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BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration has told a federal appeals court it wants the entire Affordable Care Act struck down, an outcome that could leave millions uninsured and reignite a winning political issue for Democrats.

The administration, in a filing Monday with the court in New Orleans, said it agrees that former President Barack Obama's health care law should be declared unconstitutional after Congress repealed one part of it — unpopular fines on people who remain uninsured.

That position is at odds with previous statements by leading congressional Republicans who said they did not intend to repeal other parts of the law when they cut out its fines, effective this year. It's also a departure from the administration's earlier stance in a lower court, where it had argued that only federal protections for people with pre-existing medical conditions and limits on premiums charged to older, sicker people should be struck down.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said the turnabout shows that Republicans "say one thing and they do another." Democrats have been casting about for a message after special counsel Robert Mueller reportedly found no conspiracy between candidate Donald Trump and the Russian government to sway the 2016 election.

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"Empire" actor Jussie Smollett walks out to speak to the media Tuesday after all charges were dropped at the Leighton Criminal Court Building.

In stunning twist

Emanuel, police chief condemn decision by Cook County prosecutors to drop all the charges against 'Empire' actor

BY MEGAN CREPEAU, MADELINE BUCKLEY AND JASON MEISNER
Chicago Tribune

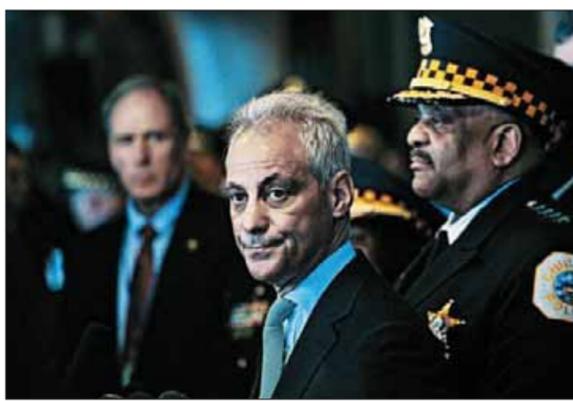
For two months, the story of what happened to "Empire" actor Jussie Smollett on a frigid January night in downtown Chicago has transfixed the nation with its many plot twists.

On Tuesday, the script was flipped yet again — and in many ways it only added to the mystery.

In a stunning reversal, Cook County prosecutors abruptly dropped all charges in an indictment accusing Smollett of staging the Jan. 29 attack in Streeterville and falsely claiming he was the victim of a hate crime.

In exchange, prosecutors said, Smollett agreed to forfeit the \$10,000 he'd posted for his bond and perform community service. The purported deal appeared to be hastily arranged — Smollett only completed the community service Monday — and apparently was not put in writing.

While prosecutors claimed to have overwhelming evidence, the deal did not require Smollett to admit he did anything wrong. What's more,



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Mayor Rahm Emanuel and police Superintendent Eddie Johnson blast the decision to drop all charges against actor Jussie Smollett.

Smollett's lawyers have vehemently disputed there was an agreement at all, and now the entire court file has been sealed at the defense's request.

The unanswered questions surrounding the development left many wondering what might have happened behind the scenes. It also appeared to have caught Chicago police brass by surprise and brought swift condemnation from Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who called it

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Deepening the distrust

Relationship between police and prosecutors is being tested by dropping of the Smollett charges. "This sends an unambiguous message that there is no accountability," Emanuel said. **Page 6**

John Kass: Kim Foxx cleans Jussie Smollett up, the Chicago Way. **Page 2**

Mayoral hopefuls weigh in on move in Smollett case

BY GREGORY PRATT AND JUAN PEREZ JR.
Chicago Tribune

While Chicago's current mayor, Rahm Emanuel, had fiery criticism for Cook County prosecutors' unexpected decision Tuesday to drop charges against "Empire" actor Jussie Smollett, the two candidates looking to succeed him had more measured reactions.

Lori Lightfoot, a former federal prosecutor, said the public deserved more answers from Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx's office about its decision to drop all criminal charges against Smollett. Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle offered no personal opinion about the latest development in a polarizing case that has drawn national attention and instead deferred to the prosecutor's office for further explanation.

"I think the public has to have answers as to why these charges

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BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Mayoral candidate Toni Preckwinkle declined an interview and instead issued a statement.

Politically connected still got county jobs under Preckwinkle's leadership

Tribune examined payroll records to track hires

BY HAL DARDICK, RAY LONG AND GREGORY PRATT
Chicago Tribune

Mayoral candidate Toni Preckwinkle vowed to get rid of patronage when she took over a Cook County government that for decades had been decried as a bloated job haven for the politically connected.

"We're going to clean up county government by ending

patronage and doing everything in our power to root out the waste and fraud that's cost taxpayers millions of dollars," Preckwinkle said during her county speech after being elected County Board president in November 2010.

Over the last eight years, she's reduced the size of the county workforce by 12 percent and convinced a federal judge that anti-patronage hiring oversight was no longer needed. But she's

still found ways to hire and promote political workers, relatives of fellow politicians and former government officials tossed out by the voters, a Tribune examination of county payroll records showed.

They include a son of a judge who is also the nephew of a former City Council zoning czar, two former aldermen who served with Preckwinkle, a former county commissioner who lost a

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ZBIGNIEW BZDAK/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The office of Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx dropped all charges that actor Jussie Smollett staged a fake attack.



JOHN KASS

Foxx cleans Smollett up, the Chicago Way

In some cities, people might be shocked if the mayor called out the prosecutor for running a crooked system that allowed a Hollywood star like the smarmy Jussie Smollett to walk away from charges he created a fake hate crime.

But this is Chicago, and is there anything, really, that surprises Chicago anymore?

No. Thanks to the office of Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx, Smollett gets to walk away from 16 felony counts of a grand jury indictment. Her office dropped all charges.

Smollett blamed the alleged attack on mythical Trump supporters. According to his story, he apparently fought them off with a tuna fish sandwich in one hand and his cellphone in the other, just like real Hollywood tough guy Jason Momoa.

Or not. But there's more to it. There's always more to it.

Kim Foxx's office didn't merely drop all the charges against Smollett, not long after Foxx began playing "Obama Celebrity Friends" with former first lady Michelle Obama's onetime chief of staff.

Foxx's office dropped the charges, yes. But also as part of the deal, her office wiped him clean. His record was expunged.

The stain of the 16 counts in the indictment was scrubbed right off him.

You might say Foxx bathed him in the waters of the Chicago Way, cleansed him, and made a new man out of him.

And now he's smirking at the city, the mayor, the cops, everyone. Can't wait until he files that multimillion-dollar lawsuit.

"Foxx expunged it all," said a top Chicago police official. "The media's really not focusing on that. What does it mean? It means you'll never see the (police) interviews or read the notes.

"The case has been expunged. I can't even tell you if Jussie Smollett was ever arrested or charged," the official said. "Charged with what? Faking hate crimes? Indictments, what

indictments? She wiped him clean."

Foxx isn't saying much. She hasn't said much at all since it was learned that she'd been contacted about Smollett by lawyer Tina Tchen, Michelle Obama's former chief of staff.

Tchen reportedly wanted Foxx's help to lobby the Chicago Police Department and police Superintendent Eddie Johnson. It didn't work.

Foxx was out over her skin on that one, completely out of her depth. She was compromised and was compelled to recuse herself in the case.

Now that Robert Mueller is free, I wonder if he could subpoena Foxx to ask if Michelle and Barack like to watch "Empire," the TV show that made Smollett famous.

Toni Preckwinkle, Foxx's political patron and candidate for mayor of Chicago, doesn't have much to say either. Too bad.

Because Preckwinkle did more than merely help Foxx get elected. Preckwinkle is not only the president of the Cook County Board. She's chairman of the Cook County Democratic Party.

But to be a true boss, Toni needed the prosecutor's office for real leverage. And Kim Foxx was made.

"I'm not a lawyer and I'm not the state's attorney," Preckwinkle said Tuesday when asked about Foxx's decision at a mayoral debate. "I think it's really important that the state's attorney be allowed to provide a fuller explanation as time goes on."

As time goes on? Really? What about now, Toni?

You elected her. She's your political creation. She's not your hand, but she is your muscle. And time's running out for talking, Toni.

After Foxx had to recuse herself from the case for playing Obama Celebrity Friends, Joseph Magats, the first assistant state's attorney, took over.

"The fact that (Smollett) feels we have exonerated him, we have not," Magats told the Tribune. "I can't make it any clearer."

You can't make it any clearer? Well, I can't make this any clearer. Smollett is a star. Your boss

jammed herself up some way we don't know about. But she jammed herself. And so, you cut him a deal.

You expunged him. You let him work off "community service" with a couple of days doing odd jobs at the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition. I hoped he sold a few Jesse Jackson action figures. But then Rainbow/PUSH said it had no idea his volunteer work had anything to do with the criminal case.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel didn't waste time. He put the rhetorical boots to Foxx, and later, his buddy David Axelrod twisted the knife in there too, just as Axelrod twisted the knife in Foxx's predecessor, Anita Alvarez, when Alvarez was the fall guy for the Laquan McDonald fiasco.

"This is without a doubt a whitewash of justice," Emanuel said.

Rahm Emanuel is precise with his word weapons. Even when angry, he pauses and considers the meaning and context of each thrust, unlike his predecessor, who babbled and blurted.

Emanuel used "whitewash" about half a dozen times at his news conference. It was no accident.

"And it sends a clear message that if you're in a position of influence and power you'll get treated one way. Other people will be treated another way," Emanuel said. "There is no accountability in the system. It is wrong. Full stop."

It was a clear political indictment of a fellow Democrat who climbed up the ladder of identity politics.

He was asked: What about the politics of all this?

"To the state's attorney," he said, "the question about whether it was politically motivated or not is something you have to ask them, because only they can answer their motivation."

And only under oath.

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Emanuel-aligned PAC helping aldermanic allies

BY JOHN BYRNE, BILL RUTHHART
Chicago Tribune

A political action committee aligned with Mayor Rahm Emanuel is spending money in the closing days of the city election campaign to buy ads supporting aldermanic candidates close to the mayor and opposing those who are running against his allies.

Chicago Forward PAC bought television and digital ads worth about \$50,000, according to Illinois campaign finance reports filed Monday. As of this week, the group is chaired by Michael Forde, who was Emanuel's attorney in his 2011 residency fight to get on the mayoral ballot and who Emanuel

subsequently appointed to a position on the board of the Illinois International Port District.

Among the purchases Chicago Forward made with AKPD Message and Media were \$12,202 for television ads and \$3,400 for digital ads opposing Matt Martin, who's running against former Emanuel administration official Michael Negron in the aldermanic runoff in the 47th Ward, where the mayor lives.

Chicago Forward also bought \$9,711 worth of TV ads and \$3,655 of digital ads opposing Andre Vasquez, who's running against Emanuel City Council floor leader Ald. Patrick O'Connor in the North Side 40th Ward, according to state

campaign finance records.

The political action committee also paid the agency a total of \$11,225 for TV and digital ads supporting Ald. Roderick Sawyer, who's in a runoff against accountant Deborah Foster-Bonner in the South Side 6th Ward. Emanuel gave Sawyer's reelection fund a \$20,000 check last fall, but Sawyer distributed the money to community groups in and around Chatham because he thought the optics of being so closely associated with Emanuel were politically problematic.

AKPD also got \$8,950 from Chicago Forward for digital ads supporting Samantha Nugent in the Northwest Side 39th Ward. Nugent is running against Democratic Ward Commit-

teeman Robert Murphy for the seat vacated by Emanuel ally Ald. Margaret Laurino.

Chicago Forward is an Emanuel-aligned super PAC that spent heavily against the mayor's opponent four years ago, then Cook County Commissioner Jesus "Chuy" Garcia. The group, run then by former Emanuel aide Becky Carroll, raised \$5.4 million from many of Emanuel's most loyal donors.

That included \$1.9 million tied to the mayor's close friend and confidant Michael Sacks, the CEO of investment firm GCM Grosvenor.

On Monday, Chicago Forward filed an amendment to its statement of organization, naming Forde chair-

man and treasurer.

In addition to defending Emanuel in the residency fight, Forde also helped Emanuel determine which of his personal emails pertaining to government business should be released publicly in response to open records lawsuits from the Chicago Tribune and the Better Government Association.

Chicago Forward on Monday received \$59,000 from Progress Chicago, a nonprofit that aired ads in 2018 touting improvements at Chicago Public Schools under Emanuel's leadership. Progress Chicago was funded by Sacks and three unions allied with the mayor, and aired the ads featuring CPS CEO Janice Jackson at a time Emanuel

seemed to be gearing up to run for a third term.

The latest spending on aldermanic races comes after Emanuel's campaign fund has contributed heavily to the re-election efforts of Emanuel allies.

Since Emanuel announced in early September that he wouldn't seek another term, his campaign fund, Chicago for Rahm Emanuel, has made at least \$620,000 in campaign contributions to 28 sitting aldermen, according to state campaign finance records. Eighteen of them won new terms outright in February. Another eight are in runoffs, and two lost outright in the February elections.

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Man killed at casino hotel stabbed 26 times; Chicago man charged

BY ALICIA FABBRE
Chicago Tribune

A Chicago man was ordered held on \$5 million bail Tuesday, charged with murder in the death of a Wisconsin man who prosecutors said was stabbed 26 times at the Harrah's casino hotel in Joliet.

Will County Assistant State's Attorney Chelsea Selvey said Robert Watson robbed Emanuel M. Burgrino, 76, at the hotel Sunday night before stabbing him and fleeing. In addition to murder charges, Watson, 25, faces one count each of armed robbery and robbery.

Selvey said Watson, who appeared in bond court Tuesday via video from the Will County jail, had been lingering in the hotel much of the day on Sunday. Selvey said Watson, who was not a guest of the hotel, attacked Burgrino as he returned to his fifth-floor hotel room about 10 p.m. Burgrino, who was at the hotel with his girlfriend,

was found in the hotel hallway stabbed numerous times in the chest and neck.

An eyewitness told authorities that Watson rode the elevator up to the fifth floor with him. The witness, who was a guest of the hotel and used his key card to access the elevator, told authorities that Watson asked to hold the elevator as the man got on.

The witness told authorities he noticed Watson did not swipe a key card on the elevator and that Watson got off on the fifth floor with him, Selvey said. The witness became concerned and decided to circle back to the elevator and return to the lobby, Selvey said.

When the witness returned to the fifth floor he did not see Watson but heard noises in the hallway a short time after returning to his room. When the man exited his room, he saw Watson on top of Burgrino, Selvey said. The witness yelled for Watson to get off the victim and Watson fled down the hallway to the

stairs, Selvey said.

Watson was found by Joliet police on Monday at the Joliet Public Library. Selvey told Will County Judge Chrystel Gavlin that Watson was wearing similar clothing to what he was seen in on Sunday via surveillance video from the hotel. Police also recovered a backpack, matching one Watson was seen carrying in surveillance videos. It contained money and other bloodied items, Selvey said.

Prosecutors did not say how much money was taken during the robbery.

A woman who identified herself in court as Watson's mother broke down in tears during the proceeding.

Selvey said Watson is a graduate of Bolingbrook High School. He has a criminal history involving charges in Illinois, Arizona, Texas and Wisconsin for crimes that include burglary, robbery and aggravated robbery.

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Prosecutors: Convicted offender assaulted college student in Elgin

BY CLIFFORD WARD
Chicago Tribune

A convicted sex offender abducted a college student home for spring break at gunpoint, forced her to withdraw money from a bank and then sexually assaulted her in a casino parking garage, prosecutors alleged in court Monday.

DuPage County Judge George Bakalis denied bond for Justin Dalcollo, 34, who is charged with aggravated criminal sexual assault, kidnapping and armed robbery.

Dalcollo is a former DuPage-area resident with a criminal history that includes a sex assault conviction in Ohio.

He is alleged to have randomly approached the 21-year-old student about 3:30 p.m. Friday in the parking lot of the Bloomingdale Court mall on Army Trail Road. Assistant DuPage County State's Attorney James Scaliatine said in court that Dalcollo

then forced his way into the woman's car at gunpoint. He then allegedly made her drive to her bank, where he took \$300 that she withdrew with a debit card.

Dalcollo and the woman made several other stops in Hanover Park and Bartlett before he directed her to the parking garage of the Grand Victoria Casino in Elgin, authorities said. There, Dalcollo sexually assaulted the woman in the back seat of the car while keeping a pistol pressed into her back, Scaliatine said.

He then ordered her to drive to an Elgin convenience store, where he bought chewing tobacco, and then told her to call a cab for him, which Dalcollo met at the Elgin train station. After he left in the cab, the woman phoned her family and went to a hospital.

Her report touched off a multiagency investigation that resulted in Dalcollo's arrest the following day near a department store on Roosevelt Road south of Chicago's Loop, authorities

said, near where the cab ride ended.

Bloomington Public Safety Director Frank Giannarese said the victim did not suffer serious physical injuries.

"She has been through a horrific situation. We're trying to get her counseling and as much help as is possible," he said. "I'm sure this person has changed her life forever, unfortunately."

In a news conference following the court hearing, State's Attorney Robert Berlin credited law enforcement officers from Bloomingdale, Elgin and Chicago, among others, for what he called "good, old-fashioned police work" that led to the arrest.

Berlin was joined by Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon, whose office will assist in the prosecution since the alleged sex assault happened in Kane County.

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Gov. J.B. Pritzker has made a priority of amending the state constitution to allow a graduated-rate income tax.

Poll shows support for Pritzker's income tax

Proposal hitting top earners more is popular with voters

BY DAN PETRELLA
Chicago Tribune

A new statewide poll shows two-thirds of Illinois voters support Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker's top policy priority, amending the state constitution to allow a graduated-rate income tax.

The poll, from the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, did not ask participants specifically about the governor's proposal. But the poll showed that a system under which higher earners are taxed at higher rates is popular throughout the state among both Democrats and independents.

Only 43 percent of Republican voters are in favor, however, with 55 percent opposing the plan.

The poll of 1,000 voters was conducted March 11-17 for the Simon Institute and had a margin of error of 3.1 percentage points. The sample results skewed to a majority of male voters, and the results were not weighted to reflect the state's racial or ethnic voting population.

Overall, support for a graduated income tax was down slightly from last year's poll, which showed 72 percent of voters favored the idea.

This year's survey began four days after Pritzker laid out his proposal to raise rates on the wealthiest 3 percent of taxpayers while cutting rates for anyone earning \$250,000 a year or less.

The current personal income tax rate is 4.95 percent for all taxpayers, and Pritzker has proposed raising the top rate to 7.95 percent on all income for those earning more than \$1 million annually.

The governor has said his plan would generate \$3.4 billion in annual revenue to help deal with the state's \$3.2 billion budget deficit, \$8 billion backlog of unpaid bills and \$134 billion in unfunded pension liabilities. The vast majority of the new revenue — \$2.7 billion — would come from people earning more than \$1 million annually, according to the governor's office.

Pritzker spokeswoman Jordan Abudayeh would not comment directly on the poll.

Shifting the state from its current flat-rate income tax to a graduated structure would require three-fifths majorities in each chamber of the legislature to vote in favor of putting a proposed constitutional amendment on the November 2020 ballot. The amendment would then have to receive approval from either 60 percent of people voting on that question or a majority of people voting in the election. The rates would be set through separate legislation.

"This campaign is just starting, and those forces in favor and opposed to the plan are gearing up for the referendum on a constitutional amendment that would be required if the General Assembly approves this fairly audacious solution," John Jackson, co-director of the Simon Poll, said in a statement. "Here we have a benchmark of where the public stands at the outset of that contentious campaign."

Lawmakers have yet to take any votes on the issue, and legislation is still being drafted. But the campaign has already begun.

Think Big Illinois, a group backed by Pritzker and led by his former deputy campaign manager, launched a 30-second TV ad last week supporting the governor's plan. Meanwhile, a pro-business group led by the former head of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association is running digital ads labeling the plan a "jobs tax." Opponents also have argued a graduated tax would push wealthy residents and business to leave Illinois.

GOP lawmakers have been unified in their opposition, although Democrats have enough votes in the Illinois House and Senate to approve a proposed amendment without their support. A group of Republican state senators on Tuesday introduced a proposed constitutional amendment that would require two-thirds majorities in each chamber to approve any tax increase.

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Chicago mayoral candidate Lori Lightfoot with her wife, Amy Eshleman, march during the 49th annual Pride Parade.

Mayoral vote could make LGBTQ history

If Lightfoot is elected, city will become largest in U.S. with openly gay mayor

BY GREGORY PRATT
Chicago Tribune

Marching hand in hand down Halsted Street with her wife, Amy Eshleman, mayoral candidate Lori Lightfoot met people from all across the country during last summer's Chicago Pride Parade.

Half of the crowd seemed to be from outside Chicago, Lightfoot recalls. She particularly remembers bumping into a well-coifed lesbian couple from Oklahoma.

"I thought, here are these people coming to Chicago to live their authentic life and be in a place that's safe and welcoming," Lightfoot said. "Chicago plays a really important role for people."

For Eshleman, that day walking with her wife is "one of the most profound and emotional and humbling" moments of her life. It showed most Chicagoans are "open and welcoming and diverse and loving and nonjudgmental."

Since Lightfoot and Toni Preckwinkle emerged from the Feb. 26 election as the two finalists in Tuesday's runoff election, Chicago is on the cusp of electing for the first time a black woman as mayor. If Lightfoot is elected, she also would become the city's first openly gay mayor.

"(A win would) send a message to young people that literally anything is possible and it is important you live your authentic life and be yourself even against great forces and odds," Lightfoot said. "I also hope it sends a message to parents that their kids will be fine if they love them and support them and embrace them for who they are."

Chicago has a long history at the forefront of LGBTQ issues, with the city's historically marginalized community making great strides in recent decades.

Tracy Baim, author of "Out and Proud in Chicago: An Overview of the City's Gay Community," noted that Henry Gerber founded the Society for Human Rights in Chicago, which is considered by some to be the first American gay rights group, though it quickly died.

In the '60s, Baim said, "a few dozen brave souls" created the group Mattachine Midwest after previous attempts failed. The organization was "the city's first enduring gay rights organization," running a monthly newsletter on gay community news and advocating for gay people, according to the Chicago LGBT Hall of Fame.

"This is an amazing leap forward in the trajectory of gay rights in Chicago that started decades ago," Baim said.

Businessman Jim Flint moved to Chicago in 1964, after leaving the Navy, and recalls dark days for gay people in Chicago. "Every other night we had a bar raid," Flint said. "We got hauled off to jail."

During the first Pride Parade back in 1969, Flint said, "they didn't want leather people or drag queens."

"We were very, very small, just a small community then," said Flint, who ran unsuccessfully for Cook County commissioner in 1987.

Equality Illinois co-founder Art Johnston came here in 1972, at a time when Chicago didn't have openly gay attorneys, bankers or other professionals "because they'd lose their jobs," he said.

Back in 1983, Johnston said, he called police on an unruly customer at his bar, Sidetrack. A cop arrived and arrested him for being gay, Johnston said. But 33 years later, the same spot where the jail stood is now low-income housing for gay and lesbian seniors.

Today, Johnston said, he has to schedule candidates who want to use Sidetrack for events so they don't run into one another.

When asked what it would mean to have an LGBTQ mayor, he said, "I feel the Earth moving under my feet."

The AIDS crisis in the 1980s helped spur LGBTQ political awareness, said state Rep. Greg Harris, who has not endorsed in the race and is Illinois' first openly gay House majority leader.

The federal government essentially said, "We don't care about you," Harris said.

"HIV propelled our community to look at each other and organize and demand government treat us fairly, that there be health care available to people who were getting this disease and rapidly dying," Harris said.

Over the years, activism and community-building has given way to electoral success for Chicago's LGBTQ residents.

Thomas Chiola was elected to a Cook County Circuit Court judgeship in 1994, becoming the county's first openly gay elected official.

Other firsts have followed, including Ald. Tom Tunney, 40th, winning a seat on the City Council in 2003 and Kevin Morrison's election to the Cook County board last fall.

Tunney noted there are now five LGBTQ aldermen on the City Council from different parts of the city, including Latino aldermen Carlos Ramirez-Rosa and Raymond Lopez, who represents a black and Latino ward on the Southwest Side.

"I think what's happened is the public has kind of got over the fact that one's orientation is not a deciding factor in how they can represent either their ward or their city," Tunney said.

Former Houston Mayor Annise Parker, who is openly gay, said Lightfoot's possible victory is another moment in a "steady march to more complete integration of the LGBTQ community into every aspect of American society."

Houston, the nation's fourth largest city, currently marks the highest populated city to elect a gay mayor. If Lightfoot is elected, Chicago would surpass Houston as the largest municipality in the country to vote in an LGBTQ mayor.

"We're still marking the milestones," said Parker, president of LGBTQ Victory Fund, a national group that supports Lightfoot. "We're still on the path to full equality in American society."

Experts and observers widely agree that the mayor's race won't be decided one way or another by Lightfoot's sexual orientation — a reality that Lightfoot said is "remarkable."

Still, some have tried to use Lightfoot's sexual orientation as a way to attack her candidacy.

Anonymous opponents of Lightfoot distributed homophobic fliers around the South Side recently, warning that gay people would take over City Hall if she's elected. The incident drew widespread condemnation, including from Preckwinkle.

Lightfoot's campaign chair, Michael Bauer, a longtime leader in the gay and Jewish communities, said he warned Lightfoot's family before the race began that things could get ugly.

"The fliers that came out didn't surprise me," Bauer said. "What makes me so delighted is the reaction of everyone."

Though Lightfoot has the support of many LGBTQ people, plenty support Preckwinkle, too, as she has been

considered an ally to the community. In the first round, many supported Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza as well.

Lightfoot's personal journey as a gay woman has been shaped by relationships in Chicago.

At the University of Michigan in the early 1980s, Lightfoot said she knew who she was but was "nervous about embracing my being a lesbian in the world."

In the late '80s, she attended the University of Chicago Law School, an "incredibly conservative bastion of law and economics," she said, that had a "lot of gays and lesbians there at the time."

It was during law school that Lightfoot came out to her parents, a conversation she feared could damage their relationship.

"My parents were conservative Christians, went to church, Bible study Wednesday nights, Sunday school. My mother was church secretary for years. My father was an usher," Lightfoot said. "We did not know anybody that was out at the time who was in our family, who was in our orbit."

To her "great surprise and relief, it was a nonissue," Lightfoot said. "My dad could not have been more gracious."

In the early days of her law career, Lightfoot said, people "making homophobic jokes was pretty commonplace." But she said she faced other issues, too, including "machismo culture in law enforcement."

"Being a woman, being black in that environment, being a prosecutor meaning I was the boss of them, being a lesbian fell in line, but it wasn't the first thing," Lightfoot said.

Having that background has helped make her a tough person, Lightfoot said.

"I don't want to overgeneralize, but most black women I know are tough. We have to be," she said. "We live in a world that isn't welcoming to us."

Lightfoot has been with her wife for 16 years. They said they got to know each other through friends. Eshleman has lived in Chicago since 1991 and grew up in a small town two hours west of the city.

The couple married on the day it became legal in Illinois. Asked why it was important to do it on that day, Eshleman talked about the anxiety of coming out as openly gay.

"You don't know what your life is going to be like," she said. "You want certain things for yourself, and falling in love and having a family and doing all those things felt really important to us. To be able to be married on that day felt really big."

Throughout the campaign, Lightfoot has never shied away from her sexual orientation, but it isn't a main point of her candidacy. Still, she's found time to speak about her life, and hopes that it will inspire others.

Hours after Rahm Emanuel bowed out of the Chicago mayor's race, Lightfoot shared her personal story at OUTspoken!, a storytelling event at Sidetrack.

A little-known candidate at the time, Lightfoot talked about the strides of the community and the once seeming impossibility that she could have a beautiful wife and daughter. But through "blood, sweat and tears," she said, the LGBTQ community has caused great change.

"We are strong, our lives matter, our stories are important to be heard, and that gives me more joy than I can ever tell you," Lightfoot said.

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Pair's arrests ordered over Madigan election depositions

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A federal judge Monday ordered the arrests of two alleged political operatives of Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan for failing to appear for depositions in a lawsuit filed by Madigan's opponent in the 2016 election.

Joseph Nasella and Michael Kuba were each found in contempt of court by U.S. District Judge Matthew Kennelly, who authorized deputy marshals to "use necessary and reasonable force" in making the arrests, court records show.

Nasella and Kuba were subpoenaed to testify under oath in a lawsuit filed by Jason Gonzales, who ran against Madigan in 2016 and claimed the speaker's team stacked the ballot with phony candidates with Latino-sounding last names to confuse voters.

Both Nasella and Kuba, who circulated petitions for the alleged sham candidates, were paid through campaign funds that Madigan controls, Gonzales' lawyers have alleged in court.

A spokeswoman for Madigan said that Nasella was "briefly" employed by the speaker's campaign committee but was dismissed in 2018. Kuba, meanwhile, "has no connection to the speaker or his committee," she said.

The two operatives had been scheduled to sit for depositions

last year, but both were no-shows, according to court records. Kennelly found them in contempt last week after they failed to appear in court to explain why, records show.

Gonzales' attorney, Anthony Peraica, said Monday that Nasella and Kuba were each given notice of their depositions by multiple means — including in person, by certified letter, by email and even via Facebook.

"None of the letters came back (as undeliverable)," Peraica said. "These guys were aware of the depositions. They just chose to thumb their noses at the court."

Once he learns of their arrests, Peraica said, he plans to take their statements under oath while they still are in custody.

Efforts by the Chicago Tribune to reach Nasella and Kuba — who are both listed in public records as living on Chicago's South Side — were not successful Monday.

The lawsuit filed by Gonzales has lifted the veil on some of the bare-knuckle political tactics during the 2016 primary for the 22nd Illinois House District, which has been under Madigan's control for nearly five decades.

Along with Madigan and Gonzales, two other candidates surfaced in the race — Joe Barboza, a union construction laborer from the West Lawn neighborhood, and Grasiela Rodriguez, a dispatcher for a ready-mix truck company who also lives in West

Lawn. Neither Barboza nor Rodriguez filed financial reports with the state to indicate they raised or spent money, the kind of activity associated with active campaigns, the Tribune has reported.

During the campaign, Madigan's re-election team peppered the district with anti-Gonzales mailers featuring grainy, unflattering images of the challenger, casting him as a career criminal. Gonzales has acknowledged that as a teen he committed crimes involving forgery and illegal use of a credit card. He spent 71 days in jail.

On Election Day, Madigan won with 65 percent of the vote, while Gonzales had 27 percent, Rodriguez had nearly 6 percent and Barboza 2 percent.

Last month, the Tribune reported details from several depositions already taken in the case, including the sworn testimony of Madigan himself, who said it was the first time he'd ever given one.

The 76-year-old speaker used the phrases "I don't recall," "I don't remember," "I don't know" and "I have no memory" more than 100 times during the five-hour session. He said that despite the shifting demographics of the district, he was not concerned about Gonzales' challenge because the speaker enjoyed "widespread support among Hispanic people in the district."

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Cook Co. to use new voting machines in west suburbs

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New voting machines are coming to three west suburban Cook County townships for next week's consolidated elections in preparation for a countywide rollout next year.

The Cook County clerk's office will test machines in 147 precincts in Oak Park, River Forest and Proviso townships, and hopes to have the new voting machines in every suburban Cook County precinct by the 2020 presidential primary election.

"Our current equipment has served us well for a decade, but these new machines have the latest technology," county Clerk Karen Yarbrough said at a Tuesday morning news conference.

"The touch screens are more intuitive and accessible for voters with disabilities, and every single voter will get to review their ballot with paper in their hands before their vote is cast," Yarbrough said.

Each machine can accommodate three voters at one time, with two touch screens and a paper ballot.

A voter will use the touch screen as a ballot marker, then print the ballot to review it, according to a demonstration by the clerk's election director, Tonya Rice.

The voter will then hand the ballot in a privacy sleeve to an election judge, who will initial it and place it in the scanner. The scanner accepts the paper ballot and creates an image of the ballot.

Because it's the same machine, the paper ballot and touch screen ballots are automatically consolidated, according to information provided by the clerk's office.

One touch screen is lower to accommodate voters who use wheelchairs, and voters will be able to change the text size and color contrast if they need. An audio ballot is available in English, Spanish, Hindi and Chinese.

As for security concerns, Rice said that because the scanner isn't connected to the internet, cyber-security risks are lower. The paper ballot can also be audited, said Edmund Michalowski, deputy clerk of elections.

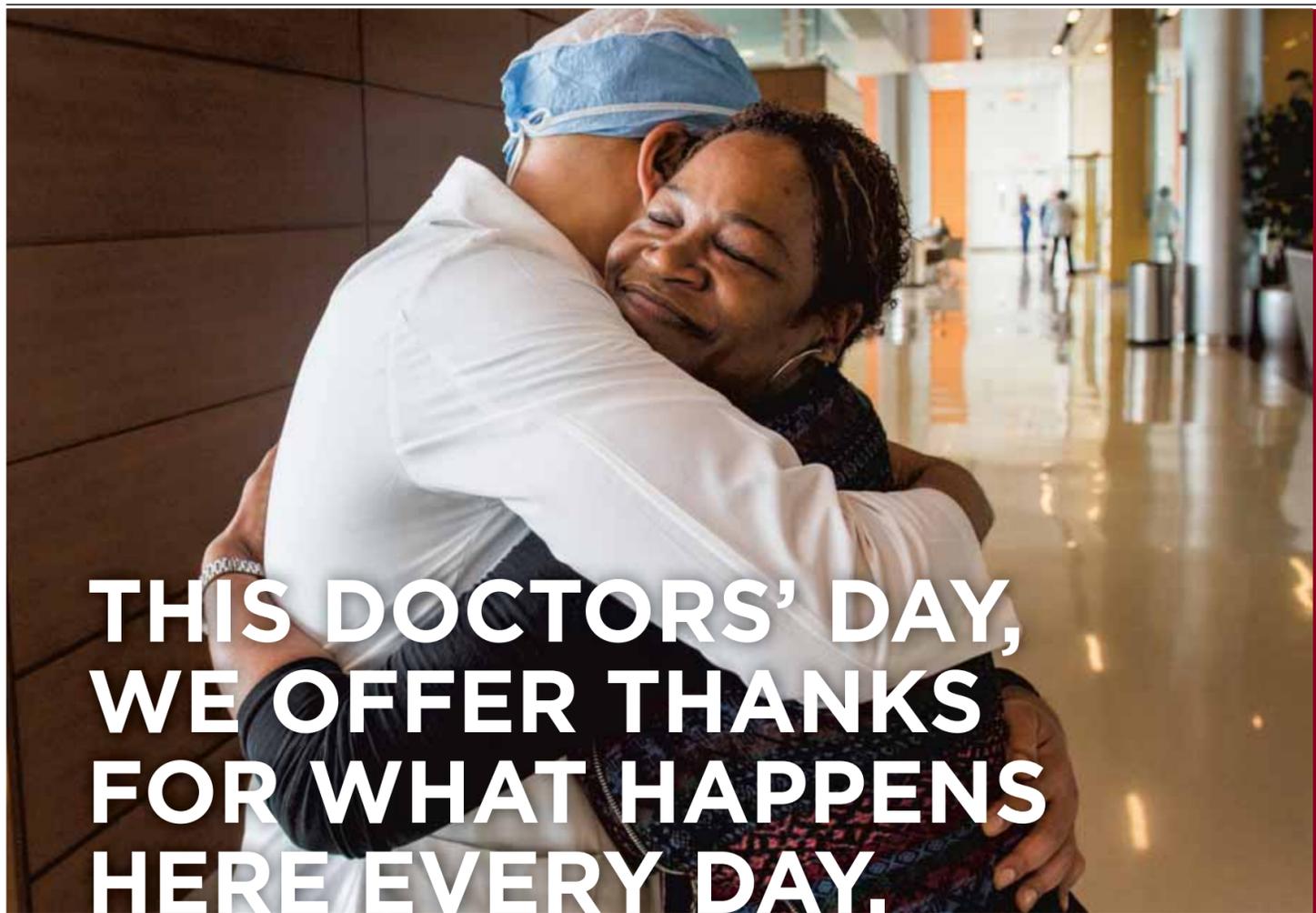
The devices, by Dominion Voting Systems, are certified by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission and the Illinois State Board of Elections, Rice said. Election judges will set up the voting machines the night before the election, and Dominion Voting Systems will not be administering the voting process.

The older machines were purchased in 2006 and were getting old, running low on parts and showing signs of wear and tear, Rice said.

"The technology is just much more advanced now and security is more advanced," Rice said.

The new voting machines will cost the county about \$31 million over the life of the contract with Dominion Voting Systems, including service on the machines.

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a “whitewash of justice.”

“From top to bottom, this is not on the level.” Emanuel told reporters at an afternoon news conference, emphasizing repeatedly that a grand jury had chosen to bring 16 counts of disorderly conduct against Smollett. “Where’s the accountability in the system?”

The arrangement came to light as Smollett appeared unexpectedly Tuesday morning for a previously unscheduled hearing at the Leighton Criminal Court Building. Wearing a blue wool coat, Smollett stood silently in Circuit Judge Steven Watkins’ small, third-floor courtroom as prosecutors announced they were dropping all charges. At the request of the actor’s attorneys, the judge agreed to seal the entire court record, a move that prosecutors did not oppose.

The proceedings were over within minutes. Afterward, the state’s attorney’s office issued a one-sentence statement that attempted to explain the about-face but instead only added to the confusion.

Smollett’s lawyers, meanwhile, professed the actor’s innocence, accusing police of trying the case in the media and insinuating that the two brothers who alleged that Smollett hired them to carry out the attack were the ones who should have been charged in the first place.

Before departing the courthouse, Smollett, 36, thanked his attorneys, family, friends and Chicago for supporting him through what he called “an incredibly difficult time for me.” He also thanked “the state of Illinois” for “attempting to do what’s right.”

“I have been truthful and consistent from day one,” said Smollett, wearing sunglasses and reading from notes as his hands shook.

In a telephone interview Tuesday afternoon, First Assistant State’s Attorney Joseph Magats, who took charge of the case after State’s Attorney Kim Foxx stepped aside because of a conflict of interest, emphatically denied that the move to drop the charges against Smollett was a signal of any weakness with the evidence.

Magats said the office reached an unwritten deal with the defense in recent weeks to drop the charges if Smollett forfeited the \$10,000 bond and did community service — an arrangement he characterized as a routine way to resolve nonviolent charges against first-time offenders.

“The bottom line is we stand behind the investigation, we stand behind the decision to charge him,” Magats, a career prosecutor who’s been with the office for nearly three decades, told the Tribune. “The fact that (Smollett) feels that we have exonerated him, we have not. I can’t make it any clearer than that.”

The state’s attorney’s office later released a letter from the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition that said Smollett had performed community service — but just for two days, on Saturday and Monday.

The letter said Smollett spent several hours in their store managing sales and later gave suggestions to staff. He also took questions from students about the music and film industries.

Later, though, a spokesman for Rainbow/PUSH, which was founded on the South Side by the Rev. Jesse Jackson, said the civil rights organization was unaware that Smollett’s assistance had any connection to his court case.

“He was just a volunteer,” Don Terry said.

Smollett’s attorney, Patricia Brown Holmes, denied any deal had been made with prosecutors, contrary to Magats’ account.

The state’s attorney’s office simply dropped the charges, according to Holmes. Smollett agreed to forfeit his bond “so he could go on with his life and get this over with,” she said.

Smollett had posted 10 percent of the bond — \$10,000. Ordinarily, that money would be returned to him or his attorneys, but instead it will be handed over to the city of Chicago.

In a telephone interview, Eric Sussman, Magat’s predecessor as Foxx’s top aide, said the abrupt, secretive nature of the deal “raises questions as to whether there is embarrassing information the state’s attorney’s office doesn’t want the public to know.”

“I’ve never, ever seen anything like this,” Sussman, now in private practice, said of the decision to drop charges so soon after Smollett’s indictment earlier this month.

Magats denied, however, that the dropping of the charges either signaled weak evidence or a desire for secrecy.

“It’s a mistake and it’s wrong to read into the decision that there was something wrong or that we learned something about the case that we didn’t already know,” Magats told the Tribune.

The baffling turnaround left Emanuel and police Superintendent Eddie Johnson fuming. Both were careful not to directly criti-



Actor Jussie Smollett wraps up what he had to say Tuesday and leaves the criminal court building.

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Relationship between police and prosecutors tested by dropped charges

BY ANNIE SWEENEY AND JEREMY GORNER
Chicago Tribune

The Chicago Police Department’s dress-blue graduation ceremony was winding down at Navy Pier on Tuesday when Superintendent Eddie Johnson and Mayor Rahm Emanuel hurried off the stage for some jolting news: The case against “Empire” actor Jussie Smollett, meticulously pieced together by more than a dozen detectives, had been abruptly dropped by prosecutors.

Both Johnson and Emanuel were infuriated, not just because the charges were dismissed but because prosecutors had not informed investigators first. Johnson said the decision allowed Smollett to hide behind a secret deal. The mayor was more blunt: “This sends an unambiguous message that there is no accountability.”

The relationship between the Police Department and the state’s attorney’s office has always been uneasy and often tense as investigators gather evidence and prosecutors decide whether it’s enough for charges. Over the years, Chicago detectives have complained their work has resulted in too few defendants being charged or the charges being reduced or, as in this case, dismissed altogether.

But the Smollett case now threatens to deepen the distrust and suspicion.

“It could be that there was some kind of reasoning, but that needs to be shared with the public now and particularly with police, who spent so much time on this case,” said veteran defense attorney Tom Needham, a former prosecutor who once worked as general counsel for the Police Department. “I would imagine their confidence in the state’s attorney’s office is going to be shaken a bit.”

Officers interviewed by the Tribune were not as measured, with a detective calling the decision to dismiss the case “reprehensible.” He said officers were especially “hot” because of the painstaking review of video surveillance that helped solve the case. As a result, he added, the state’s attorney’s office “can’t be trusted.”

While prosecutors insisted that the charges of staging a racial attack were dropped in return for community service, Smollett insisted there was no deal and he had been exoner-

ated. While that contention was immediately disputed by prosecutors, there was no backing down by Smollett or his attorneys.

“(You) let Smollett go on about his divisive narrative,” one officer complained. “Now you’ve got this narrative of racial crime and division.”

The Smollett case was sensational from the moment the actor and singer reported on Jan. 29 that he was attacked in Streeterville by two men who placed a noose around his neck, beat him, and yelled racist and homophobic slurs. Smollett said they also yelled, “This is MAGA country,” a reference to President Donald Trump’s campaign slogan of “Make America Great Again.”

Within a month, his story had unraveled after a large team of detectives retraced the steps of Smollett’s would-be attackers: two brothers captured by cameras in the area at the time Smollett reported the assault. The brothers were arrested and gave statements implicating Smollett, saying he hired them to stage the assault so he could boost his salary along with his profile in the entertainment industry.

Johnson said neither he nor anyone on his staff was told about the decision to dismiss those charges at a court hearing Tuesday that was not publicized by the state’s attorney’s office. “We found out about it when you all did,” he told reporters.

Adding to the confusion — and further launching conspiracy theories — is the fact that the case has been sealed by a judge so none of the evidence can be seen by the public. No explanation was given.

Also, in the early days of the investigation, State’s Attorney Kim Foxx had reached out to Johnson on behalf of a politically connected attorney who said Smollett’s family was concerned about leaks. Foxx agreed to ask Johnson to turn the case over to the FBI, something Johnson said he never considered. Foxx recused herself Feb. 13 because of those contacts, a week before her office approved charges.

First Assistant State’s Attorney Joseph Magats took over the case and defended the deal. “The bottom line is, we stand behind the investigation, we stand behind the decision to charge him,” said Magats, a career prosecutor who’s been with the office for nearly three

decades. “The fact that (Smollett) feels that we have exonerated him, we have not. I can’t make it any clearer than that.”

Needham said it is not unusual for prosecutors to downgrade charges, but typically this is done with notification to both victims and police. And very often, a person is asked to acknowledge wrongdoing as part of the deal.

“Why was there urgency to this?” Needham said. “Why was there not a requirement that Mr. Smollett publicly admit that what he did was wrong? Normally when you get these agreements, the person who is accused says something in court because it’s required or just out of common decency. ... But they have to answer these questions. They need to assure people that this wasn’t done because of his fame or his money.”

Area Central Detective Cmdr. Edward Wodnicki, whose detectives led the Smollett investigation, said it is “shocking” that the state’s attorney’s office did not discuss the decision ahead of time. He agreed this was highly unusual. He also worried about the message the state’s attorney was sending.

“To get to this point now opens the door for people to say that we didn’t do the job right,” Wodnicki said at Navy Pier. “It is absolutely a punch in the gut. We worked very, very closely throughout our three-week investigation to get to the point where we arrested the offender.”

One former top Chicago police official acknowledged that the relationship between the department and the state’s attorney’s office is not always smooth. “It’s like a pendulum,” said John Escalante, a former interim Chicago police superintendent.

Generally, he said, any police department is supposed to foster a working relationship with prosecutors. But the decision in the Smollett case “really is concerning,” he said.

“This seemed like a very solid case, really supported by cameras. Cameras don’t lie,” said Escalante, the chief of police at Northeastern Illinois University since 2016. “The complete dropping of charges was mind-boggling.”

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cize the state’s attorney’s office but instead focused their contempt on Smollett.

The mayor suggested that Smollett was given special treatment because of his celebrity and scoffed at the \$10,000 — Smollett’s bond money — given to the city as part of the deal, noting it wouldn’t come close to the city’s expenditures for investigating the alleged attack.

“You cannot have, because of a person’s position, one set of rules apply to them and another set of rules apply to everybody else,” the mayor said.

Johnson stood by the work of detectives and said he believed the city was owed an apology.

“Do I think justice was served? No,” said Johnson, who memorably blasted Smollett at a news conference last month announcing the charges, saying at the time that the hoax dragged “Chicago’s reputation through the mud.”

“I’ve heard that they wanted their day in court with TV cam-

eras so America could know the truth,” the superintendent said. “And now they chose to hide behind secrecy and broker a deal to circumvent the judicial system.”

Area Central Detective Cmdr. Edward Wodnicki, whose detectives led the investigation, said prosecutors gave no heads-up to police that the charges would be dropped. He also expressed concern that it left it looking as if police mishandled the investigation. Detectives uncovered “overwhelming” evidence against Smollett, he said.

“It’s absolutely a punch in the gut,” Wodnicki told a Tribune reporter. “We worked very, very closely throughout our three-week investigation to get to the point where we arrested the offender. So for the state’s attorney’s office at this point to dismiss the charges ... without discussing this with us at all is just shocking.”

Smollett’s lawyer, meanwhile, said she was not privy to the evidence that led prosecutors to

bring charges, but she accused Johnson of “trying the case in the press.”

When asked if authorities should investigate who actually attacked Smollett, Holmes noted that the two brothers — both of whom knew Smollett — had already admitted their involvement in what they said was a staged attack.

“The two men who attacked him have indicated that they attacked him, so we already know who attacked him,” she said.

When asked whether she was calling for the brothers to be charged, Holmes said that is a decision for prosecutors to make.

“We don’t want to try them in the press any more than (Smollett) wanted to be tried in the press,” she said.

Holmes, a Chicago attorney, was among a team of lawyers for Smollett, including high-profile entertainment attorney Mark Geragos from Los Angeles who did not attend Tuesday’s hearing.

On Monday, Geragos was identified by the Associated Press as an unindicted co-conspirator in a multimillion-dollar plot by attorney Michael Avenatti to extort Nike.

Reached by phone Tuesday, attorney Gloria Schmidt, who represents the brothers, declined to comment.

Foxx recused herself from the case last month after revealing she had contact with Smollett’s representatives early on in the investigation. She declined to provide details at the time. Communications later released to the Tribune, however, showed Foxx had asked Superintendent Johnson to turn over the investigation to the FBI after she was approached by a politically connected lawyer about the case.

Foxx reached out to Johnson after Tina Tchen, former chief of staff to first lady Michelle Obama, emailed Foxx saying the actor’s family had unspecified “concerns about the investigation.” Tchen, a close friend of Mayor Emanuel’s wife, said she was acting on behalf of the “Empire” actor and his family. A relative later exchanged texts with Foxx.

The exchanges began Feb. 1, three days after Smollett said the attack occurred. It would still be 2 1/2 weeks before he was charged with making the story up, but some media outlets were already starting to question the actor’s account, citing unnamed police sources.

Kiera Ellis, a spokeswoman for the state’s attorney’s office, said at the time that Smollett’s relative was specifically concerned about leaks to the media that purportedly came from the Police Department.

Magats said prosecutors informed Chicago police officials Tuesday morning of the decision to drop the charges against Smollett, but he noted that the office has been in contact with police from the beginning about potential options for resolving the case.

“The investigation done by CPD and the detectives was outstanding,” Magats said. “The fact that the case is disposed of alternatively is not and should not be read as some type of statement that the case is flawed.”

There had been no clue that prosecutors planned to drop the charges before the announcement in court. In fact, there likely would have been no reporters in the courtroom if it hadn’t been for a publicist for Smollett’s attorney alerting the news media Tuesday morning that Smollett was already in court for an unscheduled emergency hearing.

Moments after the judge allowed the dismissal, attorneys for Smollett issued a statement saying his “record has been wiped clean of the filing of this tragic complaint against him.”

“Jussie was attacked by two people he was unable to identify on January 29th,” the statement read. “He was a victim who was vilified and made to appear as a perpetrator as a result of false and inappropriate remarks made to the public causing an inappropriate rush to judgment.”

The actor, who is African-American and openly gay, has said he was walking from a Subway sandwich shop to his apartment in the 300 block of East North Water Street about 2 a.m. Jan. 29 when two men walked up, yelled racial and homophobic slurs, hit him and wrapped a noose around his neck.

Smollett said they also yelled, “This is MAGA country,” in a reference to President Donald Trump’s campaign slogan of “Make America Great Again.”

Police initially treated the incident as a hate crime, but their focus turned to Smollett after the two brothers who were alleged to have been his attackers told police that Smollett had paid them \$3,500 to stage the attack, with a promise of an additional \$500 later.

Police pieced together much of their evidence by reviewing footage from about 55 police and private surveillance cameras showing the brothers’ movements before and after the attack.

The shift in the investigation came amid intense news media coverage, and often bitter public debate and stinging skepticism on social media.

Smollett addressed those doubts in a national TV interview and in a strongly worded statement after the brothers were released from custody after questioning by police.

A week before the alleged attack, Smollett told police he received a threatening letter at work. Prosecutors said Smollett staged the attack because he was unhappy with the studio’s response to the threatening letter. Chicago police took it a step further, accusing Smollett of faking the letter as well.

Federal authorities are conducting a separate investigation into that letter.

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Mayoral hopefuls Toni Preckwinkle, left, and Lori Lightfoot prepare for a debate hosted by Mike Flannery at Fox 32.

Hopefuls

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were dismissed, what the underlying basis was, particularly in light of the allegations that were made by the state's attorney at the time the charges were first announced that looked like they had a very airtight case against Smollett for faking a hate crime," Lightfoot said during a Fox 32 mayoral debate.

Preckwinkle said she doesn't know specifics on the prosecutors' decision.

"I'm not a lawyer and I'm not the state's attorney," Preckwinkle said. "I think it's really important that the state's attorney be allowed to provide a fuller explanation as time goes on."

Cook County prosecutors on Tuesday dropped all charges against Smollett for allegedly staging a phony attack and claiming he was the victim of a hate crime. Smollett completed two days of community service and forfeited \$10,000 bond, authorities said.

Foxx recused herself from the case last month after revealing she had contact with Smollett's representatives early on in the investigation.

Foxx declined to provide details at the time. Communications later released to the Tribune, however, showed Foxx had asked Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson to turn over the investigation

to the FBI after she was approached by a politically connected lawyer about the case.

Emanuel blasted prosecutors' decision at a Tuesday afternoon news conference and called it "a white-wash of justice."

"From top to bottom, this is not on the level," Emanuel said.

Midafternoon, Foxx's office released a statement noting prosecutors did not "exonerate" Smollett.

"We stand behind the Chicago Police Department's investigation and our decision to approve charges in this case. We did not exonerate Mr. Smollett," spokeswoman Tandra Simonton said. "The charges were dropped in return for Mr. Smollett's agreement to do community service and forfeit his \$10,000 bond to the City of Chicago."

During the debate, Lightfoot said she's concerned about whether Smollett can now "come back and sue the police," particularly because he didn't accept "any responsibility whatsoever" over the allegations.

Both Lightfoot and Preckwinkle noted the significant amount of resources that went into investigating the case.

After the debate, Lightfoot and Preckwinkle elaborated. Lightfoot said it's unusual to drop charges so fast, especially in a high-profile case.

"The Chicago Police Department worked tirelessly over many weeks to take seriously the (alleged) hate

crime, as they should, and then as evidence unfolded, to look at what they believed was a hoax that was manufactured for some purpose," Lightfoot said.

Asked whether she'd lost confidence in Foxx, Lightfoot said she has "100 percent" faith in her and praised her for bringing reform to the criminal justice system.

Preckwinkle declined to comment on Foxx, her protégé and former chief of staff, saying she had just learned about the decision.

"I don't, frankly, know the particulars, and I'm not a lawyer and I'm not the state's attorney," the County Board president said. "So I look forward to the explanation from the state's attorney about why the decision was made."

Preckwinkle said she didn't realize the case records were sealed as part of the decision, but continually repeated that she isn't a lawyer or the state's attorney.

During the wide-ranging hourlong debate, Preckwinkle and Lightfoot also weighed in on the prospects of a Chicago casino.

Both candidates said any casino should be city-owned but managed by an outside entity. Preckwinkle also disagreed with Emanuel's idea to build a casino on the Southeast Side.

"The best place for it is downtown, on the periphery of the Loop," Preckwinkle said. "It should be part of an entertainment complex, and not simply a stand-

alone facility, so there can be ancillary benefits."

Preckwinkle has built much of her campaign platform around neighborhood growth, but her proposed downtown location comes as developers envision a multibillion-dollar development near Soldier Field and Related Midwest pursues its plans to build "The 78" project on 62 acres of vacant land between the South Loop and Chinatown.

Lightfoot said she wouldn't speculate on where a casino should be located.

"The minute you say as a mayor, it should be here or there, land speculation is going to go through the roof," she said.

Also, as the Chicago Teachers Union winds up more potential charter school strikes in the coming weeks and sets out contract demands for the rest of Chicago Public Schools, the candidates were asked whether there would be a schools strike this fall.

"Not on my watch," both responded.

The CTU has endorsed Preckwinkle while lodging initial demands for a 5 percent pay increase in its next contract. CPS' current budget includes room for a 2.5 percent budget increase, sparking strike threats.

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Former inmate pleads guilty to driving with revoked license

BY CLIFFORD WARD
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A former truck driver who served a prison sentence for killing an Eagle Scout in a 2000 DUI accident pleaded guilty Tuesday to driving with a revoked license.

Richard Gancarz, 61, of Carol Stream, made the plea to the felony count in DuPage County court. In return, prosecutors dropped other charges he faced.

Judge Brian Telander set a May 16 date for sentencing. The sentencing range is three to 14 years, according to the DuPage County state's attorney's office.

Gancarz was charged with the crime in August 2016 after he was stopped while driving in Wheaton.

The incident happened about a month after he completed parole on a DUI conviction in the death of Aric Wooley, 17, of Schaumburg. Police also charged him a second time on a revoked or suspended license charge in November 2016 after he was stopped while driving in Hanover Park.

Gancarz was a truck driver with a lengthy list of driving offenses when he was charged in Wooley's death.

Authorities said Gancarz, who did not have a valid license, had marijuana in his system when the semi he was driving struck Wooley's car in Wood Dale. He was convicted in 2003 and sentenced to 14 years in prison. He was released on parole in 2016 after serving more than 10 years in prison.

Prosecutors said at his 2003 trial that he had been charged more than two dozen times over a two-decade

period for driving without a license or with a suspended or revoked license. Police had also charged him with DUI several times, but not all the arrests resulted in convictions.

Aric Wooley made Eagle Scout at 12 after earning 100 merit badges in two years. He was a state swimming champion at 14. One week before his death, he graduated from Conant High School in Hoffman Estates and planned to attend Southern Illinois University on a scholarship. He wanted to be a teacher and coach.

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Jobs

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re-election bid, the daughters of two county commissioners and two former temporary state representatives who voted for a state income tax increase.

Dozens more people with links to powerful Democratic politicians — including House Speaker Michael Madigan, former Mayor Richard M. Daley and Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White — remain on the county payroll, the examination found.

The Tribune requested an interview with Preckwinkle and sent the administration a detailed list of questions related to its findings. Preckwinkle declined the interview and did not answer specific questions, instead issuing a statement defending her hiring practices.

“We have proven, and the courts have agreed, Cook County is now using a fair employment process and hiring qualified candidates to provide the crucial services expected by those who live and work in Cook County,” Preckwinkle said. “Cook County was released from federal oversight because we professionalized the county’s employment practices in an accountable and transparent way.”

Preckwinkle hailed that as a “historic moment” for the county. She also said that everyone hired, whether they were politically connected or not, had “the qualifications for the position.”

Experts on patronage hiring credited Preckwinkle with doing far better on the issue than her predecessors, including Todd Stroger, who was embroiled in numerous hiring scandals and settled a lawsuit for \$3.2 million over claims that people were illegally denied jobs or promotions because of politics.

Michael Shakman, an attorney who sued county government in 1969 to force reforms, credits Preckwinkle with substantial progress in cleaning up abuses involving the thousands of



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Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle talks to Commissioner Stanley Moore on Nov. 21, 2017. Alexis Jenkins, Moore’s daughter, got a nearly \$60,000-a-year job as legislative coordinator in the Bureau of Administration.

jobs where patronage isn’t allowed — positions regular people should have a shot at.

But when it comes to the 300 or so jobs where political considerations are still allowed, Shakman said it’s fair for voters to consider whether Preckwinkle hired people with the proper skills or filled the spots to “pay political debts.”

“As a taxpayer, a voter, I don’t like (those kind of hires),” said Shakman, who said he has not yet decided who to vote for in the mayor’s race. “As a litigant involved in the patronage case, I can’t say she broke the law when she did that because, if the position was exempt (from hiring restrictions), she was given broad discretion in how to fill it.”

County hiring

While the Shakman case resulted in a federal court ban on taking politics into consideration when hiring, firing, promoting or disciplining government workers, the County Board president is allowed to hire a limited number of people without those restrictions. The theory is that elected officials need people they can trust in jobs that involve making policy and handling

confidential information.

To be sure, several of the politically connected people Preckwinkle hired for those posts came with strong academic credentials and extensive work experience. But for others, questions were raised about their employment history or qualifications. Some ended up being fired.

Among those already disclosed by the Tribune are Ed Burke Jr., who was put into a nearly \$100,000 county homeland security job after leaving the sheriff’s office while under internal investigation for allegedly making inappropriate sexual comments. He’s the son of 14th Ward Ald. Edward Burke, who faces a federal attempted extortion charge.

Another is now-fired security chief Delwin Gadlen, whose primary county vehicle was found abandoned, vandalized and full of campaign materials. The Tribune also disclosed that former 35th Ward Ald. Vilma Colom was promoted despite a recommendation she be fired for allegedly disparaging people of Mexican descent.

In addition, two Preckwinkle political operatives whom she put in high-

ranking county jobs departed after causing her high-profile embarrassment. Former chief of staff John Keller was ousted in a sexual harassment scandal, and longtime aide Scott Cisek was fired as her mayoral campaign manager following his Facebook post that invoked the Nuremberg trials of Nazis in criticizing candidate Lori Lightfoot.

Until now, however, Preckwinkle’s other hiring of people with political ties largely has escaped public scrutiny.

Daughters of two commissioners who voted for Preckwinkle’s narrowly approved sales tax increase in July 2015 ended up in county jobs within months of that vote.

Tiffany Sims, the daughter of Commissioner Deborah Sims, was hired as a \$51,000-a-year human resources administrative assistant, two years after being fired as a Forest Preserve District clerk.

Sims kept her county job even as others in her department were laid off, county Inspector General Patrick Blanchard indicated in a quarterly report. Sims was protected because her low-level job had been improperly classified as not subject to a ban on political hiring, Blanchard stated.

She was fired from the county job in December 2017 following warnings about excessive tardiness, absences and mistakes, according to personnel records. Attempts to reach Tiffany and Deborah Sims were not successful.

Alexis Jenkins, the daughter of Commissioner Stanley Moore, got a nearly \$60,000-a-year job as legislative coordinator in the Bureau of Administration. Neither Jenkins nor Moore could be reached.

Blanchard concluded that Jenkins’ job also was improperly classified as free from restrictions on political hiring because it was “ministerial in nature.” Jenkins reviewed County Board agenda items “for both typographical errors and to ensure consistency between the descriptions of the items on the board materials and the items themselves.” She remains at the county.

The issue of what jobs are classified as outside anti-patronage guidelines was a concern of the inspector general before a federal judge released the county from oversight last year.

One of the people Preckwinkle hired to help make decisions about such jobs is Simone McNeil, a \$142,000-a-year deputy bureau chief in human resources hired in April 2016. According to her job description, McNeil meets “with elected and administrative officials to discuss policies and procedures relative to human resources operations as well as exempt hiring.”

McNeil, however, came to the county following a patronage hiring scandal under former Gov. Pat Quinn that involved job classifications at the Illinois Department of Transportation and other state agencies.

A year after she went to work for Preckwinkle, McNeil was named about four dozen times in a report by a federal monitor in the state patronage case, which focused on how state officials manipulated the hiring process to place unqualified but clouted people into jobs classified as “exempt” — meaning they fall outside

the ban on political considerations.

Federal monitor Noelle Brennan also said that in 2014 that McNeil, then the acting director of the state’s personnel agency, “sent two candidates, both of whom had been employed by Chicago Ald. Richard Mell, to the governor’s office with the instruction — ‘send to appropriate directors for placement in’ (exempt jobs).” Brennan also named McNeil as a senior staff member “assigned to usher requests” on behalf of politically connected job candidates under Quinn.

Reached last week, McNeil declined to comment on the report, saying only that she has “areas of disagreement.”

McNeil said she did “not really” see her political background as playing a role in her getting hired by Preckwinkle. McNeil said Velisha Haddox, the county’s human resources chief who had also worked for the state, recruited her for the job because “she knew what a wonderful worker I was.” Haddox could not be reached Tuesday.

Connected hires

Preckwinkle hired or promoted dozens of other people for jobs that allowed for political consideration. Some were related to politicians. Some served with Preckwinkle on the County Board or City Council. Some came from other political offices. And some had track records of working with other top Democrats. Among them:

■ Samuel W. Banks, the son of the late Ronald J.P. Banks, a county judge, and the nephew of former Ald. William J.P. Banks, who was chairman of the county zoning committee. Samuel Banks was hired in 2012 as an assistant to the county Building and Zoning commissioner. He is paid about \$93,000 a year. Attempts to contact him were not successful.

■ Shirley Coleman, the former 16th Ward alderman. She was rehired at the county months after being laid off from another department in 2011. “If the story is ‘Toni gave me a job,’ that was not the case,” said Coleman, who stayed in the job for a brief period. “I went through the application process like everybody else.”

■ Edwin “Eddie” Reyes, a former county commissioner who lost his 2014 re-election bid despite Preckwinkle’s backing. He was hired in mid-2017 as the \$123,000-a-year planning and preparedness manager in the county Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Reyes, a former state trooper in Gov. Quinn’s security detail, could not be reached for comment.

■ John Bills, a former Madigan precinct captain appointed by Preckwinkle in January 2012 to a seat on the Employee Appeals Board. The part-time post paid nearly \$35,000, plus benefits. Preckwinkle demanded Bills’ resignation in October 2012, after the Tribune exposed his role in a \$2 million bribery scandal involving the city’s red-light cameras that eventually landed Bills in prison.

■ Michael Rodriguez, a close ally of now-U.S. Rep. Jesus “Chuy” Garcia, was hired in January 2016 and eventually made \$131,000 a year as an executive in the medical examiner’s office. The former nonprofit leader, who holds a master’s degree in community organizing, planning and development from the University of Chicago, noted his experience as executive director of Enlace Chicago, a not-for-profit based in Little Village once led by Garcia.

“I helped the organization thrive after the recession,” said Rodriguez, who added that his “executive-level” duties at the medical examiner were similar to those at Enlace.

Last year, Preckwinkle named Rodriguez executive vice chair of the county Democratic Party. He left the county job and won election in February for 22nd Ward alderman.

■ Nadine Jakubowski, precinct captain and political contributor to Madigan’s 13th Ward organization. She was hired in 2012 as deputy executive director for the medical examiner and now makes about \$104,000.

She showed up on a clout list submitted in a federal trial related to the Daley administration providing city jobs for political work. Reached at her office last week, Jakubowski said she was not allowed to answer questions about her employment and directed inquiries to the Preckwinkle administration.

■ John Roberson, who in 2015 left as then-Mayor Richard M. Daley’s aviation commissioner after he was named as a cooperating witness in a federal investigation into rigged city hiring practices. Preckwinkle hired him in late 2017, and he now makes \$110,000 a year as a special assistant for legislative and government affairs.

In an interview, Roberson said he didn’t leave City Hall because of the federal probe, but rather to free up more time to spend with his then-teenage son. “I didn’t have anything to hide,” he said. “I wasn’t the subject of the investigation. I wasn’t ever called in after (one meeting with authorities).”

Ex-lawmakers

Two former appointed Illinois House lawmakers who voted for a major state income tax increase in early 2011 and then left the legislature ended up with county jobs.

Months later, former Rep. Michael Carberry was hired as a deputy director in the county’s Facilities Management Department, where he now makes about \$110,000 a year.

Former Rep. John O’Sullivan, the Worth Township Democratic committee man, was hired as an \$85,000 forest preserve district regional superintendent. He only worked there for a short time before resigning over what officials said were resume discrepancies.

It wasn’t the first time O’Sullivan had departed a county job — he was fired for allegedly falsifying time cards according to an inspector general’s report, but later was rehired with back pay after challenging the decision.

At the time, Preckwinkle defended the Carberry and O’Sullivan hires, saying she was “grateful to people who are willing to serve in government.”

Anti-patronage progress

Preckwinkle won election as County Board president in 2010 partly due to the well-chronicled patronage shenanigans of her predecessor, Todd Stroger, who had agreed to allow a federal judge to appoint a special monitor to oversee county hiring after an FBI raid.

As Stroger was on his way out, he fired workers without clout “in a flurry of activity” to open up jobs for politically connected people he wanted to protect, the monitor found.

To dig out from that hole, Preckwinkle agreed to numerous changes to county hiring over eight years. The number of jobs in which political considerations could play a role was reduced to 299 from 500, court records showed. And Preckwinkle put in place several mechanisms, including allowing the inspector general to investigate hiring at the county and Cook County Health and Hospitals System.

By August 2018, federal hiring monitor Mary Robinson found that the county went through “profound transformation” from the “erratic, largely undocumented and easily and frequently manipulated” political favoritism. In October, U.S. Magistrate Judge Sidney Schenkier determined that a federal monitor was no longer necessary because the county had reached the level of “substantial compliance” with anti-patronage standards.

Still, Robinson’s report offered a cautionary note.

“As we have been reminded throughout this endeavor,” Robinson wrote, “‘substantial compliance’ does not require perfection. It is impossible to eliminate all opportunity for violations of policies and practices adopted to curtail unlawful political discrimination.”

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House override of wall rebuke veto fails

Courts next arena in bid to stop shift of money to build border barriers

BY ERICA WERNER
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's declaration of a national emergency at the U.S.-Mexico border survived a critical vote in the House on Tuesday, as Democrats failed to muster the necessary two-thirds majority to override his veto.

The vote was 248-181, well short of the 288 that would have been required. The vote effectively ends — for now — legislative attempts to strike down Trump's national emergency declaration. Now the fight over his attempt to circumvent Congress to get more money for his border wall will shift to the courts.

"President Trump can't take taxpayer dollars to build his wall without Congress' permission," California Attorney General Xavier Becerra, a former congressman who has filed a lawsuit to block Trump's declaration, said following the vote. "The 20 states standing with us in court are ready to fight long and hard to stop his fabricated emergency in its tracks."

Congress sent Trump a bipartisan disapproval resolution earlier this month that sought to nullify his national emergency declaration, but Trump used the first veto of his presidency to strike it down. Trump had announced the national emergency in February, following a record-long government shutdown and

weeks of negotiations that resulted in a deal giving him billions less than he sought for barriers along the border.

Lawmakers of both parties said the emergency declaration — which allows Trump to redirect money Congress appropriated for other purposes and use it for border construction instead — represented a dramatic intrusion into Congress' authority over government spending.

In floor debate ahead of the vote Tuesday, Democrats insisted Trump was violating the Constitution's separation of powers, while Republicans argued he was acting within his authority under the National Emergencies Act to address a genuine crisis at the southern border.

"What we have here is an act of constitutional vandalism — the executive trying to steal the power of the purse from Congress," said Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-Texas. He warned that if lawmakers allow it to happen, future presidents of both parties will have great power to ignore Congress.

Fourteen Republicans broke ranks to vote with Democrats in attempting to overturn Trump's veto, but they represented a small minority as most GOP lawmakers stood with the president, arguing he was addressing an emergency Democrats had ignored.

"The radical left in this House would dissolve our borders entirely if given the chance," declared Rep. Tom McClintock, R-Calif. "They care more about defending the Iraqi border than defending our own."

Border apprehensions have spiked and are on pace



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Prototypes of proposed border barriers in San Diego. Congressional Democrats and some Republicans say President Donald Trump's plan to fund a border wall violates the separation of powers under the Constitution.

for the highest level since 2008, although they remain below peak rates in the 1990s and early 2000s. Lawmakers of both parties generally agree that there is an unfolding humanitarian crisis at the border, with many families from Central America attempting to enter the U.S., but Democrats argue that a wall won't help with that.

Republicans disagree, and Trump has continually argued that a wall — the central issue he campaigned on — is needed to stop illegal immigration and drugs. Trump long claimed

Mexico would pay for the wall, but the national emergency declaration allows him to take \$3.6 billion appropriated by Congress for military construction projects nationwide and use it to build barriers along the border instead.

The Pentagon still has not told lawmakers which military construction projects will be canceled or delayed, frustrating lawmakers of both parties.

But on Monday night, the Pentagon did announce that it has authorized the transfer of up to \$1 billion to the Army Corps of Engineers to

build additional barriers along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Ten senators, including Patrick Leahy of Vermont, the top Democrat on the Appropriations Committee, objected to the move, saying in a letter that the Pentagon had not sought approval of congressional defense committees.

"As a result, we have serious concerns that the Department has allowed political interference and pet projects to come ahead of many near-term, critical readiness issues facing our military," said the letter to

acting secretary of defense Patrick Shanahan and Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen.

It is rare for Congress to successfully override a presidential veto, something that happened only once during the Obama administration, and Tuesday's outcome was expected.

Because the veto override vote failed in the House, it will not go to the Senate — sparing senators from having to take another vote on an issue that deeply divided Republicans in the chamber.



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The Supreme Court tossed a \$315 million judgment against Sudan for the fatal attack.

Supreme Court deals setback to victims in USS Cole lawsuit

BY ROBERT BARNES
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The victims of the 2000 terrorist attack on the USS Cole suffered a major setback at the Supreme Court on Tuesday over the seemingly innocuous question of whether they misaddressed notice of their lawsuit.

The victims and family members had won a \$315 million judgment against the government of Sudan. In dismissing the award, the court voted 8-1 that sending notice of the 2010 suit to Sudan's foreign minister at the country's embassy in Washington did not satisfy a requirement of federal law that governs lawsuits against foreign sovereigns.

"A service packet must be addressed and dispatched to the foreign minister at the minister's office in the foreign state," Justice Samuel Alito wrote for the majority. Justice Clarence Thomas dissented.

The Trump administration, along with the governments of Saudi Arabia and Libya, filed an amicus brief agreeing with Sudan, one of four nations the State Department lists as sponsoring terrorism. It said that "litigation against foreign states in U.S. courts can have significant foreign af-

airs implications for the United States, and can affect the reciprocal treatment of the United States in the courts of other nations."

Alito said the justices understand the victims' "exasperation" and "recognize that enforcing compliance with (the law) may seem like an empty formality in this particular case," especially since it seems unlikely that Sudan was unaware of the suit.

But "the rule of law demands adherence to strict requirements even when the equities of a particular case may seem to point in the opposite direction," Alito wrote.

The lawsuits arise from the attack on Oct. 12, 2000, when al-Qaida suicide bombers in a boat detonated explosives near the destroyer Cole, which was refueling at a harbor in Yemen.

The blast killed 17 U.S. sailors and wounded 42 others. Years later, the suits were filed against Sudan under the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act, alleging Sudan had supplied material support to al-Qaida and its leader, Osama bin Laden, who had lived in the country.

Alito said the decision was not the "end of the road" for the victims and their families. But they will need to file notice of their

suit at the foreign minister's office, he said.

Kannon Shanmugam, who represented the victims at the Supreme Court, said, "The fight for justice for the Cole victims and their families continues."

The case is Republic of Sudan v. Harrison.

Also Tuesday, a last-ditch effort by pro-gun groups to delay the Trump administration's ban on bump stocks lingered at the Supreme Court even as the government said the measure took effect.

While one request to stay the bump stock ban was rejected by Chief Justice John Roberts, another awaited word from Justice Sonia Sotomayor. She asked for a response from the Justice Department, which in December announced that it was banning the devices that can be attached to rifles and essentially help speed up how quickly they can be fired. The devices gained notoriety after a gunman used them in the 2017 Las Vegas massacre.

Sotomayor asked for the government's response by late Tuesday afternoon.

Owners of the devices were told they had until Tuesday to destroy them or turn them over to authorities, creating a ticking clock for these legal challenges.

Trump takes victory lap; next Mueller release in 'weeks'

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK, LISA MASCARO AND LAURIE KELLMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump took a victory lap on Capitol Hill Tuesday, emboldened by the end of the special counsel's Russia probe, even as Democrats demanded the release of Robert Mueller's full report and intensified their focus on health care and other policy disputes.

A Justice Department official said it will take Attorney General William Barr "weeks, not months" to finish reviewing Mueller's Trump-Russia investigation report and make a version available for the public. It's not clear how much of what is made public will be in Mueller's own words and taken from his underlying report and how much might reflect Barr's summary or synthesis of the special counsel's findings.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity Tuesday to discuss the Justice Department's planning.

Radiating a sense of vindication, Trump strode into the Senate Republicans' lunch flanked by party leaders. GOP senators applauded.

"It could not have been better," Trump said of the summary of the Mueller report by Attorney General William Barr, which did not find the president colluded with Russia over the 2016 elections.

Ahead of the Senate meeting, Trump was in a combative mood. He tweeted against the "mainstream media" as "corrupt and FAKE" for pushing the "Russian Collusion Delusion," previewing attacks on other opponents to come.

He has promised to go after those who did "evil" things, perpetuating the collusion narrative.



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Attorney General William Barr will take "weeks, not months" to finish reviewing Mueller's report.

Attorney General Barr's summary said the special counsel's probe didn't find collusion between the Trump campaign and the Russian government to tilt the 2016 presidential election.

Mueller did not determine whether Trump obstructed justice in the investigation, but Barr and his team said no prosecution was warranted.

Trump allies, including Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., have encouraged him to use the political capital he's now gained to accomplish policy goals. "Let's go on about governing the country," said Graham, who spent the weekend with the president in Florida.

Democrats pressed the Justice Department to provide the full report from Mueller, saying Barr's four-page synopsis was insufficient.

"I haven't seen the Mueller report. I've seen the Barr report. And I'm not going to base anything on the Barr report," said

Rep. Jamie Raskin, D-Md. "The president is saying he's been completely and totally exonerated by the report. The one sentence we've seen from the report says this is not an exoneration of the president."

Many Democrats say Barr is conflicted because of his views — expressed in a memo to the administration before becoming attorney general — that the president cannot be charged with obstruction since he oversees the Justice Department.

"You can't move forward on a four-page memo," said Rep. Karen Bass, D-Calif. "It's hard for me to accept that as an objective opinion."

Trump said the release of Mueller's full report "wouldn't bother me at all," and Democrats quickly put that statement to the test.

Six House Democratic committee chairmen wrote to Barr and asked to have Mueller's full report by April 2. If not, they have suggested subpoenas could be issued.

Trump: Puerto Rico getting too much storm relief funding

BY SEUNG MIN KIM,
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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump complained in a private lunch Tuesday with Senate Republicans about the amount of disaster aid designated for Puerto Rico, as lawmakers prepare for a standoff over funds for the island still struggling to recover in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, according to multiple officials familiar with the meeting.

Aid for Puerto Rico has long been a fixation for Trump, who has asked advisers how to reduce money for the island and signaled that he won't support any more aid beyond food stamp funds.

Inside the lunch on Tuesday, Trump began rattling off the amount of aid that had been designated for other disaster-hit states and compared it with the amount allocated for Puerto Rico following the 2017 hurricane, which he felt was too high, according to the officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe the private event.

Trump noted to GOP senators that Texas — also battered by a spate of hurricanes — was awarded \$29 billion in aid while South Carolina got \$1.5 billion to recover from their own storms. Trump then questioned why Puerto Rico was getting \$91 billion in aid, according to two people familiar with his comments, indicating that this was too much compared to states on the mainland.

It's unclear where Trump got the figure for Puerto Rico aid. One congressional official said it is difficult to quantify exactly how much aid the island has received to recover from Maria because of the way the money is disbursed.

The inspector general of



CARLOS GIUSTI/AP 2017

National Guardsmen distribute water and food to survivors in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria's devastating strike across the island territory.

the Department of Housing and Urban Development will review whether the White House has interfered with hurricane relief funding approved for Puerto Rico as part of a broader examination of the agency's administration of disaster grants, a HUD inspector general attorney told a congressional committee Tuesday.

Congress has appropriated nearly \$20 billion in HUD disaster relief funds for Puerto Rico, only \$1.5 billion of which has been approved for spending.

The Senate is expected to take up disaster-aid legislation drafted by Republicans. It allocates about \$13.4 billion for states that have faced recent natural disasters such as hurricanes, flooding and wildfires. It also has \$600 million in food stamps for Puerto Rico.

But Democratic leaders have panned the GOP bill as insufficient. House Appropriations Committee Chairman Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., and her Senate counterpart, Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., said the legislation "does not adequately address the needs of the American citizens of Puerto Rico and other territories."

The president's Puerto Rico remarks were just one

bit of an hourlong, free-wheeling soliloquy at the Capitol with dozens of Senate Republicans, several who described Trump as being in a particularly good mood following the end of special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation.

During the lunch, Trump boasted to senators that Mueller's report — which according to Attorney General William Barr did not establish there was a criminal conspiracy between his campaign and Moscow — gave him a "clean bill of health," according to attendees. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., described Trump as talking as if he had a "new lease on life" following the end of the special counsel's probe, with the president discussing how difficult the process had been on his family and close friends.

Trump also discussed the potential trade deal with China and encouraged new efforts to write health care legislation, senators said. Trump also mocked the Green New Deal and told senators "don't kill it yet" because he said he wanted to run against it next year.

"The president talks until he is through talking," Sen. John Kennedy, R-La., said, describing the lunch.



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Patients on dialysis treatment wait outside a closed clinic Monday during a power outage in Caracas. Blackouts swept across Venezuela on Monday, paralyzing the country.

Weary Venezuelans adapt to more nationwide power cuts

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Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — Venezuelans reacted with despair and resourcefulness on Tuesday as nationwide power cuts closed schools and businesses, paralyzing a nation that was only starting to recover from its worst blackouts earlier this month.

The new outages, which began Monday, forced people to follow now-familiar routines: scour neighborhoods for food in the few shops that were open or seek out the few spots where they could find a signal on their mobile phones and get in touch with family and friends. The collapse of the power grid was yet another setback for a country whose oil reserves made it one of Latin America's wealthiest decades ago.

"Venezuela doesn't stand a chance anymore, there is no life here," said Johnny Vargas, a frustrated restaurant worker who said he wishes he could leave the country. "People can't work anymore; we can't do anything."

In Caracas, lights flickered on and off in various districts, raising hopes and then dashing them as people once again reflected on divergent explanations from the government of President Nicolas Maduro, which alleged sabotage, and the U.S.-backed opposition, which said state corruption and incompetence are to blame.

Communications Minister Jorge Rodriguez posted a video of a firefighter training a hose on smoking equipment at a power facility, seeking to reinforce his claims that Venezuela is under attack by "terrorists" executing a U.S.-led scheme to sow chaos. The U.S. and Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaido say such allegations are attempts to divert attention from government failures.

Sitting on a bench in a plaza, 72-year-old Armando Taioli said he believed the nationwide outages were the result of years of neglect, compounded by pressures on the power system from an expanding population. He gestured at people walking in the streets or traveling in buses and said they were

adapting as best they could, but that he fears social unrest if the situation deteriorates.

"That calm, you have to be worried about it," Taioli said.

After the last blackouts started on March 7, the situation became increasingly desperate for many Venezuelans who lost access to water because pumps failed without electricity.

Looters ransacked hundreds of businesses in the city of Maracaibo. The blackouts eased nearly a week later, but many areas only had intermittent power even after the government said the problem was solved.

The new outage appeared to have affected the majority of the 23 states in Venezuela, whose steep economic decline contributed to the flight of more than 3 million people, or one-tenth of the population, to other countries in recent years.

Guaido says Maduro's re-election last year was rigged, and the U.S. has imposed sanctions on Venezuela in an attempt to force the Russia-backed president from power.

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Doctors weather anti-vaxxers' shots

They learn how to fight harassment that silenced others

By SOUMYA KARLAMANGLA
Los Angeles Times

Dr. Dana Corriel wrote on Facebook in September that the flu vaccine had arrived and encouraged patients to come to her office for a shot.

Within hours, the post was flooded with thousands of comments from people opposed to vaccines. Corriel initially decided to allow the postings to continue, hoping to use the moment to educate people about the importance of immunizations.

But then she began to feel threatened. People she had never treated gave her one-star ratings online. Commenters called her a "pharma vaccine whore" and a "child killer," according to screenshots shared with the Los Angeles Times. Someone looked up her office address in New York City and mailed her an anti-vaccine book.

"That was a little too close to home," said Corriel, an internal medicine physician, who later deleted the post.

As measles cases pop up across the United States, public health advocates have blamed social media for allowing misinformation to swiftly spread. But the platforms also facilitate far more antagonistic behavior, with doctors facing online harassment and even coordinated attacks for promoting vaccines.

Since late 2017, there have been more than 50 online campaigns against health providers who promote vaccines, some of which have led to threats of harm that prompted calls to the police, said Chad Hermann, communications director for Kids Plus Pediatrics, a Pittsburgh practice that faced one of these online attacks in 2017 and then began tracking them.

Teaching physicians how



Dr. Todd Wolynn, a pediatrician, and Chad Hermann, the communications director for Dr. Wolynn, at their Pittsburgh office. Hermann and his colleagues have lectured about their experiences weathering attacks from anti-vaxxers.

to combat tactics that could otherwise scare them into silence is increasingly important as millennials become parents and turn to the Internet to make decisions about whether to vaccinate their children, Hermann said.

For the first time, the World Health Organization has named vaccine hesitancy as one of the top 10 global health threats.

Hermann and his colleagues have lectured about their experiences weathering these attacks, and have developed a campaign to encourage doctors not to shy away from the internet.

"When pediatric practices are being terrorized into silence, it's going to create a void in the discourse," Hermann said. "And we all know who's going to fill that: the anti-vax folks."

In August 2017, Hermann posted a video on the Kids Plus Pediatrics Facebook page that touted the benefits of the vaccine that protects

against the sexually transmitted disease HPV, which can cause cancer.

For three weeks, the comments on the video were all positive, he said. Then the video was shared in a closed Facebook group called Vaccine Choices — Fact VS Fiction, which has nearly 42,000 members.

Over the next six days, he said, the video drew more than 10,000 anti-vaccine comments. Negative reviews dropped the practice's Google rating from 4.6 to less than one star, Hermann said.

"We're in WW3," said one anti-vaccine commenter. "The militaries around the world need to get together and stop this insanity."

Hermann said most of the commenters didn't live in Pennsylvania, and some didn't even live in the United States. The biggest concentrations were from California, the Florida Panhandle, Ohio, Texas and Oregon, Hermann said.

"They're coordinating at-

tacks and sending the troops," Hermann said.

People who run these groups say they aren't responsible for anti-vaccine campaigns. Larry Cook told The Times that his group, the 159,000-member Stop Mandatory Vaccination, is a forum for discussion about immunizations.

Dr. Sherri Tenpenny, an osteopathic physician in Ohio who runs Vaccine Choices, said she does not encourage members "to engage in social media harassment schemes."

"Vaccination has become a volatile topic and personal, retaliatory words and actions serve no one — on either side," she said in a statement emailed to The Times.

Since their HPV video was flooded with comments, Hermann and Dr. Todd Wolynn, the pediatrician he works for, have spoken at conferences trying to encourage doctors to not back down. (Wolynn does vaccine research with

the Merck and Sanofi pharmaceutical companies.)

They are working on a pro bono project to help physicians called "Shots Heard Round the World," which includes tips on how to ban commenters, disable Facebook ratings and call in reinforcements — people who will post pro-vaccine information.

These harmful social media campaigns can be overwhelming for small practices to handle alone, Wolynn said. More than half the doctors he informally surveyed at a recent medical conference run their own social media pages.

"They just don't have the bandwidth or the resources to deal with it, and it's quite frightening," he said.

Many practices' online ratings have dropped because of spam reviews. Yelp quickly deleted Kids Plus' fraudulent reviews, but it took more than a year for Google to do the same, Wolynn said.

Still, Wolynn and Her-

mann are undeterred. Earlier this month was HPV Awareness Day, and on Twitter, Hermann reposted the HPV video, the one that had sparked so much hate.

Already, the resistance to vaccines has had significant health effects nationwide.

As of March 14, 268 people had been diagnosed with measles this year in the U.S., with outbreaks in California, Illinois, New York, Texas and Washington, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In 2000, the U.S. declared measles eradicated. But it is highly contagious and one of the first diseases to come back when vaccination rates drop, experts say.

Elias Kass, a Seattle alternative medicine practitioner, watched his online ratings plummet last month after he spoke at a state Senate committee hearing in favor of vaccinations. Commenters called him a "fraud" and a "Nazi pharma shill," according to screenshots shared with The Times.

His Google rating fell because of fraudulent one-star reviews, not all of which Google has deleted, he said. Google spokeswoman Liz Davidoff said in a statement that the company "removes reviews that violate our policies."

The online furor on Kass' page died down within a week, but he said he feels hesitant to talk about vaccines on Facebook for fear of engendering a similar response.

"The volume of it was really overwhelming and just emotionally challenging. It just feels torrential," Kass said.

Facebook announced earlier this month that it will lower the ranking of posts that promote vaccine misinformation, and reject anti-vaccine advertisements. Pinterest decided to block all search results related to vaccines, whether or not they are medically accurate.

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Artists re-create destruction from Katrina for new museum

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NEW ORLEANS — Patches of black mold on the ceiling. Water marks on the dingy walls. Toys, furniture and a baby grand piano tossed about and covered in a gray muck.

The busted flood wall behind the long-abandoned house in New Orleans' Gently neighborhood was mended over a decade ago but the house looks, again, as though head-high floodwaters had only just receded.

It's just an illusion, however, created by volunteers and theater artists who've turned two rooms in the house next to the London Avenue Canal into a life-sized diorama and the city's latest monument to the disaster that struck on Aug. 29, 2005, when levees and flood walls failed against the storm surge of Hurricane Katrina and 80 percent of New Orleans flooded.

A project of the donor-funded nonprofit group Levees.org, the Flooded House Museum is unique among the city's monuments to Katrina's destruction. There are markers at various sites, including some of the places where flood walls gave way. But there's nothing like this re-creation by artists Aaron Angelo and Ken Conner. They were asked to create and depict what homeowners would have found once they were allowed back into the area in the months after the storm hit, once the water had receded and roads were cleared of debris.

They used donated materials — furniture, art, household bric-a-brac — while drawing on research and memories as they conjured a disaster scene, taking care to accurately depict how the watermarks formed on the walls as the putrid water dropped in

Ken Conner applies "mold" to the walls of a house in New Orleans being transformed to look as it might have looked after flood waters receded following Hurricane Katrina.

stutter-step stages over the days and weeks following the storm.

"The water was not clean water," Conner said as he and Angelo rushed to complete the project. "It was salty water with a variety of contaminants. So each layer took on different looks."

This was a sort of Act II for the project. The rooms were first unveiled in August as a portrayal of the way they might have looked on Aug. 28, 2005 — art hanging neatly on freshly painted walls, toys on the throw rugs and a newspaper on the coffee table with an ominous headline: "KATRINA TAKES AIM."

"Anytime you see devastation on a mass scale in world history, we always try to preserve one of the bad elements of it to illustrate to future generations what happened," said Angelo, who not only donated effort but also some toys his 6-year-old daughter had outgrown. "And, so, this place, the more I've spent time with it, the more I realize how dynamic of a story it is."

The finished product, which visitors will be able to view through the front windows of the house, will be a permanent installation. And it may be ex-

panded to other parts of the house, which, now, is mostly gutted.

Levees.org was founded soon after the storm by Sandy Rosenthal and her then-teenage son to educate the public about the causes of the catastrophe — chiefly the failures of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers flood walls that gave way in numerous locations.

"It was not a shining moment for American civil engineering, specifically the Army Corps of Engineers," Rosenthal said.

And the stretch of road paralleling the flood wall is not yet a shining example of New Orleans' strong recovery. The area is still pocked with blight. It's off the usual paths taken by tourists, although tour buses do make stops there and Rosenthal is hoping it becomes more of a tourist draw.

Gentilly resident Sabrina Harris, whose home flooded in 2005, welcomes the exhibit as an educational tool for those who are unfamiliar with the story of Katrina, although the re-creation falls short of the reality.

"It is a good representation, but, when you actually saw the mold, the smell as you entered the city is something I'll never forget."



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President Donald Trump, with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, left, and Sen. Roy Blunt, speaks to reporters Tuesday on Capitol Hill.

ACA

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"This is actually an opportunity for us to speak to the American people with clarity," Pelosi said. "Republicans did say during the campaign that they weren't there to undermine the pre-existing condition benefit."

"Then they go to court to strip it and strip the whole bill," she continued. If the entire ACA is repealed, popular provisions such as coverage for adult children on parental insurance until age 26 would go, Pelosi said.

Seeming to react to the pushback, Trump said on Twitter, "The Republican Party will become 'The Party of Healthcare!' As president-elect Trump promised 'insurance for everybody,' but the White House never presented a comprehensive plan.

The Justice Department did not explain its reasoning in a two-sentence letter to the court but promised a full and timely explanation for the appeals judges. It's rare for Justice to decline to defend a federal law.

The case brought by Texas and a group of GOP-led states seems headed for the Supreme Court. District Court Judge Reed O'Connor in Fort Worth earlier ruled in favor of the plaintiff states, and Democratic-led states have appealed to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

The Supreme Court has twice upheld the Obama-

era law. Five justices — a majority — who upheld the law in 2012 are still on the bench. They are Chief Justice John Roberts and the court's four liberals.

Repeal of the ACA in its entirety would risk making more than 20 million people uninsured. That includes about 12 million low-income people covered through its Medicaid expansion, and about 11 million purchasing subsidized private health insurance through HealthCare.gov and state-run insurance markets.

Some Republicans say that wouldn't happen because the administration's "repeal and replace" plan would send grants to states for them to run their own health insurance programs. However, during the 2017 congressional debate over repealing the health law, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimated the GOP replacement plans would result in steep coverage losses.

Trump as president has never given up on repealing "Obamacare," and is still complaining about the vote by the late GOP Sen. John McCain that saved the law. The latest Trump budget also calls for repeal.

Signed nearly 10 years ago, the health law remains in place while the lawsuits continues. House Democrats, meanwhile, were planning to unveil broad legislation to shore up the Affordable Care Act and expand enrollment to millions more people.

The challenges for Democrats come as Trump has made clear he's fired up to go on offense against those who propelled the narrative that he colluded with Russia to win the 2016 election.

At her own closed-door caucus meeting Tuesday, Pelosi urged rank-and-file Democrats to "be calm" and focus on policy promises that helped propel them to the House majority last fall. That means advocating for a robust policy agenda to improve health care and pay while conducting the oversight of the Trump administration many voters want.

"Let's just get the goods," Pelosi said, according to an aide in the room granted anonymity to discuss the private caucus meeting.

The advice was reinforced by Obama, who counseled freshman Democrats at a reception Monday.

Obama advised the newly elected lawmakers to listen to constituents — and also identify issues they feel so strongly about that they'd be willing to lose their House seats in fights over them, according to multiple people at the private party.

According to Pelosi's office, the health care bill Democrats are crafting would make more middle-class people eligible for subsidized health insurance through the ACA while increasing aid for those with lower incomes who already qualify. And it would fix an affordability problem for some consumers, known as the "family glitch."

From the friendly skies to ICE custody

'Dreamer' flight attendant spent 6 weeks behind bars

BY REIS THEBAULT
The Washington Post

Selene Saavedra Roman was nervous about going to work.

She's been a "dreamer" since 2012, when the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program first started. Born in Peru, she's lived in the United States for 25 years, but her immigration status has always been in the back of her mind.

Which is why, when she got a job as a flight attendant, she decided to work for a regional company that wouldn't ask her to travel around the world. And it's why she told Mesa Airlines she was a DACA recipient and didn't want to fly internationally.

Yet, in February, Mesa scheduled her to fly to Mexico anyway, Saavedra Roman's attorney said. And when she told them her concerns, the company wrongly assured her she wouldn't have trouble re-entering the United States.

But on Feb. 12, customs officials detained Saavedra Roman shortly after she landed in Houston on her return flight. She would remain in custody for another six weeks. She was released last Friday, but advocates are pointing to her case as an example of how the Trump administration's attempts to end DACA — and the tug-of-war with the courts that followed — have confused recipients, their families, government agencies and private employers, muddling an already complex web of immigration policies.

"They've been lost in legal limbo and it's getting quite ridiculous," Saavedra Roman's attorney, Belinda Arroyo, said before her client was freed. "Her case is basically the poster child for what happens when you leave these people in legal limbo."



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DACA recipient Selene Saavedra Roman was detained for six weeks after flying back into the U.S. as a flight attendant.

Arroyo acknowledged that Saavedra Roman made a mistake by leaving without seeking the government's permission. That would've been denied anyway, since Trump's DACA order also ended the exemption that allowed recipients to leave and re-enter the country.

But, Arroyo said, Saavedra Roman didn't know that. She relied on Mesa Airlines to determine whether she was able to leave and come back, and company officials made a mistake, Arroyo said. They could have consulted an immigration lawyer, or recommended Saavedra Roman do so. In a statement, the airliner's chairman, Jonathan Ornstein, apologized and said he was asking authorities to drop any charges that stemmed from Saavedra Roman's detention.

"It is patently unfair for someone to be detained for six weeks over something

that is nothing more than an administrative error and a misunderstanding," Ornstein said.

Saavedra Roman is married to an American citizen, a man she met while they were both at Texas A&M. She graduated in 2014, and the couple has been working to get her permanent residency.

After her arrest, officials tried to revoke her DACA status, Arroyo said. They considered her an "arriving alien," which gave her fewer rights than if she had been apprehended before leaving the country. And, paradoxically, because she has DACA status, it actually prevented authorities from deporting her, and was one of the reasons she was initially taken into custody, Arroyo said.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services spokesman Steve Blando said the agency doesn't comment on

specific cases, but reiterated the Trump-era policy shift that prevents DACA recipients from getting permission to leave the country.

In a statement, Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokesman Tim Oberle acknowledged officers released Saavedra Roman, "pending adjudication of her immigration proceedings," though it wasn't immediately clear why she was not released six weeks ago. The agency says it makes its custody decisions on "a case-by-case basis."

David Watkins, Saavedra Roman's husband, found out in a text message: "I'm being detained, please call the lawyer."

"I called, I texted, I screamed to the sky," he said. "I dropped to my knees and screamed as loud as I could."

Right then, he said, he knew they were headed for a legal maze, but he didn't think it would be a month

and a half before he'd hug his wife again. The weeks that followed, Watkins said, were the hardest of their lives. In custody, Saavedra Roman struggled with anxiety and depression, he said.

"I think my wife is going to have PTSD for a long, long time," Watkins said in an interview, which he did from his car as he sped from his parents' home in San Antonio to the detention center in Conroe, near Houston.

He'd seen her a handful of times since she boarded the flight to Mexico, but they had to look at each other through a thick plastic window, and they spent those visits revisiting the details of the immigration case, almost always through tears.

After she got out, Saavedra Roman said she couldn't describe how it felt to be released.

"I cried and hugged my husband and never wanted

to let go," she said in a statement. "I am thankful and grateful for the amazing people that came to fight for me, and it fills my heart. Thank you to everyone that has supported. I am just so happy to have my freedom back."

Arroyo and Watkins had negotiated with immigration agencies for weeks to get Saavedra Roman out of detention. Then their fears grew that the hearing process could stretch on indefinitely. At that point, the Association of Flight Attendants-CWA — a union that has sparred with the Trump administration before — sounded its own alarms publicly last Thursday night.

In less than a day, Saavedra Roman became a symbol for those who oppose President Donald Trump's hard-line immigration stance — a rule-abiding, taxpaying Texan who made an honest mistake and was paying an outrageous penalty.

Major news outlets filed stories, more than 20,000 people signed a petition supporting her and national political figures championed her case.

"This is an awful story," tweeted Hillary Clinton before Saavedra Roman's release.

"Heartbreaking stories like Selene's underscore the cruelty of the Trump immigration agenda," said Democratic presidential candidate Julian Castro, a little more than four hours before she was released. "The hundreds of thousands of DREAMers whose futures are jeopardized by this administration deserve better."

Watkins said he and Saavedra Roman did not participate in much immigration activism in the past — he was afraid what would happen if she marched and drew attention to her status. It was safer to keep their heads down, he said. But after all they've experienced in the last six weeks, her inside the detention facility and him outside, they might reconsider it.

Senators introduce bill to give 'Dreamers' path to citizenship

BY COLBY ITKOWITZ
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Sens. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., and Dick Durbin, D-Ill., reintroduced long-stalled legislation Tuesday to create a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who were brought to the United States as children.

The legal status of "Dreamers," as those immigrants are commonly known, has been a major flash point in the immigration policy debate since



Graham Durbin

President Donald Trump rolled back an Obama-era protection from deportation. The move was later blocked by a federal appeals court, but Dreamers still live with uncertainty.

Bipartisan support for

Dreamers has been in place since 2001, and versions of the so-called Dream Act have been introduced in subsequent years but never passed. Despite its widespread popularity, it has gotten tied up in the broader immigration debate.

"This is a matter of simple American fairness and justice," Durbin said in a statement.

The Dream Act would allow young adults to stay in the United States if they came to the country as

children, graduated from high school or obtained a GED, and pursued college, military service or at least three years of employment.

More than 2 million people could be eligible.

"These young people have lived in America since they were children and built their lives here," Graham said in a statement. "There is support across the country for allowing Dreamers, who have records of achievement, to stay, work, and reach their full potential. We should not squander

these young people's talents."

Trump has entertained supporting protections for Dreamers in exchange for increased border security, namely his wall. Senate Democratic leadership offered him \$25 billion for his wall if he'd support Dreamers staying in the country. The deal fell through after intense pushback from Trump's base.

Earlier this month, House Democrats introduced their version of the Dream Act, which they ex-

panded to include protections for immigrants who received temporary status for humanitarian reasons. The bill would allow them to apply for permanent legal status.

The House version has 221 Democratic co-sponsors and no GOP support.

When the bill was introduced, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., cast it as a promise kept to voters to "advance progress for all Americans and uphold our values of liberty, justice and opportunity."

Peril for Mozambique's kids: 'It will get worse'

As many as 900K are orphaned or apart from family

BY CARA ANNA
Associated Press

BEIRA, Mozambique — Her name is Chuva, which in Portuguese means rain. For four days that was all she saw as she clung to her rooftop in the cyclone's aftermath and prayed to be saved.

Maria Chuva clasped her 5-year-old daughter, Amiel, to her tightly as she recounted the panic of opening her front door to water that came up to her neck, and scrambling with her family to the roof.

Now, after elbowing her way onto a rescue boat for a bewildering journey with her two girls to the inundated port city of Beira, she paused in the din of a displacement camp to reflect on losing everything but her children — and the splintered families now around her. The orphans are especially hard for her to bear.

"It hurts me so bad," she said.

An estimated 900,000 children have been orphaned or separated from their families, made homeless or otherwise affected

by Cyclone Idai, half of the 1.8 million people impacted overall, according to Mozambican government figures.

The children crowd displacement camps, sleeping rough on plastic tarps on bare brick floors, or on the wooden benches of crowded schools.

They slide down wooden banisters, teeter on rain-slickened tile stairs near open cooking fires on the concrete floor. They play checkers with bottle caps. They squat around a metal pot as big as themselves, scraping its sides with their bare hands for the last remaining kernels of rice.

No one yet knows how many are orphaned, just as no one knows how many people in the cyclone-hit countries of Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi are dead or missing.

Families were separated in the chaos. Many children lost a mother or father, or both.

"We have quite a few orphans," Henrietta Fore, executive director of the U.N. organization for children, UNICEF, told a news conference at U.N. headquarters in New York on Monday. "We have calls out to their families. When they don't respond for two or three days we have to fear

the worst. So it is a very difficult situation for them."

Initial assessments in Beira indicate that more than 2,600 classrooms have been destroyed and 39 health centers impacted. At least 11,000 houses have been destroyed. "This will have serious consequences on children's education, access to health services, and mental well-being," Fore said after her visit to Beira.

"The situation will get worse before it gets better," Fore added, warning of diseases like cholera, malaria and diarrhea "which can turn this disaster into a major catastrophe."

In a bare gymnasium in the Samora Machel secondary school in Beira, at least 12 children are orphans, said Jutta Joao Sithole, who represents the nearly 350 people from the town of Buzi who shelter there.

He said the orphans are very young: 4, 5, 7-years old.

He feels for them keenly. His own two children, ages 9 and 7, are still at home in Buzi after he was plucked from a rooftop after three days without water and food and flown to Beira. With communications completely down, he has no way of reaching them, of knowing how they are.

When the orphaned children approach with ques-



THEMBA HADEBE/AP

Kids scrape the inside of a pot for any remaining rice at a displacement center in Beira, Mozambique. Many children lost a mother or father, or both.

tions, Sithole uses tough love and deflection: Eat this. Sleep here. Go play.

"When they ask about their parents, I tell them, 'Please keep quiet,'" he said. He tells them stories and jokes instead.

It is too difficult to talk about death. "Children are children," he said. "They don't know anything. I treat them like my own."

For more than a week after the cyclone, a 7-year-old girl waited with her older sister at the school, injured and bewildered by her mother's absence. Finally her mother appeared at the school. By then the small girl was so trauma-

tized she couldn't say her name.

She sat alone on the concrete floor the next morning, crying even though her mother had only stepped away. Sithole hoisted her up by one arm and tried to question her. She balances on one leg and only sniffled, her eyes swollen.

"Her health is not good," Sithole said, and helped her sit again.

Many other Mozambican children now know hunger and homelessness, and the growing risk of disease.

For some children who survived the storm, a patch of sidewalk in downtown

Beira is now home.

Marta Ben is surrounded by them. The 30-year-old mother of five clutched a baby to her hip, barefoot, a cooking pot bubbling nearby.

When the cyclone hit their neighborhood of shacks near the sea and peeled their roofs away, she and other young mothers gathered what children they could and fled.

"We lost some of them," she said.

On Friday she and the children marked a week on the sidewalk. They now beg to get by.

"If people give," she said simply, "we receive."

NEWS BRIEFING

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Algerian army chief wants president declared unfit to lead

ALGIERS, Algeria — Algeria's powerful army chief said Tuesday he wants to trigger the constitutional process that would declare President Abdelaziz Bouteflika, 82, unfit for office, after more than a month of mass protests against the ailing leader's long rule.

Gen. Ahmed Gaid Salah is one of the country's top power brokers.

Gaid Salah said in remarks carried on Algerian television that "the only

guarantee for political stability" is to apply the article of the Algerian Constitution that empowers the Constitutional Council to determine if the president is too ill to fully exercise his functions and to ask lawmakers to declare him unfit.

If the request receives two-thirds majority approval in parliament, the Senate president takes charge of the government until a presidential election can be held.

El Chapo's attorneys seek new trial, citing jury misconduct

NEW YORK — Defense attorneys asked a federal judge Tuesday to grant a new trial to the Mexican drug lord known as El Chapo, saying jurors improperly followed media coverage of the sensational drug conspiracy case.

Joaquin Guzman's defense team said in court filings that jurors repeatedly disregarded instructions to avoid the "blizzard of media coverage" before

convicting Guzman of murder conspiracy and drug-trafficking charges last month.

The defense asked U.S. District Judge Brian Cogan to hold an evidentiary hearing in the wake of a Vice News report that said at least five jurors followed media reports and Twitter feeds during the three-month trial.

Guzman faces life in prison at his June sentencing.

Man who took Alabama town for \$1.9M sentenced to 5 years

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The founder of a business incubator who pleaded guilty to scamming residents of an Alabama city was sentenced Tuesday to more than five years in prison and ordered to return \$1.9 million to investors.

Kyle Sandler, 43, moved to the east Alabama town of Opelika in 2011 and opened the Round House, where he raised about \$1.9 million from more than 70

investors. Sandler pleaded guilty last year to fraud and was handed a 63-month sentence Tuesday in federal court.

Sandler said in a series of telephone interviews from jail that he falsely portrayed himself as a one-time Google executive and acted out of greed. He said he used John McAfee, who developed early internet security software, to help gain publicity for his operation.



Art detective Arthur Brand poses with the Picasso painting "Buste de Femme," estimated to be worth \$28 million. Brand said Tuesday that he recently recovered the 1938 artwork — which was stolen 20 years ago from a yacht moored in the French Riviera — after trailing it for years as it circulated in Amsterdam's criminal underworld.

U.K. government defiant as Parliament takes over Brexit

LONDON — British lawmakers were preparing to blow open the Brexit process and put a host of rejected options back on the table as Prime Minister Theresa May defiantly insisted Tuesday that Parliament should approve her twice-defeated divorce deal instead.

Lawmakers are scheduled to vote Wednesday on multiple flavors of Brexit, after the House of Commons voted to wrest the parliamentary timetable away from May's weakened government and hold votes on alternatives to her rejected withdrawal agree-

ment.

The largely pro-EU legislators behind the unprecedented move hope to find a form of Brexit that can command a majority in Parliament. Votes are scheduled for Wednesday on options that could include remaining in the EU's single market and customs union, calling a new membership referendum and canceling Brexit — all ideas that May has repeatedly rejected.

They plan to see which ideas have the most support, and then hold another day of votes next week to try to find agreement on a

proposal.

The government, which usually controls the scheduling of votes in Parliament, said the lawmakers' move "sets a dangerous, unpredictable precedent for the future."

The votes will not be legally binding, and Health Secretary Matt Hancock told the BBC that the government wouldn't "pre-commit" to accepting the option backed by lawmakers because they may come up with a plan that is impractical. It's also possible lawmakers could support contradictory options, or none at all.

South Dakota reservation is hit hard by flooding

Flooding that has hit parts of the Midwest hard has nearly paralyzed an American Indian reservation in southern South Dakota, swamping roads, trapping people in homes and cutting off water supplies to thousands.

The situation on the sprawling Pine Ridge Res-

ervation was improving Tuesday, but two weeks of severe flooding could put the Oglala Sioux tribe in recovery mode for months, if not longer, and deal a serious blow to its economy, tribal leaders said.

The prairie reservation is roughly the size of Delaware and Rhode Island

combined and is home to nearly 20,000 people, about half living in poverty, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics.

The tribe estimates as many as 8,000 people have had water supplies disrupted and another 2,000 have been hampered or trapped by floodwaters.

Senate shuns Green New Deal measure amid rancor

WASHINGTON — The Senate on Tuesday defeated a proposal to take up the Green New Deal as both parties shunned an opportunity to debate a comprehensive climate change plan offered by Democrats.

Majority Republicans forced the vote as they seek to turn the Green New Deal into a wedge issue in the 2020 elections. Democrats called the GOP's move a "sham" and said it carries its own political risk by mocking an issue that a growing number of Americans care deeply about.

Four Democrats and all 53 Senate Republicans voted 57-0 against a motion to take up the non-binding resolution, which calls for the U.S. to shift away from fossil fuels and replace them with renewable sources. Forty-three Democrats voted "present" to protest the GOP's action.

In space: NASA has aborted its first all-female spacewalk at the International Space Station because there are not enough spacesuits of the best size to fit both female astronauts, the agency said.

Anne McClain and Christina Koch had planned to conclude Women's History Month with a spacewalk Friday to work on the space station.

But a NASA spokeswoman said Tuesday that both women need a medium-size hard upper torso — the shirt of the spacesuit — and there is only one on the space station that is ready for use. NASA said astronauts Nick Hague and McClain completed a spacewalk this month, so Hague and Koch will set out later this week.

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EDITORIALS

Indefensible

With no good explanation, prosecutors give Smollett a pass

It began as an alleged hate crime committed against TV actor Jussie Smollett on a downtown Chicago street at 2 a.m. It then careened into charges that Smollett staged the attack to benefit his career. And now this:

After State's Attorney Kim Foxx makes errors of judgment that lead her to recuse herself, after Chicago detectives expend thousands of man hours doing meticulous work, after police Superintendent Eddie Johnson excoriates Smollett publicly for dragging the city's name through the mud, after Foxx's prosecutors take the case before a grand jury, after the grand jurors indict Smollett on 16 felony counts of disorderly conduct ... after all that, Cook County prosecutors shock Chicagoans and the rest of the country on Tuesday with news that they're dropping all charges against Smollett.

That is, Foxx's office essentially says: *Never mind. No big deal. Move along.*

It's an indefensible decision, a deal hashed out in secret, with — this is outrageous — Smollett not even required to take ownership of his apparent hoax. Not even required to apologize for allegedly exploiting hate crime laws. And not even required to reimburse Chicago taxpayers for the enormous cost of this investigation.

Chicagoans, Americans for that matter, will doubtless feel bamboozled by Foxx's office, and used by Smollett.

"This is a whitewash of justice," Mayor Rahm Emanuel told reporters, with Johnson at his side. "Where is the accountability in the system? You cannot have, because of a person's position, one set of rules apply to them and another set of rules apply to everybody else."

Emanuel spoke for Chicago: Accountability, or lack of it, is at the heart of Tuesday's stunner. Smollett walks, merely forfeiting the \$10,000 cash bond he had posted. Emanuel says that essentially means the forfeiture was a fine — \$10,000 in exchange for an expungement. And to make matters even more opaque, Cook County Judge Steven Watkins orders the public court file sealed.

The events are familiar, starting with the January morning at the center of the case. Smollett claimed he was attacked by two men who struck him, hurled slurs at him and, in a nod to President Donald Trump, shouted, "This is MAGA coun-



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try!" Later, Chicago police and prosecutors detailed plentiful evidence and told America it was all a hoax perpetrated by Smollett, an actor on the Chicago-filmed show "Empire," to further his career.

But don't forget what happened between Smollett's report and his indictment: The Police Department of a violent city with a low homicide clearance rate devoted tremendous resources to unraveling a hate crime that never occurred.

Instead, prosecutors Tuesday issued this statement: "After reviewing all of the facts and circumstances of the case, including Mr. Smollett's volunteer service in the community and agreement to forfeit his bond to the City of Chicago, we believe this outcome is a just disposi-

tion and appropriate resolution to this case."

First Assistant State's Attorney Joseph Magats, who took charge of the case after Foxx's recusal, denied that dropping the charges signaled weak evidence or a desire for secrecy. "It's a mistake and it's wrong to read into the decision that there was something wrong or that we learned something about the case that we didn't already know," Magats told the Tribune.

So what's the real story here? If prosecutors advanced a solid case this far, why not forge ahead and declare that there's a price to pay for wasting police resources in a city with so much gun violence? From Tuesday's Tribune: "A young mother was shot and killed, her husband was critically wounded and

their 1-year-old baby took a bullet to the knee in the West Pullman neighborhood on the Far South Side." How did Jussie Smollett's partial redeployment of Chicago's detective force contribute to solving the host of such crimes that occur here relentlessly?

Unless there's yet one more big revelation in this case that makes the prosecutors' decision sensible, it will further erode citizens' trust in law enforcement.

State's Attorney Foxx, you recused yourself, but your office dropped the case. You owe Chicagoans answers. Starting with: When did you first learn of this indefensible deal? Why was it cut in secret? Why doesn't Jussie Smollett have to own what he was accused of doing? Because like it or not, Ms. Foxx, you own this.

How Illinois can win at sports betting (no mobsters allowed)

The annual NCAA men's basketball tournament is underway, which means millions of Americans have filled out brackets and put down money on games and in March Madness pools. What's different this year is that in many places, sports wagers are not only popular but actually legal. Illinois isn't one of those places, but if things go right, it will be before long.

In his budget address, Gov. J.B. Pritzker implored legislators not to waste time or take their eyes off the prize. Past gambling expansion efforts, he lamented, had gotten "bogged down in regional disputes and a Christmas tree approach." Such mistakes are to be avoided with this new market. "Every day we argue about who's in and who's out," he stressed, "is money that goes to other states and to the black market."

The governor wasn't wrong. There's much yet to be said about the totality of his budget propos-

als. But we're glad state Rep. Mike Zalewski, D-Riverside, has advanced the talk about sports betting by introducing four proposals on how it might work here. The House Revenue Committee will be evaluating those distinct options to determine which might work best for Illinois.

Illinoisans may differ among themselves about the wisdom, morality or economic effects of legalizing sports betting, but they can't deny two obvious facts: It's going to be allowed in some states, and people are going to take advantage of new opportunities to gamble legally. The size of the existing underground business, which amounts to tens of billions of dollars, suggests there is considerable potential for a legal, regulated market.

The shrewd policy would be to make it easy for Illinoisans to gamble on sports events right here rather than somewhere else,

both in physical establishments and online. That's what Pritzker recommends. It would be good business and good tax policy — both important considerations for a state that is losing residents and deep in a fiscal hole.

It would be foolish, though, to expect a flood of revenue. Pritzker proposes issuing 20 licenses, divided among physical establishments and online operations, that would go for \$10 million apiece. That would bring in some \$200 million right away, but the annual take from taxes on these wagers would be smaller. A 20 percent rate, it's estimated, would capture between \$77 million and \$136 million — a tiny share of the nearly \$39 billion budget the new governor proposed.

Pritzker is in a taxing mood, but greed can be as risky for lawmakers as it is for poker players. States that legalize sports

wagers, says analyst Richard Auxier of the Washington-based Tax Policy Center, "must set a tax rate high enough to maximize revenue but not so high that it discourages casinos or bettors." As with any tax policy, Illinois has to consider what other states levy, because the tax rate will affect payouts to winners, and gamblers will gravitate to places where they stand to win the most money.

But that's not the hardest part of the deal. Thanks to the Illinois Gaming Board, the state has done an excellent job of regulating casinos to keep them free of organized crime and political graft. This is no time to relax the vigilance that on at least four occasions intercepted what could have become scandals. If that ever happens, gamblers will flee Illinois for states that give them certifiably honest ways to bet.

It's crucial, then, that new licenses be awarded in a way that

prevents corruption and promotes public confidence. In 2002, Gregory Jones, who was chairman of the Gaming Board, stressed the importance of "openness, fairness, competitiveness and transparency" in the process of awarding a casino license." The same standards apply to online betting operations.

One way to keep the legislation honest: Invite Gaming Board attorneys to review any bill(s) before the voting in Springfield. The agency has three decades of experience in demanding, and enforcing, integrity in Illinois gambling.

Given that legal sports betting is now taking shape across the country, the people of Illinois have something to win from joining the game. But the state needs to establish sound standards and follow through with diligent regulation to make sure they don't get taken.

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WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

The Washington Post has identified fewer than 150 people (children and adults) who have been shot to death in America's schools since the 1999 shooting at Columbine High School in Colorado. Not 150 people a year, but 150 in nearly two decades. ... School-preparedness culture itself may be instilling in millions of children a distorted and foreboding view of their future. It's also encouraging adults to view children as associates in a shared mission to reduce gun violence ...

Active-shooter drills reflect a broad societal misunderstanding of childhood, one that features two com-

peting images of the child: the defenseless innocent and the powerful mini-adult. On the one hand, we view children as incredibly vulnerable — to hurt feelings, to non-rubberized playground surfaces, to disappointing report cards. This view is pervasive, and its consequences are now well understood: It robs children of their agency and impedes their development, and too often prevents them from testing themselves either physically or socially, from taking moderate risks and learning from them, from developing resilience.

But on the other hand, we demand preternatural

maturity from our children. We tell them that with hockey pucks and soup cans and deep reservoirs of courage, they are capable of defeating an evil that has resisted the more prosaic energies of law-enforcement officers, legislators, school superintendents and mental-health professionals.

We ask children to manage not the everyday risks that they are capable of managing — or should, for their own good, manage — but rather the problems they almost by definition cannot.

Erika Christakis, The Atlantic

Chicago Tribune

PERSPECTIVE



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A monitor shows candidates Toni Preckwinkle, left, and Lori Lightfoot, right, with moderator Mike Flannery, discuss the Jussie Smollett case in a TV debate Tuesday.

Enter Smollett into the final days of heated Preckwinkle-Lightfoot runoff



ERIC ZORN

“Congressman Rush speaks for himself.”

Chicago mayoral candidate Toni Preckwinkle intoned this talking point three times during Monday evening’s televised debate at WGN-Ch. 9, tripling down on an infamous and evasive mantra she mistakenly thought would be the antidote to the poison that veteran U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush, D-Chicago, has injected into the race. “Congressman Rush speaks for himself.”

Yes, he does. Except for when he is also speaking for Preckwinkle, addressing the crowd at her campaign event.

To refresh, Rush took the stage Saturday at a rally for Preckwinkle at the Harold Washington Cultural Center in Bronzeville, and he said of Preckwinkle’s runoff opponent Lori Lightfoot, “Everyone who votes for Lori, the blood of the next young black man or black woman who is killed by the police is on your hands.”

Both candidates are African-American, as is Rush.

When reporters asked Rush on Monday if he’d like to temper those remarks, he more or less repeated them, saying, “If any young black male or female is killed by a police officer, under a Lightfoot administration, then the blood would be on those voters’ hands who elected her” — and added

that Lightfoot “has made an alliance with the devil.”

It was incendiary — a stark appeal to racial animus the likes of which we haven’t seen here since the 1980s, when an African-American judge declared that any South Sider who didn’t vote for African-American Mayor Harold Washington should be hanged, and when Bernie Epton, one of Washington’s white opponents, ran on the subtle slogan “... before it’s too late.”

And Rush’s remark was grossly misleading. Lightfoot, a former federal prosecutor, came to prominence as an advocate for police reform who chaired the city task force seeking methods to limit police brutality and corruption.

But, hey, it was just Bobby Rush, a garrulous windsock who just last month endorsed Bill Daley, a white candidate, over Preckwinkle and 12 other contenders in the general election.

Preckwinkle does know how to handle such things. In the run-up to the Feb. 26 general election, she fired a top campaign aide after he compared Lightfoot to a Nazi war criminal in a Facebook post. And less than a week before Rush’s speech, Preckwinkle blasted as “disgraceful” and “despicable” anti-gay campaign flyers circulating on the South Side that were aimed at boosting her candidacy and tamping down support for Lightfoot, who is a lesbian.

“I condemn them, they have nothing to do with our campaign,” Preckwinkle said.

“Homophobes speak for themselves,” she did not say.

It’s true that candidates should not be held responsible for every daft or nasty thing a supporter says. They’d spend their days clarifying and distancing and reframing. But the demands are different when the supporter is prominent and sharing the stage at the same event.

Preckwinkle fended off still more attempts to get her to disavow Rush during Tuesday’s debate at WFLD-Ch. 32, though at last she added that his words were “clearly not words I would use.”

But it was political malpractice for Preckwinkle not to immediately and forcefully distance herself from Rush’s violent, bloody imagery. A simple two-line statement would have made this a one-day story:

“While I appreciate and share the depth of Congressman Rush’s concerns about the impact of police misconduct on minority communities, I reject the unfair language he used in characterizing my opponent and her supporters. While I believe I’m the better candidate to improve community-police relations, I also believe that such accusations have no place in this campaign.”

Done. But no. She opted for equivocal humbug — “Congressman Rush speaks for himself” on repeat. Not only did she keep the story alive as incredulous journalists and moderators kept vainly pressing her to repudiate the remarks, but Preckwinkle also underscored the manifest difficulty she has in distancing herself from toxic insiders, such as former Cook County Assessor Joe Berrios.

And it stole a lot of the debate thunder from a solid bit of opposition re-

search that Team Preckwinkle had injected into the news stream Monday afternoon: In 2008, a Cook County judge characterized Lightfoot’s performance as “shockingly lax” and “cavalier” in failing to preserve key records in 2004 when she was chief of staff and general counsel for Chicago’s Office of Emergency Management and Communications.

That failure, the judge said, “supports a reasonable argument that the city (was) deliberately withholding evidence” to cover up an allegedly lax 911 response in 2004 to a West Side house fire in which four children died.

Lightfoot defended her actions in that case. But the Rush controversy wittily diluted to the point of drowning out Lightfoot’s alleged malfeasance 15 years ago.

And now we can safely bid farewell to both stories as a decision by the office of one-time Preckwinkle protégé Kim Foxx has commandeered the local news cycle for, probably, the rest of the week.

Foxx, Preckwinkle’s former chief of staff, is now the Cook County state’s attorney. Her office shocked the nation and infuriated the Chicago Police Department and Mayor Rahm Emanuel on Tuesday morning when it abruptly and with no explanation dropped charges against TV actor Jussie Smollett, who had been facing charges that he’d orchestrated apparent hate crimes against himself.

And just like that, no one will care anymore whom Congressman Rush is speaking for.

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Relax, President Trump only behaves like a Russian agent



CLARENCE PAGE

What a weekend. It began with President Donald Trump walking free after special counsel Robert Mueller turned in his report on Russian tampering with our elections and ended with the arrest of anti-Trump lawyer Michael Avenatti.

The coincidence of those two events offers intriguing evidence in my view that, barring some earthly conspiracy, the Almighty has a sense of humor.

Unfortunately in this case, the laugh is on those of us who thought with undue certainty that Mueller’s investigation of alleged obstruction of justice and collusion by Trump and his Russians would conclusively confirm some collusion.

The laugh also is on Avenatti, whose flamboyant legal representation of his now-former client, the stripper and porn director Stormy Daniels, made him a Trump neme-

sis and media star with enough popularity among anti-Trumpists to reveal that he was considering a presidential run.

That option probably closed with his arrest Monday on multiple charges, including an alleged attempt to extort more than \$20 million from sports apparel giant Nike. He expects to be exonerated, he said later. Either way, I don’t think we’ll be hearing any more talk of his possible presidential run.

But on the Trump side, we may never hear the end of collusion suspicions about Trump and counter-charges against Democrats and the news-commentary media, especially as long as the full Mueller report is kept secret in the attorney general’s office.

Nevertheless, after Trump was briefed on Attorney General William Barr’s four-page summary of the Russia investigation, Trump displayed his usual fondness for modesty and understatement.

Just kidding. Trump actually inflated the Mueller report’s partial exoneration as “a complete and total exoneration.”

That’s half-true. On the charge of collusion, Barr’s summary quotes Mueller as saying no evi-

dence of conspiracy or coordination with Russians by Trump’s campaign was found, but that on the obstruction of justice charge, “while this report does not conclude that the president committed a crime, it also does not exonerate him.”

Nevertheless, Trump and other Republican leaders are calling for apologies and congressional hearings into the sources and evolution of the collusion accusation. No word about apologies from Trump and other Republicans for the two years in which many of them denigrated Mueller, a registered Republican, as a partisan hack.

Trump may fume and erupt like Mount Vesuvius with rage over the allegations, but he has only himself to blame for the clouds of suspicion over his head. He has misled us so much with his “truthful hyperbole,” to quote one of his books, that we the public often don’t know what to believe.

Now Mueller tells us that, no, Trump is not a foreign agent. He only behaves like one.

Examples abound. There was his open request during a nationally televised debate for Russia, “if you’re listening,” to release Hillary Clinton’s hacked emails, which

hackers tried to release that same day.

And there was the Trump Tower meeting in New York that his son Donald Jr., his son-in-law and senior campaign adviser Jared Kushner, and other senior advisers to his campaign took with an emissary of the Russian government to get dirt on Clinton. Trump Jr. could breathe a sigh of relief. He remained largely untouched by Mueller despite questions about whether he tried to cover up that meeting — at the president’s direction.

And, remember, there was the conversation Kushner had with the Russian ambassador during the presidential transition about setting up a secured communications channel through the Russian embassy.

And there were the jaw-dropping photos of Trump’s cheerful discussion of classified information during an Oval Office meeting in May 2017 with the Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and the Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak. Trump defended the disclosures the next day, declaring an “absolute right” to “share” intelligence with Russia.

And how about Trump telling reporters, as he stood next to

Russia’s Vladimir Putin in Helsinki, that he trusted Putin’s word more than our own intelligence community. I did not feel insulted or subverted when I heard later that FBI chiefs on their own had run an internal background check on Trump’s Russia contacts. I felt relieved.

Now that Mueller’s report is finished, we the public should be able to see it, even if parts must be redacted to maintain grand jury or national security secrets. Americans across party lines understand the value of transparency in our democratic republic. Secrecy only breeds more suspicions and conspiracy theories and weakened confidence in our institutions.

And now that Mueller confirms Russian intrusion in our elections, the Trump White House needs to join the rest of us in securing our votes. We face enough electoral challenges without having to worry about outside meddling too.

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PERSPECTIVE

The Mueller report is no vindication of Trump



STEVE CHAPMAN

Late in the fourth quarter of a 2004 game between Texas A&M and Oklahoma, Aggie defender Johnny Jolly tackled the ball carrier for a loss, jumped up and did a triumphant dance. It would have been entirely appropriate except that Oklahoma was leading 77-0.

The disciples of Donald Trump have been engaged in a similarly myopic display since Attorney General William Barr reported that the special counsel did not find that Trump colluded with the Russian government to affect the 2016 election. They are celebrating under circumstances that should elicit humility, not hubris.

In the first place, they are responding to a cryptic summary of a report that has not been made public. If and when more of Robert Mueller's report comes to light, it may cast a harsh light on the president.

Barr, after all, chose his words with delicate care. He said the investigation "did not establish" that Trump colluded with the Kremlin. That's not the same as saying it established that Trump did not collude. My inability to prove that a frog is ugly does not prove that the frog is handsome.

On the second topic, obstruction of justice, Mueller furnished no grounds for presidential gloating. Barr quoted the special counsel: "While this report does not conclude that the President committed a crime, it also does not exonerate him." Barr said Mueller found "evidence on both sides of the question." What he found on the, um, guilty side will be relevant to the public's judgment of the president's fitness for office.

Even if Trump is not convincingly implicated in these specific felonies, he has been discredited by a mass of evidence on a host of matters, including some that may ensnare him in the criminal justice system.

His lawyer, Michael Cohen, pleaded guilty to violating campaign finance laws by paying off women who said they had sex with Trump "so as to suppress the stories and thereby prevent them from influencing the election." Federal prosecutors said Cohen did so "in coordination with and at the direction of Individual-1," that being Trump. The president was spared indictment, but Justice Department guidelines don't allow the indictment of a president.

The hush money payments were not the only brazen acts of deception by candidate Trump. He repeatedly denied having any business interests whatsoever in Russia, but in January his lawyer, Rudy



President Donald Trump arrives for a Senate GOP policy lunch Tuesday at the Capitol.

Giuliani, quoted Trump saying he tried to arrange a deal to build a skyscraper in Moscow "from the day I announced to the day I won."

Trump's financial interest in that project, and others that may not be known, could help explain his bizarre efforts to indulge, flatter and excuse anything that Vladimir Putin does. But maybe Trump is not acting out of naked greed. Maybe he is just the malleable dupe of a nasty autocrat who has acted to subvert American democracy.

It could be Trump is not a crook but a fool. As campaign slogans go, that one lacks something. So does "still not indicted." But they are about the best that can be said of him and his conspicuous pattern of unsavory behavior.

Similar questions persist about his relations with the government of Saudi Arabia, whose agents murdered a U.S. resident, Jamal Khashoggi, last year. Trump claims he has no financial ties with the country, but that's not what he said in 2015. "I like the Saudis," he bragged. "They pay me millions and hundreds of millions."

Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman insists he is innocent, and Trump has given him the benefit of the doubt. "You

have to be willfully blind" to buy that story, Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said.

In December, Trump was forced to shut down his foundation after the attorney general of New York found "a shocking pattern of illegality," including "self-dealing transactions that directly benefited Mr. Trump." But the criminal investigation of his fraudulent charity continues.

From what is known about Mueller's report, which covered only a narrow range of Trump's many squalid practices, we can't conclude that the president is a criminal. But we have abundant proof that he is the worst person ever to become president, as well as the least competent and conscientious president ever.

Yet his defenders treat a decision not to pursue criminal charges as a shining affirmation of his personal integrity and presidential excellence. Their response to the Mueller findings confirms that when it comes to judging Trump, they don't have low standards. They have no standards.

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Something stinks in Smollett case

Something smells rotten in Denmark. Oh, I mean Chicago. What an insult to all the hard work by the Chicago Police Department and its detectives. It cost city taxpayers several thousand dollars to investigate whether actor Jussie Smollett lied. Why won't there be a trial on the 16 counts?

Why did the state's attorneys make a deal with him? I think the federal government should investigate State's Attorney Kim Foxx and her office as to what allowed such a deal to be made.

— John Moravec, Naperville

Obama center won't hurt green space

Herb Caplan in his March 25 letter in the Tribune ("Preserve our green space") opposes locating the Obama Presidential Center in Jackson Park. Caplan cites research showing that kids who were exposed to green space were less likely to have mental health problems as adults. He asked, don't South Side kids deserve living in proximity to green space?

The answer is, even when the Obama Presidential Center is built, children nearby will still have that green space. The center would take less than 5 percent of a 500-plus-acre park. Those children would also have a museum telling the story of Barack Obama, our first African-American president, someone who could be a role model for them. The psychological benefits of such a role model would be well worth the loss of a small amount of green space. Also, a presidential center would create thousands of jobs and attract hundreds of thousands of visitors a year. The center would also have programs to train community leaders. The benefits of the Obama center are well worth the amount of space that it would take.

— Eleanor Hall, Chicago

Striking musicians, consider market

Howard Reich's latest column online ("Please don't tell me CSO musicians have it easy") neglects a crucial matter — the market. All the column says is true, but there was once a buggy whip craftsman who could make similar claims. If people aren't interested in buying what the musicians have for sale (and they certainly are less interested — count the house!), the musicians' contract demands are ill-advised. The market always wins.

— Dave Shuman, Deer Park

CSO musicians need to be realistic

As a former chairman of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association, I would like to protest the extraordinary publicity on behalf of the musicians union. As was set forth in a memorandum by President Jeff Alexander shortly before the strike began, the offer presented to the union represented the most generous contract proposal (adjusted for taxes and cost of living) available to any of the major orchestras in the U.S. Nonetheless, much of the recent publicity has supported the musicians with all politically motivated parties chiming in. Earned revenues — ticket sales and performance fees — make up less than 40 percent of the CSOA's annual budget, as is customary with major orchestras. The balance, roughly 60 percent, comes from contributions, sponsorships and income from the endowment. A major concern is that contributions will suffer dramatically if patrons are disappointed in the musicians' demands. I truly hope that the musicians realize that they must accept the realistic projections of pension costs and modify their expectations in the interests of the orchestra's long-term viability.

— Richard Thomas, Chicago

City can do more for the homeless

Regarding Mary Wisniewski's March 25 column ("Experts: If you see mental illness on 'L,' try to be kind"): Surely we can do more than just being kind to the occasional ill or wounded person we encounter. Showing kindness is doing only the minimum the universe requires of us as human beings — remember the golden rule? What are the mayoral candidates' positions on reopening neighborhood behavioral health clinics that Mayor Rahm Emanuel closed? Let's make those answers part of our decision. Thousands homeless in Chicago is a disgrace — and for the homeless people who are outdoors 24/7, it is reasonable to suspect that shortness of sleep may contribute to some of the mental illness we see. We can call our aldermen and demand they vote against Emanuel's "legacy" tax increment financing scams and return the money to public schools and other city services, where it belongs.

— Muriel Balla, Chicago

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How sexism is already shaping the presidential race

BY PAUL WALDMAN

Imagine that you were the mayor of a city of around 100,000 people, the 301st largest in America. One day you thought to yourself, "I'm smart and competent. I have lots of thoughts about how to improve things. Sure, I'm only 37 years old, but I've got talent and energy. I think I'll run for president of the United States."

How do you think that candidacy would be greeted? Chances are that if you're a man, the answer is something like, "Well, it seems like a long shot, but who knows? Anything is possible." If you're a woman, the answer is probably, "Yeah, right. Give me a break."

The presidential race we've now embarked on is unusual in lots of ways, perhaps most notably the presence of six female candidates, four of whom are U.S. senators. And the recent surge of interest in South Bend, Ind., Mayor Pete Buttigieg is casting an interesting light on what we expect and demand of women and men.

I don't mean this as a criticism of Buttigieg. He has a lot to commend him. But Buttigieg is enjoying a hearing, including lots of positive press coverage, that no woman in his position could possibly be granted.

That's in part because, as Jill Filipovic reminds us, we judge women by their accomplishments but we judge men by their potential. Ambition in a man is considered admirable, while in a woman it's considered threatening.

We've seen this over and over again. Hillary Clinton's popularity bounced up and down depending on whether she was seeking an office. Or take Elizabeth Warren. Back in 2016, many on the left held up Warren as everything they wanted in a presidential candidate. The key, though, was that Warren wasn't running. Once she did run, many of those same people decided they weren't so enamored of her after all. She used to be brilliant and charismatic; now people have decided she's an inauthentic schoolmarm.

That case came up in a recent conversation I had with Kate Manne, a Cornell philosophy professor and author of "Down Girl: The Logic of Misogyny." As Manne points out, when each woman

currently running entered the race, a fatal flaw was quickly identified: Warren's Native-American ancestry, Amy Klobuchar's treatment of her staff, or Kirsten Gillibrand being, well, too ambitious (and the role she played in pushing Sen. Al Franken to resign after multiple women alleged he groped them).

It wasn't that you couldn't make a case that those weren't real issues (some more than others), but they dominated the discussion of those candidates to an unusual degree.

"The real fatal flaw is ambition," Manne says, "and wanting to lead, and wanting to have a male-dominated authority position at the expense of men and particularly white men in the race. And that implicitly becomes the basis for suspicion and moral condemnation."

Manne's conception of misogyny isn't as simple as the way we usually think about it, as just a hatred of women. Instead, she sees misogyny as a system that enforces patriarchal values, punishing women who step outside the norms of that system and the roles they've been assigned. And few things pose as much of a challenge to the patriarchy as a woman seeking the most powerful position in the country.

But some of the challenges female candidates face are the same as women face in other contexts, like the workplace. Manne points to experimental research showing that when a woman is perceived to be competent, people will decide she's unlikable, but if she's likable, they'll decide she isn't as competent.

And as Manne points out, it isn't just that women have to be twice as good to be judged equal to men. When a man and a woman are competing directly against each other, people alter their judgments of both, so the man is judged even better than he would be if he was competing with another man, and the woman is judged even more harshly than she would be if she was competing with another woman.

"Women who go head-to-head with men for male-dominated positions are in a really bad spot," she told me. "It's striking that a lot of the areas where women have made enormous gains like education don't involve head-to-head rankings of men and women or boys and girls. It's just

about how well you do on a particular test or essay, or what grade you get overall," without situations in which one female is judged against one male.

But of course, that's just what a presidential campaign is. And if a woman should become the Democratic nominee, she'll be running against a president who will again make hostility toward women and racial minorities not a bug but a feature of his campaign. "He made America the locker room," Manne says, "where there are implicit permissions to engage in the kind of talk that would and should get you in trouble in more egalitarian settings. He radically extended the field of permission."

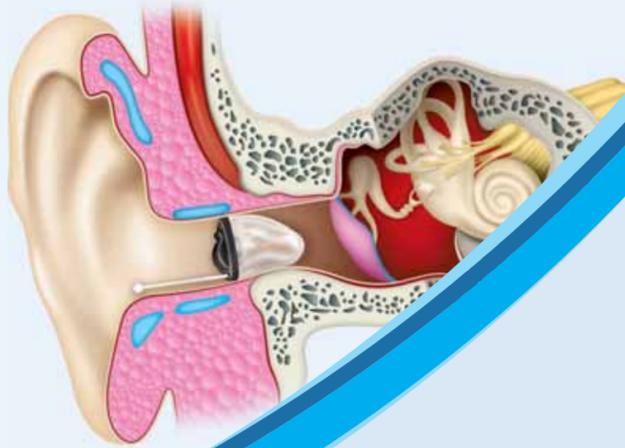
President Donald Trump's sexism is so vulgar and unapologetic that it's easy to think about it as something separate from the kind of hurdles that are placed in front of female candidates, hurdles that white men like Buttigieg or Beto O'Rourke don't have to worry about. But they're parts of a complex whole. O'Rourke's entire campaign is essentially built on likability, without anyone bothering to ask whether he's competent. Buttigieg's desire to leapfrog three or four of the traditional rungs on the ladder is seen as worth nothing but hardly disqualifying. If a woman in his position sowed that kind of ambition, she'd be considered some kind of lunatic.

Reading Manne's book can make one pretty depressed about the prospects for change anytime soon, even with an unprecedented number of women running for president this year. "I think the idea that the American system will support a female president coming from the left any time soon is really optimistic, and maybe naive," she said.

On the other hand, Clinton did win 3 million more votes than Trump, and were it not for a highly unlikely confluence of events she'd now be the president. But the more success any woman running has, the more she'll be the target of a backlash. It might be possible to overcome, but it won't be easy.

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Sears ends retirees' life insurance benefits

Coverage was canceled March 15, though some received letters notifying them after that date

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH
Chicago Tribune

Sears has ended life insurance benefits for eligible retirees, one of the final links to the days when the company promised generous benefits to take care of its workers.

The life insurance benefits were canceled March 15, though some retirees didn't receive letters notifying them of the change until after that date, said Ron Olbrysh, chairman of the National Association of Retired Sears Employees.

It's unclear how many Sears' retirees will lose coverage, but the company paid about \$16.6 million in premiums for eligible retirees for the year that ended Dec. 31, 2017, according to a report on benefits that Olbrysh said he and other retirees received.

A company attorney declined to comment.

Retirees can convert all or part of their group life insurance policies to individual whole life policies and pay the premiums, according to the letter sent to

retirees.

Sears has already sacrificed popular employee perks amid longstanding financial struggles, including significant cuts to life insurance coverage in 1997. But the company still covered life insurance policies worth at least \$5,000 for eligible retirees, according to Olbrysh, who said the average policy ranged from \$8,000 to \$10,000.

When the company sought bankruptcy protection in October, retirees were more concerned about losing the life insurance benefits than their pensions, which were covered by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. The

federal pension agency moved to take over Sears' plans, which cover about 90,000 people, this year.

Olbrysh said the retirees' association was under the impression that life insurance benefits would be secure as long as Sears had not fully wound down its business.

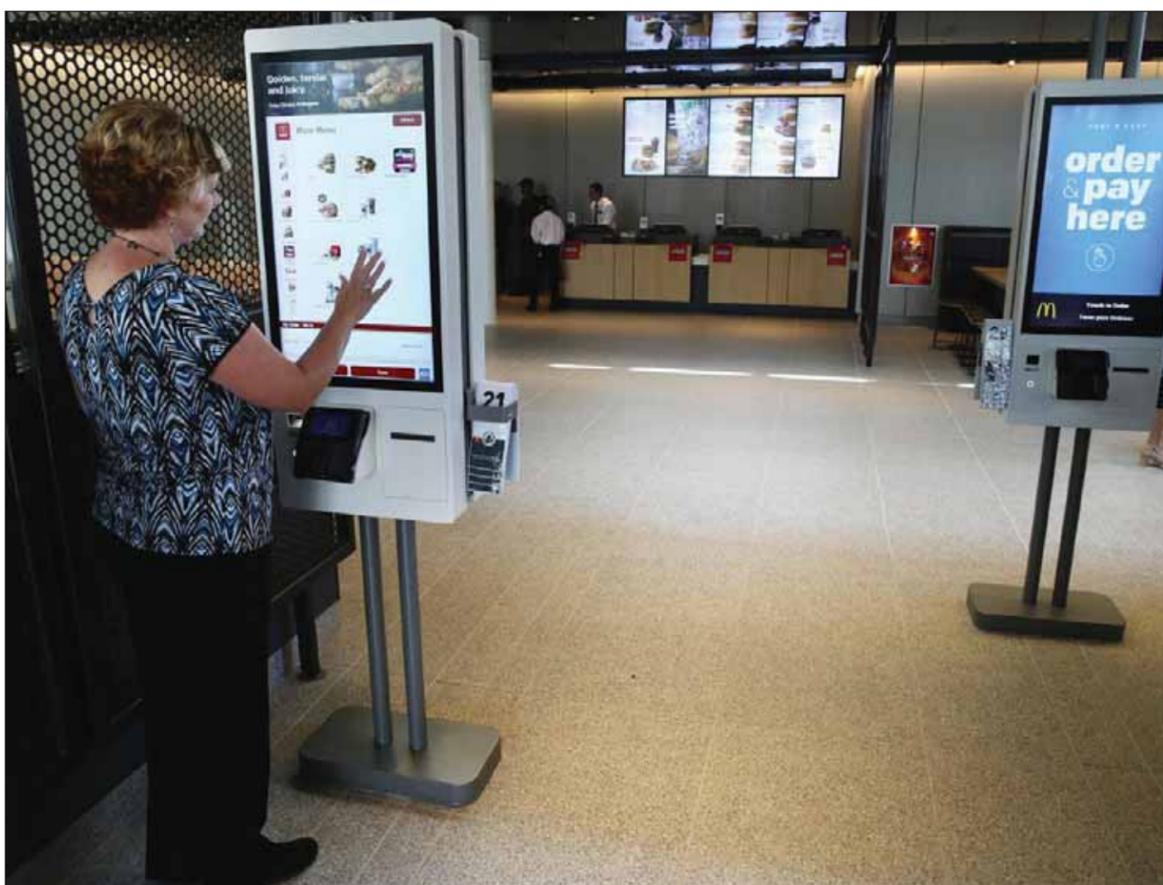
Sears' former CEO and largest shareholder, Edward Lampert, won a bankruptcy auction in February for the retailer's remaining assets with a \$5.2 billion bid and plan to keep a new, leaner version of Sears in business operation. A new entity controlled by Lampert's hedge fund, ESL Investments, has completed that transaction.

Though the life insurance benefits had been reduced over the years, it was still meaningful, said Tom Dowd, 76, who was a human resources manager when he retired after 30 years at Sears in 1998.

To Dowd, who lives in Delaware, it was the way the news was delivered that stung. He found out about it first from other retirees.

"I spent my adult life there, and if nothing else, that requires a little bit of dignity as opposed to a letter saying your benefits are gone, and here's how much you can pay to get them back," he said.

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McDonald's plans to pay \$300 million to acquire technology company Dynamic Yield, whose software will allow the fast food giant to personalize its digital menu boards and push additional items based on what a customer has just ordered.

Want fries with that?

McDonald's digital drive-thru menus will start making personalized recommendations

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ
Chicago Tribune

McDonald's digital drive-thru menus will soon recommend items to customers based on the weather, time of day and how busy the store is at the moment, part of a big investment in artificial intelligence to create a more personalized experience and encourage larger purchases.

Chicago-based McDonald's announced Monday that it plans to acquire Dynamic Yield, a company based in New York and Tel Aviv that specializes in

"When you serve 68 million customers every day, our ability to learn about our customers and play that back through this technology is unbeatable, it gives us a huge competitive advantage."

Steve Easterbrook, McDonald's CEO

decision logic technology. The \$300 million acquisition is McDonald's largest in 20 years.

With the deal, McDonald's has upped the ante in its push to use technology to drive sales.

While it and other fast food chains have introduced self-service kiosks, digital menu screens, mobile ordering apps and delivery, McDonald's is on the leading edge of using arti-

cial intelligence to customize the ordering experience in restaurants, experts said.

"This has the potential to be a game changer," said Linda Ashbrook, director of customer solutions and innovation at Datassential, a food industry market research firm.

McDonald's tested Dynamic Yield's technology in several of its restaurants last year and will roll it out to drive-thrus across the country this year, then in international markets. It also plans to integrate the technol-

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Regional flights more likely to get canceled

Report states partners called off trips more than major airlines

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH
Chicago Tribune

Flyers have long assumed that flights sold by a major airline but operated by their regional partners would be less likely to show up on time.

They're right, according to new information from the U.S. Department of Transportation, though passengers' odds of finding themselves on a canceled flight remain relatively low even on regional carriers.

Last year, the Transportation Department began tracking airlines' performance across all domestic flights sold using their brand, whether operated by the main carrier or a regional partner. A report released earlier this month provides the first full-year look.

Most travelers tend to focus on fare and schedule when booking tickets, not whether that United Airlines flight will actually be operated by a regional partner like Air Wisconsin Airlines or Republic Airways. But there is a difference.

Nationwide, flights operated by Delta Air Lines' regional partners were a little more than four times more likely to be canceled than flights operated by Delta, accord-

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Real estate prices rise at slowest pace in more than 6 years

Mortgage rates have also fallen, helping make homes more affordable

BY CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
Associated Press

U.S. home prices rose at their slowest pace in more than six years in January, as higher mortgage rates last year weighed on sales.

The S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller 20-city home price index increased 3.6 percent in January from a year earlier. That's down from a 4.1 percent pace the previous month.

Home prices in the Chicago area were up just 2.4 percent year-over-year, the same annualized gain recorded in January 2018.

The slowdown in price appreci-



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U.S. home prices rose at their slowest pace in more than six years in January.

ation has helped make homes more affordable. Mortgage rates have also fallen since January. Cheaper homes and lower rates appear to be reversing last year's sales slump. Sales of existing homes soared in February, though they remain slightly below where they were a year ago.

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Five things to know about falling Obamacare enrollment

Trump administration supports ruling that ACA is unconstitutional

BY LISA SCHENCKER
Chicago Tribune

Fewer Illinois residents signed up for health insurance through the Obamacare exchange this year — as questions continued to swirl about whether the law would continue to stand.

About 312,280 Illinois residents selected health plans through the exchange for this year, according to data released by the federal government Monday afternoon. That's down from about 334,979 last year — a decline of nearly 7 percent. Nationally, enrollment fell by about 3 percent, to 11.4 million.

Illinois residents signed up for coverage even as the Trump administration made a number of changes, and court challenges to the law persisted. The Trump



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Linda Sabo, from Association House of Chicago, provides information on the Obamacare exchange at Chicago's City Hall in 2017.

administration, for example, now says it supports a Texas judge's ruling that Obamacare is unconstitutional — a significant hardening of the administration's position against the law. House Democrats,

meanwhile, say they have a plan to improve and strengthen the health care law.

Here's what you need to know

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Potential recession signal: A key 'yield curve' has inverted

BY STAN CHOE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — One of the most closely watched predictors of a potential recession just yelped even louder.

The signal lies within the bond market, through which investors show how confident they are about the economy by their level of demand for U.S. government bonds.

It's called the "yield curve," and a significant part of it flipped last week for the first time since before the Great Recession: A Treasury bill that matures in three months is yielding 2.46 percent — 0.03 percentage points more than the yield on a Treasury that matures in 10 years.

Economists call it an "inverted" yield curve. Normally, short-term debt yields less than a long-term debt, which requires investors to tie up their money for a prolonged period. When a short-term debt pays more than a long-term debt, the yield curve has inverted.

And when the yield curve is inverted, it shows that investors are losing confidence in the economy's prospects.

Why care? This warning signal has a fairly accurate track record. A rule of thumb is that when the 10-month Treasury yield falls below the three-month yield, a recession may hit in about a year.



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Such an inversion has preceded each of the last seven recessions, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland.

The last time a three-month Treasury yielded less than a 10-year Treasury was in late 2006 and early 2007, before the Great Recession in December 2007.

Why did the yield curve invert? Longer-term Treasury yields have been falling this year, in part on worries that economic growth is slowing around the world. When investors become nervous, they often abandon stocks and other risky assets and flock to Treasuries, which are among the world's safest investments. High demand for bonds will, in turn, send

yields falling. Accordingly, the yield on the 10-year Treasury has sunk to 2.43 percent from more than 3.20 percent late last year.

Shorter-term rates, by contrast, are influenced less by investors and more by the Federal Reserve, which raised its benchmark short-term rate seven times over the past two years. Those rate hikes have been forcing up the three-month yield, to 2.46 percent from 1.71 percent a year ago. This momentum will likely slow now that the Fed foresees no rate hikes in 2019. But if longer-term Treasury yields continue to weaken, the curve could remain inverted.

Is it a perfect predictor? No, an inverted yield curve has sent false positives be-

fore. The yield curve inverted in late 1966, for example, and a recession didn't hit until the end of 1969.

Haven't we heard this before? Other parts of the yield curve inverted late last year, as when the five-year Treasury's yield dropped below the three-year yield. Those parts of the yield curve, though, aren't as closely watched.

And not every part of the yield curve is inverted. Many traders on Wall Street also pay close attention to the difference between two-year and 10-year Treasuries. That part of the curve is still not inverted. The 10-year yield of 2.43 percent is still above the two-year yield of 2.31 percent.

So is a recession coming? It's too soon to say. Economic growth is slowing around the world, but the U.S. job market remains relatively strong.

"This is a signal that we should take seriously," said Frances Donald, head of macroeconomic strategy at Manulife Asset Management. "For me to feel confident to say this is a predictor of recession, I would need to see it persist for at least one to two months."

Potentially more concerning, Donald said, is how businesses and consumers react to the inverted yield curve. If they were to cut back on hiring or spending, that could trigger a self-fulfilling prophecy that leads to a recession.

ACA enrollment in Illinois is falling

Obamacare, from Page 1

about sign-ups in Illinois and the status of Obamacare.

1. Why did fewer people in Illinois sign up?

The number of Illinois residents signing up for exchange plans has been dropping since 2017 — the same year that President Donald Trump took office, pledging to undo the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare. Most people in Illinois get health insurance through their employers or government programs, such as Medicare and Medicaid, but others buy plans through the exchange at Healthcare.gov.

This year's decline was likely because of lower demand for exchange plans, thanks to a strong economy in which more people have access to insurance through their employers, the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services said in a news release.

Others, however, have said uncertainty surrounding the law in recent years has most likely deterred some consumers from purchasing exchange plans. They also say changes to the requirements surrounding the law may have contributed to the decline in enrollment.

It's possible the "drop in enrollment is result of continued action by Trump administration to undermine the Affordable Care Act," said Kathy Waligora, interim executive director at EverThrive Illinois, referring to a number of changes the administration has made to requirements surrounding the law.

Still others blame high prices for driving Illinois residents away from the exchange.

2. Has the cost changed?

Prices remained relatively steady in Illinois this year for plans purchased through the exchange, according to federal data. In Illinois, average monthly premiums are about \$646 this year, compared with \$644 last year — though most people get tax credits to offset those costs.

Nearly 84 percent of Illinois residents who have exchange plans this year also get the tax credits, bringing their average monthly premiums down to \$140, compared with \$135 last year.

Illinois' largest health insurer, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, dropped its average rates for many plans slightly this year. The drops, however, followed years of double-digit increases, which may still be keeping some people from buying exchange plans, according to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

3. What changes has the Trump administration made?

Since Trump took office, the administration has made a number of changes to requirements surrounding the law. The administration has said the changes are intended to give consumers more options, but proponents of Obamacare say they could lead to fewer people with health insurance. Trump made changes after Congress was unable to fully repeal the law.

For one, starting this year, individuals will no longer have to pay penalties for going without health insur-

ance. They also have new options for buying coverage outside the exchange, such as short-term plans that can be used for longer periods of time than in the past. Short-term plans are generally cheaper than exchange plans but may not offer as much coverage.

Also, the federal government has dramatically cut funding meant to help enroll people in exchange plans. Illinois got 78 percent less federal money last year to hire workers to help enroll people in exchange plans.

4. Where does the law now stand?

Despite all the changes and uncertainty, Obamacare remains in place. Over the years, it has faced a number of court challenges, and the U.S. Supreme Court has upheld its provisions several times.

It's still being challenged in court, however. A federal judge in Texas ruled in December that the law should be invalidated. That case is now in appeals court, and on Monday the federal government filed a notice saying it now supports the original ruling to scrap the law entirely — a significant change from last June when the administration said some parts of the law could still stand.

Illinois is one of a number of states defending the Affordable Care Act as part of the case.

5. What would happen if the law were struck down?

The appeals court must still make a ruling, and if that ruling were against the health care law, it would most likely be stayed until an appeal is concluded, said Sabrina Corlette, a research professor at Georgetown University's Center on Health Insurance Reforms. The ruling would most likely go to the U.S. Supreme Court, so a final decision may be some time away.

"It's hard to imagine, certainly, anything happening this year," Corlette said, of the law being invalidated.

But if the law were eventually struck down in its entirety, it could affect millions of people in Illinois.

Also, the law doesn't just govern exchange plans and the 312,280 people in Illinois with them. States also expanded Medicaid — a health insurance program for the poor — to more people under the law. More than 590,000 additional adults in Illinois had Medicaid coverage as of October because of that expansion, according to the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

The law also affects people with coverage through their employers. The law allows young adults to stay on their parents' health insurance plans until the age of 26. It also bars insurers from imposing lifetime and annual coverage caps and from denying coverage to people with pre-existing conditions.

Proponents of erasing the law say doing so could lead to more options at better prices for consumers, while opponents worry that fewer people will be able to get comprehensive insurance and will suffer more financially if they're sick.

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Regional flights more likely to get canceled

Flights, from Page 1

ing to a Tribune analysis of monthly Transportation Department data. At American Airlines and United, the percentage of regional partner flights canceled was between two and three times greater than for those of the mainline carrier.

The odds of any particular flight being canceled are still quite low: a little less than 1 percent of domestic 2018 flights at Delta, about 1.75 percent at United and about 2.76 percent at American. Even on the regional carriers, only about 1.6 percent, 2.4 percent and 3.7 percent of flights operated by Delta, United and American's partners were canceled in 2018, respectively.

So why is there a gap at all?

When something like a major storm or runway closures limit the number of flights airlines can operate at an airport, regional flights are more likely to end up on the chopping block.

Giving priority to flights connecting hubs or big cities, international flights and those using larger aircraft — which tend to be run by the mainline airline — helps minimize the impact problems at one airport have on flights throughout the country, said United spokesman Charles Hobart.

Regional partners also tend to use smaller aircraft, meaning a cancellation af-

fects fewer passengers. Their routes tend to have relatively frequent flights, providing opportunities to rebook those customers on later flights, said American spokeswoman Leslie Scott.

The passengers on each flight can also be part of the calculus. Delta said it considers whether a flight has a lot of passengers who might find a cancellation particularly disruptive, like people connecting to another destination, unaccompanied minors or loyal frequent flyers.

When it comes to delays, domestic flights on regional carriers for United, Delta and American were between 1.8 and 5.7 percentage points more likely to arrive 15 minutes late than flights operated by the main carrier, according to the Transportation Department's report. Overall, about 83.2 percent of domestic mainline and regional Delta flights, 77.4 percent of American flights and 77.9 percent of United flights arrived on time last year.

At O'Hare, United and American were about as likely to arrive on time as they were at airports across the country, or slightly more punctual, according to the Tribune's analysis. Delta, which operates fewer flights through Chicago than those carriers, was less likely to arrive within 15 minutes of the scheduled time at O'Hare than its average nationwide last

year.

But there was also a bigger gap in the odds that a Delta flight arriving at one of Chicago's airports would arrive on time, depending on whether it was operated by the carrier or one of its regional partners. In 2018, almost 80 percent of mainline domestic flights operated by Delta arrived on time at O'Hare, compared with just 67 percent for its regional partners. At Midway, about 88 percent and 79 percent of mainline and regional Delta flights arrived on time, respectively.

One factor could be that most of Delta's regional flights at Chicago's airports connect the city to airports in the northeastern U.S. that tend to struggle with delays, Delta said.

Shorter regional flights on small aircraft tend to have relatively quick turnarounds between trips, Scott said. A couple extra minutes on each leg can add up to a longer delay over the course of the day, which is why American is particularly focused on ensuring morning flights start the day on time, she said.

Regional flights also tend to have more passengers with connecting flights. American will wait a few minutes for passengers with tight connections as long as it doesn't risk making customers miss flights on the other end, which could contribute to the slightly higher odds of a

delayed arrival, Scott said.

So should travelers trying to minimize the risk of a delay or cancellation avoid flights operated by regional partners?

"It's one factor, but it's not necessarily the most important one in any given situation," said Gary Leff, a travel expert who writes the View from the Wing blog.

Whether an itinerary allows enough time between connecting flights or stops in a city with a high risk of bad weather matters, he said. So does departure time, since flights leaving in the morning, before problems have a chance to stack up, tend to be more punctual.

For some travelers, avoiding regional flights has more to do with a reputation for being small and less comfortable than mainline flights. But the gap is narrowing, Leff said.

United recently announced plans to replace some 50-seat regional jets with a new version that has a first class cabin with more legroom and a self-serve beverage and snack bar.

Leff said he's not surprised by a "convergence to the mean" — it has already been under way.

"The tiny regional jets people hate were once an improvement over the prop planes they used to hate," he said.

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Digital menus will start making recommendations

McDonald's, from Page 1

ogy into its mobile ordering app and the self-service kiosks inside stores.

For customers, that might mean menus will highlight soft serve ice cream on a hot day and a McCafe on a cold day, in addition to items that pair well with whatever the customer just ordered. The software will also track wait times at the restaurant so that, during busy periods, the menu suggests items that are easier for staff to make, allowing the drive-thru to run smoother.

Drive-thru wait times have increased for about the last five years, CEO Steve Easterbrook said during the company's last earnings call, and the company has been looking at ways to halt that trend.

As of October, McDonald's had a drive-thru wait time of almost five minutes,

the worst among the 10 largest chains, according to QSR Magazine. Burger King, with a wait time of a little more than three minutes, was the best.

About 70 percent of fast food transactions happen at the drive-thru, Ashbrook said, and this is the first major innovation a chain has undertaken to improve that experience.

"It has the potential to have an impact on brand loyalty and brand love," she said.

The technology follows the lead of retailers like Amazon and Walmart that use mounds of data collected on their e-commerce sites to suggest items shoppers might want to buy, and such suggestive selling has been shown to increase sales, Ashbrook said.

McDonald's says it will be among the first to bring the technology to its physical

stores.

"With this acquisition, we're expanding both our ability to increase the role technology and data will play in our future and the speed with which we'll be able to implement our vision of creating more personalized experiences for our customers," Easterbrook said in a news release.

McDonald's, which reported \$21 billion in revenues last year, doesn't often make acquisitions. Its most recent major purchases were stakes in Chipotle and Boston Market in the late 1990s, both of which it has since shed.

Buying Dynamic Yield allows McDonald's to control how the technology is used and enhance it for their specific needs, said Chris Stafford, senior manager in the mergers and acquisitions practice at Chicago consulting firm West Monroe Part-

ners.

"These types of digital innovations can help McDonald's bring its capabilities to market much faster than investing millions internally in (research and development) and requiring two to three years to roll out," Stafford said.

Dynamic Yield will continue to operate as a stand-alone company and serve other clients. Founded in 2011, its clients include Urban Outfitters, Sephora and Ikea, according to its website.

In a video released by McDonald's with the announcement, Easterbrook said: "When you serve 68 million customers every day, our ability to learn about our customers and play that back through this technology is unbeatable, it gives us a huge competitive advantage."

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Real estate prices rising at a slower pace

Homes, from Page 1

Some red-hot markets have cooled off. Home prices in Seattle rose just 4.1 percent in January from a year ago, compared with a 12.8 percent gain in January 2018.

And in San Francisco, where the typical home costs well over \$1 million, the annual price increase was 1.8 percent in January, down from a 10.2 percent increase a year earlier.

Las Vegas reported the sharpest increase in January from a year ago at 10.5 percent, followed by Phoenix with 7.5 percent and Minneapolis at 5.1 percent.

Home prices are now rising at roughly the same pace as incomes, a remarkable shift after six years of increases that far outpaced

wages. Average hourly earnings rose 3.4 percent in February from a year ago.

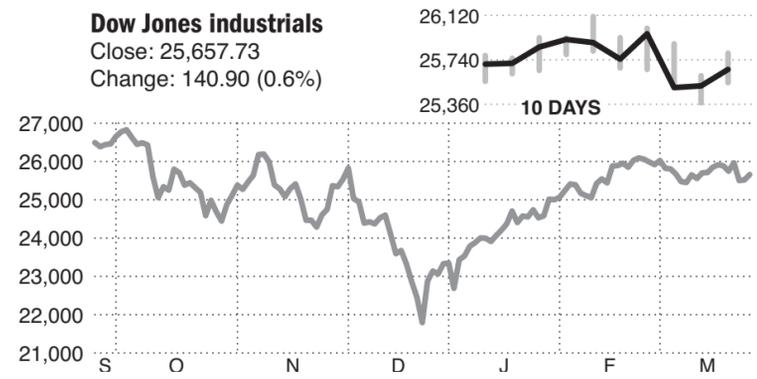
Mortgage rates jumped roughly a full percentage point last year, peaking at nearly 5 percent in November. That throttled home sales, which fell 3.1 percent in 2018.

But rates have since slipped to 4.28 percent for an average 30-year fixed rate mortgage. Rates will likely fall further as the Federal Reserve has signaled it may not raise short-term rates at all this year.

Lower rates haven't yet turned around home construction, which is being held back by higher prices for labor and land. The number of new homes under construction plunged 8.7 percent in February, the government said Tuesday.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 25,796.29 Low: 25,544.78 Previous: 25,516.83



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
+53.98 (+.71%)	+20.10 (+.72%)	+15.31 (+1.01%)
Close: 7,691.52	Close: 2,818.46	Close: 1,528.17
High: 7,738.17	High: 2,829.87	High: 1,535.87
Low: 7,649.21	Low: 2,803.99	Low: 1,513.76
Previous: 7,637.54	Previous: 2,798.36	Previous: 1,512.86

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
... to 2.41%	-7.60 to \$1,314.30	+46 to 110.52/\$1	+0.0027 to .8867/\$1	+1.12 to \$59.94

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW -89	NASD -42	S&P -50	DOW -1.54	NASD +1.88	S&P +.88	DOW +7.54	NASD +9.74	S&P +7.88

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 19	470	478	467	469.25	-.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 19	379.25	380.50	375.50	377.25	-2.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 19	905.50	907.50	899.50	900.75	-5.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 19	28.82	28.85	28.58	28.65	-.17
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 19	314.60	315.70	310.50	311.00	-4.10
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl.	May 19	59.12	60.38	59.04	59.94	+1.12
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Apr 19	2.759	2.770	2.728	2.740	-.015
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Apr 19	1.9359	1.9807	1.9343	1.9557	+0.0178

LOCAL STOCKS

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	79.00	+7.77	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	115.14	+8.2
AbbVie Inc	N	80.76	+1.25	Equity Residential	N	75.14	+6.7
Allstate Corp	N	94.10	+1.11	Exelon Corp	N	50.68	+3.0

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Bank of America	27.21	+3.37
Goldcorp Inc	11.35	+2.23
Ambev S.A.	4.38	+1.11

LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	178.08	-.69
Alphabet Inc C	1184.62	-8.38
Alphabet Inc A	1189.84	-7.54

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	31.22	+1.19	+4.7
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	26.68	+1.11	+5.9
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	m47.49	+2.4	-9

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Adv Micro Dev	25.69	-.28
Bed Bath & Beyond	16.92	+3.05
Apple Inc	186.79	-1.95

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.40	2.41
6-month disc	2.40	2.415
2-year	2.23	2.24

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1314.30	\$1321.90
Silver	\$15.507	\$15.507
Platinum	\$859.80	\$857.70

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.50
Discount Rate Primary	3.00
Fed Funds Target	2.25-2.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.59

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys...	
Argentina (Peso)	42.6248
Australia (Dollar)	1.3998
Brazil (Real)	3.8692
Britain (Pound)	.7565
Canada (Dollar)	1.3380
China (Yuan)	6.7157
Euro	.8867
India (Rupee)	68.999
Israel (Shekel)	3.6209
Japan (Yen)	110.52
Mexico (Peso)	19.1027
Poland (Zloty)	3.81
So. Korea (Won)	1135.67
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.85
Thailand (Baht)	31.63

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2997.10	-45.9/-1.5
Stoxx600	377.20	+2.9/+0.8
Nikkei	21428.39	+451.3/+2.2
MSCI-EAFE	1882.49	+17.6/+0.9
Bovespa	95306.81	+1644.8/+1.8
FTSE 100	7196.29	+18.7/+0.3
CAC-40	5307.38	+46.7/+0.9

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OBITUARIES

RAFI EITAN 1926-2019

Legendary Israeli spy helped nab Nazi Adolf Eichmann

By **EMILY LANGER**
The Washington Post

Shortly after 8 p.m. on May 11, 1960, a slight man stepped off a bus in suburban Buenos Aires. He seemed weary, ready to be home, and looked bewildered when a car pulled up alongside him.

The man was Adolf Eichmann, chief architect of Hitler's "Final Solution," and one of the most-wanted Nazis in the world. Inside the car were agents of the Mossad, the Israeli intelligence agency. Their commander was Rafi Eitan, who became known as one of his country's greatest if most controversial spies, and who died Saturday at 92.

"I grabbed him by the neck with such force I could see his eyes bulge," Eitan recalled years later of his encounter with Eichmann, in an account published in Gordon Thomas' book "Gideon's Spies: The Secret History of the Mossad." "A little tighter and I would have choked him to death."

The Mossad team moved Eichmann to a safe house where they held him for days without speaking. "Keeping silent was more than an operational necessity," Eitan said. "We did not want to show Eichmann how nervous we all were. That would have given him hope. And hope makes a desperate person dangerous. I needed him to be as helpless as my own people were when he had sent them in train loads to the death camps."

To spirit Eichmann to Israel, the team gave him a bottle of whiskey, disguised him as a drunken El Al flight attendant and shepherd him onto a plane. He stood trial in Jerusalem, was convicted of his role in the murder of 6 million Jews in the Holocaust and in 1962 was executed by hanging.

The trial, chronicled in political theorist Hannah Arendt's classic book "Eichmann in Jerusalem: A Report on the Banality of Evil," brought international attention to Nazi atrocities. Argentina protested that Eichmann's capture was a violation of the country's sovereignty, but in Israel and elsewhere the operation was greeted as a masterwork of espionage whose end abundantly justified its means.

The capture of Eichmann was likely Eitan's most celebrated undertaking — and also, he said, one of his easiest. His most contentious action came two decades later, when he became the handler of Jona-



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Former Mossad leader Rafi Eitan attends a 2011 exhibit marking the 50th anniversary of the verdict against Adolf Eichmann. Eitan is known as one of Israel's greatest spies.

than Pollard, a civilian intelligence analyst for the U.S. Navy who pleaded guilty in 1986 to selling classified intelligence to Israel. Pollard was sentenced to life in prison and was freed on parole in 2015.

The case — which represented the only instance of an American given a life sentence for spying for an ally — was the subject of intense controversy on both sides of the international partnership.

In the United States, some observers feared that the actions of Pollard, who was Jewish, would fuel questions often raised with anti-Semitic innuendo about the national allegiance of American Jews. In Israel, critics denounced Eitan for jeopardizing one of Israel's key alliances.

The Israeli government announced that Eitan was removed from his intelligence post after the affair. He said that it had been a mistake to cooperate with Pollard but insisted that he had acted with "permission and authority."

"All intelligence work is a partnership with crime," he told an Israeli television interviewer years later. "Morals are put aside."

Rafael Hantman was born Nov. 23, 1926, on the Ein Harod kibbutz in what was then the British mandate of Palestine, where his parents had emigrated from Russia several years earlier. He later adopted the more Hebrew surname Eitan.

Eitan's father was a farmer and a poet, according to the Jerusalem Post, and his mother was a social activist. She took her young son to see a movie about a female spy in World War I, prompting the boy to announce: "I want to be a spy like Mata Hari."

He was 12 when he joined the Haganah, the paramilitary force that grew into the Israel Defense Forces after the creation of the state of Israel in 1948. As a member

of the elite Palmach unit, he helped shepherd Jewish refugees into Palestine. In one operation he swam through sewers to blow up a British radar station, earning the nickname Rafi the Stinker.

Eitan, who studied at the London School of Economics, entered intelligence in part because of wounds and hearing loss that he sustained in the Israeli war for independence. He rose through the ranks of Shin Bet, the Israeli equivalent of the FBI, before joining the Mossad, where he became chief of operations.

According to news accounts, his other operations included intercepting Soviet spies in the 1950s, disrupting the sale of German armaments to Egypt and planning the 1981 Israeli attack on Iraq's Osirak nuclear reactor.

Eitan served as a terrorism adviser to Prime Ministers Menachem Begin and Yitzhak Shamir. After the Pollard case, he was made chairman of the state-owned company Israel Chemicals. In the mid-2000s, he entered politics as head of the Pensioners' Party, known as Gil, and served briefly as pensioners' affairs minister.

His death was reported by the Associated Press and by Israeli outlets including the Times of Israel, which said that he died at a hospital in Tel Aviv. Survivors reportedly included his wife and three children.

In a dramatic coda to the most dramatic moment of Eitan's work, he was present in the execution chamber when Eichmann was put to death.

"Your time will come to follow me, Jew," he recalled the Nazi saying.

"Not today, Adolf, not today," Mr. Eitan replied.

"Next moment the trap opened," Eitan recounted in "Gideon's Spies." "Eichmann gave a little choking sound. There was the smell of his bowel moving, then just the sound of the stretched rope. A very satisfying sound."

Chicago Tribune Death Notices
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In Memoriam

Joe Rubin

In loving memory of Joe Rubin. Husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, mentor, partner and friend. Your wisdom, kindness, knowledge, generosity and unselfish love remain in our hearts, our memories of you do not fade. Brother Joe, you are forever loved and forever missed.
Arnold
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Death Notices

Austera, RoseMarie Ann

RoseMarie Ann Austera (Nee Czerniak) age 88 of Beecher, Illinois passed away on March 26, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Marvin (2012). Loving mother of Joseph (Late Elsa) Austera, Susan (Michael) Stewart, Jill (Terry) Koehler and Lynn (Charles) Davison. Cherished Grandmother of 11 and Great Grandmother of 8. Dear sister of Stephen Malik Jr. Family and friends to meet on Thursday, March 28, 2019 at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, Illinois for a 12 noon committal service. Arrangements entrusted to Beecher Funeral Home info:(708) 946-6000. Beecherfuneralhome.org

BEECHER FUNERAL HOME

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Barrett, Jerry Houder

Age 84, passed away on March 24, 2019 at his home in Mokena, IL.



Jerry was born on Feb 7, 1935 in Des Moines, Iowa and moved to Chicago area after graduating from Iowa State University. He worked as a Chemical Engineer at American-Maize Products Co. for over 40 years. Jerry lived in Lansing, IL before moving to Mokena.

Jerry was an avid Genealogist, visiting the National Archives in Chicago on Mondays for 20 years, researching his family tree and advising others. He was an expert at doing jigsaw puzzles.

He leaves behind his wife of 55 years, Carol (Sweeney) Barrett, children James (Colleen Ann), Michael and Colleen Beth, and three grandchildren Katelyn, Daniel and Kevin. Jerry is survived by his younger sister Ruth (Paul) Twomey.

Family will receive friends at St. Mary's Catholic Church 19515 115th Ave, Mokena, IL, on Fri, Mar 29 10:30 am in the chapel, followed by 11:30 mass in the church. Cremation services provided by Vandenburg Funeral Home, interment private.
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Carnaggio, Joanne Camille

Joanne Camille Carnaggio, nee Caroscia, age 100, longtime resident of Downers Grove. Beloved wife of the late Ross Carnaggio and the late Pasquale DiOrio; loving mother of Mary (the late John) Clark, and step-mother of Lorraine (John) Koller, Rita (Kenneth) O'Callaghan, the late Joyce (the late Anthony) Gelardi, and the late Natalie (the late Edward) Skwarlo; devoted grandmother of John R. Clark III and Julie Joanne Clark; preceded in death by 2 brothers and 4 sisters; aunt, great aunt, and great-great aunt of many.
Funeral Mass Saturday, March 30, 9:30 AM at St. Odilo Catholic Church, 2244 East Ave, Berwyn, IL 60402. Interment Private. Memorials to St. Odilo Catholic Church, C/O Rev. Anthony Brankin, 2244 East Ave., Berwyn, IL 60402. Funeral Info: www.knollcrest.net or 630-932-1500.
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Connolly, Mary E.

83, devoted daughter of the late Ellen (nee Heneghan) and Colman Connolly; loving sister of the late Joseph (Kathleen), the late Ann (the late Thomas) Sampey and the late Eileen (the late Seamus) Scanlon; loving aunt of Colman (Kelly), Kathleen (Michael) Coen, Joseph C.P.D. (Lori) and Martin C.F.D. (Katie); great aunt of many. Visitation Wednesday from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at Cooney Funeral Home located at 3918 W. Irving Park Rd. in Chicago. Funeral Thursday, prayers at 10:00 a.m. to St. Andrew Church located at 3546 N. Paulina in Chicago for Mass at 10:30 a.m.. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Her gentle soul and kind heart will be deeply missed. In lieu of flowers donations to the St. Jude Hospital would be appreciated. Info 773-588-5850 www.cooneyfuneralhome.com
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Dekker Jr, John Jukkers

John Jukkers Dekker Jr, 88, Army Veteran, beloved husband of the late Jean nee Hoyt; loving father of Holly Stewart, Arlene (Steve) Larson and the late John Jukkers Dekker III; cherished grandfather of Scott (Kasia) Stewart, Becky (Ben) Thurnhoffer, Jennine (J.J.) Larson, Kathleen (Nikki) Laas and Mathew (Jenny) Larson; great grandfather of Klaudia,



Dylan, Bradley, Gwendolyn, Alek, Nik, Sofia, Vivienne and Olivia; dear brother of Cathy (late Irv) Byers and Alvin (Linda) Dekker; brother in law of Roberta (late Bob) Schacht; fond uncle to many. Visitation Friday, March 29, 4-8 PM at Chapel Hill Gardens West Funeral Home, 17W201 Roosevelt Road, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181 where funeral service will be held Saturday, March 30, 10:00 AM. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery. Info: 630-941-5860.
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Farber, Betty F.

Betty F. Farber, age 87, devoted wife of the late Burton Farber; loving mother of Rande (Cary) McMillan, Steven (Maria Quinlan) Farber, and the late Susan (Steven) Moses; cherished grandmother of Dan, Katie, Jenny, Gracie, Gayle and Michelle; dear sister of the late Marilyn (Arthur) Finkelstein; treasured friend to many. She will always be remembered for



her "Betty-isms." Service Thursday, 12 Noon, at The Chapel, 8851 Skokie Blvd., Skokie (at Niles Center Rd.). Interment Zion Gardens Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory would be appreciated to the Riverside Foundation, 14588 W. Highway 22, Lincolnshire, IL 60069 or Illinois Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods Dr., Skokie, IL 60077. Info: The Goldman Funeral Group, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.



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Gajewski, Andy

Andy Gajewski, 70 of Exeland, WI, died Monday, March 18, 2019 at his home. He is survived by his wife Jean, sons Andrew and Daniel, daughter Cheryl, his grandchildren, sister Gail (Frank) Meyers and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Walter & Rose Gajewski. A Memorial Mass will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Wed., April 3, 2019 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Ladysmith, WI. A visitation will be held on Tues., April 2nd after 4:00 P.M. at the Nash-Jackan Funeral Home in Ladysmith and again on Wednesday at the church for an hour prior to the service.
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Geen, Curtis Alan

A celebration of life for Curtis A. Geen, 66, of Addison, will be from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, March 29th, at River Forest Country Club, 15W468 Grand Ave, Elmhurst. Born August 17th, 1952, in Chicago, he passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 20th, 2019, with family and friends by his side after a year of fighting an aggressive form of stomach cancer. Mr. Geen, a water treatment engineer, founded Geen Industries, Inc. back in 1983 with his father Wesley Geen. He was a brilliant man, always looking for problems to solve and always willing to help others. He was a member of the Medinah School Board and Shriners and taught a number of engineering courses throughout the Chicagoland area. He was an avid golfer winning numerous tournaments, loved his garden, and most of all, was always known to have a joke or story to share with everyone. He was the beloved husband of Christine Lopez, former husband to the mother of his children, Karen; dear father of Curtis J. (Gina) and Kristen (Greg Larsen); step-father to Jillian (Joe); and loving grandfather of Elizabeth, Harper, Randall, Layla and Elyana. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Cancer Research Institute at www.cancerresearch.org or call 800-992-2623.
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In 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon sighted Florida.

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In 1794 President George Washington and Congress authorized creation of the Navy.

In 1836 the first Mormon temple, in Kirtland, Ohio, was dedicated.

In 1884 the first long-distance telephone call was made, between Boston and

New York City.

In 1902 the Chicago Daily News becomes the first-known entity to refer to the city's National League team using the "Cubs" nickname.

In 1912 first lady Helen Taft plants the first Japanese cherry trees in Washington.

In 1917 the Seattle Metropolitans became the first U.S. hockey team to win the Stanley Cup.

In 1945, during World War II, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower declared that German military forces on the Western front had been defeated.

In 1968 Yuri Gagarin, the Soviet cosmonaut who flew the world's first manned space mission, was killed when his training plane crashed; he was 34.

In 1977 582 people were killed when two jumbo jets collided on a runway on Tenerife in the Canary Islands.

In 1995 former President Jimmy Carter announced he had brokered a two-month cease-fire between Sudan's Islamic government and rebels.

In 2000 the Supreme Court decided that the federal government could deny food stamps and other welfare benefits to people who live permanently in the United States but who are not citizens. **Also in 2000** DaimlerChrysler AG announced it would buy 34 percent of Japan's Mitsubishi Motors Corp.

In 2003 Serbian police killed two major suspects in the assassination of Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic.

In 2005, in a live Internet interview with Jesse Jackson, Michael Jackson declared himself "completely innocent" of child molestation charges and said he was the victim of a conspiracy.

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March 26
Mega Millions
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Mega Millions jackpot: \$57M
Pick 3 midday 362 / 4
Pick 4 midday 1049 / 8
Lucky Day Lotto midday
03 09 13 37 40
Pick 3 evening 788 / 0
Pick 4 evening 0542 / 9
Lucky Day Lotto evening
01 09 13 42 43
March 27 Powerball: \$750M
March 28 Lotto: \$14.25M

WISCONSIN
March 26
Pick 3 254
Pick 4 6489
Badger 5 15 18 20 23 29
SuperCash 07 09 21 26 29 32

INDIANA
March 26
Daily 3 midday 744 / 1
Daily 4 midday 0180 / 1
Daily 3 evening 517 / 2
Daily 4 evening 0385 / 2
Cash 5 03 04 09 16 28

MICHIGAN
March 26
Daily 3 midday 087
Daily 4 midday 3026
Daily 3 evening 911
Daily 4 evening 5035
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Godley, Richard

Age 84, native of Ballymacelligott, County Kerry Ireland. Beloved husband of Bridgid (nee McNulty); loving, treasured father of Richie (Mary), Mary Margaret (Jim) Sugrue, Bernadette (Mark) Keenan, and John Edward; proud and adoring grandfather of Michael and Katie Godley, Annie and Jimmy Sugrue, Brigid, Mary, and Jack Godley, and Seamus Keenan; fond brother of the late Father Tom, Maurice, Dave, and Donald. Proud member of the Local 7 Fireman and Oilers and Brooks Park Irish Lads' Card Guild. Visitation will be held Thursday, from 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** located at 625 Busse Hwy. in Park Ridge. Funeral Friday, prayers at 9:15 a.m. to St. Isaac Jogues Church located at 8149 Golf Rd. in Niles for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Cancer Society or The Alzheimer's Foundation of America are appreciated. For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Hartigan, Thomas M.

Thomas M. Hartigan, 62 years, suddenly. Beloved husband of Debra, nee Fisher. Devoted father of Benjamin (Jennifer) and Kevin. Dear brother of Sue, Mary Anne, Denise, Lori, Terri, and Mike. Visitation Thursday 3-9 P.M. Funeral Friday 9 A.M. from the **Becvar & Son Funeral Home**, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood, to St. Cajetan Catholic Church, 2445 W. 112th Street, Chicago, for a 10 A.M. Mass. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the charity of your choice. (708) 824-9000 or www.becvarfuneralhome.com



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Heart, Caroline Rose

Caroline (Carol) Rose Heart, nee Arndt, of Arlington Heights, passed peacefully in her home on March 17, 2019. Carol was born January 6, 1924 in St. Paul, Minnesota, the eldest child of Herbert and Rose Arndt. Soon thereafter the family moved east and began a life in Brooklyn, NY, eventually adding 6 siblings; Larry, Fritz, Jeannette, Paul, Gerald and Barbra. Carol graduated from Bishop Loughlin High School in Brooklyn, NY. Carol enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on June 14, 1944. She received special qualifications as an instrument mechanic, repairing damaged radios on F4U Fighter planes. Carol attained the rank of Corporal and received an Honorable Service pin. She was honorably discharged April 6, 1946. Corporal Arndt met Richard Heart on New Years day 1946 while on leave in Washington DC. As both were wearing Marine Corps uniforms, they struck up a conversation. They were married May 1, 1948 at St. Helen's Church in the Bronx, NY. Carol and Dick began married life in Syosset, Long Island, NY until relocating to their present home in Arlington Heights in 1961. Carol and Dick joined St. Thomas of Villanova in 1961, and were lifelong active congregants. Carol joined the Golden Villanovans when it was formed in 1985. Dick joined after retiring in 1985 and was serving as treasurer at the time of his death in 2009. Carol continued to attend Mass at St. Thomas of Villanova. Those who knew Carol know she was fiercely independent; proudly living in her home and continuing to drive, literally until the day of her passing. Carol and Dick never stopped learning and enjoyed traveling, attending many Elderhostels throughout the US. She was an avid reader and talented needle pointer. She loved word puzzles, completing the Chicago Tribune and Daily Herald crossword puzzles daily. Carol identified herself as a U.S. Marine and a proud U.S. Veteran. She participated in Honor Flight Chicago in April 2014, returning to Washington DC for the first time since 1946, visiting the WWII memorial, and many other Washington DC Memorials. The veterans were met by Honor Guards and recognized for their service. She described it as a truly moving and unforgettable experience. In addition to her parents, Rose and Herb Arndt, and husband, Richard Heart, Carol was predeceased by her sister Barbra and brother Gerald in infancy; her brother Herbert "Larry" Arndt and his wife Margaret, brother Frederick "Fritzi" Arndt and his wife Ruth, brother Paul Arndt and his wife Isabel, brother in law, James W. Heart and his wife Louane, brother in law John Cuomo and niece Marianne Cuomo-Friedman. Carol is survived by her one of a kind sister, Jeannette Cuomo, with whom she shared a unique and loving bond, 17 nieces and nephews and many, many grand and great-grand nieces and nephews. Carol was blessed with her adopted family in Illinois, including, neighbor and caring friends of almost 50 years Sue and Dean Kiesling, long time neighbor Kathy Cornell, neighbor Lynnette Schmidgall, neighbors Karen and Bill Geary, friend Hilda Muennig, and neighbor Renee Poore, and dear friends Carol and John Lenz, Paul Jennings, and Erika and Rob Dix. Carol's life was long and well lived; she adored her husband of 61 years, she was a devoted caregiver to her mother Rose, a positive influence on her family, with a spine of steel and heart of gold, and strong and unwavering in her Catholic faith. Friends and family are invited to join in a celebration of Carol on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at St. Thomas of Villanova, 1201 E. Anderson Drive, Palatine 9:00 am, immediately followed Mass at 10:00. Burial will take place at the convenience of the family at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL. In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial contribution to the Church of St. Thomas of Villanova, Palatine, IL. or Honor Flight Chicago, 9701 W. Higgins Road, Suite 310, Rosemont, IL. 60018-4703. Info 847-359-8020 or www.smithcorcoran.com

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Higgins, Shirley Rose

Shirley Rose Higgins age 89 of Wilmette died peacefully on March 16, 2019. Beloved sister of the late James E. Higgins who died on January 2, 2019. Shirley and James were acclaimed adventure, travel and film columnist for the Chicago Tribune and other major publications. Shirley was a four time recipient of the Mark Twain Travel Journalism Award. Both were members of the Heidelberg Society, Heidelberg Germany who recognized her hereditary title as Baroness Von Gruger. Jim and Shirley were leaders in preservation of Illinois Natural Prairie Habitats. They were descendants of Ralph Waldo Emerson and the first settlers of Wilmette, Evanston and those of Northfield who originally named New Trier Township. Visitation Friday March 29, 2019 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Visitation Saturday, March 30, 2019 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 11:00 a.m. at Saint Josephs Church, 1747 Lake Avenue Wilmette, IL 60091. Interment Saint Joseph Cemetery, Wilmette. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Wilmette Historical Society, 609 Ridge Rd, Wilmette, IL 60091 or Padre Pio Foundation of America, 463 Main Street Cromwell, CT 06416. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.

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Holy, William J.

William J. Holy beloved husband of the late Francine nee Matthes; loving father of Christopher (Kathleen) Holy, Jillian Joy (Joel) Holy- Skaja and Jonathan (Mallory) Holy; devoted grandfather of John, Edison and Quinn; fond brother of Jane Walsh (Marvin Fairbanks), Sharon (Larry) Cuttione and Jody (Steve) Spizzirri; cherished uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 3-9 P.M. Funeral Saturday 9:15 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home** 7909 State Road (5500W) Burbank Il, 60459 to St. Fabian Church Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Private Please Omit Flowers Funeral info (708) 636-2320.

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Kelly, Francis E. 'Frank'

82, Sergeant in Chicago Police Dept. for 28 years, Air Force Veteran; beloved husband of Pauline for 58 years; loving father of Jeanne (Paul) Prete, and Ann (Tim) Ryniec; cherished grandfather of Kelly, Abby, Ryan, Dylan and Sean; dear brother to the late Bernard Kelly, Mary (Jim) Brophy, Bernadette Kania, and Faye Larsen; fond uncle to many. Visitation Saturday, April 13th from 10am-11am at St. Eugene Parish (7958 W. Foster, Chicago) followed by Memorial Mass at 11am.

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Kohler, Thurston R.

Thurston R. Kohler, beloved husband of Kristy Bergslien; loving father of Melanie and Thurston William. For full death notice go to www.simkinsfh.com

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Manz, Camille A.

Camille A. Manz, loving wife of Albert Manz; beloved mother of Meredith (David) Rozdilsky and Lauren (Michael) Loch; Cherished grandmother of Anastasija, Daniel, Marcellus, Nathanyl, Christopher Rozdilsky and Logan, Phineas, Liam, Braden, Delaney, Kieran Loch. Funeral 9:45 a.m. at **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Ave., Darien to Our Lady of Peace Church. Mass 10:30 a.m. Interment private. Visitation Friday 3-9 p.m. For funeral info: (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Martig, Richard

Richard Martig, 95, died March 19 in Tuscon, AZ. He is survived by his partner Sharon Fischer; son, Ron Martig; daughter, Sharon Martig; daughter-in-law, Junko Martig; 6 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren. Born in Chicago, Richard ran an interior painting business. He was a Masonic lodge member and WWII veteran. He loved fishing, bowling, dancing and spending time with friends and family. A note from his grandkids: Grandpa, we celebrate your life. We will forever remember the way your blue eyes twinkled when you laughed, the way your larger-than-life hands gripped ours when we were scared, and the way you moved on the dance floor, fancy feet. You created a beautiful family, and we are grateful to be a part of it. RIP Grandpa. Your son, Carl, and your Theda have been waiting for you. May you laugh and love together for all eternity.

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McCulley, Diane Margaret 'Lady Di'

Age 60, late of Lockport passed away suddenly Saturday, March 23, 2019. Born in Chicago, raised in Hickory Hills and a resident of Lockport for the last 29 years. Employed by Lockport Township High School as a lunch lady for eight dedicated years. Di was an avid golfer, but most of all was a loving and devoted wife, mother, daughter and sister. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Preceded in death by her beloved father Patrick Houlihan of County Clare Ireland.

Survived by her devoted husband of 32 years, Chuck McCulley; three children, Ashlee (Chris) Divita, Thomas McCulley and Charlie McCulley; her mother, Joan (nee Blackall) Houlihan; one brother, Dennis (Annette) Houlihan; four sisters, Claire (David) Pittam, Sheila (Steve) Perry, Arlene Houlihan and Ann Marie (Tom) Walker. Numerous nephews and nieces also survive. In lieu of flowers, memorials to JDRF or RAINN would be greatly appreciated.

A visitation will be held Friday, March 29, 2019 in the **O'Neil Funeral Home** Chapel 1105 E. 9th (159TH) St., Lockport, IL 60441 from 3:00pm until 8:00pm. Following visitation cremation rites will be respectfully addressed per Diane's wishes.

Family and friends can sign the online guestbook or to attain directions at: www.oneilfuneralhome.com

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Misher II, Dr. Kenneth

Dr. Kenneth W. Misher II, beloved husband of Elizabeth; loving father of Kenneth III (Lori), Lisa (Susan Curry) Misher and Jennifer (Scott) Bergmark, cherished grandpa of Kenneth IV, Elizabeth G. Curry, Erik, and Jakob Bergmark; dear brother of Gretchen (Gary) Jackson, proud uncle of Tina, Darcy, Kathy, Tim, Liz, and Brian. Visitation Thursday from 4 to 9 pm. Funeral prayers Friday 9:15 am at Nelson Funeral Home 820 Talcott Rd. Park Ridge, procession to Immaculate Conception Church for 10 am Mass. Interment Union Ridge Cemetery. For info www.nelsonfunerals.com or (847)823-5122.

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Neylon, Rita Mae

Rita Mae Neylon, age 93 of the Villa St. Benedict Community of Lisle, formerly of Palos Hills, IL, passed away peacefully, Monday, Mar. 25, 2019 at her home. She was born Sept. 18, 1925 in Chicago, IL to her loving late parents, Michael and Nellie Neylon. Beloved aunt of Patricia (William) Meier, Denise Neylon, Dennis (Sharon) Neylon, Bryan (Joann) Neylon, Michael (Marja) Neylon, Patrick (Lisa) Neylon. Dear great-aunt of many nieces and nephews. Loving sister of the late Nellie O'Brien and John Neylon. Rita graduated from Calumet High School, class of 1943. After graduation, she went to work for Illinois Bell as an operator and retired from AT&T as a manager in 1983. Rita was a world traveler, especially travelling with her sister. She was always up for a party! In lieu of flowers, memorials to Habitat for Humanity of Illinois, 931 W. 75th St., Suite 137-110, Naperville, IL 60565. Visitation: Thurs., March 28th 4-8 PM at Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville, IL 60540. Additional Visitation: Fri., March 29th 10-11 AM at Sacred Heart Monastery Chapel, 1910 Maple Ave., Lisle, IL 60532. Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11 AM at Sacred Heart Monastery Chapel. Interment will be private at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Alsip, IL. Info: 630-355-0213 or www.friedrich-jones.com

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Ove, James W.

James W. Ove, age 93; beloved husband of the late Dolores M. Ove, nee Sobczak; devoted friend of Marie Grandquist; loving father of Kathleen (Kimberly) Wold, James W. (Debra) Ove, Jr., and Gaylord V. Ove; loving grandfather of Robert (Theresa) Wold, Jennifer (Michael) Kowalik and Richard (Angela Rodriguez) Wold, and Justin Ove and Jaimie (Aaron) Pierce; great-grandfather of Taylor, Kyler and Conner Wold and, Zachary, Isabella "Bella" and the late Jacob Kowalik; fond uncle to many nieces and nephews. Visitation Saturday, March 30th, 9:00 a.m. until time of funeral service, 11:00 a.m. at **Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home**, 4343 Main Street, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515. Interment, Clarendon Hills Cemetery. 630-968-1000 or www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com.

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Pollock, Mary Colette

Mary Colette O. Pollock, nee O'Malley, 91, passed away at home on March 23, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Charles A. Pollock. Loving mother of Leslie (Tom) Kennedy and Nan (Julian) Griffiths. Adoring grandmother of Courtney Kennedy, Charlotte and Lillian Griffiths, and nieces and nephews. She was the former President of The Children's Home and Aid Society of Illinois, former President of The Illinois Club for Catholic Women, a Trustee of Dominican University, a Board Member of USO of Illinois and The Shirley Ryan Ability Lab. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to The Shirley Ryan Ability Lab, 355 E Erie Street, Chicago IL 60611. A visitation will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1107 N Orleans Street, Chicago, IL 60610 on Thursday, March 28, 2019 from 9-10am, Mass of Christian Burial held at 10am. Interment to follow at Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Evanston. For additional information contact **Drake and Son Funeral Home**, 773-561-6874. Drakeandsonfuneralhome.com

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Reichert, Grace Marie

Grace Marie Reichert, 79, of Ottawa, died, March 25 in Ottawa. Born and raised in Rogers Park, she is preceded by brothers Robert and Ronald Reichert, and parents Rolland and Helen Reichert. Interment, Rosehill Cemetery. Mueller Funeral Home, Ottawa, www.muellerfh.com

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Riley, Frances T. 'Fran'

Frances T. "Fran" Riley, nee Prasch, 91, of Norwood Park. Devoted and loving wife of the late Bernard J. Riley. Dear sister of the late Marge Rollett, Genevieve Mahoney, John Philip Prasch. Loving mother of Mary Fran (Frank Maggio) Riley, Tim (Yvonne) Riley, Pat (Denny) Berkery, Kathy (Pete) Krauskopf, Peggy (Peter) Walsh and Colleen Riley. Proud grandmother of Nell (Mike Starr) and Nick Maggio, Meghan (Luke) Riley Wiesbrock, Molly and Shannon Berkery, Nora Krauskopf, Maggie and Dan Walsh, Wil and Antony DeCero. Great Grandmother of Evelyn Wiesbrock and Samuel Starr. Cherished aunt to many nieces and nephews. 40 year friend of Lois W.

Visitation Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at the M J Suerth Funeral Home, 6754 N. Northwest Hwy. Chicago from 3-9 pm. Thursday visitation at Suerths from 9:00 to 10:00 followed by 10:30 Mass at St. Thecla Church, 6725 W. Devon, Chicago (Devon and Oak Park Aves). Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials to Rainbow Hospice www.rainbowhospice.org and Misericordia www.misericordia.com For further information 773-631-1240 or www.suerth.com.

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Roehl, Mary Therese

Mary Therese Roehl, loving daughter of the late Eugene and Patricia Roehl; dear sister of Judy (the late James) McFaul, Richard Roehl and the late Peggy Roehl and Eugene Roehl, Jr. Memorial Mass Sat., Mar. 30, 2019, 10 A.M. at St. Emily Church, 1400 E. Central Rd. Mt. Prospect. Interment private. 847/394-2336

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Sanders, Douglas P.

Douglas P. Sanders, age 70, of Chicago, U.S. Army Veteran, passed away March 24, 2019 at Alexian Brothers Hospice Home. Doug was a lifelong and active Boy Scout, he was Troop #979 Committee Chairman for more than 25 years. He had a long, successful career as an insurance underwriter from which he retired.

Beloved husband of 47 years to Anne Sanders; cherished father of Brian Paul (Karen) Sanders and Christina Sanders; loved grandfather of Katie and Abby Sanders and fond brother of the late Anita Sanders and Peggy Sanders. Visitation will be from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 31, 2019 at **Muzyka & Son Funeral Home**, 5776 W. Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, IL 60630. Prayers at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 1, 2019 processing to 11:30 a.m. funeral mass at St. Constance Church, 5843 W. Strong St., Chicago, IL 60630. Interment at Maryhill Cemetery in Niles. Info - 773-545-3800 or www.MuzykaFuneralHome.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions appreciated to Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org/ donate.

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Seither, Sandra Lee

Sandra Lee "Sandy" Seither, died peacefully on 19th, 2019, after a lengthy illness. The only daughter of the late Henry J. Seither Jr. and Lena "Lee" Werner Seither, Sandy was born on September 15, 1945, in St. Paul, Minnesota. The following year, she moved to Chicago with her parents and resided there for the rest of her life, most recently at Smith Village Senior Living. Sandy's parents were from New Orleans, and, despite living in Chicago for four decades, they always spoke of the Crescent City as their home—and Sandy's, too, although she never resided there. She once commented that she was "probably the only person in the world who was born in St. Paul, lived almost all [her] life in Chicago, but called New Orleans home." After graduating from Northern Illinois University, Sandy taught math and history at suburban high schools, chiefly at Dwight D. Eisenhower High School (Blue Island, Illinois), for many years. She is survived by friends and cousins. Sandy will rest with her parents, grandparents, and other family members in Metairie Cemetery, New Orleans, Louisiana, where the Reverend Jane E. Mauldin will officiate at graveside services on Thursday, March 28th, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. **Beverly Ridge Funeral Home 773-779-4411**

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Sheets, Mel

Mel Sheets, 86, of Deerfield, IL, passed away Sunday, March 24th surrounded by his family. He was born February 24th, 1933, son of the late Albert and Eva (Partridge) Sheets. Loving husband of 63 years to his high school sweetheart Margaret (Dams) and little brother to Audrey (the late Don) Stahlheber who preceded him in death. Mel is survived by his two children



Michael (Christy) and Lynn (Greg), five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, nieces and a nephew. Mel played basketball and baseball at Wood River High School. Mel graduated from Millikin University in 1955 where he was captain of the basketball and baseball teams and was voted Most Valuable Athlete at the university in '54 and '55. He then served two years active duty and seven years active reservist in the U.S. Army. He received his MA from Washington University in 1961. In 1958, Mel started his coaching career at Alton High School. In 1965, he accepted the head basketball and baseball coaching positions at the soon to be opened New Trier West and moved to Deerfield, IL. After a long and extremely successful career, Coach retired in 1996. In his last season at New Trier his golf team won the state title and his basketball team placed fourth in the state. Mel has been honored by his peers as a member of the IBCA Hall of Fame, Millikin Athletic Hall of Fame, Millikin Medallion Society, North Shore Walk of Fame, EAHR Hall of Fame, and received the IBCA Lifetime Achievement Award. New Trier also honored Mel by naming the West campus basketball floor "Mel Sheets Court" and as an inaugural inductee to their Hall of Honor. In addition to coaching, Mel served as a co-advisor of the New Trier Tri-Ship Boys Service Club. Funeral Services will be held Saturday, March 30, 2019 at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Visitation begins at 3:00 p.m. with Celebration of Coach's Life at 7:00 p.m. Interment Private at Woodburn Cemetery, Woodburn, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter, 8430 West Bryn Mawr Avenue, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631 or The Salvation Army, 2258 North Clybourn Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614 or New Trier Educational Foundation, 7 Happ Road, Northfield, IL 60093. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.

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Singer, Ruth H.

Ruth H. Singer nee Horwitz, 82. Beloved wife of the late Dr. Donald H. Singer. Loving mother of Karen Singer, Michael Singer, and Jonathan (Dina Grinshpun) Singer. Proud grandmother of Sophie, Maya, Benjamin, and Moses. Dear sister of Mary (Sam) Goldman. Fond aunt of Laurie (Rick) Clayton and Rebecca (Hank) Hughes. Services Friday, 10:00 am at Beth Emet - The Free Synagogue, 1224 W. Dempster Street, Evanston. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the American Liver Foundation Great Lakes Division, 332 South Michigan Ave., 9th Floor, Chicago, IL 60604 www.liverfoundation.org would be appreciated. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Sutter Jr., Peter L.

Peter L. Sutter Jr. Dearly beloved husband of Marilyn, nee Manzi; Loving son of the late Peter and Barbara Sutter; Loving father of Traci (Chris) Pankey and Michael (Carmela). Fond grandfather of Alex, Alyssa, Michael and Lauren; Fond brother of Janice (Richard) Fields and the late John; Dear uncle, great uncle, cousin and friend to many. Visitation Thursday 3-9:00 p.m. at **Belmont Funeral Home**, 7120 W. Belmont Ave. Chicago. Funeral Friday 9:15 a.m. at the funeral home to St. Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church 10:00 a.m. Service. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. Info: www.belmontfuneralhome.com or 773-286-2500

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Swanson, Barbara L.

Barbara L. Swanson, born October 9, 1932, in Chicago, Illinois, the daughter of Thomas and Dorothy Loveday, passed away recently at her home in Naples, Florida, at the age of 86. Barbara graduated from Elgin High School in 1950, and from DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, in 1954, with a BA Degree, and majors in English History, Speech, and Radio and Television. She was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, Student Union Board, and varsity cheerleading squad at DePauw. After graduation, she worked at Leo Burnett Advertising in Chicago for two years.



Barbara married the love of her life, Charles E. Swanson, in 1956, and they enjoyed traveling the world in his capacity as President and Director of Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc. from 1967 until 1986. Chuck retired in 1986 so they could spend their winters in Naples, Florida. During their 56 years of marriage, they were avid golfers, and in Barbara's later years she loved to watch golf and football on T.V., and was a loyal Chicago Bear's fan. Barbara was also a voracious reader, known to consume numerous books on a weekly basis. She also had a passion for needlepoint and loved to create beautiful needlepoint gifts for family and friends. She was strong-willed and a survivor of polio and breast cancer, and appreciated life and spending time with family and friends.

Barbara served on the Women's Boards at the University of Chicago and Arden Shore School for Boys, the Women's Golf Committees at Knollwood Country Club and the Hole-in-the-Wall Golf Club, and the board of directors of the Via Delfino condominium association. She also had been a member of The Port Royal Club, the Naples Yacht Club, The Wynstone Golf Club, the Lake Forest Club, and the Mid America Club. She is survived by her children, Mark (Karissa) Swanson of Barrington, IL, Kimberly (Robert) Waterman of Bettendorf, Iowa, and Bradford (Elizabeth) Swanson, of Heron, Montana, grandchildren Taylor, Ian, David, Michael, Darby (Elizabeth), and Braden, and great granddaughter, Skylar. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and brother Tom Loveday. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Breast Cancer Research Foundation or a charity of your choice. For on-line condolences visit www.legacyoptions.com.

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Szczepaniak, Celine Ruth

Celine Ruth Szczepaniak, nee Helmski, 92, passed away on March 24, 2019. She will be remembered as a kind-hearted, relentlessly cheerful woman who always saw the best in people. Born in South Chicago on March 8, 1927, she graduated from Bowen High School and worked at two iconic institutions, Marshall Field's and the Santa Fe Railway Company, before marrying Eugene J. Szczepaniak, who died in 1999. She was proud to be a homemaker, active church member and community volunteer. In later years she drew attention as That Lady Who Wears a Hat and continued to impress strangers and family alike with her uncanny ability to recall the smallest details from decades past. Loving mother of Eugene G. (deceased) and Jim (Jane) Szczepaniak, beloved "Busia" to grandchildren Stephen Sepaniak and Catherine LaBrenz (Pablo Ravest), dearest "GIGI" to great-granddaughter Magdalena Paz, and fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held on Friday, March 29, 2019, from 3:00-8:00 pm with a prayer service at 4:30 p.m. at KISH Funeral Home, 10000 Calumet Ave., Munster, IN 46321. Visitation will also be held at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 30 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 8501 Calumet Ave. Munster, IN, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, Calumet City, IL. Memorials may be made in Celine Ruth's name to Mercy Home for Boys & Girls, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd, Chicago, IL 60607. www.kishfuneralhome.net

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Talty, Donna R.

Donna R. Talty age 66 of Aurora. Beloved sister of Colleen Mahnke. Loving aunt of Caitlin (Paulo) Escobar and Kevin (Talia) Mahnke. Devoted great aunt of Keira and Hailey Escobar and Leila and Leo Mahnke. Dear friend of Connie and Diane. Visitation Friday 4-7 pm at **Malone Funeral Home**, 324 E. State St. (Rt 38), Geneva where funeral service will be held Saturday 11 am. Burial Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Aurora. In lieu of flowers, memorials to PAWS, 1997 N. Clybourn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60614 or www.pawschicago.org. Information 630-232-8233 or www.malonefh.com.

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Tarzia, Dominick 'Nick'

Dominick "Nick" Tarzia, age 68, passed away suddenly March 9, 2019. Nick was a Vietnam USAF veteran, lifelong car enthusiast and bass player for The Change of Habit Tribune Band, A Celebration of Life Memorial will be held on Thursday, March 28, 2019 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the **Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory**, 516 S. Washington St. Naperville. 630 355 0264, www.beidelmankunschfh.com.

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Traeger, Catherine Clare

Catherine (Katie) Clare Traeger, 82, of North Palm Beach, FL and Elgin, IL, passed away in her home surrounded by loved ones, on March 24, 2019 in North Palm Beach, FL. She was born on January 15, 1937 in Cleveland, OH, and was the daughter of Dr. Edward and Catherine (nee Walsh) Keefe. Catherine was raised in Cleveland and graduated from Marygrove College with a Baccalaureate degree in Education. Catherine was a member of the Board of Directors at Merchants and Manufacturers Bank in Joliet, IL.

Katie was a long-time member of Elgin Country Club, Lost Tree Club of North Palm Beach, FL, St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Elgin and St. Patrick Catholic Church in Jupiter, FL. She was devoted to her family, golf, social life, bridge and chocolate chip cookies. She will be greatly missed by all.

Survivors include her five children: Thomas (Kristina) O'Brien, Timothy (Alexis) O'Brien, Ann (Michael) Costello, Patricia O'Brien and Colleen Welles; a stepson: Peter (Linda) Traeger; nine grandchildren: Maggie, Michael, Tyler, John, Catherine, Christian, Gillian, Samantha and Bradley; three great grandchildren; her siblings: Sheila Keefe, Mary (Bob) Kushman and Stephen (Pam) Keefe, along with many nieces, nephews, family and friends. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband: John "Jack" Traeger in 2014; her parents and siblings Dr. John Keefe, Edward Mike Keefe and James Keefe as well as step children Steven and Julie Traeger.

Visitation will be on Sunday March 31, 2019 from 3:00pm-7:00pm at Laird Funeral Home, Elgin. Funeral mass will be held on Monday April 1, 2019 at 10:30am at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Elgin with a visitation from 9:30am until the Mass. Interment will immediately follow at Bluff City Cemetery, Elgin.

Memorials may be made to Lost Tree Charitable Foundation, North Palm Beach, FL and the Lewy Body Dementia Association, Lilburn, GA. For information, 847-741-8800 or www.lairdfamilyfuneralservices.com

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Viverito, Catherine A. 'Kay'

Catherine "Kay" Viverito, nee Lally, age 94; beloved wife of the late Clarence Viverito; loving mother of Mary (Joseph) Watson and William; dearest grandmother of Jared (Jessica) Reid, Jennifer Brown, Claire Watson and Grace Watson; great-grandmother of Christopher Reid, Brendan and Tyler Robson, and Logan Brown; dear sister of Marie Gaffney, Michael (Marie) Lally, Helen (the late James) Horn; sister-in-law of Grace Viverito (the late Joseph) Geary. Visitation, Friday, 9 a.m. until time of Prayers, 10:30 a.m. at **Kolbus-May Funeral Home** 6857 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago to St. Robert Bellarmine Church, Mass 11 a.m. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, donations to DuPage Care Center in memory of Catherine would be appreciated. For information 773-774-3232 or www.kolbusmayfh.com

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Wolf, Sydel Silverman

Wolf, Sydel Silverman, Ph.D., 85, on March 25, 2019. Noted anthropologist. Beloved wife of the late Mel Silverstein and Dr. Eric R. Wolf. Devoted mother of Eve R. Silverman, Julie Silverman Yorn and Daniel J. Wolf.

Cherished mother-in-law of Gene Scaperotta and Kevin Yorn.

Adored grandmother of Alexander, Samantha, Libby, Nathaniel (Kim) and Jennifer (Lauren). Sweet sister of Goldie, Mark, Ida and the late Hymie, Hannah and Paul, and sister-in-law of June Finfer. Service Thursday, March 28, 11:30 am at "The Riverside," 76 St. and Amsterdam Ave.

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Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in relation To the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County File No. Y19000759 on the Date: March 8, 2019 Under the Assumed Name of: NJ Brown Asset Management with the business located at: 465 Central Ave Ste 201 Northfield, IL 60093 The true name and residence Address of the owner is: Nick J Brown 800 Deerfield Road Unit 2204 Highland Park, IL, 60035

Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in relation To the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County File No. Y19000830 on the Date: 3/14/19 Under the Assumed Name of: Femme Haus Boutique with the business located at: 6700 S Oglesby Ave Chicago, IL, 60649 The true name and residence Address of the owner is: Jessica Brooks 6700 S Oglesby Ave Chicago, IL, 60649

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Denise Magana

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Adrianna Sanchez (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01132

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Roberto Magana (Father), AKA Robert Magana, respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on December 4, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Richard Stevens in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 04/16/2019 at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 6 COURTROOM F, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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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 March 27, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Nikolas Flores

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Anastasia Flores (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01109

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on November 19, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Demetrios Kottaras in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 04/10/2019 at 10:45 AM in CALENDAR 7 COURTROOM G, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS March 27, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Tyjuan Ewing

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Mechelle Ewing (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00074

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Mechelle Ewing (Mother), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on January 29, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Robert Balanoff in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 04/16/2019 at 10:00 AM in CALENDAR 12 COURTROOM L, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS March 27, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Zoe Yin Adrian Yin

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Adrianna Sanchez (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01133 18JA01134

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Yushell "Alex" Yin (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on December 4, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Richard Stevens in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 04/16/2019 at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 6 COURTROOM F, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS March 27, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, RACINE COUNTY

IN THE INTEREST OF M.J.H., a female child born on 12/13/2006 *Child's name (if referred by the court) or girl/boy child

Born to: *Mother's name (if mother consents)

Notice and Order of Hearing (For Publication) Case No. 19TP7

To/Mother of the Child Glenn Hearn. Adjudicated Father of the Child Female/Black Black Hair/Brown Eyes 5'3"/170# Male

Physical Description of alleged parent: and any unknown parent at unknown address. Additional identifying information: Date of conception: 03/2006 Place of conception: Presumably Chicago, IL Date of birth: 12/13/2006 Place of birth: Chicago, IL

IT IS ORDERED:

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LEGAL NOTICES

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago will be accepting applications for the following classification(s):

Assistant Chief Operating Engineer (Promotional)

Application Filing Period: March 22, 2019 through April 19, 2019. Examination Date: May 10, 2019 at MWRD Main Office Building Annex, 111 E. Erie Street, Chicago, IL. Scope of Examination: Knowledge of assistant chief operating engineer practices. Nature of Position and Duties: Under general supervision, supervises and participates in the operation and maintenance of treatment plant or pumping station equipment within a sewage treatment plant complex. Pay: \$87,792.38 per year

Associate Process Control Engineer (Original)

Application Filing Period: March 15, 2019 through April 12, 2019. Examination Date: April 27, 2019 at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. Scope of Examination: Knowledge of associate process control engineer practices. Nature of Position and Duties: Under general supervision, provides engineering services for the design, construction, improvement, modernization and maintenance for process instrumentation and computer control systems for water reclamation plants, pumping stations, and flood control reservoirs. Pay: \$79,107.08 per year

Desktop Engineer (Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: March 15, 2019 through April 12, 2019. Examination Date: May 4, 2019. Location: To be announced. Scope of Examination: Knowledge of desktop engineer practices. Nature of Position and Duties: Under supervision, manages and supports desktop enterprise solutions for hardware, operating systems, patch management, anti-virus, software distribution, and mobile device management and contributes to the design and implementation of core end-user technology standards. Pay: \$87,792.38 per year

Laborer Foreman (Promotional)

Application Filing Period: March 22, 2019 through April 19, 2019. Examination Date: May 4, 2019 at Stickney Water Reclamation Plant (SWRP), 6001 West Pershing, Stickney, IL. Scope of Examination: Knowledge of laborer foreman practices. Nature of Position and Duties: Under general supervision, has immediate charge of a crew of unskilled laborers working on general cleaning and grounds maintenance at a sewage treatment plant. Pay: \$43.25 per hour

Senior Desktop Engineer (Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: March 15, 2019 through April 12, 2019. Examination Date: May 4, 2019. Location: To be announced. Scope of Examination: Knowledge of senior desktop engineer practices. Nature of Position and Duties: Under direction, plans, manages and supports all desktop enterprise solutions for hardware, operating systems, patch management, antivirus, software distribution, and mobile device management and contributes to the design and implementation of core end-user technology standards. Pay: \$109,991.70 per year

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Defeated Pirates in WC
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Lost to Mets in NLCS



The ball is gripped

We know 2 things: The Cubs aren't sneaking up on anybody — and there certainly isn't a party to recover from



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the Cubs

A media outlet touring spring training camps recently tried to get to the bottom of the Cubs' controversy.

Why was Cubs camp not "as loose" as it was in the past?

Joe Maddon listened intently from behind his reflective sunglasses, knowing the reporter hadn't been in camp all spring, much less in the past.

"That's your perception," Maddon replied, halting the interrogation before it began.

It was a rare fit of pique from Maddon, who typically engages the most ill-informed or repetitive questioning with a smile and lengthy response.

Communicating the Cubs' message to the media is one of his managerial strengths, though Maddon also is not afraid to shoot down narratives he finds half- or fully baked.

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'18 Bracket busters

95-68 (1st wild-card team)
Lost to Rockies in WC



**RIGHT
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Champs



'19 FINAL RESULT

Busters

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Cubs make long-term commitment to Hendricks

By **MARK GONZALES**
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — The signing of Kyle Hendricks to a four-year contract extension provides the Cubs with some cost certainty as they seek to retain their core players before they reach free agency.

"We'd love to keep it intact as long as we can and hopefully build some momentum in this direction, but no pressure in this negotiation," President Theo Epstein said Tuesday after Hendricks agreed to a deal through 2023 that will guarantee him \$55.5 million.

"There can be players who genuinely want to be here and are willing to take deals, but it doesn't necessarily mean it's the right time."

Negotiations with Hendricks, 29, started after the 2017 season but stalled twice before gaining momentum this spring.

"They wanted me to be here, and I felt like I needed to reciprocate and accept it," Hendricks said. "I love it so much here. I want to be a Cub 100 percent. We finally got to that middle space where it felt right to me."

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1 DAY TO GO



CUBS OPENER
Cubs (Jon Lester) at
Rangers (Mike Minor)
3:05 p.m. Thursday, WGN-9



WHITE SOX OPENER
Sox (Carlos Rodon) at
Royals (Brad Keller)
3:15 p.m. Thursday, NBCSN

'16 Champs

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Defeated Giants in NLDS
Defeated Dodgers in NLCS
Defeated Indians in World Series



'17 Hangover U.

92-70 (1st in NL Central)
Defeated Nationals in NLDS
Lost to Dodgers in NLCS



CHICAGO TRIBUNE ILLUSTRATION USING TRIBUNE PHOTOS



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The Bears could explore trade options for running back Jordan Howard.

Bears working on RB puzzle with draft coming



RICH CAMPBELL
On the Bears

PHOENIX — It was impossible Tuesday, on a warm afternoon in the desert, to know which Bears running back will play most of the snaps in the season opener against the Packers; to know which back might carry the ball into the end zone to really set off the party in Soldier Field and Grant Park.

Not even coach Matt Nagy nor general manager Ryan Pace has clarity. A month before the NFL draft and four months before training camp, the Bears running back situation is a puzzle.

Adding to the intrigue, the picture on the box isn't in focus, and the pieces inside might not fit together to complete it anyway.

"It's still going to unfold," Pace said at the NFL owners meetings. "I know the way Matt is — he likes that committee approach and using them in different ways, and you know how creative he can be on offense. And who knows what's going to happen in the draft?"

Who knows, is right. For now, at least one thing is clear: The position is undergoing a makeover.

Incumbent starter Jordan Howard could be traded. Drafting one seems like a no-brainer. Tarik Cohen is a reliable, do-it-all flash of lightning.

And free agents Mike Davis and Cordarrelle Patterson were targeted because they, like Cohen, fit Nagy's preference for versatility in the running and passing games.

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TOP OF THE SECOND



PHIL ROSENTHAL

Ad to list of NCAA hypocrisy

There are many ways to split up a pizza pie. Not all of them make sense, especially when there seems to be more than enough to feed everyone.

Athletic directors such as Northwestern's Jim Phillips prop up an archaic concept of amateurism that won't allow NCAA athletes to do things to make money on the side, such as selling their likeness to an advertiser.

Yet if an advertiser wants to pay \$50,000 or so to a teenager sitting in the stands watching those same NCAA athletes for the use of his likeness in a commercial, Phillips has no problem.

We know this because it's Phillips' son, John, showcased in the Pizza Hut commercial that's in rotation during the 2019 NCAA Tournament, which is the sort of thing that gives those pushing for players' rights a bad taste.

It's a short clip of John' anguish over the Wildcats' woes en route to elimination from the 2017 NCAA Tournament against Gonzaga, video that went viral and was a fount of memes that remain lodged in the nation's subconscious two years later.

Jim's wife, Laura, told columnist David Haugh last week that the Pizza Hut offer to John for his likeness "probably would pay for a year of Northwestern tuition, at least."

Northwestern tuition, Haugh reported, is \$54,120 for the 2018-19 academic year.

John didn't pocket the cash. He generously had the money funneled directly to the pizza chain's literacy charity and surplus food distribution programs. But he was under no obligation to do so.

Among those who picked up on this was ESPN's Jay Bilas, who tweeted Tuesday this was an "interesting NCAA rules contradiction."

As John isn't a college athlete, it's less an NCAA rules contradiction than a commentary on how the multibillion-dollar college sports industry treats the labor on which it's built.

The buying and selling of players' likenesses goes on all the time. But the athletes are spectators to the process as shoe and athletic gear companies, sanctioned athletic drinks and other outfits pay to be connected with college sports in deals with schools, conferences, the NCAA and networks.

Some of that money comes back to athletic programs to pay for the cost of operating an array of sports, but much of it



John Phillips, the son of Northwestern AD Jim Phillips, is featured in a Pizza Hut ad that earned him \$50,000, while Duke star Zion Williamson must wait to get paid.

ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE (PHILLIPS), KEVIN C. COX/GETTY (WILLIAMSON)

subsidizes hefty pay for coaches and administrators as well as funding for palatial facilities.

This isn't a call for pay-for-play in college sports.

It could be, but that's an argument for another day.

This is about being able to make money for things only tangential to play.

Players in major college athletic programs get to attend school for free, which is great. But unlike other scholarship students, they are limited in the outside income they can make and outside jobs they can take.

An art student can sell his or her artwork. A music student can perform concerts and sell recordings.

An English major can publish a novel.

Athletes can't benefit from jersey sales, selling their likeness or anything else. Even the sort of off-season jobs they can take is restricted.

It's this imbalance that helped spur a labor movement among athletes at Northwestern, sparking calls for a union to gain a seat at the table in deciding work rules and restrictions, short-term and



long-term health benefits and other issues.

If a few seconds in the crowd at a college game is worth \$50,000 to an advertiser, imagine what a player such as Duke superstar freshman Zion Williamson could command.

CBS is devoting a camera and digital tape unit to Williamson at all times when he's on the floor. Obviously, there's tremendous interest in the guy, projected to be the NBA's top draft pick this year.

Only after he puts the college game behind him can he profit from his talent, his image and his name.

If he wants pizza money before then, he's out of luck.

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4:30 a.m. (Thu.) Hero Indian Open	Golf	
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9 p.m. Golden Knights at Avs	NBCSN	
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Commissioner Phillips? NU could lose AD to Big Ten



TEDDY GREENSTEIN
On Northwestern

Schapiro and athletic director Jim Phillips are the reason Northwestern basketball no longer plays in an outdated, oversized high school gym. They're why NU has the nation's No. 1 football practice facility, according to Yahoo Sports.

They're why the Wildcats will play at a (presumably) sold-out Wrigley Field against Wisconsin in 2020 as opposed to Illinois turning Soldier Field into a ghost town.

They're why NU finally made the NCAA Tournament after 78 years and why football coach Pat Fitzgerald rebuffed Michigan in 2011 and the Packers over the winter.

They form, it seems, an unbreakable bond. But now the Big Ten is searching for a successor to Commissioner Jim Delany, and everyone on campus who cares about sports is asking the same thing: Is Phillips a goner?

"I would absolutely hate to lose him," Fitzgerald told the Tribune, "because he has been such a catalyst for the dynamic improvements not only in the athletic department but across campus. I'm not sure how he could not be a top candidate because there's no one better in the country?"

So does Phillips want the job?
"We have not discussed it once," Fitzgerald replied.

Phillips wouldn't discuss it with the Tribune, either. Nor would Schapiro, who is heading the search on behalf of the Big Ten's Council of Presidents and Chancellors.

One source who calls Evanston home said Phillips needs to hear more about the intricacies of the job before deciding whether he wants to go for it.

Some questions: Would the presidents and chancellors prefer to hire more of a business-type, a CEO, to navigate the lucrative waters? Would the other 13 schools balk at selecting a commissioner who could show favoritism to his former school?

One theory on that: If the candidate were, say, Ohio State's Gene Smith, Michigan would say no way. But Northwestern? Illinois fans might despise purple propaganda-pumping national media members such as Mike Greenberg and Michael Wilbon, but there's not much antipathy toward Northwestern, at least at the presidential level.

Phillips is one of the highest-paid ADs in America, with USA Today reporting a salary of \$1.57 million for 2017-18.

That's juicy, but the Washington Post

reported that Delany made \$3.1 million in 2016, the year he also received a \$20 million bonus.

Critics were aghast considering that student-athletes are not compensated beyond scholarship, books, room and board, food, clothing, training and a stipend. University presidents would tell you Delany deserves every penny for loading their coffers thanks to billion-dollar TV deals.

Delany said he will not endorse anyone for the job, telling the Tribune: "I've had three decades to be influential. (Former Big Ten Commissioner) Wayne (Duke) let the presidents decide who his successor would be, and I should let the presidents decide who my successor is. I don't want to be involved in the process."

OK, but would experience as a Big Ten athletic director help whoever succeeds you?

"I will not put brackets or anything else around it," Delany responded. "You can speculate. I know you have, you will and you should."

Those who speculate can't understand how Phillips would not be right for the job.

His resume is so stuffed you'd almost swear the NCAA makes up committees for him to chair and honors to bestow upon him.

Phillips was elected as the inaugural chair of the NCAA's Division I Council. He served as the first sitting athletic director on the NCAA Board of Directors and Board of Governors. He helped select March Madness teams as a member of the selection committee. He was appointed to the Fiesta Bowl board of directors and the Rose Bowl Management Committee. The NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee recently recognized him as a "Champion of Diversity and Inclusion." The Sports Business Journal named him AD of the Year in 2018.

Phillips is tireless. He forms bonds with numerous student-athletes. He takes pride in their academic achievements. Coaches love him because he is supportive — not trigger-happy. He and Bill Carmody didn't exactly mesh, but Phillips retained him until 2013, when Carmody's team finished 13-19 after a 12-8 start.

Phillips doesn't have many critics, but some feel he can be overly eager to seek the spotlight. He was saluted by most, but not all, for helping to carry Vic Law off the court after a serious shin injury.

The vast majority, though, are like Fitzgerald. They see someone who appears to be the ideal candidate to succeed Delany.

And, hey, here's an idea: If Phillips takes the job, maybe he can retain a consultant on media rights negotiations.

Two minds are better than one. Or as Northwestern has shown, three are better than two.

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NCAA TOURNAMENT

Edwards not shy about taking shots

High-scoring guard fuels Purdue's confidence

BY CHUCK CULPEPPER | Washington Post

There's a certain fascination with watching a basketball player shoot 7-for-31 from the field. If he's willing to spend other evenings in the same season going 8-for-27, 4-for-24, 7-for-23, 7-for-21 or 6-for-20, it's even more impressive. Most of us might imagine flinching somewhere around shot No. 20. We might blush around shot No. 25, or might request a bathroom break around shot No. 30, before exiting the facility altogether.

All of this helps explain why Purdue's Carsen Edwards, the 6-foot-1 guard from the Houston area, is among the most compelling players remaining in the Sweet 16, as his team reaches Louisville down Interstate 65 to play Tennessee on Thursday. With him, one gets a glimpse of what so many lack: ironclad confidence.

One sees, for lack of a better term, large intestines.

It's not just that he's among a handful of players who will grace a third straight Sweet 16 — after having gone 1-for-10 in 21 reserve minutes in 2017 in a 98-66 loss to Kansas, and 11-for-20 with 30 points in 32 minutes in 2018 in a 78-65 loss to Texas Tech. It's not just that Purdue has reached this rarefied stage largely because he up and pulled a 12-for-21 on Saturday night, going 9-for-16 from suburbia and scoring 42 points in an 87-61 mauling of defending champion Villanova.

It's that his performance against the Wildcats followed four shooting performances — 7-for-31 at Minnesota, 6-for-18 at Northwestern, 4-for-17 against Minnesota in the Big Ten tournament and 7-for-23 against Old Dominion in the first round of the NCAA Tournament — that added up to 24-for-89, or just shy of 27 percent. Observers, fascinated, had asked about it more than once or twice, enough that at a



MADDIE MEYER/GETTY-APP

Whether it's a layup or a 3-pointer, Purdue's Carsen Edwards is never afraid to shoot.

news conference late Saturday night after the win over Villanova, Nicole Auerbach of the Athletic asked Edwards if he had grown tired of people asking.

"If we're really being honest, I'm very tired of it," he said. "But I understand. I just have to keep working even after being able to have a game like this, I still have to stay in the gym, continue to work, and continue to prepare for the next game. I'm really tired of it, but I'm thankful to be able to have some shots (fall) for me today."

He also said, "Honestly, I wouldn't say I knew I had a career night until the game was over," as if there had set in a certain semiconsciousness born of boldness.

That's our guy right there.

At 23.6 points per game, he led the Big Ten, finished 10th in the country, and finished second behind Marquette's

Markus Howard (No. 5 overall) among schools in major conferences where teams tend to have multiple scoring threats. The junior also saw his field-goal percentage dip to .386 after .458 last year and .382 the year before, and his 3-point percentage land at .335 after .406 as a sophomore and .340 as a freshman. He also has 102 turnovers to 96 assists, even if he does have a peppy rebounding average for a 6-foot-1 player (3.5 per game), and does make 84 percent of his free throws.

All this, for an All-Big Ten player both the last two seasons, who entered the NBA draft last spring but then returned.

"Any time you've played a lot and you've been in a lot of games, it's the other things you have to be able to do to help your team win," Purdue coach Matt Painter said last week. "He hasn't shot a high percentage this

year. His percentages haven't been as good as it was in the past year. Yet we won the Big Ten (a share of the regular-season title) and we got a three seed (in the NCAA Tournament). Ultimately, that's what your goal is. I think he's done a better job on the defensive end. Each team is a little different in terms of how they throw people at him, how they handle ball screens, how they handle him in general."

Then Painter spoke the crucial passage: "He's one of those guys you feel he can get out of it."

It seemed a testament to the human condition, built so substantially upon hope.

Painter called Edwards "a very dynamic player," an assertion close to unarguable. Then Painter said: "But he sometimes tries to find his way into a game by being a volume shooter. That's where he gets into trouble at times instead of letting things come to you. ... I thought (against Villanova) with some of the size they put on him, he was able to get by them, but also dribble to where he can make some space and make some pull-up 3s also. I thought he had a good balance," and made "some good decisions."

"I don't look at him in terms of his percentage and stuff," said Painter who is in his 14th season as Purdue coach. "I look at him more as just the decisions ... when he makes good decisions, it takes care of itself. He will have a couple outlier games, but for the most part it worked itself out. He's played a lot of basketball. You don't get really talented guys like him that stay for three years. He's got a lot of experience and he's going into his third straight Sweet 16."

As such, the Louisville air will be filled with basketballs that have just left Edwards' hands, but any forthcoming clang symphony doesn't mean he has reentered a slump. It doesn't mean he has even entertained the notion that there could be a slump. As he said after the 7-for-23 showing against Old Dominion last week, "I'm just glad our team won. We don't talk about having a slump or things like that."

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NOTRE DAME WOMEN

Young, Turner, Irish roll back into Sweet 16

BY LAMOND POPE | Post-Tribune

Notre Dame is on its way to Wintrust Arena for the Sweet 16.

The top-seeded Irish thumped No. 9 Michigan State 91-63 on Monday in the second round of the women's NCAA Tournament in South Bend, Ind.

The Irish (32-3) earned a spot in the Sweet 16 for the 10th consecutive season. The defending national champions will play No. 4 Texas A&M (26-7) in a Chicago Region semifinal at 3 p.m. Saturday at Wintrust Arena. No. 11 Missouri State (25-9) plays No. 2 Stanford (30-4) in the second semifinal.

Notre Dame averaged 95 points in the ACC Tournament. The scoring outputs have been just as impressive in the NAAs.

The Irish crushed No. 16 Bethune-Cookman 92-50 on Saturday in the first round and topped 90 points again Monday. Here are three takeaways from the two NCAA Tournament victories.

1. Jackie Young is on a roll.

Young was named the ACC Tournament MVP after finishing with 21 points and 10 rebounds in the championship game win against Louisville.

The junior guard has continued to excel. She had 11 points, four rebounds and four assists Saturday against Bethune-Cookman, then finished with 21 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists against the Spartans.

"Like all season, Jackie's been amazing," teammate Brianna Turner told reporters after the game.

2. A historic night for Turner.

Young wasn't the only Notre Dame player to record a double-double against Michigan State.

Turner had 14 points and 11 rebounds. She became the program's all-time leader in rebounds, surpassing Ruth Riley.

"I'm just so proud of Bri," coach Muffet McGraw said.

Turner has 1,010 career rebounds, topping Riley's mark of 1,007.

"I didn't even know I was close to it until the other day," Turner said. "Ruth is such a great player. I'm excited to be in the record books with her."

The forward, who missed all last season after suffering an ACL injury in the 2017 NCAA Tournament, has nine double-doubles this season and 30 in her career.

3. Irish lock down on defense.

While the offensive numbers jump off the page, the Irish also are getting it done defensively.

Bethune-Cookman on Saturday shot just 26.7 percent (16 of 60). And on Monday, Notre Dame limited Michigan State to 37.3 percent (25 of 67) from the floor.

"Defensively we were a lot more active," McGraw said Monday. "We were a lot more aware of where the shooters were. We did some really smart things defensively. We were in zone. We matched up into man-to-man a couple of times on the fly and they did a really good job of being aware of everybody."

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BULLS & BLACKHAWKS



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BULLS RECAP

The Bulls went north with nine healthy players and finished their 112-103 loss to the Raptors with eight. Lauri Markkanen left with an illness after totaling 10 points in 16 minutes. He missed 8 of 10 from the field. The Bulls, who committed 18 turnovers but hung tough, fell to 21-54 with seven games left. Wayne Selden Jr. led the way with 20 points. Danny Green, above, had eight points.

RAPTORS 112, BULLS 103

Boylen endorses friend

Bulls coach says Hoiberg is good fit for Cornhuskers job

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN | Chicago Tribune

TORONTO — Jim Boylen is rooting for Fred Hoiberg to become Nebraska's next coach, assuming Hoiberg wants the job.

"Absolutely," Boylen said before the Bulls played the Raptors on Tuesday night. "It seems like an unbelievable fit for him and his family. He has history there. (Lincoln) is a great place to live. It's in the Big Ten, which to me is a great conference. Whatever Fred chooses to do, I know he will be successful and give it everything he's got."

You know who figures to be rooting even harder than Boylen?

Jerry Reinsdorf.

The Bulls owe Hoiberg \$5 million next season, but that would be offset by whatever salary Hoiberg is paid.

Stadium's Jeff Goodman tweeted that Hoiberg is the "heavy favorite" to get the job, which opened Tuesday after the school fired Tim Miles. The Lincoln Journal Star reported that Hoiberg is "expected" to be named coach.

Athletic director Bill Moos said that he has reached out to three or four coaches, including Hoiberg.

But Moos implied that he did not meet with Hoiberg during the Big Ten Tournament in Chicago, as was rumored: "I haven't had any deep dish pizza in Chicago, if that's what you want to know."

Hoiberg to Nebraska makes sense because he flourished as a player and coach at Iowa State. Hoiberg was born in Lincoln, and Tom Osborne recruited him as an option quarterback. Hoiberg's father earned a Ph.D. in sociology at Nebraska. And his grandfather, Jerry Bush, coached basketball at Nebraska from 1954-63, guiding the Huskers to an upset of Kansas and Wilt Chamberlain in 1958.

The Bulls fired Hoiberg after a 5-19 start but his reputation didn't take a hit, given the inadequacies of the Bulls' roster and injuries to Lauri Markkanen, Bobby Portis, Denzel Valentine and Kris Dunn.

Dunn said Hoiberg's style fits both college ball and the NBA: "The NBA is easy for him because he played in the NBA. He

Rose autobiography coming soon

Get ready to learn plenty about Derrick Rose this year — depending on how much the sometimes mercurial NBA veteran actually shares about himself.

The former Bulls star and current Timberwolves guard's autobiography, "I'll Show You," is set for a Sept. 10 release, just five months after a documentary about his life makes its debut.

Rose signed with Chicago-based Triumph Books and will work with former Tribune and current Bulls.com reporter Sam Smith to write the book. Smith also wrote 1992 bestseller "The Jordan Rules," chronicling Michael Jordan's first championship season in 1990-91.

"Derrick is thrilled," Rose's agent and former Chicago Bull B.J. Armstrong said in a statement. "He's known Sam his entire career. It's a great fit. Sam understands Chicago basketball and can really capture Derrick's voice."

Rose will explore growing up on the South Side, playing at Simeon and the

University of Memphis, and being drafted No. 1 by the Bulls in 2008 as the hometown savior, Triumph said.

Rose became the youngest MVP in league history at 22.

This season, Rose averaged 18 points and shot a career best 37 percent from 3-point range before surgery earlier this month to remove bone chips from his right elbow, the latest in a torturous history with injuries.

The press release for "I'll Show You" signals its tone: "He's been misunderstood and painstakingly scrutinized as an athlete and a human being."

That seems to echo sentiments from the 100-minute documentary, "Pooh: The Derrick Rose Story," set to air April 11 on the Stadium multimedia network.

In a trailer, Rose says, "You don't know my story. You don't where I came from. You don't know any of that."

— Phil Thompson

knows what guys need in the sense of practice, game situations and what it feels like when adversity hits in games."

Asked what he thinks it takes to be a good college coach, Dunn replied: "More is asked. Kids out of high school need more guidance, more motivation. You're not going to have a star who can lift you every game. So the players have to understand the importance of playing as a team."

Boylen assisted Tom Izzo at Michigan State and was head coach at the University of Utah from 2007-11.

"There's nothing like running your own program and recruiting the guys you want to recruit," Boylen said after being asked to compare college and NBA gigs. "Running your own program — the academics, the style you want to play, being responsible for your guys on campus 24-7. It's a challenge but also a cool thing."

"There is nothing like the having a mother or father drop off their son, and you are responsible for helping him grow from a young man to a man. When they graduate

or have that success, there's a feeling of accomplishment not only for them but also for you and your program. That's pretty special."

Although Hoiberg had a wonderful run at Iowa State — four NCAA Tournament berths and a Sweet 16 in five seasons — many believe he will hold out for an NBA job. The private jets are nice, as are the stays at the Four Seasons and Ritz-Carltons. And is Hoiberg ready to text 16-year-old recruits and deal with AAU coaches and sneaker reps?

Bulls guard and former Villanova star Ryan Arcidiacono can envision Hoiberg as a strong recruiter, saying: "I think we saw that at Iowa State. He has a track record of putting guys in the league, borderline guys who have made a roster and taken that next step. You see that with Monte Morris, a big-time player for the Nuggets."

"I think (Hoiberg) has a good eye for talent. If he takes that job, he'll do very well."

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WHITE SOX

It's official: Eloy to debut Thursday

BY JACK MAGRUDER | Associated Press

PHOENIX — The White Sox confirmed Tuesday what a \$43 million contract seemed to signal: Eloy Jimenez will begin the season in the major leagues.

The top prospect will make his big-league debut on opening day in Kansas City on Thursday. Signed as a teenager by the Cubs out of the Dominican Republic in 2013, Jimenez is one of baseball's most promising youngsters — and one with historic financial security.

"It's amazing," Jimenez said. "I feel really proud of the work I have done. It's a dream all the players want, to break with the team in spring training."

The White Sox announced Jimenez had made the team following a 7-1 exhibition win over the Diamondbacks. Jimenez was sent to minor-league camp two weeks ago and was unlikely to crack the opening-day roster until agreeing to a six-year, \$43 million contract Friday, the largest deal ever for a rostered player with no service time. The deal, which also includes team options for 2025 and 2026, took away the Sox's incentive to stash Jimenez at Triple A for a few weeks and delay his potential free agency.

Jimenez, 22, hit .243 with two doubles, two homers and six RBIs in 37 at-bats this spring. He started in left field the last two games and is expected to see regular time there. He hit .337 with 22 homers and 75 RBIs in 108 games between Double A and Triple A last season. The White Sox acquired him in a package from the Cubs for left-hander Jose Quintana at the 2017 trade deadline.

Jimenez received a \$5 million signing bonus as part of the deal and will make \$1 million in 2019, \$1.5 million in 2020, \$3.5 million in 2021, \$6.5 million in 2022, \$9.5 million in 2023 and \$13 million in 2024. The White Sox have a \$16.5 million option with a \$3 million buyout in 2025 and an \$18.5 million option with a \$3 million buyout in 2026.

If the White Sox had chosen to keep him in the minor leagues for the first 20 days of this season, his free-agent eligibility would have been pushed back a year, until after the 2025 season.

Extra innings: Jon Jay, who missed seven days with a right hip strain before returning to the field Sunday, was placed on the 10-day injured list to start the season. ... Left-hander Carlos Rodon is set to face Royals right-hander Brad Keller on opening day.

WHITE SOX RECAP

Jose Abreu, Daniel Palka and Wellington Castillo doubled and right-hander Ivan Nova gave up one hit and one run in three innings as the White Sox wrapped up their spring schedule with a 7-1 victory over the Diamondbacks at Chase Field in Phoenix. Nova struck out three and did not walk a batter.

Thomas joins NBCSCH's Sox studio shows

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL | Chicago Tribune

Hall of Famer Frank Thomas is the latest analyst added to NBC Sports Chicago's White Sox pregame and postgame shows.

Thomas also will be an occasional contributor to the channel's "Baseball Night in Chicago" in addition to continuing work as a studio analyst for Fox, where his role has included playoff and World Series pregame and postgame shows.

"I'm happy to be joining the team at NBC Sports Chicago and to be back covering the White Sox, a franchise with a bright future featuring some of the best young talent in the game today," Thomas said in NBCSCH's announcement Tuesday.

NBC Sports Chicago announced last week that it hired former Sox star and manager Ozzie Guillen for its pregame and postgame shows while continuing on "Baseball Night in Chicago."

Thomas and Guillen, who were Sox teammates from 1990 to 1997, will debut in their new roles with a special expanded pregame show at 2 p.m. Thursday ahead of the Sox opener against the Royals in Kansas City, Mo.

"Frank Thomas is, without question, one of the greatest players in Chicago baseball history, and we couldn't be more thrilled he will be lending his insightful analysis as part of our expert White Sox coverage team all season long," Kevin Cross, NBC Sports Chicago's senior vice president and general manager, said.

Former Sox third baseman Bill Melton, 74, a fixture on NBC Sports Chicago's Sox studio show, plans to cut back on his TV workload this season while continuing to serve as a team ambassador.

In addition to TV, NBC Sports Chicago programming is available via livestream to authenticated subscribers through NBCSportsChicago.com and its MyTeams by NBC Sports app.

Thomas was a career .301 hitter with 521 home runs and 1,704 RBIs in 2,322 games.

BLACKHAWKS MAILBAG

Evaluating validity of Hawks' coaching change

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD | Chicago Tribune

Was firing Joel Quenneville the right move? Was hiring Jeremy Colliton the right move? — A.C.

Getting right to the meat of it, eh, Al? Assessing firings and hirings after just a few months are often in the eye of the beholder, especially when the fired guy and the hired guy have had parallel outcomes this season. The Hawks were 6-6-3 under Quenneville and entered Tuesday's road game against the Coyotes at 27-26-7 under Colliton.

But the question isn't really about this season. So let's look at it from a long-term perspective.

The Hawks obviously enjoyed remarkable success under Quenneville. They made the playoffs every season but one and won three Stanley Cups. He was the right man to run the team.

But when the talent started leaving, aging and underperforming, Quenneville's coaching style didn't work.

So it was right for the franchise to fire Quenneville and move on from its glory days. Sure, Patrick Kane and Jonathan Toews still are tremendous players. But as the Hawks have learned, it's not enough. You need depth and defense. They have little of either.

As for Colliton, the jury is still out, but all signs point to him having the potential to be an excellent NHL coach. He's patient, a great communicator and willing to take chances, and he somehow got the Hawks close enough to the postseason that they'll wind up playing only a few meaningless games down the stretch.



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What do the Blackhawks need to do this offseason? The Blues were absolutely awful the first half and now they're one of the top teams. How did they do it? — Doug E.

For one, the Blues fired coach Mike Yeo after 19 games and replaced him with Craig Berube. But as the Hawks proved, a new coach doesn't matter if the team doesn't have enough talent. And the Blues are pretty talented.

To answer your first question, the Hawks can do what the Blues did last offseason and bring in some proven talent. The Blues signed forwards Tyler Bozak and David Perron, then made a blockbuster deal with the Sabres for Ryan O'Reilly.

O'Reilly is the team's leading scorer with 70 points, Perron is fourth with 41 and Bozak sixth with 34. The offseason moves paid off. But none of that would matter if they hadn't moved on from Jake Allen and given rookie goalie Jordan Binnington the net.

Binnington made his first NHL start until Jan. 7 and shut out the Flyers. He is 20-4-1 with a .933 save percentage, and the Blues are 24-8-4 since he took over as their starting goalie.

CUBS

CUBS TAKEAWAYS

Maddon: 95 wins will be tough in '19

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — Here are three takeaways from Cubs' spring training Tuesday:

1. Joe Maddon says winning 95 games will be more difficult in the improved NL Central.

The Cubs manager gladly would accept another 95-win season, although he admits that accomplishment will be extremely difficult in an improved National League Central Division. The Cubs won 95 last season and finished second to the Brewers after a Game 163 tiebreaker.

"I would take 95 every year," Maddon said Tuesday before the club left for Texas, where it will start the regular season Thursday. "(But) it's going to be more difficult even with a perfectly

healthy roster all season and everyone pretty much playing up to their capabilities. I think the rest of the division has gotten better. I think the National League has gotten better."

The Cubs settled for an NL wild-card berth in 2018 after the Brewers won their final eight regular-season games to overtake the Cubs for the division title. The rival Cardinals added slugger Paul Goldschmidt and formidable left-handed reliever Andrew Miller, and in the NL East the Phillies (Bryce Harper, Andrew McCutchen, J.T. Realmuto and Jean Segura) and Mets (Robinson Cano and Edwin Diaz) made high-profile acquisitions.

"Taking all those things into consideration, to get to that number is going to be not easy," Maddon said. "It's definitely attainable. Of course, it's our goal."

2. All on board for batting practice.

The Cubs placed a heavier emphasis on mandatory batting practice this spring, but Maddon said there could be some wiggle room once the season begins.

"We're still going to make adaptations during the season," said Maddon, who prefers that players preserve their strength during the season and has allowed optional batting practice in the past. "It's going to depend on how guys are feeling. If the players really feel strongly about hitting on the field, I have no issues with that."

"The biggest component of that is to create a routine that they feel good about."

Hitting in the indoor cages remains an option. Maddon added: "It's more about the routine required of being there."

3. Randy Rosario was selected for the final bullpen spot.

A strong finish helped Rosario earn the final spot in the Cubs bullpen over fellow left-handers Kyle Ryan and Allen Webster.

Rosario, 24, posted a 6.30 ERA in nine spring appearances but didn't allow a run in his last three outings covering 4 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings. Rosario bailed Steve Cishek out of a jam Monday, part of 1 $\frac{2}{3}$ scoreless innings.

"He looked like the better version of him last year," Maddon said of Rosario before the decision was announced.

Rosario went 4-0 record with a 3.66 ERA in 44 appearances for the Cubs last season, limiting left-handed hitters to a .174 average. His ERA was 1.95 in 22 first-half appearances compared with 6.16 in 22 games after the All-Star break.

Ryan was optioned to Triple-A Iowa, and Webster was assigned to minor-league camp. The make-up of the bullpen could change as soon as after the Cubs' opening three-game series against the Rangers and their predominantly left-handed hitting lineup.

Barring a last-minute change, Mark Zagunis will earn the final backup outfield spot.

Maddon also was satisfied with relief pitcher Pedro Strop, whose right hamstring responded well a day after he pitched one scoreless inning in his first spring appearance since March 9.

The Cubs re-signed Junichi Tazawa to a minor-league deal, three days after he was granted his release. Tazawa, 32, didn't allow a run in six spring appearances but was seeking a spot on a major-league roster. He will work out in extended spring training.

Hendricks receives 4-year extension

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Epstein praised Hendricks as a leader and "a great example for every player we have in the organization." That, combined with Hendricks' 52-33 record over five seasons, made the deal a no-brainer for the Cubs. Hendricks will earn salaries of \$12 million in 2020 and \$14 million in 2020-23 with a team option for \$16.5 million/\$1.5 million buyout in 2024.

Neither Hendricks nor Epstein felt he felt pressured to finalize a deal amid a recent trend of players opting to forgo free agency and sign extensions with their current teams following a slow-developing market the last two winters.

Slugger Kris Bryant and 2018 National League Most Valuable Player runner-up Javier Baez, who is represented by the same agency as Hendricks, are eligible for free agency in 2022. The Cubs also hold team options on first baseman Anthony Rizzo through 2021. The only Cubs players signed past 2021 are Jason Heyward and Yu Darvish, each of whom will earn a combined \$81 million in 2022-23.

Bryant, who will make \$12.9 million this season, said last week that recent extensions by Nolan Arenado of the Rockies, Chris Sale of the Red Sox and Paul Goldschmidt of the Cardinals have eased his concerns about his future.

Epstein said those extensions were fair to both sides.

"Hopefully as things move forward, players and clubs are satisfied," Epstein said. "There's a lot of money in this game. We're lucky to work in it and hopefully things work out."

As for his own team, "We'll continue to quietly get things done with guys, and hopefully we can," Epstein said. "But this wasn't done in any way to put pressure on guys. There's a lot of time left before we have to make some critical decisions."

Hendricks and the Cubs have shared a mutually high comfort level dating to his trade from the Rangers in the middle of 2012 — Epstein's first year in Chicago.

Hendricks' 3.07 ERA is the fifth-lowest mark of any active pitcher with at least 100 career starts. He has made 10 postseason starts in his career — tied for the most in franchise history — and he has a 2.98 ERA in the playoffs.

Hendricks allowed four runs or fewer in 48 consecutive starts from Aug. 21, 2015 to May 24,



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Kyle Hendricks has reason to smile after agreeing to a four-year contract extension with the Cubs that guarantees him \$55.5 million.

CUBS RECAP

Kyle Schwarber homered and Addison Russell had three hits as the Cubs beat the Red Sox 16-7 in Mesa, Ariz., to wrap up their spring schedule. Mark Zagunis, expected to make the opening-day roster as a reserve outfielder, went 2-for-3 with a triple and two RBIs.

2017, the second-longest streak in the majors dating to 1913.

"Kyle is in rare air for what he's done," Epstein said. "But more important, we love the process he uses to get there and think it bodes well for the future."

Hendricks' success has come without an overpowering fastball. Instead, he relies on deception with an effective changeup and has worked this spring to incorporate his curveball more frequently.

"Just watching the way I pitch and getting guys out at the big-league level hopefully will translate to younger pitchers, just learning more of the pitching style and not relying on velocity," Hendricks said. "I want to exceed what they've given me and provide even more. To the Cubs and

this organization, the work will never end."

Agents Nick Chanock and Joel Wolfe and the Cubs agreed to terms late last week. But the deal wasn't official until Monday night after Hendricks passed a physical examination that included him spending three hours in an MRI tube that made him too sore to pitch in Tuesday's exhibition finale.

Hendricks' base salaries may increase by \$2 million in 2022 and 2023 if he wins a Cy Young Award or by \$1 million if he finishes second or third.

His 2024 option automatically vests if he finishes in the top three in the 2020 Cy Young balloting and is deemed healthy for the 2021 season.

In addition to financial security, Hendricks' loyalty to the Cubs was reinforced by their acceptance of his training methods, including the recent hiring of Christine Schwan as a full-time yoga instructor.

"This is a life decision, not just a money decision," Hendricks said.

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Cubs looking to atone for their late-season fade

Sullivan, from Page 1

But like it or not, perception is everything when it comes to the 2019 Cubs, creating a smorgasbord of hot takes all over the media, be it social or mainstream:

■ The players are more motivated after last year's acidulous ending.
■ Maddon needs to at least get back to the World Series to keep his job.
■ The demotion of Ian Happ made a statement about the team's renewed sense of urgency.
■ The window is closing after 2021.

But as we watch it all play out, remember nothing that happened before opening day matters once the first pitch is delivered Thursday afternoon in Arlington, Texas.

Everything starts at zero again, from batting averages and ERAs to W's and L's. The Cubs' ugly 2018 ending at Wrigley Field — blowing the division title to the Brewers and losing a 13-inning wild-card game to the Rockies — will be as relevant to this season as Don Young's dropped fly ball at Shea Stadium in 1969 or the fateful foul ball from Game 6 of the NLCS in 2003.

Those seasons and 2018 are linked in the litany of epic Cubs flops, even as the disappointment of last year was relatively painless compared with the other two, thanks to the fact a World Series victory parade occurred in our lifetime.

Motivation is a tricky thing. The Cubs were motivated to redeem themselves in 1970 but lost 12 straight in June to fall into the same old rut. The 2004 Cubs were motivated to redeem not only themselves but Steve Bartman as well. Dusty Baker promised Bartman a seat next to his in the championship parade that ultimately didn't happen.

It's easy to say you're motivated by past events. But when asked about the "M" word, first baseman Anthony Rizzo simply shook his head.

"It definitely sucked," Rizzo said, referring to the 2018 ending. "But more motivated? No. I have the same motivation every year, what I expect from myself and my team. ... We left it all on the field last year. It's not like we didn't try."

When denying the incessant Manny Machado rumors in May, Cubs President Theo Epstein said "the first part of the season is finding out who you are." That holds true every year, so we should know early whether these Cubs are who we think they are.

The perceived lack of urgency early last season was something Epstein called "psychobabble" in May. But in his post-playoff autopsy, Epstein noted that sometimes division titles are lost "early in the season when you have an opportunity to push for that sweep, but you've already got

two out of three and you're just not quite there with that killer instinct. You know what that makes us? Human."

Demoting Happ to Triple-A Iowa might be just another personnel decision, but it also shows the Cubs are not as willing to be patient with struggling young players as they were in the past.

In April 2013 — Year 2 of the rebuild — manager Dale Sveum threatened to send Rizzo and Starlin Castro to Iowa. No one believed him, and it never happened.

Now that they're expected to win, the Cubs just do it. That's progress and speaks for management's insistence on a go-for-the-throat mentality in 2019.

Maddon will be the one mostly responsible for creating that sense of urgency, and Epstein asked him to be more communicative with his players, including letting them know a few days in advance when they're in the lineup.

It was an issue some players mentioned to Epstein during meetings after last season.

"I'm sure Joe learned some things from his discussions with the players too," Epstein said afterward. "We're going to continue to try to get better at it."

Maddon figures to be in the spotlight all season because of the expected contract extension that never came. It still could arrive but if so it won't be until after the season — when we know if the mandate worked.

As the only Cubs manager since 1908 to have led his team to a world championship, Maddon — or anyone in his position — should've been able to parlay that accomplishment into a long-term deal. But history tells us no manager is Teflon, even one who changed a clubhouse culture and gave the city the gift that keeps on giving.

Leo Durocher, who helped resurrect the franchise from a two-decade hibernation in the 1960s, was the Maddon of his era. Before the '69 season, Cubs owner Phil Wrigley tore up Durocher's contract and extended him through 1970 at a reported \$75,000.

"Baseball law requires that we have a signed contract," then-general manager John Holland said. "However, this is a formality as far as we're concerned."

The perception was that Durocher was untouchable, but he was fired during the '72 season, handshake agreement or not.

Nothing in life is guaranteed but change.

And for this cherished group that ushered in this golden age of Cubs baseball, the thought of breaking up the band should be motivation enough.

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SPRING TRAINING NOTES

Righty deGrom signs for another 4 years, \$120 million with Mets

Associated Press

NL Cy Young Award winner Jacob deGrom and the Mets have agreed to a \$137.5 million, five-year contract, a deal that guarantees an additional \$120.5 million over four seasons.

New York and deGrom had agreed in January to a one-year, \$17 million deal, and he was on track to be eligible for free agency after the 2020 season.

His new deal calls for a \$10 million signing bonus, half to be paid in January 2020 and the rest

in January 2021.

DeGrom has the right to opt out of the deal after the 2022 season and become a free agent. He also gets the ability to block being traded.

A right-hander who turns 31 in June, deGrom had a 1.70 ERA last year yet went 10-9 on a Mets' team that finished 77-85.

Giants CEO suspended: Major League Baseball suspended Giants President and CEO Larry Baer without pay through July 1 after a video showed him in a physical altercation with his wife.

Commissioner Rob Manfred said his office conducted an investigation of the events shown on a video released by TMZ of the altercation on March 1 between Baer and his wife, Pam, in a San Francisco plaza. Manfred said he also talked to Baer before making his ruling.

"In determining the appropriate level of discipline, I find that Mr. Baer should be held to a higher standard because as a leader he is expected to be a role model for others in his organization and community," Manfred said.

Helton arrested: Former Rockies star Todd Helton has received a misdemeanor citation on a charge of driving under the influence after a one-car accident.

Helton's lawyer Stephen Ross Johnson said Helton has entered a residential treatment program.

According to a Knox County sheriff's report, Helton's car struck a telephone pole March 18 before 6 p.m. Officers said Helton indicated he had taken an Ambien at about 2 p.m. One officer saw a cup in Helton's car that "had the odor of an alcoholic beverage."

Extra innings: Steve Pearce will start the season on the injured list for the Red Sox. The 2018 World Series MVP exited an exhibition game last weekend due to discomfort in his left calf. ... Astros SS Carlos Correa was scratched from Tuesday's lineup with a sore neck. The team doesn't think it's serious, but there's a chance that he won't be ready for the start of the regular season on Thursday. ... Indians 3B Jose Ramirez is expected to be in the opening day lineup Thursday, four days after fouling a pitch off the area below his left knee.

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at Los Angeles	-153	Arizona	+143
at San Diego	-115	San Fran.	+105
Colorado	-135	at Miami	+125
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	THURSDAY		
at New York	-307	Baltimore	+277
at Toronto	-160	Detroit	+150
Houston	-114	at Tampa Bay	+104
at Oakland	-114	Los Angeles	+104
Cleveland	-135	at Minnesota	+125
at Kansas City	-109	Chicago	-101
Boston	-178	at Seattle	+166
INTERLEAGUE			
	THURSDAY		
Chi Cubs	-120	at Texas	+110

NBA			
	WEDNESDAY		
at Okla. City	6	Indiana	Off
at Memphis	Off	Golden State	Off
at Chicago	Off	Portland	Off
Washington	1½	at Phoenix	+156
at Utah	Off	LA Lakers	Off

NHL			
	WEDNESDAY		
Toronto	-145	at Philadelphia	+135
at Boston	-135	NY Rangers	+305
at Calgary	-366	Dallas	+156
at Colorado	Off	Las Vegas	Off

COLLEGE BASKETBALL			
	WEDNESDAY		
at NC State	3	Lipscomb	Off
at Texas	5½	Colorado	Off
CBI			
	WEDNESDAY		
at DePaul	7	Coast. Carol.	Off
NCAA TOURNAMENT			
	THURSDAY		
Tennessee	1½	Purdue	Off
Virginia	8½	Oregon	Off
Gonzaga	7½	Florida St	Off
Michigan	2	Texas Tech	Off
CBI			
	THURSDAY		
at South Florida	4½	Loy. Marym	Off
NCAA TOURNAMENT			
	FRIDAY		
Michigan St	6	LSU	Off
Duke	7	Virginia Tech	Off
Kentucky	2½	Houston	Off
N. Carolina	5	Auburn	Off

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NATIONAL INVITATION TOURNAMENT					
	TUESDAY'S QUARTERFINALS				
Wichita State	73	Indiana	63		
TCU	71	Creighton	58		
WEDNESDAY'S QUARTERFINALS					
Lipscomb (27-7)	at N.C. State (24-11)	8	Colorado (23-12)	at Texas (18-16)	8
Semifinals: Madison Square Garden, New York	Tuesday, April 2	Championship: Madison Square Garden New York; Thursday, April 4			

COLLEGE BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL			
	WEDNESDAY'S SEMIFINAL		
C. Carolina (17-16)	at DePaul (17-15)	17	7
THURSDAY'S SEMIFINAL			
Loyola Marymount (22-11)	at South Florida (21-13)	6	

COLLEGEISIDER TOURNAMENT			
	TUESDAY'S SECOND ROUND		
Hampton 73	Charleston Southern	67	
Green Bay 98	FIU	68	
TUESDAY'S QUARTERFINAL			
Presbyterian 83	Marshall	66	
THURSDAY'S QUARTERFINALS			
Hampton (18-17)vs. NJIT (22-12)	6	Texas Southern (23-13)	vs.
La-Monroe (19-15)	7	Friday-Saturday TBA	
CS Bakersfield (18-15)	vs.	Green Bay (19-16)	TBA

WOMEN'S NIT			
	TUESDAY'S THIRD ROUND		
Georgetown 53	Providence	46	
WEDNESDAY'S THIRD ROUND			
Northwestern (18-14)	at	West Virginia (22-10)	6
THURSDAY'S THIRD ROUND			
W. Kentucky (20-14)	at Ohio (29-5)	6	
Butler (23-9)	at Cincinnati (23-10)	6	
Virginia Tech (22-11)	at	James Madison (27-5)	6
TCU (22-10)	at Arkansas (22-14)	7	
Pepperdine (22-11)	at	Wyoming (24-8)	7:30
Idaho (22-11)	at Arizona (20-13)	8:30	

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL			
	TUESDAY'S QUARTERFINAL		
North Texas 56	Utah State	54	
SATURDAY'S SEMIFINAL			
Campbell (23-12)	at	Appalachian State (20-14)	6
SEMIFINAL TBA, FRIDAY/SAT.			
N. Texas (17-15)	vs. N. Alabama (21-8)		

TENNIS

ATP/WTA MIAMI OPEN			
Tuesday at Hard Rock Stadium; Miami Gardens, Fla.; hard-outdoor			
MEN'S FOURTH-ROUND SINGLES			
#22 Robert Bautista Agut	d.	#1 Novak Djokovic	1-6, 7-5, 6-3.
#6 Kevin Anderson	d.	Jordan Thompson	7-5, 7-5.
#7 John Isner	d.	#19 Kyle Edmund	7-6 (5), 7-6 (3).
#11 Borna Coric	d.	#27 Nick Kyrgios	4-6, 6-3, 6-2.
Felix Auger-Aliassime	d.	#17 Nikoloz Basilashvili	7-6 (4), 6-4.
#28 Frances Tiafoe	d.	#18 David Goffin	7-5, 7-6 (6).
#4 Roger Federer	vs.	#13 Daniil Medvedev	late
#8 Stefanos Tsitsipas	vs.	#20 Denis Shapovalov	late

WEDNESDAY'S QUARTERFINAL SINGLES			
#7 John Isner	vs.	#22 Robert Bautista Agut	
#11 Borna Coric	vs.	Felix Auger Aliassime	
WOMEN'S QUARTERFINAL SINGLES			
#12 Ashleigh Barty	d.	#3 Petra Kvitova	7-6 (6), 3-6, 6-2.
#21 Anett Kontaveit	d.	#27 Hsieh Su-wei	3-6, 6-2, 7-5.

WEDNESDAY'S QUARTERFINAL SINGLES			
#2 Simona Halep	vs.	#18 Wang Qiang	
#5 Karolina Pliskova	vs.	Marketa Vondrousova	

AUTO RACING

2020 NASCAR CUP SCHEDULE			
DATE	RACE/TRACK		
Feb. 9	The Clash		
Feb. 13	Duels at Daytona		
Feb. 16	Daytona 500		
Feb. 23	Las Vegas Motor Speedway		
March 1	Auto Club Speedway		
March 8	ISM Raceway		
March 15	Atlanta Motor Speedway		
March 22	Homestead-Miami Speedway		
March 29	Texas Motor Speedway		
April 5	Bristol Motor Speedway		
April 19	Richmond Raceway		
April 26	Talladega Superspeedway		
May 3	Dover Int'l Speedway		
May 9	Martinsville Speedway		
May 16	All-Star Race at Charlotte		
May 24	Charlotte Motor Speedway		
May 31	Kansas Speedway		
June 7	Michigan Int'l Speedway		
June 14	Sonoma Raceway		
June 21	Chicagoland Speedway		
June 27	Pocono Raceway		
June 28	Pocono Raceway		
July 5	Indianapolis Motor Speedway		
July 11	Kentucky Speedway		
July 19	New Hampshire Motor Speedway		
Aug. 9	Michigan Int'l Speedway		
Aug. 16	Watkins Glen Int'l		
Aug. 23	Dover Int'l Speedway		
Aug. 29	Daytona Int'l Speedway		
Sept. 6	Darlington Raceway		
Sept. 12	Richmond Raceway		
Sept. 19	Bristol Motor Speedway		
Sept. 27	Las Vegas Motor Speedway		
Oct. 4	Talladega Superspeedway		
Oct. 11	Charlotte Motor Speedway		
Oct. 18	Kansas Speedway		
Oct. 25	Texas Motor Speedway		
Nov. 1	Martinsville Speedway		
Nov. 8	ISM Raceway		

GOLF

WGC DELL TECHNOLOGIES MATCH PLAY			
Group matchups at Austin Country Club, Austin, Texas; 7,128 yards, par 71			
GROUP 1			
1. Dustin Johnson	24. Hideki Matsuyama		
40. Branden Grace	55. Chez Reavie		
MATCH SCHEDULE			
Wednesday: Johnson vs. Reavie; Matsuyama vs. Grace			
Thursday: Johnson vs. Grace; Matsuyama vs. Reavie			
Friday: Johnson vs. Matsuyama; Grace vs. Reavie			
GROUP 2			
2. Justin Rose	22. Gary Woodland		
34. Eddie Pepperell	53. Emiliano Grillo		
MATCH SCHEDULE			
Wed: Rose vs. Grillo; Woodland vs. Pepperell			
Thu: Rose vs. Pepperell; Woodland vs. Grillo			
Fri: Rose vs. Woodland; Pepperell vs. Grillo			
GROUP 3			
3. Brooks Koepka	27. Alex Noren		
36. Hao Tong Li	60. Tom Lewis		
MATCH SCHEDULE			
Wed: Koepka vs. Lewis; Noren vs. Li			
Thu: Koepka vs. Li; Noren vs. Lewis			
Fri: Koepka vs. Noren; Li vs. Lewis			
GROUP 4			
4. Rory McIlroy	32. Matt Fitzpatrick		
47. Justin Harding	64. Luke List		
MATCH SCHEDULE			
Wed: McIlroy vs. List; Fitzpatrick vs. Harding			
Thu: McIlroy vs. Harding; Fitzpatrick vs. List			
Fri: McIlroy vs. Fitzpatrick; Harding vs. List			
GROUP 5			
5. Justin Thomas	31. Keegan Bradley		
33. Matt Wallace	50. Lucas Bjerregaard		
MATCH SCHEDULE			
Wednesday: Thomas vs. Bjerregaard; Bradley vs. Wallace			
Thursday: Thomas vs. Wallace; Bradley vs. Bjerregaard			
Friday: Thomas vs. Bradley; Wallace vs. Bjerregaard			
GROUP 6			
6. Bryson DeChambeau	17. Marc Leishman		
39. Kira Aphibarnrat	59. Russell Knox		
MATCH SCHEDULE			
Wed: DeChambeau vs. Knox; Leishman vs. Aphibarnrat			
Thu: DeChambeau vs. Aphibarnrat; Leishman vs. Knox			
Fri: DeChambeau vs. Leishman; Aphibarnrat vs. Knox			

WGC DEXTER CARTER MATCH PLAY			
Group matchups at Austin Country Club, Austin, Texas; 7,128 yards, par 71			
GROUP 1			
1. Justin Thomas	31. Keegan Bradley		
33. Matt Wallace	50. Lucas Bjerregaard		
MATCH SCHEDULE			
Wednesday: Thomas vs. Bjerregaard; Bradley vs. Wallace			
Thursday: Thomas vs. Wallace; Bradley vs. Bjerregaard			
Friday: Thomas vs. Bradley; Wallace vs. Bjerregaard			
GROUP 2			
2. Francesco Molinari	21. Webb Simpson		
45. Thorbjorn Olesen	Satoshi Kodaira		
MATCH SCHEDULE			
Wed: Molinari vs. Kodaira; Simpson vs. Olesen			
Thu: Molinari vs. Olesen; Simpson vs. Kodaira			
Fri: Molinari vs. Simpson; Olesen vs. Kodaira			
GROUP 3			
3. Jon Rahm	23. Matt Kuchar		
43. J.B. Holmes	51. Woo Kim		
MATCH SCHEDULE			
Wed: Rahm vs. Kim; Kuchar vs. Holmes			
Thu: Rahm vs. Holmes; Kuchar vs. Kim			
Fri: Rahm vs. Kuchar; Holmes vs. Kim			
GROUP 4			
4. Xander Schauffele	29. R. Cabrera Bello		
35. Tyrrell Hatton	62. Lee Westwood		
MATCH SCHEDULE			
Wed: Schauffele vs. Westwood; Cabrera Bello vs. Hatton			
Thu: Schauffele vs. Hatton; Cabrera Bello vs. Westwood			
Fri: Schauffele vs. Cabrera Bello; Hatton vs. Westwood			

WGC DEXTER CARTER MATCH PLAY			
Group matchups at Austin Country Club, Austin, Texas; 7,128 yards, par 71			
GROUP 1			
10. Paul Casey	25. Cameron Smith		
42. Charles Howell III	Abraham Ancer		
MATCH SCHEDULE			
Wed: Casey vs. Ancer; Smith vs. Howell			
Thu: Casey vs. Howell; Smith vs. Ancer			
Fri: Casey vs. Smith; Howell vs. Ancer			
GROUP 11			
11. Tommy Fleetwood	19. Louis Oosthuizen		
41. Kyle Stanley	49. Byeong-Hun An		
MATCH SCHEDULE			
Wed: Fleetwood vs. An; Oosthuizen vs. Stanley			
Thu: Fleetwood vs. Stanley; Oosthuizen vs. An			
Fri: Fleetwood vs. Oosthuizen; Stanley vs. An			
GROUP 12			
12. Jason Day	20. Phil Mickelson		
37. Henrik Stenson	52. Jim Furyk		
MATCH SCHEDULE			
Wed: Day vs. Furyk; Mickelson vs. Stenson			
Thu: Day vs. Stenson; Mickelson vs. Furyk			
Fri: Day vs. Mickelson; Stenson vs. Furyk			
GROUP 13			
13. Tiger Woods	18. Patrick Cantlay		
44. Brandt Snedeker	61. Aaron Wise		
MATCH SCHEDULE			
Wed: Woods vs. Wise; Cantlay vs. Snedeker			
Thu: Woods vs. Snedeker; Cantlay vs. Wise			
Fri: Woods vs. Cantlay; Snedeker vs. Wise			
GROUP 14			
14. Tony Finau	30. Ian Poulter		
48. Kevin Kisner	56. Keith Mitchell		
MATCH SCHEDULE			
Wed: Finau vs. Mitchell; Poulter vs. Kisner			
Thu: Finau vs. Kisner; Poulter vs. Mitchell			
Fri: Finau vs. Poulter; Kisner vs. Mitchell			
GROUP 15			
15. Bubba Watson	28. Jordan Spieth		
38. Billy Horschel	57. Kevin Na		
MATCH SCHEDULE			
Wed: Watson vs. Na; Spieth vs. Horschel			
Thu: Watson vs. Horschel; Spieth vs. Na			
Fri: Watson vs. Spieth; Horschel vs. Na			
GROUP 16			
16. Patrick Reed	26. Sergio Garcia		
46. Shane Lowry	51. Andrew Putnam		
MATCH SCHEDULE			
Wed: Reed vs. Putnam; Garcia vs. Lowry			
Thu: Reed vs. Lowry; Garcia vs. Putnam			
Fri: Reed vs. Garcia; Lowry vs. Putnam			

PGA FEDEX CUP STANDINGS			
RK.	GOLFER	PTS	MONEY
1.	Rory McIlroy	1,348	4,580,008
2.	Xander Schauffele	1,298	3,530,861
3.	Matt Kuchar	1,275	3,126,308
4.	Paul Casey	1,193	3,032,473
5.	Charles Howell III	1,031	2,454,912
6.	Gary Woodland	1,026	2,844,374
7.	Dustin Johnson	972	3,004,052
8.	Justin Thomas	969	2,438,588
9.	Marc Leishman	966	2,470,106
10.	Rickie Fowler	957	2,430,167
11.	Brooks Koepka	876	2,614,650
12.	Phil Mickelson	821	2,070,480
13.	Justin Rose	809	2,254,269
14.	Bryson DeChambeau	772	1,577,929
15.	Keith Mitchell	747	1,913,943
16.	J.B. Holmes	707	1,788,641
17.	Sungjae Im	652	1,633,133

BEARS



JUSTIN K. ALLER/TNS

New Bears kicker Chris Blewitt kicks a winning field goal for Pitt against Georgia Tech in 2016. He is in the running to replace Cody Parkey.

Bears don't want to blow it again



BRAD BIGGS
On the Bears

PHOENIX — First things first. Before the Bears start the competition for the kicking job next month, Matt Nagy would like to clear something up. Chris Blewitt, the latest entrant in the derby to

replace Cody Parkey, uses a French pronunciation for his surname.

"It's crazy, you guys keep talking about this, his last name, it's 'Blew-it,'" Nagy said Tuesday at the NFL meetings. "That's not even his last name. It's French and it's 'Blew-way.' You guys are crazy. I mean, I understand why you did it, but now it's Blewwwww-way."

So when you're discussing the battle that for now will be between the former Pitt kicker and Tulsa product Redford Jones when the voluntary offseason program begins next month, remember that Nagy has a sense of humor about a serious situation. All jokes aside, how the team handles the decision to replace Parkey, whom the Bears owe \$3.5 million this season, will be one of the most closely monitored storylines between now and the Sept. 5 opener against the Packers at Soldier Field.

"The 'double doink' everyone's talking about, we missed it, right, so that's a big emphasis to get that right," Nagy said at the coaches breakfast Tuesday morning at the Arizona Biltmore. "So how do we do that?"

Nagy admitted he cannot say if Blewitt or Jones will be on the roster come September. While the Bears could look at three kickers during the offseason program, it's likely only two will head to training camp in July because of roster needs. Neither Blewitt nor Jones has kicked in an NFL game, and it's possible the Bears will add a veteran to the mix.

Nagy said inexperience creates a "huge question mark" but doesn't want to rule out unproven possibilities. He pointed to Harrison Butker, the Chiefs kicker who is 62-for-69 on field-goal attempts over the last two seasons, as an example of a rookie who worked out. Of course, Robbie Gould was an unknown when he joined the Bears in 2005.

"So you go into the season knowing that there's a risk, right?" Nagy said. "But what if you have a guy on your roster right now



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

Bears coach Matt Nagy said the team is serious about getting the kicking situation fixed.

... that's the next Harrison Butker? What if you have that guy? No one knows who these guys are, and they never kicked in a game. But hell, I never coached in a game (before) last year. Last year was my first time ever being a head coach.

"Somebody needs an opportunity. So we've got to give them an opportunity. That's the fun part and it is, for sure, a touchy situation because of what happened in the playoffs and because of the history of our team."

Blewitt and Jones won't be kicking when the Bears reassemble at Halas Hall on April 15. The first two weeks of the offseason program are restricted to strength and conditioning activities. Then the Bears will proceed with the competition. Both players performed well in tryouts to earn contracts, and the process could carry into the preseason.

"I want to do everything I can — we'll make sure that somehow, without having 70,000 screaming fans at Soldier Field and kicking it in Soldier Field, we're going to put pressure on them," Nagy said. "We're going to make it so they tighten up a little bit, as much as you can."

"You sit here and you watch these kickers at the combine — you can hear a pin drop and they're out there kicking with no pads on, no nothing. I want the real thing. How can you make that happen? You've got to draw it up. When you have

90 players out there with an incentive of, 'You've got to do this or they've got to do that; if you make it or miss it, there's a little bit of a challenge.'"

Nagy even joked about allowing media to watch the kickers to add pressure to the situation. The Bears remained patient with Parkey last season, including after the Lions game in which he knocked two field-goal and two extra-point attempts off the uprights. They will need to remain patient during the search and competition.

"We understand the significance of getting that right," Nagy said. "So we talk through a lot of different scenarios ... and the 'what ifs.' Knowing how important it is, I think some of it you have to — we won't know the answer until we go through some things, and who knows between now and training camp, who knows about anything."

"I wish I could tell you guys more. I don't know. We're just trying to make everybody else know that we know how important it is. You've got to make the kicks. That's it. You've got to make the kicks. So however we can put ourselves in the best position to make it happen, we'll do that."

No one wants to figure out how to pronounce "double doink" in French.

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BEARS TAKEAWAYS

Nagy's link to Reid still very strong

BY DAN WIEDERER | Chicago Tribune

PHOENIX — The NFL owners meetings were in full swing Tuesday at the Arizona Biltmore. Bears coach Matt Nagy and general manager Ryan Pace each spoke with the media, discussing the team's offseason progress and plans. In addition to offering an update on the search for a new kicker and an overview of the running game makeover, here are two other notable things we learned.

1. Nagy and Chiefs coach Andy Reid often communicate via Bitmojis.

Sure, there have been plenty of serious conversations this week about potential changes to instant replay, ongoing player safety initiatives and the league's plans for its 100th anniversary celebration. But there also have been openings for levity and Nagy delivered some during Tuesday's coaches breakfast when he revealed a unique wrinkle in his communication routine with Reid.

It started with a question about how both coaches dealt with their respective playoff losses. The Bears, of course, missed a game-winning field goal as time expired in a 16-15 wild-card-round loss to the Eagles. Two weeks later, Reid's Chiefs fell 37-31 in overtime to the Patriots in the AFC championship game.

Nagy admitted he called Reid on his drive home from Soldier Field to chat but waited longer after the Chiefs' loss to reach back out.

"Coach was down and it was hard," Nagy said. "He was so close. And I wanted it so bad for him. You just feel it. But as we started talking, we were like 15 minutes into it, and he says to me, 'Oh, man, we just both need a cheeseburger.'"

Vintage Reid.

The following day, Nagy said Reid texted him with a picture of the Chiefs' 2019 opponents. Reid circled the Bears and added a "Let's go, baby!" message. Both coaches were already looking ahead.

But that also led Nagy into a discussion of Reid's texting habits and the revelation that the Chiefs coach has his own Bitmoji, fully accessorized with a mustache and a Tommy Bahama-esque floral shirt. The Bears coach pulled up an example of Reid's Bitmoji with the cartoon coach sitting behind a massive stack of cartoon pancakes.

"See," he said. "I'm not lying."

2. Nagy's belief in quarterback Mitch Trubisky is as strong as it has ever been.

In his latest public endorsement of Trubisky, Nagy again highlighted the growth Trubisky made from September to January in developing a next-play mentality. He praised the quarterback for his ability to grasp the Bears offense — from calling plays in the huddle to identifying the middle linebacker to making checks at the line of scrimmage to working through his progressions. Now, Nagy said, a big step for Trubisky in 2019 will come in sharpening his ability to make off-balance and off-schedule throws when plays do not unfold in an ideal fashion.

"That's where we want to see him take that next leap," Nagy said.

The Bears coach referenced a handful of questionable throws Trubisky made last season, either throwing across his body or trying to force a ball into the end zone or simply overthrowing an open receiver.

"We've got to eliminate those," Nagy said. "We want to hit those. ... To make him a superstar, we've got to have him always hitting those."

Nagy remains convinced Trubisky's questionable throws last season were all a byproduct of learning the offense, understanding where to go with the ball and getting his clock up to speed with a play's design.

"When you know what's going on and things become slower, you can make that more accurate throw," Nagy said. "None of it was physical. It was all just mentally learning the offense."

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Bears working on running backs puzzle with draft approaching

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It's a new, evolving mix that figures to change a couple of more times before fans start drafting their fantasy teams late this summer.

"All these guys are so different in what they bring to the table," Nagy said. "Some are unique in the fact that they have really good hands and they're average route runners. Or they have average hands and they're great route runners as running backs. So you'll see here just what we believe in trying to find that mix and that mold."

Whether Howard again wears his navy No. 24 jersey is an important if not anticlimactic component.

The Bears gave the impression Tuesday they see value in keeping him if they can't trade him. Of course, they wouldn't downplay his potential contributions while trying to attract trade compensation for him.

But to take Nagy at his word, Howard has a role if he ends up playing out the final year of his rookie contract with the Bears. Even in a down year in 2018, he powered his

way to a team-high nine touchdowns and improved toward the end of the season.

Then again, right after Nagy foresaw a role for Howard, he steered the conversation toward trade talk.

"Ryan is always going to see where we're at, and if it's something that we think is going to make our team better, we'll entertain it," he said. "The running back position right now is something that we think we're in a good spot. But we definitely feel overall in the run game between the O-linemen, the running backs, and me calling plays that we can be better."

So they're good but could be better, Nagy says. OK, then.

Make no mistake, though: The Bears aren't just answering the phone about Howard. They're dialing out.

After all, Howard has said he plays his best when he is fed the ball 20 times a game and can wear down a defense. Nagy, on the other hand, is adamant about his committee approach. That ill fit will lead to a change eventually. The rest is just details.

So as Nagy makes over the rushing attack,

the meaningful updates to this point of the offseason center on Davis and Patterson.

The Bears like that Davis has only 234 career carries. They like his vision as a ball carrier and how he makes tacklers miss. He has good hands as a receiver and can pass block.

"From all the research we did on him," Nagy said, "we thought it was a great fit." There's the operative word — fit.

The same applies to Patterson, a receiver whose cameos as a running back for the Patriots last season have piqued Nagy's creative thinking.

"You see what he did in New England with the jet sweeps, the end-arounds, the screens, and I think that that's a good fit for him," Nagy said.

"For me it's kind of like a kid in a candy store. You get to kind of pick which candy you like best, put it together and figure out what he does best. When he gets here and we see what he can do mentally and physically, that's when we start formulating it all."

That process begins April 15 when the Bears report to Halas Hall for the voluntary

offseason program.

And then there's the draft. Although the Bears don't have picks in the first or second rounds, it makes so much sense for them to target a running back.

"Any coach will tell you there's a nice group of backs, that they all kind of have their unique style," Nagy said. "Some of them, they might not have the home-run speed, but he can run you over. This guy might have average hands, but he's really great between the tackles."

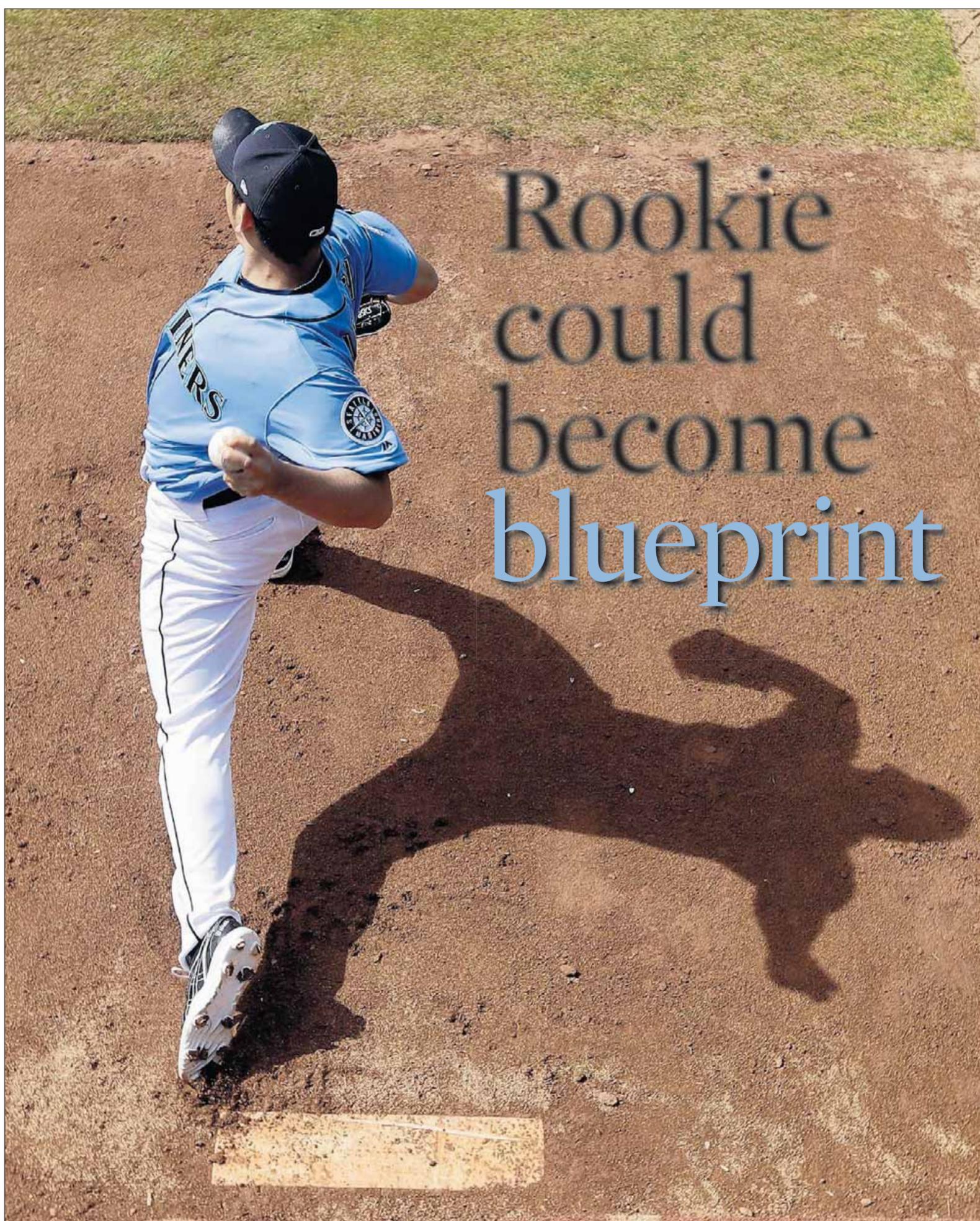
"It comes down to teams that are looking at running backs: What flavor do you like? What kind of ice cream do you like? And then when you get in the draft, where are they going to be at?"

Those are a lot of unanswered questions, but it's only March.

Eventually, the puzzle pieces will be dumped onto the table. Nagy will get to work, fitting them all together for the offensive balance and potency he craves.

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— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —



How the Mariners handle *Yusei Kikuchi* could set precedent for Japanese pitchers

BY TIM BOOTH | Associated Press

PEORIA, Ariz. — Aside from the attention he gets because of his talent as a pitcher, Yusei Kikuchi is well aware his first season in the majors will be subject to additional scrutiny.

Kikuchi's rookie season is something of an experiment, an attempt by the Seattle Mariners to see whether pitchers coming to the major leagues from Asia should be handled differently in their first season. The team will regulate Kikuchi's innings while making sure he starts on a regular five-day rotation, even if that means some outings are kept very short.

If it works, the strategy could become a blueprint for the future.

"As a player you want to go out there every start and perform and pitch one more inning, one more out," Kikuchi said through an interpreter. "But the front office guys, the GM, the (manager) are taking an importance in me and making an adjustment to the States. I'm really happy about that and thankful for that."

By using a deliberate approach, the team and Kikuchi's representatives believe they can help ease his transition from pitching in Japan, where starters typically throw once a week, and in the process hopefully cut down on the arm problems like those that have felled Asian pitchers in the past.

Shohei Ohtani, Yu Darvish and Daisuke Matsuzaka are among those who suffered significant arm injuries relatively early in their major league careers after arriving from Japan. Ohtani had Tommy John surgery last year that will keep the Angels' two-way star off the mound for the upcoming season.

"I have no frustrations at all but I am eager to keep moving toward the next step," Ohtani said recently. "I'm eager, but once the games get going after opening day, it will probably hit me harder and I'll want to get

back more."

Darvish had Tommy John surgery in late 2014, three seasons after arriving in the majors, and missed the entire 2015 season. He threw more than 400 total innings in the regular season in his first two seasons combined. Matsuzaka suffered a rotator cuff strain in his second year of 2008, had multiple arm issues in 2009 after pitching in the World Baseball Classic, and eventually had elbow surgery.

There are other examples too, whether it was Hideo Nomo's shoulder surgery in 2003, Takashi Saito's elbow ligament sprain in 2008 or Junichi Tazawa, who had Tommy John surgery in 2010, his second season in the majors.

Darvish has talked previously of going to either a six-man rotation or having starters pitch once a week to try to save their arms. He's a fan of the approach Seattle is taking.

"Not only for who came from Japan but for the young players, too," Darvish said. "That saves the elbow and shoulder stress. I think it's a very good idea."

When Kikuchi's agent, Scott Boras, was presenting his ideas for easing his client into the majors, he found a like mind in Seattle general manager Jerry Dipoto. Perhaps it's Dipoto's history as a former pitcher, but whatever the reason, the GM didn't scoff at Boras' demand.

In fact, it was Seattle's willingness to develop a plan — along with a lucrative contract and the club's history with Japanese players — that ultimately appealed to Kikuchi. The deal is worth \$56 million guaranteed over four years, but could be worth up to \$109 million over seven seasons if options are exercised. The pitching plan is similar to what the Mariners have done to acclimate some of their young arms in the minors.

"Not only do I think it is a viable argument on behalf of the Japanese pitchers, the pitcher coming over from (Nippon Professional Baseball), it's very viable with



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The Mariners have devised a plan to keep Yusei Kikuchi's workload manageable in his first season adjusting to the major leagues after having pitched in Japan.

the domestic draft, U.S. players as they enter pro ball," Dipoto said. "Part of why we were able to create a program that made sense for Yusei, and for us and made sense to Scott, is we've been doing this for years with our entry-level classes."

The target is roughly 170 innings for Kikuchi while keeping his regular start rate. That means there will be times — once a month approximately — when Kikuchi will go through his normal pregame routine, throw the first inning and call it a night.

Seattle was the perfect spot to attempt this experiment. Not only did Seattle provide Kikuchi a contract with flexibility for both sides, but the Mariners have no illusions that they'll be contenders in 2019.

Time and patience are built in, with the team knowing a payoff could be coming in a couple of years when Kikuchi is fully acclimated to the rigors of the majors and the Mariners are possibly better positioned to be contenders.

"For this club, this situation, where they're at, they felt they could manage our concern and yet fulfill their expectations at the major league level," Boras said. "A lot of

other teams, no, I don't think it would have worked because their need was too great and the investment was too great for them to not have to get a certain higher volume of innings out of him."

Others around baseball are taking notice of Seattle's plans even before they are fully implemented. Especially those with a pitching background.

"They're individually based," Colorado manager Bud Black said. "Based on the pitcher and where his workload has been, what he is capable of doing workload-wise. It's very practical to have a boundary of innings for a certain pitcher based on where they are coming from, what they've done and what they can handle. I think it's very sound."

There is no guarantee Seattle's approach will work. The number of variables involved means Kikuchi could still have an unexpected arm issue despite the precautions.

"We can't protect against Mother Nature, but we can do the best we can to put him in a position to succeed, and I think we have," Dipoto said.

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Byeong-Hun An plays a shot from a bunker on the fourth hole during a practice round at the Dell Technologies Match Play on Tuesday in Austin, Texas.

Matches with high stakes

In addition to a World Golf Championships title, last few Masters spots will be on the line this weekend

BY DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — For players trying to get into the top 50 for a Masters invitation, it was critical to get into the 64-man field at the Dell Technologies Match Play with big ranking points available in the final week to be eligible through the world ranking.

Trouble is, everyone from the top 66 — Adam Scott and Rickie Fowler are skipping — also is at Austin Country Club.

Eleven players in the field have yet to qualify for the Masters, and what's required of them at Match Play depends on their ranking. Russell Knox, Lee Westwood, Tom Lewis and Luke List likely will have to advance to Sunday's semifinals to break into the top 50.

Abraham Ancer and Chez Reavie likely would have to reach the quarterfinals, where players are assured a four-way tie for fifth.

Going into the week, the only current players in the top 50 not already eligible for the Masters are Shane Lowry (No. 48) and Justin Harding (No. 49). They might not have to advance from their groups to secure their positions, but winning or halving matches wouldn't hurt.

Others who are poised to make a move include Byeong Hun An, Andrew Putnam and Jim Furyk, who didn't even have the Masters in mind until his runner-up finish at The Players Championship moved him up more than 100 spots and into the Match Play field.

Harding and List are in the same group, while Lowry and Putnam also are in the same group.

Meanwhile, Sungjae Im closed with a 70 at Innisbrook last week and moved into a tie for fourth. That moved him up 13 spots to No. 59. Im is at the PGA Tour event in the Dominican Republic this week, which offers a minimum 24 points to the winner even with a weak field. He has a mathematical chance of getting into the top 50.

No one at the Hero Indian Open on the European Tour can get into the top 50.

No matter how it unfolds, Augusta National is assured of another small field, which is what the Masters wants to create the best experience for its guests. The field last year was 87, the smallest since 1997.

Currently, there are 84 players who have qualified and are expected to play.

International run: European-born players are on quite a run, with Paul Casey (England), Rory McIlroy (Northern Ireland) and Francesco Molinari (Italy) win-



ERIC GAY/AP

Tiger Woods hits from the 15th tee during a practice round at the World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play.

ning the past three weeks on the PGA Tour. It's the longest such streak since either 2012 or 2010, depending on context.

It was in 2010 that Justin Rose (England) at the Memorial, Lee Westwood (England) at the St. Jude Classic and Graeme McDowell (Northern Ireland) at the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach won in successive weeks.

Fast forward to 2012, and McIlroy won the Honda Classic, Rose won at Doral and Luke Donald (England) won the Valspar Championship. However, George McNeill won in the Puerto Rico Open a few hours before Rose won his first World Golf Championship at Doral. The three European-born players in the field at Puerto Rico that year included Henrik Stenson, who was just starting to come out of a slump and was at No. 221 in the world.

It's not just Europeans who have had big runs. In 2014, there was a streak of six consecutive tournaments won by non-Americans — three by McIlroy (including two majors), the others by Tim Clark of South Africa, Geoff Ogilvy of Australia and Camilo Villegas of Colombia.

Battle for No. 1: The top five players in the world ranking all have a chance to leave Texas at No. 1 in the world.

Dustin Johnson lost a chance to expand his lead at No. 1 last week when he played birdie-free for a 74 to tie for sixth. Rose, who was No. 1 for two months before Johnson, remains at No. 2.

They are followed by Brooks Koepka, McIlroy and Justin Thomas.

All of them have reached No. 1 before, but it might be the most meaningful this time around for McIlroy. He has spent 95 weeks at No. 1, but not since Sept. 14, 2015.

Then again, Thomas might not agree.

"I didn't think getting to No. 1 in the world would mean as much to me until the fact I haven't had it in a while," said Thomas, who was last at the top of the ranking in early June last year. "It bothers me. It gets under my skin more than I thought it would now that I had it. You know everyone in the world isn't as good as you, and it's a cool feeling."

Big Easy milestone: Ernie Els made his debut in the world

ranking in 1989 when he finished fourth in the South African Open at age 19.

That was his first top 10 worldwide, and the Big Easy hit a big milestone last week in the Maybank Championship in Malaysia when he tied for seventh. It was the 300th time in his 792 worldwide starts that he finished among the top 10 in tournaments that award world ranking points.

No other player has competed around the globe like Els from his generation.

Tiger Woods has 231 top 10s in 399 worldwide starts, a rate of 58 percent.

Els has a 38 percent rate of top 10s in tournaments around the world, but only 27 percent on the PGA Tour (compared with 54 percent in non-PGA Tour events).

Equipment malfunction: Steve Stricker isn't one to fix something that isn't broken, including his putter.

Until that broke. Stricker has used the same Odyssey putter for 17 years. But when he noticed the shaft slightly bent from years of practice and play, he took it to the equipment

player to swap out the shaft. That's when they noticed another problem.

"The face was caved in," he said.

He was told to run a credit card across the face insert to check, and sure enough, there was an indentation.

The end of an era? Not quite. Stricker had a backup made with the same specifications, only to learn that he could have a new face insert. He got that back in time for the Valspar Championship, though it wasn't the happiest of reunions. He missed the cut by one shot with rounds of 73-71.

"It wasn't the putter," Stricker said. "It was the puttee."

Stat of the week: European-born players have won more times on the PGA Tour (4) than on the European Tour (3) this year.

Final word: "It doesn't matter what your rank is. It doesn't matter how you're playing. If you don't play well that day, you're probably going to lose. It's pretty simple." — Dustin Johnson on match play.



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Ali Cantarella at C2E2's Artist Alley, where artists can meet fans and sell merchandise at conventions like this.

Artist alley

A place to network, connect with fans, make money at Chicago comic cons and beyond

Artist Alley, which sat at the back of McCormick Place during the C2E2 comic con last weekend, is an art gallery and a market, a meeting spot and a networking function. It's also a caste system, a source of income for the artists who spend their days there and once upon a time, it was the heartbeat of every comic book convention. Elsewhere, it goes by different names, but there's an artist alley at pretty much every pop-culture convention on the planet. It's where artists and writers of pop-centric stuff sell art and books and sign autographs and accept commissions and hope to raise their profiles.

And depending who you ask, it's still the heart of any good comic-book convention. Or becoming endangered ground.

Should you attend any of the 9 zillion comic cons in Chicago this year, somewhere among the celebrities and the cosplay and the panels, you may stumble



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across an artist alley. What you will see is an ecosystem of friends and strangers, all vying for your eye.

Ali Cantarella, of Chicago, a four-year veteran of C2E2's Artist Alley, sat at booth W9.

"Like the tax form," she noted.

She just came from an artist alley at Emerald City Comic Con in Seattle; later this week she heads to an artist alley at Planet Comicon in Kansas City. "I factor in travel costs, I factor in how

much a table costs at a convention. Breaking even is not an option. I know I have to make a profit. And (artist alleys) are a reliable source of income. But never my only source." On her table, and hanging behind her, were her comics, her watercolors and examples of the \$200 pet portraits that she paints on com-

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BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CSO principal trombone Jay Friedman leads the ensemble during a free concert performed at the Chicago Teachers Union Headquarters.

Striking musicians play off campus

Great — and grateful — orchestra proves it can perform under stress

BY HOWARD REICH
 Chicago Tribune

The standing-room-only crowd that packed Chicago Teachers Union Headquarters on Monday evening came to hear something unusual: the musicians of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in exile.

For the first time since calling

a strike on March 10, the CSO instrumentalists convened en masse to reach an audience longing to hear them. That much was apparent from the duration and frequency of its standing ovations.

"We are here to say thank you," veteran CSO bassist Stephen Lester told the crowd before the first notes sounded.

The gratitude was "for the tremendous support we have had, not just the past few weeks,

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Late-night critics of Trump regroup after Mueller-report disappointment

BY STEVE JOHNSON
 Chicago Tribune

When you're a topical comedy show with a point of view that has consistently questioned the character and competence of the current president of the United States, what do you do when the news slaps you in the face?

That was the compelling question Stephen Colbert and his colleagues had to answer Monday, the first night back to work for the late-night hosts after America learned Sunday what the attorney general says is in the final report of the special counsel investigating President Donald Trump.

Their answer was, yes, to acknowledge the blow of the mostly good news for the president but also to punch back and hope the jabs didn't come off as wild or ineffectual.

Maybe Robert Mueller didn't find Trump colluded with the Russians in interfering with the 2016 election that put the former reality TV star into office, but he's still the reliably irregular guy we've been mocking without mercy. Maybe we have to eat a little crow here, but we're confident there'll be tastier courses to come.



SCOTT KOWALCHYK/AP

Among late-night TV hosts, Stephen Colbert has been perhaps the most pointed critic of President Donald Trump.

"This completely wrecks my bracket," said James Corden, on CBS' "Late Late Show." "I had Trump going all the way to impeachment."

Attorney General William Barr's four-page summary of the Mueller report — which is all the public knows so far — "was like the CliffsNotes — or more like the I-Want-to-Jump-Off-a-CliffsNotes," said Colbert on

CBS's "Late Show," the most consistently pointed Trump critic.

"This weekend we received troubling news: Our president is not a Russian asset," said Colbert. "I say 'troubling' because if Trump is not working with the Russians, then what the h--- is wrong with him?"

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Tiffany Haddish's new show on Netflix will showcase a diverse group of up-and-coming comedians.

Haddish to helm stand-up comedy series for Netflix

Tiffany Haddish has partnered with Netflix to curate a new stand-up comedy series.

"Tiffany Haddish Presents: They Ready" will introduce a diverse group of up-and-coming stand-up comedians doing half-hour specials. The six comedians were personally chosen by Haddish.

Comedians include Chaunte Wayans, April Macie, Tracey Ashley, Aida Rodriguez, Flame Monroe and Marlo Williams. Haddish serves as executive producer for She Ready Productions alongside Wanda Sykes and Page Hurwitz.

"I am introducing six of my favorite comedians — in my eyes, they are superstars," Haddish said. "The epitome of 'They Ready.'"

The title of the series calls back to Haddish's "She Ready! From the Hood to Hollywood," which debuted on Showtime shortly after Haddish debuted in her breakout role in the 2017 film "Girls Trip."

Since then she has gone on to star in films such as "Night School" and "The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part." She also currently stars in the TBS series "The Last OG" opposite Tracy Morgan and the upcoming Netflix animated series "Tuca and Bertie," on which she is also an executive producer.

— Variety



AMY HARRIS/INVISION 2018

It's a 3rd child! Alanis Morissette is pregnant with her third child. The Grammy-winning singer posted a black-and-white photo to her Instagram account, revealing her round belly. Morissette captioned the photo with, "so much NEWness." The 44-year-old Canadian singer has an 8-year-old son and 2-year-old daughter.

Avicii foundation: The family of Swedish electronic dance DJ Avicii is launching a foundation in his memory that will focus on supporting people and organizations in the field of mental illness and suicide prevention. It also will be active in climate change, nature conservation and endangered species. The international pop star, whose name was Tim Bergling, died April 20, 2018. He was 28.

ACM duos: The ACM Awards will feature collaborations between pop star Khalid and Kane Brown; Brandi Carlile with Dierks Bentley; and Kelly Clarkson pulling double-duty with performances with both Jason Aldean and Dan + Shay. The awards show, April 7 on CBS, is also bringing back its flashback performances, this time with Brooks & Dunn with Luke Combs, and Miranda Lambert with 24-time ACM-winner George Strait.

March 27 birthdays: Actor Julian Glover is 84. Actor Michael York is 77. Musician Dave Koz is 56. Director Quentin Tarantino is 56. Singer Mariah Carey is 49. Actor Nathan Fillion is 48. Singer Fergie is 44. Singer Kimbra is 29.



ASK AMY

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Worried about texting over toddlers

Dear Amy: As grandparents, my husband and I are so sad to witness the amount of time our children spend texting with their toddlers in the room.

I can't tell you how many times we'll hear, "Mommy (or Daddy), look what I made!" The answer: "Uh-huh. That's nice!" without even a glance up to see the tower of blocks or the look on their child's face as it turns from beam-pride to expressionless.

Or the grandkids will say, "Mommy/Daddy, come color with me!" And the response: "OK, just a minute," turns into many minutes and another disappointed child.

We do all we can to compensate while we are visiting, and they love the attention, but we're not there every day, and we're not their parents.

Before the children were born, they said they would have a family rule of no phones for two hours in the evening, but they literally never put them down. If we dare to say anything, they become defensive.

Please, tell young parents their children are watching! Parents need to choose their children over their phones. There's plenty of time to text after they go to bed.

— Concerned Grandparents

Dear Grandparents: Although I agree with you overall, I need to point out that parents have found ways to ignore their toddlers ever since there was such a thing as toddlers.

(My mother basically read her way through most of her children's sporting events. What did I learn from this? That she pre-

ferred "Anna Karenina" to basketball. I found a way to cope.)

Not every utterance and incidence in a toddler's world needs to be met with a hearty "Good job!" However, I agree with you that the ubiquity of our smartphones has taken this sort of divided attention to a new level. (And is it possible these parents are less engaged with their kids when you are with them because you are there to pile on the attention?)

Yes, it is necessary to pay undivided attention to young children every day. This means watching and celebrating as they build block towers, playing games and reading together. The children raised by these ever-texting parents will very quickly become the adolescents who prefer their own phones to interacting with adults.

I have family members (young parents) who gave up their smartphones altogether. One consequence is that their children seem more imaginative, better behaved and just more fun to be around.

Dear Amy: My husband and I plan on divorcing. We have an 18-year-old son who will be leaving for college in August. We don't know when to tell him.

I think we should tell him soon and my husband should move out before he goes to college to help get him used to the idea.

My husband thinks we should wait and tell him after he is in college, and he will move out then.

My son has worked so hard and can be sensitive. I don't want to mess him up because of our mistakes.

— Worried Mom

Dear Worried: I think you should wait until your son gets through the spring of his senior year, and enjoy alongside him all of the rituals related to graduating from high school. Knowing you will separate might make these experiences even more resonant for you and your husband.

Separating during the summer might be better than waiting until he leaves for college. That way he can see where his dad chooses to live and they can spend some time together in that setting.

College can be a tough adjustment, and if your sensitive son is worried about an unstable situation at home, it might make things harder for him.

I hope you and your husband can separate with compassion. Don't over-share with your son, don't describe your marriage as a "mistake," but be honest, calm and loving toward him. A counselor could help you to navigate your breakup. I highly recommend it.

Dear Amy: Thank you for your response to "Not Lonely Woman," who felt overwhelmed in her everyday interactions with people. I'm an outward extrovert (how friends may see me), and an inward introvert (how I know I am).

I appreciated your suggestion that the person say she is "recharging her batteries." I may use that.

— Quiet

Dear Quiet: Please do!

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"Trump is winning so hard right now," acknowledged Trevor Noah on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show," that "at this rate (2016 opponent Hillary Clinton) is going to be locked up by the end of the day."

"And now the process of tearing our country even further apart can finally begin," said the titular host of ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" (which is not live, exclamation point notwithstanding). "The only way Trump could be happier with this Mueller report is if a porn star rolled it up and spanked him with it."

Seth Meyers of NBC's "Late Night," nearly as aggressive in critiquing Trump as Colbert has been, is off this week so Trump backers did not get to add his monologue to their schadenfreude watch list. Conan O'Brien, from TBS, is in reruns too.

And Jimmy Fallon of the "Tonight Show" did have a new episode Monday, but not really: It had no fresh comedy or monologue and its point seemed to be to serve as an extended infomercial for the new Samsung phone used to shoot it outside of the usual studio.

Yes, Fallon looked limp pushing a cellphone and a few fluffy celebrity interviews in the midst of big news. But in fairness to him, this hour of virtually dead air wasn't the NBC star's usual middle-of-the-road take but rather some unfortunate timing.

His was a prerecorded episode slated to air when he and his staff are off during a week that will otherwise be reruns. Even if Fallon wanted to be topical and hard-hitting, it wasn't going to happen this week.

For those who were scheduled to work, it was clearly a challenge to handle the news that Mueller's investigation — which has been a two-years-in-the-making hole card for

Trump critics — did not in the end share the hosts' harsh judgment of the president.

The inquiry lasted a long time, said Noah: "When this investigation started, two of America's most popular people were Kevin Spacey and Louis CK."

And after all that anticipation, two of the shows agreed, the result was like an especially awful Christmas. The news, Noah said, is like heading to the tree "hoping for a brand new BMX, but instead you find Santa's dead body."

"This is, shall we say, anticlimactic," acknowledged Colbert (who called the wait "two years in which we all aged 10.") "It's like saying, 'Guess what, kids? Santa came — and he brought mostly nothing.'"

Because of the news, Colbert said he would inaugurate a new segment: "Oh ... Alright Then." Its theme music could be his band's trombonist, playing sadly.

Both Colbert and Kimmel compared the end of the Mueller investigation to a particular TV series that went out badly. "I haven't been this confused about an ending since the series finale of 'Lost,'" was Kimmel's version.

The one ray of hope for Trump critics in Barr's summary was the word that Mueller could not find evidence to charge Trump with obstruction of justice for trying to block the Russia probe but could not exonerate him either. This led to everybody making fun of Trump for, of course, immediately claiming exoneration. Corden had, if not the most pointed, then the funniest take.

Tweeted the president: "No Collusion, No Obstruction, Complete and Total EXONERATION. KEEP AMERICA GREAT!"

Responded Corden: "The fact that only half the tweet was capitalized shows just how much Donald Trump's matured in office." And: "In a week-end filled with shocking

"It's like saying, 'Guess what, kids? Santa came — and he brought mostly nothing.'"

— Late-night host Stephen Colbert on learning the results of the Mueller investigation

revelations, the most shocking part in all of this is that Donald Trump spelled 'exoneration' correctly."

But it was up to Colbert to deliver the most potent closer, the reminder that, in the end, it isn't going to be about Mueller but about Trump himself.

"Fair's fair," the CBS star said. "We have to cross 'collusion' off the list of reasons Trump is unfit to be president. Fellas, bring out the board!"

And out came a whiteboard crawling with reasons ranging from the jokey to the deadly serious: "Put kids in cages ... Insults allies ... Ruined Kanye ... Calls free press 'enemy of the people' ... Spelled Melania wrong ... 19+ sexual assault allegations ..."

After pondering that for a time, Colbert said, "I really want to be fair to him. I should also cross off Mueller from the list of Trump investigations."

And Colbert flipped the board to reveal a list of 17 ongoing probes, then erased the first one.

"There, sir, it's gone," he said. "That must be one-seventeenth of a weight off your shoulders."

On an intellectual level he was right. But watching the comics wrestle with the news, it was hard to escape what Noah had to say earlier: This one was, for the most part, about Trump winning. And in the face of a huge PR victory, how much can a well-conceived joke or two accomplish?

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IN PERFORMANCE Kacey Musgraves

Music, message without borders

Musgraves lends a soothing voice to songs of consolation, inclusion

BY GREG KOT
Chicago Tribune

Kacey Musgraves acknowledged that love songs tend to be kind of cheesy. Yet she threw herself into a bunch of them Monday at the sold-out Chicago Theatre, less bromides than shouts of rebellion against the “crazy ... hateful time we live in.”

In that context, “Love is a Wild Thing” centered a show long on songs of consolation and inclusion, its acoustic introduction turning electric amid an outburst of lights. It was a rare display of theatricality, and it was well-timed, as was just about everything about this musically far-reaching performance.

Musgraves, born 30 years ago in Texas, began self-releasing albums when she was a teenager, and has built a following with songs steeped in country signifiers (banjos and pedal steel) while mixing genres. Her 2018 album, “Golden Hour,” won four Grammy Awards, including album of the year, as it touched on everything from disco to

psychedelic folk. It's the latest entry in the silly it's-a-country-album-for-people-who-don't-like-country-music sweepstakes, but Musgraves has never been a traditionalist. She's a songwriter, first and foremost, with an ear attuned to pop accessibility.

She designs her arrangements to connect at first listen, then sink in deeper over time, with a pleasing voice that seems allergic to overselling itself. Her songs ambled as her mind turned. Her conversational lilt of a voice never sounded like it was in a hurry. In that respect she's a folk singer-philosopher dressed in Hollywood glitter.

The show, rescheduled from January, was the final stop on a theater tour that essentially served as a dress rehearsal for a more ambitious series of concerts at larger venues later this year, including a headlining appearance in August at Lollapalooza in Grant Park.

The 13 “Golden Hour” songs dominated the set list, and even though they



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Songwriter and singer Kacey Musgraves performed Monday at the Chicago Theatre.

didn't sound a lot like country tunes they embraced the country vernacular of singing about everyday people coping with life's in-between moments.

The lyrics offered plain-spoken advice: slow down; allow yourself time to wander and wonder; forgive yourself for not being perfect; call mom. What may feel like an easy-going pop album at first listen is actually an emotive plea to unplug for a few hours

from partisan arguments and the cruelties of being human to focus on our better selves.

On record, “Oh, What a World” hinges on the oddball combo of country banjo and vocoderized vocals out of a techno-funk 12-inch. At the Chicago Theatre, the song was stripped down to an acoustic bluegrass number, with the singer's excellent six-piece band on stringed instruments. The setting suited

the sentiment: The narrator has her mind blown by the natural world. “These are real things,” she reminded herself.

That sense of wonderment was mirrored by the music, which encompassed the Fleetwood Mac-like glide of “Lonely Weekend,” the lounge-combo exotica of “High Time” and the Studio-54 bass line of “High Horse.” The songs celebrated outsiders and misfits, from the

Kacey Musgraves set list Monday at Chicago Theatre:

1. Slow Burn
2. Wonder Woman
3. Butterflies
4. Lonely Weekend
5. Happy & Sad
6. Merry Go 'Round
7. High Time
8. Golden Hour
9. Die Fun
10. Mother
11. Oh, What a World
12. Family is Family
13. To June This Morning (with Ruston Kelly)
14. Love is a Wild Thing
15. Velvet Elvis
16. Space Cowboy
17. Girls Just Want to Have Fun (Cyndi Lauper cover)
18. Follow Your Arrow
19. Rainbow
20. High Horse

2013 hit “Follow Your Arrow” to the anthemic LGBTQ ballad “Rainbow.” Musgraves may have grown up in a town of a few hundred people, but her ever-widening music makes room for everyone.

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MY WORST MOMENT

Nature's calling put Whittle in unexpected bind

BY NINA METZ
Chicago Tribune

Intricate and more than a little complicated, “American Gods” is based on the 2007 Neil Gaiman fantasy novel that invents an entire mythology of gods, both ancient and new, battling for the soul of modern-day America.

The Starz drama is back for a second season, visually arresting as ever, with Ricky Whittle's Shadow Moon as the show's point-of-view character.

“Shadow is a believer now — he's been awoken to this world where there are gods, leprechauns and dead wives among us all,” said Whittle. “But just because he believes doesn't mean he understands. So his journey this season is to figure out what is actually going on and where does he fit into this? Why is he a part of this puzzle?”

Shadow took more than his share of abuse in Season 1, and Whittle says that doesn't let up.

“He was the universal punching bag in Season 1 — physically, emotionally, spiritually — but somehow he goes through it a lot worse this season,” Whittle said. “This guy was beaten up by a 6-foot-5 leprechaun, attacked by a gang of faceless goons in a limousine, he was lynched and hung from a tree — and yet he has a worse time in Season 2. He doesn't get a break, this guy.”

“You really do feel an empathy for Shadow, and I think that's the key. You want a win for him because he's going through so much. But you're also going to see a more aggressive, more proactive Shadow who wants to know his place.”

The series has been a pinnacle for Whittle's career. When asked about a worst moment professionally, he replied: “I don't get embarrassed anymore, but I do have awkward moments.”

One of those occurred on the set of “American Gods.”

My worst moment ...

“This was Season 1 of ‘American Gods’ and I was shooting the scene where Shadow is lynched in the field. It was a very cold night — probably 2 a.m. in the morning — in April, in Canada.

“We had been shooting for hours and there was a rain machine constantly battering down water, so this made it very, very cold, and I'm wearing a wetsuit underneath my costume to try and stay a little bit drier, which would keep me a



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Mr. Wednesday (Ian McShane, left) confounding Shadow Moon (Ricky Whittle) once again in “American Gods,” which is in its second season on Starz.



Ricky Whittle plays Shadow Moon on the Starz series “American Gods.”

little bit warmer through pretty tough conditions. So I'm filming for hours in this wetsuit, being lynched in the tree, being dragged through the mud. And it's just me, I'm the only actor there that night, along with the stuntmen.

“Now, I don't think ahead about using the restroom — my body likes to just give me a 10-second warning. So of course I'm very nervous that there's a restroom nearby at any moment. And because we're in the middle of nowhere, all we have is this tiny little cubicle — just a port-a-loo on the side of the road.”

“And so, at some point, my body decides to give me the nod and says, ‘You need to go right now.’ And a flush of panic ran over me and I informed the director, ‘I need to go to the toilet right now.’ And they're like, ‘Yep,

no worries, Rick. We'll set up over here and you go do your thing.’ It goes over the radio: ‘Rick is off for a 10-1,’ which is code for, ‘He needs a wee.’ So everyone knows I need a wee (*laughs*).

“I jog over, I close the door and I look down, and another wave of panic comes over me as I'm looking at what I can only describe as a Ken-doll crotch. I completely forgot I'm wearing a wetsuit, so when I pull down my fly there is nothing there but wetsuit. To get inside my wetsuit, the zip is at the back, at the top of my neck, like any other wetsuit.

“I now have to strip panicking because I'm in the tiniest little cubicle! And I'm already drenched and I'm freezing cold, so I'm a sloppy mess and my arms aren't working. The thing must have been rock-

ing left and right and all you could hear was me going, ‘No! No! No! Nooooo!’ I've ripped my blazer off (*laughs*) and thrown that on the floor, I'm pulling my buttons off my shirt as fast as I can, but my hands are freezing cold so I can't even get the tiny little buttons to work. All the while, I'm doing the toilet dance, which is basically me marching on the spot in this tiny little plastic cubicle. So everyone can hear stomping and me going, ‘No! No! No! No!’

“I finally get my shirt off, but the costume department had cut the string that was attached to the zipper at the back because it was visible, so now I can't even reach the zipper! So I literally have my foot up on the wall at some impossible angle to try contort myself to reach this zipper at the back of my neck.

“Finally I'm able to rip it apart with brute strength — I break the zipper! — this is where the Incredible Hulk panic came in! And I just thought, *this needs to happen*, and I ripped that wetsuit to pieces and peeled it off as fast as possible!

“If anyone had been able to see what was going on inside that cubicle, it would have been hilarious.”

What happened next? Whittle still had to shoot the rest of the scene?

“I can't put my wetsuit on because I've broken it, so I have to walk out of this cubicle after they're heard all this stomping and yelling and banging around, and I come out sort of sheepishly because I had broken the costume but also with a look of relief that I managed to maintain my goal of never soiling myself as an adult (*laughs*)!

“And I have to go to my Emmy Award-winning makeup artist and say, ‘Could you find someone to dress me please because I think this is broken.’ And he was like, ‘Are you OK? Everyone was kind of worried, there was a lot of banging.’ And I was like, ‘I just nearly peed myself because apparently there are no wetsuits with a front zipper.’

“I now have so much empathy for any woman or man who wears a romper and has to use the restroom because that's a whole ordeal. I don't think I've ever been so scared or worried in all my life. I was

like, there's no way I'm going to pee myself in front of the crew. I'm *in costume*, there's no way to hide it and everyone will know that the lead of ‘American Gods’ peed himself!

“One of the stuntmen said, ‘You should have just gone. No one would have known — you're in a wetsuit, you're soaking wet already.’ And I was like, ‘What? No! I'm a grown man!’ ”

The takeaway ...

“Preparation — always be prepared for any outcome. The next time I put that wetsuit on, it might have been a few days or a few weeks later, the first thing I did was check the groin and I said, ‘Perfect,’ because they had made a nice little accessible point for me and I was forever grateful.

“But that was me forward-planning — I remembered what happened last time and learned from my mistake. I always say you never make mistakes, you just learn lessons. The mistakes we make are the ones where we don't learn and continue to repeat them. So I'd rather just learn lessons.

“And that night, I learned my lesson! And I've maintained my 100 percent record of not peeing myself and I'm proud to tell the world (*laughs*). It's something I'll want to tell my grandkids.”

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Artist alley at C2E2 (the Chicago Comic & Entertainment Expo) is lined with fans buying art, meeting artists and commissioning work.

Artist

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mission.

"When comic conventions were still young," she said, "artist alleys were full of comic professionals and their fans. There were no *prints* of artwork hanging. A lot of the work was original. And artists didn't see an artist alley as a place to build their careers. It was supplemental for most of them. Now some artists go show to show and make a living."

C2E2's artist alley is one of the largest on the circuit.

Walk through — or rather squeeze through the crushing mix of cosplay Spider-Men and Jon Snows, cultural tourists, hardcore comic-book fans and the merely curious — and you're looking at hundreds and hundreds of artists, arranged in rows labeled A to Z, independents alongside contract professionals for Marvel and DC, craft-fair veterans and upstarts, legendary creators of superheroes seated beside the modestly talented.

Some quietly fume at being placed in the back of the hall, farthest from the entrance; customers, they gripe, have already spent their money by the time they reach them. Others are happy, seated beside old friends. Most have paid for a table (\$425 at C2E2), but a handful (less than 20 percent) are given to established names who serve as draws to the convention; they get their artist alley spot for free.

"Please don't say I was comped my table," one artist asked me. "It turns into a whole jealousy thing with artists, and I wanted to use some of this time to see those friends."

Within a few hours of the convention opening on Friday, artist alley was bustling. Artists were hunched over folding tables finishing up commissioned work and chatting with friends and also sitting patiently with hands folded, waiting for anyone to stop by.

Dan Dougherty, a Chicago artist who sells his work around the country at about 12 artist alleys a year, stood behind stacks of his comics, featuring characters he created. But hanging on a display behind him were prints of Winnie-the-Pooh and friends, reinterpreted by Dougherty as Jedis, Spider-Men, "Game of Thrones" warriors.

"The reality," he said, "is you have to offer people something they recognize before you can hope to get them interested in characters they don't know."

A row away was Jill Thompson, a longtime Andersonville writer and artist known for "Wonder Woman" and her own "Scary Godmother" books. She stood at a drafting table.

"This is super hard," she said, drawing a pair of Marvel's Inhumans on commission. She didn't stop, she talked and worked: "Really super hard, because if you have one of these tables, you're creating merchan-



Writer/artist Jill Thompson: "I don't do as many (artist alleys) now. I want to be drawing my own characters, not standing here to get asked to draw someone else's characters."

dise for the show before the show, you're selling merchandise at the show, you're often acting as your own cash register, you're doing panels (about comic books) when you're not at the table. You're drawing constantly. You get people who walk up and ask you to draw Super so-and-so, you get people who want to know if you finished a drawing they asked you for two hours earlier. So I don't do as many (artist alleys) now. I want to be drawing my own characters, not standing here to get asked to draw someone else's characters."

Imagine being a musician, and having a sizable following, but being asked all the time to play mostly covers.

The origin of every comic book convention begins with an artist alley. At first the comic con was rows and rows of collectors trotting out acid-free archival boxes of comics, trading and selling. And rows of artists meeting artists and showing their original works.

Then, particularly in the past decade as the superhero movie became a dominant genre, the comic con was struck by lightning — in form of celebrity visitors, and branding and marketing machines. The public became much less self-conscious about geekdom.

Victor Dandridge, a Columbus, Ohio-based comic-book artist (and former artist alley coordinator for the Wizard World comic con in Rosemont), said, "the artist alley used to be mainly for people in the know." He describes the artist alley of decades ago as awash in "old comic creators who were waiting around to die," carrying little savings, receiving zero royalties from iconic characters they created, showing up at artist alleys with portfolios of original comic art to sell for peanuts." But after the comic industry boom of the '90s, "artists saw artist alley as a market, a place to build a fan base, and maybe sell something outside the typical comic book publishers" — meaning, Marvel and DC.

It was also a place, he said, where cartoonists were fans. He stood on the tips of his toes at C2E2 and craned his neck across artist alley. "Chris Claremont (often credited with turning



The comic book writer Victor Dandridge engages with fans at his table at artist alley.

the X-Men and Wolverine into a beloved Marvel powerhouse) is here, and if Chris Claremont had to pay for his own table at C2E2, I will fight someone!"

Actually, Claremont sat across from George Perez and Marv Wolfman, who created a body of work between them (Daredevil, the Avengers, Wonder Woman, Teen Titans) that defined comic books for decades. They sat near much less established artists. Claremont, 68, stared down a long line of autograph seekers and said: "As a writer, these (artist alleys) do get you out of the house. But it's also invaluable to me in another way. I'm meeting three generations of readers of my books, and the enthusiasm they show, it's exactly what eggs you on to do more work."

On cue, Maurice Townsend of Portland, Ore., his hands weighed with Claremont's books, stepped to his table: "Mr. Claremont, I wanted to say, you're my favorite writer."

If Norman Rockwell had idealized a comic-book convention in the Saturday Evening Post, it might have looked like that.

Gene Ha, a Chicago comics creator known for his work with Alan Moore and his "X-Men" books, said when he first started in comics in the '90s, "an artist alley was somewhere happily between a book signing and a place to accept commissions. It was full of people who were all reading the same comic books and could talk about it, and now

loose sight of getting people to understand that?"

The problem is demand to be included in these spaces often outstrips the size of the convention. At C2E2 this year, there were 450 spots — and 1,700 applicants. Subtract spots given to artists with enough reputation to sell tickets, factor in C2E2's artist pool is international, and 450 spots can look too meager.

Cantarella said "there are a lot of haters in the (comics) community who talk badly about a show when they can't get in, and talk badly when they don't do well there themselves." But she makes about \$2,000 a show, she said. Other comics artists said they make double that. And some said they can make between \$10,000 and \$20,000 a show.

Jeffrey Brown, a Chicago artist best known for his family-friendly "Star Wars" comics and books, said he has done a lot of artist alleys "and (has) seen artists very worried about making a certain amount at their table, but what I have learned is what you gain hanging out with other artists there, and reaching people who didn't know your work, is more valuable in the long run." Brown — who did not attend C2E2 this year, but plans to be at Star Wars Celebration in April — said his career, to an extent, took off when a Google employee spotted his work at an artist alley and contracted him to do a Google Doodle for Google's homepage. But he also knows the downside of this:

"My process involves messing up a lot, and if someone is commissioning you in an artist alley and you don't get it right that day, I feel badly for charging them at all. It gets taxing. Not to mention, a lot of cartoonists are introverts, we get energy sometimes from ourselves, and frankly, in an artist alley, it's time I'm not meeting my deadlines."

That mixed bag extends to fans too.

You walk through at times overly aware of a needy artist trying to meet your eye. And their work, which often rides a zeitgeist of styles and characters, might look great now, but it's destined for a closet later. On the other hand, I have a flower pot I bought at an artist alley years ago; inside it are knitted versions of R2-D2 and Chewbacca. It sits on a table in a prominent place in my home, alongside family photos.

It only cost \$20.

An artist alley can be that place where people who can't afford original art buy some sliver of the unique. By Sunday morning at C2E2, Cantarella decided she had a good weekend. Not a lot of downtime, but good sales and commissions — she landed around 20, at \$200 a pop, by Saturday. As she said this, a girl in a dinosaur hoodie pointed to Cantarella's drawing of a raptor. A moment later the family wandered off.

Cantarella watched them. "They'll be back," she said.

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but for our entire careers," added Lester, who's also chair of the musicians' negotiating committee.

"Words can't really describe how important it is to see a big crowd like this at an event like this."

Dan Montgomery, president of the Illinois Federation of Teachers, told the audience that he and his colleagues were "very proud" to host the event. Then, while looking toward the musicians, Montgomery added, "We are honored to stand with you today in this room."

The most eloquent statements in the free concert, however, came not with words but with music. For the CSO brought palpable fervor to Beethoven and Mozart, as if underscoring what this occasion meant to them.

Longtime CSO principal trombone Jay Friedman served as conductor, opening with Beethoven's "Egmont" Overture.

Even if you didn't know that the work — like so much of Beethoven's music — addresses the theme of resistance, there was no mistaking the ardor of the CSO's message. The solemnity of the opening pages illuminated the gravity of these times, while the unstoppable crescendo that followed pointed to this orchestra's corporate strength.

Friedman led a performance that was warm in tone and devoid of bombast, in essence tailoring the scope of the performance for the room's size. Though it was unfortunate that what sounded like a noisy ventilation system provided an unwanted obbligato, the spirit of the occasion transcended this annoyance.

Next, CSO principal clarinet Stephen Williamson stepped forward to play Mozart's Clarinet Concerto, without a conductor. This underscored the evening's intimacy, listeners in effect hearing soloist and orchestra in what amounted to a chamber-music setting.

The fluidity and gracefulness Williamson brought to the first movement served its innate lyricism, thanks to his elegant turns of phrase and delicate tonal shadings. It was easy to savor the sense of stillness and repose Williamson conjured in the second movement, the CSO strings providing the most tender playing of the night. Though the finale seemed hasty, there was no denying the clarity of Williamson's articulation, even at such a clip.

Conductor Friedman returned to the fore-

front for Beethoven's Symphony No. 7, the reading straightforward, texturally lucid and free of histrionics. The orchestra's depth of sound told the story here, the momentum of the performance interrupted briefly when the room's overhead lights inexplicably went out during the scherzo. In a few moments they were back on, the musicians forging ahead. The gathering force of the finale reminded everyone of what a great orchestra can achieve under stress.

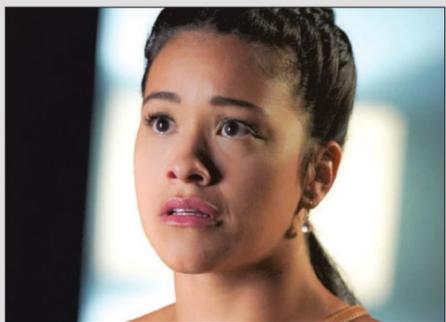
To hear these musicians in comparatively close quarters was a privilege in itself, though the more quickly they can return to Orchestra Hall, the better.

Or, as Lester put it early in the evening, "We hope to see you soon."

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WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Gina Rodriguez

"Jane The Virgin" (8 p.m., CW): Jane (Golden Globe winner Gina Rodriguez) and her extended circle of family and friends return for their fifth and final season with "Chapter Eighty-Two," which fans are hoping will resolve some of the cliffhangers from the Season 4 finale. Among the biggest: What's the deal with Jane's supposedly dead husband, Michael Cordero Jr. (Brett Dier), whom a stunned Jane found standing in Rafael's apartment?

"Property Brothers: Buying & Selling" (8 p.m., 11 p.m., HGTV): Drew and Jonathan Scott return for Season 8 with an episode that finds them trying to help a couple with two dogs and a baby on the way. These clients are eager to move into a roomier place, but their current home is proving to be unsellable, having sat on the market for six months. While Jonathan focuses on enhancing their home's appeal, Drew finds a home that ticks off everything on their wishlist.

"CMT Crossroads" (9 p.m., 12 a.m., CMT): Grammy Award-winning group Boyz II Men teams up with multi-platinum country-pop singer and songwriter Brett Young for this newest installment of the hit music series, which features the artists collaborating on performances of each other's hits. The iconic R&B group has accumulated a veritable trove of awards during its 27-year career, and holds the distinction of being their music genre's best-selling group of all time.

"What We Do in the Shadows" (9 p.m., 9:38 p.m., 12:46 a.m., FX): Adapted from a 2014 New Zealand "mockumentary" that has drawn an impressive international cult following, this new series adaptation moves the action from Down Under to Staten Island, N.Y., where four (very) longtime vampire friends (Matt Berry, Kayvan Novak, Nastasia Demetriou and Harvey Guillen) share living quarters.

"American Beauty Star" (9 p.m., 1:01 a.m., Lifetime): In the season finale "America Decides the Winner," the competition comes to a climax as the three finalists make the trip to New York to show their final looks in front of a live audience. Each of the trio knows he or she has one last shot to prove they deserve to claim the title of American Beauty Star as selected by viewers at home.

"Drop the Mic" (9 p.m., 12:30 a.m., TNT): Tonight's Season 2 finale features a double bill of battles between performers who found fame in high school-themed projects. First up, a "Glee" reunion battle finds former TV castmates Amber Riley, Harry Shum Jr. and Becca Tobin challenging their co-stars Kevin McHale, Jenna Ushkowitz and Heather Morris.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Tracy Morgan; actress Taraji P. Henson.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Oscar Isaac; actress Lilly Singh; comic Jimmy Carr.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Sports analyst Charles Barkley; actress Tig Notaro.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actors Matthew McConaughey and Snoop Dogg; professional baseball player Justin Turner; Durand Jones & the Indications perform.*

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DEVIL'S DUE COMICS

The comic book "Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez And The Freshman Force" arrives May 15.

Ocasio-Cortez gets turned into comic-book superhero

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI
Chicago Tribune

In the first issue of the exciting adventures of "Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and the Freshman Force," the bold Democratic congresswoman from New York bodyslams former U.S. Rep. Joe Crowley, then retreats to a locker room, where she meets a ripped Nancy Pelosi: "You really put on a hell of a show out there," Speaker Pelosi tells her. "But don't get cocky!"

Later, AOC is a ninja who finds her way to the Oval Office, punches President Donald Trump in the face, then shaves his head and locks him up.

On the cover, AOC stands atop a beaten elephant. Her superhero costume is a white pants suit. Beside her, a donkey tugs at his necktie and exclaims: "GULP!"

Perhaps it was inevitable. The ascent of the freshman representative has been so action-packed, the obvious next stage for her stardom: transforming into a superhero with her own comic book.

Right now, the first 48-page issue of "Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and the Freshman Force," arriving May 15 from Chicago-based indie publisher Devil's Due Comics, will be the only issue. Then again, Devil's Due publisher and founder Josh Blaylock created a popular "Barack the Barbarian" comic in 2009, pulling a solid four issues out of a thin premise.

On Friday, as Deadpools and Batmen and Stormtroopers filed past the Devil Due's booth at the C2E2 comic-book convention at McCormick Place, Blaylock sold a steady stream of preview issues and "Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and the Freshman Force" posters. He accepted thank-yous and gasps of "Oh my God, that is the coolest thing!"

Stepping to the side, Blaylock said: "I

was inspired by the energy behind the AOC campaign and this new diverse crop of representatives, so we wanted to celebrate that. The whole thing came together quickly. I contacted a bunch of fellow comic artists, and we pulled together about two-dozen writers and artists to do this as kind of an anthology comic of different stories. And I didn't put a heavy editorial hand over this; (a story) didn't have to be pro AOC — or even pro new-Congress. So we ended up with differences of opinion."

One story satirizes "The Matrix," with Bernie Sanders offering AOC a red or blue pill (a choice of realities); another imagines Twitter as a real place, a death-cage match of a dystopia, with AOC brandishing a sword and proclaiming: "Take down the Toad King!" (That's Trump.)

Among the contributors are Chicago artists Jill Thompson ("Wonder Woman") and Tim Seeley, who's worked on Batman and G.I. Joe comics; others are known for their work on Harvey Pekar's "American Splendor" and the covers of the Captain Underpants YA series. Blaylock said a percentage of profits will go to veteran's charities and legal services for immigrants detained on the Mexico border.

Devil's Due hasn't heard from AOC yet, but they know the 29-year-old reads comics, or at least classics: In January, she tweeted a quote from Alan Moore's "Watchmen."

As Blaylock sat beside his booth, Merna Brostoff of Albuquerque approached: "I bought 10! And I'm giving them to friends. We had a blue tsunami in New Mexico! So I'm giving them as bling to anyone working toward 2020!"

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAR. 27

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	NBC 5	Chicago Med: "The Space Between Us." (N) ©		Chicago Fire: "Move a Wall." (N) © HD		Chicago P.D.: "Pain Killer." (N) © HD		NBC 5 News (N) ▶
	ABC 7	The Goldbergs	Schooled ©	Modern Family	(8:31) Single Parents	Whiskey Cavalier: "The English Job." (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) ▶
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	LIFE	All Stars (N)	Project Runway All Stars (Season Finale) (N) ©			American Beauty Star (Season Finale) (N)		Wife Swap ▶
	MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	MTV	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	The Challenge (N) ©		Challenge	(9:31) Game of Clones ▶	
	NBCSCH	NBA Basketball: Portland Trail Blazers at Chicago Bulls. (N) (Live)				Postgame	Bulls (N)	
	NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	The Office	The Office	Friends ▶
	Ovation	★ (5:30) Lethal Weapon 4 (R,'98) ★★				The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen ('03) ★★ ★		
	OWN	If Loving You Is Wrong		If Loving You Is Wrong		If Loving You Is Wrong		Loving ▶
OXY	NCIS: Los Angeles ©		NCIS: Los Angeles ©		NCIS: Los Angeles ©		NCIS: LA ▶	
PARMT	Bad Boys (R,'95) ★★	Martin Lawrence, Will Smith. ©					Bad Boys ▶	
SYFY	★ The Magnificent Seven		The Magicians (N) ©		Happy! (Season Premiere) (N) ©		Leprchn 3 ▶	
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full (N)	Conan ©	
TCM	King Rat (NR,'65) ★★ ★	George Segal, Tom Courtenay. ©					California Split ('74) ★★ ★	
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life: "Kelly's Story." (N)				Dr. Pimple Popper (N)		My 600-Lb ▶	
TLN	Camp Meeting		Diane	The Three	Life Today	Exalted	Humanit ▶	
TNT	★ (6:30) Suicide Squad (PG-13,'16) ★★	Will Smith.			Drop/Mic	Jokers (Sea-	Suicide ▶	
TOON	Samur. Jack	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	
TRAV	Mysteries-Museum (N)		Beyond the Unknown (N)		Paranormal Ca. (N)		Paranorm. ▶	
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Everybody Raymond		Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Mod Fam	
VH1	Black Ink Crew ©		Black Ink Crew (N) ©		Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta		Hip Hop ▶	
WE	Sister Act (PG,'92) ★★	Whoopi Goldberg, Maggie Smith. ©			Sister Act 2: Back ▶			
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Gone: "Savior." (N) ©		Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	
PREMIUM	HBO	50 First Dates (PG-13,'04) ★★ ©		(8:45) The Mummy (PG-13,'17) ★★	Tom Cruise. © ▶			
	HBO2	Adnan Syed		REAL Sports Gumbel		(9:15) The Book of Eli (R,'10) ★★ ★		
	MAX	12 Strong (R,'18) ★★	Chris Hemsworth. ©			(9:15) 127 Hours (R,'10) ★★ ★		
	SHO	(7:15) The Ides of March (R,'11) ★★ ★	Ryan Gosling.		Black Mon	Up in the Air ('09) ★★ ★		
	STARZ	★ Dirty Dancing 2:		Battle: Los Angeles (PG-13,'11) ★★	Aaron Eckhart.		Let Me In ▶	
STZENC	★ (6:07) The Hard Way ★★		Larry Crowne (PG-13,'11) ★★ ©		(9:43) Cop Land ★★ ★			

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (March 27): Push your own boundaries this year. Provide excellent, reliable work to forward your career. Domestic joys fill your home this summer, inspiring a professional shift. Reach a new career peak next winter, before household changes draw you in. Nurture love and creativity.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. The next two days bring career movement. Another route to fulfill a fantasy opens. Unexpected love or money tempts. Watch for hidden dangers.
Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Make plans for your next adventure. Dream big. Tell someone what you have in mind. A formidable barrier blocks the path. Check alternate routes.
Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Discuss financial goals and dreams with your partner. Find the common ground, and look for areas of compromise. It may be possible to have it all.
Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Take a chance on romance. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. Don't be afraid if you don't know how. Create a delicious possibility to collaborate on.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Focus on your work and health for a few days. Practice your technical skills. Build strength with exercise, practice and good food. Rest deeply and well.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Envision a romantic gift for someone you love. Get creative. Words and images are good ingredients. Include relaxation, delicious treats and natural beauty.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. The next two days are great for making domestic changes. Rearrange the furniture, and give stuff away. Upgrade household tools and equipment.
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Creative communications produce results. Craft promotions, campaigns and reports. Write, paint or film your story. Get the word out about an opportunity. Invite participation.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Today and tomorrow can get especially profitable. Money saved is money earned. You won't have to defer gratification forever. Pay debt first. You're building freedom.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Take charge for the results you want. Ask friends for support. Offer your services (or cash) in trade. Make an amazing personal discovery.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 6. Make time to think things over. Get quiet enough to listen to your intuition. Nurture yourself emotionally. Recharge with meditation, yoga or a walk in nature.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Work with your team for rich harmony. Each part contributes to the whole. Share creative ideas and practice together. Acknowledge people. Let them know your appreciations.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

North-South vulnerable, West deals

North
 ♠ A J 10 4
 ♥ A K J 10 8 4
 ♦ Void
 ♣ K 7 6

West
 ♠ 9 5 3
 ♥ Q
 ♦ K Q J 10 9 2
 ♣ J 8 3

East
 ♠ Q 8 6
 ♥ 7 6 5 3
 ♦ 8 7 5 3
 ♣ Q

South
 ♠ K 7 2
 ♥ 2
 ♦ A 6 4
 ♣ A 10 9 5 4 2

South in today's deal was Australian Liam Milne. Milne's bid of seven clubs might have been a bit too brave, but there was bridge reasoning behind it. Had East contented himself with a five-diamond bid, instead of six, Milne would have been perfectly comfortable bidding six clubs. In that light, seven clubs does not seem like such a big stretch. Also, he felt it was likely that East-West would soldier on to seven diamonds, which he would double for a larger penalty than he would get against six diamonds.

The bidding:
 West North East South
 3♦ Dbl 6♦ 7♣

All pass
 Opening lead: King of ♦

Milne caught a very suitable dummy, but the contract was far from cold. He won the opening diamond lead in hand with the ace and stopped to think. East had no more than four diamonds and would not have bid six diamonds with a balanced hand. Unless West had opened three diamonds with a five-card major on the side, which was most unlikely, East's singleton had to be in clubs. Backing his judgment with his play, Milne cashed the ace of clubs at trick two. The queen fell from East, so Milne led the 10 of clubs and ran it when West played low. A club to the king drew the trumps.

Milne cashed dummy's ace and king of hearts, planning to take a ruffing finesse against East for the queen. The fall of the queen from West resulted in a quick claim for declarer. Very nicely played!

— Bob Jones
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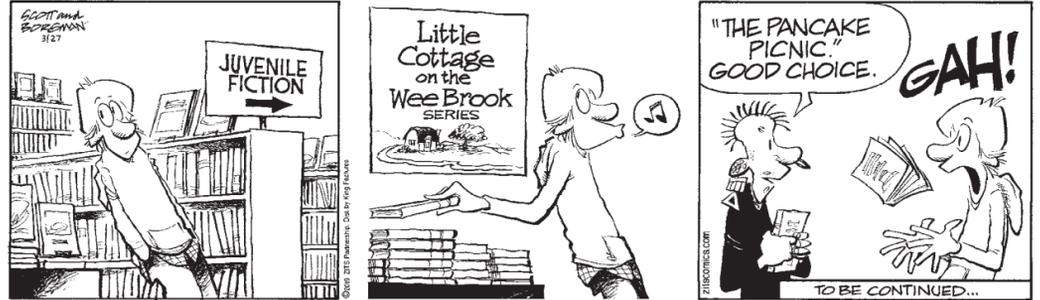
Dilbert By Scott Adams



Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



Mr. Boffo By Joe Martin



Frazz By Jef Mallett



Classic Peanuts By Charles Schulz



Pickles By Brian Crane



Dick Tracy By Joe Staton and Mike Curtis



Animal Crackers By Mike Osburn



Prickly City By Scott Stantis



Dustin By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston



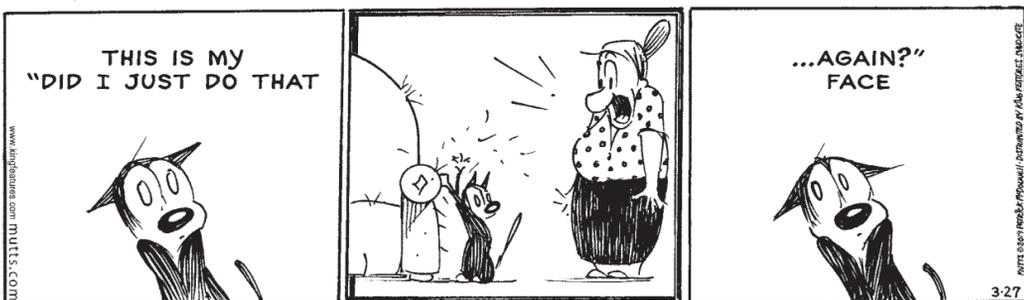
Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall



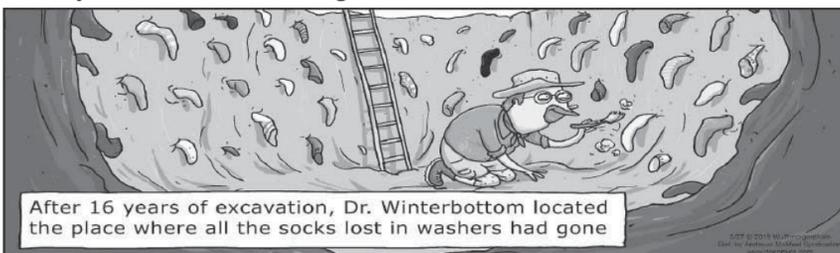
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Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



WuMo By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



Sherman's Lagoon By Jim Toomey



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Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



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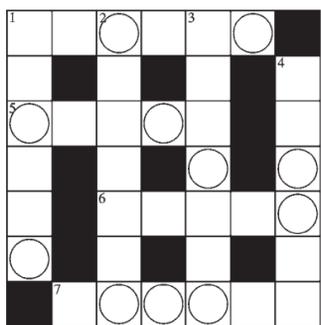
Detective Hieronymus "Harry" Bosch is the main character in novels by which author?

A) Harlan Coben
B) Michael Connelly
C) Laura Lippman
D) Ian Rankin

Tuesday's answer: Umami, or pleasantly savory, is the "fifth taste," after salty, sweet, sour and bitter.

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Jumble Crossword



CLUE ACROSS

1. Turbulent
5. Stand-in
6. ___ layer
7. Property, belongings

ANSWER

MRY SOT
XRPOY
NEZOO
STESAS

CLUE DOWN

1. Drain
2. Smelly
3. Spring prop
4. Touch lovingly

ANSWER

HSINOP
DOROSUO
MELOPAY
ERCSAZ

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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CLUE: The _____ route was about 1,900 miles long.

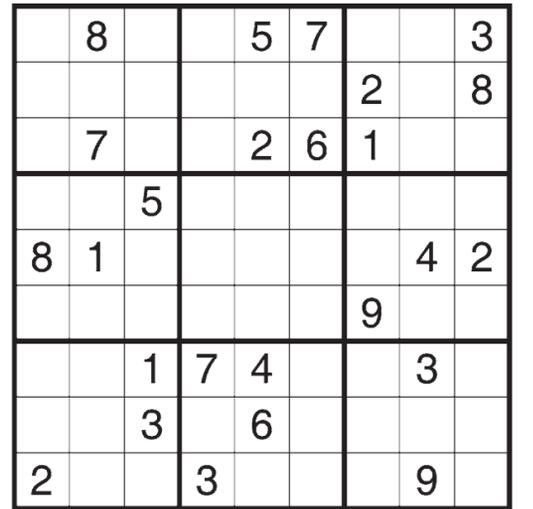
BONUS ○○○○ ○○○○○○

ANSWERS: 1-A. Stormy 5-A. Froy 6-A. Ozzone 7-A. Zone 7-B. Froy 5-B. Stormy 1-B. Siphon 2-D. Dorosuo 3-D. Spring 4-F. Erccas 5-D. Stormy 6-B. Froy 7-B. Froy

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Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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8	1	2	9	3	5	4	7	6
5	9	7	2	6	4	3	8	1
6	3	4	1	7	8	9	2	5
9	4	5	7	1	2	8	6	3
2	7	3	4	8	6	5	1	9
1	8	6	3	5	9	7	4	2
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3	2	1	5	4	7	6	9	8

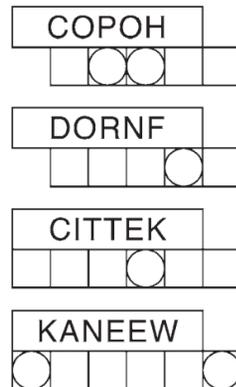
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

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.



Answer here



Tuesday's answers

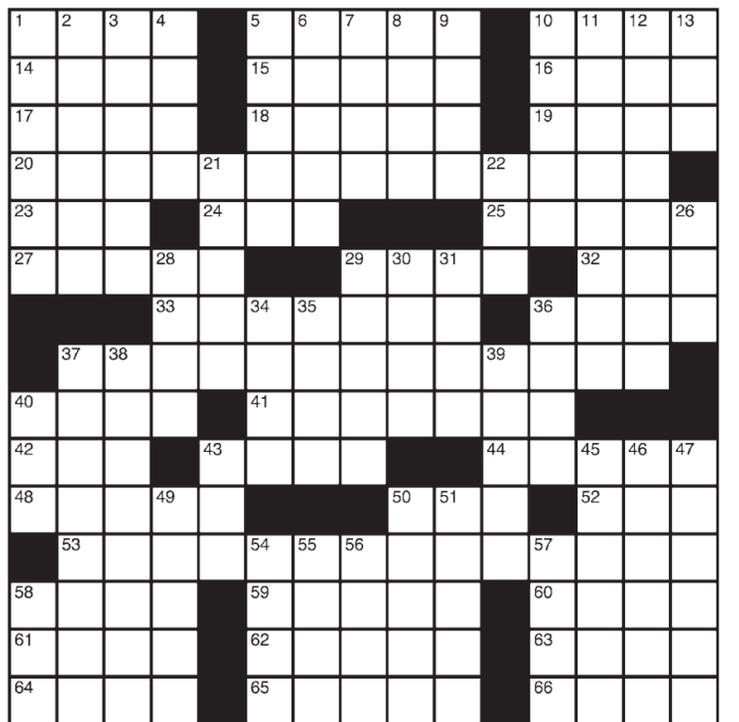
Jumbles: KHAKI DRESS NOTION COSMOS
Answer: The collector who wouldn't stop talking about his model train had a — ONE-TRACK MIND

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Crossword

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Across

- 1 Sow chow
- 5 Sport with clay disks
- 10 "House Hunters" channel
- 14 Kind of curriculum
- 15 Mural prefix
- 16 Nécessité for a soufflé
- 17 Food thickener
- 18 Anti-wrinkle option
- 19 Hearty bowlful
- 20 Shenanigans
- 23 Wrinkly little dog
- 24 Gore and Green
- 25 Defunct supermarket chain that once had nearly 16,000 stores
- 27 Lines on a list
- 29 Thick slice
- 32 Break bread
- 33 Adds bubbles to
- 36 Tropicana Field MLB team
- 37 "Nonsense!"
- 40 Cry under a pop fly
- 41 Shiraz resident

- 42 Find a job for
- 43 Organic compound
- 44 Freeways and parkways
- 48 Store in a queue for printing
- 50 Like some pkgs.
- 52 India-born author Santha Rama
- 53 Nabisco product whose package formerly displayed circus cages
- 58 Soon, long ago
- 59 Baby's ailment
- 60 Oodles
- 61 URL connection
- 62 Tiny amount
- 63 Beekeeper played by Peter Fonda
- 64 Deck quartet
- 65 Underground home of the Ninja Turtles
- 66 Surname of the stars of 20-, 37- and 53-Across

- 13 Ex-GIs' gp.
- 21 Makes less difficult
- 22 Catch red-handed
- 26 Qt. halves
- 28 Stable mother
- 29 Base runner's ploy
- 30 Like tough economic times
- 31 Wine province near Turin
- 34 Free ___: carte blanche
- 35 Jackson 5 hairdo
- 36 City that aptly rhymes with "casino"
- 37 From Latin America
- 38 Like a typical therapy session
- 39 Capital of Canada?
- 40 Juilliard subj.
- 43 Shade tree
- 45 Colorful ring
- 46 Quick mover
- 47 English Channel county
- 49 Sty chorus
- 50 Haggling focus
- 51 Indiana NBA player
- 54 Show parts
- 55 Handed-down stories
- 56 Crab's grabber
- 57 "America's Got Talent" judge Heidi
- 58 Miss. neighbor

Tuesday's solution



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CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 NORMAL HIGH: 51° NORMAL LOW: 33° RECORD HIGH: 82° (1945) RECORD LOW: 12° (1996)

Expect 60-degree days before cold front hits

LOCAL FORECAST

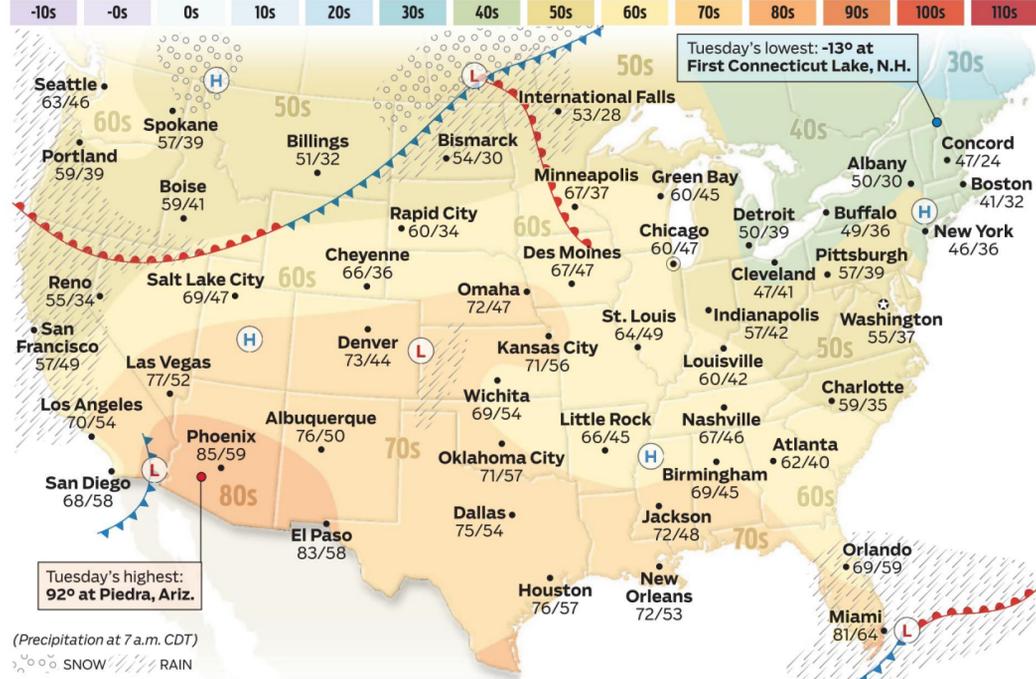
HIGH 60 **LOW** 47

■ As high pressure pulls off to the east, winds pick up from the southwest, flowing up the backside of the departing high pressure.

■ Windy and milder. Sun fades behind gradually increasing cloudiness. SW winds increase to 20-30 mph by afternoon. Late-day highs touch on the 60 degree mark.

■ Clouds thicken with an increasing chance of showers and mild overnight.

NATIONAL FORECAST



We could warm into the lower 60s Wednesday and duplicate that again Thursday. If so, it will be the first time we have seen back-to-back 60-degree days since the last two days in October 2018. During that 146-day period (Nov. 1-March 26) there has been only one 60-degree day (earlier this month). It has also been cloudy. We have experienced only 7 days with 100 percent sunshine this year — two days that just passed and five days in January.

Scattered showers will spread into our area Wednesday night and continue Thursday with our brief mild spell coming to a stop later Thursday afternoon, with temperatures dropping into the 40s in a matter of hours, as a cold front sweeps through from the north. A wave on the front looks like it will produce some heavy rains Friday with renewed flooding on area rivers.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

HIGH 65 **LOW** 35

Mildest day of the week despite cloudiness and a chance of showers. Temps top 60° in most areas, then fall dramatically into the 40s as a cold front moves through from the north. SW winds 15-25 mph shift NE.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

HIGH 41 **LOW** 32

Cloudy, rather raw. Rain develops with embedded t-storms. 1-2 inches of rain will likely cause renewed rises and possible flooding on area rivers. East winds 10-20 mph hold readings in the 30s at the lakefront, lower 40s well inland.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

HIGH 40 **LOW** 24

Blustery and cold. Wet snow possibly mixed with rain early, becoming partly sunny in the afternoon. Highs upper 30s to lower 40s. Clearing and colder at night. Gusty N/NE winds.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

HIGH 40 **LOW** 27

Mostly sunny, but cold as high pressure builds into the region. Afternoon temps peak around 40 degrees. Light on-shore easterly winds shift to the south late. Clear and cold again at night.

MONDAY, APRIL 1

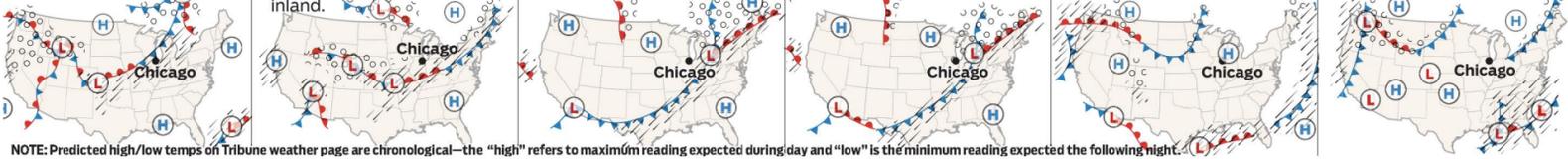
HIGH 50 **LOW** 32

Scattered clouds - southwest winds boost afternoon readings close to the 50 degree mark. Partly cloudy overnight.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

HIGH 54 **LOW** 38

Partly cloudy skies with high temperatures in the middle 50s. Scattered clouds overnight. Light southerly winds.



DEAR TOM

Dear Tom
You recently mentioned the earliest in the spring that Chicago gets a temperature of 70 degrees. I prefer temperatures warmer than that. What are the statistics for the city's first spring-time occurrence of 80°?

— Joan Marston, Chicago

Dear Joan,
Chicago's official temperature records in the spring date from 1871. The earliest reading of 80 degrees occurred March 3, 1974, when the temperature reached 80 degrees. The second-earliest was March 12, 1990, when it jumped to 81.

When Chicago has experienced chilly springs, the onset of the first 80-degree temperature has been delayed. The most delayed occurrence was in 1884, when the first reading of 80 degrees was a temperature of 83, not registered until June 18. In 1878 the first 80-degree reading was June 15, with 82 degrees.

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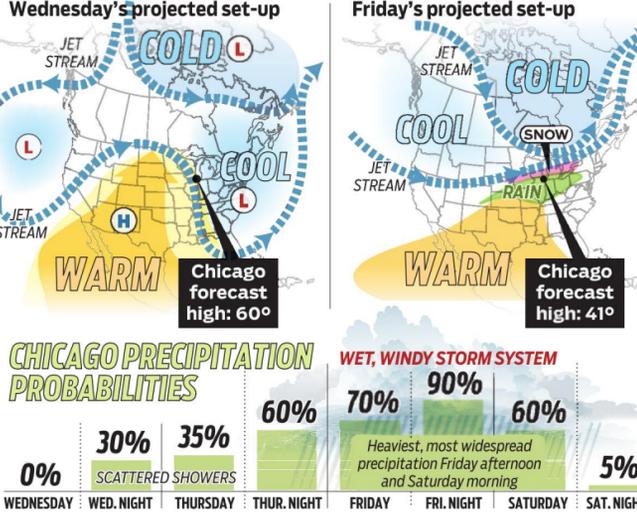
WGN-TV meteorologists Mark Carroll, Steve Kahn, Richard Koeneman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

Hear Tom Skilling's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.



Pattern change brings brief warming—then cool-down/rain

UPPER LEVEL JET STREAM FLOW AND LOW-LEVEL TEMP DISTRIBUTION



CHICAGO'S SUNNY DAYS OF 2019

Monday-Tuesday (March 25-26) the first consecutive days with 100% sunshine since Jan. 5-6

100% sunshine few and far between in 2019—only 7 days so far this year

DAYS WITH 100% SUNSHINE: JANUARY: 5 days, FEBRUARY: 0, MARCH: 2 days

DATES: JAN. 1, 5, 6, 13, 18

DATES: MARCH 25-26

CHICAGO DIGEST

TUESDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	50	22	Midway	46	27
Gary	44	32	O'Hare	48	23
Kankakee	49	26	Romeoville	50	26
Lakefront	38	32	Valparaiso	50	26
Lansing	45	25	Waukegan	41	19

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2019	NORMAL
Tue. (through 6 p.m.)	0.00"	0.08"
March to date	1.69"	2.04"
Year to date	6.46"	5.56"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Tue. (through 6 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	41.6"	39.1"
Normal to date	34.5"	35.6"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Wind SSW 20-35 kts. SW/NW 15-30 kts.	Wind SSW 20-35 kts. SW/NW 15-30 kts.
Waves 3-8 feet	Waves 3-8 feet
Tue. shore/crib water temps 41°/34°	Tue. shore/crib water temps 41°/34°

U.S. SNOW COVER

MARCH 26	2019	2018
Area covered by snow	22.6%	30.9%
Average snow depth	4.8"	4.5"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	40 days	35 days
Subzero lows	7 days	7 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Tuesday's reading: Good
Wednesday's forecast: Moderate
Critical pollutant: Particulates

WEDNESDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	6:42 a.m.	7:10 p.m.
Moon	1:38 a.m.	11:13 a.m.

WEDNESDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	5:54 a.m.	5:24 p.m.
Venus	5:25 a.m.	4:05 p.m.
Mars	8:51 a.m.	11:33 p.m.
Jupiter	1:31 a.m.	10:42 a.m.
Saturn	3:17 a.m.	12:37 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	6:15 a.m.	8.5° ESE
Mars	8:15 p.m.	35° W
Jupiter	5:45 a.m.	25.5° S
Saturn	5:45 a.m.	19.5° SSE

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

MIDWEST CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	pc	61	46	sh	65	53
Carbondale	pc	57	45	sh	62	49
Champaign	pc	59	46	sh	62	49
Decatur	pc	59	46	sh	63	51
Moline	pc	64	52	sh	62	43
Peoria	sh	61	49	sh	64	46
Quincy	pc	65	53	sh	60	50
Rockford	pc	61	48	sh	59	38
Springfield	pc	61	48	sh	61	51
St. Louis	pc	61	48	sh	61	41
Stirling	pc	61	48	sh	61	41
Indiana	pc	57	42	sh	64	52
Bloomington	pc	59	43	sh	67	52
Evansville	pc	54	40	sh	58	47
Fort Wayne	pc	54	40	sh	58	47
Indianapolis	pc	57	42	sh	62	52
Lafayette	pc	56	43	sh	61	48
South Bend	pc	55	42	sh	56	40
Wisconsin	pc	60	45	sh	51	31
Green Bay	pc	59	44	sh	51	31
Kenosha	pc	54	40	sh	56	35
La Crosse	pc	64	39	sh	53	31
Madison	pc	60	46	sh	53	32
Milwaukee	pc	57	47	sh	56	35
Wausau	sh	54	34	sh	48	25
Michigan	pc	50	39	sh	56	37
Detroit	pc	54	39	sh	56	37
Grand Rapids	pc	54	39	sh	56	37
Marquette	pc	49	36	sh	44	26
St. Ste. Marie	pc	45	38	sh	41	24
Traverse City	sh	52	45	sh	48	29
Iowa	pc	66	43	sh	55	36
Ames	pc	66	43	sh	55	36
Cedar Rapids	pc	63	47	sh	53	37
Des Moines	pc	67	47	sh	57	39
Dubuque	pc	62	47	sh	56	37

OTHER U.S. CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	pc	50	30	cl	56	44
Albuquerque	pc	76	50	su	77	46
Amarillo	pc	76	53	su	84	49
Anchorage	pc	45	32	pc	45	36
Asheville	su	59	32	su	56	36
Aspen	cl	57	33	pc	54	29
Atlanta	su	62	40	pc	68	45
Atlantic City	pc	43	34	pc	50	45
Austin	pc	78	55	pc	74	61
Baltimore	pc	51	37	pc	59	50
Billings	cl	51	32	sn	36	29
Birmingham	pc	69	45	pc	72	48
Bismarck	pc	54	30	pc	43	25
Boise	sh	59	41	sh	56	36
Boston	su	41	32	pc	53	43
Brownsville	su	79	64	pc	80	66
Buffalo	pc	49	36	sh	50	38
Burlington	su	46	31	sh	50	40
Charlotte	su	59	35	su	66	43
Charlottesville	pc	62	46	sh	70	46
Charlottesville WV	su	63	40	pc	70	50
Chattanooga	pc	66	41	pc	70	46
Cheyenne	pc	66	36	sh	56	34
Cincinnati	su	58	39	sh	65	51
Cleveland	pc	47	41	sh	58	42
Colorado Spgs	pc	73	44	pc	69	39
Columbia MO	pc	68	53	sh	64	53
Columbia SC	pc	63	38	sh	70	44
Columbus	pc	55	36	sh	63	50
Concord	pc	47	24	pc	54	39
Corpus Christi	pc	76	63	sh	76	66
Cincinnati	su	58	39	sh	65	51
Cleveland	pc	47	41	sh	58	42
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Melissa Bertoletti, shown at her home in Homewood, is an emergency room nurse at Amita Health St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet. In the psych area, she cares for up to eight patients at the same time, including some who require restraints because they have acted violently. She said staffing ratios would help her do her job better and feel safer.

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Nurses back patient limits

BY KATE THAYER
Chicago Tribune

Hospitals argue proposal would lead to layoffs, higher bills; supporters say it could save lives

Describing 12-hour shifts with no break for a meal or even a trip to the bathroom, hospital nurses who say they're overloaded with patients are pushing for a new state law that would limit the number of people they care for at the same time.

Nurses groups say the proposed mandate to set a maximum number of patients per nurse — between one and four, depending on the type of unit — would improve both working conditions for nurses and also patient safety.

But opponents who represent hospitals say a one-size-fits-all mandate for every hospital in the state does not work, and could cost billions of dollars to increase staffing. That expense could lead to higher patient bills, increased insurance costs, and layoffs at cash-strapped hospitals.

Several proposals to set nurse-to-patient ratios are pending in the Illinois legislature, where lawmakers are expected to hear from both sides in a hearing Wednesday.

Illinois Nurses Association Executive Director Alice Johnson said the law could ultimately "save lives."

With fewer patients, nurses can be more attentive to them, which can result in better outcomes, like fewer hospital-acquired infections and cardiac arrests, she said. "All of those become less likely with better nurse staffing."

And manageable patient loads are "safer for the nurses," Johnson said, pointing out that nurses are among the most likely groups to experience workplace violence. She also said having fewer patients means less-stressed nurses, who are less likely to experience burnout.

Melissa Bertoletti, 46, who has been a registered nurse for 25 years, has worked for the last five years in the emergency department at Amita Health St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet. She said the staffing ratios would help her do her job better, and feel safer while working the overnight shift.

Bertoletti said that when she's assigned to the psych area of the emergency department, she can have up to eight patients at once,

including some who may require restraints after acting violently. While juggling regular care, "you can have someone have an allergic reaction, have someone collapse," she said.

About six years ago, Bertoletti was working in a different hospital's emergency department, where she was assigned to triage and the waiting room. She noticed a woman who had been waiting for two hours start to experience increased pain and lie on the floor. Bertoletti was about to see if she could find her a bed when a man arrived in the midst of a heart attack, she recalled.

After tending to the man, Bertoletti heard commotion in the waiting room. The woman had stopped breathing and died from an aortic dissection, she said.

"She waited for two hours there because there was not enough staff in the ER," Bertoletti said. "There weren't enough nurses."

Current state law requires

hospitals to establish committees made up, in part, by the nursing staff in the hospital. Those committees work with nursing supervisors to determine each day's staffing in each unit, said Danny Chun, spokesman for the Illinois Health and Hospital Association.

That's a better approach than a blanket mandate, Chun said.

"Not all patients are alike, and not all hospitals are alike," he said. "Illinois is a very diverse state. (Staffing) is not something that can be boiled down to simplistic ratios."

Chun said rigid ratios could limit hospitals' flexibility to move staff around depending on the hospital's needs on any given day.

And implementing the ratios would require hiring more nurses, which could cost hospitals around the state a collective \$2 billion, according to "conservative estimates," Chun said. Hospitals would have to lay off other staff, he warned, as well as increase patient costs.

He added that Illinois has a

nursing shortage, and a significant portion of current nurses are aging into retirement. Mandating ratios, combined with that shortage, creates a "double whammy."

And while advocates for the new law point to studies that show patient-nurse ratios work, Chun cites other research that says they don't actually improve patient outcomes.

"The bottom line is, they don't improve patient outcomes, they are very costly and Illinois doesn't have enough nurses to implement it," he said.

But Paul Pater, 35, a registered nurse at the University of Illinois Hospital in Chicago, said something needs to change. Pater said he routinely has four patients in the emergency department, which is often too many.

To keep up on busy days, Pater said, he'll go 12 hours without a bathroom break or a meal.

"People don't understand the hardships that nurses go through. (Some days) can be horrendous because everybody is exceptionally sick and needs a lot of attention," he said. "And sometimes there's not enough attention to go around."

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Team sports act like an anti-depressant for kids



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

There's new research suggesting youth sports serve as an anti-depressant

of sorts.

The study, from Washington University in St. Louis, found that boys and girls who participate in team sports had larger hippocampal volumes, which plays a role in memory and response to stress. Adult depression, the study notes, is associated with shrinkage of the brain's hippocampus.

The findings, which will be released in an upcoming issue of the journal *Biological Psychiatry: Cognitive Neuroscience and Neuroimaging*, even link structured sports participation to less depression in boys ages 9 to 11. (For girls, sports involvement was linked to higher hippocampal volume but not lower depression, which re-

searchers said might mean different factors contribute to depression in girls than in boys.)

"There might be something about the combination of exercise and the social support or structure that comes from being on a team that can be useful at preventing or treating depression in young people," the study's lead author,

Lisa Gorham, said in a release.

The authors make a point to say the results are correlational, not causal, meaning sports participation could increase hippocampal volume and decrease depression, or kids who are more depressed and have a smaller hippocampal volume could be less likely to

engage in sports. Either scenario, they say, provides support for encouraging kids to participate in structured sports that combine exercise and social interaction.

The study was based on data from the Adolescent Brain and Cognitive Development Study, in which

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Sexual disorders carry high cost for some

Paying for pricey medications is often only option

BY MICHELLE ANDREWS
Kaiser Health

For some older people, the joy of sex may be tempered by financial concerns: Can they afford the medications they need to improve their experience between the sheets?

Medicare and many private insurers don't cover drugs that are prescribed to treat problems people have engaging in sex. Recent developments, including the approval of generic versions of popular drugs Viagra and Cialis, help consumers afford the treatments. Still, for many people, paying for pricey medications may be their only option.

At 68, like many postmenopausal women, Kris Wieland, of Plano, Texas, experiences vaginal dryness that can make intercourse painful. Her symptoms are amplified by Sjogren's syndrome, an immune system disorder that typically causes dry eyes and mouth, and can affect other tissues.

Before Wieland became eligible for Medicare, her gynecologist prescribed Vagifem, a suppository that replenishes vaginal estrogen, a hormone that declines during menopause. That enabled her to have sex without pain. Her husband's employer plan covered the medication, and her copayment was about \$100 every other month.

However, after she enrolled in Medicare, her Part D plan denied coverage for the drug.

"I find it very discriminatory that they will not pay for any medication that will enable you to have sexual activity," Wieland said. She plans to appeal.

Under the law, drugs used to treat erectile or sexual dysfunction are excluded from Part D coverage unless they are used



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Medicare and many private insurers don't cover drugs that are prescribed to treat problems people have engaging in sex.

as part of a treatment approved by the Food and Drug Administration for a different condition. Private insurers often take a similar approach, reasoning that drugs to treat sexual dysfunction are lifestyle-related rather than medically necessary, according to Brian Marcotte, CEO of the National Business Group on Health, which represents large employers.

So, for example, Medicare may pay if someone is prescribed sildenafil, the generic name for Viagra and another branded drug called Revatio, to treat pulmonary arterial hypertension, a type of high blood pressure in the lungs. But it typically won't cover the same drug if prescribed for erectile dysfunction.

Women like Kris Wieland may encounter a similar problem. A variety of creams, suppositories

and hormonal rings increase vaginal estrogen after menopause so that women can have intercourse without pain. But drugs that are prescribed to address that problem haven't generally been covered by Medicare.

Sexual-medicine experts say such exclusions are unreasonable.

"Sexual dysfunction is not just a lifestyle issue," said Sheryl Kingsberg, a clinical psychologist who is the chief of behavioral medicine at University Hospitals MacDonal Women's Hospital in Cleveland. She is the immediate past president of the North American Menopause Society. "For women, this is about postmenopausal symptoms."

Relief may be in sight for some women. Last spring, the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Serv-

ices sent guidance to Part D plans that they could cover drugs to treat moderate to severe "dyspareunia," or painful intercourse, caused by menopause. Plans aren't required to offer this coverage, but they may do so, according to CMS officials.

Roughly 40 percent of men over age 40 have difficulty getting or maintaining an erection, studies show, and the problem increases with age. A similar percentage of postmenopausal women experience genitourinary syndrome of menopause, a term used to describe a host of symptoms related to declining levels of estrogen, including vaginal dryness and increased risk of urinary tract infections.

Low sexual desire is another common complaint among women and men. A drug called Addyi was approved in 2015 to treat low sexual desire disorder

in premenopausal women. But many insurers don't cover it.

Unfortunately, medications that treat these conditions may cost people hundreds of dollars a month if their insurance doesn't pick up any of the tab. A 10-tablet prescription for Viagra in a typical 50-milligram dose may cost more than \$600, for example, while the price of eight Vagifem tablets may exceed \$200, according to GoodRx, a website that publishes current drug prices and discounts.

In recent years, much more affordable generic versions of some of these medications have gone on the market.

Generic versions of Viagra and Cialis, another popular erectile dysfunction drug, may be available for just a few dollars a pill. "I never write a prescrip-

tion for Viagra anymore," said Dr. Elizabeth Kavaler, a urogynecologist at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City. "These generics are inexpensive solutions for men."

There are generic versions of some women's products as well, including yuvafem vaginal inserts and estradiol vaginal cream.

But even those generic options are often relatively pricey. Some patients can't afford \$100 for a tube of generic estradiol vaginal cream, said Dr. Mary Jane Minkin, a clinical professor of obstetrics, gynecology and reproductive medicine at Yale University School of Medicine.

"I've asked, 'Did you try any of the creams?' And they say they used up the sample I gave them. But they didn't buy the prescription because it was too expensive."



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A new study found that boys and girls who participate in team sports had larger hippocampal volumes, which plays a role in memory and response to stress.

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parents of more than 4,000 kids ages 9-11 provided information on their child's participation in sports, and brain scans measured the kids' bilateral hippocampal volume.

I have never scanned the brains of my kids or their teammates, but I scan their faces a lot and, unscientific though it may be, I can tell you what I'm learning about youth sports.

What happens on the field or mat or court or wherever they compete is about one-quarter of the experience.

That's where they win or lose. That's where they receive the scores they hoped for, or the scores that break their hearts. That's where they level up or don't quite.

It's the stuff that happens before and between and after that strikes me as invaluable. And it doesn't surprise me in the least if it works as an anti-depressant/hippocampal volume-grower/stress-reducer.

The pizza lunch after the final floor hockey game, during which the winners and losers sit shoulder-to-shoulder, sneaking restaurant crayons into each other's water glasses and giggling until their stomachs hurt.

The hotel pool after an on-the-road gymnastics meet, when the girls whose scores earned them first-place medals a few hours earlier splash and laugh and scream with the girls whose scores earned them no medals, and, honestly, those medals aren't on anyone's mind in that moment.

The hallway at school when the sixth-grade boy says hi to the fourth-grade boy in front of the fourth-grade boy's friends, because on Saturdays, that sixth-grader and fourth-grader are on the same flag football game.

The baseball practice when the kid who hasn't had many (any?) hits this season knocks one into center field, and the whole team, plus the coaches, goes nuts — cheering, fist-pumping, chest-bumping, flossing.

That fleeting moment

when the swimmer is about to dive in the water and glances into the stands and sees her cheering section — mom, dad, brother, grandparents, whoever — beaming with pride and hope and love. (That moment's not fleeting at all, of course.)

I suppose you could describe those things as "the combination of exercise and the social support or structure that comes from being on a team."

That's both accurate and, it turns out, measurable — in terms of benefits that show up on a brain scan.

I hope we, the grown-ups, remember that the good stuff doesn't just come from victories or trophies or medals. I think it comes from trying and pushing and bonding and feeling believed in.

Speaking unscientifically, of course.

Join the Heidi Stevens *Balancing Act* Facebook group, where she hosts live chats Wednesdays at noon.

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In pursuit of a little life, adrenaline, a yodel or two



CHRIS ERSKINE
The Middle Ages

They follow me, a man with a snowy mustache and credit problems, deep into the Sierra. It sounds like a Brothers Grimm fairy tale, except the Uber arrives with tire chains and the lumberjacks only take Venmo.

Sure, the lackluster Mammoth dining scene is the biggest danger. They can't even manage a decent glass of water up here; it tastes like the detergent they rinsed it in. But they can pour a nice glass of happy juice. I devoted Saturday to skiing and the next day to my mastery of the greatest drink the world has ever known, the bloody mary.

Sunday, bloody Sunday. Look, I need my fluids. I am skiing, mind you, with the kind of people who can't pull on a sweater without ensnaring themselves in the sleeves for five minutes.

"Help!" my son says. "What's the magic word?" I ask. "Help!!!" he pleads again.

In our family, the magic word is help.

There are a bunch of us up here: three kids, a favorite niece, a couple of boyfriends we can't shake — I've almost lost count. Our friends Gayle and Jason lent us their cozy condo, and the highlight of the whole weekend is the cousins piled like puppies under blankets while someone struggles to start a fire.

At night we play board games. And the pizza takes, like, 14 hours to arrive.

Who cares?

This is a particularly restorative trip, a family jaunt into the sugar-frosted Eastern Sierra and the finest ski conditions I've ever seen in California. Thirty-foot drifts ring the entire town, turning Mammoth Lakes into a walled medieval city.

In Mammoth, spring might be seven years away.

All I know for sure is this: The ocean clears my head and the mountains clear my soul. Family fixes the rest of me ... broken me. I'm an old heirloom that's a little chipped and past its usefulness. At a yard sale, you couldn't give me away.

Yet the kids keep me around, since I pick up most of the tabs and am good company in the ski lodge after five hours of falling down the mountain.

After a certain age, youth sports are over and you have to build in these dates with your adult children. A beautiful mountain hideaway like this lures millennials like avocado toast and free Tito's.

By the way, props to the hearty folks who keep a ski hill humming. It is raw and crushing work. Each morning, the sound of avalanche cannons greets visitors, and you know immediately there's a war on. Mammoth is notorious for 100-mph winds that can fling you — like a howitzer — right off the hill.

In New York, you play with the city. In California, you play with the land.

So here we are, at the end of a long day on the land, ticking off the things that hurt us — calves, schnitzels, backs, butts.

We watch the snowboarders coming in hot toward the snow fence that protects the lodge from their unfettered flights. Once in a while one will snag himself, a shark in a gill net. I could draw a million social media hits by taping their agony. That would only encourage

them.

Duuuuuuuuude

At this stage in my life, I am a reluctant skier. I do it for the spectacular views and the camaraderie of this ridiculously expensive sport. A wiseguy buddy (Ulf) compares skiing to standing in a cold shower and tearing up \$100 bills. I mean, wouldn't that be simpler?

To be caught atop Mammoth Mountain in a sudden blizzard makes you question the existence of a benevolent snow god. In modern life, we rarely experience life-and-death decisions. Yet I'll take my chances up here in the clouds. I've had enough death for a while; I need a little life ... adrenaline ... a yodel or two.

This I also know from skiing:

The best part is taking off those cement boots at the end of the day.

The best radio station in California — by far — is 93.3 FM, "The Rock of the Sierra."

Mountain breakfasts are the finest breakfasts, elevated by the simple pleasure of a crispy sausage link rolled in the pancake syrup that lacquers your plate.

My lovely and patient older daughter — the other rock of the Sierra — has the finest mental approach to skiing that I've ever witnessed: three runs, four beers, unlimited snarky asides.

"I'm retiring," announces our own Lindsey Vonn. "Want my autograph? Fifty bucks?"

Of all the Irish smiles I saw this past weekend, hers was the very brightest. The bartender knew her by name, and if she had signed another day they might've renamed the entire mountain after her.

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wife or husband smile when they walk in here. And we keep ourselves open to possibilities.” Together they complete an eight-page Partnership Profile—which the Artis team keeps on hand and uses to plan imaginative and meaningful experiences for that resident as often as possible.

“We try not to tell our residents or their families ‘no’—unless it’s not safe. But otherwise, we really try to give people back the lives they used to love—the aspects of them that their families thought were gone for good. We’re full of pleasant surprises here!”

The Artis staff genuinely loves to make the seemingly impossible possible—an exceedingly unusual operating standard in the field of senior living and memory care.

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And Mary, an avid gardener. The Artis staff planted rose bushes outside her bedroom window.



And veteran George, who was welcomed on move-in day by an honor guard, 15 National Guardsmen, and local legislators, who presented him with a special coin.

And Jacob, whose Alzheimer’s deprived him of his ability to speak. But that didn’t stop him from expressing his love for his wife on their 50th anniversary, when staff and residents gathered around them with signs exclaiming “Happy Anniversary!”

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Researchers found medical marijuana a good choice for older patients with chronic pain.

Medical pot: Elixir for the elderly?

By DENNIS THOMPSON
HealthDay

Your grandparents' chronic aches and pains might best be eased with a little weed, a new study suggests.

Not only did folks over 75 who took medical marijuana report less pain, their use of pot-based capsules, tinctures and e-cigarettes allowed a third of these patients to reduce their use of opioid painkillers, researchers found.

"Medical marijuana, in my opinion, is an excellent choice for patients with chronic disease, including chronic pain," said senior researcher Dr. Laszlo Mechtler, medical director of the Dent Neurologic Institute in Amherst, N.Y.

The study tracked 204 elderly patients who had been prescribed medical marijuana to deal with pain through New York state's medical marijuana program, Mechtler said.

All were given products containing various ratios of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and cannabidiol (CBD), most often tinctures that were applied with an eyedropper under the tongue, Mechtler said.

THC is the chemical in marijuana that causes intoxication, while CBD has been associated with a number of potentially positive medical benefits.

About 7 out of 10 pa-

tients experienced some symptom relief, researchers found.

Half said their chronic pain diminished, 18 percent said they slept better, nerve pain improved in 15 percent, and anxiety was quelled in 10 percent.

"A majority of patients came back and said, 'I'm better,'" Mechtler said.

Three-fourths of the people treated had been diagnosed with chronic pain, Mechtler said. Other conditions included cancer (6 percent), neuropathy (5 percent), multiple sclerosis (5 percent), epilepsy (3 percent) and Parkinson's disease (2 percent).

There were some downsides. Initially, 34 percent of patients experienced side effects from medical marijuana, most commonly sleepiness (13 percent), balance problems (7 percent) and gastrointestinal issues (7 percent).

After adjustments in dose, only 21 percent continued to have side effects. Ultimately, 3 percent of participants stopped taking medical marijuana due to side effects.

A 1-to-1 ratio of THC to CBD proved most effective while limiting side effects, Mechtler said.

The findings were to be presented at the American Academy of Neurology annual meeting, being held May 4-10 in Philadelphia. Such research is consid-

ered preliminary until published in a peer-reviewed journal.

Mechtler was particularly encouraged by the reduction of reliance on opioid painkillers.

"In the midst of an opioid epidemic in this country, with 115 people dying every day, anything that can decrease the potential for opiate use is a win/win situation," Mechtler said. "Nobody overdoses on medical marijuana."

"I have not seen an abuse of medical marijuana, especially in this age group. Our grandparents are not abusing medical marijuana," he continued. "They want improved quality of life. They want to come off the opioids, which have a long list of side effects."

The results jibe with other studies on medical pot, said Dr. Diana Martins-Welch, an attending physician in palliative medicine at Northwell Health in Long Island, N.Y.

"This study really hit home with a lot of what I was seeing in the other survey data that's been put out there regarding cannabis and chronic pain," she said. "It's going to have to be federally legal before we can do the robust studies that are required of medicine in general."

Currently, medical marijuana is legal in about two-thirds of states.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Horse chestnut extract may help with spider and varicose veins

By JOE GRAEDON
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King Features Syndicate

Q: At 45, I started to notice spider and varicose veins in my legs. Taking horse chestnut extract and wearing compression socks has kept my legs from getting any worse over the past 12 years. At 57, I am able to be on my feet working retail 12 hours each day. If I run out of horse chestnut, I notice the difference. I also find it helpful to elevate my legs at night.

A: Varicose veins are a red flag for venous insufficiency. In this condition, the one-way valves in the veins of the legs don't work well enough to keep blood flowing swiftly back to the heart. Horse chestnut seed extract (*Aesculus hippocastanum*) has long been used to treat venous insufficiency. A careful review of the literature concluded that this is probably an efficacious and safe treatment (Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, Nov. 14, 2012). Compression stockings are another recommended treatment for this condition.

Q: I have had asthma for over 50 years and have been using an epinephrine inhaler since it came on the market in the mid-1950s. This allowed me to live a normal life. I was extremely disappointed when Primatene Mist was taken off the market. The drugs my doctor prescribed didn't work nearly as well. Whatever happened to it?

A: Epinephrine (adrenaline) has been used for over a century to open airways in patients with asthma. In the mid-1950s, epinephrine



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inhalers became available, and Primatene was marketed starting in 1967. It was sold without a prescription until 2011. Many people wondered why Primatene Mist disappeared. The CFC propellant used to push the medicine into the lungs was banned by international treaty because it depletes ozone from the atmosphere. In November 2018, the Food and Drug Administration approved an alternative formulation with a different propellant. Primatene Mist is now back on pharmacy shelves and is the only over-the-counter medicine available for mild, intermittent asthma symptoms.

Q: My husband suffered with diarrhea for many years. We had not found anything that helped much until we read about coconut macaroon cookies on your website. He was willing to try them, and he found they helped. He got tired of the cookies over the holidays and switched to coconut candy. That seemed to work just as well. Later he tried a piece of coconut cream pie and found that it also stopped the diarrhea. So we concluded that coconut is the magic ingredient.

A: More than 20 years ago, Donald Agar wrote to us with this fascinating story: "I have had Crohn's disease for 40 years, and during that time I have had a never-ending battle with diarrhea. Lomotil helps some, but it doesn't eliminate the problem. Three months ago, I bought a box of Archway Coconut Macaroon cookies. I've been eating two a day and I have not experienced diarrhea in that time. If by chance I eat three in a day, I get constipated. Believe me, I have a new life now. My brother-in-law has a friend who just had cancer and suffered diarrhea as a consequence of the operation. We told him about the cookies, and they corrected his diarrhea. I would be delighted if others were helped by my discovery, too." Since then, many others have written to us to report benefit from consuming coconut in some form or another. Just last year, researchers reported that the lauric acid in coconuts is effective against diarrhea caused by *C. diff* infections (Frontiers in Microbiology, Jan. 17, 2018).

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Trial sparks hope over Parkinson's disease

Treatment shows promise in small group of patients

HealthDay

It may be possible to restore brain cells damaged by Parkinson's disease and reverse a patient's condition, something no current treatment can do, according to British researchers who conducted potentially groundbreaking clinical trials.

They cautioned the trial was small — just 41 patients — and the research is still in its early days. But the results of the approach, which delivers special “growth factor” proteins to restore failing brain cells, are very promising.

“The spatial and relative magnitude of the improvement in the brain scans is beyond anything seen previously in trials of surgically delivered growth-factor treatments for Parkinson's,” principal investigator Dr. Alan Whone said in a news release from Parkinson's UK, which helped fund the study.

“This represents some of the most compelling evidence yet that we may have a means to possibly reawaken and restore the dopamine brain cells that are gradually destroyed in Parkinson's,” he said.

One Parkinson's expert in the United States was cautiously optimistic about this cellular “reawakening.”

“While on some measures this biological change did not correlate with improved symptoms, on other ‘secondary’ goals there was indeed a highly positive effect on patients' lives,” noted Dr. Michael Schuder. He is vice chair of neurosurgery at North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset, N.Y.

“This trial should be the beginning and not the end of further efforts to harness the regenerative potential of (this therapeutic approach) to cure people with Parkinson's disease,” Schuder said.



Researchers are encouraged by evidence of a new way to possibly reawaken and restore the dopamine brain cells that are gradually destroyed in Parkinson's disease.

der said.

In the trial, Whone and his colleagues focused on a naturally occurring protein in the brain called Glial Cell Line Derived Neurotrophic Factor (GDNF). It was thought that boosting GDNF in brain tissue might help regenerate dying brain cells in people with Parkinson's — and thereby reverse the condition.

Of course, the human brain is sequestered from the rest of the body by a natural defense called the blood-brain barrier, so delivering GDNF to the brain poses a problem.

In the trial, the British team used robot-assisted

surgery to place four tubes into the brains of six Parkinson's patients so that GDNF could bypass this barrier and be infused directly to affected brain areas.

Once the safety of the procedure was ascertained, the trial was expanded to include 35 more patients.

Half of these patients received GDNF and half received a placebo. After the first nine months, patients in both groups were then offered GDNF for a further nine months.

At the nine-month point of follow-up, trial results were mixed. While there were some encouraging

signs of improvement in patients who received GDNF, there were no significant differences between them and the placebo group on any assessments of Parkinson's symptoms.

However, a comparison of brain scans conducted before the trial and then nine months after showed that GDNF did seem to be healing the damage to dopamine-producing brain cells.

Nine months after therapy, patients who received GDNF experienced a 100 percent improvement in a key area of the brain affected by Parkinson's —

suggesting the treatment was starting to reawaken and restore damaged brain cells, the researchers said.

The real change came 18 months after the treatment, when all participants had received GDNF.

At this point, both groups showed moderate to large improvements in their Parkinson's symptoms, compared with before the study.

This indicates that the treatment might indeed have long-term beneficial effects, Whone's team said.

However, Whone cautioned that at the 18-month point there was no longer a comparison group (both

groups were now receiving GDNF). Also, the trial was no longer “blinded” — meaning all of the patients now knew they were receiving GDNF. That makes it tougher to rule out a placebo effect.

Therefore, the findings at 18 months need to be viewed with caution, the researchers said.

As to why symptoms didn't seem to be affected by the therapy at nine months, “it may be that the effects on symptoms lag behind the improvement in the brain scans, so a longer double-blind trial may have produced a clearer effect,” Whone suggested.

“It's also possible that a higher dose of GDNF would have been more effective, or that participants at an earlier stage of the condition would have responded better,” he theorized.

“This is why it's essential to continue research exploring this treatment further — GDNF continues to hold potential to improve the lives of people with Parkinson's,” Whone added.

Schuder agreed. “Brain imaging showed that the GDNF appeared to have brought about regeneration of the key cells whose death leads to the progressive symptoms of Parkinson's disease,” he said, so further trials are warranted.

Arthur Roach directs research at Parkinson's UK. In the news release, he said that “while the results are not clear-cut, the study has still been a resounding success.”

“It has advanced our understanding of the potential effects of GDNF on damaged brain cells, shown that delivering a therapy in this way is feasible and that it is possible to deliver drugs with precision to the brain,” Roach said.

The results were published in late February in the journal *Brain* and the *Journal of Parkinson's Disease*.

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REVIEW Carnitas Uruapan ★★★

2nd location builds on true Mexican roots

By **NICK KINDELSPERGER**
Chicago Tribune

Attempt to describe the carnitas at Carnitas Uruapan, and you can quickly start sounding like a broken record. But how else do you describe pork that tastes porkier than any other pork you've ever eaten? It's like every morsel has the concentrated essence of pig brushed all over it. If it were an equation, it would be pork to the power of pork (or pork squared, I suppose).

Carnitas Uruapan is not the

only Chicago restaurant specializing in carnitas, the Mexican dish for which pork slowly cooks to a golden hue in large pots of its own fat, but it's easily my favorite. A few months ago, I started sampling various versions of the dish around town for a feature on the city's best carnitas, but I abandoned the project after a week. No place was even in the same league as Carnitas Uruapan.

It's been that way for a while. The restaurant was founded in

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The menu at the new Carnitas Uruapan in Chicago's Gage Park neighborhood includes carnitas, guacamole, refried beans, nopales salad and chicharrones. Dishes are the same as at the popular location in Pilsen.



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Pork country ribs, cut from the shoulder, are coated with a sauce of gochujang, doenjang, maple syrup and sesame oil before being roasted in the oven.

CRAVING: Korean

What is gochujang?

Understanding the spicy Korean chile paste — just don't call it the 'next Sriracha'

By **NICK KINDELSPERGER** | Chicago Tribune

If you've ever been to a Korean restaurant, you've undoubtedly encountered gochujang. It adds the heat to bibimbap, lends the rich red color seen in tteokbokki, stir-fried rice cakes, and forms the backbone of ssamjang, the sauce most often served with Korean barbecue.

It also looks ferocious. Even the packaging does. Almost every container of the Korean paste is bright red, with pictures of chiles plastered all over the label in case one didn't get the hint. Pop open the container, peel back the

plastic covering, and find a dark red paste as thick as tar.

This can make gochujang seem more like a dare than an integral component of the Korean kitchen, but it is far more versatile and complex than it might first appear.

What does gochujang taste like?

Sure, gochujang has heat — depending on the brand, it can be extraordinarily spicy — but it also has a salty, almost

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Gochujang is easy to spot in Asian grocery stores.

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There's plenty of fall-off-the-bone meat in the To Die For pork shank, shown here with an Asian Pear Martini.



Signature Fish Cakes Delight is a riff on crabcakes, made with minced fish and panko, and served over mixed greens.



Desserts at Siam Marina are tailored to Western tastes. Green tea cheesecake has a subtle tea flavor.

REVIEW Siam Marina ★

25 years ... and counting

Menu a mix of traditional, Asian-French

BY PHIL VETTEL
Chicago Tribune

Tammy Pham has been a force in south-suburban dining for nearly 25 years. She came to this country from Vietnam when she was 15, worked at Star of Siam in River North while earning a degree in electrical engineering and worked briefly at Sony before choosing the restaurant life.

She and her husband, Sam Chung (they met at Sony), opened the first Siam Marina in 1994 in Calumet City; a second location opened three years later in nearby River Oaks Center, and both locations operated until 2011, when the original restaurant closed. In 2013, Pham said, they were forced out of the mall location but found a 184-seat space in Tinley Park, where Siam Marina reopened in November 2014.

"God blessed me," Pham said. "He gave me a building."

And a very nice building at that. The dining room is spacious, bright and modern, adjoining a lounge (with additional dining tables) that hosts live jazz twice a month.

Pham and Chung also own 10-year-old Asparagus, in Merrillville, Ind. The menus at the two restaurants are virtually identical, and Pham drives an hour each way to cook at both. The principal difference, Pham said, is that she's able to "cook spicier" in Tinley Park.

"Sometimes I forget and cook a little spicier (in Merrillville)," she said, "and customers complain right away."

Spicy or not, there's no lack of dishes to try. The massive menu lists 32 appetizers, nearly 20 soups/salads and more than 60 main courses. There are cruise ships with fewer dinner options.

One easy way to navigate these waters, beyond suggestions from servers (who seem to know the menu forward and backward), is to look for the word "signature," or for fanciful names — they usually indicate dishes Pham particularly likes.

That strategy will lead you to the To Die For pork shank, a traditional pork-belly dish made instead



The Siam Marina dining room is spacious, bright and modern. It adjoins a lounge (with additional dining tables) that hosts live jazz twice a month.



Executive chef Tammy Pham and her husband, Sam Chung, opened the first Siam Marina in 1994 in Calumet City. The most recent iteration arrived in Tinley Park in November 2014.

with braised shank. There's plenty of fall-off-the-bone pork and julienned vegetables, in a rich, coconut-fortified broth. Signature Fish Cakes Delight is a riff on crabcakes, made with minced fish and panko, served over mixed greens with a tart mustard sauce.

The kitchen handles tradition well. Thai curries are rich and fragrant, though I'd suggest silky

tofu, rather than chicken (which can arrive overcooked), as the protein option. Wide pieces of lemon grass beef are slightly spicy, and squiggles of Sriracha sauce on the plate allow you to turn up the heat. Vietnamese spring rolls are worthy, and Phnom Penh prawns arrive with pineapple chunks and a sweet-and-sour dipping sauce. (I suspect these are

shrimp, not prawns, going by the size, but there are five of them on a \$10 plate.)

Pham dabbles in Asian-French fusion from time to time. In one dish, she combines shrimp and five-spice duck confit in shitake-mushroom sauce; Siam Beef Lover features very good marinated tenderloin and stir-fried vegetables in a complex sauce of soy, oyster sauce, chile and a touch of

Siam Marina

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Tribune rating: ★

Open: Lunch and dinner daily

Prices: Main courses \$14-\$45

Noise: Conversation-friendly

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.

brandy. Seared scallops in leek-saffron beurre blanc are served, improbably, with tempura-fried asparagus and two large onion rings. (Let the record show that the onion rings were excellent.)

Desserts are tailored to Western tastes; Pham makes every one of them and decorates them quite elaborately. Green tea cheesecake carries subtle tea flavor, and the plate is covered in chocolate stripes and strawberry-sauce dots.

The double chocolate cake is total indulgence, a two-layer cake drenched in Godiva white-chocolate sauce (with even more on the plate).

The beverage program is fascinating. Pham caught the creative-martini bug a few years back, and she and Chung serve nearly five dozen martinis, ranging from \$11 to \$14. Most of these concoctions would horrify martini purists, but there's a definite sense of fun behind the Geisha Girl (sochu and pear), Silver Love (Absolut Mango, Hpnotiq, Cointreau) and the Hot & Dirty, which is actually a pretty traditional dirty martini, only with vodka that Pham infuses with jalapeno.

Not everything sings here; garlic chicken is a bit of a snooze, and vegetable accompaniments are often the same, right down to the ubiquitous baby corn. (Pick one up, and eat it like corn on the cob — comedy gold.) But most of the food is solid, the atmosphere is sophisticated — and 25 years of customer support says a lot.

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Moody Tongue Brewing on the move from Pilsen

BY JOSH NOEL
Chicago Tribune

It took three years for Moody Tongue Brewing to hit its production ceiling in a former glass factory in Pilsen.

With the clock ticking on its five-year lease, Moody Tongue needed to expand. It had no obvious route to do so.

Then, last year, fortune brought a unique opportunity: a space nearly three times the size, less than 2 miles away, already built out as a production brewery.

It was the Old Baderbrau space in the South Loop (2515 S. Wabash Ave.), which became available in June after Baderbrau went out of business — six years after the long-dormant brand was resuscitated and just three years after it

launched the South Loop brewery.

Baderbrau's equipment was auctioned off in July, but Moody Tongue co-founders Jared Rouben and Jeremy Cohn (who are first cousins) were quite happy to sign a 10-year lease on the empty space, which they are slowly filling with tanks, both new and those moved from their Pilsen location.

Moody Tongue's new home will allow the culinary-focused brewery to double production immediately and continue growing for years to come.

"It's a fantastic opportunity from a number of angles," Cohn said.

"It's a wonderful location. This is an incredible amount of space. And our focal point is production; we needed the ability to flex a little bit more. We

"It's a fantastic opportunity from a number of angles."

— Jeremy Cohn, co-founder of Moody Tongue

were waiting for the right moment."

In a dynamic craft beer industry that is seeing record numbers of brewery openings and closings by the year, it was a ready-made opportunity.

Many necessities were already in place: reinforced, graded floors with drainage for brewing and fermentation; a large cooler for packaged beer ready to be shipped; and a spacious taproom with broad views of the passing Green Line,

perched above the Stevenson Expressway.

Moody Tongue stopped brewing at its Pilsen home in February. As tanks are emptied, they're cleaned, packed and moved to the new location, which will grow the company's space from 9,500 square feet to nearly 26,000.

The additional capacity will allow for more beer and new projects across Moody Tongue's distribution footprint — nine states, plus China and Brazil. The cousins are particularly eager to expand distribution in China, which is one of the world's fastest growing beer markets, Cohn said.

New brewing projects will begin with "endless amounts of Michigan produce," said Rouben, Moody Tongue's brewmaster, who had a similar approach as

Goose Island's pub brewer.

"We'll explore with more types of barrels and increase our sour and wild program," he said.

Moody Tongue is already aging lambic in oak with an eye to eventually releasing Flanders red and gueuze-style ales in the coming years.

Rouben and Cohn hope to be operating in Moody Tongue's new home by June with the taproom open by the end of the year. At least some of the high-end allure of its Pilsen brewery will be replicated, they said.

"Expect a beautiful space," Rouben said. "Great glassware. Great hospitality. Delicious cake. And delicious beer."

The Pilsen taproom will be shuttered this summer, though its closing date is to be determined. (And yes,

Moody Tongue's legendary chocolate cake will migrate to the new location.)

"We considered staying at the old space and trying to be creative," Cohn said. "This place just presents an opportunity — the opportunity to continue growing."

An unused stack of Baderbrau's blue and white Chicago Pilsener cans sit in the space as a reminder of the former tenant and a nod to the industry's fluidity.

Rouben and Cohn aren't quite sure what to do with them. In fact, they have barely thought about the issue while trying to get Moody Tongue's second act going.

"I don't know what we'll do with them," Rouben said. "Recycle?"

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Swiss wines are worth the hunt

By JASON WILSON
The Washington Post

Switzerland is well-known for many things: Swiss chocolate, Swiss watches, Swiss cheese, secret Swiss bank accounts. But Swiss wine? Most people don't even realize there is such a thing. The Swiss certainly don't make a whole lot of wine, only about a million hectoliters — a drop in the bucket compared with France's 42 million or Italy's 48 million hectoliters. And Switzerland only exports about 2 percent of its wine. By comparison, Italy and Spain each export about half of the wines they produce.

So according to just about any metric, Swiss wines represent the height of obscurity. And since 40 indigenous grape varieties grow in Switzerland, including whites like petite arvine and amigne to reds like humagne rouge and cornalin, what better place for someone who is obsessed with enigmatic, off-the-beaten-path wines (like me) to explore? But beyond the geeks, Swiss wines should appeal to people who like cool-climate, low-alcohol, Alpine-style wines that have grown in popularity over the past several years.

"It's a good time for alternative wine countries like Switzerland. There is a curiosity that I've never seen before," said Gilles Besse, winemaker at Jean-Rene Germanier in the mountainous Valais region, where grapes grow close to some of the world's best skiing, often at more than 2,000 feet above sea level.

Switzerland's most planted and most important grape is chasselas, which some say is the perfect wine for 10 a.m.

Others say chasselas is the perfect wine to drink when you are very thirsty, a classic vin de soif. I've found both notions to be true, ordering a glass at a sunny morning cafe table in Zurich or Geneva. I can report that chasselas is the perfect wine to follow an espresso and croissant around 10 a.m., and it goes down dangerously easy. By 10:15, I'd ordered a second glass.

Chasselas wines are often described by non-Swiss as soft, or neutral, and they're often demonstrably, even shockingly, low in acidity. The best chasselas offers a



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The terraced vineyards in the Valais region in Switzerland. In this region, the popular chasselas grape is called fendant.

unique experience — dry, delicate, a little chalky, a tiny bit salty, a smidgen floral and sometimes even milky or smoky. Even the Swiss have trouble describing this wine. Zurich-based wine writer Chandra Kurt described the acidity of high-quality chasselas as having "just the right amount — and by right, I mean inconspicuous."

"It's the opposite of sauvignon blanc," Besse said.

"It's hard to convey just how important chasselas is to Swiss culture," said Jose Vouillamoz, a Swiss-based grape geneticist and a co-author of the encyclopedia "Wine Grapes: A Complete Guide to 1,638 Varieties, Including Their Origins." "You have chasselas at a wedding, at a funeral, to close a business deal, to make a political compromise. At all occasions you have chasselas." The classic regions for chasselas are Vaud, on Lake Geneva, and Valais, near the town of Sion, where the same

Swiss wines to try

- Chateau d'Auvenerier Neuchatel Blanc, Neuchatel, \$28
- Maison Gilliard Fendant Sion Les Murettes, Valais, \$35
- 2017 Renaissance Cuvee Barry Heida, Valais, \$29
- 2017 Renaissance Humagne Rouge, Valais, \$29
- 2017 Jean-Rene Germanier Petite Arvine, Valais, \$35
- 2017 La Colombe Fechy, Lake Geneva, \$22

grape is called fendant.

Beyond chasselas, we are also beginning to see Swiss gamay and syrah, savagnin (which in Switzerland is called heida) and excellent merlot from Ticino, Switzerland's Italian-speaking region, as well as even more obscure grapes such as humagne rouge, which may be the platonic ideal of an Alpine red, light-bodied with aromas of mountain wildflowers

and evergreen, with fresh fruit and a dark, deep minerality on the palate.

"It was only about two years ago that we could get access to Swiss wines," said Doug House, owner of Chain Bridge Cellars in McLean, Va., which now stocks humagne rouge and chasselas.

Before that, Swiss wines seen in the U.S. were often prohibitively expensive, something that the Swiss acknowledge. "Swiss wine is not cheap," Kurt said. It's all grown in the mountains and handpicked. We don't really have a low end." It's true, you will not see a \$9.99 Swiss wine, but there are plenty in the \$25 range that offer excellent value.

But the major reason we haven't seen a lot of Swiss wine here is because most of it gets consumed back home.

The Swiss are among the world's biggest consumers of wine, and spend more money than any other country on wine —

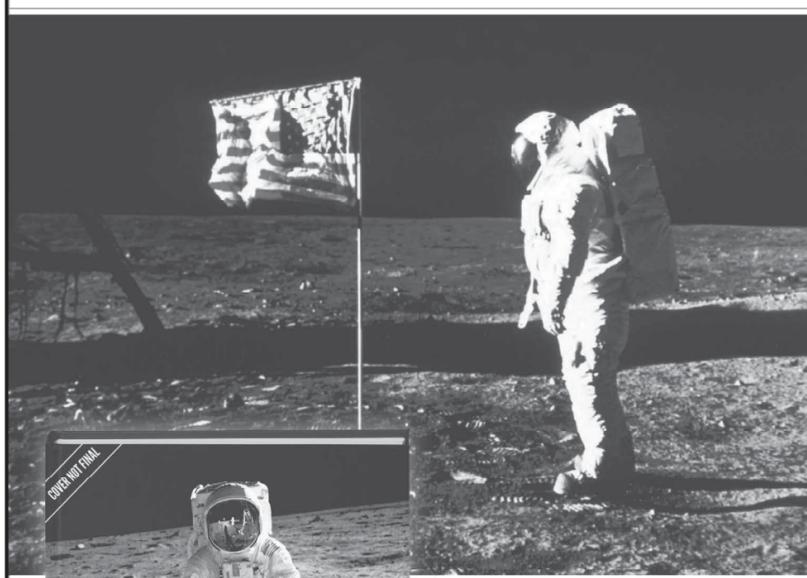
a mind-boggling \$700 per person on average each year. (Even the average French or Italian consumer spends less than \$300 annually.) In fact, the entire domestic wine production in Switzerland would only satisfy less than half of the country's annual demand.

Yet Switzerland's insularity is probably the reason it now has so many unique grapes to offer. While the rest of the world in the late 20th century was ripping out native varieties to plant pinot noir and chardonnay, the Swiss didn't follow the trend. "Influences from the outside didn't really interest Swiss winemakers," Kurt said. "Export was never really a priority or necessity, and so they just produced what they always produced."

That stubbornness is why we're now finally able to taste such unique wines.

Jason Wilson is a freelance writer.

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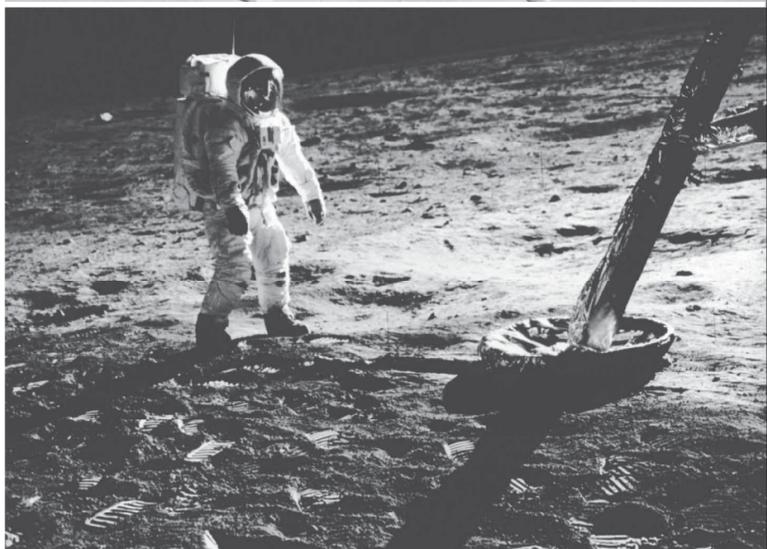
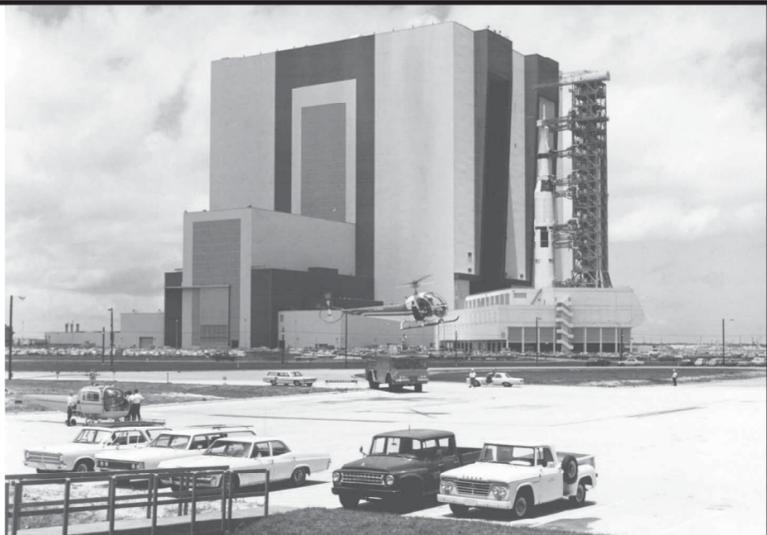
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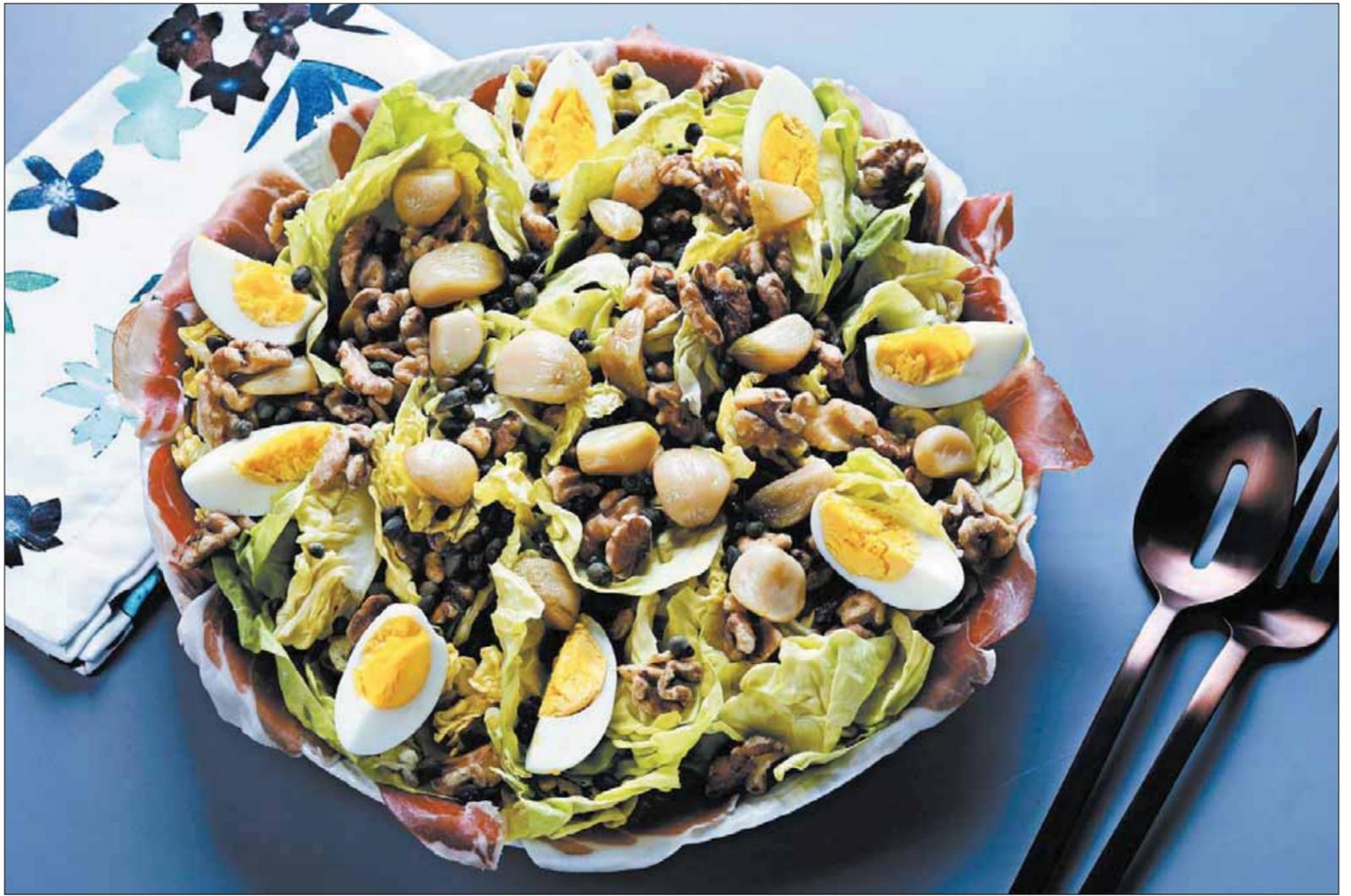
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The Hand of God salad is adapted from a version in a restaurant JeanMarie Brownson and family visited in El Chalten, a town in Argentina's Patagonia region.

A salad game changer

Simple go-to dishes inspired by travel



JEANMARIE BROWNSON
Dinner at Home

I've eaten a lot of salad in my life. Some for diet purposes, some with ordinary suppers, some just to fill up between meals. But some salads prove to be a thing of beauty — a food memory we take home, re-create and serve over and over again.

At least that's what happened to me after a day of hiking in Argentina's Patagonia region this winter (summer there, of course). We ate the Hand of God salad at a quaint wood-paneled restaurant called La Tapera in the town of El Chalten.

Soft, buttery garlic cloves scattered among leaf lettuce, roasted walnuts and capers helped make this the best salad I've ever eaten. Thin slices of prosciutto and a drizzle of calafate syrup sealed the deal.

Throughout our hikes, we spotted small, thorny shrubs heavy with the deep blue, nearly purple, calafate berries. Locals turn the berries, native to the region, into jams, syrups and compotes we enjoyed with breakfast. Naturally tangy, the berries add a tart contrast to the rich garlic in the salad. Legend has it that those who eat a calafate berry will return to Patagonia. Here's hoping — in the meantime, we'll continue to make this memorable salad, starting with the garlic cloves.

A jar of oil-poached garlic keeps in the refrigerator for several weeks and allows you to pull the salad together quickly. Fresh, peeled garlic cloves get poached in water in the microwave to remove some of their harsh flavor. To peel the garlic, I use a meat mallet to break the garlic heads into cloves and then a paring knife to peel the skins. Depending on the size of the cloves, a 3.5-ounce head of garlic yields about 14 cloves of peeled garlic equaling about 2 ounces of peeled cloves. To save time and effort, this is a perfect place to use the little pouches of already-peeled garlic cloves sold in the produce section.

After poaching in the water, discard the water,

Buttery-soft garlic cloves and garlic oil

Prep: 10 minutes **Cook:** 5 minutes **Makes:** about 1 cup

Microwave blanching the garlic removes some of the unpleasant sting and subsequent bad breath.

2 or 3 large heads garlic (or 5 ounces peeled garlic cloves)

½ cup extra-virgin olive oil

¼ teaspoon salt

1. If using heads of garlic, lightly pound them with a meat mallet to separate the cloves from the head. Use a paring knife to peel the garlic. You'll have at least 24 cloves.

2. Put peeled garlic into a small microwave-safe bowl. Add **½** cup water; partly cover the bowl with plastic wrap. Microwave on high (100 percent power) until garlic softens slightly, about 2 minutes. Drain off all the water.

3. Add oil to the bowl. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap vented at one corner. Microwave on high, pausing to stir once, until garlic is soft when the tip of a knife is inserted, 2 to 3 minutes. Let garlic cool completely in the oil. Season with salt. Refrigerate the garlic and oil together, covered, up to 2 weeks.

then put them into a bowl of olive oil. Oil-poach the garlic in the microwave or in a small saucepan until they are buttery soft. Cool and store in the oil. The resulting garlicky-tasting oil forms the base of a great salad dressing or to scramble eggs.

The garlic cloves are great served whole in salads, but I don't use all of them here. I save some for a salad later in the week or for smearing over grilled bread with a sprinkle of chopped fresh herbs.

In my experience, you can find interesting salads at many brewpubs because they think about how to pair ingredients with beer. Think tangy items such as pickles, rich sausage, oil-roasted vegetables and hearty greens. We liked the roasted cauliflower salad served at Litter House in Indianapolis; it was packed with spicy arugula, dill pickles and sweet roasted red onions. I add cooked shrimp to my version for a light spring dinner.

I serve the cauliflower pub salad with a light bock or dark ale. Serve the Hand of God salad with a rich red wine, such as an Argentine malbec. Of course, a great grilled dry-aged beef steak makes a nice accompaniment.

This much we know: Main course salads satisfy when you follow the rules. ■ Feature a flavorful protein that's chilled or, better yet, slightly warm. ■ Always serve the salad at room temperature. ■ Contrast rich elements with acidic additions. ■ Season all ingredients properly. ■ Above all, do not overdress the salad.

Hand of God salad (aka The Best Salad Ever)

Prep: 20 minutes **Cook:** 4 minutes

Makes: 2 main-course servings, 4 as a side

¼ cup garlic oil from buttery garlic cloves, see recipe

1½ tablespoons balsamic vinegar

½ teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1 cup walnut halves

6 heaping cups, about 6 ounces, torn leaf lettuce or butter lettuce or a combination

3 ounces thinly sliced prosciutto or Westphalian smoked ham

2 hard-cooked eggs, peeled, quartered lengthwise

12 buttery-soft garlic cloves, see recipe

3 tablespoons drained, rinsed capers (or finely chopped green olives or cornichons)

Balsamic glaze (or berry syrup, calafate syrup or honey)

1. Put garlic oil in a small bowl; stir in balsamic vinegar, salt and pepper. Leave at room temperature.

2. Heat a large skillet over medium heat until hot. Add walnuts; toast, stirring often, until walnuts are lightly browned and fragrant, about 4 minutes. Transfer to a plate to cool.

3. Arrange the lettuce in the center of a large serving bowl. Arrange the prosciutto around the edge of the dish. Arrange the egg wedges around the lettuce. Sprinkle everything with the garlic cloves, capers and walnuts. Drizzle with the balsamic glaze or one of its substitutes.

4. To serve, drizzle the oil mixture over the salad. Toss to coat everything. Serve immediately.

Nutrition information per serving: 762 calories, 68 g fat, 10 g saturated fat, 220 mg cholesterol, 19 g carbohydrates, 5 g sugar, 29 g protein, 2,096 mg sodium, 5 g fiber



Cauliflower and shrimp pub salad

Prep: 30 minutes **Cook:** 15 minutes **Makes:** 4 to 6 main-course servings

I like to use a slightly sweet dill pickle in this salad. I love trying pickles from small producers, farmers markets and specialty shops.

1 medium head cauliflower, about 2 pounds, trimmed, separated into florets, about 5 cups (or 16 ounces florets)

3 large carrots, about 10 ounces total, peeled, trimmed, cut into ½-inch dice

1 tablespoon sunflower or safflower oil

½ large red onion, very thinly sliced

¾ pound cooked medium-large shrimp

1 cup chopped drained dill, cornichon or gherkin pickles

Caraway vinaigrette, see recipe

¼ cup organic mayonnaise, optional

4 cups baby arugula

1. Put cauliflower florets and **½** cup water in a large microwave-safe bowl. Cover with plastic wrap vented at one corner. Microwave on high (100 percent power), pausing to stir twice, until florets are nearly tender, about 4 minutes. Let cool. Then drain off the water.

2. Put carrots and **½** cup water into a small microwave-safe bowl. Cover with plastic wrap vented at one corner. Microwave on high, stirring once, until tender, about 4 minutes. Let cool. Then drain off the water.

3. Heat oil in large skillet over medium heat until hot. Add onion. Cook, stirring, until onion is golden and tender, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat.

4. Mix cauliflower, carrots, shrimp and pickles in a large bowl. Add the onions and a few spoonfuls of the vinaigrette; toss to mix well. Add mayonnaise if using, and toss again to mix. Add arugula, and serve immediately.

Caraway vinaigrette: Put 1 teaspoon caraway seeds, **½** teaspoon salt, **½** teaspoon smoked paprika and **¼** teaspoon black pepper into a mortar. Grind with the pestle to crush the caraway. Add 1 large clove garlic; grind to thoroughly crush the garlic. Transfer the mixture to a container with a tightfitting lid. Add **⅓** cup safflower oil, 2 tablespoons olive oil and **¼** cup cider vinegar. Shake well. Makes: **⅔** cup. Any leftovers keep well in the refrigerator for a week.

Nutrition information per serving (for 6 servings, using half the vinaigrette): 206 calories, 12 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 120 mg cholesterol, 10 g carbohydrates, 4 g sugar, 15 g protein, 878 mg sodium, 3 g fiber

Follow your stomach through Chicago

5 things to learn from new book on food crawls in city

BY DARCEL ROCKETT
Chicago Tribune

Soo Park is not a novice when it comes to Chicago's food scene.

The former Uptown resident (and new North Center resident) is the creator of FabFoodChicago.com, a food-centric blog that features local foods in a vivid way and has been doing so since 2015. Her social media presence stretches even further with @FabSooPark, which Zagat rated as a top 100 Instagrammer in 2017.

Now the mom of @FabFoodBaby has penned her first book, "Chicago Food Crawls" (Globe Pequot Press, \$21.95), about her hometown's plethora of palate pleasers.

We talked to Park before the April 1 launch of the book, which takes readers on a tour of the city's neighborhoods by way of 25 restaurant crawls, each centered on a theme.

"The concept of a food crawl is an interesting way to kind of explore the different restaurants in Chicago because it's broken up by neighborhoods, and you're not going to find the same cuisines within one neighborhood," she said. "I think it's a unique way to explore."

"My friends are always: 'Where should I go to eat?' Especially if they're from out of town, the first thing I always ask is: 'What neighborhood are you looking for, and what kind of vibe?' So if you live in a certain neighborhood and you want to explore different neighborhoods, or if you're visiting Chicago and want to explore different neighborhoods, I think it's the perfect/ultimate food guide."

Park proffered five things you might not know about our city, but you will after reading her book.



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Soo Park, who created the food-centric blog FabFoodChicago.com, has written her first book, "Chicago Food Crawls."

1. "There are many restaurants that offer secret menu items, and these are dishes that are not included in the regular menu but can be made by request. If you read the book, there are some secret menu options. It's a fun thing to enjoy."

And it doesn't require a secret handshake to get the menu item, Park says. "It's just a matter of you knowing about it, so you go and ask for it." Logan Square bar Lost Lake has a "whisper menu," and Cochon Volant Brasserie's *cacio e pepe* is one item not on the menu that in-the-know patrons can request. At The Duck Inn, ask for the Up & Over burger.

2. Think West Loop, think desserts. "People, when they think of West

Loop, think there are fabulous restaurants there, and it's the mecca of all the restaurants, but people don't know that there are, actually, really incredible Instagrammable spots for dessert in West Loop. So there is a West Loop dessert crawl within the West Loop section of the book, and these days, if you don't post it on Instagram, did you really eat it?"

3. You don't have to spend a lot of money to have a great meal. "People don't understand that at even high-end restaurants, you can find affordable options, especially if you go during lunch hour or happy hour or late-night dining, so there are always specials, and there are some tips in there that highlight those." Osteria Langhe offers a



three-course meal for \$38 on Tuesdays. Cold Storage, the bar within Swift & Sons, has \$1 oysters and \$3 beers 3-6 p.m. weekdays. And if you can eat a 3-foot meatball sub (18 meatballs and 18 slices of provolone) in under an hour at Fontano's Subs, it's free with a \$50 gift

card and T-shirt.

4. Hotel dining usually kind of gets a bad rap, but not so much anymore. "In the past, people say it's overrated. I think it's made a turn in the last few years — there is some fabulous hotel dining restaurants that won't leave you disappointed. There are some that are highlighted in the book." Somerset in the Viceroy Chicago, Petit Margeaux in the lobby of the Waldorf Astoria, and Portsmith in the Dana Hotel fall in that category.

5. Dining is about the whole experience; here food is theater. "A lot of restaurants have unique experiences like Frontier, where you can get whole animal service. More restaurants are all about

open concept kitchens, where you can watch chefs doing noodle pulling or making dumplings, so it's more than just food — it's just a whole dining experience, and I feel Chicago has an appreciation for that."

"The more surprising neighborhood for me was Pilsen, because there are really great, new restaurants that are popping up. But I also have a taco crawl in the book that really honors the Mexican restaurants that have been there for over 20 years. If you know the story behind certain restaurants, it's not just about the great food, but the people behind the great food. So learning about their stories was very eye-opening."

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Charanda Uruapan is distilled from sugar cane juice and molasses in Mexico.

Charanda a rumlike spirit

BY LISA FUTTERMAN
Chicago Tribune

When is a rum not a rum? When it's a charanda!

The word charanda describes a natural rum from Michoacan. According to the rules of its protected denomination of origin, charanda may only be made in that large Mexican state just west of Mexico City and only with specific varieties of sugar cane. Charanda Uruapan is blended from two distillates — 50 percent cane juice wild-fermented in the open air and distilled on a wood-fired copper pot still, and 50 percent molasses distilled on a modified French-style column still — to create a 92 proof clear white spirit. Like the rhums agricoles of Martinique and the hard-to-find clairsins of Haiti, the charanda drinks more like an *aguardiente* (a category of strong clear spirits loosely translated as firewater) *de cana* than a traditional rum.

Like tequila and mezcal, charanda used to be considered the "poor man's drink," according to William Scanlan III, who imports Charanda Uruapan through his Texas company Heavy Metl. "The Pacheco family who makes this spirit (and formerly

produced mezcal) says they traditionally drink it neat as 'el mejor aperitivo,' (the best aperitif)." But its juicy taste shines beautifully in daiquiris and other classic cocktails as well.

I tasted the Charanda Uruapan with Marina Holter, head bartender at the Whistler in the Logan Square neighborhood. We sipped it straight, although the high alcohol level made it hard to get through. Once Holter shook up the charanda in a daiquiri, we found the unique flavor easier to access. The Uruapan showed a grassy, fresh sugar cane nose, with gorgeous florality as it bloomed. The vegetal sugary funk gave way to deeper notes reminiscent of aged rum and caramel coming from the molasses base.

"Rum is cool because it has no rules to it; there are so many diverse expressions under one category," Holter says. "I love the funky, petrol-y intensity. They also help incorporate the conversation about terroir, typically held for wine people, to rum."

Inspired, she made a quick shaken cocktail with the Uruapan, quinquina (an aromatized wine, "for that bitter gentian pop") and Tio Pepe Fino Sherry, plus a hint of rosewater

and honey salt. It tasted delightfully delicate and feminine. I asked Holter how she decides when to grab the distinctive blue bottle of the Uruapan or other Mexican cane spirits of this style, such as the Gustoso or Paranubes (from Oaxaca) brands, when making cocktails.

"I use them when I am making a lighter, crushable, more straightforward cocktail that needs a little bit of funk. But we also love to pair like with like, so when we make a drink based on a Mexican hot chocolate, it works geographically, like an homage to place."

The parallels between the tequila and mezcal industries and these rumlike spirits are quite real — charanda's open-air fermentation with the sugar cane taking the place of the harder-to-cultivate and often wildly propagating agave certainly calls up mezcal production — and Scanlan would like to revive the dwindling cane distillate category by increasing imports to the States. Next up is the Charanda Uruapan Agricola, distilled from 100 percent estate-grown sugar cane juice, with no molasses.

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4 modern Old-Fashioneds from Chicago bartenders

BY NICOLE SCHNITZLER
Chicago Tribune

Boozy, comforting and capable of chasing away even the fiercest Chicago chill, the Old-Fashioned is one of the most ordered cocktails in colder months. And while its traditional make-up comprises just four ingredients — whiskey, bitters, sugar and ice — bartenders around town are taking liberties with proportions, base spirit substitutions and ingredient additions, resulting in an array of new ways to present the traditional tippie.

Chicago has a long history with the drink. Though it was not invented here, there's evidence it was christened in the city — a Chicago Tribune article mentions it in 1880. So it's understandable that Chicago bartenders would feel enough ownership to play with its roots. Here, four Chicago bartenders share their inspirations — from fall flavors and dried fruit to Asian ingredients and aging — for four modern-day odes to the old classic.

Creole Maple Old-Fashioned

Compelled to craft an Old-Fashioned that honored the old and the new, Upstairs at the Gwen head bartender Jason Deatherage called upon two base spirits — whiskey and rum — for this at once spicy and rich take, which incorporates rye whiskey and Clement Orange Shrub Liqueur, a rum-based blend of orange peels, sugar cane and Creole spices. Deatherage sweetens the sipper with maple syrup and adds complexity with Angostura bitters, orange bitters and a Luxardo cherry — a creation perfect for an evening at the bar's outdoor curling rink. \$16. 521 N. Rush St.



PABLO MADRIGAL PHOTO

The Bristol mixes Grand Marnier Cuvee du Centenaire and Willett Family Estate 4-Year Rye with bitters and sugar.

104-Year Old-Fashioned

Of the 55 whiskeys The Bristol stocks, chef Todd Stein landed on the Willett Family Estate 4-Year Rye for this rendition of an Old-Fashioned. It's met with Grand Marnier Cuvee du Centenaire to evoke the orange flavors so often found in the traditional cocktail (and to inspire its name — a title noting the combined age of its two core ingredients). The bar team then adds Bokers Bitters, Regans' Orange Bitters, sugar and ice before stirring all ingredients and straining over a large ice cube in a rocks glass, which is garnished with an orange peel. \$35. 2152 N. Damen Ave.

N.J.S. Old-Fashioned

For Yugen head bartender Jonathan McMahon, it's all about the right whiskey when it comes to Old-Fashioned riffs. "The appropriate whiskey often determines the profile of the entire cocktail," says McMahon, who brings together Suntory's Toki whiskey, cassia bud syrup,

salted demerara syrup and red togarashi tincture before straining them into a double Old-Fashioned glass and topping it all off with two sprays of atomized lapsang souchong tea (for a particularly smoky finish). Expect to encounter several spice rack staples in this one — especially notes of cinnamon and ginger. \$17. 652 W. Randolph St.

Be Mine Old-Fashioned

Visit Backdoor Saloon, a tucked-away drinking den, for the burlesque and jazz; stay for the clever takes on classic cocktails — from Negronis and Sazeracs to Manhattans and, of course, Old-Fashioneds. Inspired to meld together two of his favorite ingredients — dates and whiskey — beverage director Tim McCafferty blends bourbon, Angostura and orange bitters, and a date reduction for a nutty, butter-scotch-forward alternative to the original. \$14. 844 W. Randolph St.

Nicole Schnitzler is a freelance writer.



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The new Carnitas Uruapan couldn't look more different from the original. Gorgeous green and brown ceramic dishes, imported from Michoacan, greet you near the large dining area.

Uruapan

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1975 by Inocencio Carbajal, who learned how to make them while growing up in Uruapan, a city in the Mexican state of Michoacan. Since then he's served slowly fried pork in the same small Pilsen storefront, even as the crowds have gotten progressively bigger over the years.

It may be dark and crowded, but the original Pilsen location has an undeniable charm thanks to the decorations lining the walls, including a number of masks and numerous photos of Mexico. But no one has ever described the place as comfortable. Seating consists mostly of desks that feel like they should be in a 1970s middle school. Crowds are manageable on a Tuesday, but the weekends have been a problem for some time.

"Our customers were starting to wait 45 minutes in line to get carnitas to go, and an hour and half to sit down on the weekends," says Marcos Carbajal, Inocencio's son. "People would see the line and leave."

Marcos Carbajal decided it was time to put his business degree to use and figure out a way to shorten the lines. He grew up working in the restaurant but initially had other career goals.

"I was seven to eight years into a career in banking when I decided to come back and help my dad," he says. He had gotten his MBA in the evenings from the Northwestern Kellogg School of Business, so he had some concrete ideas to implement.

The first was to figure out where to open a second location, even though his dad was initially against it. Thanks to a promotion that asked customers for their ZIP code, he found that 20 percent of his traffic came from residents of the Gage Park neighborhood. Deciding where to open was easy.

Along 55th Street, he found a large former hardware store in excellent shape. He reached out to Barker/Nestor, a company based in Pilsen, to come up with a design that would honor the original Carnitas Uruapan while also drawing inspiration from Mexico. "I wanted it to be reminiscent of how (carnitas are) sold in street markets in Mexico," Carbajal says.

The new location couldn't look more different from the original if it tried. Walk in and you're greeted by a shelf full of gorgeous green and brown ceramic dishes, imported from the state of Michoacan. Step around, and the room sprawls out into a large dining area, dotted with teal and yellow chairs, tables and comfy booths. In the back is a private dining room. The brick wall to the side has a huge mural of someone holding a mask. The tall room is capped by a skylight that pours sunshine into the middle. Not only would the restaurant fit in around Wicker Park, it would upstage Big Star.

Unlike Big Star, Carnitas Uruapan doesn't serve alcohol, though it is BYOB, and is only open for breakfast and lunch. It closes at 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and at 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Besides one major difference, the menu is the same. In essence,



Owners Marcos Carbajal, left, and his father, Inocencio Carbajal, work the Gage Park location. Inocencio opened the first location in Pilsen in 1975.



Victor Morfin makes fresh corn tortillas at the Gage Park Carnitas Uruapan. The machine cranks out hundreds of them every day.

the restaurant serves carnitas and not a lot else. (Vegetarians and vegans shouldn't even try to visit.) Like the best carnitas spots in Mexico, Carnitas Uruapan cooks the whole pig, and half the fun is sampling how unique each part tastes.

If you're not interested in taking the plunge, ask for the loin or another lean section. This is the carnitas most people are familiar with — tender and moderately juicy. But things get far more interesting if you order a mixed platter, or mixto in Spanish. Then you'll get a plate brimming with all manner of pig parts — succulent rib meat still on the bone, squishy sections of opaque skin, thin ribbons of soft stomach and crispy, fatty bits of belly. Each section has its own specific flavor and texture, but each also shares an overwhelming porkiness, while somehow managing to avoid being greasy.

The other dishes on the menu play supporting roles. You can find chicharrones (\$1.50 for a small portion), the crunchy fried pork skins, along with creamy refried beans (\$3.50). The one salad option is the ensalada de

nopales (\$3.50), a tangle of thin strips of cactus mixed with tomato, jalapeno, onion and queso fresco. The straightforward guacamole (market price) has very little jalapeno heat, which Carbajal says is traditional in Michoacan. Instead, spice comes in the form of two salsas on every table, a tomato-based salsa and a smoky and searingly spicy chipotle salsa.

While you can order tacos individually (\$2.75), it's much more popular to get the carnitas by the pound (\$8.99), along with whatever sides you want, so you can construct the tacos yourself. (I think guacamole is essential with carnitas, while the nopales aren't far behind.) This works especially well with a large group, where a pound of meat could easily feed four people.

If you're flying solo, go with the carnitas "especial" (\$8.50), which gives you a hefty half-pound portion of meat along with refried beans, chicharrones and a taco dorado. The latter is a taco stuffed with either potato, chorizo or pig's brains, which is then threaded with three toothpicks and deep fried. (They are the only items here I'd classify as



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Carnitas Uruapan

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Tribune rating: ★★★

Open: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Prices: Around \$10 per person with nonalcoholic drinks

Noise: Conversation-friendly

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.

merely OK.)

When you get ready to construct your tacos, you'll finally get to the one big difference that separates the Gage Park location from the original one in Pilsen: This one makes its own corn tortillas. "We would never be able to do that in the old space," admits Carbajal. But in the new space he was able to install an enormous machine by the front window. Fresh masa from El Popocatepetl Tortilleria is stuffed into the gleaming machine, which can crank out hundreds upon

hundreds a day. Each tortilla is thin with a slightly sweet aroma and a roasted corn background. They also have an unusually strong elasticity to them, so they can stand up to hefty fillings, without getting in the way.

The addition of freshly made tortillas and the stylish, comfortable dining room immediately vaults Carnitas Uruapan's Gage Park location into the realm of truly essential places to lunch in Chicago. Even if you've never been to the neighborhood, it's surprisingly convenient to drop by if you have a flight in or out of Midway.

Even Marcos' dad has come around.

"He was a little hesitant at first," Carbajal acknowledges. "He never expanded in 40 years and almost thought he might go back to Mexico. But now he absolutely loves it."

While a second location has helped with the lines at the Pilsen site, the Gage Park restaurant already has started to pull in big crowds. Carbajal admits that while he doesn't have a third location in the works, he's open to the possibility. He might need to start planning soon.

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Chicken and pear wedges are coated with a ginger-miso dressing and then roasted.

Chicken, pears unlikely pair

BY ELLIE KRIEGER
The Washington Post

In this sheet-pan recipe, bone-in chicken breasts and wedges of fresh pears are roasted side by side until the chicken is tender and juicy, and the pears are softened and lusciously caramelized.

The two elements, which might otherwise seem an unlikely duo, are married with a gingery miso mixture, which highlights both the sweetness of the fruit as well as the savory side of the poultry, and brings sophisticated flavor with little effort.

Whisk together mellow, blond miso, a splash of rice vinegar, a little honey, oil and chopped fresh ginger, then slather most of the slurry onto the chicken skin as well as underneath.

I like to leave the skin on, so the meat beneath it stays moist as it cooks and the chicken takes on a deep brown color and crispness. Even if you choose not to eat the skin, you will still get plenty of flavor.

The remaining miso mixture is used to coat the pears, a fruit now in the later part of its season, so take advantage of the fresh pick while you still can — any variety will work here.

Serve the chicken and pears together with a finishing shower of freshly sliced scallion, and per-

Miso-ginger roasted chicken and pears

Prep: 20 minutes **Cook:** 30 minutes

Makes: 4 servings

2 tablespoons mild miso paste (white or yellow)

1 tablespoon canola oil

1 tablespoon honey

1 tablespoon unseasoned rice vinegar

1 piece (2 inches long) peeled fresh ginger, minced, about 1 tablespoon

3 firm ripe pears, each peeled, cored, cut into eighths

4 bone-in, skin-on chicken breast halves (about 12 ounces each)

2 green onions, thinly sliced (white and green parts)

1. Heat the oven to 425 degrees. Whisk together the miso, oil, honey, vinegar and ginger in a bowl. Toss the pears with 1 tablespoon of the miso mixture in a separate bowl; transfer the coated fruit to a rimmed baking sheet.

2. Rub the remaining miso mixture all over the chicken and under its skin; arrange the chicken on the baking sheet next to the pears.

3. Roast (middle rack), 15 minutes. Turn the pears so they cook evenly. Continue to roast until the chicken is browned and cooked through (to an internal temperature of 165 degrees) and the pears have softened and caramelized, 15 minutes. If the pears are done before the chicken, remove them from the pan, cover them so they stay warm and return the chicken to the oven.

4. Serve the chicken (with or without the skin) and pears, sprinkled with the green onions.

Nutrition information per serving (without chicken skin): 310 calories, 7 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 85 mg cholesterol, 28 g carbohydrates, 18 g sugar, 36 g protein, 390 mg sodium, 5 g fiber

haps a simple green salad, for a delightful dinner that brings something unexpected to the table.

Ellie Krieger is a registered dietitian, nutritionist and cookbook author.

Spicy

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meaty depth and a slight sweetness. In other words, it's not a one-note hot sauce added to a dish after the fact. If one wants to see Korean chefs bristle, tout gochujang as the "next Sriracha."

One of those chefs is Bill Kim, the owner of Chicago's Urban Belly and author of the cookbook "Korean BBQ."

"Why can't it be its own thing?" Kim says. "Here is something that people have been eating and using for centuries. It has its own distinct flavor. It's from Korea, not from Thailand or China."

He believes gochujang works best when mixed with other ingredients.

"It's too intense by itself for most people, even for Korean people," Kim says. "At (Urban Belly), we always cut it with water, vinegar and sugar. You don't take gochujang and put it on a pork chop; you need to dilute it."

He likens it to a "spicy miso paste," which can immediately add depth to a dish.

What's gochujang made of?

Gochujang starts with meju, a brick of dried and fermented soybeans that traditionally takes many months to create. When his family lived in Korea, Kim's parents actually made it from scratch. The process starts with soybeans that are boiled and then formed together into blocks and dried.

But even if one happens to have some meju hanging around, gochujang still requires effort. To finish, the meju is mixed with gochugaru (Korean red pepper powder), rice flour, salt and maybe a sweetener. This mixture then needs to ferment for months. Considering how long it takes, don't feel bad about buying your own.

How to buy gochujang
It's easy to spot gochu-

Red chile country ribs

Prep: 10 minutes

Cook: 40 minutes

Makes: 4 servings

This recipe for red chile roasted pork country ribs from "Dinner at Home" columnist JeanMarie Brownson is an excellent way to use gochujang. She suggests serving them "with plenty of rice and a small dish of kimchi made from cabbage or other vegetables. Save the leftovers for use in kimchi fried rice. Your life will be full of flavor!"

3 tablespoons gochujang

2 tablespoons doenjang fermented soybean paste (or pureed white beans and more gochujang)

2 tablespoons pure maple syrup

1 teaspoon dark Asian sesame oil

2 to 2 1/2 pounds boneless pork country ribs

Sesame seeds and sliced green onions for garnish

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly oil a baking pan or spray with nonstick cooking spray.

2. Mix gochujang, bean paste, maple syrup, sesame oil and 2 tablespoons very hot water in a bowl until smooth. Stir in ribs; turn to coat with sauce.

3. Spread the ribs in the prepared baking pan, so they do not touch each other. Bake until tender when pierced with a knife, about 40 minutes. Serve hot sprinkled with sesame seeds and green onions.

Nutrition information per serving: 465 calories, 34 g fat, 10 g saturated fat, 110 mg cholesterol, 16 g carbohydrates, 10 g sugar, 24 g protein, 680 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

jang in a Korean grocery store — just look for those bright red containers. But to anyone not fluent in Korean, figuring out exactly which one to get can feel intimidating. Fortunately, while most of the text on the container might be Korean, often there will be a sticker that lists the ingredients in English. Cheaper versions will have corn syrup and unpronounceable (even in English) ingredients in the mix. Kim recommends the brand Chung Jung One.

How to use gochujang

Gochujang is crucial to such Korean classics as bibimbap, tteokbokki and ssamjang, but that's just the beginning.

Kim uses it a lot in stews and meat dishes to add an instant depth and complexity. In "Korean BBQ"

he has a very untraditional recipe al pastor that uses the paste.

"(Gochujang) has the heat, the sweetness and it goes so well with pineapple," Kim says. "It's almost like an adobo marinade."

The paste provides a similar depth and sweetness to a recipe developed by "Dinner at Home" columnist JeanMarie Brownson, featuring country pork ribs slathered in a sauce made from gochujang, doenjang (fermented bean paste) and maple syrup. The meat doesn't even have to marinate; just slather it on, place it in the oven and, 40 minutes later, you have ribs with a wicked heat and a strong umami-laced backbone.

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Florida Sweet Corn
Limit 10
Each Additional 49¢ ea.

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Fresh Natural 93% Lean Ground Beef
Value Pack
Limit 2 packages

2.99 lb

JOIN US FOR **DOUBLE AD WEDNESDAYS!** **2X** THE ADS THE SAVINGS
Every Wednesday, weekly sale flyers will overlap, meaning you can save on last week's specials AND the current week's specials. See store for details.

2 lb. Bag!

Easy Peel Seedless Clementines

1.49 ea

Blackberries
6 oz.

69¢ ea

ORGANIC **USDA ORGANIC** **NON GMO**

Organic Baby Peeled or Whole Carrots

1 lb. Bag
2 lb. Bag

1.49 ea

ORGANIC **USDA ORGANIC** **NON GMO**

Organic Fuji or Gala Apples

2 lb. Bag

2.99 ea

Mexico **ALWAYS IN SEASON**

Hass Avocados or Mangos

88¢ ea

Red Rose, Russet or Yukon Gold Potatoes or Yellow Onions

69¢ lb

Bunched Broccoli

99¢ lb

Gala or Fuji Apples or Navel Oranges

99¢ lb

Fresh Thyme White Cheddar

2.99 lb

100% RBST Free!

Fresh Thyme Fresh Roasted Coffee
Assorted Varieties

5.99 lb

Organic Fresh Roasted Coffee **6.99** lb

Fresh Natural Boneless Rump, Arm, Cross Rib or English Roasts
Not All Varieties Available
Limit 3

2.99 lb

USDA CHOICE All Natural BEEF

Fresh Fresh Thyme Natural Chicken Sausage
Select Varieties

1.99 lb

HANDMADE IN STORE
using all natural meat & seasonings!
NO MSG!

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FARMERS MARKET

PRICES EFFECTIVE 3/27/19 - 4/3/19
GENEVA LOCATION ONLY

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SUPER COUPONS

COUPONS NOT AVAILABLE IN STORES
 Sale Dates: Wednesday March 27th thru Tuesday April 2nd, 2019

REDEEM ALL 10 COUPONS WITH A \$100 PURCHASE

10 **WALT'S COUPON** LU 5302

Walt's Own
Cake Donuts
 •Plain •Powdered Sugared
 •Cinnamon Sugared
 •Granulated Sugared
 6 Pk. Pre-Packaged



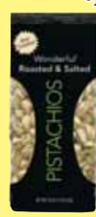
Best Donuts in Town
 Made Fresh in our Store

99¢

With This Coupon and a Separate \$10 Purchase Per Coupon.
 Limit One Of Each Coupon Per Family Per Visit.
 Limit One Per Coupon.
 Coupon Good 03/27/19 - 04/02/19.

10 **WALT'S COUPON** LU 5303

Wonderful Fresh
Pistachios
 •Roasted & Salted
 •Lightly Salted
 16 Oz. Bag



\$4.99

With This Coupon and a Separate \$10 Purchase Per Coupon.
 Limit One Of Each Coupon Per Family Per Visit.
 Limit One Per Coupon.
 Coupon Good 03/27/19 - 04/02/19.

10 **WALT'S COUPON** LU 5304

Klondike
Ice Cream Bars
 6 Pk.



\$2.79

With This Coupon and a Separate \$10 Purchase Per Coupon.
 Limit One Of Each Coupon Per Family Per Visit.
 Limit One Per Coupon.
 Coupon Good 03/27/19 - 04/02/19.

10 **WALT'S COUPON** LU 5305

•Cheetos
 •Fritos
 7.5 - 8.5 Oz.



\$1.79

With This Coupon and a Separate \$10 Purchase Per Coupon.
 Limit One Of Each Coupon Per Family Per Visit.
 Limit One Per Coupon.
 Coupon Good 03/27/19 - 04/02/19.

10 **WALT'S COUPON** LU 5306

Swaggerty's
Pork Sausage
 •Roll •Links •Patties
 12 - 16 Oz.



\$1.79

With This Coupon and a Separate \$10 Purchase Per Coupon.
 Limit One Of Each Coupon Per Family Per Visit.
 Limit One Per Coupon.
 Coupon Good 03/27/19 - 04/02/19.

10 **WALT'S COUPON** LU 5307

Ocean Spray
Cranberry
 •Cocktail •100% Juice
 60 - 64 Oz.



\$1.79

With This Coupon and a Separate \$10 Purchase Per Coupon.
 Limit One Of Each Coupon Per Family Per Visit.
 Limit One Per Coupon.
 Coupon Good 03/27/19 - 04/02/19.

10 **WALT'S COUPON** LU 5308

Grown in Idaho
Potatoes
 28 Oz.



\$1.79

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 Limit One Per Coupon.
 Coupon Good 03/27/19 - 04/02/19.

10 **WALT'S COUPON** LU 5309

Nabisco
Chips Ahoy Cookies
 7 - 13 Oz.



\$1.79

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 Limit One Per Coupon.
 Coupon Good 03/27/19 - 04/02/19.

10 **WALT'S COUPON** LU 5310

Dutch Farms
 Grade "A"
Large Eggs
 Dozen



79¢

With This Coupon and a Separate \$10 Purchase Per Coupon.
 Limit One Of Each Coupon Per Family Per Visit.
 Limit One Per Coupon.
 Coupon Good 03/27/19 - 04/02/19.

10 **WALT'S COUPON** LU 5311

Best Choice/
 Pleasant View
Milk
 •2% Reduced Fat
 •1% Lowfat
 •Skim Fat Free
 Gallon



\$1.79

With This Coupon and a Separate \$10 Purchase Per Coupon.
 Limit One Of Each Coupon Per Family Per Visit.
 Limit One Per Coupon.
 Coupon Good 03/27/19 - 04/02/19.

10/\$10 SALE!

Mix or Match Any Items.
See Page 5 for More Items.

	Betty Crocker Helper 4.7 - 12.2 Oz.	
	Chef Boyardee Pasta Meal 7.5 - 15 Oz.	
	Hunt's Ketchup 24 Oz.	
	Hunt's Snack Pack Pudding 4 Pack	
	Hunt's Tomatoes • Tomato Sauce 14.5 - 15 Oz.	
	Hunt's Tomato Paste 6 Oz.	
	Kraft Macaroni & Cheese •Regular •Deluxe •Velveeta Shells & Cheese 1.9 - 2.39 Oz. Cups	
	Kleenex Facial Tissue 45 - 75 Ct.	
	Birdseye Polybag Regular Vegetables •Regular •Steamfresh •Rice Selected Varieties 10 - 16 Oz.	
	Banquet Pot Pies •Meat •Fruit 7 Oz.	
	Banquet Basic Dinner Selected Varieties 4.85 - 7 Oz.	
	Dutch Farms Sandwiches 4.2 - 5.5 Oz.	
	Banquet Brown 'N Serve Sausage (Excludes Beef) 6.4 Oz.	
	Armour Lunchmakers Sliced Pepperoni 2.4 - 2.9 Oz.	
	Tennessee Pride Sausage Gravy 8 Oz.	
	Sugardale Hot Dogs 12 Oz.	
	Blue Bonnet Margarine 1 Lb. Qtrs.	
	Simply Juice • Fairlife Milk 11.5 Oz.	
	Sunny D •Tangy •Smooth 64 Oz.	
	Dean's DairyPure Sour Cream 8 Oz.	
	Dean's DairyPure Cottage Cheese Mix-ins 5.3 Oz.	
	Kraft Snack Trios 1.28 - 2.25 Oz.	

SALE DATES:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27th THRU
TUESDAY, APRIL 2nd, 2019

STORE HOURS:
Mon.-Sat. 7 am to 9 pm
Sun. 7 am to 7 pm

WALT'S FOOD CENTERS



View Our Ad & Current Values
at www.waltsfoods.com

From Our Country Bakery

Walt's Own Fresh Baked
Honey Cracked
Wheat Bread
1 Lb. Loaf
\$1.99

Walt's Own Fresh Baked
Kaiser Rolls
8 Pk. Pre-Packaged
\$1.99

Sweet Jumbo
•Cantaloupe
•Honeydew
Melon
\$2.99
Ea.

Sweet Seedless
**Whole
Watermelon**
\$4.99
Ea.

Extra Large Sweet
**Roma
Tomatoes**
69¢
Lb.

Fresh Fancy
**Zucchini
Squash**
69¢
Lb.

Del Monte
Premium
Bananas
39¢
Lb.

Del Monte Extra Sweet
**Whole
Pineapple**
2/\$5
Jumbo Size

From Our Deli Hut

Walt's Signature Premium
**Polish Style
Ham**
\$4.98
Lb. **Gluten Free**

\$2.49 1/2 Lb.
Walt's Signature Premium
Italian Beef
\$9.98
Lb.
\$4.99 1/2 Lb.

Walt's Premium USDA Choice
"Natural Beef"
**Boneless
Round Steak**
Sold as Steak Only
\$3.99
Lb.

USDA Choice Certified
Hereford "Natural Beef"
**Porterhouse
Steak**
Any Size Package
\$8.99
Lb.

Walt's "All Natural" Fresh
**Boneless
Chicken Breasts**
3 Lb. Pkgs. or More
\$1.59
Lb. **No Added Hormones**

Miller Amish Country
"100% Natural"
**Whole Frying
Chicken**
\$1.79
Lb. **Raised Without Antibiotics, Hormones or Steroids**

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork
Lean & Meaty
**Pork Shoulder
Blade Steaks**
Value Pack
\$1.79
Lb.

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork
**Boneless
Pork Chops**
Value Pack
\$2.29
Lb.

Sea Best
Fish Fillets
•Flounder **\$5.49**
16 Oz.
•Catfish **\$6.29**
16 Oz.
•Salmon **\$6.49**
16 Oz.

Powerade
32 Oz.
69¢

Weight Watchers
Smart Ones
Entrees
Selected Varieties
4.4 - 10.5 Oz.
4/\$9

Flav-R-Pac Polybag
Regular Classic
Vegetables
Selected Varieties
12 Oz.
99¢

Prairie Farms
Premium
Ice Cream
56 Oz.
2/\$6

Dutch Farms
Bagels
14 Oz.
99¢

Dutch Farms
Butter
•Regular •No Salt
1 Lb. Qtrs.
2/\$6

Tide
**Laundry
Detergent**
•Liquid 46 - 50 Oz.
•Pods 15 - 20 Ct.
\$5.99

•Charmin
Bath Tissue
4 Pk. Super Mega Rolls,
6 Pk. Mega Rolls or
12 Pk. Double Rolls

•Bounty
Paper Towels
6 Pk. Big Rolls
\$6.99 **Your Choice**

Coffee
•Folgers Classic 33.9 Oz.
•Hills Bros. Hi Yield 30.5 Oz. or
Medium Roast 26 Oz.
\$5.99

Kraft
Cheese
•Shreddeds, Chunks or Crumbles
Selected Varieties 5- 8 Oz.
•Natural Slices
Selected Varieties 7 - 8 Oz.
•Regular American Singles 12 Oz.
2/\$4

Tony's
Pizzeria Style
Pizza
12 Inch
4/\$10

When You Buy 3 Regular, Diet
•Pepsi •Mtn. Dew
•Crush •Schweppes
•7Up •Dr. Pepper
•A&W •RC •Sunkist
•Canada Dry
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans OR
8 Pk. 12 Oz. NR Btl's.
3/\$10
Must Buy 3. Single Item Price \$3.99 Ea.
Limit 2 Offers.

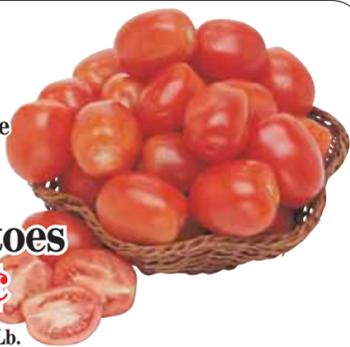


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Rewards
DEAL of the Week

Available on the Walt's mobile app or at www.waltsfoods.com
89¢
Limit 1
Aunt Millie's Giant
Bread
•White •Wheat •Italian
24 Oz.

PRODUCE

Extra Large Sweet
Roma Tomatoes
69¢ Lb.



Fresh Fancy
Zucchini Squash
69¢ Lb.



Extra Large Sweet Red
Peppers
\$1.69 Lb.



Large Fresh
Artichokes
69¢ Ea.



Sweet Seedless
Whole Watermelon
\$4.99 Ea.
Premium
•Cuts •Slices 99¢ Lb.



Sweet Jumbo
Cantaloupe
\$2.99 Ea.



Sweet
Honeydew Melon
\$2.99 Ea.



Driscoll's Finest
Sweet Red
Raspberries
2/\$5



Earthbound
Organic Salads
Assorted Varieties
5 Oz. Clamshell
2/\$6



Del Monte Premium
Bananas
39¢ Lb.



Tri-Color Sweet
Mini Peppers
2/\$3



Del Monte Extra Sweet
Whole Pineapple
2/\$5



Fresh Express
•Chopped
Salads
•Salad Kits
Assorted Varieties
2/\$6



Affy Tapple
Premium
Caramel Corn
5.5 Oz. Bag
99¢



Fancy
Green Beans
99¢ Lb.



Naked
Juice
•Mighty Mango
•Green Machine
•Strawberry Banana
4 Pk. 10 Oz. Btls.
\$6.99



Affy Tapple
Caramel Apple
•Peanut
•Plain
•Sprinkles
99¢ Ea.



Super Select
Premium
Cucumbers
2/\$1



Extra Large
Fancy
Lemons
2/\$1

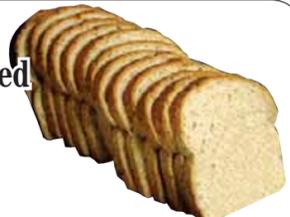


Fresh "Bunched"
Green Onions
2/\$1



COUNTRY BAKERY

Walt's Own
Fresh Baked
Honey Cracked Wheat Bread
1 Lb. Loaf
\$1.99



Walt's Own Fresh
Banana Nut Muffins
4 Pk. Pre-Packaged
\$4.49



Walt's Own
Cake Donuts
•Plain •Powdered Sugared
•Cinnamon Sugared
•Granulated Sugared
6 Pk. Pre-Packaged
\$1.49



Walt's Own
Fresh Baked
Kaiser Rolls
8 Pk. Pre-Packaged
\$1.99



Walt's Own Fresh
Banana Nut Cream Cake
1/2 Ring
\$4.99



Walt's Own
Pan Style
Fruit Filled Danish Coffee Cake
\$4.49



Walt's Own Fresh
Homestyle
Apple Pie
8 Inch
\$4.99



Walt's Own Sliced
Fruit Filled Cream Cake Loaf
Assorted Varieties
\$4.49



Walt's Own
Buttercream Iced
Spring Celebration Cake
8 Inch
\$5.99



Walt's Own Value Pack
Candy Cookies
12 Pk. Pre-Packaged
\$2.99



BUTCHER SHOP

Walt's "All Natural" Fresh
Boneless Chicken Breasts
3 Lb. Pkgs. or More
\$1.59 Lb.
No Added Hormones

Miller Amish Country "100% Natural"
Whole Frying Chicken
\$1.79 Lb.
Whole Cut Up Frying Chicken \$1.89 Lb.
Raised Without Antibiotics, Hormones or Steroids

Honeysuckle 93% Lean
Ground Turkey
16 Oz.
\$2.99
Fresh Turkey Parts \$2.49 Lb.
•Wings •Drumsticks •Thighs •Necks

Walt's Premium USDA Choice "Natural Beef"
Boneless Round Steak
Sold As Steak Only
\$3.99 Lb.

Walt's "All Natural" Premium 80% Lean
Ground Chuck
Value Pack
\$2.99 Lb.
Ground fresh in store many times daily

Walt's Premium USDA Choice "Natural Beef" Tenderized
Beef Cube Steaks
Value Pack
\$3.99 Lb.

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork
Boneless Pork Country Ribs
Value Pack
\$1.99 Lb.

Walt's Premium USDA Choice "Natural Beef"
Beef Bottom Round Roast
Sold As Roast Only
\$3.79 Lb.

Banquet **Brown 'N Serve**
(Excludes Beef)
Assorted Varieties
6.4 Oz.
10/\$10

Dutch Farms **Sliced Bacon**
Assorted Varieties
16 Oz.
\$3.99

Swaggerty's **Breakfast Pork Sausage**
•Roll •Links •Patties
12 - 16 Oz.
2/\$4

USDA Choice Certified Hereford "Natural Beef"
Porterhouse Steak
Any Size Package
\$8.99 Lb.
T-Bone Steak \$8.79 Lb.

Oscar Mayer **Wieners**
(Excludes Beef, Cheese)
Assorted Varieties
14 - 16 Oz.
2/\$3

Jennie-O **Turkey Bacon**
12 Oz.
2/\$5

Jennie-O **Smoked Turkey Sausage**
14 Oz.
2/\$5

Oscar Mayer **Fun Pack Lunchables**
Assorted Varieties
8 - 10.7 Oz.
2/\$4

Oscar Mayer **Economy Lunchmeat**
Assorted Varieties
14 - 16 Oz.
2/\$5

Carl Buddig **Lunchmeat Tub**
Assorted Varieties
7 - 9 Oz.
2/\$5

Bob Evans **Mashed Potatoes**
Assorted Varieties
12 - 24 Oz.
2/\$5

Scott Pete **Smoked Sausage**
Selected Varieties
20 Oz.
\$3.99
Beef Smoked Sausage Selected Varieties 20 Oz. \$4.99

Cooked Perfect **Meatballs**
Assorted Varieties
20 - 32 Oz.
\$5.99

Walt's "All Natural" Premium 85% Lean Fresh
Ground Round
Any Size Package
\$3.29 Lb.
Ground fresh in store many times daily.

Specialty Shoppe

USDA PRIME BEEF
The Highest Quality Grade of Beef
Now Available at WALT'S

The U.S. Department of Agriculture assigned the word "PRIME" to describe the highest quality of beef. The "Prime" Beef Grade is based on the amount of marbling within the meat. The marbling, flecks of fat within the meat, adds flavor and tenderness to the meat. USDA Prime Beef is known to be the most tender, flavorful, and juiciest of all grades of beef. Less than 2% of all beef produced in the United States will qualify for the "USDA PRIME" Grade. All our PRIME Steaks are aged and Hand Trimmed by our Master Meat Cutters.

USDA PRIME Black Angus Beef Boneless Rib Eye Steak	\$14.99 Lb.
USDA PRIME Black Angus Beef Boneless Strip Steak	\$12.99 Lb.
USDA PRIME Black Angus Beef Porterhouse Steak	\$11.99 Lb.
USDA PRIME Black Angus Beef Boneless Sirloin Steak	\$7.99 Lb.

Lenten Specials

CATCH! THE SAVINGS

Sea Best Salmon Fillets	16 Oz.	\$6.49
Sea Best Catfish Fillets	16 Oz.	\$6.29
Sea Best Flounder Fillets	16 Oz.	\$5.49
Sea Best Ahi Tuna Steaks	16 Oz.	\$8.49
Chatka Breaded Fantail Shrimp	1.5 Lb. Box	\$7.99

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork
Boneless Pork Chops
Value Pack
\$2.29 Lb.

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork Lean & Meaty
Pork Shoulder Blade Steaks
Value Pack
\$1.79 Lb.

Check Out Our LOW PRICES DELI-HUT Everyday

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Walt's Signature Premium **Polish Style Ham**
\$4.98 Lb.
Gluten Free
\$2.49 1/2 Lb.

Walt's Signature Premium **Italian Beef with Gravy**
\$9.98 Lb.
\$4.99 1/2 Lb.

Garden Fresh Cranberry Walnut Red Cabbage Slaw	\$4.99 Lb.
Garden Fresh Asiago Pasta Salad	\$6.49 Lb.
Garden Fresh Creamy Kidney Bean Salad	\$3.79 Lb.
Grandpa's Baked Beans	\$3.29 Lb.
Garden Fresh Hawaiian Salad	\$5.79 Lb.

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Eckrich Oven Roasted **Turkey Breast**
\$6.98 Lb.
\$3.49 1/2 Lb.

Eckrich **Hard Salami**
Selected Varieties
\$4.98 Lb.
\$2.49 1/2 Lb.

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Hormel **Spiced Ham**
\$5.98 Lb.
\$2.99 1/2 Lb.

Walt's Deli Hut **Pudding**
•Tapioca •Rice
\$2.99 Lb.

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Sabra **Hummus**
Selected Varieties
10 Oz.
2/\$6

Sabra **Guacamole**
Selected Varieties
8 Oz.
2/\$6

Dietz & Watson Black Forest **Turkey Breast**
\$7.98 Lb.
\$3.99 1/2 Lb.

Dietz & Watson **Hard Salami**
\$7.98 Lb.
\$3.99 1/2 Lb.
Gluten Free

Walt's Deli Hut Homestyle **Stuffed Peppers**
\$6.99 Lb.

Walt's Deli Hut Homestyle **Meat Lasagna**
\$6.99 Lb.

Dietz & Watson Black Forest **Smoked Ham**
\$6.98 Lb.
\$3.49 1/2 Lb.
Gluten Free

Dietz & Watson Yellow **American Cheese**
\$4.98 Lb.
\$2.49 1/2 Lb.
Gluten Free

DAIRY

Yoplait Yogurt
 •Fruitside •Mix-ins •Greek 100 Selected Varieties
 4 - 5.3 Oz.
88¢
 Yoplait Fridge Pack 8 Pk. \$4.99

Pillsbury Grands! Biscuits
 16.3 Oz.
2/\$3

Dutch Farms English Muffins
 6 Pk.
Bagels
 14 Oz.
99¢

Coffeemate Flavored Creamer
 16 Oz.
2/\$4

Minute Maid Premium Orange Juice
 59 Oz.
 Sale Price **2/\$5**
 Digital Reward Coupon
 When You Buy 2 **-\$1**
 Final Price **2/\$4**
 Must use Wal-Mart's App to redeem

Ore Ida Just Crack An Egg
 3 Oz.
\$2.49

Dean's Dip
 16 Oz.
\$1.99

Shedd's Country Crock Soft Spread
 15 Oz.
\$1.99

Kraft Philadelphia Soft Cream Cheese
 7.5 - 8 Oz. Tub
\$3.49

Weyauwega Cheese Spread
 14 Oz.
2/\$7

Dutch Farms Snack Cheese
 •One The Go Bars 7.5 Oz.
 •On The Go Snackers 3/Pk.
 •Curds 5 Oz.
2/\$5

Turkey Hill Tea •Lemonade
 64 Oz.
3/\$5

Almond Breeze Milk
 Selected Varieties
 1/2 Gallon
\$2.99

Dutch Farms Sour Cream
 16 Oz.
3/\$5

Kraft Cheese
 •Shreddeds •Chunks •Crumbles
 Selected Varieties 5 - 8 Oz.
 •Natural Slices Selected Varieties 7-8 Oz.
 •Regular American Singles 12 Oz.
2/\$4

Pearl Valley Cracker Cheese Cuts
 12 Oz.
2/\$6
 Amish Butter Roll 1 Lb. \$4.99

Dutch Farms Cheese
 •Snack •String
 10 Oz.
2/\$6

HomeMaker Orange Juice
 59 Oz.
2/\$5

Dean's DairyPure Whipping Cream
 1/2 Pint
3/\$5
 Dean's DairyPure Buttermilk 1/2 Gallon \$2.39

Dutch Farms Cottage Cheese
 24 Oz.
2/\$4

Imperial Spread
 1 Lb. Qtrs.
99¢

Frigo Mozzarella Cheese Ball
 16 Oz.
\$4.99

Dutch Farms Shredded Cheese
 5 Oz. Cups
Flavored Cream Cheese Spread
 8 Oz.
2/\$4

Dole Juice Blends
 59 Oz.
\$2.79

Eggland's Best Grade "A" Large Eggs
 18 Pk.
2/\$6
 Dutch Farms Corned Beef Hash 1 Lb. 2/\$6

Dutch Farms Butter
 •Regular •No Salt
 1 Lb. Qtrs.
2/\$6

Imperial Spread
 1 Lb. Qtrs.
99¢

Jello Pudding •Gelatin
 4 Pk.
\$2.39

Dutch Farms Whipped Topping
 6.5 Oz. Can
\$1.69

Dutch Farms Cheese Spread
 8 Oz.
2/\$5

Dean's Orchard Pure Orange Juice
 1/2 Gallon
2/\$6

FROZEN

Prairie Farms Premium Ice Cream
 56 Oz.
2/\$6

Flav-R-Pac Polybag Regular Classic Vegetables
 Selected Varieties
 12 Oz.
99¢

Gorton's Fish
 •Garlic Herb Fillets 11 Oz.
 •Crunchy Fillets or Sticks 11.4 Oz.
 •Crispy Battered Fillets 11.4 Oz.
 •Grilled Salmon or Tilapia Fillets 6.3 Oz.
 •Lemon Peppers Fillets 7.1 Oz.
2/\$7

Weight Watchers Smart Ones Entree
 Selected Varieties
 4.4 - 10.5 Oz.
4/\$9

Tony's Pizzeria Style Pizza
 12 Inch
4/\$10

DeWafelbakkers Pancakes
 18 - 60 Ct.
2/\$5

Best Choice Ice Cream LLA
 48 Oz.
2/\$5

Mrs. Smith's Fruit Pie
 Selected Varieties
 35 - 37 Oz.
\$5.99

When You Buy 2 Sister Schubert's Rolls
 •Dinner Yeast •Yeast Pan
 11 Oz., 10 Ct.
2/\$6
 Must Buy 2. Single Item Price \$3.50

Kid Cuisine Dinner
 7.45 - 10.6 Oz.
\$2.29

Patio Burritos
 5 Oz.
2/\$1

DiGiorno Pizza
 12 Inch
2/\$10

Jimmy Dean Breakfast Bowl
 7 - 9 Oz.
\$2.59

Good Humor Ice Cream Bars
 •Strawberry Shortcake •Chocolate Eclair
 6 Pk.
\$3.99

Athens Phyllo Shells
 1.9 Oz.
\$1.79

Flav-R-Pac Polybag Steam of the Crop Vegetables
 Selected Varieties
 12 Oz.
3/\$5

Stouffer's Family Size Entree
 •Meat Lasagna •Chicken Alfredo •Macaroni & Cheese
 Selected Varieties
 57 - 76 Oz.
\$9.99

Super Pretzel Soft Pretzels
 Selected Varieties
 9 - 13 Oz.
\$2.79

Pizza
 •Scream'n' Sicilian 20.2 - 25.05 Oz.
 •Urban Pie 16.20 - 20.45 Oz.
\$4.98

Mr. Dee's Hash Browns
 •Shredded •Golden Rounds
 24 Oz.
\$2.59
 Mr. Dee's Hash Brown Patties 31.75 Oz. \$3.99

Klondike Ice Cream Bars
 6 Pk.
\$3.99

Grown In Idaho Potatoes
 28 Oz.
\$2.99

Banquet Family Size Entree
 24 - 27 Oz.
\$2.99

Marie Callender's Lasagna
 31 Oz.
\$5.49

Lean Pockets •Hot Pockets
 9 Oz.
\$2.29

Pizza
 •Home Run Inn Classic •Gino's East Tavern Style
 12 Inch
\$5.99

Dutch Farms Breakfast Sandwiches
 4 Pk.
\$3.99

North Star Lotta Pops
 •Regular •Patriot
 20 Pk.
2/\$6

Louisa Pasta
 16 - 22 Oz.
\$3.99

Banquet Mega
 •Bowl •Meal •Pot Pie
 Selected Varieties
 12 - 16.95 Oz. Sale Price **2/\$5**
 Digital Reward Coupon
 When You Buy 2 **-\$1**
 Final Price **2/\$4**
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Marie Callender's Meat Pot Pie •Cream Pie
 Selected Varieties
 6 - 10 Oz.
\$2.29

Farm Rich Appetizers
 16 - 26 Oz.
\$5.99

Gino's East Thin Crust Pizza
 12 Inch
2/\$7
 Home Run Inn Pizza 6 Inch \$3.10
 •Classic •Thin Crust

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Mix or Match **BIG 10/\$10 SALE!** **Mix or Match**

Hershey's Theater Boxes
4 - 6 Oz.
Nabisco Go-Cups
2.25 - 3.5 Oz.
10/\$10

Jell-O Gelatin Pudding
5.1 - 6 Oz.
10/\$10

Jet-Puffed Marshmallows
10 - 12 Oz.
10/\$10

Kool Aid Bursts Fruit Drinks
6 Ct.
10/\$10

Starkist Tuna Creations
•Chunk Light Tuna
•Chicken
2.6 - 3 Oz. Pouch
10/\$10

Taco Bell Refried Beans
16 Oz.
Taco Shells
12 Ct.
10/\$10

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•Yellow
•Spicy
14 Oz.
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Slim Jim Meat Stick
.97 Oz.
Crunch 'n Munch Popcorn
3.5 Oz.
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Prego Sauce
•Alfredo
•Pasta
22 - 45 Oz.
\$2.99

Kikkoman Sauce
•Soy
•Teriyaki
15 Oz.
\$2.79

Polar Mushrooms
4 Oz.
69¢

Oro Di Parma Imported Tomatoes
14.1 Oz.
79¢

Nabisco Chips Ahoy Cookies
7 - 13 Oz.
2/\$5

General Mills Cereals
•Lucky Charms 10.5 Oz.
•Honey Nut Cheerios 10.8 Oz.
•Multigrain Cheerios 9 Oz.
•Chocolate Peanut Butter Cheerios 11.3 Oz.
•Trix 10.7 Oz.
•Cocoa Puffs 11.8 Oz.
\$1.99

Kellogg's Cereals
•Frosted Flakes 13.5 Oz.
•Raisin Bran 18.2 - 18.7 Oz.
•Mini Wheats 15.2 - 18 Oz.
•Kraze 11 Oz.
•Crispix 12 Oz.
2/\$5

Malt-O-Meal Cereals
22 - 36 Oz.
\$2.99 **-\$1 Digital Reward Coupon**
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Buy Any 2 Gatorade
8 Pk. 20 Oz. Btls.
Get 2 Gatorade
32 Oz.
FREE

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Gatorade 32 Oz. **10/\$10**

Starkist Chunk Light Tuna
5 Oz.
89¢

Starkist Solid White Tuna
5 Oz.
2/\$3

Aunt Millie's Deluxe Hamburger Buns
Hot Dog Buns
8 Ct.
\$1.69

Brownberry Bread
24 Oz.
\$2.99

Kraft Deluxe Mac & Cheese
Velveeta Shells & Cheese
12 - 14 Oz.
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\$1.99

Always Save Granulated Sugar
4 Lb.
\$1.79

Always Save Water
•Distilled
•Drinking
128 Oz.
95¢

Always Save Mayonnaise
Salad Dressing
30 Oz.
\$1.29

Coffee
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•Hill Bros. Hi Yield 30.5 Oz. or Medium Roast 26 Oz.
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40 Ct.
99¢

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Regular 10-20 Ct.
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•Liquid 46 - 50 Oz.
•Pods 15 - 20 Ct.
\$5.99

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•Mtn. Dew
•Crush
 10 Pk. 7.5 Oz. Cans
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Regular, Diet
•Coke
•Coke Zero Sugar
•Sprite
 6 Pk. 7.5 Oz. Cans
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•Canada Dry
 6 Pk. 5 Ltr. Btls. or
 6 Pk. 7.5 Oz. Cans
5/\$10



Regular, Diet
•Coke
•Coke Zero Sugar
•Sprite
 2 Ltr.
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 32 Oz.
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 60 - 64 Oz.
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Pack
 28 Ct.
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Potato
Chips
 7.5 - 8 Oz.
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Popcorn
 4 - 5 Oz.
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Bread
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Bagels
 •Regular •Mini
 10 - 20 Oz.
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Rice Krispies Treats
 14 - 16 Ct.
 Sale Price **\$3.99**
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Toothpaste
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