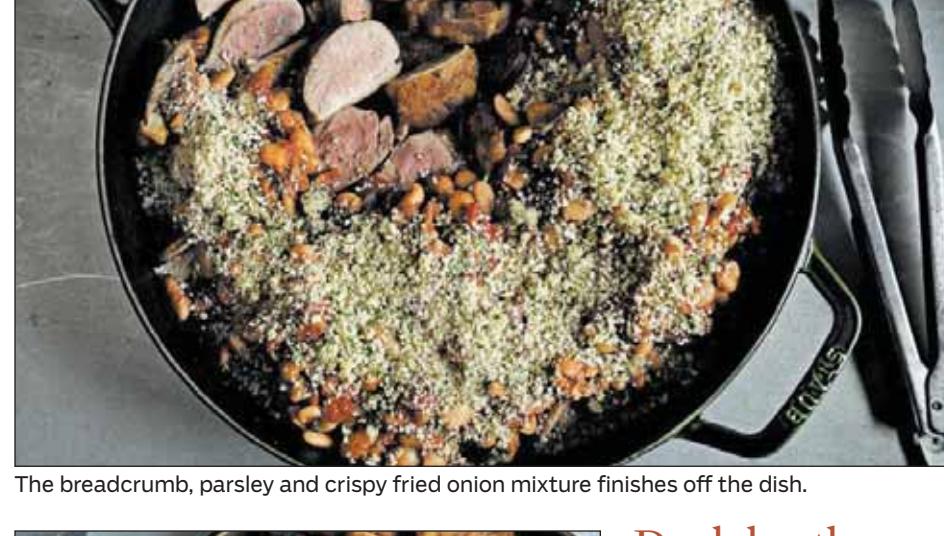
**7. Above** all, enjoy the process. After all, that's the key to everything in life.



ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS; SHANNON KINSELLA/FOOD STYLING  
Cassoulet's combination of poultry and pork products always proves delicious. Duck is traditional, but chicken can be substituted.



Assembly: The meat pieces go in first, then the bean mixture is spread over them.



The breadcrumb, parsley and crispy fried onion mixture finishes off the dish.



Duck parts, chicken thighs and sausage can be browned a couple of days ahead, then kept in the refrigerator.

## Smoky white beans

**Prep:** 10 minutes **Cook:** 2 hours

**Makes:** 6 to 7 cups drained beans

The bean cooking liquid is delicious. Reserve it to use in soups and stews. Or, enjoy a cup of it warm for a nutritious snack.

1 pound dried cassoulet beans or white kidney beans

3 thick slices smoked bacon, diced

1/4 cup celery leaves, optional

1 teaspoon salt

1. Rinse the beans well in a colander. Add to a large pot with cold water to cover by 2 inches. Heat to a boil. Reduce heat to low and add the bacon and celery leaves. Simmer, partly covered, stirring often, until the beans are tender when you bite one, 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Add salt; simmer another 10 minutes. Let beans cool in the liquid.

2. Strain the beans over a bowl to catch the liquid. Refrigerate beans and their cooking liquid separately in covered containers up to several days.

**Nutrition information per 1/2-cup serving:** 115 calories, 1g fat, 0g saturated fat, 1mg cholesterol, 19g carbohydrates, 0g sugar, 7g protein, 189mg sodium, 11g fiber

## Duck broth

**Prep:** 15 minutes

**Cook:** 2 hours

**Makes:** 2 quarts

Duck broth is rich in flavor and velvety in texture. I like to use it when making a bowl of ramen, and in soups and stews.

1 whole duck with giblets, well-rinsed

1/2 cup celery leaves

12 black peppercorns

1. Remove the neck and giblets from the cavity of the duck. (Set the duck liver aside for another use.) Put the neck and giblets into a large pot.

2. Cut the wings off the duck; add to the pot. Then cut the legs off the duck. Remove the breasts from the bone, leaving the skin intact. Set the legs and boneless breasts aside for use in the cassoulet.

3. Break the duck carcass into 2 or 3 pieces. Add to the pot. Add celery, peppercorns and cold water to cover. Heat to a boil. Skim off the froth from the surface; reduce heat to a simmer. Cook, partly covered and stirring often, adding water if needed to keep bones submerged, about 2 hours.

4. Strain the broth into a bowl. Discard the bones. Put the broth into covered containers. Refrigerate for several days, or freeze for several months.

**Note:** Meaningful nutritional analysis on the broth is unreliable.

## Duck and sausage cassoulet

**Prep:** 45 minutes **Cook:** 3 hours

**Makes:** 12 to 14 servings

You'll need 4 or 5 cans (15 ounces each) white beans if you choose to substitute canned beans for the cooked dried beans. If you opt out of duck, double the number of chicken thighs. If you buy a whole duck, you can use the breasts and legs in the cassoulet, and the carcass to make the broth.

### Bean base:

1 medium onion, chopped

2 slices smoky bacon, diced

4 slices prosciutto, optional, thinly sliced

6 cloves garlic, crushed

1/4 cup dry red wine

1 box (26 ounces) or 1 can (28 ounces) chopped tomatoes

1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves

6 to 7 cups drained cooked smoky white beans, see recipe (or drained canned white beans)

Salt, freshly ground pepper to taste

### Meats:

4 boneless duck breast halves, about 2 pounds (or 2 boneless duck breast halves and 2 duck legs)

8 small boneless, skin-on, chicken thighs, about 2 1/2 pounds

1 smoked cooked Polish sausage or Andouille sausage or veal bratwurst (14 ounces), sliced 1/2-inch thick

1 cup duck broth, see recipe, or chicken broth

Crumb topping, see recipe

1. **For the bean base,** put onion and bacon in a large skillet. Cook, stirring often, until onion softens and bacon starts to brown, about 10 minutes. Stir in prosciutto, if using, and garlic; cook, 1 minute. Stir in wine; boil hard, 1 minute. Then stir in tomatoes and thyme; simmer, stirring often, about 5 minutes. Stir in beans; simmer, 10 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Remove from heat and let cool. Refrigerate, covered, up to several days.

2. **To brown** the meats, first pat dry with paper toweling. Heat a large, heavy-bottomed skillet over medium heat until hot. Add the duck breasts (and legs if using) skin side down; reduce heat to medium-low. (Use a splatter guard to minimize mess.) Cook until skin is golden brown and crisp, about 15 minutes. Flip; brown the other side, about 10 minutes. Transfer meat to a baking sheet to cool.

3. **Reheat** the skillet with the duck drippings over medium heat. Add the chicken thighs in a single, uncrowded layer. Cook, turning often, until nicely golden brown on all sides, about 15 minutes. Transfer to the baking sheet with the duck.

4. **Cook** the sausage in the drippings to brown on all sides, about 10 minutes. Transfer to the baking sheet. Refrigerate the browned meats up to several days. Reserve the pan drippings in the refrigerator for several days.

5. **To assemble** the cassoulet, heat the oven to 350 degrees. Spread 3 tablespoons reserved pan drippings (or 3 tablespoons olive oil) over a large, heavy casserole dish (12 to 14 inches in diameter and 3 to 4 inches deep). (Refrigerate any remaining duck fat to cook other dishes.) Cut the duck breasts and chicken thighs into 1-inch wide slices. Arrange the pieces in the casserole dish. If using duck legs, slice the meat off the bones into large chunks; tuck all into the pan along with the sliced sausage.

6. **Pour** the duck broth over the meats. Spread the bean base evenly over the meats to cover them completely. Sprinkle the crumb topping over the whole dish.

7. **Bake** until the bean mixture is bubbling hot and the crumbs are golden brown, 1 to 1 1/2 hours. (Timing will depend on how cold all the cassoulet parts were at assembly.)

8. **Let** stand 10 to 15 minutes before serving. Serve with a spoon digging down to get to the beans and meats.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 629 calories, 34g fat, 11g saturated fat, 162mg cholesterol, 37g carbohydrates, 3g sugar, 43g protein, 956mg sodium, 13g fiber

## Crumb topping

Mix 2 cups coarse dry breadcrumbs (or panko crumbs) with 1/4 cup finely chopped parsley in a small bowl. Add 3 tablespoons melted butter; stir to mix well. Stir in 1 cup store-bought crushed French fried onions if desired for flavor and crunch.

## BEER OF THE MONTH

# Mind Haze IPA actually a hybrid

BY JOSH NOEL

Chicago Tribune

**The beer:** Mind Haze (Firestone Walker Brewing, Paso Robles, Calif.), a hazy IPA.

**The back story:** We're several years into the haze craze — that is, the ascendance of low-bitterness, fruit-forward India pale ales — and the largest craft breweries have taken notice. Sierra Nevada and Boston Beer were among the first large craft breweries to trot out their takes. In recent weeks, we've also seen this arrival from Firestone Walker Brewing. Hazy IPA has been a challenge for larger breweries due to the style's notorious lack of shelf stability (based on the unusually high amounts of hops, which degrade quickly). Creating a hazy IPA with national reach was a lengthy process for Firestone Walker, but it's a quality beer with an interesting twist: The brewery calls Mind Haze an IPA, but only sort of considers it an IPA. In reality, it's a deft hybrid.

**What Firestone Walker brewmaster Matt Brynildson says:**

"We opened our satellite brewery in Venice Beach a couple years ago and designed the system to be good for research and development. We're surrounded down there by all these breweries — like Highland Park and Monkish — who are crushing it with hazy IPAs. People walk up to our bar there and say, 'What do you have that's hazy?' If the bartender says, 'We don't make

those beers,' they turn around and walk away.

"We made our first hazy IPA there in 2017. I was skeptical at first about the style. It seemed like this Instagram-friendly style — because visually it sets itself apart from everything else — but I had a hard time with it because I was tasting some really poorly made beer: very vegetal or a lot of yeast. But I learned to embrace it, thanks to Evan Price, the owner and brewmaster at Green Cheek Brewing (in Orange, Calif.). He's a close friend and confidant, and when he opened the brewery, he came out of the gate with hazies. He had been anti-hazy, and I was giving him crap about it. But he said, 'I'm starting a new business, and if I'm going to do this, I need to get fully behind those beers.' I started tasting them, and I really began to get it.

"When it came to new beer in 2019, the most impactful thing we could do was follow the haze craze and see if we could help lead the charge in producing a sessionable hazy that's legit and has shelf stability. I love the challenge of keeping up with the fan base and keeping current, because we know what happens if you don't — a bunch of breweries are struggling right now because their innovation paths didn't follow the trends. We wanted to put our own fingerprint on the style and not be too influenced by what's already in the market.

"There's obviously a lot of visual effect with hazy IPA, but also creamy



JEMMA WILSON PHOTO

"We wanted to put our own fingerprint on the style," brewmaster Matt Brynildson says of Firestone Walker's hazy IPA.



ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Creating a hazy IPA with national reach was a lengthy process for Firestone Walker. Mind Haze is closer to weizenbock, a hearty German wheat ale, than an IPA.

mouthfeel and a tropical hop character; I call it integrated hop character, as opposed to a classic West Coast IPA, which in my mind is a canvas to express hops. Hazy IPAs smell like

the raw hops, but they really remind me more than anything of weizenbock (a hearty German wheat ale) — with an interesting hop aroma. Weizenbock pours hazy, and the

yeast produces these notes of tropical banana, but mixed with slightly higher alcohol content, it comes across less as banana and more as tropical-fruity. German brewers have been doing this for a long time.

"With this beer, we moved away from classic piney-grapefruit hops and went for more tropical and soft fruit character — pineapple, mango, peach. Our beer has a hop-dominated aroma, but in the back of my mind, the softness and ester profile was what I wanted to create. A lot of brewers will tell you a big part of style is leaving some yeast behind, but we take all the yeast out. We wanted to clean the beer up a little bit. If it's a Firestone beer, it has to have high drinkability."

"The hopping schedule is similar to a lot of hazy IPAs; we only add hops late in the process, and the vast majority is dry hopping.

The difference is that ours is 40 percent wheat and

oats — it's closer to that German wheat beer than an IPA for sure. We're comfortable making a hoppy beer and confident in our use of hops, but this was an interesting road — a higher degree of difficulty than the typical IPA, no doubt. There was some weight on my shoulder about how I would be judged. We're a big brewery jumping into the little brewery's world. I went to Colorado in the second week of January and went straight to Weldwerks, which is one of the most famous hazy brewers right now. I brought a can of Mind Haze, and their brewer was like, 'Nice work — you did it.' I was like, 'I feel a lot better right now.'"

**Alcohol:** 6.2 percent

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5 \$5  
for

Fresh Thyme  
Frozen Vegetables  
Select Varieties,  
Corn, Green Beans,  
Peas, or Mixed, 10 oz.

5 \$5  
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Fresh Roasted  
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Assorted  
Varieties

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lb

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Coffee

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# 10/\$10 SALE!

Mix or Match Any Items on this Page  
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**Campbell's Condensed Soup Sale**  
10.5 - 11.1 Oz.  
Campbell's Spaghettios with Meat  
15.6 Oz.

Betty Crocker Helpers  
4.7 - 12.2 Oz.

•Rice A Roni •Pasta Roni  
4.6 - 7.2 Oz.

Hunt's Pasta Sauce  
24 Oz.

Hunt's Manwich Sauce  
15 - 16 Oz.

Hunt's Tomatoes  
14.5 - 15 Oz.

Chef Boyardee Pasta Meals  
7.5 - 15 Oz.

Rotel  
10 Oz.

Prince Pasta Selected Varieties  
12 - 16 Oz.

Bush's Chili Beans  
15.5 - 16 Oz.

McCormick Grill Mates Marinade  
.71 - 2.83 Oz.

Kraft Macaroni & Cheese  
5.5 - 7.25 Oz.

Act II Popcorn  
3 Pk.

Crunch'n Munch  
3.5 Oz.

Slim Jim Meat Stick  
.97 Oz.

Nestle Pure Life Water  
6 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls.

Nabisco Single Serve Go Cups  
2.25 - 3.5 Oz.

Oberweis Chocolate Milk  
12 Oz.

Blue Bonnet Margarine  
1 Lb. Qtrs.

Dutch Farms English Muffins  
6 Pk.

Dean's DairyPure Sour Cream  
8 Oz.

Dutch Farms Bagels  
14 Oz.

Dannon Greek Yogurt  
•Oikos Light & Fit Selected Varieties 5.3 Oz.

Perrier Imported Sparkling Water  
25 Oz.

Propel Flavored Water  
24 Oz.

Kleenex Facial Tissue  
50 - 70 Ct.

Hunt's Snack Pack Pudding  
4 Pk.

Pillsbury Cinnamon Rolls 7.3 Oz. •Crescent Rolls 4 Oz.

•Grands! Biscuits 10.2 Oz. •Flaky Biscuits 12 Oz.

Dean's DairyPure Cottage Cheese Mix-ins  
5.3 Oz.

Dairy Pure Mix-ins Cottage Cheese  
16 Oz.

Mix or  
Match

FLIP THE FLAP  
for more 10/\$10 items

# 10/\$10 SALE!

Mix or Match Any Items  
on this Page or Front Page



Dutch Farms  
**Dips**  
•French Onion •Ranch  
16 Oz.



Birdseye Polybag Regular  
**Vegetables**  
•Regular •Rice •Steamfresh  
Selected Varieties 10 - 16 Oz.



Banquet  
**•Basic Meals**  
4.85 - 7 Oz.



**Fruit or Meat Pot Pies**  
7 Oz.



Best Choice  
**Waffles**  
12.3 Oz.



Banquet  
Waffles  
Apple Pie



Bob Evans  
**Breakfast Sandwiches**  
3.65 - 4.5 Oz.



Michelina's  
**Entrees**  
4.5 - 8.5 Oz.



Dutch Farms  
**Sandwiches**  
4.9 - 5.5 Oz.



Bob Evans  
**BURRITO**  
STEAK & CHEESE



Armour  
**LunchMakers**  
Assorted Varieties 2.4 - 2.9 Oz.



Premium Hass  
**Avocados**  
Super Jumbo

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Additional Savings with Walt's Digital App

Limit 1 of Each Coupon Per Customer. Must Use Walt's App to Redeem.

Maxwell House  
Wake Up Roast  
**Coffee**  
30.65 Oz.

**\$5.99**

-50¢ Digital Reward Coupon  
When You Buy 1



Purina One  
**Dog Food**  
15 - 16.5 Lb.

**\$21.99**

-\$2 Digital Reward Coupon  
When You Buy 1

Jif  
**Peanut Butter**  
28 Oz.

**\$3.49**

-50¢ Digital Reward Coupon  
When You Buy 1



Purina  
**Dog Chow**  
46 Lb.

**\$21.99**

-\$2 Digital Reward Coupon  
When You Buy 1

Purina  
**Dog Chow**  
16 - 20 Lb.

**\$12.99**

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When You Buy 1



Purina One  
**Cat Food**  
3.5 Lb.

**\$7.99**

-\$1 Digital Reward Coupon  
When You Buy 1

Purina  
Beggin' Strips  
**Dog Treats**  
6 Oz.

**2/\$6**

-\$1 Digital Reward Coupon  
When You Buy 2



Purina One  
**Canned Dog Food**  
13 Oz.

**4/\$5**

-\$1 Digital Reward Coupon  
When You Buy 4

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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13th THRU  
TUESDAY, FEB. 19th, 2019

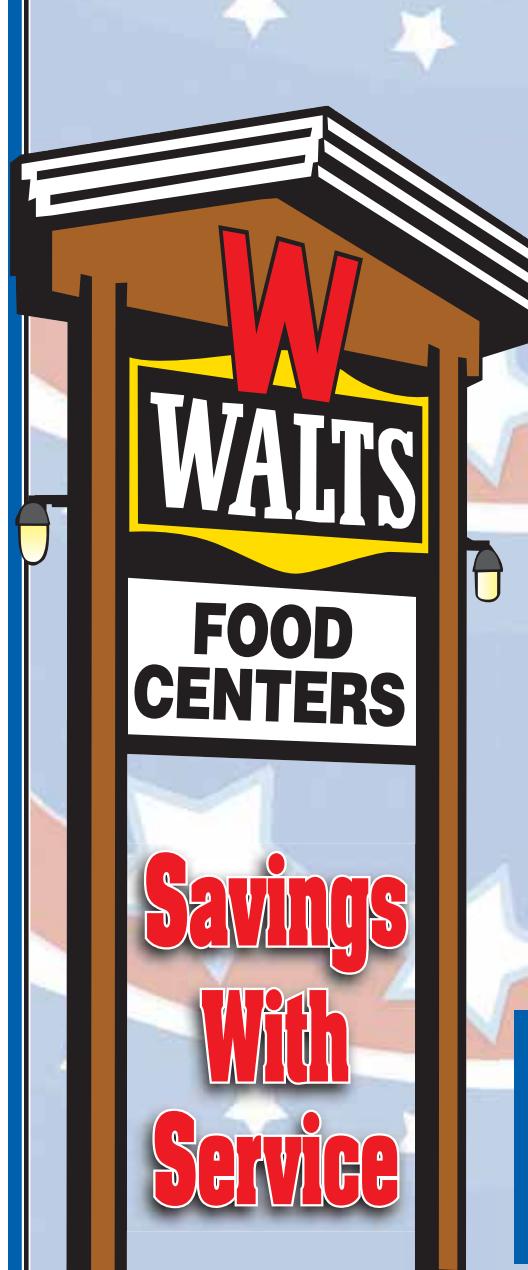
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**Yogurt**  
•Original •Light •Whips  
Selected Varieties  
4 - 6 Oz.  
**10/\$5**



When You Buy 3  
General Mills  
**Cereals**

- Honey Nut Cheerios 10.8 Oz.
- Cheerios 8.9 Oz.
- Cinnamon Toast Crunch 12 Oz.
- Chocolate Cheerios 11.25 Oz.
- Golden Grahams 11.7 Oz.
- Reese's Puffs 11.5 Oz.

**3/\$5**  
Must Buy 3



When You Buy 4  
Nabisco

- Oreo Cookies
- Snack Crackers
- Ritz Crackers  
3.5 - 15.3 Oz.

**\$1.99**  
Must Buy 4. Single Item Price \$2.49 Ea.



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Limit 1

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Best Choice  
**Macaroni & Cheese**  
7.25 Oz.

# DAIRY

<b>Yoplait Yogurt</b> Original • Light • Whips Selected Varieties 4 - 6 Oz. <b>10/\$5</b>	<b>Kraft Cheese</b> Shredded • Chunks • Crumbles Selected Varieties 5 - 8 Oz. Regular American Singles 12 Oz. <b>2/\$4</b>	<b>Flavored Creamer</b> Dunkin' Donuts • International Delight Bailey's 32 Oz. <b>\$2.99</b>	<b>Tropicana Pure Premium Orange Juice</b> 52 Oz. <b>\$2.99</b>				
<b>Pillsbury Cookies</b> 16 - 16.5 Oz. <b>2/\$5</b>	<b>Smart Balance Soft Spread</b> Selected Varieties 13 - 15 Oz. <b>\$2.49</b>	<b>Dutch Farms Regular Butter</b> 8 Oz. 2 Sticks <b>\$1.99</b>	<b>Dutch Farms Real Eggs</b> 16 Oz. <b>2/\$4</b>	<b>Dutch Farms Cage Free Hard Cooked Eggs</b> 6 Pk. <b>\$2.79</b>	<b>Dean's DairyPure Half &amp; Half</b> Quart <b>\$2.79</b>	<b>Dean's DairyPure Sour Cream</b> 16 Oz. <b>\$1.88</b>	<b>Dutch Farms Cottage Cheese</b> 16 Oz. <b>\$1.88</b>
<b>Dutch Farms Cracker Cheese Cuts</b> 10 Oz. <b>2/\$6</b>	<b>Dutch Farms Cheese Wedges</b> 4 Oz. <b>2/\$3</b>	<b>Dutch Farms Cheese</b> Regular or Fancy Shredded Selected Varieties 6 - 8 Oz. Bars Selected Varieties 8 Oz. <b>3/\$6</b>	<b>Dutch Farms Cheese</b> Regular American Singles 12 Oz. Natural Slices Selected Varieties 6 Oz. <b>3/\$6</b>	<b>Dutch Farms Gelatin Ring</b> 19.5 - 22 Oz. <b>3/\$5</b>	<b>Jell-O Pudding • Gelatin</b> 4 Pk. <b>\$1.99</b>	<b>Kraft Philadelphia Soft Cream Cheese</b> 7.5 - 8 Oz. Tub <b>\$2.99</b>	
<b>Sargento Balanced Breaks</b> Selected Varieties 1.5 - 4.5 Oz. <b>2/\$6</b>	<b>Kraft Natural Cheese Slices</b> Selected Varieties 7 - 8 Oz. <b>2/\$5</b>	<b>Kraft String Cheese</b> 9 - 12 Oz. <b>\$2.99</b>	<b>Kraft Velveeta Cheese</b> 2 Lb. Loaf <b>\$7.49</b>	<b>Yoplait Go-Gurt Chocolate Milk</b> 16 Oz. <b>2/\$4</b>	<b>TruMoo Chocolate Milk</b> Gallon <b>\$3.99</b>	<b>Sunny D</b> Gallon <b>\$2.99</b>	
<b>Oberweis Juice</b> •Fruit Punch •Lemonade •Tea 1/2 Gallon <b>2/\$4</b>	<b>Oberweis Milk</b> Whole • 2% Reduced Fat • Skim Fat Free 1/2 Gallon <b>2/\$6</b>	<b>Reddi Wip Whipped Topping</b> Selected Varieties 6.5 Oz. Can <b>\$2.79</b>	<b>Yoplait Go-Gurt</b> 16 Oz. <b>2/\$4</b>	<b>Yoplait Go-Gurt</b> 16 Oz. <b>2/\$4</b>	<b>Yoplait Go-Gurt</b> 16 Oz. <b>2/\$4</b>	<b>Kraft Philadelphia Soft Cream Cheese</b> 7.5 - 8 Oz. Tub <b>\$2.99</b>	

<b>Hudsonville Premium Ice Cream</b> 48 Oz. <b>2/\$6</b>	<b>Flav-R-Pac Polybag Classic Regular Vegetables</b> 12 Oz. <b>99¢</b>	<b>Lean Cuisine Boxed Entrees</b> Selected Varieties 6 - 10.88 Oz. <b>4/\$10</b>	<b>Gino's East Thin Crust Pizza</b> 12 Inch <b>4/\$10</b>
<b>Pillsbury Toaster Strudel • Toaster Scrambles</b> 7.2 - 11.7 Oz. <b>2/\$4</b>	<b>Mr. Dee's Shredded Hash Browns</b> 24 Oz. <b>2/\$5</b>	<b>Oberweis Ice Cream</b> 16 Oz. <b>3/\$10</b>	<b>North Star Sundae Cups</b> 6 Pk. <b>2/\$4</b>
<b>Sara Lee Coffee Cake</b> 11.5 Oz. <b>\$3.99</b>	<b>DeWafelbakkers Pancakes</b> 18 - 60 Ct. <b>\$2.99</b>	<b>Ore Ida Potatoes • Onion Rings</b> Selected Varieties 14 - 32 Oz. <b>2/\$5</b>	<b>Reames Egg Noodles</b> 12 Oz. <b>2/\$4</b>
<b>Banquet Mega</b> •Bowls • Meals • Pot Pies Selected Varieties 12 - 16.95 Oz. <b>2/\$5</b>	<b>Marie Callender's •Cream Pie •Pot Pie</b> Selected Varieties 6 - 10 Oz. <b>2/\$4</b>	<b>Kid Cuisine Dinners</b> 7.45 - 10.6 Oz. <b>2/\$4</b>	<b>Kraft Frozen Macaroni &amp; Cheese Meals</b> 8.5 Oz. <b>\$2.99</b>
<b>Connie's Pizza</b> 20.36 - 25.49 Oz. <b>2/\$10</b>	<b>P.F. Chang's or Bertolli Frozen Entrees</b> Selected Varieties 22 - 24 Oz. <b>\$5.99</b>	<b>T.G.I. Friday's Appetizers</b> Selected Varieties 7.6 - 11 Oz. <b>\$2.99</b>	<b>Tyson Chicken</b> Nuggets • Patties • Fenders 11.5 - 13.25 Oz. <b>\$3.29</b>
<b>Totino's Pizza Rolls</b> 44.5 Oz. <b>\$5.99</b>	<b>Ore Ida Bagel Bites</b> 7 Oz. <b>2/\$4</b>	<b>Home Run Inn Pizza</b> 12 Inch <b>\$5.99</b>	

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• Wonder Classic White Bread  
• Home Pride Wheat Bread  
20 Oz.

**4/\$5**

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- Honey Nut Cheerios 10.8 Oz.
- Cheerios 8.9 Oz.
- Cinnamon Toast Crunch 12 Oz.
- Chocolate Cheerios 11.25 Oz.
- Golden Grahams 11.7 Oz.
- Reese's Puffs 11.5 Oz.

**3/\$5**

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Old Orchard Apple Juice  
64 Oz.

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24 Pk. 5 Ltr. Btls.

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- Liquid 92 - 100 Oz.
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6 Pk. Big Rolls

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30 Oz.

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128 Oz.

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14.5 - 15 Oz.

**79¢**

Keebler Chips Deluxe Cookies  
Regular • Rainbow

14.5 - 15.8 Oz.

**2/\$4**

Folgers Classic Roast Coffee  
11.3 Oz.

**\$2.99**

Best Choice Powdered Creamer  
35.3 Oz.

**\$3.99**

Doritos Tortilla Chips  
9.25 - 10.5 Oz.

Ruffles Potato Chips  
8.5 - 9 Oz.

**2/\$5**

Jays Okedoche Popcorn  
7.5 Oz.

**2/\$5**

Thomas English Muffins  
12 - 13 Oz.

**2/\$5**

Sara Lee Wheat Bread  
100% Whole Honey Wheat  
20 Oz.

**2/\$5**

V8 Splash  
64 Oz.

**2/\$4**

Lipton Tea  
128 Oz.

**2/\$5**

Regular, Diet  
• Pepsi • Mtn. Dew  
• Crush • 7Up  
• Dr. Pepper  
• A&W • RC  
• Sunkist  
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans or  
8 Pk. 12 Oz. NR Btls.

**3/\$11**

Regular, Diet  
• Pepsi • Mtn. Dew  
• Crush • 7Up  
• Dr. Pepper  
• A&W • RC  
• Sunkist  
2 Ltr.

**4/\$5**

Regular, Diet  
• Coke • Coke Zero Sugar  
• Sprite  
6 Pk. 5 Ltr. Btls. or  
6 Pk. 7.5 Oz. Cans

**4/\$10**

Regular, Diet  
• Coke • Coke Zero Sugar  
• Sprite  
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans or  
8 Pk. 12 Oz. NR Btls.

**3/\$13**

Nestle Pure Life Water  
24 Pk. 8 Oz. Btls.

**\$2.99**

Snapple Tea  
6 Pk. 16 Oz. Btls.

Smartwater  
6 Pk. 16.9 Oz. Btls.

Dasani Water  
24 Pk. 5 Ltr. Btls.

**\$4.99**

Red Gold  
• Ketchup 32 Oz.  
• Salsa 16 Oz. ....

**2/\$3**

Kraft  
• Velveeta Shells & Cheese  
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3 Pk.

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Cascade Dishwasher Action Pacs  
11 - 20 Ct.

**\$4.49**

French's  
• Deli Squeeze Mustard 12 Oz.  
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Tabasco Hot Pepper Sauce.....  
2 Oz.

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80 Ct.

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1 - 1.25 Oz. ....

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Aunt Jemima Corn Meal.....  
5 Lb.

**\$1.99**

Downy Unstopables.....  
10 Oz.

**\$5.99**

Carroll Shelby Chili Kit  
3.65 Oz. ....

**\$2.29**

Quaker Oats.....  
18 Oz.

**2/\$5**

Friskies Party Mix Cat Treats.....  
2.1 Oz.

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## DELI-HUT

Walt's Own Fresh Baked  
• Vienna Bread  
1 Lb. Loaf

**\$1.99**

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• Plain • Powdered Sugared  
• Granulated Sugared  
• Cinnamon Sugared  
18 Pk. Pre-Packaged

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Walt's Signature Premium Brown Sugar Honey Ham  
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Walt's Own Magnificent Muffin Sale  
Assorted Varieties 4 Pk. Pre-Packaged

**\$4.49**

Walt's Own Homestyle Apple Pie  
8 Inch

**\$4.99**

Kretschmar Black Forest Ham  
\$4.98  
Lb. \$2.49 1/2 Lb.

Scott Pete Liver Sausage  
\$2.99  
Lb.

Walt's Own Fresh Cookie Sale  
12 Pk. Pre-Packaged

**\$2.99**

Walt's Own White or Chocolate Buttercream Iced Half Cake  
8 Inch

**\$5.99**

Walt's Own Fruit Filled Pan Style Coffee Cake  
1/2 Ring

**\$4.49**

Walt's Deli Hut Country Fried or Seasoned Grilled 10 Pc. Mixed Chicken  
2 Breasts, 2 Wings, 3 Thighs, 3 Drumsticks

**\$7.99**

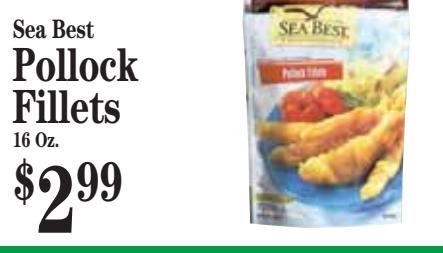
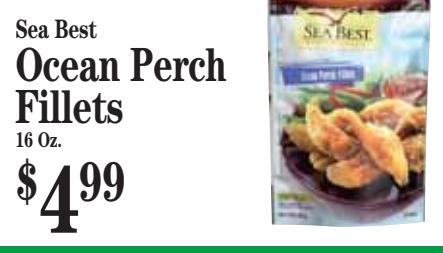
Garden Fresh Pre-Packaged Salads  
• Potato • Macaroni • Cole Slaw  
16 Oz.

**\$1.99**

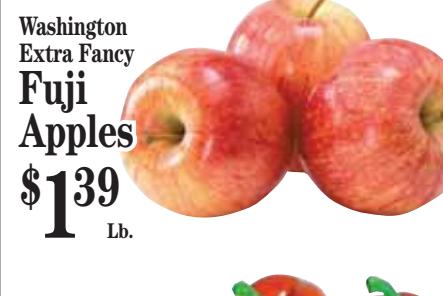
King's Command Homestyle Beef Meatloaf  
18 Oz.

**\$7.99**

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