



THE NEXT MAYOR OF CHICAGO

LIGHTFOOT IN A LANDSLIDE

FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN ELECTED TO LEAD CHICAGO CITY IS LARGEST WITH OPENLY GAY MAYOR AFTER HISTORIC VOTE



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Lori Lightfoot speaks to supporters at her election night party on Tuesday at the Hilton Chicago Grand Ballroom in Chicago.

ALDERMANIC RACES

Change vs. experience is theme of 15 contests

By JOHN BYRNE AND HAL DARDICK
Chicago Tribune

Veteran North Side Ald. Patrick O'Connor appeared to have fallen short in his bid for a 10th term in one of 15 aldermanic runoff elections across the city Tuesday that will go a long way toward determining how rambunctious a City Council incoming Mayor Lori Lightfoot will face.

Challenger Andre Vasquez declared victory over O'Connor in the 40th Ward in a race that epitomized the "change vs. experience" struggle evident up and down the ballot.

"So we did it," Vasquez said at his campaign party. "Together, we took on the corrupt political machine at its worst and we won."

O'Connor was one of 11 incumbents fighting for their political lives in runoffs, while four empty seats in the council were also in play. Several contests still were too close to call Tuesday evening hours after the polls closed.

With all precincts counted, Vasquez

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After race against machine, Lightfoot is elected mayor

By BILL RUTHHART
Chicago Tribune

Lori Lightfoot won a resounding victory Tuesday night to become both the first African-American woman and openly gay person elected mayor of Chicago, dealing a stinging defeat to a political establishment that has reigned over City Hall for decades.

After waging a campaign focused on upending the vaunted Chicago political machine, Lightfoot dismantled one of its major cogs by dispatching Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, whose candidacy had been hobbled in part by an anti-incumbent mood among voters and an ongoing federal corruption investigation at City Hall.

Lightfoot's campaign, which started

last May as a long-shot bid to replace the city's clouted politics with inclusive change, took the former federal prosecutor and first-time candidate from toiling in relative political obscurity to toppling the head of the Cook County Democratic Party.

"Today, you did more than make history," Lightfoot told hundreds of supporters at the Hilton Chicago on Tuesday night. "You created a movement for change."

With roughly 97 percent of the city's precincts reporting, Lightfoot had swept all 50 of Chicago's wards, winning 74 percent of the unofficial vote to 26 percent for Preckwinkle, a 28-year officeholder who prior to her eight years

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Let's hail history — and then let's secure future



DAHLEEN GLANTON

Let's take a moment to bask in our achievement, Chicago.

We have elected our first African-American female mayor, without getting bogged down in the divisive politics

that often go along with electing the first African-American anything.

Perhaps the most remarkable thing about this historic election, though, is that we did not set out to make history. There was no communitywide movement to push a particular candidate forward. There was no mandate from women to elect a woman.

Lori Lightfoot emerged five weeks ago from a crowded field of contenders, men and women of various ethnic and political backgrounds, for a spot in the runoff against another accomplished African-American woman.

It was an unusual feat for two black women, even surprising during this

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Elementary school kids stop to say hello and hug Lori Lightfoot outside a 14th Ward polling location on Election Day.



JOHN KASS

Lightfoot makes Chicago history — a fed as mayor

Now that Lori Lightfoot is mayor-elect of Chicago, many voices will tell you how history was made:

The first African-American woman elected mayor of Chicago, a lesbian, and a reformer in a corrupt city. Lori, with that devilishly dry sense of humor, in the town historically bossed by pink guys.

You think that's historic, and it all involves identity politics, but how about something even more fundamentally symbolic of change than skin pigment or sexual orientation:

Lori Lightfoot is the first former federal prosecutor, in modern times anyway, elected mayor of Chicago.

A fed for mayor?

Perhaps Chicago is ready to reform after all.

Lightfoot was triumphant Tuesday night.

But I remember a voice on the phone back in September. There were no trumpets in it. It was a small voice, anguish flowing along a broken reed, a voice angry and bone tired.

It was Lori Lightfoot on the phone. And she was disgusted with politics.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel — finally conceding the obvious — had pulled the plug on his re-election bid.

And just like that the campaign had flipped. The campaign of reform ideas versus a cynical pol who hid that Laquan McDonald video from public view? That campaign was gone, replaced by the anointment of an establishment successor.

Cook County Democratic Party Chairman Toni Preckwinkle and Billy Daley, son of boss, bro of boss; Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza and City Hall lobbyist and former school board President Gery Chico. I called these four the post-Rahmulans, establishmentarians who got in the race only after Emanuel withdrew. They wouldn't fight him for Chicago. But once he was out, they eagerly swooped down.

Lightfoot was being pushed to the margin of history. And she knew it.

"The media coverage disturbs me," Lightfoot told me back in September. "To see the media focused solely on the horse race and the powers that be anointing a winner without regard for

citizens should be disturbing to everyone.

"This notion that city government and the mayor's office is pirate booty ripe for the picking is offensive," Lightfoot said.

Of course, it is offensive.

Preckwinkle had the buzz. She had the ground game with the public sector workers unions backing her. Chicago has been conditioned by the Stockholm syndrome of its politics to yearn for a boss. And the common wisdom had one of the establishment post-Rahmulans as the new mayor.

Lightfoot had built her campaign to take the moral high ground and take Emanuel down. But when Emanuel pulled his own plug, the city was about to go tribal again and allow a post-Rahmulan to win.

But then came the brown butcher paper.

The FBI raided the offices of powerful Ald. Ed Burke, 14th, and covered the windows in brown butcher paper to protect the hunt from prying eyes.

Burke was on an FBI wire courtesy of Ald. Danny Solis, 25th, the chairman of the Committee on Zoning who liked visiting massage parlors.

And just like that Burke was served up in the Chicago mayoral campaign as if he were a crown roast of veal, all pink and trussed.

He was charged on a federal extortion count. Preckwinkle's relationship with Burke — how he raised \$116,000 for her, and how she gave Burke's son a \$100,000-a-year Cook County job, became a regular feature of news coverage and commentary. Lightfoot, a former federal prosecutor, grabbed the opportunity.

The campaign flipped back again, to reform versus corruption and cynicism. That's when things began to change.

I preferred to stick with the meat metaphor I started with, but Lightfoot went all astronomical on me on my podcast "The Chicago Way." She compared Burke to a meteor that hit the campaign.

"I think this Burke moment has really been a wake-up call for people," she said. "Strangers are stopping me on the street, telling me to keep mak-

ing the case. This meteor that hit is really waking people up, and we're going to keep riding that lane."

The odd thing was that Preckwinkle really couldn't stand Burke when she was an alderman from Hyde Park. Timing is everything.

She became the Cook County Democratic Party chairman, an unthinkable move when she was that earnest Hyde Park independent with sensible shoes. She took Burke's money. She protected Burke's son, even while laying off hundreds of other workers.

She became Chicago's liberal boss. And it cost her the fifth floor of City Hall.

There will be much said about Lightfoot's victory. Many who ignored her in those difficult days after Emanuel pulled out, and those who jumped on the Lightfoot bandwagon late and wrote campaign checks, will now flatter her and give her advice.

Lori, I've got some advice too. You'll be mayor and everything will change. You'll be on the list of possible 2020 vice presidential candidates. Charmers will swoop in from Washington and New York to find out what you want. They'll track your every appetite. They'll be your new friends.

But you don't need new friends. This is Chicago. Stick with friends who were with you back in September, back when you were down and Rahm was smirking and the insiders were measuring the City Hall drapes. And if you insist on examples of those who made new friends, I've got two words for you: Toni Preckwinkle.

Chicago has elected its first black woman mayor. But her skin color is what she was born with.

Lori Lightfoot made herself into a federal prosecutor with her will and smarts and the content of her character. A fed as mayor of Chicago? Inconceivable a few years ago. Now, it's necessary.

Good luck, Mayor Lightfoot. Chicago needs you now.

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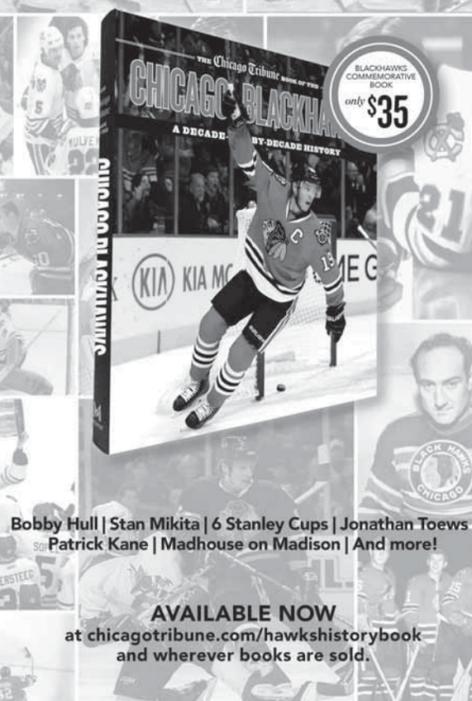
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Gary Powell, right, helps Bonnie Noe cast her ballot at the 48th Ward's 5th Precinct polling site in the Edgewater Beach Apartments on Tuesday.



MARY SCHMICH

When I arrived at my polling place at lunchtime Tuesday to vote in a historic Chicago election, I was told I was voter number 91.

The poll had been open for six hours, and only 90 people had

come before me?

I glanced around the old schoolroom. The poll workers looked bored. The rickety beige voting booths stood empty. There was no anticipatory buzz, nothing to suggest that Chicago was about to do something it had never done.

"Did a lot of people vote early?" I asked one of the women at the long folding table. She sighed.

"I hope so."

On that less than hopeful note, I took my ballot into the rickety booth and stood there for a long minute, looking at the big cardboard sheet, wanting to give the moment the proper honor, buzz or no buzz.

For Mayor

Para Alcalde

(Vote for one) (Vote por uno)

Lori Lightfoot

Toni Preckwinkle

For the first time, Chicago, a city known for its male swagger, its racial segregation and its racist past, was about to elect a black woman as mayor.

Frankly, the moment felt more inevitable than shocking — it's 2019, after all — yet it still made me reflect on the history our

Next mayor won't be a miracle worker.

But she will set the moral tone that could raise our city.

country has traveled through, that I have.

Standing there with my ballot marker, I thought of Emma Wise and Rose Martin, who took care of me and my siblings in an era when tending white people's homes and children was the only work many black women could find, work for which they were paid next to nothing.

I remembered a day when I was in sixth grade, standing next to Emma as she ironed, and she told me she'd had to drop out of grade school to pick cotton.

I thought of the black women I learned about in my childhood history books, a memorable few, but only a few. Only years later would I learn how many black female pioneers had been erased from official histories.

I thought of the black women I've met as an adult who have become friends and colleagues. They've helped me understand what it has been like for them to make their way in a world where power is dominated

by white people, where being the first or the only black person in a room or at a job is a distinction that can feel both right and lonely.

And I thought about the two women on this ballot, Lori Lightfoot and Toni Preckwinkle, and how they'd both had to push against the odds to land as opponents on that piece of white cardboard.

And then I marked a vote for one of them, glad that I wouldn't mind if the other won, and walked back out into the ordinary day.

By the end of the evening, one of them would be a winner, destined to be Chicago's next mayor. The headlines would call it historic.

But Tuesday's historic victory will soon be subsumed into the hard, uncelebrated work of running this huge, messy city.

Our new mayor will face the troubles all Chicago mayors do.

She'll make plans, big and little. Some

will fail.

She'll make allies and enemies. Some of the enemies will be former allies, and vice versa.

She'll wake up in the middle of the night wondering what she got herself into. At least I would.

She won't be the miracle worker many people wish for in a mayor. There will be no abracadabra moment in which the schools and Police Department are fixed, poverty and gun violence are solved and the city's debt is vanquished, no taxes raised.

Tuesday's election may have been groundbreaking, but it was just the opening of a new chapter of Chicago history, one that depends on more than the mayor. It depends on us.

A few days ago I was talking with a friend who said, "How much can a mayor really do?" He answered his own question before I could. "To start with," he said, "a mayor sets a moral tone."

Moral tone doesn't fix potholes or build affordable housing or get guns off the street. But it is one big thing we want from a mayor.

Mayor-elect Lightfoot, we're counting on you to set the moral tone, one that helps more people believe that Chicago is their city, that they can thrive in it, that their vote matters, whatever their class or color.

Do that and you'll go down in history for more than winning an election. Good luck.

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Angel White, 15, center, looks out a window during a gathering in memory of her sister, Senobia Brantley, at a dance studio in Chicago on Tuesday.

Two women killed on S. Side

Police say fatal shooting appeared to target the two, but don't know why

BY JEREMY GORNER, HANNAH LEONE, ALICE YIN, MORGAN GREENE
Chicago Tribune

Chicago police believe two young women fatally shot Monday night while sitting in a parked car in the Winnetona Parkway neighborhood on the South Side were targeted, but why remains a mystery.

Speaking to reporters near the shooting scene just north of the Auburn Park Lagoon, Chicago police Capt. Gilberto Calderon said the shooting was puzzling because police know of no gang conflict in the area.

"Was it a domestic incident? Was it something with work? We don't know at this point," Calderon said.

Police found about 30 shell casings at the scene.

The two women were sitting in a car with a male co-worker — all three worked together — in the 7700 block of South Eggleston Avenue when three people stepped from a blue sedan about 11:40 p.m. and at least one opened fire at close range, police said.

Brittani Rice, 18, and Senobia Brantley, 19, were pronounced dead at St. Bernard Hospital, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office. The male victim, 19, was wounded in his shoulder and treated at the University of Chicago Medical Center.

The man, who told officers he worked with the two at a Walmart on the South Side, said they were giving him a ride home, police said.

Calderon, who said the gunfire was picked up by the department's ShotSpotter gunshot detection technology, asked for the public's help in solving the shooting, urging anyone with information to call Area South detectives at 312-747-8272.

"There's no gang conflict in the area, so it's puzzling, actually, to have this act occur here in this community," Calderon said. "The community is safe. The area's safe. So stopping here would make sense that they can stop and talk."

Verndell Smith, the 29-year-old coach of the Ultimate Threat Dance Organization, said Brantley was a team member who had a magnetic charm on the dance floor and was always the center of attention.

She also looked out for her teammates and helped guide those struggling with the choreography, he said.

"It's hard to believe because when you look at her face, you see life," said Smith, his voice wavering. "When you see her smile, you see life. I can't believe I'm talking about this right now."

Rows of trophies, some won thanks to Brantley's hip-hop prowess, adorn the window of Smith's studio like a miniature skyline.

Smith said Brantley was preparing to graduate from Youth Connection Leadership Academy, a charter school on the city's South Side that serves at-risk students, and had planned a prom bash with her friends for May. She was a doting older sister to five siblings and the mother of a 2-year-old son.

Brantley had to quit dancing when she had her baby. Ever since then, the child had been "basically glued to her hip," Smith said.

"I don't know how to explain to a child that they'll never see their mother again," Smith said. "Especially when she's so young herself. ... It makes no sense whatsoever."

Outside the Walmart in the West Chatham neighborhood where the victims worked, Monae Mills wore a carnation and a yellow ribbon in honor of Rice and Brantley. She said all three started working there in January.

Mills recalled how she hit it off with Rice right away.

"We made a bigger commitment to each other to be close friends," said Mills, 20. "That's like my little sister."

Mills said Rice also leaves behind a young child, a daughter. Rice had been looking forward to celebrating her daughter's birthday this coming weekend by going out.

"And she can't even celebrate it with her mom," she said.

Mills said she'll most miss Rice's personality, de-

scribing her as the "life of the party" who liked to joke around.

"She did everything for anybody," said Mills, a tear streaming down her face. "She made sure that no one felt left out or anything."

Mills said she knew Brantley since both attended the same elementary school. Brantley was quiet then, but Mills said she got to know her better at Walmart and discovered her sense of humor.

"She's sassy," Mills said with a laugh. "She says whatever's on her mind and that's that."

Mills said Rice and Brantley listened to hip-hop music, and the three, along with another friend, were hoping to take a road trip in September, maybe out west to Los Angeles.

Not long after the shooting, several neighbors walked up to the yellow police tape at 77th Street and Eggleston, trying to glimpse the gray car riddled with bullet holes. They turned their heads as firefighters wheeled a white stretcher into a waiting ambulance.

One neighbor said she had just parked her car down the street and entered her home when she heard about 30 gunshots. She made it home before the shooting "by the grace of God," she said.

Later Tuesday night, dozens gathered at the dance studio to remember their teammate and friend. "Uptown Funk" played as two little girls danced across the studio and others gathered around post-

ers to write messages to the friend they lost.

Brittany Anderson, 25, of Chatham, who has helped out with the dance team for years and met Brantley when she was 13, said Brantley was looking forward to going to her prom at the end of May. She was going to go with her brother.

"She was 19. She was still a baby," said Anderson. "Now we've got to send her off, but it's not to her prom."

Smith taped red posters to the studio windows as friends placed votive candles along the sidewalk to spell "Bebe." "We all miss you," said one poster message. "A new angel was gained," was written on another. On one poster, a crown was drawn above a photo of Brantley, a small "class of 2019" in the picture's corner.

As the crowd gathered around the candles to block out the wind, holding dozens of silver and red star and heart balloons, and a few that said "princess," a little girl toddled up to the candles and started to sing "Happy Birthday."

"It looks like a birthday cake," she said.

Those in the crowd closed their eyes and prayed. The woman leading them called out: "Provide a wall of protection around our youth, Lord." She asked for safety and strength, and she spoke of the loss as an unfathomable April Fool's joke.

"Cover all these young people, Lord," she said. "This is our prayer."

Reports: Gun owner lost another weapon in 2015

Pistol picked up by Brown linked to deaths of two Chicago cops

BY ANNIE SWEENEY, JEREMY GORNER
Chicago Tribune

Investigative reports made public Tuesday about two Chicago police officers fatally hit by a train in December show that the owner of a handgun connected to the deadly incident lost not only that gun but another one several years earlier.

The details were included in detective reports into the deaths of Officers Conrad Gary and Eduardo Marmolejo, who were killed while investigating reports of shots fired in the Roseland community on the Far South Side.

According to the reports released to the Tribune as part of a public records request, Edward R. Brown told police he was on his way home from work Dec. 17 when he found a KelTec .380-caliber pistol in a black fanny pack in an alley at 101st Street and Vernon

Avenue. He went to the nearby Metra station, ascended to the tracks and fired the handgun into the air and toward a local school.

"I was just trying it out," Brown, 24, told detectives, according to the reports.

Gary and Marmolejo were sent to the area to investigate and were struck and killed by a commuter train.

Brown faces felony charges of aggravated unlawful use of a weapon and reckless discharge of a firearm.

The police reports revealed that in a strikingly similar incident, the owner of the KelTec pistol found by Brown had lost a separate gun in 2015. The man left a black fanny pack with a Beretta 3032 Tomcat .32-caliber semi-automatic pistol on the floor of a Chicago Park District bathroom, according to the reports.



Brown

That weapon has never been recovered, though there is a police report about it being missing, police said.

The owner of the KelTec, who is not identified in the report, has not been charged. At the time of the December incident, he had a firearms owners gun permit, commonly referred to as a FOID card, issued by Illinois State Police.

On Tuesday, Chicago police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi couldn't provide specifics on the gun owner.

One firearms expert called the case tragic, saying it underscores the fact that gun ownership is an "incredible" responsibility. "A gun represents the power of life and death," said Mark Jones, a former agent with the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. "It's not something like losing your house keys or a driver's license."

Jones recommends that legal gun owners carry their

weapons on their back and not in a bag because of how easy it is to put it down or have it stolen.

A law passed in Illinois last year allows family members and law enforcement to petition a judge to order that a person's FOID card be revoked if he presents a threat to himself or others.

Losing two guns might be such a concern to a family, Jones said.

"If you are worried about your loved ones, search your hearts," he said.

Responding to the scene about 6:20 p.m. Dec. 17, Conrad and Marmolejo scrambled up the embankment to pursue Brown, who had fled along the railroad tracks when he saw a vehicle approaching and realized police were likely looking for him, he told detectives.

When the officers got up the embankment, they stayed on the tracks used by southbound trains because they saw a northbound train approaching. But they were unaware they were in the path of

another train.

Once the trains passed, the engineer saw a silhouette and heard a thumping and immediately hit his emergency brakes, the report said.

Meanwhile, other officers arrested Brown and took him to a police station, unaware that Marmolejo and Gary had been fatally struck. After finding the KelTec pistol, Brown told detectives that he discarded the fanny pack on the roof of a garage near his residence. Detectives located the bag on the roof and found the KelTec owner's FOID inside.

During an interview with detectives, the owner said he put the fanny pack down earlier that day in the alley while taking out the garbage.

"(The owner) related that he lost the fanny pack with his pistol in the eye. ... That on his way to the eye doctor he went to take garbage out and probably set the fanny pack down," the report said.

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Media seek to unseal Smollett's court file

Attorneys cite secrecy days after all charges dropped

BY MEGAN CREPEAU
Chicago Tribune

Attorneys for the Chicago Tribune and other news organizations went to court Tuesday seeking to unseal Jussie Smollett's court file, citing the intense secrecy surrounding the case since last week's stunning dismissal of all charges against the "Empire" actor.

Neither the Cook County state's attorney's office nor Judge Steven Watkins objected when Smollett's lawyers sought the immediate sealing of all the records at the same March 26 hearing at which prosecutors abruptly announced the dismissal of the charges.

Attorney Natalie Spears, who represents some 15 news organizations, including the Tribune, told the judge that in a case of such immense public interest, "allowing the public to understand what the government is up to" is critical to maintaining trust in the legal system.

While State's Attorney Kimberly Foxx wrote in an op-ed to the Tribune that she "would prefer these records be made public," prosecutors in court Tuesday said only that they did not object to the media attorneys intervening on the issue.

Brian Watson, one of Smollett's attorneys, said in court he didn't believe the issue required that an emergency hearing be held. Smollett did not attend the brief hearing.

The judge asked the lawyers in the case to file written briefs. He said he would rule near the end of May.

Smollett faced a 16-count felony indictment for allegedly staging a racist and homophobic attack on himself in downtown Chicago in order to further his career. But a surprise hearing last week, prosecutors stunned Chicago police brass by abruptly dropping the charges with little explanation. The actor and his legal team did a victory lap, claiming he was wrongfully accused all along and saying the city of Chicago owed him an apology.

The quick sealing of the court file meant documents began disappearing from electronic public records within hours. By the end of the day, all traces of the case had been wiped from the circuit clerk's computer system.

Under Illinois law, defendants whose charges are dropped can in certain circumstances have their records sealed immediately. But such a sealing is not mandatory — and was not meant to apply in a high-profile case such as Smollett's, the media attorneys argued in paperwork filed Monday.

"Sealing records cannot serve its intended purpose here, since, unlike the typical case contemplated by the Act, the public at large is already well aware of the charges brought against Mr. Smollett," the filing said.

The filing went on to note that the quick sealing left considerable confusion, particularly about what exactly was supposed to have been sealed.

Foxx told multiple reporters last week that she believed only parts of Smollett's court records should have been kept from public view and that she believed the actual court file would be unsealed.

A spokeswoman for her office walked that back the next day, saying the entire case file was sealed by court order.

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Trump drawing ire of Puerto Ricans in Chicago

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS
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When President Donald Trump took to Twitter early Tuesday, he seemed to pick up where he had left off the night before: Puerto Rico.

His claims late Monday and early Tuesday ranged from self-referential opinion — “The best thing that ever happened to Puerto Rico is President Donald J. Trump” — to widely contested figures, claiming the U.S. territory already has received \$91 billion in aid following a pair of 2017 hurricanes, when the actual number is far less.

The move didn't surprise Claudia Badillo, president of the Puerto Rican Bar Association of Illinois, but it does concern her.

“I would say I can't be-

lieve it, but the problem is we've gotten to the point with this president and this government that we have to believe it and take seriously the things that he says,” Badillo said.

Trump also seemed to overlook the fact that Puerto Rico is part of the United States, and, as Badillo pointed out, the president suggested that farmers were more deserving of federal relief than Puerto Ricans. The hashtag #PresidentOfPuertoRico was trending Tuesday on Twitter.

“He continues to alienate Puerto Rico, acting like it's not part of the United States and pitting Puerto Ricans against Americans, when they are in fact Americans,” Badillo said.

Cristina Pacione-Zayas, co-chair of the Puerto Rican Agenda of Chicago, also had

concerns about the language Trump used. She said most people living on the island would not agree with his assessment that he's the most important person in its history.

“No, I do not (agree), but I'm not surprised that he would say that or think that. Past behavior predicts future behavior, and there will be some crazier statements that, I'm sure, he'll say in the next few years if he remains in office,” Pacione-Zayas said. “... And all of this is really a distraction from what needs to happen in Puerto Rico.”

The president had also been tweeting about Puerto Rico on Monday, blaming Democrats for killing a bill “that would have provided great relief to Farmers and yet more money to Puerto Rico despite the fact that

Puerto Rico has already been scheduled to receive more hurricane relief funding than any ‘place’ in history.”

“The rhetoric he uses is very dangerous, suggesting farmers should get aid more than Puerto Rico, when in reality both are groups of Americans in need of this type of relief,” Badillo said.

An aid bill that would help victims of natural disasters was defeated Monday in the Senate, as Democrats argued that the \$13.45 billion legislation — which includes \$600 million for Puerto Rico's food stamp program — is inadequate to meet the U.S. territory's needs as it attempts to recover from Hurricanes Irma and Maria, according to The Washington Post.

The \$91 billion figure Trump has repeatedly claimed actually reflects an

estimate of how much funding the island could receive over time and is more than twice as much as federal agencies have obligated or approved thus far, according to the Post. As many pointed out on Twitter, it was the same amount of damage originally attributed to Hurricane Maria, but again, is not what has actually been promised in relief.

And before either Irma or Maria, the island had been in the midst of financial turmoil for about a decade, Pacione-Zayas said, because several rules and regulations were allowed to lapse, making the island a less desirable place to invest.

“I'm not going to tell Congress what they should and shouldn't do, but what I can tell you is that families are suffering. There's a lot of

collateral damage on the ground,” she said, noting reductions to the food stamp program, or SNAP, which was scheduled to run out at the end of March.

“This is another example of how the island is treated in a very different way than those who live stateside. That would never happen if you were talking about one of the states,” Pacione-Zayas said.

Badillo, who has family living on the island, said it is common knowledge that the U.S. territory has yet to make a full recovery.

“Even when you fact-check him (Trump), it doesn't matter to him. He just continues to alienate minorities in this country. Today it just happens to be Puerto Ricans,” Badillo said.

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WGN-TV

A man was fatally injured in a fire in an apartment building in Rogers Park on Tuesday.

Man, 60, dead after Rogers Park fire

Chicago Tribune

A 60-year-old man was critically injured and later died following an apartment building fire in the Rogers Park neighborhood, officials said. The fire started about 7:30 a.m. at the building in the 6600 block of North Sheridan Road, according to fire and police officials. The man suffered burns in the fire, and was later pronounced dead, according to

Officer Jessica Rocco, a police spokeswoman.

One person was taken to Presence St. Francis Hospital in Evanston, initially in critical condition after the fire in the five-story building, said Larry Merritt, a Chicago Fire Department spokesman. After attempts to revive him, the victim died, said Larry Langford, another Fire Department spokesman.

A firefighter suffered a lower leg injury in the fire

and was taken to St. Francis for treatment, Merritt said.

A cause for the fire had not yet been determined, authorities said.

Photos from the scene showed Sheridan Road blocked, with a firetruck with its ladder extended to the roof of a four-plus-one style apartment building, with firefighters on the roof.

No one was displaced by the fire, Rocco said in an email.

‘Monsters are real.’ Man gets life in jail

BY CLIFFORD WARD
Chicago Tribune

Sitting at a DuPage County court witness stand, a sobbing Gloria Valez recalled Tuesday how she used to tell her children there were no such things as monsters. But that changed, Valez said, after her twin sister, Linda, was brutally stabbed to death by her abusive boyfriend.

“Monsters do exist,” Gloria Valez said Tuesday, a short time before a judge sentenced Myron Ester to natural life in prison for the 2013 stabbing death of 33-year-old Linda Valez.

Ester, 50, a homeless man with a history of violence, alcohol abuse and mental health issues, had been found guilty in January of first-degree murder and concealment of a homicide. Authorities say Ester lured Valez to a park in Glen Ellyn on the night of Sept. 24, 2013, before stabbing her 39 times and burying her body in a shallow grave.

The same jury found that the crime was exceptionally brutal and premeditated, findings that made Ester eligible to receive the sentence of natural life that Judge Brian Telander handed down.

“I agree with the sister. Monsters are real,” Telander said.

The judge called the murder “a savage attack without compassion.”

Ester's sentence means he is ineligible for parole.

At trial, prosecutors painted Linda Valez, a mother of seven who also was homeless, as someone who was trying to leave her abusive relationship with Ester, whom she had dated for about six months. Ester, authorities said, was not willing to let go.

Assistant State's Attorney Joe Lindt asked for the natural life sentence, calling Ester a “menace to society.”

“He's a danger to anyone who doesn't bow at the altar of Myron Ester,” Lindt said.

Prosecutors called a number of police officers to

testify to past run-ins with Ester, but none of incidents were particularly violent. Ester's attorney, Public Defender Jeff York, said Ester's life spiraled after his father died in 2010. In 2013, Ester was hospitalized three times for alcohol-related troubles and spent 10 days in a psychiatric hospital, York noted.

Ester did not hear any of the testimony. He opted not to be in the courtroom as the witnesses testified and as one of Valez's daughters and her two sisters gave their victim-impact statements.

The judge had him brought into the courtroom for attorney arguments and to hear the sentence. Ester, who is planning an appeal, chose not to make a statement before sentencing.

As Ester was being escorted out of the courtroom, a Valez family member shouted “coward” at him. Ester did not react.

Clifford Ward is a freelance reporter.

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Grateful my kids could watch me cast historic vote



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Balancing Act

I take my kids with me to vote.

There were times I did this out of necessity (I was a single mom, and they were too young to leave home alone), and there were times I did it out of civic pride. (Look at this cool thing we get to do!)

We always get doughnuts (for democracy!) We stay up and watch the returns together. It's a whole thing.

Mostly they've watched me vote for men. There have been notable exceptions: congressional candidates, city clerk, judges, president of the United States, once.

Always a man for governor, mayor, alderman. All but once a man for president. Many of those candidates captured our hearts and imaginations and, once elected, did their offices and voters proud. Always I'm filled with pride and gratitude (and doughnuts) on Election Day.

Tuesday was different. Tuesday my kids

watched me vote for a woman to be Chicago's next mayor. Of the 55 people who've run this city, only one has been a woman: Jane Byrne. I was 4 years old when she was elected, so I didn't get to vote for her.

Of the 55 people who've run this city, only two have been black: Harold Washington and Eugene Sawyer, who was chosen by the City Council to finish Washington's term after Washington died of a heart attack.

The winner of Tuesday's election will be black and female. She will

make history. I'm delighted my kids got a front-row seat.

They actually sat out the Feb. 26 election. It was the first election they missed. I was running behind that morning. I let them sleep in while I dashed to the polling place. We stopped for doughnuts on the way to school because, you know, tradition.

I regretted it almost immediately. I regretted it even more when the results rolled in, showing Chicago was poised to elect its first black, female mayor a few weeks later.

There was no sitting out Tuesday.

It's important to me that my kids grow up surrounded by real-life examples of the values I hold dear: We are all equals. The way we look, love, worship doesn't make us more or less worthy of respect, more or less qualified for a job, more or less destined for greatness.

We can tell our kids those things. We can surround them with books and educators and history lessons that remind them of those things.

But they also need to see them in action. They also need to live and breathe them.

We can tell our daughters and sons what we know to be true. "Of course a woman can be mayor of Chicago. It's just ... been awhile." "Of course a black woman can be mayor of Chicago. It just ... hasn't happened yet."

And they can, we hope, believe us.

Or we can elect a black woman to be mayor of Chicago. And they can see and believe it for themselves.

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Conyears-Ervin easily wins treasurer's race

BY DAN PETRELLA
Chicago Tribune

State Rep. Melissa Conyears-Ervin sailed to victory in Tuesday's runoff election for city treasurer.

With 96 percent of precincts reporting on election night, Conyears-Ervin had 60 percent of the vote to 40 percent for outgoing 47th Ward Ald. Ameya Pawar in the race for the office that oversees the city's bank accounts and investments, according to unofficial results. Pawar called Conyears-Ervin to concede a little after 8 p.m.

Conyears-Ervin, 43, has represented a West Side district in the Illinois House since 2017, winning re-election to a second term in November. She has said that as treasurer, she will serve as a fiscal watchdog and seek to move responsibility for financial analysis of key legislation to the treasurer's office. She will replace outgoing Treasurer Kurt Summers.

"I am incredibly honored, humbled and excited to have been elected Chicago's next treasurer by voters across the city," Conyears-Ervin said in a statement. "I am also extremely eager to begin enacting change that will allow residents throughout the city to enjoy and contribute to Chicago's growing prosperity, regardless of their ZIP code. It is time working families and small-business owners in all neighborhoods have equal financial opportunities."

She was endorsed by labor groups including the Chicago Teachers Union, the Service Employees International Union Health-care Illinois and SEIU Local 73, which represents public service workers. She also had the backing of six-term Illinois



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Melissa Conyears-Ervin has said that if elected, she would seek financial analysis of key legislation.

Secretary of State Jesse White and accountant Peter Garipey, who finished in third place in the Feb. 26 first-round election.

Pawar, 38, has represented his North Side ward since 2011. As he did during his aborted run for the Democratic nomination for governor in the last election cycle, Pawar cast himself as the progressive choice, vowing to create a public bank to refinance student debt and invest in affordable housing and to launch an office of economic empowerment.

"A little over 40 percent of Chicago voted for someone who was running to launch a public bank and pilot universal basic income, and I think we've moved the needle on these issues," said Pawar, who was endorsed by U.S. Reps. "Chuy" Garcia and Mike Quigley and SEIU Local 1, which represents janitors, door attendants and other service workers.

Conyears-Ervin had a fundraising edge over Pawar, beginning the year with more than \$216,000 in her campaign fund and raising nearly \$963,000 through Sunday, according to state campaign finance records.

Pawar started the year with nearly \$194,000 on hand but raised less than \$429,000 since Jan. 1.

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Election judge Victor Adams, right, looks at Marvin Withers' identification before voting in Englewood on Tuesday.

As history made, turnout likely to rival historic low

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY
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Chicago Tribune

It was an election that made history in Chicago, sending the first black woman to City Hall, but you wouldn't necessarily know it from the dismal turnout at the polls across the city, according to unofficial results from the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners.

With voters deciding whom they preferred for mayor and a handful of aldermanic races, turnout in Tuesday's runoff election rivaled historic lows. Only 32 percent of voters, or 509,624 people, cast ballots, according to unofficial data released by the board as of 8 p.m.

As straggling votes come in by mail and from provisional ballots, the total turnout will likely grow by at least a percent or so in the next two weeks while the numbers are finalized, said Jim Allen, a spokesman for the board.

The low turnout of Tuesday's showdown between Lori Lightfoot and Toni Preckwinkle stood in contrast to the 82 percent turnout on April 12, 1983, when Harold Washington was elected the first black mayor of Chicago.

Chicago's weakest turnout in a city election was recorded at 33 percent in 2007, when Richard M. Daley won his sixth and final term. The February primary, which drew 14 candidates to the mayoral ballot, garnered only 35 percent of voters to the polls.

At the time, pundits speculated that the record number of candidates may have discouraged people from making an initial choice before the runoff narrowed their options. Yet,



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Election coordinator Teresa Quinones-Clauson, right, puts an "I voted" wristband on a first-time voter on Tuesday.

similarly dismal turnout seen Tuesday may indicate that some voters who participated in the primary chose to sit this round out, Allen said during a conference call with reporters before polls closed at 7 p.m.

"Even with the 35 percent who voted in February, some of those voters may have had a first choice and that may have been their only choice," Allen said. "That's the only conclusion we can draw."

Across all age groups, participation dropped by several thousand votes Tuesday compared with February, Allen said.

Total voter registration for the election was above average, reaching nearly 1.6 million due in large part to a surge in registrations before the November 2018 midterm elections, Allen said. Compared with the April 2015 runoff elections, registration on Tuesday represented an increase of more than 10 percent.

Turnout on Tuesday, he said, will "definitely be in the neighborhood of the lowest, but it probably won't

be the lowest."

Few problems plagued participation at the polls on an Election Day that Allen called "exceptionally quiet."

About 2 p.m., some commotion erupted in the city's 6th Ward, where Ald. Roderrick Sawyer was in a runoff election with challenger Deborah Foster-Bonner.

Election officials were investigating an allegation of an assault involving people from opposing campaigns, Allen confirmed. Investigators were interviewing witnesses, and a video of the dispute was posted on Facebook.

Foster-Bonner's son, Malcolm Bonner, who also serves as his mother's campaign manager, said he was punched in the face by a man aligned with the Sawyer camp outside a polling place at Hamilton Park at 513 W. 72nd St. in Englewood.

Bonner said he confronted a man outside the polling place because that man was harassing Foster-Bonner's poll watchers and threatening voters. The other man shouted obscen-

ities at Bonner, then approached him and punched him in the face, Malcolm Bonner, 29, said.

Police responded to the scene, but the injured man declined treatment, police said.

Without many other issues, all polling places closed by the standard time of 7 p.m., despite an earlier problem that caused one location in Edgebrooke to open more than four hours late.

"We have not had any significant complaints about voters being unable to access the polling places," Allen said. "We've had a number of conversations with poll workers who have remarked that it's incredibly slow today."

The polling place, at a Forest Preserve District of Cook County center, did not have any election judges, according to city election officials, until replacement judges arrived at around 10:30 a.m. The first complaint was lodged about 8 a.m.

Stephanie Bennett said she arrived about 9 a.m. but was told she could not vote because there were no judges. She was told to fill out a form detailing the issue and to come back "sometime after noon."

"My concern is, what if I go back there and there's still no one there who can take my vote?" said Bennett, 43. "I'm rearranging my day. If it were any other day, I might not be able to go back. It's annoying."

Bennett said there were a few others who also were turned away.

After this experience, Bennett said she is considering becoming an election judge herself in future elections.

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Let's celebrate the moment, then let's get to work

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period of contentious identity politics in our nation. But it was unique in another way, as well.

This election would not be about race. It would not be about gender. It would not be about making a political statement of our city's propensity toward progressiveness.

With two black women in a runoff, it could only be about choosing the best person for the job. That's how elections are supposed to be decided.

On Tuesday, an overwhelming majority of Chicagoans decided that Lightfoot could best chart a fresh course for our city, one that attempts to move all of us ahead without losing sight of those straggling behind.

Voters decided that Lightfoot is the person we want at the helm as we enter a new era of changing demographics. We chose to entrust the prosperity of our city to her. We anointed her the guardian of our values and the curator of our children's dreams.

She just happens to be an African-American woman.

History is about creating

legacy — not hers, but ours as a city. Nothing about Lightfoot's race or gender makes her a miracle worker. She can achieve no more than we empower her to do. She can be no greater mayor than we help her become.

We cannot buy into the myth that a black female mayor, by her mere being, can change the trajectory of every at-risk child of color growing up in Chicago.

Let's not pretend that every little girl on the West Side will wake up Wednesday morning suddenly believing she can someday be mayor. Not even a black president from the South Side could convince most African-American boys that they could reach such heights.

No. Dreams are reserved for those who are encouraged to dream.

One of the things we can admire about Lightfoot is that she started out, for the most part, like many Chicagoans. She rose from humble beginnings in Ohio to become mayor of one of the greatest cities in America. But she did not get here alone.

Her parents were hard-

working people, who believed their children deserved much more in life than they'd had growing up. They stressed education and excellence, and Lightfoot blossomed through their teachings.

Not every child in Chicago is fortunate to have the kind of support system that allowed Lightfoot to soar. But, in her we can see the possibilities that result from believing in a child and showering her or him with opportunities.

In our city, dreams too often are usurped by the reality of environment. Children who feel worthless find reaffirmation of that every day in what they see around them.

Their realities are vacant lots and boarded-up buildings, parents with no jobs to go to and friends who gave up on school because they didn't believe in an education system that did not believe in them.

And the violence, don't forget about all those shootings. How can a child be convinced that the future holds promise when he does not believe he will live to become a man?

Electing an African-

American woman will not automatically change anything. That requires a plan.

Our city is a complicated landscape of massive budgetary challenges, systemic economic imbalance and choruses of competing voices demanding a share of the dwindling resources.

It is easiest to put the weakest on a back burner and address the most pressing things first. Chicago needs Lightfoot to reprioritize what is urgent.

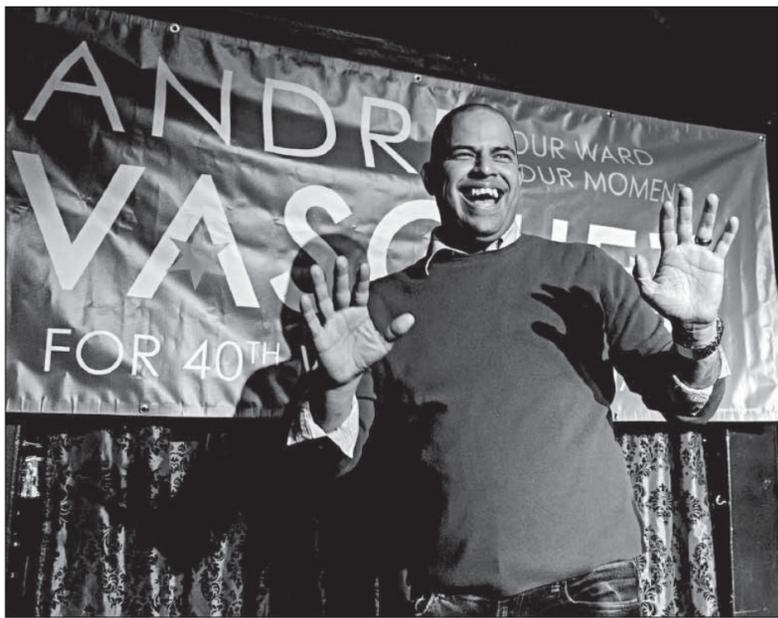
We are not among the first cities to elect an African-American female mayor. It has been 46 years since Lelia Foley-Davis was elected mayor of Taft, Okla., in 1973.

But in Chicago this week, we embraced change without being forced. We made history on our own schedule and on our own terms.

That might not work for every city, but in Chicago, that's how things get done.

There's nothing wrong with celebrating our historic victory a few more days. Then we must get behind Lightfoot and go to work rewriting that old legacy.

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BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

40th Ward challenger Andre Vasquez celebrates at his party on Tuesday in Mary's Attic.



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Incumbent 30th Ward Alderman Ariel Reboyras celebrates with supporters on Tuesday.

'Change vs. experience' underscores key races

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led O'Connor by almost eight percentage points, according to unofficial results.

"It's closer than I'd like it to be," O'Connor told supporters at a North Side club, while not yet conceding.

O'Connor has long served as outgoing Mayor Rahm Emanuel's floor leader and embodies the establishment wing of the council. O'Connor got at least \$45,000 from Emanuel's campaign fund in the past several months to help with his race and another \$74,000 from a political action committee aligned with the outgoing mayor, according to state campaign finance records.

Vasquez, an AT&T manager, was endorsed by the Democratic Socialists of America, which counts Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders as a member.

However the runoff elections play out, the new mayor, Lightfoot, will face a 50-member council with several new aldermen who got elected with mandates to shake things up, as well as a larger group of returning aldermen who in many cases will be invested in trying to protect the power and prestige they've built up over the years.

Aldermen who identify themselves as progressives will increase their numbers from the current 11 members of the Progressive Caucus. They still won't constitute a majority, but they will likely be emboldened to push their agenda in the tumult of a new term and amid the latest corruption scandal to beset the council.

Progressives have called during their campaigns for an elected school board, a city income tax and higher taxes on expensive real estate sales, and greater ethical oversight of the council. Both Lightfoot and Toni Preckwinkle talked up their progressive credentials during the campaign, and their supporters and critics will be keeping close tabs on how the winner interacts with new council members who want to push city government to the left.

A council majority has been largely in lockstep with Emanuel for the past eight years, after falling in line with Mayor Richard M. Daley's agenda for over two decades. That could change quickly at a time leadership within the body is also likely to see significant turnover and loss of institutional knowledge.

O'Connor was the council's second longest-tenured member and chairman of the powerful Finance Committee. The third longest-serving member, Ald. Joe Moore, lost in February. And Ald. Edward Burke, who's been on the council longer than anyone, kept his seat but gave up the Finance Committee chairmanship earlier this year after he was charged by federal authorities with attempted extortion.

Tuesday's results will go a long way toward determining the tilt of the council that will have to find its footing with a new mayor.

In the Northwest Side 47th Ward, where Emanuel lives, former Emanuel administration official Michael Negrón conceded defeat in his race against assistant attorney general Matt Martin for a seat being vacated by Ald. Ameya Pawar. Martin backs a progressive city income tax,

which neither of the mayoral candidates backed during their campaigns.

Ald. Ariel Reboyras, an Emanuel ally, declared victory in the candidate's race for a new term in the Northwest Side 30th Ward, besting Jessica Gutierrez, daughter of former U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez.

"I'm honored and humbled," Reboyras said, his voice breaking. "I want to thank the voters who understood my vision."

In the 21st Ward, which includes parts of Gresham, West Chatham and other South Side neighborhoods, Ald. Howard Brookins Jr. declared victory over challenger Marvin McNeil.

In the 33rd Ward, centered around Albany Park on the Northwest Side, Deb Mell was locked in a tight race to win a second full term against Democratic Socialist Rossana Rodriguez Sanchez. With two precincts still out, Mell was up by 44 votes. Rodriguez Sanchez told WGN-TV that it would be "a couple days" before the outcome was clear, as mail-in ballots continue to come in.

It wasn't just aldermen who've consistently aligned themselves with Emanuel who faced runoffs. Several who have voted with the council's Progressive Caucus in the past are also trying to retain seats. In the South Side 6th Ward, Ald. Roderick Sawyer declared victory over accountant Deborah Foster-Bonner.

And in the South Side 16th Ward, Stephanie Coleman, the daughter of one-time Ald. Shirley Coleman, declared victory over pro-union Ald. Toni Foulkes. Coleman thanked supporters from a stage at a Gage Park restaurant. "I'm so overwhelmed with joy, I'm holding back the tears," she said.

In the 43rd Ward that includes Lincoln Park, two-term Ald. Michele Smith was up on Derek Lindblom, a former aide to Emanuel. With 39 of 46 precincts in, Smith had 54 percent to 46 percent for Lindblom.

And in Uptown, Ald. James Cappleman, 46th, was neck and neck with scientist Marianne Lalonde. Like more than two dozen other sitting aldermen, Cappleman got a substantial contribution from Emanuel's political fund to help his campaign. Lalonde hammered him during the race for his close relationship with the mayor. Cappleman was up 23 votes with all precincts reporting, according to unofficial results.

In the Far Northwest Side 39th Ward, Robert Murphy conceded defeat to Samantha Nugent in the race for the seat vacated by veteran Ald. Margaret Laurino.

Felix Cardona Jr., a former employee at the Cook County Assessor's Office under Joe Berrios, was holding a 54 percent to 46 percent lead over Ald. Milagros "Milly" Santiago in the Northwest Side 31st Ward, with 40 of 41 precincts in. Santiago, who defeated Berrios ally Ray Suarez four years ago, said in an interview that she planned to concede.

Two contests are flavored by the unsavory side of Chicago politics.

In the 20th Ward, Jeanette Taylor held a substantial lead over Nicole Johnson in the race for the seat Ald. Willie Cochran vacated

last month when he pleaded guilty to federal wire fraud. Taylor is a Woodlawn activist who has pushed for a community benefits agreement for the area surrounding the proposed Obama Presidential Center and took part in a hunger strike to reverse plans to close Dyett High School.

And Alex Acevedo conceded defeat to Byron Sigcho-Lopez in the race to

represent the 25th Ward, where Ald. Daniel Solis has disappeared from City Hall in recent weeks after the revelation he was secretly wearing a wire while cooperating with federal authorities.

Restive voters in the February election also forced turnovers. Moore, the longtime 49th Ward alderman, lost to Chicago Teachers Union-backed challenger

Maria Hadden. In the Northwest Side 45th Ward, Ald. John Arena got beaten by Chicago firefighter and emergency medical technician James "Jim" Gardiner. And 1st Ward Ald. Proco "Joe" Moreno fell to Daniel La Spata, who was backed by the Democratic Socialists of America.

But incumbents also had notable wins in February. Burke prevailed against two

challengers on the Southwest Side.

And Wrigleyville Ald. Tom Tunney, 44th, got re-elected despite attempts by Cubs owners the Ricketts family to take him out.

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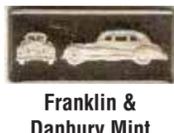
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Elizabeth Bertucci, center, watches the numbers come in during Lori Lightfoot's election night party on Tuesday.

Preckwinkle stumbles

Lightfoot, from Page 1

as the county's chief executive served 19 years as a Hyde Park alderman.

Lightfoot will be sworn in as Chicago's 56th mayor on May 20 while Preckwinkle will return to her third term running the county after a humiliating defeat that included losing her own 4th Ward by 20 points.

"This may not be the outcome we wanted, but while I may be disappointed, I'm not disheartened," Preckwinkle told supporters at a Hyde Park nightclub. "For one thing, this is clearly a historic night. Not long ago, two African-American women vying for this position would have been unthinkable. And while it may be true we took different paths to get here, tonight is about the path forward."

Tuesday night's results marked the culmination of an improbable journey for Lightfoot, from the daughter of poor parents who worked multiple low-wage jobs in the segregated steel town of Massillon, Ohio, to graduate of the University of Michigan and the University of Chicago Law School, to federal prosecutor, major law firm partner and now mayor-elect of America's third-largest city.

"My parents didn't have much money, but they had their dignity and their dreams, dreams for their children, dreams for me," Lightfoot said. "They taught me the value of honesty, decency, hard work and education, and they gave me faith, the faith that put me where I am today."

Lightfoot will become the third African-American to serve as mayor. Harold Washington was elected in 1983 as the city's first black mayor and won re-election in 1987 before dying in office later that year. Eugene Sawyer, the city's second black mayor, was appointed to serve out Washington's term until a 1989 special election.

Lightfoot is just the second woman elected as mayor, following Jane Byrne, who served one term from 1979 to 1983, and the first person elected Chicago mayor not born in the city since Anton Cermak took office in 1931. While she didn't mention it frequently on the campaign trail, Lightfoot's win also makes Chicago the largest U.S. city ever to elect an openly gay mayor.

"A lot of little boys and girls are out there watching us tonight, and they're seeing the beginning of something, well, a little bit different," Lightfoot said with a smile. "They're seeing a city reborn, a city where it doesn't matter what color you are, where it surely doesn't matter how tall you are and where it doesn't matter who you love, just as long as you love with all your heart."

Both self-styled progressives, Preckwinkle and Lightfoot didn't disagree much on the issues, including advocating for more affordable housing, reforming the Police Department and driving more city resources to economically starved neighborhoods. As

a result, the race largely boiled down to change versus experience.

Preckwinkle repeatedly argued mayor "is not an entry level position" and cast her opponent as unprepared for the job while Lightfoot stressed her independence and desire to put an end to the "corrupt, broken Democratic machine."

In the end, Lightfoot's message prevailed in a landslide.

"Together we can and will finally put the interests of our people, all of our people, ahead of the interests of a powerful few," Lightfoot said in her victory speech. "Together we can and we will remake Chicago — thriving, prosperous, better, stronger, fairer for everyone."

At the outset, the 2019 race centered on whether polarizing Mayor Rahm Emanuel could win a third term after a tumultuous eight years in office headlined by the Laquan McDonald police shooting scandal.

By late summer, Emanuel had raised \$10 million toward his re-election campaign but faced a field of 12 challengers, including Lightfoot. The mayor had appointed the attorney to two oversight positions, but Lightfoot frequently criticized the mayor for not doing enough to reform a Police Department tainted with excessive force and misconduct allegations amid the fallout of the McDonald shooting that ultimately led to former Officer Jason Van Dyke being convicted of second-degree murder.

In September, Emanuel decided he didn't want to go through with a bruising campaign against a large field of challengers and made the stunning announcement that he would not seek a third term.

Four bigger-name candidates quickly jumped into the race, including Preckwinkle, who was in the midst of running for her third term as County Board president. With Emanuel out, Lightfoot worked to recalibrate her campaign, but she struggled to raise money and get her message through a crowded field that now included Preckwinkle, former U.S. Commerce Secretary Bill Daley, state Comptroller Susana Mendoza and former City Hall operator and school board President Gery Chico.

Lightfoot, however, caught her break on Nov. 29, when FBI agents raided the City Hall and ward offices of the longest-serving alderman in Chicago's history, Edward Burke. About a month later, federal authorities charged the 50-year incumbent with attempted extortion.

Suddenly, the former federal prosecutor's campaign drew renewed attention and her message of ushering the status quo out of City Hall gained traction. Preckwinkle, Mendoza, Daley and Chico soon were dubbed the "Burke Four" for their ties to the longtime alderman.

Just before the Feb. 26 first-round election, Lightfoot raised enough money to air a late TV ad in which she flipped on a light

switch in a shadowy backroom while pointing out how the four candidates were tied to Burke, promising an independent City Hall and debuting her campaign slogan, "Bring in the Light." Remarkably, she won the February race with 17 percent of the vote with a small grassroots campaign organization and far less money than the establishment candidates.

Preckwinkle moved on, too, but her political brand had been badly damaged by the Burke scandal. When federal authorities charged the alderman, they revealed Burke's alleged shakedown included illegally soliciting a \$10,000 campaign contribution that the Tribune reported had been intended for Preckwinkle.

The longtime politician denied knowing about Burke's actions and promised to return more than \$100,000 the alderman had raised for her during a fundraiser at his Gage Park compound. Preckwinkle, however, faced further questions about her cozy relationship with Burke after the Tribune reported she hired the alderman's son to a six-figure county job while he faced sexual harassment allegations at the sheriff's office.

All of it fueled Lightfoot's contention that only she would transform City Hall while Preckwinkle would bring more of the "same old same old."

In an open-seat race, Lightfoot painted Preckwinkle as the de facto incumbent, often putting the longtime politician in the awkward position of defending business as usual at City Hall.

The prime example became Lightfoot and Preckwinkle's disagreement over so-called aldermanic privilege or prerogative, in which aldermen have veto power of zoning and permitting decisions in their wards. That power played a key role in the charge against Burke, who has been accused of holding up a permit for the owner of major fast-food chain in his ward in exchange for the business owner giving property tax appeals business to Burke's law firm.

Lightfoot called for an end to aldermanic privilege while Preckwinkle, a former alderman, defended the practice and said instead council members shouldn't be allowed to hold outside jobs.

"There is no doubt in my mind that in the coming days, and weeks at the most, we're going to see a series of indictments from my former colleagues at the U.S. attorney's office, and it is going to center around this issue of aldermanic prerogative," Lightfoot predicted in a debate with Preckwinkle. "We need to be on the right side of history on this issue."

Lightfoot's message of reform coupled with Preckwinkle's political baggage helped the former federal prosecutor quickly expand her political base. Lightfoot's February victory came thanks to wins in predominantly white liberal wards along the North Side lakefront, but she quickly won the support of seven former opponents in

that race who themselves had won diverse swaths of the city.

That included Mendoza, who won most of the city's Latino wards; businessman Willie Wilson, who won 13 of the city's 18 majority black wards; and attorney Jerry Joyce, who won the city's four most conservative wards on the edge of the city's Northwest and Southwest sides that are home to thousands of city workers. The former president of the Chicago Police Board also picked up the backing of U.S. Rep. Jesus "Chuy" Garcia, the city's top Latino elected official who developed a loyal following after forcing Emanuel to a runoff in the 2015 mayor's race.

Lightfoot also won the support of the city's firefighters union, several influential trade unions and some downtown business leaders, helping turn her fundraising disadvantage in the first round into an edge over Preckwinkle in the runoff. In March, Lightfoot raised \$3.8 million to Preckwinkle's \$1.6 million, allowing her to air a sustained TV campaign while the County Board president largely remained absent from the airwaves in the campaign's final two weeks.

Despite her long-standing ties to the party, Preckwinkle received fewer endorsements from sitting aldermen, 13, than Lightfoot, who grabbed 16. As the time left to vote wound down Tuesday, one of Preckwinkle's City Council allies pleaded for a room full of residents at the Patrick Sullivan Senior Apartments to get out to the polls.

"If she loses, I'm going to have a hard time getting stuff for you all," West Side Ald. Walter Burnett, 26th, said with Preckwinkle standing by his side. "I'm just letting you know straight up how it is. If she wins, I'm going to have an easier time. That's how politics works. So I'm asking you all to support me by supporting her, so I can support you."

For her part, Lightfoot never wavered from her message of changing City Hall, but campaigning and governing are two different enterprises. As Preckwinkle frequently reminded her opponent during the campaign, "Change is not easy."

As such, there will be plenty of entrenched interests and aldermen eager to maintain business as usual at 121 N. LaSalle St., but Lightfoot seemed eager for the brewing fight.

"The machine was built to last ... There are a lot of people who are very, very happy with the status quo, who have profited in every conceivable way, so they're not going to give up power easily," Lightfoot said Tuesday afternoon as she left a Woodlawn church that serves as a polling place. "I've heard lots of rumblings of, 'We're going to teach her if she gets elected.'"

"We'll see."

Chicago Tribune's Gregory Pratt, Juan Perez Jr. and Rick Pearson contributed.

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Hinsdale schools referendum gets an early boost

By JOHN KEILMAN
Chicago Tribune

Voters in Hinsdale High School District 86 appeared in early results Tuesday to be throwing their support behind a \$140 million referendum aimed at extensive building upgrades at two high schools — meaning football, wrestling, swimming and other sports and activities would be saved.

While that referendum was the hottest issue in the suburbs, mayoral seats were also at stake in Naperville, Schaumburg and Palos Park, where one of the candidates was an 18-year-old high school student.

But that candidate, Nicholas Baker, was far behind incumbent John Mahoney at press time, with most precincts reporting.

The vote in DuPage County came in slowly Tuesday night, but in early results, District 86 voters seemed to have responded to a monthlong campaign designed to pass the first facilities referendum since the 1960s.

The "yes" vote was leading by a large margin with about half of precincts reporting.

"We feel really positive," said Kari Galassi, chair of the D86 Vote Yes Campaign, who noted that the count still had a long way to go.

"We've just done such a great job about educating the community about why this is necessary. The districts around us have passed their referendums, and we're not going to be a competitive high school if we don't keep up."

Despite the success of the referendum in early returns, Zach Mottl, chairman of the Vote No campaign, held out hope that the vote would turn as more precincts reported their results. And indeed, with about half of the vote counted, the lead was still sizable but shrinking.

He said while his side had been vastly outspent by the Vote Yes forces, he believed the majority of District 86 voters would show their opposition.

"There's been an unbelievable onslaught, and I think we've done an unbelievable job," said Mottl, who was also running for village president in Burr Ridge but was trailing behind Gary Grasso.

After a similar measure failed to pass in November, the school board turned the issue into an ultimatum, voting to cut cheerleading, marching band and numerous sports and activities for the 2019-20 school year, and warning they would stay cut unless voters approved the referendum.

That sparked a vigorous campaign on both sides of the issue. Pro-referendum activists focused on security upgrades and classroom improvements at Hinsdale Central and Hinsdale South, while anti-referendum forces called the threatened elimination of popular programs a manufactured crisis intended to scare money out of tax-weary residents.

If the measure passes, the district has scheduled a special school board meeting for Wednesday when it could reverse the program cuts.

Quieter school referendums were held in Winnetka School District 36 and Barrington Community Unit School District 220.

Barrington aimed to raise \$185 million to make building improvements at schools throughout the district. The early vote was

evenly split, but should the proposal pass, the owner of a \$500,000 home will pay about \$100 more a year in property taxes.

Winnetka sought a \$90.6 million bond sale to keep neighborhood schools open by fixing several historical buildings. District officials said a resident with a home valued at \$1 million would pay an extra \$276 in taxes toward the district's portion of their property tax bill if the referendum is approved.

That measure appeared headed to defeat with the "no" vote up by about a nearly 2-1 margin.

With 10 of 11 precincts reporting Tuesday night, 64 percent of voters were opposed to the borrowing plan, with just 36 percent of voters signaling their support for the measure.

Officials with District 36 were not immediately available for comment Tuesday evening.

Voters in Lisle, conversely, appeared to be skeptical of a measure designed to trim their property taxes by cutting funding at School District 202 by about \$2 million. School officials had warned that passage of the measure would lead to larger class sizes and the likely discontinuation of classes such as language, art and music.

The "no" vote was winning handsily with 75 percent of precincts reporting.

Elsewhere, mayoral races dominated suburban ballots. The most unusual race came in Palos Park, where Mahoney, a 12-year incumbent, was challenged by Baker, a St. Ignatius Prep student. The 18-year-old said he was inspired to run when he saw three vape shops open in the small southwest suburban town, calling the development "incompatible with the community's character."

Mahoney said before the election that he was impressed with his opponent's campaign.

"His entire website and his social media presence — I give the young man a lot of credit for the effort he's put into this," he said.

In Naperville, incumbent Steve Chirico, the successor of longtime Mayor George Pradel, was hanging onto a lead over challenger Richard "Rocky" Caylor.

Another eminent suburban figure, Schaumburg Village President Al Larson, stepped down after eight terms. Village Trustee Tom Dailly was leading a pack of three candidates to be named as Larson's replacement.

In Harvey, longtime incumbent Mayor Eric Kellogg cannot run for re-election because of term limits. Ald. Christopher Clark had a sizable lead over Park District President Anthony McCaskill in early results.

Highland Park incumbent Mayor Nancy Rotering had a comfortable lead over former store owner Bob Crimo.

In the far south suburb of University Park, incumbent mayor Vivian Covington was neck and neck with former trustee Joseph Roudez, a bitter rival.

He had called on her to resign before an earlier election, blaming her for the village's financial state and years of alleged TIF fund misappropriations that became the focus of an ongoing federal investigation.

Covington, though, has said Roudez and some former trustees he led had tied her hands and prevented her from executing her agenda.

Pioneer Press' Karen Ann Cullotta contributed.



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Naperville Mayor Steve Chirico is flanked by Joe Woodward and his wife, Julie Chicico, as they watch election results.

ELECTION 2019 BY THE NUMBERS

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Lori Lightfoot	366,579	73.7%	
Toni Preckwinkle	130,507	26.3%	
City Treasurer			
Melissa Conyers-Ervin	282,404	59.6%	
Ameya Pawar	191,400	40.4%	

ALDERMAN

Ward 5			
Leslie Hairston*	6,296	50.5%	
William Calloway	6,168	49.5%	
Ward 6			
Roderick Sawyer*	5,794	53.5%	
Deborah Foster-Bonner	5,035	46.5%	
Ward 15			
Raymond Lopez*	3,060	59.5%	
Rafael Yanez	2,085	40.5%	
Ward 16			
Stephanie Coleman	3,248	66.9%	
Toni Foulkes*	1,604	33.1%	
Ward 20			
Jeanette B. Taylor	4,484	59.6%	
Nicole Johnson	3,040	40.4%	
Ward 21			
Howard Brookins*	6,926	53.1%	
Marvin McNeil	6,115	46.9%	
Ward 25			
Byron Sigcho-Lopez	5,094	54.3%	
Alex Acevedo	4,285	45.7%	
Ward 30			
Ariel Reboyras*	3,999	51.9%	
Jessica Gutierrez	3,703	48.1%	
Ward 31			
Felix Cardona	3,417	54.3%	
Milly Santiago*	2,873	45.7%	
Ward 33			
Deborah Mell*	5,365	50.2%	
Rossana Rodriguez Sanchez	5,321	49.8%	
Ward 39			
Samantha "Sam" Nugent	6,913	55.6%	
Robert Murphy	5,524	44.4%	
Ward 40			
Andre Vasquez	7,269	53.9%	
Patrick O'Connor*	6,209	46.1%	
Ward 43			
Michele Smith*	6,770	53.5%	
Derek Lindblom	5,883	46.5%	
Ward 46			
James Cappelman*	6,692	50.1%	
Marianne Lalonde	6,669	49.9%	
Ward 47			
Matt Martin	11,144	62.5%	
Michael Negron	6,673	37.5%	

* indicates incumbent

SUBURBAN RACES

COOK COUNTY

Barrington Unit School District 220: Issue bonds	No	3,186
Yes	2,990	
Buffalo Grove: Village President	Mike Terson	1,642
Beverly Sussman*	1,615	
Burnham: Term limits	No	497
Yes	66	
Burnham: Senior citizen exemption	Yes	555
No	27	
Burnham: Veteran exemption	Yes	539
No	41	
Burr Ridge: Village President	Gary Grasso	2,069
Zachary Mottl	1,036	
Chicago Heights: Mayor	David Gonzalez*	2,396
Arthur Wiggins Jr.	995	
Cicero: New building permit fees	No	1,924
Yes	1,525	
Cicero: Decrease general assistance funding	No	2,219
Yes	1,466	
Cicero: Body cameras for police	No	3,150
Yes	589	
Country Club Hills: Mayor	James Ford*	1,514
Anthony Davis	1,052	
Steven Heath	354	
Elgin: Mayor	David Kaptain*	3,979
Carol Rauschenberger	2,064	
Elk Grove Rural Fire District: Reduce number of trustees	Yes	12
No	6	
Evanston Lighthouse Park District: Reduce number of commissioners	Yes	121
No	46	
Forest Park: Mayor	Rory Hoskins	1,749
Chris Harris	1,222	
Harvey: Mayor	Christopher Clark	2,097
Anthony McCaskill	1,339	
Hazel Crest: Term limit change	No	957
Yes	627	
Hinsdale School District 86: Issue bonds	Yes	13,604
No	8,499	
Justice: Institute sales tax	Yes	566
No	457	
Justice: Village appointments	No	621
Yes	422	
Komarek School District 94: Issue bonds	No	807
Yes	556	
Lemont: Road, sidewalk improvements	Yes	1,409
No	325	
Lemont: Water, sewer improvements	Yes	1,397
No	335	
Lemont: Institute sales tax	Yes	1,039
No	722	
North Palos Fire District: Increase tax limit	Yes	990
No	565	
Oak Brook: Village President	Gopal Lalimalani*	1,733
John Baar	1,201	
Palatine Library District: Increase tax limit	Yes	4,355
No	2,369	
Palos Heights Fire District: Increase tax limit	Yes	731
No	551	
Palos Park: Mayor	John Mahoney*	588
Nicholas Baker	170	
Park Forest: Mayor	Jonathan Vanderbilt	1,146
Mae Brandon	1,119	
JeRome Brown	545	
Prospect Heights: Mayor	Nicholas Helmer*	583
Lawrence Rosenthal	272	

River Grove Library District: Issue bonds	No	1,016
Yes	462	
River Trails School District 26: Issue bonds	No	861
Yes	648	
Rolling Meadows: Mayor	Joe Gallo	966
John D'Astice	629	
David Whitney	559	
Len Prejna*	470	
Schaumburg: Village President	Tom Dailly	5,067
Nafees Rahman	981	
Matthew Steward	947	
South Barrington Park District: Sell property	No	343
Yes	313	
South Chicago Heights: Become home rule	Yes	303
No	253	
Steger: Increase tax limit	No	350
Yes	195	
Tinley Park Park District: Increase tax limit	No	4,113
Yes	1,865	
University Park: Mayor	Joseph Roudez III	410
Vivian Covington *	404	
Nakia Hall	311	
Vanessa Lawson	98	
Wheeling: Expand airport runway	No	1,058
Yes	308	
Willow Springs School District 108: Investigate consolidation	Yes	361
No	184	
Willow Springs School District 108: Consolidate with other districts	Yes	326
No	215	
Winnetka School District 36: Issue bonds	No	2,151
Yes	1,250	

Willowbrook: Become home rule	Yes	824
No	603	
Wood Dale: Mayor	Annunziato Pulice*	1,636
Kenneth Johnson	609	
KANE COUNTY		
Aurora School District 129: Keep library at school	Yes	4,261
No	478	
Barrington Unit School District 220: Issue bonds	No	3,186
Yes	2,990	
Campton Hills: Allow video gaming	No	648
Yes	545	
Elburn: Impose sales tax	Yes	136
No	128	
Elgin: Mayor	David Kaptain*	3,979
Carol Rauschenberger	2,064	
Fox River/Countryside Fire District: Increase tax limit	No	951
Yes	942	
Huntley Library District: Issue bond	Yes	2,710
No	1,359	
Lily Lake: Village President	Rick Overstreet*	161
Mike Carlson	86	
Oswego School District 308: Increase tax limit	No	4,082
Yes	3,490	
Rutland-Dundee Fire District: Work toward consolidation	No	538
Yes	526	
South Elgin: Impose sales tax	No	787
Yes	781	
KENDALL COUNTY		
Joliet Park District: Increase tax limit	No	5,748
Yes	2,356	
Minooka School District 201: Issue bonds	No	2,397
Yes	2,176	
Oswego: Village President	Troy Parlier	2,244
Gail Johnson*	2,014	
Joe West	881	
Oswego School District 308: Increase tax limit	No	4,082
Yes	3,490	
Troy Fire District: Tax levy for pensions	No	1,875
Yes	1,339	
Yorkville: Mayor	John Purcell	899
Gary Golinski*	757	
Arden Plocher	606	

Round Lake Heights: Issue bonds	No	111
Yes	41	
Zion: Mayor	Billy McKinney	703
Ron Molinaro	447	
Zion: Impose sales tax	No	831
Yes	214	
MCHENRY COUNTY		
Alden-Hebron School District 19: Issue bonds	No	824
Yes	224	
Barrington Unit School District 220: Issue bonds	No	3,186
Yes	2,990	
Huntley Library District: Issue bond	Yes	2,710
No	1,359	
Marengo Fire District: Increase tax limit	Yes	760
No	542	
Marengo Rescue District: Increase tax limit	Yes	849
No	616	
Woodstock Fire District: Increase tax limit	Yes	2,106
No	1,154	
WILL COUNTY		
Braidwood: Mayor	Robert Jones	403
James Vehrs*	365	
Richard Giro	341	
James Hutton	223	
Crete-Monee School District 201-U: Restructuring plan	Yes	2,785
No	712	
Homer Township Fire District: Issue bonds	Yes	841
No	657	
Joliet Park District: Increase tax limit	No	5,748
Yes	2,356	
Lemont: Road, sidewalk improvements	Yes	1,409
No	325	
Lemont: Water, sewer improvements	Yes	1,397
No	335	
Lemont: Institute sales tax	Yes	1,039
No	722	
Minooka School District 201: Issue bonds	No	2,397
Yes	2,176	
Mokena School District 159: Increase tax limit	Yes	1,196
No	919	
Naperville: Mayor	Steve Chirico*	9,412
Richard Caylor	8,792	
Oswego School District 308: Increase tax limit	Yes	4,082
No	3,490	
Park Forest: Mayor	Jonathan Vanderbilt	1,146
Mae Brandon	1,119	
JeRome Brown	545	
Steger: Increase tax limit	No	350
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Tinley Park Park District: Increase tax limit	No	4,113
Yes	1,865	
Troy Fire District: Tax levy for pensions	No	1,875
Yes	1,339	
University Park: Mayor	Joseph Roudez III	410
Vivian Covington *	404	
Nakia Hall	311	
Vanessa Lawson	98	
White Oak Library District: Increase tax limit	No	2,907
Yes	2,773	
Wilton Township: Create new tax rate	No	129
Yes	83	

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Pressure mounts over clearances

House committee votes to subpoena former White House staffer over security reversals

By RACHAEL BADE
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A House panel voted Tuesday to subpoena a former White House official accused of overturning denials for security clearances after a whistleblower complained that the Trump administration had put the nation's most guarded secrets in jeopardy.

The Oversight and Reform Committee voted 22-15, along party lines, to force Carl Kline, the former White House personnel security director, to answer questions as part of its ongoing investigation into the security clearance process.

The move represents one of the committee's first compulsory measures aimed at the administration and follows whistleblower Tricia Newbold's allegation that President Donald Trump's White House has behaved recklessly with national security.

Newbold, a nearly two-decade veteran of the security clearance process who still works in the White House, told the panel in late March that Kline, then her direct manager, overruled multiple clearance denials and then retaliated against her when she objected.

Newbold also said she has counted more than 25 security clearance denials that had been approved since 2018 despite red flags about applicants' foreign contacts, conflicts of interest, past criminality, drug use or other misconduct.

"She strongly believed

that Congress must intervene ... to safeguard our national security," Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., chairman of the committee, said Tuesday, summarizing Newbold's message. "She's begging us to do something because she simply wants her government to work the way it's supposed to work."

The committee move ramps up pressure on the White House over its handling of security clearances, an issue that came into public view last year with the revelation that dozens of staffers had temporary approvals to access sensitive government information while they awaited clearance approval.

Among them was presidential son-in-law Jared Kushner, who President Donald Trump ultimately demanded be granted a permanent top-secret clearance, despite the concerns of intelligence officials.

Officials in at least four countries have privately discussed ways they can manipulate Kushner by taking advantage of his complex business arrangements, financial difficulties and lack of foreign policy experience, according to current and former U.S. officials familiar with intelligence reports on the matter.

Those four nations discussing ways to influence Kushner to their advantage were China, Israel, Mexico and the United Arab Emirates, the current and former officials said.

It is unclear whether any of those countries acted on the discussions, but Kushn-



Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., offers insight about subpoenas Tuesday on Capitol Hill.



Intelligence officials had concerns about Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner.

er's contacts with certain foreign government officials have raised concerns inside the White House and are a reason he has been unable to obtain a permanent security clearance, the officials said.

Kushner on Monday dismissed concerns by Newbold about the White House security clearance process.

He told Fox host Laura Ingraham that he could not comment for the White House on the process, "but I can say over the last two years that I've been here, I've been accused of all different types of things and all of those things have turned out to be false. We've had a lot of crazy accusations, like that we colluded with Russia."

Kushner was referring to conclusions of a report by special counsel Robert Mueller delivered to senior leaders at the Justice Department. After reviewing the report, Attorney General William Barr sent a four-page letter to Congress last week, saying Mueller "did not find that the Trump campaign or anyone associated with it conspired or

coordinated with Russia in its efforts to influence the 2016 U.S. presidential election."

Republicans argued Tuesday that Trump has the authority to do whatever he wants with security clearances and criticized Democrats for giving them short notice before the Newbold interview, which occurred Saturday.

"You issue a big press release after interviewing one witness?" complained Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio. "That's how we're going to do investigations in the Oversight Committee? Talk to one person, and then issue a big press statement so you can get some headlines?"

Cummings countered that the late notice to Re-

publicans was to protect Newbold, who implored the panel to hold off on telling lawmakers about her complaints until after she had left work the previous day. Republicans were notified Friday afternoon before the nine-hour Saturday session with Newbold.

Tuesday's subpoena is unlikely to be the committee's last on the matter. Cummings has warned that his panel will approve additional compulsory measures should the White House refuse to cooperate with his probe.

The White House has argued that the Oversight Committee has no authority to question the president on security clearance matters and has refused to give the committee a single document.

Republicans concurred with that assessment Tuesday. "He's the president of the United States!" said Rep. Mark Green, R-Tenn.

Kline, who now works at the Defense Department, oversaw the security clearance process during the first two years of the Trump administration. Newbold said he routinely "failed to address" a list of disqualifying concerns discovered by employees who vetted candidates.

NBC News previously reported that Kline overruled a decision by two career White House security specialists to deny Kushner a clearance.

Kline's lawyer has asked the committee not to subpoena him and offered to allow his client to appear voluntarily, a point Republicans held up Tuesday to argue Cummings was being heavy-handed with a witness.

Trump backs off on new GOP health plan

By JOHN WAGNER
AND ERICA WERNER
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump abandoned plans to press for a vote on a bill to replace the Affordable Care Act ahead of next year's elections after a conversation with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, the Kentucky Republican said Tuesday.

McConnell told reporters that he and Trump had "a good conversation" Monday in which he said that Senate Republicans had no intention of trying to overhaul President Barack Obama's signature health care law during a campaign season — a move many in the GOP saw as politically perilous, given that the issue helped Democrats in last year's midterm elections.

"I made it clear to him we were not going to be doing that in the Senate," McConnell said, also pointing out the difficulty in crafting a bill that could pass the Democratic-led House. "We don't have a misunderstanding about that."

In tweets late Monday after the two men had talked, Trump signaled that he was punting on the issue

until after next year's election — suggesting that he believes he would still be in the White House and that Republicans would control both chambers of Congress at that point.

"Vote will be taken right after the Election when Republicans hold the Senate & win back the House," Trump wrote. "It will be truly great HealthCare that will work for America."

McConnell said Tuesday that Trump still plans to develop a health care plan to present to voters during the campaign but the Senate will not act on any "comprehensive" legislation before 2021.

Congressional Republicans were caught off guard by Trump's shift to focus on health care last week, which was set off by his abrupt decision to direct the Justice Department to intervene in a federal court case seeking to eliminate the ACA in its entirety on constitutional grounds.

Trump later showed up at a Senate Republican luncheon where he declared that they should be the "party of health care" and asked for assistance in writing a new bill.

It soon became clear,

however, that other Republicans had little appetite to take on an issue that benefited Democrats during last year's midterm elections.

McConnell signaled that he would not play a major role in authoring new health care legislation, saying he would instead wait to see what the White House produced in consultation with leaders of the Democratic-controlled House.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, whose panel would be central to any such debate, also said last week that there was no plan to move forward.

In his tweets, Trump claimed that a bill is in the works.

"The Republicans are developing a really great HealthCare Plan with far lower premiums (cost) & deductibles than ObamaCare," he said. "In other words it will be far less expensive & much more usable than ObamaCare."

Despite the delay in legislative action, the Trump administration is continuing to push for the dismantling of the ACA through the courts.

On Tuesday, House



The president abandoned a pre-election health vote after talking to Sen. Mitch McConnell.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., held an event outside the Supreme Court urging the Justice Department to reverse its position in the case. Democrats in both chambers are introducing resolutions Tuesday to that end. The House plans to vote Wednesday.

"We're here to condemn what the president did," Pelosi said. "Americans need to know where their representatives stand."

Schumer mocked Trump for pushing off the health care debate past the elections. "Translation: They have no health care plan,"

he said. "What a ruse. What a shame. What a disgrace. ... The American people will not stand for the president playing cynical games with health care."

Sen. John Thune, the No. 2 Senate Republican, said it makes sense to wait until after the election to attempt the large-scale health insurance overhaul. Trump probably "looked at the possibility that anything could move, I mean the idea that he could get a Democrat House to agree with the Republican Senate on something he wants to try to get enacted," Thune, R-S.D., said. "My guess is it's just probably a realistic as-

essment of what the field looks like for the next couple of years."

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, said he did not think that Trump's tweet removed any pressure from Republicans to come up with a health care solution — an issue he said he would continue to focus on in his own re-election campaign.

"That's one man's timetable," Cornyn said of Trump's declaration that a vote would take place after the elections. "But I intend to continue to try to find ways to provide more affordable choices for people when it comes to their health care."

Woman with Chinese passports, malware arrested at Mar-a-Lago

By TERRY SPENCER
Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — A woman carrying two Chinese passports and a device containing computer malware lied to Secret Service agents and briefly gained admission to President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago club over the weekend during his Florida visit, federal prosecutors allege in court documents.

Yujing Zhang, 32, approached a Secret Service agent at a checkpoint out-

side the Palm Beach club Saturday afternoon and said she was a member who wanted to use the pool, court documents said. She showed the passports as identification.

Agents say she wasn't on the membership list, but a club manager thought Zhang was the daughter of a member. Agents say that when they asked Zhang if the member was her father, she did not answer definitively but they thought it might be a language barrier and admitted her.

Zhang's story changed when she got inside, agents say, telling a front desk receptionist she was there to attend the United Nations Chinese American Association event scheduled for that evening. No such event was scheduled and agents were summoned.

Agent Samuel Ivanovich wrote in court documents that Zhang told him that she was there for the Chinese American event and had come early to familiarize herself with the club and take photos, again con-

tradicting what she had said at the checkpoint.

She showed him an invitation in Chinese that he could not read.

He said Zhang was taken off the grounds and told she could not be there. Ivanovich said she became argumentative, so she was taken to the local Secret Service office for questioning.

There, he said, it became clear Zhang speaks and reads English. He said Zhang said she had traveled from Shanghai to attend the

non-existent Mar-a-Lago event on the invitation of an acquaintance named "Charles," whom she only knew through a Chinese social media app. Ivanovich said she then denied telling the checkpoint agents she was a member wanting to swim. Ivanovich said Zhang carried four cellphones, a laptop computer, an external hard drive and a thumb drive containing computer malware. She did not have a swimsuit.

Zhang is charged with making false statements to

federal agents and illegally entering a restricted area. She remains in custody pending a hearing next week to determine whether she will be released from custody on the charges that are punishable by a maximum five-year prison sentence. Her public defender, Robert Adler, declined comment.

There is no indication Zhang was ever near Trump.

The Palm Beach Post contributed.

Some 2020 Dems report big first quarter cash hauls

BY BILL BARROW
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Several Democratic presidential candidates have released fundraising totals for the first quarter of 2019, offering an early measure of how they're faring on the campaign circuit.

Full details won't be available until campaigns file detailed disclosures with the Federal Election Commission ahead of the April 15 deadline. Here are some developments so far:

Bernie Sanders: The Vermont senator said his campaign has raised \$18.2 million in the 41 days since he launched his bid.

He has \$28 million cash on hand, picking up where he left off four years ago in his ultimately unsuccessful bid for the party's presidential nomination.

Sanders' total could ultimately top all Democratic candidates, and it shows that the senator maintains a wide base following his 2016 bid. His campaign says he has about 525,000 individual donors who chipped in 900,000 contributions, with 88 percent of his total haul coming from small donors who gave \$200 or less.

Campaign manager Faiz Shakir said the average contribution was \$20 and about 20 percent of the donors are new.

Some other key measures the campaign offered: Sanders' donor list includes nearly 100,000 registered independents and 20,000 registered Republicans; a majority of donors are under 40 years old.

And perhaps the most glaring number for Sanders' opponents: 99.99 percent of his contributors have not given the maximum \$2,800 — meaning they can contribute again.



JOSE LUIS MAGANA/AP

Sen. Bernie Sanders says his campaign has raised \$18.2 million in the 41 days since he launched his bid.



Kamala Harris



Pete Buttigieg

Kamala Harris: The California senator's campaign said it collected \$12 million from more than 218,000 individual contributions. Harris is running both an aggressive digital fundraising campaign targeting smaller donors, but also is sticking to the tried-and-true fundraising circuit in which she collects larger checks from donors.

The Harris campaign said 98 percent of her contributions were under \$100. They've not yet detailed what percentage of her overall collections came from those smaller donors.

Pete Buttigieg: The mayor of South Bend, Ind., can't match Sanders or Harris, but his \$7 million haul may be the most impressive of anyone. And he hasn't even officially announced his candidacy, instead raising money for his exploratory committee.

It shows that the 37-year-

old long shot is resonating as he travels to early nominating states. It also essentially guarantees that he will qualify for the Democratic National Committee's June and July debates. For the first time, party officials have set grassroots fundraising thresholds as part of the qualifications for the initial debate stages.

The debates will be a prime opportunity for underdogs like Buttigieg to gain name recognition and stature alongside perceived front-runners Sanders, Harris and others.

Buttigieg said the first quarter results were "way ahead" of the campaign's original goals. He said 158,550 donors contributed to the effort, with an average contribution of about \$36. Of the \$7 million raised, 64 percent came from people donating \$200 or less.

"This is a great look for our first quarter," he told supporters Monday.

Trump eases threat to close all of the U.S.-Mexico border

BY JILL COLVIN
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump eased up Tuesday on his threats to shut the southern border this week as officials across his administration explored half-measures that might satisfy the president's urge for action, like stopping only foot traffic at certain crossings.

Facing a surge of Central American migrants trying to enter the country, Trump last week threatened to seal the border this week if Mexico did not immediately halt all illegal immigration into the U.S., a move would have enormous economic consequences on both sides of the border.

While Trump on Tuesday did not back off the idea completely, he said he was pleased with steps Mexico had taken in recent days and renewed his calls for Congress to make changes he contends would solve the problem.

"Let's see if they keep it done," he said of Mexico. "Now, if they don't, or if we don't make a deal with Congress, the border's going to be closed, 100%."

He also said that he might only close "large sections of the border" and "not all of it."

Closing the border completely would disrupt manufacturing supply lines and the flow of goods ranging from avocados to cars, making for a "potentially catastrophic economic impact," in the words of Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell, the Senate majority leader.

Some inside the administration also worry it would only exacerbate illegal immigration.

Meantime, administration officials grappled with how they might minimize the impact of a shutdown or implement less sweeping actions.

White House economic



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President Donald Trump said Tuesday that he might only close "large sections of the border" and "not all of it."

adviser Larry Kudlow, for example, told CNBC he's been looking at potentially keeping truck lanes open.

"We are looking at different options, particularly if you can keep those freight lanes, the truck lanes, open," he said. As for the hundreds of thousands of tourists and workers who cross the border legally, Kudlow said, "that may be difficult."

Earlier, White House press secretary Sarah Sanders said the Council of Economic Advisers was conducting a number of studies on the impact, and "working with the president to give him those options."

White House spokesman Hogan Gidley said in an appearance on MSNBC that closing only certain entry ports, or parts of all of them, could be among the steps short of closing the entire border.

It was a shift from Trump's threat late last week to seal the whole border, and quickly. "I am not kidding around," he said then, exasperated by the swelling numbers of migrants, thousands of whom were being released into the U.S. because border officials had no space for them. Arrests along the southern border have skyrocketed in recent months and border agents were on

track to make 100,000 arrests or denials of entry in March, a 12-year high.

With southern border facilities near a breaking point, U.S. officials are busying many migrants hundreds of miles inland and dropping them off at bus stations and churches. Trump has mocked and vowed to end that "catch and release" practice but overwhelmed authorities saw no choice.

Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen rushed home late Monday from Europe, where she was attending G7 security meetings, to oversee the response to what administration officials are calling a crisis.

She intends to fly to the border midweek to assess the impact of several changes the administration has recently implemented, including reassigning some 2,000 border officers assigned to check vehicles to deal with migrant crowds and new efforts to return more asylum-seekers to Mexico as they wait out their case.

Officials were hoping to have as many as 300 asylum-seekers returned to Mexico per day by the end of the week near Calexico and El Paso in Texas and San Ysidro in California. Right now, 60 a day are returned.

Venezuelan lawmakers loyal to Maduro strip Guaido of immunity

BY SCOTT SMITH
Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — Lawmakers loyal to Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro stripped Juan Guaido of immunity Tuesday, paving the way for the opposition leader's prosecution and potential arrest for supposedly violating the constitution when he declared himself interim president.

But whether Maduro's government will take action against the 35-year-old lawmaker remains unclear. Guaido has embarked on an international campaign to topple the president's socialist administration amid deepening social unrest in the country plagued by nearly a month of power blackouts.

He declared himself Venezuela's interim president in January, and vowed to overthrow Maduro. So far, however, Maduro has avoided jailing the man that



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Juan Guaido, president of National Assembly, makes a victory sign during a session Tuesday in Caracas.

the administration of President Donald Trump and roughly 50 other nations recognize as Venezuela's legitimate leader.

Tuesday night's vote was unanimous. Constituent Assembly president and socialist party boss Diosdado Cabello accused the opposition of naively inviting a foreign invasion and of in-

citing a civil war.

"They don't care about the deaths," Cabello said. "They don't have the slightest idea of what the consequences of war are for a country."

The Constituent Assembly met a day after Maduro ally and Venezuela Supreme Tribunal of Justice President Maikel Moreno ordered the legislative body to strip Guaido's immunity for violating an order banning him leaving the country while under investigation by the attorney general. The opposition leader is also accused of inciting violence linked to street protests, and of receiving illicit funds from abroad.

The Constitution guarantees immunity for elected officials, and says that in order to withdraw immunity the accused lawmaker must be given a preliminary hearing before the Supreme Court. The action must be approved by the National

Assembly — steps that weren't taken in Guaido's case.

Earlier Tuesday, Guaido dismissed the Maduro-stacked high court and Constituent Assembly as illegitimate, and continued his calls for Maduro to step down.

"This is not even persecution," Guaido said before the vote. "This is inquisition."

Guaido has come under increasing pressure in recent weeks. Officials jailed his chief of staff, Roberto Marrero, accused of involvement in a "terrorist" scheme to overthrow the government. Maduro's government also barred Guaido from holding public office for 15 years.

The opposition leader has drawn masses of Venezuelans into the streets and garnered broad international support, demanding Maduro give up rule of the crisis-racked nation.

Defying the court order, Guaido left the country in

late February for a ten-day tour of South America, meeting with foreign leaders who support the Venezuelan opposition and who reject Maduro's election last year for a second six-year

term.

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Saudis reportedly give homes, money to Khashoggi children

BY GREG MILLER
The Washington Post

The children of slain Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi have received million-dollar houses in the kingdom and monthly five-figure payments as compensation for the killing of their father, according to current and former Saudi officials as well as people close to the family.

Khashoggi's two sons and two daughters may also receive much larger payouts — possibly tens of millions of dollars apiece — as part of “blood money” negotiations that are expected to ensue when the trials of Khashoggi's accused killers are completed in the coming months, according to the officials and others who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The previously undisclosed payments are part of an effort by Saudi Arabia to reach a long-term arrangement with Khashoggi family members, aimed in part at ensuring that they continue to show restraint in their public statements about the killing of their father by Saudi operatives in Istanbul six months ago, the officials said.

The Khashoggi siblings have refrained from harsh criticism of the kingdom, even as their father's death provoked global outrage and widespread condemnation of the heir to the Saudi throne, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

The delivery of homes and monthly payments of \$10,000 or more to each sibling were approved late last year by King Salman as part of what one former official described as an acknowledgment that “a big injustice has been done” and an attempt “to make a wrong right.”

But the royal family is also relying on its wealth to help contain the ongoing fallout from the killing and dismemberment of the prominent Saudi journalist



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Saudi King Salman, right, and his son Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, second from right, meet with family members of slain journalist Jamal Khashoggi in Riyadh.

and Washington Post contributing columnist who was targeted for articles that were often critical of the government.

A Saudi official described the payments as being consistent with the country's long-standing practice of providing financial support to victims of violent crime or even natural disasters and rejected the suggestion that the Khashoggi family would be obligated to remain silent.

“Such support is part of our custom and culture,” the official said. “It is not attached to anything else.”

As part of their preliminary settlement, the Khashoggi children were each given houses in Jiddah worth as much as \$4 million apiece. The properties are part of a shared compound in which Salah Khashoggi, the eldest son, lives in main structure.

A banker in Jiddah, Salah Khashoggi is the only Khashoggi sibling who intends to continue living in Saudi Arabia, according to people close to the family. The others reside in the United States and are expected to sell their new Saudi properties.

Salah Khashoggi, who has been responsible for financial discussions with Saudi authorities, declined to comment on the matter when reached by phone Monday. His desire to re-

main in Jiddah with his family has contributed to the siblings' deference to the authorities and caution in their public statements over the past six months.

In October, the Saudi government released photos of Salah Khashoggi shaking hands with Mohammed, an image that was meant to show the crown prince offering condolences but was widely seen as an indication of the coercive power the royal family was exerting on Jamal Khashoggi's children.

The CIA concluded with “medium to high confidence” that Salman had ordered Khashoggi's killing, but President Donald Trump has refused to accept that verdict about a close ally, saying, “Maybe he did, maybe he didn't.”

Saudi officials have denied that Salman was involved, describing the slaying as a rogue operation carried out by a team that intended to subdue Khashoggi and bring him back to Riyadh but killed him after a struggle. Khashoggi came to the consulate to collect paperwork needed to remarry.

U.S. intelligence agencies, relying in part on eavesdropping equipment placed in the Saudi Consulate by the Turkish government, have concluded that Khashoggi was strangled or smothered.



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Members of Moms Demand Action celebrate Tuesday after passage of gun control bills.

Pittsburgh approves gun restrictions; lawsuits expected

BY RAMESH SANTANAM
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh City Council gave final approval Tuesday to gun restrictions proposed after last year's synagogue massacre, inviting a legal challenge by gun-rights activists who have long tangled with the city over firearms.

After taking an initial vote last week, the all-Democratic council voted 6-3 to send the legislation to the desk of Democratic Mayor Bill Peduto, who is expected to sign the bills into law.

A handful of pro-gun rights activists jeered and booed the vote, while two dozen supporters gave council a standing ovation. “We're happy to take a stand,” Councilman Corey O'Connor, who spearheaded the effort, said afterward. “It's going to be a difficult battle, but we are willing to fight it. People are starting to change their minds and be more open to some sort of gun control.”

The legislation places restrictions on military-style assault weapons like the AR-15 rifle that authorities say was used in the Oct. 27 rampage at Tree of Life Synagogue that killed 11 and wounded seven. It also

bans most uses of armor-piercing ammunition and high-capacity magazines, and allows the temporary seizure of guns from people who are determined to be a danger to themselves or others.

Pennsylvania state law forbids municipalities from regulating guns, and pro-gun advocates say they'll sue to block the laws from taking effect — and file private criminal complaints against council and Peduto over allegations of abuse of office and official repression.

Mary Konieczny, a nurse who addressed the council, called the legislation “a distraction and an overreach of authority” and accused council members Tuesday of trying “to fear-monger people that by taking guns away from legal gun owners, people will be safe.”

Dennis Jordan, a lifelong Pittsburgh resident and gun collector wearing a black T-shirt supporting the Second Amendment, also spoke out against the bills.

“My guns are not hurting anybody. I have no intent of hurting anybody,” he told the council. “I am not going to be allowed to own my guns because of this ordinance. I am ready to move

out of this place. You just want to control people. You want to take away my right to protect people.”

The three-bill package — proposed not long after the deadliest attack on Jews in U.S. history — was weakened ahead of the vote in an effort to make it more likely to survive a court challenge.

State law has long prohibited municipalities from regulating the ownership or possession of guns or ammunition.

While one of the Pittsburgh bills originally included an outright ban on assault weapons, the revised measure bars the “use” of assault weapons in public places.

A full ban on possession would take effect only if state lawmakers or the state Supreme Court give municipalities the right to regulate guns, which is seen as unlikely in a state where legislative majorities are fiercely protective of gun rights.

Jenna Paulat, wearing a Moms Demand Action T-shirt, said she supported “sensible gun laws.” She praised council members for their “bold actions.”

“They can't sit around and wait for the state and federal legislators to take action,” she said.

NEWS BRIEFING

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Algerian president steps down after urging by army official

ALGIERS, Algeria — Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika stepped down on Tuesday after 20 years in office, and six weeks of massive nationwide protests aimed at pushing him and his much-criticized inner circle from power to create a real democracy.

The announcement followed a sternly-worded call from Gen. Ahmed Gaid Salah, the powerful army chief, for Bouteflika, 82 and ailing, to “immedi-

ately” take up his proposal to bow out while respecting the constitution.

There was no immediate word on who would take over. Under the constitution, the president of the upper house, the Council of Nations, steps in as interim leader for a maximum of 90 days so that elections can be organized.

The decision came a day after an announcement that Bouteflika would leave by April 28.

May: U.K. to seek further delay on Brexit, try to break logjam

LONDON — With Britain racing toward a chaotic exit from the European Union within days, Prime Minister Theresa May veered away from the cliff-edge Tuesday, saying she would seek a further delay to Brexit as U.K. politicians sought a compromise solution to the crisis.

May made the announcement after the EU's chief negotiator warned that a disruptive

and costly Brexit was likely unless Britain broke the impasse that has paralyzed the government.

After the defeat of the government's plan and a range of lawmaker-written alternatives, May said Britain needs a further delay to its EU departure, scheduled for April 12. She offered to hold talks with opposition Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn in an attempt to find a compromise solution.

Prosecutors drop all charges in deadly Waco biker shootout

WACO, Texas — No one will be convicted or otherwise held accountable for the 2015 shootout between rival biker gangs in Waco restaurant parking lot that left nine people dead and at least 20 injured, prosecutors in Central Texas said Tuesday.

The shooting outside a Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco on May 17, 2015, involved rival biker gangs, the Bandidos and Cossacks, and erupted as bik-

ers from various groups were gathering to talk over matters of concern.

Law enforcement officials arrested 177 bikers after the shooting, then charged 155 of them with engaging in organized criminal activity.

Former District Attorney Abel Reyna ultimately dropped charges against all but 24 and re-indicted them on riot charges. Those were the cases that came to an end Tuesday.



NIRANJAN SHRESTHA/AP

A man walks through a destroyed mosque Tuesday in the Bara district, about 75 miles south of Kathmandu. Structures across southern Nepal were damaged by a powerful weekend storm that left thousands of people homeless and is blamed for 28 deaths.

Trump: NATO members better on spending, but can do more

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Tuesday praised NATO countries for increasing their financial contributions to the Western alliance, but he's still hounding them to pay even more, saying the United States still shoulders a disproportionate share of the cost of protecting Europe.

The president met at the White House with NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg, who is in Washington to mark the 70th anniversary of the organization formed to counter Russian aggression.

The two leaders had kind words for one another. But Trump, who once suggested he might pull the U.S. out of NATO if member countries don't significantly boost their defense spending, took aim at Germany for not raising its contribution as high as he expects.

Stoltenberg thanked Trump for his “strong commitment to NATO” and for his leadership in getting member nations to increase their commitments.

Spending by the 29 NATO countries, which dropped after the end of the Cold War, has actually

been rising since 2014 — before Trump took office.

Stoltenberg is slated to address Congress on Wednesday — a first for a NATO secretary-general.

The NATO foreign ministers in Washington to mark the anniversary will attend a reception at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium, where President Harry S. Truman hosted the original 12 member nations that signed the accord establishing the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in 1949.

On Thursday, the foreign ministers will meet at the State Department.

Erdogan's party challenges results of local vote

ANKARA, Turkey — Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's ruling party on Tuesday appealed the results of local elections in Istanbul where preliminary results give the opposition a razor-thin victory, sounding confident that a recount will alter the outcome of the vote.

Nationwide, Erdogan's conservative and Islamic-based party won a majority of votes in Sunday's elections, but lost its decades-old stronghold of Ankara to the opposition and is trailing in the tight race for Istanbul. The results, which are pending the appeals process, were Erdo-

gan's most serious electoral setbacks in years.

The top official in Istanbul for the ruling Justice and Development Party, or AKP, told reporters he had filed appeals to challenge results in all of the city's 39 districts. The party is also contesting results in 25 districts in Ankara.

Suspected killer of rapper Nipsey Hussle under arrest

LOS ANGELES — Police on Tuesday arrested the man suspected of fatally shooting rapper Nipsey Hussle, authorities said.

Eric Holder, 29, had been on the run for two days before he was captured in Bellflower, a Los Angeles-area city about 20 miles southeast of where Hussle was gunned down.

Hussle and Holder knew each other, and the two had some kind of personal dispute in the hours before the rapper was killed outside his Los Angeles clothing store, Police Chief Michel Moore said.

It was not immediately clear how authorities located the suspect.

The two men had several arguments on Sunday, and Holder returned to the store with a handgun and opened fire on Hussle and two other men, who survived the shooting, police said.

In South Carolina: A bill has been introduced in the state Legislature to require Uber and Lyft drivers to have illuminated signs days after police say a college student mistakenly got into the wrong car and was kidnapped and killed.

House Speaker Jay Lucas immediately put the bill on the calendar for Wednesday to be debated.

Rep. Seth Rose said the bill was in response to the Friday killing of 21-year-old University of South Carolina student Samantha Josephson.

Police say Josephson had ordered an Uber ride early Friday, but mistakenly got into a similar car driven by Nathaniel David Rowland, 24. Police say he killed Josephson with a sharp object and dumped her body.

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EDITORIALS

How Lightfoot broke the rules and beat the establishment

Lori Lightfoot, a former federal prosecutor and the ninth candidate to jump into the race for Chicago mayor 11 months ago, won election Tuesday in a nearly 3-to-1 landslide over establishment candidate Toni Preckwinkle, an early favorite in a crowded field. A likely reaction from the Chicago Home for Experienced Political Pros: How'd *that* happen? Read on. First, a glance at the challenge she inherits:

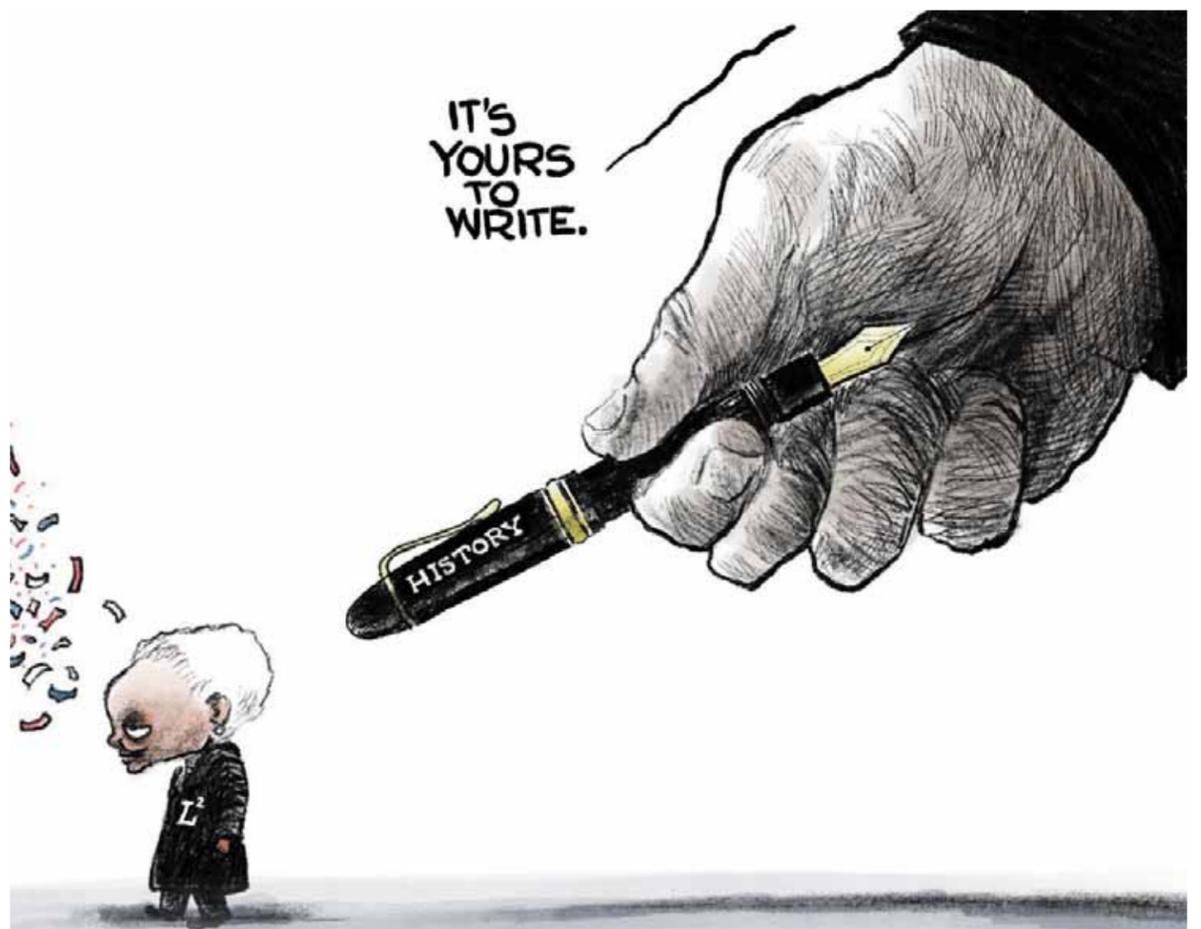
Lightfoot will take her oath of office next month, replacing two-term Mayor Rahm Emanuel. He leaves City Hall steadier financially than when he took office in 2011 — although Chicago and its taxpayers still face deep debts and structural deficits. One of Lightfoot's first tasks will be to present a balanced budget for 2020 that includes an extra \$276 million for city pension funds.

She'll also take over the fifth floor of City Hall as warmer weather threatens an uptick in violent crime. Homicides were down 38 percent as of late March compared with the same period last year. Can City Hall help sustain that trajectory? Residents on the South and West sides who live in perpetual fear of gun violence will be counting on her.

So who's the mayor-elect who must confront all of this? The Ohio-born Lightfoot, 56, lives in Logan Square on the city's Near Northwest Side with her wife, Amy Eshleman, and their 11-year-old daughter. Lightfoot got into the race in May 2018 to challenge Emanuel, who had appointed her to two police oversight posts but who, she thought, wasn't addressing Chicago's underdeveloped neighborhoods or the exodus of residents from them. After Emanuel announced in September that he wouldn't run again, some higher-profile candidates — Preckwinkle among them — jumped in.

Lightfoot mounted a strong, steady campaign that broke nearly every rule in Chicago's political playbook. Pundits dismissed her viability early on, saying she had "no path" to victory: What was the constituency for a black, gay corporate attorney facing a field of mostly insiders? Chicago's business community lined up behind candidate Bill Daley. Several unions endorsed Preckwinkle. Many black voters leaned toward businessman Willie Wilson. Latino voters split between Susana Mendoza and Gery Chico. Many white voters preferred Jerry Joyce.

Meanwhile the candidate without a path carved one that stretched from the North to Southwest sides — in the de facto pri-



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mary election Feb. 26, and again on Tuesday.

And rather than benefit from what's left of the Democratic machine in these nonpartisan elections, Lightfoot beat all of its preferred candidates. Though some labor organizations endorsed her, union foot soldiers didn't carry her to victory in either contest.

She didn't have the endorsements of city aldermen that often translate into Election Day success. Ward heelers didn't distribute palm cards with her name at the top. She didn't have precinct captains with clipboards making sure their voters got to the polls. She didn't have a ground game.

Lightfoot comes across in person as

reserved. But she dove into retail politicking and handshaking. Rather than relying solely on paid advertising, she went everywhere and met with everyone. She was on conservative talk radio in the morning and progressive talk radio in the afternoon. She went to high schools and churches and block clubs. She got in front of as many voters as possible.

She's likable. She's authoritative. She's authentic. It worked.

Talking, talking and talking is a strategy not many campaign managers endorse. It's too risky. Candidates might screw up or say something that can be twisted. Lightfoot broke that stricture too.

She also ran on ideas. While many can-

didates get away with brushing past specifics, Lightfoot on several controversial subject areas — curbing violence, overhauling the Chicago Police Department, encouraging affordable housing, reforming the City Council and expanding City Hall transparency, to name a few — offered detailed proposals. She answered questions straight on. She didn't always stick to careful talking points.

How Lightfoot embraced running for mayor, and how Chicagoans citywide embraced her, brought refreshing change to Chicago politics. She broke the typical campaign template and won. We think she'll govern just as capably.

Congratulations, Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot, and good luck.

Here's how Lightfoot can wield her mandate

By a roughly 3-to-1 ratio, Chicago voters gave Lori Lightfoot the landslide victory we hoped she would receive. But how does a new mayor wield a mandate? We hope she moves forcefully on one front, cautiously on another and the third, well, when it comes to the aldermen, Lightfoot will have to herd cats.

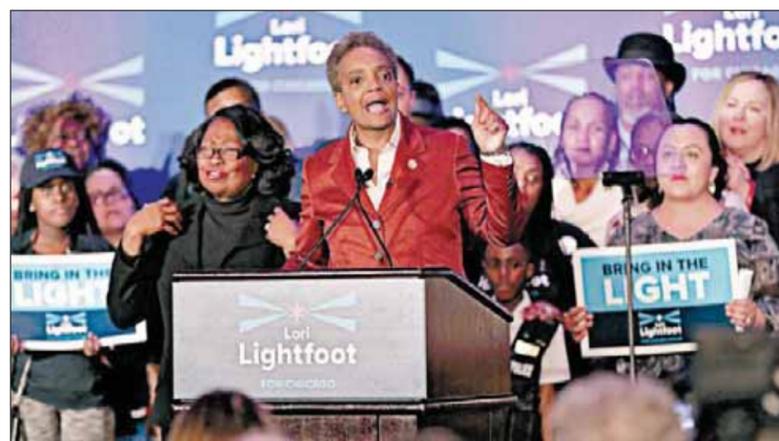
The sooner Lightfoot signals that she appreciates the depth of City Hall's financial woes, the better. Quickly naming a smart public finance team will give Chicagoans some assurance and keep the municipal bond market calm.

For months you've heard candidates for mayor murmur about marijuana revenues, or sports betting, or a progressive state income tax sending new money to Chicago from Springfield. Someday. They hope.

But although there are 25 states with at least one Springfield, the Illinois Springfield is the one that is home to a state government gazillions of dollars in debt. Maybe the Democrats who run the Capitol will rescue Chicago. Or ... maybe not.

Here's hoping Lightfoot can parlay her big win into instant respect at the state-house.

Lightfoot won't run Chicago by herself. On two of the biggest issues facing the city — public safety and public schools — she'll have major personnel decisions to make that could help determine her own success as mayor. We hope, rather than



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Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot speaks to supporters Tuesday at her election night party.

imperiously cleaning house, she gives the incumbents an opportunity to argue for themselves and their agendas. Lightfoot has said that immediately after the election, she would meet with Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson to discuss a strategy for combating summer gun violence. That meeting could set the tone for her decision whether to retain Johnson or pick someone else to run a department undergoing reforms that Lightfoot, a former Police Board president, helped to initiate.

On schools, Lightfoot has been critical of CPS CEO Janice Jackson over a sexual misconduct scandal, one brought to light by Tribune reporting. Lightfoot blamed Jackson and her boss, Mayor Rahm Emanuel, for an "epic leadership fail," a degree of criticism that raises the odds of a departure. We don't know if Jackson is the right person for the job long-term. But we doubt that a mayor-elect knows that either.

As for herding those cats: The City Council — on paper, anyway — is supposed

to act as a check on the executive branch. But the body generally has operated exactly the opposite. What the mayor wants, the mayor usually gets. One quick test of Lightfoot and her leadership of the 50-member body will be the continuation, or the termination, of that culture.

Will Lightfoot encourage the sweeping-out of longtime, established committee chairmen and support replacing them with new, independent leaders? Or will she assume control of committee chairmanships as Emanuel did by rewarding allies with these plum jobs? Her early decisions will signal change or more of the same.

Lightfoot also campaigned on ending aldermanic privilege, the custom of allowing aldermen to wield tight control over development in their wards. Will the council motor along as always, wielding a heavy thumb on ward development? If council members do that, they'll flout her campaign declaration: "No aldermen should have that kind of power where people feel like the only way people can get basic city services and get business going into the ward is to kiss the ring of the alderman."

Aldermen, she said, also shouldn't have outside jobs that conflict with their official roles. How Lightfoot honors that campaign mantra remains to be seen.

Lightfoot's mandate gives her clout but not much of a honeymoon. She'll begin to accumulate a record and a reputation for strong or shaky leadership on Day One.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Whatever your exact theory of how the case was corrupted, Chicago's famous Democratic political machine arguably did what was in its own interest.

Kim Foxx, the Cook County state's attorney who "recused" herself but didn't, obviously had much to lose if the case went to trial, given her early meddling on behalf of the Smollett family. Well-served also were the two candidates in Tuesday's all-Democratic runoff for mayor, whom it

behaved to have a no-win political controversy end on the watch of unpopular outgoing Mayor Rahm Emanuel. ...

When the O.J. verdict came down 24 years ago, many spoke of "jury nullification." Chicago has offered up an example of prosecutor nullification.

Though some are trying to muddy the issue, let's understand that the choice before Ms. Foxx's office was not whether to send a first-time offender to prison. It was

whether his slap on the wrist should at least come with an acknowledgment of the wrong he did.

Americans are plenty cynical about elite self-dealing, though now some will surely prefer to believe Jussie's lies than believe he is a liar. Others will argue, cogently, that faking a hate crime is itself a hate crime. Then again a preference for lying about such matters is becoming epidemic.

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PERSPECTIVE



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Former Vice President Joe Biden, shown in New York last month, has yet to announce whether he will run for president.

Does Biden's 'GroperGate' matter? Let the voters decide.



CLARENCE PAGE

I was ready to call former Vice President Joe Biden's handsyness scandal "GroperGate" until I found that Canadian headline writers had beat me to it.

They came up with the label and such tabloid headlines as "Grope? Nope" last year when an 18-year-old allegation against Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was resurrected by an anonymous female journalist.

Trudeau denied the allegation, then later allowed that men and women can remember these episodes quite differently.

Then he awkwardly apologized for whatever he might have done that he couldn't remember.

I bring this episode up now because the charge is so similar to those that two women have leveled against Biden in recent days.

And those charges are very similar to a gazillion other instances of politicians who have taken the old political campaigning metaphor "pressing the flesh" a bit too far.

Old allegations like those against Trudeau and Biden have taken on new

life since the fall of Harvey Weinstein, Bill Cosby and other celebrities charged with sexual misconduct and the rise of the #MeToo movement of victims who aren't remaining silent anymore.

Which brings us back to Biden, for whom the groping charge is hardly new.

As the headline on a defense of Biden penned by Niall O'Dowd of the Irish Central news site said Monday, "Joe Biden is a touchy-feely, old-style Irish politician — get used to him."

Biden is a "serial groper with men too," O'Dowd observes.

"I've often felt that moment when Joe meets you with a bear hug, a friendly clap on the back and a rapid-fire series of questions about your family, all the time keeping his hands on your shoulders."

Me too. Having covered Biden off and on since his first short-lived presidential run in 1987, I have witnessed close-up the relentless Biden charm that leaves people praising "Joe being Joe" or "good ol' Uncle Joe," the retail politician who would shake every hand in the nation, if you cut him loose long enough.

Joe knows it too. "I'm a tactile politician," he said of himself during a recent speech in Dover, Del., his home state.

And the world knows it, too, by way of video memes of "Creepy Uncle Joe" appearing during photo-ops to move

in on women or their daughters, massage their shoulders, whisper in their ears or nuzzle them on the nape of their necks.

But now, as he considers another presidential run, this time in the #MeToo era, Uncle Joe's "Mr. Hands" image has come back to haunt him.

A Connecticut woman, Amy Lappos, told the Hartford Courant that Biden put his hand around her neck at a 2009 political fundraiser and rubbed noses with her.

That followed a similar complaint last weekend from former Nevada state legislator Lucy Flores, who accused Biden of putting his hands on her shoulders before a rally in 2014 when she was running for lieutenant governor. Biden smelled her hair, the woman said, and kissed her on top of her head.

These complaints have taken on a new urgency in the punitive atmosphere of the #MeToo era, an era that led to the resignation of Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., in late 2017 after photos surfaced of him smiling as he pantomimed a fake grope of sleeping Los Angeles radio host Leeann Tweeden's chest.

Franken resigned under pressure from some fellow Democrats, led by Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand of New York. But she suffered a backlash from Democratic donors and others who were upset that she helped push out a rising star like Franken over a gag

photo while President Donald Trump remained employed, despite charges of sexual misconduct from more than 20 women.

As Franken departed, I wrote that, for all of its virtuous motives, the rising "reckoning" demanded by the #MeToo movement could backfire if we who believe in equal rights for women don't calibrate our outrage. "Every crime does not call for capital punishment," I wrote.

There's a big difference, I offered, between Franken's horseplay and Alabama's unsuccessful Republican Senate candidate Roy Moore's alleged improprieties with teenage girls, which greased the slide to his defeat.

One particularly powerful voice in Democratic circles, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, stood up for Biden on Monday and said that, whatever else we may think of the allegations, they don't disqualify the former Delaware senator from running for president.

In a word, that's wise. If Biden, who has been leading Democratic preference polls, decides to run for president, he also would be wise to keep his hands to himself and let the voters decide his fate.

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We still haven't seen Trump's tax returns. Here's why we should.

BY CATHERINE RAMPPELL

With Tax Day approaching and a potentially Swiss-cheesed Mueller report due out soon, a friendly reminder: Yes, we still need to see President Donald Trump's tax returns.

Because we still need to know whether Trump has been running the executive branch in America's interest or his own.

Jimmy Carter famously placed his peanut farm in a blind trust during his presidency to avoid any conflicts of interest. Trump, by contrast, has a sprawling, multibillion-dollar, multinational firm from which he has not divested, and says his sons are running the day-to-day operations. Not only has he defied norms about divestment, he also has defied norms about disclosure — including by refusing to release his tax returns despite a four-decades-long expectation for presidents to do so.

As a result, we know precious little about Trump's financial relationships, including his business partners, sources of income or who holds callable loans. What Trump does tell us about his company — including whether it was still negotiating Trump



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President Donald Trump has defied tradition and refused to release his tax returns.

Tower Moscow late into the 2016 presidential campaign — often turns out to be false.

True, there is no legal requirement for presidents to release their tax documents. Congress, however, has the power and duty to demand them as part of its oversight responsibilities. In fact, under a century-old law, the House Ways and Means Committee chairman need only send a request to the treasury secretary, who "shall furnish" them. As my colleague Harry Litman has explained, "shall" means "shall," not "may" or "might."

Congress gave itself this power

in the wake of two scandals, one of which related to whether a treasury secretary had held on to too many business interests while serving in government. A Republican Congress invoked this power in a high-profile 2014 case, and no tax or legal scholar I've interviewed is aware of the treasury secretary ever denying such a request.

Nonetheless, the Democratic-controlled House has been slow-walking its own request for Trump's tax documents. Perhaps Democratic leaders fear a protracted legal battle with the administration, or political blowback now that special counsel Robert Mueller has completed his investigation. But from Attorney General William Barr's summary of the Mueller report, it's not clear whether the special counsel believed it was within his remit to investigate all the possible financial transgressions and conflicts of interest that reporters have uncovered over the past several years.

Based on that reportage, what might we learn from seeing Trump's tax returns?

We would probably learn that he's been paying very little in taxes. If he actually has been

paying a lot, we might discover that the Republican tax cut he championed benefited him enormously, despite his claims to the contrary. We'd learn how much he has really given to charity, and whether he has been inflating his income and net worth over the years.

That would all be interesting, sure. But the most pressing reason for seeing Trump's tax returns isn't to satisfy morbid curiosity. It's to answer much more pressing questions about whether he has committed financial crimes or has major conflicts of interest.

Documents obtained by journalists raise serious questions about tax and financial practices that Trump and his family members have employed for decades, as do other hard-to-explain public comments and behaviors.

Remember, this is a guy to whom banks largely stopped lending money. He's been paying hundreds of millions of dollars in cash for major real estate purchases, including money-losing golf courses. This makes little business sense — debt is highly tax-advantaged in real estate finance — and in other cases has been a sign of money laundering.

Which is why the main questions we still need answers to are: From whom has Trump been getting money? To whom does Trump still owe funds, and under what circumstances might they be able to demand immediate repayment? And how much has his income gone up since he became president?

To be clear: Trump's personal, business and gift tax returns alone may not yield all these answers. But if the Trump Organization has truly been under "continuous" audit for more than a decade, as Trump claims, the Internal Revenue Service will have other work papers that might fill in the blanks.

Those work papers are available to Congress, too, under the same authority that allows the request of the main return. And, at the very least, they would provide a road map for better understanding Trump's financial entanglements — something a true public servant would have voluntarily turned over to the voters years ago.

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On Chicago's South Side there are museums, there are historic landmarks and, most notably, there are families.

AN ODE TO THE SOUTH SIDE

BY SYDNI CHILES

When I hear visitors talk about Chicago, it's a quaint and clean New York City. If I listen among Chicagoans: The politics are broken; taxes are intolerable; construction is continuous; and schools are deprived. Also things Chicagoans discuss: the winter that's not as bad as that other winter we all remember; the summertime patios and rooftops that bustle with happy hours and hors d'oeuvres; the places to go for solid improvised entertainment, drunkenness or dancing; and the many ways to enjoy cows, pigs and potatoes.

I can't stop talking about Chicago, particularly the South Side. No matter what I say or what I write about, in every fiber of my personality and everything I believe, there's a line that traces right back to the South Side. It is me as much as the stories of my upbringing, the alley games of my

childhood, the laze of my tongue or the psychology behind my philosophies. We are as inseparable as melanin to my skin.

People like to talk about the crime on the South Side. It isn't fancy or hip enough to be included in talks of attractions and captured on postcards. It's just guns and gangsters. People even call it Chiraq, likening my home to a country in the desert where the phrase "war zone" comes swiftly to mind. Chicago is the third-largest city in the United States with over 2 million residents, so crime happens, but when people talk about it like murder is the mind-state that has commandeered half of the entire city, it sounds like a zombie invasion that should be annihilated.

On the South Side there are living people, not corpses. There are museums and multicultural neighborhoods; there are historic landmarks of contributors to the essence of the United States as the world

knows it; and most notably, there are families: who work 40 to 80 hours a week and still count their paychecks as blessings; who know the best grocery store deals any week of the month; who teach their children the importance of assembling community; who gather upon any occasion, be it a cousin's first birthday or a neighbor's prom send-off; and who are by the hundreds of thousands not murderous gangsters.

I am among these families. We are black, brilliant and standing at attention with our pictures ready to contribute to the narratives of human ingenuity and resilience. I binge on the faith that the incipient rewrite is underway of the South Side as central to the story of Chicago as I am, brimming with over 2 million possibilities on the point of my devoted pen.

Sydni Chiles is a Chicago writer.

My quest to catch up on 'Game of Thrones' — and avoid all the spoilers of the Twitterverse

BY ANDREA HANIS

It began with a challenge to myself, the way some decide to run a marathon or summit Mount Everest. Dare I attempt to catch up on the HBO epic "Game of Thrones" before the final season begins April 14?

Fantasy and sword fights are not my thing. GIFs of Jon Snow in the snow had not moved me. Yet I began to have the unsettling sense that I was missing an essential cultural touchpoint.

I'd have to watch seven full seasons — 67 episodes of about an hour each — in five weeks. Could I even?

On a gray Saturday morning, I tentatively watched the first episode and was rocket-propelled by its audacity. The next time I looked up I had burned through Season 1. The following day I watched all of Season 2. I rubbed my eyes. The work-week was about to interrupt, but a still-daunting-to-watch list was now surmountable. A fan of the show sent me an encouraging tweet: "All men must die. But we are not men."

The show was sexy and exhilarating and traumatic. There were deaths, a great many of them. "Everyone is going to die, so I won't like anyone," I told myself. "Nothing can surprise me at this point anyway."

Oh, but it can. And for that reason, the effort to avoid spoilers was worth it.

Near the beginning of my quest, this very newsroom published a slideshow called "Game of Thrones: 33 Shocking Deaths," or as I thought of it, "This Could Not Be Worse for Me Right Now." I avoided scrolling the Tribune homepage for a few days.

I fretted about spoiler fear to my desk-mate, and we concluded "The web is dark and full of terrors." I handed over my phone so he could block a long list of character names from my Twitter feed. He and others humored me when I began conversations with "I want to talk about 'Game of Thrones,' but you can't say anything." Very few people can resist basking in their superior knowledge by dropping a hint or two.

Nonetheless, I trustfully twitted my progress. Friendly fellow travelers sent messages of support or exclaimed about key events I'd safely passed. Watching out of sync with society, I experienced the broad outlines of the "GoT" plot — battles among groups of people while a more existential threat looms — as a climate



Daenerys Targaryen (Emilia Clarke) in "Game of Thrones."

change allegory. Not everyone agreed with me, but since they were forbidden to speak, they couldn't argue much.

In real time, viewers had recovery time after the intensity of high-stress episodes, though usually there are just one or two gory sword fights amid the soap opera. But watching eight hours a day, it seemed wise to shield my brain from exposure to that much violence. I learned exactly where to hold a hand in front of my eyes to blot out the worst but follow along at the edges of the screen, to the tune of clanging swords and tortured screams. I had vivid dreams.

When I binge-watched "The Wire" years ago, I stayed up too late and let routines fall by the wayside. This time I tried to keep up with life at least a bit. By skipping the four-minute opening credits, I saved enough time on longer watch days to briefly be Returner of Phone Calls and Doer of Dishes. I did invest precious minutes in the directors' recaps, though, to catch my breath and review family names

and themes.

Before long, it will be almost impossible to avoid last-season spoilers. Target has shorts with Westeros written across the butt, a sure sign that the hype beast has awakened. In real time, contract talks tipped viewers that certain characters would survive to see another paycheck. Such entertainment news is also a reminder that they're simply actors, and I was spared that. For me, in the last few compressed weeks, they've been Tyrion and Cersei and Daenerys and nothing more.

I know what's coming, though, as I revel in this richly drawn, suspenseful universe for just a little longer, disconnected from the very cultural chatter I sought to join. The joy was in the journey. The sad words of the final ritual will be intoned all too soon: "And now her watch has ended."

Andrea Hanis, first of her name, writer and editor at Chicago Tribune, watcher of episodes and slayer of spoilers.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Joe Biden's touchy-feeliness

The recent accusations about former Vice President Joe Biden's behavior toward some women are troubling to me. I think we are getting to a very sensitive gray area here. First, I need to say that no one, neither men or women, should be subject to inappropriate behavior by others.

Women should not be the target of unwanted sexual actions, and those who are guilty of such actions should be held accountable, no matter who they are.

That being said, I think we need to consider the nature of some of these actions. Let's face it: We are all different. Even in comments, what offends some does not faze others. I think that if you had a room of 50 people and made a speech about anything, you will offend at least one person.

I have known touchy-feely people. I am not one of those, but at times I wish I were. It has been my experience that these people are very warm and concerned and considerate individuals.

I know also some people who do not like to be touched and do not even like to indulge in handshakes, let alone hugs or any type of warm embrace. There is nothing sexual in either case; it is just a matter of preference.

I think that in today's world, we are becoming a little too sensitive to feeling and innocent touching. Do we need to be so sensitive and become a sterile society of isolated individuals afraid of human contact? We as humans, just like in the animal world, need contact with others. We need to be sensitive to others but also cannot be afraid to show emotion or affection.

We need to show others we care about them, and at times that means some type of touching. Is there a fine line? Yes, and it is becoming finer and finer, to the point that I am afraid it is going to disappear and everything will be off-limits.

— H.Y. Brandelstein, Chicago

Biden welcome to give me a hug

Send Joe Biden my way! As a senior citizen, any uncomfortable advances from him would be welcomed. A lingering hug, a kiss on the cheek, saying "I smell good" would bring a smile to my wrinkled face.

— Harlean Vision, Skokie

Don't let Dark Ages return

Before the Enlightenment, the most educated gentlemen in England believed that evil spirits inhabited the forest and people widely believed that God was punishing them for their sins when Europe suffered a great plague. Today, thanks to science and exploration, we know these to be nothing more than superstitions that were so ingrained in the culture of the times that they were elevated to the position of fact. Today, we would label anyone who believed these superstitions "fools."

The "evil spirits" that used to live in the forest have become the "Spanish-speaking people" who live south of our border. Others hold outrageous beliefs or superstitions about the perils of immunizations and put the rest of us at serious risk. Fools, they are! Still others reject the science of the relationship between pollution and global warming and replace it with the superstition of "it ain't so" and put all of us in peril.

We are all vulnerable to superstitious beliefs: Some are fun and harmless, while others are extremely dangerous. It is, therefore, important for each of us to examine ourselves. Is there any evidence to support my belief or is it a superstition? How you answer this affects how you vote.

Wisdom comes from facts, not superstitious beliefs.
— John S Strauss, Campton Hills

City is plagued by potholes

Chicago has some of the worst streets in the country, if not the worst. All over the city, there are large potholes that are sometimes big enough to break a car's axle. Why don't the workers at Streets and Sanitation put orange cones in or by the large potholes to alert drivers? I'm sure mechanics love this state of affairs. We pay a lot of taxes, including a fee for a city sticker. What do we get for our money? Great work, mayor! Many of us are so glad you are leaving.

— Ray Springer, Chicago

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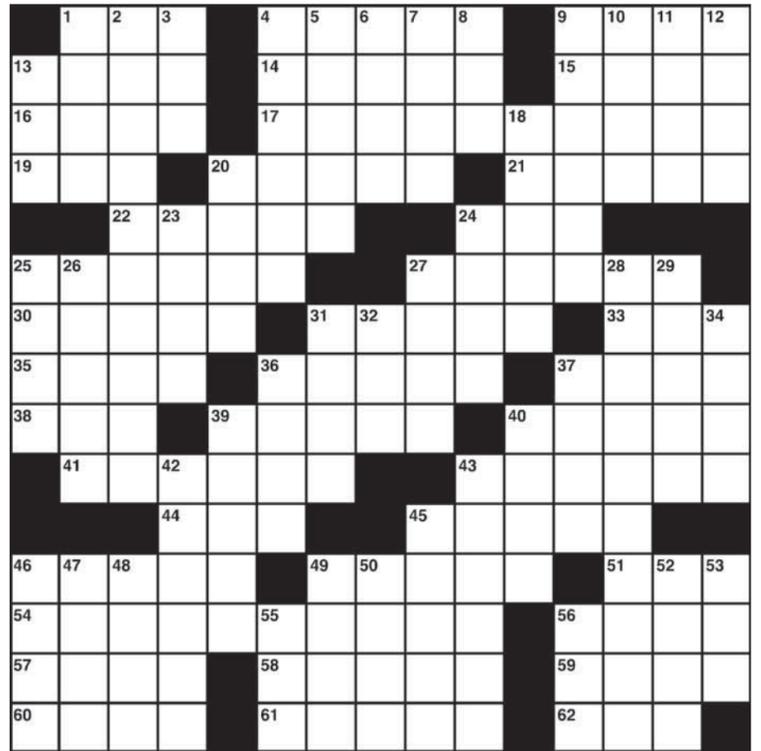


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Crossword



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- ACROSS**
- 1 Trigger's rider
 - 4 Honey-yellow color
 - 9 Resound
 - 13 On the ___; increasing
 - 14 Word in two U.S. state names
 - 15 Exhibit
 - 16 ___ up; misbehaves
 - 17 Mixed dish
 - 19 Conjunction
 - 20 Train bed
 - 21 Coughs
 - 22 Lacking companions
 - 24 Abyss
 - 25 Brief period of time
 - 27 Most resentful
 - 30 Straighten
 - 31 Baskin-Robbins utensil
 - 33 Earl Grey product
 - 35 Fixed stare
 - 36 Drag one's feet
 - 37 Bosc or Bartlett
 - 38 Dined
 - 39 Climb
 - 40 Charisma
 - 41 Newspaper bigwig
 - 43 Not at all sturdy
 - 44 One not to be trusted
 - 45 Pliers & saws
 - 46 Knight's protection
 - 49 ___-degree burn; serious injury
 - 51 Shack
 - 54 Going into again
 - 56 Abundant
 - 57 Sugar ___; Hawaiian crop
 - 58 Nickname for Margaret
 - 59 Come ___; find
 - 60 Tater
 - 61 Rate of progress
 - 62 Suffix for host or count
- DOWN**
- 1 Puerto ___
 - 2 Excluded from a group
 - 3 Simple reply
 - 4 Go higher
 - 5 Actor Dudley
 - 6 Tap a baseball
 - 7 Carve in glass
 - 8 Sorority letter
 - 9 Real ___; Century 21's business
 - 10 Stylish
 - 11 "Peter Pan" captain
 - 12 Possesses
 - 13 Hightailed it
 - 18 Bird's sound
 - 20 Western German city
 - 23 Theater box
 - 24 Combine, as funds

Solutions



- 25 Long story
- 26 Thrill
- 27 Food fish
- 28 Titanic & others
- 29 In ___; weeping
- 31 Asterisk
- 32 Coolidge, to friends
- 34 Military force
- 36 Inverness resident
- 37 Donahue or Hartman
- 39 Get under way
- 40 Clumsy fellow
- 42 Pressed
- 43 Did a blacksmith's job
- 45 Slight coloring
- 46 Circle portions
- 47 "As ye sow, so shall ye ___"
- 48 Waiter's offering
- 49 Ensnare
- 50 Take on employees
- 52 Eerie saucers, for short
- 53 Reasonable bedtime
- 55 Dorothy's aunt & others
- 56 Actress McClanahan

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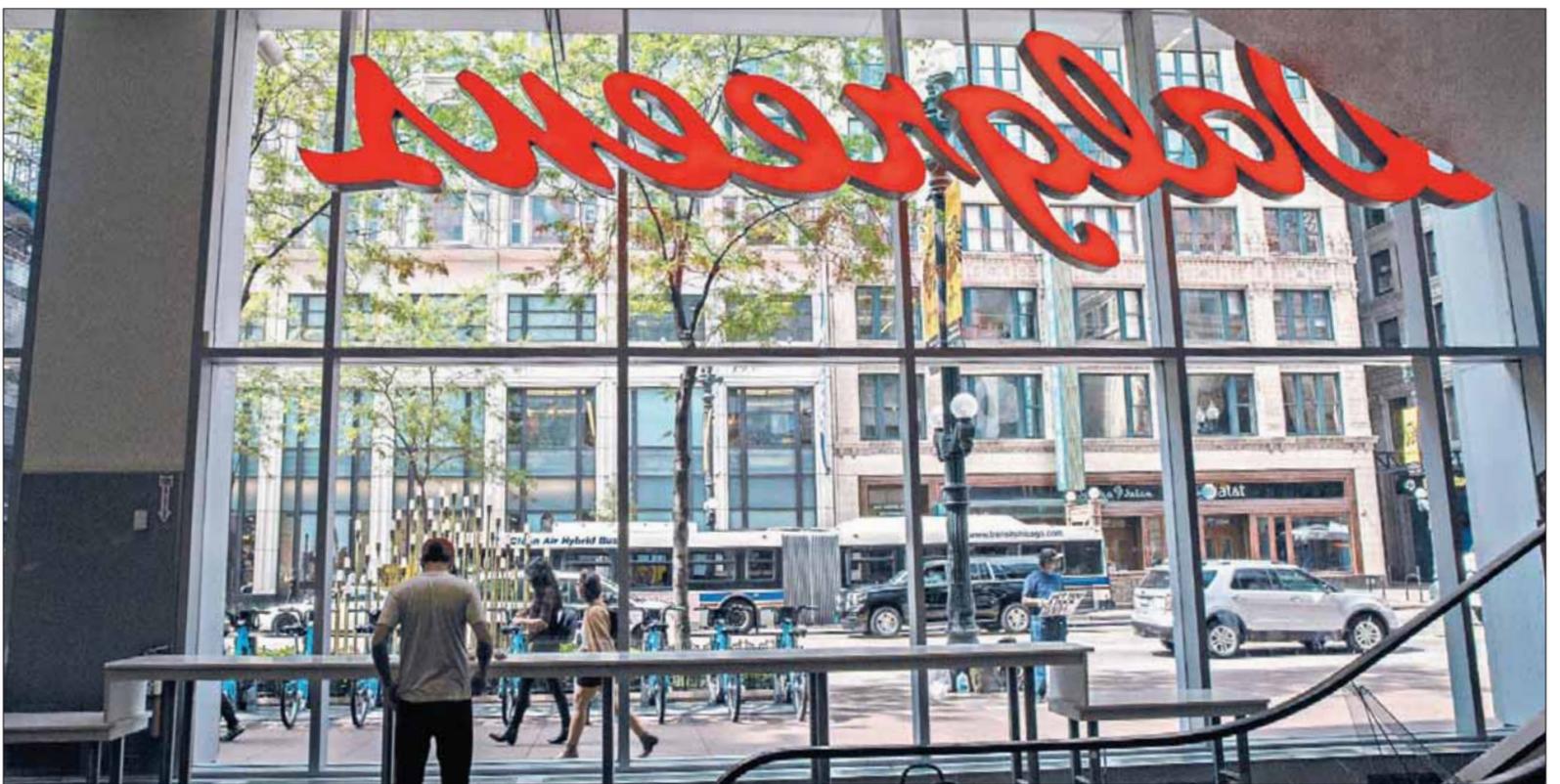
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Walgreens, the Deerfield-based pharmacy chain, had already cut bonuses for store managers and others last year, outraging managers who said they relied on those annual payments.

Walgreens to cut deeper

Chain, already angering managers by slashing bonuses, aims to trim costs \$500M annually

BY LISA SCHENCKER | Chicago Tribune

Walgreens reported what it called its most difficult quarter in years on Tuesday, saying it will aim to cut another \$500 million in costs annually by 2022, hitting workers and managers who are already feeling the pinch and spurring a makeover

in many of its stores.

The company said that operating income fell by more than 23 percent, to \$1.5 billion. It attributed the bleak results partly to pressures related to reimbursements for medications.

The results spurred the company to announce more cost cutting.

Last year, the Deerfield-based pharmacy chain had already cut bonuses for store managers and others — in many cases by thousands of dollars each — outraging managers who said they relied on those annual payments. Walgreens also recently made changes to other benefits.

With the revised earnings outlook, “the estimated bonus payout for the year has been substantially reduced,” said James Kehoe, global chief financial officer and executive vice president.

The \$500 million in new cost-cutting

announced Tuesday comes on top of December’s announcement of \$1 billion in annual costs Walgreens pledged to cut within three years.

Walgreens may reduce its information technology spending by \$500 million to \$600 million, Kehoe said.

Despite that, the company did not announce any changes to its plans to move 1,800 employees to Chicago’s former main post office, Walgreens spokesman Brian

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Wild ride for Pay Inequality Awareness Day

BY JEFF GREEN | Bloomberg News

Women in the U.S. earn on average 81 percent of what men do, a fact commemorated Tuesday by what’s come to be called “Equal Pay Day” — the day to which a woman has to work to earn as much as a man did in the previous year.

And while a lot has changed in the 23 years since the National Committee on Pay Equity noted the date for the first time, one big thing hasn’t: The gender pay gap, as it’s called, has barely budged.

In 1996, the year the National Committee on Pay Equity first established “National Pay Inequality Awareness Day,” women in the U.S. earned 75 percent of what men did. The ratio cracked 80 percent in 2004 and has been basically flat since, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

“It was intended as a public education day,” said Michele Leber, now 80 and the chair of the NCPE. “It has succeeded

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Whole Foods cuts prices as Amazon extends imprint

BY MATT DAY | Bloomberg News

Whole Foods Market says it will lower prices on hundreds of grocery items this week, the latest effort to reshape the grocer’s pricey image under Amazon.com.

The Seattle retail giant touted a round of price cuts immediately after buying Whole Foods in August 2017 and over the last year worked to roll out grocery delivery from store locations and introduce discounts for Amazon Prime members. Whole Foods, which operates fewer than 500 stores, says the latest price cuts average about 20 percent.

Amazon acquired Whole Foods in an effort to catch Walmart, Kroger and Costco Wholesale in grocery sales.

There have been price increases too: The Wall Street Journal reported in February that rising costs for packaging, ingredients and transportation had pushed Whole Foods to increase prices on hundreds of items late last year and early in 2019.

Whole Foods said in an emailed statement that the grocery industry as a whole was dealing with higher costs and that it had absorbed much of the price hikes.



ZACK WITTMAN/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Trinity Cafe kitchen staff prepare meatloaf, potatoes and steamed vegetables to be distributed by Feeding America in Tampa, Fla.

FEEDING THE POOR LIKE EVERYONE

Food banks break from approach of one-size-feeds all

BY LAURA REILEY
The Washington Post

Food assistance in the United States has always had two arms: The food bank or pantry part and the soup kitchen part. The trouble is, that doesn’t reflect how Americans are eating.

Americans dine out, on average, four times a week, more if you’re a millennial. We want quick-serve. We want grab-and-go and prepared food. We want GrubHub and DoorDash and Uber Eats. We want to wear our pajamas when the nice person brings us a delicious, hot meal in a foam clam shell.

It turns out, low-income and food-insecure people want that, too, and some of the more than 200 food banks in the national Feeding America network are piloting programs to make that happen.

“The question was: How do we get food to homes in a different way?” said Thomas Mantz, the executive director of Feeding Tampa Bay. “For some, it will be a banana box filled with food, for others it will be a bag of groceries, for some it will be a sit-down meal, for some it

will be a take-home meal and, eventually, it will be food delivery.”

It’s take-home and delivery that food banks seldom have been equipped to provide. Historically, food banks haven’t had commercial kitchens. They were built for mass scale, the collection points for shelf-stable foods: boxes and cans. That model has changed as national tastes have skewed toward fresh produce and perishable foods, and it’s changing again as food banks build kitchens or partner with commercial kitchens to produce prepared food and finished meals.

Over the summer, Mantz and his team made roadside signs printed with, “If you need a free meal, text this number,” and planted them in low-income neighborhoods. The signs did not identify an association with Feeding Tampa Bay, and plenty of people texted to ask if it was legitimate. The first time, 50 people signed up and 30 arrived to pick up their meals at the parking location of Feeding Tampa Bay’s food truck. The second

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“We’ve had a theory that working families are the ones really struggling and who would want this. Most of these folks are part of our economy, they have jobs and homes. They’re us.”

— Thomas Mantz, the executive director of Feeding Tampa Bay

Fifth Third Bank to cut almost 500 area jobs

BY CORILYN SHROPSHIRE
Chicago Tribune

Almost 500 Chicago-area workers will lose their jobs due to Fifth Third Bank’s acquisition of MB Financial Bank, Fifth Third confirmed Tuesday.

In May, Chicago-based MB agreed to a \$4.7 billion merger with Fifth Third Bancorp. When the transaction closed last month, Cincinnati-based Fifth Third said it would have information about branch closings in April. However, the bank already has notified the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity that it plans to begin 493 layoffs in May. The bulk of the job cuts will take place in Rosemont, along with about two dozen in downtown Chicago at what was MB’s corporate headquarters.

The layoffs at Fifth Third’s local operations in Cook County are primarily in back office and administrative positions, said spokesman Larry Magesen. “Most reductions will occur over the next four months,” he said. “Some will go through 2020.” Laid-off employees will receive severance packages and out-placement services, Magesen added.

At the time the merger was announced last year, Fifth Third had 148 locations in the Chicago area, and MB had 91. The merger was expected to create \$255 million in net cost savings, partly by closing 1 in 5 proximate branches of the combined bank.

Employers with more than 100 employees are required to give 60 days notice of possible layoffs under the federal Worker Adjustment and Retraining Act when a third of the workforce or more than 500 workers could be affected.

Other layoffs detailed in the state’s monthly report include:

■ Caterpillar said it will lay off 400 workers at its Montgomery location, beginning later this month. The company announced plans in 2017 to close the manufacturing facility near Aurora.

■ GCA Services Group, a janitorial services company, said it plans to let a total of 118 workers go from its Mossville, East Peoria and Washington locations due to the loss of a contract.

■ Wells Fargo Bank said it plans to lay off 26 workers at its Lincolnshire location in May.

■ Bridgeview Bank & Trust Co. plans 25 layoffs in May.

■ Aetna Better Health of Illinois said it will lay off 73 workers because of a lost contract, beginning next month.

■ Condominium Community Management Group reported it plans to lay off 134 employees, beginning later this month.

Scam tax incentive ads fester on Facebook

BY AMANDA SEITZ
AND MAE ANDERSON
Associated Press

Hundreds of ads on Facebook promised U.S. homeowners that they were eligible for huge state tax breaks if they installed new solar-energy panels. There was just one catch: None of it was true.

The scam ads used photos of nearly every governor — and sometimes President Donald Trump — to claim that with new, lucrative tax incentives, people might actually make money by installing solar technology on their homes. Facebook users only needed to enter their addresses, email, utility information and phone number to find out more.

Those incentives don't exist.

While the ads didn't aim to bilk people of money directly — and it wasn't possible to buy solar panels through these ads — they led to websites that harvested personal informa-

tion that could be used to expose respondents to future come-ons, both scammy and legitimate. It's not clear that the data was used in such a manner.

Facebook apparently didn't take action until notified by state-government officials who noticed the ads.

The fictitious notices reveal how easily scammers can pelt internet users with misinformation for months, undetected. They also raise further questions about whether tech companies such as Facebook are capable of policing misleading ads, especially as the 2020 elections — and the prospect of another onslaught of online misinformation — loom.

"This is definitely concerning — definitely, it's misinformation," said Young Mie Kim, a University of Wisconsin-Madison professor who studied 5 million Facebook ads during the 2016 elections. "I keep telling people: 'We



This screenshot shows a website re-directed from ads promising big state tax incentives placed on Facebook.

don't have any basis to regulate such a thing."

Experts say websites and apps need to be more transparent about the ads that run on their platforms.

Last year, Facebook launched a searchable database that provides details on political ads it runs, including who bought them and the age and gender of the

audience. But it doesn't make that information available for other ads. Twitter offers its own database of ads and promoted tweets. Google has an archive for political ads only.

The partial approaches allow misleading ads to fester.

In mid-March, some websites linked in the fake solar-energy ads disappeared. After complaints from governors' offices, Facebook inactivated nearly all of the ads and several pages affiliated with them.

"These scammy ads have no place on Facebook," company spokeswoman Devon Kearns said. "We removed these pages and disabled these ad accounts recently and will continue to take action."

Facebook says it uses an automated process to review the images, text, targeting and position of ads posted to its site. In some cases, employees review the ads. Users can also give feedback if they believe the

ads violate company policies.

The Associated Press found that some of these ads directed people to solar-energy websites that listed the same business address — a mailbox in Carlsbad, Calif. — that had been used by a company once under investigation by the Federal Trade Commission, the government's consumer protection agency.

In 2012, the FTC sued Jason Akatiff and his company — then called Coleadium, also known as Ads 4 Dough — for running fake news websites that marketed unfounded health benefits of colon cleanse and acai berry products, according to court records.

Akatiff settled the allegations without admitting guilt and agreed to a \$1 million fine. Akatiff changed his company's name to A4D Inc. in 2015, according to California business filings. Akatiff did not respond to messages left with his business.



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The CIA plans to move more work to the cloud and will contract more than one vendor.

CIA gives tech rivals chance to take on Amazon's cloud

BY NAOMI NIX
Bloomberg News

The CIA is preparing to significantly increase its reliance on cloud-computing services, with plans to solicit tens of billions of dollars of work divided among multiple tech companies.

The program would also dramatically expand the federal market for the technology, and give a chance for other companies to compete with Amazon.com Inc.

Potential contenders for the new work include Microsoft Corp., International Business Machines Corp. and Oracle Corp., which are all seeking to catch up to market leader Amazon Web Services in selling cloud services to the intelligence community.

Amazon already has a \$600 million contract from the CIA, and Oracle has gone to court to challenge a Defense Department winner-take-all solicitation that it says would favor Amazon.

The CIA's initiative, which was outlined to potential vendors recently, calls for buying cloud computing services from multiple companies to handle unclassified and secret information, according to preliminary government documents presented to industry representatives and obtained by Bloomberg News.

Dubbed the Commercial Cloud Enterprise initiative, or C2E, the program is at the heart of the Central Intelligence Agency's plans

to use cloud services to power the intelligence community's technology needs worldwide, according to the documents.

With the new competition, the CIA plans to expand the cloud computing capabilities it gained through the Amazon contract awarded in 2013. Amazon, the dominant player in cloud computing, also became the leader in the federal market through that deal, which has been described as "transformational" by Sean Roche, the CIA's associate deputy director of digital innovation, and won praise from former Defense Secretary Jim Mattis.

The agency indicated it intends to award one or more contracts that would last at least five years, with the option to extend the time frame of those agreements.

The government plans to release draft contract requirements by January and a final request for proposals in May 2020, according to the documents. The agency aims to make an award in 2021.

The CIA is still soliciting feedback from market leaders and the exact scope and strategy of the project, including the goal to use multiple companies, has yet to be made final.

If the CIA follows through on its intention to use multiple companies, it may avoid the industry criticism that has plagued the Defense Department's plans to award its \$10 billion Joint Enterprise De-

fense Infrastructure contract, or JEDI, to a sole company.

The lawsuit by Redwood City, Calif.-based Oracle alleges that conflicts of interest among some Defense Department officials with ties to Amazon led to the winner-take-all award and to narrow criteria that could only be met by the company. The Pentagon has said a single cloud provider would be more efficient and secure.

The CIA approach was welcomed by potential bidders.

"The intelligence community, with this approach, recognizes the value of cloud diversity and the advantages of a hybrid, multi-cloud approach," said Ray Spicer, director of defense and intelligence for IBM U.S. Federal. "That's the way the majority of the industry is operating today and throughout the world."

Amazon Web Services said in a statement that it's "excited to see the intelligence community build on its transformational success and extend its commitment to the commercial cloud."

The CIA, Oracle and Microsoft declined to comment.

Since the CIA's 2013 deal with Amazon, Microsoft and other companies have made headway in the broader federal market for cloud services, which has grown more competitive and lucrative as more agencies seek to modernize their technology infrastructure.

Walgreens

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Faith said after the call. The company confirmed plans in June to relocate employees to 200,000 square feet in the riverfront building, including digital and IT employees.

But the cutbacks will hit many Rite Aid stores that Walgreens acquired in 2017. Walgreens said it would close more Rite Aid stores than it had initially planned — 750, up from 600. Walgreens spent more than \$4 billion to acquire nearly 2,000 stores from Rite Aid.

Faith declined to comment further on how the cuts might affect jobs, after the call.

Along with the cost-cutting, Walgreens said it planned to transform many of its stores, highlighting partnerships with other companies that it hopes will spur growth.

The store has already partnered with online beauty retailer Birchbox, which has shops inside Walgreens' beauty departments. It's also partnered with grocery chain Kroger Co. to offer food pickup at some Walgreens stores, and it has partnered with LabCorp to collect samples in stores for lab testing. It's also working with Sprint to offer wireless services and advice on mobile services and products.

"Our stores have had a one-size-fits-all mindset since the Walgreens strategy was created in the U.S. in particular, so we are reformatting and reshaping our stores," said Alex Gourlay, Walgreens' co-chief operating officer.

The partnerships could help drive more customers into the stores, but they also make Walgreens dependent on their partner companies, which can be chal-



PHIL VELASQUEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2015

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lenging, said Brian Owens, vice president of retail insights at consulting firm Kantar, after the call.

"I definitely don't think Walgreens is going to sit back and let this front-of-the-store decline continue," Owens said.

For investors, it was hard to find reason to cheer the results.

Adjusted earnings slipped more than 5 percent, to \$1.64 per share, in the second quarter.

The nation's largest drugstore chain now expects adjusted earnings per share growth to be about flat this year, compared with a previous forecast of 7 to 12 percent growth.

"A number of the trends we had been expecting and preparing for impacted us significantly more quickly than we had anticipated," said Stefano Pessina, executive vice chairman and CEO.

Moving forward, the company will focus on going increasingly digital, "transforming and restructuring" its retail offerings, and making its pharmacies destinations for health care needs, Pessina said.

Kehoe also noted during the call that Walgreens' de-emphasis on tobacco products is also affecting the bottom line. The chain recently faced criticism from the head of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for having the worst track record among all pharmacies when it comes to selling tobacco products to minors. A number of politicians and activist groups have been urging Walgreens to follow in CVS Health's footsteps and stop selling tobacco products entirely.

Walgreens Boots Alliance runs more than 9,500 stores in the U.S. and, along with CVS Health Corp., is one of the two biggest chains in the U.S. drugstore market.

Walgreens shares have decreased 7 percent since the beginning of the year. In June of last year, Walgreens shares plummeted following news that Amazon was acquiring PillPack, an online pharmacy headquartered in Massachusetts that delivers medications in presorted doses.

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Pay

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beyond what was even the vision then, since many other countries also have their own equal pay days."

The name was changed to Equal Pay Day in 1998 to make it less of a mouthful, she said. It was also moved earlier in April to correct for a math error.

The group picked Tues-

day, which to signify how far into the next week a woman has to work to match a man's pay the previous week. The group also tries to avoid holidays and days when Congress isn't in session.

In spite of the sluggish pace of progress, Leber says she's hopeful.

California and Massachusetts now have passed laws that ban questions on salary history in the hiring process, in an effort to level

the playing field. Congressional Democrats passed the Paycheck Fairness Act last month, and initiatives at the local and regional level may also help push change, she said.

"This century there has been very little progress," says Leber, recounting 40 years of work on gender pay parity. She says three of her six grandchildren are girls, ranging in age from 9 to 17. "I have hope for my grandchildren."

Food

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time, 80 signed up and 60 showed, and the last time, more than 100 signed up and close to 70 showed.

"We learned that 53 percent would never go to a food bank. They don't see themselves that way. They weren't critical of others who would, they just said this is not what I do, not who I am," Mantz said. "The second thing we noticed about folks who would use this service — they said, 'I don't need a box of food for the week, I need food today.'"

The Tampa food bank aims to do another test this spring, partnering with Trinity Cafe, a long-standing free restaurant in Tampa. Far less concerned with food deserts, an urban area in which it is difficult to buy affordable or quality fresh food, Mantz said this program will combat food swamps, a place where unhealthy foods are more readily available than healthy foods.

"We've tested the model, and it works," Mantz said. "We've had a theory that working families are the ones really struggling and who would want this. Most of these folks are part of our economy, they have jobs

and homes. They're us. They want to consume food in the same ways, and they want it to be a dignified process."

An interesting twist: Many of the takeaway-meal recipients asked to pay at least a little, which speaks to the dignity component.

But because the nonprofit organization is legally precluded from charging for meals, it's a bit of a head-scratcher for management.

Feeding Tampa Bay also is piloting food pantries in schools, with the goal of eventually having finished take-home meals available. And it aims to debut pantries in hospitals that

will offer finished takeaway meals targeting specific health concerns and dietary restrictions.

Harnessing handheld technology to get food into the right hands has been a focus for hunger-relief organizations. Feeding America debuted a Meal-Connect app in June 2017 that connects food donors in real-time to food-delivery services and agencies. It was piloted in Austin and Fort Worth, Texas; Indianapolis; San Jose, Calif.; and Lexington, Ky., and is available nationally.

The organization is also piloting customizable finished-meal programs for specific populations, such

as diabetics or people with high blood pressure. It has been working on launching scalable finished-meal programs for seniors, and specifically for multi-generational households.

One reason seniors may be a growing focus, according to Erika Kelly, chief membership and advocacy officer for Meals on Wheels, is that the block grant that partially funds Meals on Wheels has been on the Trump administration's chopping block for the past three years.

If those cuts went into effect, Kelly said, it would increase wait-lists, reduce the number of delivery days, reduce staff hours and,

in some cases, shut down programs altogether. With the senior population projected to nearly double by 2060, even moderate funding cuts would have a significant impact.

At Feed More in Richmond, Va., a collaboration between Feeding America and Meals on Wheels, the shift has been toward medically tailored meals, as well as low-sodium, kosher, vegan and vegetarian options.

"Boomers are changing metrics," said Jenny Young, Meals on Wheels' vice president of communications. "Choice and variation are the future. The seniors of today are used to having more choice."

Former United exec planning to launch new budget airline

BY JUSTIN BACHMAN
Bloomberg News

The former chief financial officer of Chicago-based United Continental Holdings is betting that the U.S. airline industry needs another budget airline.

Andrew Levy, who also helped establish Allegiant, is raising money for a new low-cost niche carrier designed to serve secondary airports with a reliable experience that differs from current players in the market.

"We think the opportunity exists for a real high-quality, highly reliable, extremely low fare, basic transportation service," Levy said Tuesday. The airline, which has not yet been named, will offer "a better product and experience but still offer really low prices," he said, comparing the venture to the past experience of Southwest Airlines. "I think Southwest showed that for many, many years."

The Houston-based company has not decided on an aircraft type but is leaning toward leasing Boeing Co.'s 737-800, given the worldwide grounding of the company's new 737 Max. The planes would seat 189 passengers, a high-density approach designed to help the company offer fares below the industry average.

Levy, 49, purchased XTRA Airways, a Florida-based charter carrier, in August. XTRA's parent last

year sold most of its fleet to Swift Air but kept one Boeing 737-400 to retain its Part 121 commercial airline certification. The charter company, which operated two 737s for Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign, is being transformed into the new scheduled operation. The airline is seeking to raise \$100 million and expects to finish its fundraising by June.

The carrier could start service with around five aircraft late this year or in early 2020, Levy said.

The aggressive schedule would place its debut ahead of another planned U.S. airline entrant — dubbed Moxy — that is expected to begin flights in 2021 using the new Airbus A220. That carrier is being formed by David Neleman, the serial entrepreneur who established Jet-Blue Airways Corp. and Azul in Brazil, and also holds a large stake in TAAP Air Portugal.

Levy said his revamped airline would not be a clone of ultra low-cost carriers like Spirit Airlines or Frontier Airlines. It would seek to innovate parts of the low-cost travel experience, including offering a more simplified fee structure than competitors, which typically charge ancillary fees for things like seat assignments, water and carry-on bags.

"You have to do something different," he said, declining to discuss specific details of the proposed

airline's product, service or network. "The idea that you can come in and just do what others do but just do it better, I don't buy that."

New airlines face long odds of success in the U.S., the world's most mature aviation market. Levy's strategy calls for building a "defensible" network, away from the big airlines, to avoid incurring a response. The business envisions stimulating new air travel, as all low-cost carriers must, and selling into unmet demand on underserved routes.

The business model is based upon the notion that most of the large U.S. airlines' capacity growth has trailed general economic growth for several years, firming up their profits and making fares higher than they might be without the spate of industry mergers.

U.S. airlines' consolidation and the resulting financial stability—marked by billions in annual profits—represents a dramatic turnaround from decades of boom-and-bust cycles. It also signifies that airlines are no longer "suicidally competitive," as stocks sage Warren Buffett once put it, a situation that has induced him to invest heavily in the industry. His Berkshire Hathaway is now among the largest owners of the four biggest U.S. carriers, including a stake in Delta that tops 10 percent.

Levy's plans were reported earlier by WBUR, a Boston radio station.



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The FAA said it anticipates Boeing's final software update "in the coming weeks."

More time needed on 737 Max software fix, Boeing, FAA say

BY DAVID KOENIG
Associated Press

Boeing and U.S. aviation regulators say the company needs more time to finish changes in a flight-control system suspected of playing a role in two deadly crashes.

The Federal Aviation Administration said Monday that it anticipates Boeing's final software improvements for 737 Max airliners "in the coming weeks."

Boeing was expected to complete the work last week, but FAA spokesman Greg Martin said the company needs more time to make sure it has identified and addressed all issues.

Chicago-based Boeing offered the same timetable as it works to convince regulators that it can fix software on the planes.

"Safety is our first priority, and we will take a thorough and methodical approach to the development and testing of the update to ensure we take the time to get it right," Boeing spokesman Charles Bickers said.

Boeing needs approval not just from FAA, but elsewhere, including Europe and China, where safety officials have indicated they will conduct their own reviews.

The planes have been grounded around the world since mid-March.

The news from the FAA suggests that airlines could be forced to park their Max jets longer than they expected. Airlines that own Max jets are scrambling other planes to fill some Max flights while canceling others.

"We are aware that the resumption of service for our 737 Max aircraft may be further delayed, and our team will work with all customers impacted by any flight cancellations," said American Airlines spokesman Ross Feinstein.

American Airlines has been pointing toward a late-April return of its 24 Max 8s. Over the weekend, Southwest Airlines announced that its 34 Max 8s will be removed from the schedule through May instead of mid-April. United Airlines has idled its 14 Max 9s through June 5.

Separately, U.S. regulators and Boeing are awaiting a preliminary report from Ethiopian investigators into the March 10 crash of an Ethiopian Airlines Max 8 jet shortly after takeoff from Addis Ababa. The report will be scrutinized for information from the plane's data recorders that might suggest similarities between the doomed

flight and the Oct. 29 crash of a Lion Air Max 8 into the Java Sea off Indonesia. The two crashes killed 346 people.

Data from the Indonesian plane indicates that pilots unsuccessfully fought the automated anti-stall system for control of the plane, which plunged into the sea shortly after takeoff. According to published reports, the same system activated on the Ethiopian Airlines flight.

Boeing is making changes in an automated system that is designed to prevent the plane's nose from rising, which can lead to a dangerous aerodynamic stall.

The changes include relying on readings from more than one sensor before the anti-stall system activates and pushes the nose down, and making the system's actions less severe and easier for pilots to handle. Boeing has said it will pay to train pilots on the technology.

Congress, meanwhile, is looking into the relationship between Boeing and the FAA. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee said Monday that it had requested records from both Boeing and the FAA related to the certification of the 737 Max.

World trade forecasts slashed again

BY JAMEY KEATAN
Associated Press

GENEVA — The World Trade Organization has cut its forecast for trade growth this year by more than a percentage point, to 2.6 percent, due to an economic slowdown and amid a trade conflict between the United States and China.

The downgrade — from 3.7 percent forecast issued in September — reflects how quickly the prospects for global business are fading as, among other things, the U.S. and China struggle to agree on how to lift tariffs on hundreds of billions of dollars worth of trade.

"Rising trade tensions are the major factor," WTO Director-General Roberto Azevedo said Tuesday.

Beyond the trade war, the WTO has cited weaker economic growth in North America, Europe and Asia — largely as the effect of fiscal stimulus by the Trump administration wears off. It noted a "phase-out" of monetary stimulus in Europe and China's efforts to shift its economy away from its traditional reliance on manufacturing and investment toward services and consumption.

In 2018, trade grew by just 3 percent — far below the WTO's forecast for 3.9 percent. And next year, the Geneva-based trade body



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WTO Director-General Roberto Azevedo speaks Tuesday about global trade growth forecasts.

expects only a small uptick in trade growth by volume, to 3 percent.

"There is potential for a

slight improvement in 2020 but that is very much dependent on an easing of the trade tensions," Azevedo said.

The WTO oversees international trade rules and settles disputes between countries. The Trump administration has also been critical of the WTO, accusing it of being "unfair" with the United States.

Azevedo pointed to the "fundamental importance of the rules-based trading system," saying that its weakening would "be an historic mistake with repercussions for jobs, growth and stability around the world."

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Dow High: 26,221.24 Low: 26,122.31 Previous: 26,258.42



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
+19.78 (+.25%)	+0.05 (...%)	-2.74 (-.18%)
Close: 7,848.69	Close: 2,867.24	Close: 1,553.32
High: 7,854.92	High: 2,872.90	High: 1,556.13
Low: 7,811.28	Low: 2,858.75	Low: 1,545.55
Previous: 7,828.91	Previous: 2,867.19	Previous: 1,556.06

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.01 to 2.48%	+1.60 to \$1,290.00	-0.00 to 111.37/\$1	+0.0010 to .8930/\$1	+0.99 to \$62.58

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
+2.03	+2.04	+1.73	+1.44	+3.59	+2.78	+8.93	+13.07	+9.67

FUTURES							
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 19	463.50	465.75	456	464	+1.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 19	362.25	363.50	359.25	361.50	-.25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 19	895.75	901.25	892.50	900	+4.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 19	28.57	28.98	28.53	28.96	+0.39
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 19	309.80	311.10	308.30	310.60	+1.20
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl	May 19	61.81	62.75	61.60	62.58	+0.99
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	May 19	2.706	2.722	2.673	2.684	-.024
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	May 19	1.9027	1.9308	1.8934	1.9285	+0.0296

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	79.62	-.04	Equity Commonwith	N	32.68	-.08	Mondelez Intl	O	49.64	-.05
AbbVie Inc	N	83.07	+2.29	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	115.31	+1.15	Morningstar Inc	O	128.92	+0.3
Allstate Corp	N	94.81	-.28	Equity Residential	N	75.69	+0.71	Motorola Solutions	N	141.67	+0.35
Aptargroup Inc	N	107.22	-.49	Exelon Corp	N	50.29	+0.45	NISource Inc	N	28.22	+0.4
Arch Dan Mid	N	42.26	-.42	First Indl RT	N	35.68	+0.18	Nthn Trustst Cp	O	93.28	+0.58
Baxter Intl	N	81.54	-.23	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	47.56	-.33	Old Republic	O	23.94	-.30
Boeing Co	N	390.75	-.79	Gallagher AJ	N	78.57	-.46	Packaging Corp Am	N	101.56	-1.14
Brunswick Corp	N	50.54	-.39	Grainger WW	N	311.27	+0.1	Paylocity Hldg	O	89.45	+1.8
CBOE Global Markets	N	96.50	-.33	GrubHub Inc	N	70.58	+1.0	Stericycle Inc	O	56.48	+1.34
CDK Global Inc	O	58.82	-.60	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	105.42	-.59	TransUnion	N	68.01	-1.5
CDW Corp	O	99.27	+0.65	IDEX Corp	N	154.82	-.96	TreeHouse Foods	N	62.54	-.79
CF Industries	N	41.68	-.14	ITW	N	148.74	+0.4	Tribune Media Co A	N	46.09	-.59
CME Group	O	168.07	+1.52	Ingredion Inc	N	93.17	-1.03	US Foods Holding	N	34.65	-.08
CNA Financial	N	43.42	-.63	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	153.95	-1.61	USG Corp	N	43.35	+0.2
Cabot Microelect	O	114.42	-.84	Kemper Corp	N	77.52	-.24	Uita Salon Cosmetics	O	347.30	-5.25
Caterpillar Inc	N	140.19	-.06	Kraft Heinz Co	O	32.08	-.42	United Contl Hldgs	O	82.77	+1.90
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	27.39	-.24	LKQ Corporation	O	29.17	-.04	Ventas Inc	N	63.61	+0.35
Deere Co	N	162.12	+2.1	Littelfuse Inc	O	185.44	-.31	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	55.36	-8.13
Discover Fin Svcs	N	73.78	+0.28	McDonalds Corp	N	188.35	-.04	Wintrust Financial	O	70.32	+1.1
Dover Corp	N	95.87	-.09	Middleby Corp	O	134.38	+1.83	Zebra Tech	O	213.62	+1.71

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Bank of America	28.87	+0.33
Gen Electric	10.24	+0.14
Chesapeake	3.20	+0.05
Pitney Bowes	6.82	-.23
Rite Aid Corp	5.7	-.06
Wells Fargo & Co	48.21	-.60
AT&T Inc	31.63	-.32
Ford Motor	9.01	+0.3
Ambev S.A.	4.35	+0.01
Dow DuPont Inc	36.49	-.10
CVS Health Corp	52.13	-2.06
EnCana Corp	7.20	-.20
Aurora Cannabis Inc	9.07	-.11
Snap Inc A	11.22	-.14
Freepport McMoran	13.12	+0.2
Teva Pharm	15.03	-.69
Pfizer Inc	42.91	+0.7
Dow Inc	56.25	-.33
HP Inc	19.72	-.3
Vale SA	13.47	-.11
Nokia Corp	5.81	+0.04
Sprint Corp	5.62	...
Delta Air Lines	55.33	+3.15
Weatherford Intl Ltd	.76	-.00

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	181.74	+0.85
Alphabet Inc C	1200.49	+6.06
Alphabet Inc A	1205.54	+6.56
Amazon.com Inc	1813.98	-.21
Apple Inc	194.02	+2.78
Bank of America	28.87	+0.33
Berkshire Hath B	203.88	-1.12
Exxon Mobil Corp	81.38	-.35
Facebook Inc	174.20	+5.50
HSBC Holdings prA	25.93	-.13
Intel Corp	54.36	-.15
JPMorgan Chase	105.14	+0.50
Johnson & Johnson	137.71	-1.27
Microsoft Corp	119.19	+1.7
Procter & Gamble	103.75	+1.1
Royal Dutch Shell B	64.79	+1.5
Royal Dutch Shell A	63.51	+2.3
Visa Inc	157.78	+5.2
WalMart Strs	96.94	-.88

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	31.85	+0.4	+11.0
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	26.91	-0.1	+8.2
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	48.43	+0.6	+3.3
American Funds CptInclBldrA m	60.86	+1.2	+5.5
American Funds FdMtlInvsA m	59.12	+0.1	+8.8
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	49.32	+0.8	+11.4
American Funds IncAmrCA m	22.25	+0.3	+6.5
American Funds InvCAMrCA m	38.02	+0.5	+8.9
American Funds NwPrspctVA m	43.52	+0.6	+7.8
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	45.57	-0.6	+11.9
DFA EMktCorEqL	21.16	...	-7.2
DFA IntlCorEqLns	13.05	+0.2	-5.5
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.62	+0.1	+4.2
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	41.34	+0.1	-4.6
Dodge & Cox Stk	185.86	-.52	+7.9
DoubleLine TtRetBdl	10.51	+0.1	+4.0
Fidelity 500IdxInvsPrm	100.14	...	+13.3
Fidelity Contrafund	12.69	+0.4	+12.9
Fidelity TtMktIdxInvsPrm	81.42	-0.1	+12.4
Fidelity USBldIdxInvsPrm	11.49	+0.1	+4.2
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.32	...	+8.7
Metropolitan West TtRetBdl	10.61	+0.1	+4.4
PIMCO IncInclSt	12.01	+0.1	+3.9
PIMCO TtRetInvs	10.10	+0.1	+3.5
Schwab SP500Idx	44.04	...	+13.3
T. Rowe Price BCGr	113.16	+2.6	+16.6
T. Rowe Price GrStk	67.25	+2.0	+15.0
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	264.60	+0.1	+13.3
Vanguard DivGrInv	27.92	-0.7	+17.8
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	73.92	-1.3	+10.9
Vanguard GrldAdmrl	81.67	+2.3	+16.0
Vanguard HCAmrl	82.83	-.32	+11.6
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	14.17	...	+5.1
Vanguard InslIdxInvs	259.35	+0.2	+13.3
Vanguard InslIdxInvsPlus	259.36	+0.1	+13.3
Vanguard InslTtMktIdxInvsPlus	61.88	-0.1	+12.6
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	92.31	+0.8	+5.5
Vanguard MdlCpldxAdmrl	201.49	+0.9	+7.7
Vanguard PrmCpldxAdmrl	135.96	+2.8	+11.2
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.58	+0.1	+3.6
Vanguard SmCpldxAdmrl	74.03	-1.2	+9.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	31.03	+0.2	+5.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.63	+0.2	+5.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	34.01	+0.2	+5.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	20.92	+0.1	+6.0
Vanguard TtBMDIdxAdmrl	10.65	+0.1	+4.1
Vanguard TtBMDIdxInvs	10.65	+0.1	+4.1
Vanguard TtInBldIdxAdmrl	22.27	+0.3	+5.1
Vanguard TtInBldIdxInvs	33.41	+0.3	+5.1
Vanguard TtInBldIdxInv	11.14	+0.2	+5.1
Vanguard TtInSldIdxAdmrl	28.24	+0.2	-2.7
Vanguard TtInSldIdxInvs	112.95	+0.8	-2.6
Vanguard TtInSldIdxInvsPlus	112.97	+0.8	-2.6
Vanguard TtInSldIdxInv	16.89	+0.2	-2.7
Vanguard TtISMIdxAdmrl	71.23	-0.1	+12.6
Vanguard TtISMIdxInvs	71.25	-0.1	+12.6
Vanguard TtISMIdxInv	71.21	-0.1	+12.5
Vanguard WngtInAdmrl	69.57	-0.2	+9.0
Vanguard WlslyInAdmrl	62.76	+0.1	+7.5
Vanguard WndrInAdmrl	62.42	-1.0	+8.8

d - Deferred sales charge, or redemption fee.
m - Multiple fees are charged, usually a marketing fee and either a sales or redemption fee.
Source: Morningstar.

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AVEO Pharmaceuticals	1.58	+0.47
Adv Micro Dev	26.75	+0.39
Walgreen Boots Alli	55.36	-8.13
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	5.87	+0.08
Brighthouse Finl	37.07	-1.17
Novavax Inc	.61	+0.05
Adma Biologics Inc	5.06	+0.99
Facebook Inc	174.20	+5.50
Apple Inc	194.02	+2.78
Lytft Inc	68.97	-.04
Sangamo Therapeutics	12.29	+2.76
Micron Tech	42.44	+1.9
JD.com Inc	30.29	-.97
Caesars Entertain	8.83	-0.1
Cisco Syst	55.29	+0.31
Microsoft Corp	119.19	+1.7
Senior Housing	10.12	-1.84
Comcast Corp A	40.02	-.08
Intel Corp	54.36	-1.5
Yangtze River Port	.73	+0.08
Jaguar Health Inc	.29	-0.2
Nvidia Corporation	183.00	+0.72
Riot Blockchain Inc	4.34	+8.0
Marvell Tech Grp	20.18	-0.1

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3176.82	+6.5/+2
Stoxx600	385.03	+1.4/+0
Nikkei	21505.31	-3.7/-0
MSCI-EAFE	1872.21	-23.5/-1.2
Bovespa	95386.75	-667.7/-0.7
FTSE 100	7391.12	+73.7/+1.0
CAC-40	5423.47	+18.0/+0.3

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.36	2.38
6-month disc	2.38	2.38
2-year	2.29	2.31
10-year	2.48	2.49
30-year	2.88	2.89

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1290.00	\$1288.40
Silver	\$15.018	\$15.051
Platinum	\$848.20	\$850.10

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)	42.7232
Australia (Dollar)	1.4157
Brazil (Real)	3.8549
Britain (Pound)	.7625
Canada (Dollar)	1.3347
China (Yuan)	6.7234
Euro	.8930

OBITUARIES

HOWARD LEE 1933-2019

Medal of Honor recipient who led long-odds defense

By **HARRISON SMITH**
The Washington Post

Hurling toward his fate, flying in a piston-engined helicopter above the jungles of central Vietnam, the 33-year-old Marine captain bowed his head in prayer. "If it's your will, I die tonight, fine," Howard Lee later recalled saying. "But if not, then just give me the courage to do what I have to do."

As the commander of a Marine company based at Dong Ha, a U.S. military base near the Vietnamese demilitarized zone, Lee had volunteered to rescue a beleaguered platoon that had embarked on a reconnaissance mission earlier that day, Aug. 8, 1966.

Pushing through fields of tall elephant grass, the platoon had come under heavy fire and was forced to hunker down in foxholes on the top of a small hill, where it found itself surrounded and far outnumbered by North Vietnamese troops.

Half of the unit was evacuated by helicopter. But the remaining dozen or so Marines were stranded after a second helicopter was hit by enemy fire and crashed en route to the knoll. When Lee radioed to check on their status, he heard only chaos — the din of gunfire and the frantic shouts of a young Marine.

As he later put it, Lee did "what any good company commander would have done": dodged machine-gun fire to reinforce the platoon, ran from hole to hole to lift his Marines' spirits and led a six-hour defense in the dark of night, saving his men from being captured or wiped out.

Lee continued fighting despite being wounded by a grenade that left 15 pieces of shrapnel in his body and partly blinded him in one eye. He was later awarded the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military decoration, and after retiring from the Marine Corps with the rank of lieutenant colonel he traded swords for plowshares, embarking on a horticultural career in which he rose to oversee landscaping for the city of Virginia Beach.

He was 85 when he died at his home there on March 23. His son Edward Lee confirmed the death but did not give a cause.

Lee rarely gave interviews and "never talked about" or "promoted" the story of what happened that long night in Vietnam, his son said.

But in an oral history for the Veterans History Project, Lee recalled that his involvement in the hill episode began with hesitant approval from his battalion commander, who allowed Lee and two Marines to scope out the engagement by helicopter. Hovering above the scene, they spot-

ted what appeared to be a reinforced rifle company of North Vietnamese closing in on the Marines.

Let us down, Lee said. "That's crazy," the pilot replied. "This is a hot zone."

A compromise was struck — the helicopter would descend near the hill but not fully land — and Lee said he was "nicked in the ear" by a bullet just after he jumped out, 5 feet above the ground. He soon learned that the platoon commander had been killed and that the platoon sergeant was seriously wounded. And a second helicopter that was supposed to drop additional reinforcements never landed, apparently fearing that it would be shot down.

Nonetheless, Lee "fearlessly moved from position to position, directing and encouraging the overtaxed troops," according to the Medal of Honor citation. With help from Huey gunships that swept in from above, he marshaled a defense that repelled waves of North Vietnamese attacks, even after he was wounded in a grenade blast.

Lee later recalled being "kind of fascinated" by the grenade's design — in the moment before it exploded, he said it reminded him of an old German grenade known as the "potato masher" — and was initially unfazed by the blast, which struck the right side of his body and left him temporarily blinded in his right eye.

As his body stiffened, an immobilized Lee shifted his focus to tactics and strategy, directing helicopters to drop much-needed ammunition. But he recalled that "they would make a pass, kick the ammunition out the door and it would invariably miss and go rolling down the hill."

After he requested a helicopter land on the hill itself, he watched in horror as a rocket-propelled grenade destroyed the helicopter's tail section soon after it touched down. Miraculously, no one was hurt, and the helicopter's machine guns were repurposed for the battle.

Lee said he "passed out from loss of blood" during the night, and awoke in the morning to the sound of helicopter rotors. The North Vietnamese had retreated, leaving 37 enemy bodies, and he and his men were finally evacuated. He was still recuperating in the United States when President Lyndon Johnson awarded him the Medal of Honor in a White House ceremony on Oct. 25, 1967.

"Maj. Lee's actions saved his men from capture, minimized the loss of lives, and dealt the enemy a severe defeat," his Medal of Honor citation concluded, using his rank at the time. "His indomitable fighting spirit, superb leadership, and great personal valor in the

face of tremendous odds, reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the U.S. Naval Service."

Howard Vincent Lee was born in New York on Aug. 1, 1933. His mother was a homemaker, and his father served in the mounted unit of the New York police.

Soon after graduating from Pace College (now University) in Manhattan in 1955, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve. His plan, he said in the oral history, was to "go in and do my duty and then get out and be a famous accountant."

Gradually, however, he fell in love with the Marine Corps and its traditions, and in 1958 transferred to active duty. Col. Lee, as he became known, was stationed in the Dominican Republic during that country's 1965 civil war, and arrived in Vietnam early the following year, part of the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, in the reinforced 3rd Marine Division.

He returned to Vietnam for a second tour in 1970. After retiring from the Marines in 1975 he set about launching a new career, selling cars and working in manufacturing, among other jobs. Nothing stuck.

At one point, he hired a friend to landscape his yard. "We notoriously had the worst yard on the street," his son Michael Lee said by phone. "That contract just so happened to coincide with when my dad was unemployed, so he asked to work with him."

Lee liked the work of planting, weeding and mowing so much he went on to receive an associate degree in horticulture from Tidewater Community College. He began his landscaping career volunteering for the city.

Howard Lee retired from his horticultural work about 1995, a piece of shrapnel still lodged near his right lung. His wife of 50 years, the former Jean Daniels, died in 2006. Survivors include four children; a sister; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

In a video interview released online as a supplement to the book "Medal of Honor," released through the Medal of Honor Foundation, Lee emphasized that the Medal of Honor was as much a memorial to the fallen as it was a personal honor.

"If you talk to recipients, most will say that they wear the medal not just for themselves but for all their people who were with them when the incident happened," he said. "The real heroes of any war are the people who don't make it, the people who make the ultimate sacrifice. And we kind of wear it for them."

In 1996 an Air Force transport crashed near Dubrovnik, Croatia, killing Commerce Secretary Ron Brown, the former chairman of the Democratic Party, and 34 other people, including several prominent American business executives.

In 1999 NATO missiles struck downtown Belgrade for the first time, destroying the headquarters of security forces accused of waging a campaign against Kosovo Albanians.

In 2000 a federal judge in Washington ruled that Microsoft Corp. had violated U.S. antitrust laws by keeping "an oppressive thumb" on competitors during the race to link Americans to the Internet.

In 2008 NATO allies meeting in Bucharest, Romania, gave President George W. Bush strong support for a missile defense system in Europe and urged Moscow to drop its opposition to the program.

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Belli, Tess A.

Tess A. Belli of Libertyville, IL died peacefully in her sleep Saturday, March 23, 2019 at the age of 102. She was preceded in death by her parents John and Mary, her beloved husband of 64 years Edo, and her son Allen. She is survived by her son James (Karen) Belli, daughters Andrea (Whit) Shepard and Tina (Gary) Moulton and daughter-in-law LuAnn. She was the devoted grandmother of Debbie (Stu) Short, Kim (John) Humphreys, Susie (Patrick) Hardiman, Janine (Keith) Hogan, Sabrina (Greg) Pretsch, Bianca Belli, Tessa Aiossa and Amanda (Bruce) Arnold. She was the proud great grandmother of 13 and great-great-grandmother of one.

A funeral mass will be held on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 11:00 am at St. Patrick's Church, 15000 Wadsworth, IL (847) 244-4161. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the National Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe at Marytown, 1600 West Park Avenue, Libertyville, IL 60048.

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Bernard, Virginia M.

Virginia M. Bernard, at rest March 31, 2019. Beloved wife of the late James. Loving mother of Janice. Member of the Stickney Forest View Lions, Women's Auxiliary Unit 687, A.L., Stickney Democratic precinct captain and worked for the Stickney Assessors office. Services are Friday, April 5, 2019, 9:45 am at Adolf Funeral Home, Ltd., 2921 S. Harlem Ave., Berwyn to St. Pius X Church. Mass 10:30 am. Interment Mt. Auburn Cemetery. Visitation is Thursday, April 4th from 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm. Info at: 708-484-4111 or www.adolfsservices.com.

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Bielaga, Elaine A.

Elaine A. Bielaga, nee Nowakowska. Beloved wife of the late Gregory Casimir. Loving mother of Patricia (Carl) Underwood and the late Steven (Julie) Bielaga. Dearest grandmother of Matthew (Amanda) Bielaga, Timothy (Roxana) Underwood, and Emily Bielaga. Dear sister of the late Dolores Nowakowska. Fond aunt of Barbara (Stephen) Bielaga-Jones. Great aunt of Garrett and Brendan. Funeral Saturday 10:00 am at **Malec & Sons Funeral Home**, 6000 N. Milwaukee Avenue. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. Visitation Friday from 3:00 - 9:00 pm. (773) 774-4100. MalecandSonsFH.com.

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Bruno, Mary Anne F.

Funeral Services for Mary Anne F. Bruno (nee Donatello), 82, a resident of Schaumburg, held Fri., April 5 beginning with prayers at 9:15am at **Michaels Funeral Home**, 800 S. Roselle Rd., to 10:00am Funeral Mass at St. Matthew Church, Schaumburg. Interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside. Visitation held Thurs., April 4 from 3:00-8:00pm at the funeral home. Born April 18, 1936 in Chicago to the late Frank and the late Mary (nee Lamantia); she passed away peacefully March 30, 2019 in Schaumburg. Adoring wife of the late Pete Sr.; loving mother of Peter Jr. (Patricia); proud grandmother of Peter III and Michael; beloved sister of the late Jeanette Crissie and the late Frank Donatello Jr.; dear friend to many. She will be missed by all she touched. For information call 847-891-2900 or www.michaelsfh.com

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Cangelosi, Sam D.

Sam D. Cangelosi passed away, Friday, March 29, 2019 surrounded by his family in Dublin, Ohio. Veteran U.S. Army, WWII serving in the South Pacific. Sam was a Purple Heart recipient. Member of Chicago Teamster Union. Preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy (Gorzynski) Cangelosi. Survived by his children, Carol (John) Doherty, Joann (Ken) Bratka, and Thomas Cangelosi; grandchildren, John and Jill Doherty and Max Bratka; sisters, Josephine (Cangelosi) Lang and Mary (Cangelosi) Bartzial. Friends may call Friday, April 5, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Isaac Joques Church, 306 W. Fourth St., Hinsdale, IL 60521, where Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 10:00 a.m. Inurnment at Resurrection Cemetery, Justice, IL. In observation of Lent, in lieu of flowers, contributions, if desired, may be made to Honor Flight Columbus, P.O. Box 12036, Columbus, OH 43212. Arrangements by **RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME**, Worthington, OH. To leave a condolence for the family please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com, or call 614-885-4006.

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Cella Dinon, Barbara

Barbara Cella Dinon, a resident of Villa St. Benedict in Lisle, IL and a former longtime resident of Naperville, IL, was born on November 6, 1926 in Oak Park, IL. She passed away peacefully on April 1, 2019, at Villa St. Benedict. Barb is survived by her eight loving children: Catherine (Jerome), John (Diane), Paul (Jeannie), Mary, David (Kimberly), Michael (Diana), Peter (Kathryn), and Thomas (Catherine). She loved and delighted in her 24 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by first husband Paul (1968), and second husband Alfred (2017). For those who would like to leave a lasting tribute to Barb's life, memorial donations may be made to Loaves and Fishes Community Services (www.loaves-fishes.org), or Villa St. Benedict (www.villastben.org). A Memorial Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 4, 4:00-8:00 PM at the **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville. The Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, April 5, 10:30 AM at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 1215 Modaff Rd., Naperville. A private family inurnment will be at St. Mary Cemetery, Evergreen Park, IL. For information please call 630/355-0213 or visit www.friedrich-jones.com

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Chrysokos, William 'Bill'

William (Bill) Chrysokos Suddenly, of Scottsdale AZ. Formerly of Addison, IL. Beloved husband of the late Joetta and late Yvonne. Brother of the late James (Betty). Loving father of James (Lisa) William Valerie (Liz) Susan Janis and Anthony (Donna). Extended family Damico Michael (Vickey) David (Kelli) and Tony. Cherished grandfather of 9, Great-grandfather of 13. Uncle of many nieces and nephews. Past President of the Addison Recreation Club. Served on the Addison Park District 1969 - 1983 as treasurer, commissioner, and president. Youth programs was his passion. Services have been held. Donations in honor of William to: Addison Park District 120 E. Oak St. Addison, Illinois 60101 would be appreciated.

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Cook, Barbara Ann

Barbara Ann Cook (nee Humes) of Chicago died peacefully on March 31 at The Clare in Chicago. She was 97. Beloved wife of the late John A. Cook; devoted mother of Dr. John Q. Cook (Kathleen); cherished grandmother of Alex Cook and Christian Cook. Loving sister of the late Margaret Tucker McElroy and Thomas Humes (Helga);

loving daughter of the late Thomas Humes, Sr. and the late Margaret Humes. Born on November 18, 1921 in Rochester, New York, she moved with her family to Oak Park, Illinois, in 1927. She graduated from St. Edmund grade school and Oak Park-River Forest High School, earning her bachelor's degree from Rosary College in River Forest. She attained an advanced degree in dietetic science and provide nutrition guidance at Wesley Memorial Hospital, Cook County Hospital, and Loyola University Medical Center. Along with her husband, Barbara was a founding member of the Old Town Triangle Association, a community organization, as well a force behind the Old Town Art Fair. She was a long-time member of many clubs and civic organizations, including the Union League Club of Chicago, the Women's Athletic Club of Chicago, the Service Club of Chicago, and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago. A lover of music and the arts, she was a supporter of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Lyric Opera of Chicago, and the Art Institute of Chicago. A devout Roman Catholic, she and her husband were active members of Holy Name Cathedral. In recent years Barbara lived at the Brookdale Lake Shore Drive, where she had a wonderful circle of friends. We will all miss her wonderful smile and abundant compassion. Visitation, Wednesday, April 3 from 4 to 7 pm at the John E. Maloney Funeral Home, 1359 W. Devon Ave. Chicago, funeral mass Thursday, April 4 at 10:00am in the Holy Name Cathedral Chapel, 30 E. Superior St., Private interment Mount Carmel Cemetery in Hillside. Funeral info: 773-764-1617.

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D'Attomo, Joseph

Joseph D'Attomo, age 80. Loving husband of Irena D'Attomo nee Koc and the late Phyllis D'Attomo nee Choss; loving father of Susan D'Attomo and John D'Attomo; Loving step-father of Robert and Roddy Zukowski; Beloved son of the late Nicola and Prudenza D'Attomo nee Grande; fond grandfather of Joseph and Eleanor D'Attomo; Step-grandfather of Gabriel, Camilla, Emily, and Christian; dear brother of Peter (Kathy) D'Attomo, and the late Muzio, Anna, Maria, and Lena; fond uncle of nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday April 4, 2019 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave. Northridge, IL 60706. Funeral Friday 8:30 a.m. at the funeral home proceeding to Our Lady Mother of the Church for 9:30 a.m. Mass. Burial at Maryhill Cemetery. For info 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com

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Dethlefsen, Dorothy

Dorothy L. Dethlefsen, 82, beloved wife of the late Russell; cherished mother of Cheryl (James) Falata and Susan (Al) Cimino; dearest grammy of Brian, Sam, Lou and Max (Shannon); dear sister of William Rabe and the late Barbara (late Robert) Damiani; fond sister in law of Carole (Ron) Hosler. Visitation Thursday, April 4, 2019, 2 to 8:00 p.m. and Friday, April 5, 9:00 a.m. till time of services at 10:00a.m. at Ivins/Moravec Funeral Home 80 E. Burlington St. Riverside. Interment Mt. Emblem Cemetery. Funeral info 708-447-2261 or www.moravec.com.

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Dorn, Steven R. 'Flash'

Steven R. "Flash" Dorn, age 70. Beloved father of Alex (Julia) Dorn and Lindsay (Daniel) Hittner. Proud grandfather of Adeline, Aidan and Olivia. Loving brother of Randi (Jay) Dorn, Perry, Marc and Craig (Laina) Schechtman, Karen and Michael Sternfeld. Dear son of the late Harry A. and the late Margaret Dorn and Edith and Paul Sternfeld.

uncle of many nieces and nephews and cousin of Karen Jacobson and Gail Seldess. Service Thursday 12 Noon at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment New Light Cemetery, Lincolnwood. In lieu of flowers, memorials in his name may be made to PanCan, 1500 Rosecrans Avenue, Suite 200, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266, www.pancan.org. The family requests that no black suits or ties be worn at the service. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Gansinger, Elizabeth "Betty"

Elizabeth "Betty" Gansinger. Beloved daughter of the late Katherine & Frank Gansinger. Loving sister of the late Anna Marie. Proud aunt & great aunt of many nieces & nephews. Dear friend of many. Funeral Friday 9:30 am at St. Germaine Church, 9711 S. Kolin in Oak Lawn. Interment private at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Devoted Chicago Public School teacher for many years. In lieu of flowers, Masses or memorials to Medical Missionaries of Mary, 3410 W. 60th Place, Chicago, IL 60629 would be greatly appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500

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Greenberg, Hannajoy

Hannajoy Greenberg, beloved wife of Robert for 63 years. Loving mother of Harold (Tina), Brad (Rebecca), and Barbara (Ruben) Cervantes. Adoring grandmother of Theodore, Jacob, Elena, Leeann, Sarah, and Seth. Service Thursday 11AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Road (One block north of Lake Cook Road) Buffalo Grove. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Susan G. Komen-Breast Cancer Foundation, www.komenchicago.org Arrangements by: **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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In 1948 President Harry Truman signed the Marshall Plan, allocating more than \$5 billion in aid for 16 European countries.

In 1968, less than 24 hours before he was assassinated in Memphis, civil-rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "mountain-

top" speech to a rally of striking sanitation workers.

In 1979 Democrat Jane Byrne was elected mayor of Chicago with 82 percent of the vote, defeating Republican Wallace Johnson.

In 1985 the landmark Brown Derby restaurant in Hollywood closed after 56 years in business.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS
April 2
Mega Millions 33 47 58 59 64 / 25
Mega Millions jackpot: \$88M
Pick 3 midday 526 / 4
Pick 4 midday 0791 / 9
Lucky Day Lotto midday 06 11 14 20 44
Pick 3 evening 210 / 2
Pick 4 evening 4980 / 6
Lucky Day Lotto evening 03 16 31 34 42
April 3 Powerball: \$54M
April 4 Lotto: \$15M

WISCONSIN
April 2
Pick 3 667
Pick 4 2468
Badger 5 01 03 09 10 21
SuperCash 01 10 16 22 28 38

INDIANA
April 2
Daily 3 midday 754 / 7
Daily 4 evening 9971 / 7
Daily 3 evening 684 / 9
Daily 4 evening 0985 9
Cash 5 08 17 31 37 43

MICHIGAN
April 2
Daily 3 midday 689
Daily 4 midday 5878
Daily 3 evening 727
Daily 4 evening 9091
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Jagger, Jack M.

Jack M. Jagger, suddenly at home on February 17, 2019. Former Engineer at Fermilab and Argonne National Laboratory. Survived by his wife Carol Ann (Weisert); dad to daughter Pam (deceased), sons, John, Matthew (deceased), Josh (Cheryl), Michael (Colleen) and beloved feline Rocky IV; brother of Judith Jagger and Patricia Van Orman (deceased); grandfather of ten; great grandfather of two; Uncle to three nieces and one nephew. Masses requested at St. James at Sag Bridge Catholic church, Lemont, or donations TLC Animal Shelter in Homer Glen, Illinois. Arrangements handled by Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Lisle, Illinois.

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Janecek, Charlotte

Charlotte Janecek, nee Allison, age 74 of Berwyn. Beloved wife of the late George J. Janecek, fond aunt to many. Memorial visitation Saturday, April 6th, 9:00am until time of memorial service, 12:00pm at Kuratko-Nosek Funeral Home, 2447 S. DesPlaines Avenue, North Riverside, IL 60546. Inurnment to follow at Woodlawn Cemetery, Forest Park. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.kuratkonosek.com. Info: (708) 447-2500



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Jennings, Doris M.

Doris M. Jennings nee Lee, 94, passed away peacefully into the arms of our Lord on March 31, 2019. She was the daughter of longtime Chicagoans Kathryn "Kate" nee Horan and Thomas Lee. Doris was born in Chicago on November 18, 1924, and was a devoted and cherished member of St. Columbanus and St. Benedict parishes in Chicago. In her youth she attended St. Leo grammar school, St. Mary High School, and Chicago Teachers College. She was an active parishioner of St. James the Apostle Church in Glen Ellyn since 1999. Doris was married to the love of her life, Mark, on December 27, 1950 at St. Columbanus Church, by Archbishop William Cousins. They lived at 3906 N. Hoyle Avenue in Chicago for over 46 years where they raised their four children, and where she was preceded in death by him. Doris possessed a deep love for teaching and taught for 20 years at the Spalding School for Children with Disabilities on the west side of Chicago. She always remarked she never felt she was at work and that she would have taught at Spalding even if they didn't pay for her services. She gave many years to volunteer work while in Chicago and Glen Ellyn as a Eucharistic Minister. She brought communion to seniors at St. Luke's Home in Chicago. She was also active at the DuPage Convalescent Center and Arden Court Alzheimer Home. Doris and Mark were devoted parents and their greatest legacy comprised their four children, twelve grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Family and friends always felt at home on Hoyle Avenue for Sunday dinners, for tea, and especially for holidays, where they opened their dining room freely and always found a place at the table for someone new. Christmas Day with their twelve little grandchildren was the greatest celebration of all! The grandchildren fondly recall memories of that magical home and their beloved grandparents. During their retirement, Doris and Mark loved to travel and their favorite destination was Myrtle Beach in South Carolina, where they spent summer vacations with grandchildren nearly every year. Doris and Mark traveled extensively, notably in Europe and Japan. Doris' connection with her family created an unbreakable bond. Her complete selflessness, wisdom, devotion to the Sacred Heart and to others, and her spirit of giving were infectious, and made everyone she touched better for having known her. Her patience and persistence in the face of constant back pain were an inspiration to all - never complaining, but instead thanking everyone who lightened her load. Continuing Doris' legacy are her four children, Mark (DeVeta) Jennings of Sioux Falls, Kathryn Ann (Brian) Kennedy of Glen Ellyn, Lee (Dana) Jennings of Wheaton, and Erin (Richard) Lugowski of Darien; her twelve grandchildren, Elyse (Kirk) Young, Mark-Eamon Jennings, and Jonathan Jennings; Melissa (Robert) Francis, Mark (Dana, soon to be wife) Kennedy, and Clare (Mark) Garlitz; Brigid Jennings, Nora Jennings, Christine (Luke) Abbinate, and John Jennings; and Patrick Lugowski and Michael Lugowski; and her three great-grandchildren, Sophie Francis, Easton Young, and Theodore Francis. She was the devoted sister of the late Kathryn (James) Feeney and loving aunt of many nieces and nephews. Doris will be remembered as a humble servant of Christ, a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, a caring teacher and volunteer who gave unselfishly throughout her entire life. It was her wish that in lieu of flowers, charitable donations be made to Mother Angelica at EWTN, 5817 Old Leeds Rd., Irondale, AL 35210. Visitation will be Friday, April 5, 2019, 4:00-8:00 p.m. at Williams Kamp Funeral Home, 430 E. Roosevelt Road, Wheaton. A funeral mass celebrating Doris's life will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2019 ("Daddy's birthday"), at 10:00 a.m., at St. James the Apostle Church, 480 S. Park Blvd., Glen Ellyn. Interment will be at All Saints Cemetery, 700 N. River Road, Des Plaines, with a luncheon to follow. Funeral info 630-668-0016 or www.williams-kamp.com

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Kountz, Kathleen M.

Kathleen M. Kountz nee Manning, age 83, of Hegewisch, passed March 31st. Beloved wife of the late Donald E. Loving mother of Donald (Linnea), David (late Pauline A.), Daniel (Laura), and Karleen (Gregory) Nalepka. Cherished grandmother of Thomas, Nicholas, Erik, Brian, Laura, and Hanna. Fond daughter of the late Thomas Manning and the late Marie nee Ribovich. Sister of the late Thomas (Shirley) Manning. Many nieces and nephews. Graduate of South Chicago School of Nursing, and former R.N. at South Shore Hospital. Kathleen was a craft enthusiast, and loved working with her hands. She enjoyed painting, creating stain glass, ceramics and porcelain, and her favorites quilting and sewing. She belonged to many quilting clubs who will miss her dearly. Funeral Services 9:00 a.m., Saturday, April 6, 2019 at Opyt Funeral Home, 13350 S. Baltimore Ave., Chicago, IL 60633 to St. Columba Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment St. John & St. Joseph Cemetery, Hammond, IN. Visitation 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday April 5, 2019. 773-646-1133 or www.opytfh.com

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Kyriakopoulos, Nikolaos 'Nick, Nicholas'

Nikolaos Kyriakopoulos, age 94, of Karatoula, Megalopolis, Arcadia, Greece passed away on Saturday, March 30, 2019. Beloved husband of Stavroula and loving father of Georgia, Pete (Mary), Steve (Kathleen) and Bill (Ellen) Kyriakopoulos. Devoted son of the late Panagiotis and Georgia; proud grandfather of Nick, Stavroula, Stephanie (Alex), Katlyn, Nikolas, Renee, Nicole and Stavro; dear brother of Gus (the late Demetra) Kyriakopoulos and pre-deceased by siblings, Haralambos, Demetra, Maria, Theodoros and Anna. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews and their families. Family and friends will meet Thursday morning, April 4, 2019, at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 2727 W. Winona St., Chicago, IL 60625 for Visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m. until the Funeral Service at 11:00 a.m. Interment Elmwood Cemetery, River Grove. In lieu of flowers, donations may be gratefully made in his name to St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church or the Dementia Society of America, P.O. Box 600, Doylestown, PA 18901. Arrangements made by John G. Adinamis Funeral Director, Ltd. For more information please call 847-375-0095.

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Lane, Janice M.

Janice M. Lane, nee Jankovsky, of Downers Grove, age 77. Beloved wife of the late John M.; loving mother of John E. (Carol) Walters, Steven D. Walters and Michael J. (Debbie) Lane; proud grandmother of Emily and John Lane; cherished godmother of Brooke (Brad) Zych and Ryder; dear sister of the late Robert (late Therese) Smrstik. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Thursday, April 4, 2019 from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Lying-in-State Friday at St. Eulalia Church, 1845 S. 9th St., Maywood from 10:00 a.m. until time of funeral mass 11:00 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Joliet Area Community Hospice (www.joliethospice.org) or TLC Animal Shelter, Homer Glen (www.tlcanimalshelter.org) appreciated. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Malloy, GERALYNN A.

Malloy, GERALYNN A (Gerrie), DO, age 63 of Indianapolis, IN passed away on March 20, 2019. Loving mother of Joy (Geoffrey), Sarah and Tim (Lisa) Evans. Loving grandmother of Olivia and Maisie Harding. Beloved daughter of the late Shirley L. (nee Olson) and Robert E. "Curly" Malloy. Cherished sister of Kevin (Patty), John, James (Mary) Malloy, and the late Deborah (late Terrance) Rogers, late Robert (Jeanne) Malloy, late Mary Beth (late Steven) Hein. Kind aunt and great aunt to many nieces and nephews. Gerrie was a dedicated pediatric doctor over the past 22 years in the Chicago, Olney, IL and Indianapolis areas. Visitation will be held from 10-11am on April 6, 2019 at St. Barnabas (10134 S Longwood Dr, Chicago) for an 11:00am Mass. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to National Pediatric Cancer Foundation (nationalpcf.org).

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Melidones, Ida 'Haido'

Ida Melidones, nee Pantos, age 97, of Providence, RI, passed away on Sunday, March 24, 2019. Beloved Wife of the late George and Loving Mother of Spero (Patricia) and Christ (JoAnn) Melidones. Devoted Daughter of the late Reverend Basil and Demetra Pantazopoulos; Proud Grandmother of Andrianna and Theodore Melidones; Dear Sister of Peter (the late Tina) Pantos, the late Helen (the late George) Chelos and the late William (Lillian) Pantos; Fond Aunt and Great-Aunt of many nieces and nephews. Former member of St. John's Ladies Philoptochos Society. Services for Ida Melidones are completed at the time of this publication. Memorial contributions may be made to the Greek American Rehabilitation & Care Centre located at 220 N. First Street in Wheeling, IL 60090.

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Menaker, Judith

Judith Ann Menaker 80 of Des Plaines was born on September 21, 1938 to Ethel and the late Louis Caamano and passed away April 1, 2018. Judith was the loving mother of Guy and Adam (Camila) Menaker; devoted grandmother of Anthony Menaker; caring sister of the late Arthur Davidson and cousin of Linda Davidson. Memorial visitation Friday from 4-8pm at Oehler Funeral Home 2099 Miner St. Des Plaines, IL. Interment private. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Funeral info 847-824-5155 or oehlerfuneralhome.com

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Migdal, Phillip M.

Phillip M. Migdal. Devoted son of Jack and Belle nee Silverman. Loving brother of the late Norman and brother-in-law of Fern Migdal. Dear uncle of Sarah Migdal, David (Karla) Migdal, Jim (Victoria Thorp) Migdal and Allison Migdal. Great-uncle of Eliza Migdal and Blair Migdal. He will be fondly remembered by many special and loving cousins and friends. He was a lover of Opera and also of cats, particularly his cat Lucas. Graveside service Friday, 10:00 am at Menorah Gardens Cemetery, 2630 South 17th Ave., Broadview, IL 60153 in lieu of flowers, memorials in his memory to the Chicago Anti-Cruelty Society, 157 Grand Ave., Chicago, IL 60654 www.anticruelty.org or a charity of your choice would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Misicka, Jay Alan

Jay Alan Misicka, age 92, a long time resident of Naperville passed away Friday, March 29, 2019 at Alden of Waterford in Aurora. He was born May 6, 1926 in Oak Park. Jay was an army veteran, had worked as a Risk Manager and was a member of Word of Life Lutheran Church in Naperville. He is survived by his daughters Nancy (Robert) Davis and Barbara (David) Janowski, four grandchildren Christopher (Lisa) Davis, Ryan (Alyssa) Janowski, Lauren Janowski and Elizabeth Davis, one great grandchild Addison Davis. He was preceded in death by his wife Edith "Tootie" nee Haussner Misicka, his parents August and Sylvia Misicka and a sister Lois (Robert) Davis. Jay's family would like to acknowledge the care and concern afforded by More than Family, Alden Waterford Garden and Family Home Health Network. A funeral service will be held, Saturday, April 6, 2019, 11:00 a.m. at the **Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory**, 516 S. Washington St., Naperville. A visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Private interment at Mt. Emblem Cemetery. Memorials in Jay's memory may be made to Word of Life Lutheran Church. (630) 355 0264. www.beidelmankunschf.com

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Muller, Joan C.

Joan C. Muller, nee Folkerts, age 92, beloved wife for 65 years to the late Thomas Muller (2013). Loving mother of Donna (late Allan) Shantz, Linda (Michael) Doff and the late Tommy Muller. Cherished grandmother of Amy, Lisa, Thomas and Jennifer Shantz; Sara, Michael and the late Timothy Doff. Dearest great-grandmother of Allan, Madison and Grayson. Preceded in death by her seven siblings. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday, April 7, 2019 from 2-7 p.m. with a Funeral Service at 5:00 p.m. at **Colonial Chapel**, 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL. Burial will take place on Monday, April 8, 2019 at Chapel Hill Gardens South, Oak Lawn, IL. Memorials to Calvary Church of Orland Park or Elim Christian Services are appreciated. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonialchapel.com 708-532-5400

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Murray, Lorene F.

Lorene F. Murray, nee McMahon, 93, of Northbrook and Chicago, passed away March 31, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Michael J. Murray; loving mother of Lorene F. Murray (Thomas) Shanahan; Michael J. (Kelly Craig Jones) Murray, Mary Rita Murray, Michelle Murray (Donald) Vogel, Dr. Thomas E. (Kathleen) Murray and Patricia A. Murray; cherished grandmother of Meaghan Shanahan, Elizabeth, Michael, and Kathryn Vogel, Thomas and Devin Murray; dear sister of George (late Lorraine) McMahon, the late Edward McMahon, Mary (Albert) Muisenga, Joan McMahon, and James McMahon; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 9 am until time of the Mass at 10 am at Our Lady of the Brook Church, 3700 Dundee Road, Northbrook. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Little Sisters of the Poor, 2325 N. Lakewood Ave., Chicago, IL 60614 or Journey Care Hospice, 2050 Claire Court, Glenview, IL 60025. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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Nicholson, Martha Jane 'Marty'

(née Schmidt), of Park Forest, to Ida Marie (née Gerhke) and John William Schmidt, in Chicago. Called home March 30, 2019, age 95, Bloomington, IN. Mother of Janet (Frank Markus, d.) Whitson Markus, Kimberly (Stephen, d.) Scalzo, Valerie (Steve Jacobson), Randall (Karen), Gail (Thomas). "Grammie" to 15 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren; Aunt to numerous nieces and nephews; Friend to many. Preceded in death by Love-of-Her-Life, Harry F. Nicholson; parents; siblings William Schmidt, Gladys Bersch, John Schmidt, Dorothy DeLuca; grandchildren Bess Ann and Adam Whitson. Married Dec. 20, 1941; homesteaded in Park Forest, IL ('52); helped charter Grace United Protestant Church ('54). Graduate of Grant Elem., McKinley H.S. ('41). Volunteer nurses' aide at Cook Co. Hosp. in WWII. Bookkeeper at Marwyn, Bowman dairies. Earned degrees in art at Prairie St. Coll. (A.A. '68), Univ. of IL Chicago (B.A. '72), Governors St. Univ. (M.F.A. '80). Taught at Thornton H.S. until 1982, traveled extensively. Martha was kind, generous, and deeply spiritually. She loved her students, all whom she encountered, and strove to do right in this world. Visitation Friday, 3-9 pm at Lain-Sullivan, 50 Westwood Dr., Park Forest, IL. A Celebration of Life Saturday, 10:00 am gathering, 11:00 service, at Grace U.P. Church, 266 Somonauk, Park Forest. Interment at Skyline Mem. Park Cem. In lieu of flowers, please offer prayers and gifts to Grace U.P. Church.

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O'Malley, Terence Patrick

Terence Patrick O'Malley, passed away suddenly on March 31, 2019. Beloved husband of Angelyn Parrilli O'Malley; loving father of Timothy Brennan O'Malley; devoted son of the late Elizabeth Jane and the late John J. O'Malley; dear brother of John J. (Joy) O'Malley, Monica (Tom Thady) O'Malley, Maureen (John) Muench, Kevin O'Malley and Eileen (Paul) Sullivan; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Terry was a retired Probation Officer for Cook County and was an avid golfer. Visitation Friday, April 5, 2019 from 10:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 11:30 a.m. at St. Malachy+Precious Blood Catholic Church, 2248 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the charity of your choice are appreciated. Arrangements by Ahlgrim Funeral Home. Funeral info 630-834-3515 or www.ahlgrim.com



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See Terence Patrick O'Malley notice.

Peters, Louise R.

Louise R. Peters, nee Klosinski, 91. Longtime resident of Edison Park. Beloved wife for 70 years to Ronald E. Peters. Loving mother of Randall, Esq. (Janet) Peters and Ronald (Janet) Peters. Proud grandmother of Alexis, Krista, Jessica, Justin, Molly, and the late Sean, Ann and Michael. Dear sister of Robert Klosinski and William (Mary Lou) Klosinski. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Family and friend visitation Friday, April 5, 2019, 10:00 AM at Saint Juliana Church, 7201 N. Oketo (at Touhy) Chicago. Funeral Mass at 11:30 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to Restoration Ministries, 253 E. 159th Street, Harvey, IL, 60426. Interment Saint Adalbert Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to **M J Suerth Funeral Home**. For further information, 773-631-1240 or www.suerth.com

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Roessler, Rosemary V.

(nee Van Norman) Passed away peacefully on March 28, 2019, at the age 93. Preceded in death by her beloved husband William "Bill" Roessler, parents John and Genevieve Van Norman, brother John M. "Jack" Van Norman, in-laws Jack Roessler, Virginia (Roessler) and Todd Regan, infant niece Catherine, niece Ellen (Regan) Johnson, nephews John J. Van Norman, Michael Regan, Todd Regan Jr, Geronomo Casez, great nephew Danny Casaz and great, great infant nephew Oliver Schumacher. Rosemary is survived by her sister Dolores V. Segebrecht, and her in-laws Edward Segebrecht and Helen (Kamm) Roessler. She is the cherished aunt, great aunt and great, great aunt to many nieces and nephews throughout the country.

She celebrated our successes and walked beside us in our life's challenges, never ceasing to lift us up in prayer and shower us with unconditional love. Rosemary was born on November 7, 1925 and grew up on the South side of Chicago, where she attended St. Gall School and Visitation High School. She went on to work as a secretary in downtown Chicago, taking the streetcar to the Chevron offices across from what is now Millennium Park.

Rosemary and her husband Bill, spent many years in Oak Lawn and Palos Heights, IL, and were devoted members of St Catherine of Alexandria parish. Bill was the love of her life, and they shared many interests together - travel, the outdoors, downtown Chicago, Dixieland jazz, theater, and most importantly, love for family and unending faith. Their favorite travel spots included Palm Springs, CA, Ft Meyers, FL, and Ireland.

Family will greet friends on Saturday, April 6, from 10:30AM to 11:00AM, at the Milwaukee Catholic Home, 2462 N Prospect Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53211. A memorial service honoring Rosemary's life will take place at 11:00AM. Reception to follow. Burial at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Evergreen Park, IL will be private for the family. Donations may be made to St. Alexander Church in Palos Hts, IL or to the Milwaukee Catholic Home.

Rosemary's family wishes to thank the wonderful friends, staff and caregivers at the Milwaukee Catholic Home, St Camillus Hospice and Stowell Associates for their love, compassion and kindness during her final days.

Feerick Funeral Home in Milwaukee, WI is assisting the family, (414)962-8383, www.feerickfuneral-home.com

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Rubano, Joseph

Joseph Rubano, age 79, of Buffalo Grove. Beloved husband of the late Darlene Rubano. Cherished father of Michael, Anthony, and Christopher (Liz Lane) Rubano. Dear brother of Camille Rubano. Visitation Thursday from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm at **Kolssak Funeral Home**, 189 S. Milwaukee Ave. (2 blocks south of Dundee Rd.), Wheeling. Visitation Friday at 9:00 am and a Life Celebration Mass at 10:00 am at St. Cecilia Church, 700 S. Meier Rd., Mt. Prospect. Interment at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Research Hospital for Children appreciated. For Funeral info 847-537-6600 or www.funerals.pro

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Scholnick, Phyllis R.

Phyllis R. Scholnick, 76. Beloved wife of Barry Scholnick. Loving mother of Lauren (Steve Cook) Scholnick, Craig (Rachel Otto) Scholnick and Tracy (Andrew) Gruber. Proud grandmother of Max, Jack and Sasha. Dear sister of the late Davida (the late Harold) Mayeroff. Service Thursday 2PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd., (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment private. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 230 E. Ohio St., Suite 500, Chicago, IL 60611, www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals**-Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Scott, Joan M.

Joan M. Scott, age 89. Loving mother of Mary Jo (C.E.) Barker and John P. (Sharon) Scott. Proud grandmother of Scott Barker, Kate Barker, and Lane Scott. Dear sister of William (late Jacquelyn) Hogan. Cherished aunt of Will, Pat, and John Hogan. Visitation Thursday 9:30 a.m. until time of prayers at 11:15 a.m. at the Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home, 4950 W. 79th Street, Burbank, IL. to Our Lady of Loretto Church, 9003 S. Kostner Avenue, Homewood, IL, Mass 12:00 p.m. Interment Mount Olivet Cemetery. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Skarz, Nancy

Nancy L. Skarz; Beloved daughter of the late Jerry and Eleanor; Loving sister of Linda (the late Wesley) Marzec and the late Judith; Funeral Service Friday 12 Noon at Belmont Funeral Home, 7120 W. Belmont Ave. Interment Mt. Olive Cemetery. Visitation Friday 9 a.m. - 12 Noon. Info. 773-286-2500 or www.belmontfuneralhome.com



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Stangarone, Anna

Anna Stangarone, nee Pilolli, age 90, passed away on March 29, 2019. Anna was the beloved wife of the late Michelino; loving mother of the late Joseph (Jodi) Stangarone and a fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be Saturday April 6, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of Mass 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary of the Woods Church 7033 N. Moselle Ave., Chicago, IL. The entombment will be held privately at St. Adalbert Mausoleum. Please omit flowers. Arrangements entrusted to **Cumberland Chapels**. For more information call 708-456-8300.



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Thomas, J. Meade

Thomas J. Meade, age 95; beloved husband of Patricia Meade, nee Schmitt; loving father of Anita (the late Thomas) Calistro, Christopher (Joy), Dennis (Corki), Mary Anne, Matthew (Marcia), Peter (Mary), David (Beth), the late Thomas III and Jude; dear grandfather of Daniel, David, Sean, Patrick, Phillip, Jill, Caitlin, Raymond, Thomas, Michael, Colleen, Chase, Joseph, Colin, Jack and Cathleen; great grandfather of Ryan, Lucas, Mia, and Flora June; fond brother of the late Veronica Fahey, Margaret Wright, Jack and Robert Meade. Visitation Thursday 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Funeral Friday 10:45 AM from Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home, 4343 Main St. (1 blk. So. of Ogden Ave.) Downers Grove to St. Joan of Arc Church. Mass 11:45 AM. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Memorials to Misericordia Heart of Mercy. www.misericordia.com, appreciated. 630/968-1000 or www.adams-winterfieldsullivan.com



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Twomey, Joanne F.

Joanne F. Twomey, 78, of Prospect Heights. Beloved daughter of the late William and late Eileen (nee McCarthy) Twomey; Loving sister of the late Maurice (Rosemary) Twomey and late Donald Twomey; fond aunt of Maureen (Edward) LoBue, Kevin (Jane) Twomey, Kathleen (Raymond) Kasak, Michael (Heidi) Twomey, and Patrick (Patricia) Twomey; Great aunt of 12 great nieces and nephews and great great nieces and a nephew; dear sister in law of Rosemary Twomey and beloved cousins and friend to many. Visitation Thursday, April 4, 2019 from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the **Glueckert Funeral Home, Ltd.**, 1520 N. Arlington Heights Road, (4 blocks south of Palatine Road) Arlington Heights and Friday, April 5, 2019 at St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church, 411 N. Wheeling Road, Wheeling, IL 60070 from 9:30 AM until the time of funeral Mass at 10:30 AM. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Faith Formation at St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish or Mercy Home for Boys & Girls, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607 www.mercyhome.org. Funeral info. & condolences www.GlueckertFH.com or (847) 253-0168.



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Jo Han Elliott
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Ladonna
Mccauley (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **18JA00965**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Johnathan Elliott (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **September 26, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** 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 **04/23/2019**, at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR 7 COURTROOM 6, 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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IN THE INTEREST OF
Nihmar Smith

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Crystal Smith (Mother)** AKA Crystal Smith

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA00194**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **March 1, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **John Huff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **04/23/2019**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 14 COURTROOM N, 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
April 3, 2019

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Illinois Housing Development Authority (the "Authority") gives notice that it will hold a hearing on April 18, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of the Authority located at 111 E. Wacker Drive, Suite 1000, Chicago, IL 60601 in connection with the proposed issuance by the Authority of not to exceed \$31,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of its tax-exempt bonds and/or notes (collectively, the "Bonds"), in one or more series, pursuant to a common plan of finance. The proceeds of the Bonds will be used to finance or refinance, through a new mortgage loan to the Owner listed below (or an affiliate thereof), (i) the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation and/or equipping of the multifamily residential housing property set forth below (the "Development"), and (ii) the costs of issuance, capitalized interest, and reserve funds for the Bonds.

Property Name and Address
Southbridge Phase 1A
2310 S. State Street
Chicago, IL 60616

Name of Owners
Southbridge 4 Master Owner LLC (Titleholder)
Southbridge 1-4 Housing LLC (Lessee and operator of financed affordable units)

Number of Units
103

Original Principal Amount (Not to Exceed)
2019 Series A \$9,000,000

2019 Series B \$9,000,000

2019 Series C \$13,000,000

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Date of Notice: April 3, 2019

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE INVITATION TO BID TO METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO	CONTRACT 19-602-11 FURNISH AND DELIVER RECERTIFIED SAFETY RELIEF VALVES TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS
Sealed proposals, endorsed as below, will be deposited in the sealed bid depository located in the lobby of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Administration Building, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, from the date of the Invitation to Bid, up to 11:00 A.M. on the bid opening date, and will be opened publicly by the Director of Procurement and Materials Management or her designee at 11:00 A.M. on the stated bid opening date below for:	Estimated Cost: \$216,000.00 Bid Deposit: \$10,800.00 Bid Opening: April 23, 2019
CONTRACT 19-606-32 FURNISH, DELIVER AND INSTALL TELEMETRY REPLACEMENT FOR SCADA CONTROL AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS (RE-BID)	CONTRACT 19-610-12 FURNISH AND DELIVER TWO DIESEL STEP VAN TRUCKS TO THE STICKNEY WATER RECLAMATION PLANT (RE-BID)
Estimated Cost: \$545,000.00 Bid Deposit: \$27,250.00 Mandatory Site Walk-Through: Tuesday, April 16, 2019, 8:30 A.M. Chicago Time, Stickney WRP 6001 W. Pershing Rd., Chicago	Estimated Cost: \$320,000.00 Bid Deposit: \$6,400.00 Bid Opening: April 23, 2012
Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference: Immediately following Walk-Through at Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, Office, Shops and Storage Complex (OSSC), Conference Room A266	CONTRACT 19-660-11 AGRICULTURAL FIELDSIDE MOWING SERVICES AT FILTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Bid Opening: April 30, 2019	Estimated Cost: \$220,000.00 Bid Deposit: \$11,000.00 Bid Opening: April 16, 2019
Compliance with the District's Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D, Appendix C and the Multi-Project Labor Agreement are required on this Contract.	CONTRACT 19-693-11 USE OF A SANITARY LANDFILL
CONTRACT 19-004-11 FURNISH AND DELIVER MISCELLANEOUS STEEL AND STAINLESS STEEL TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A ONE (1) YEAR PERIOD	Estimated Cost: Group A: \$54,000.00 Bid Deposit: Group A: \$2,700.00 Estimated Cost: Group B: \$20,000.00 Bid Deposit: Group B: \$1,000.00 Estimated Cost: Group C: \$39,000.00 Bid Deposit: Group C: None Estimated Cost: Group D: \$125,000.00 Bid Deposit: Group D: None Estimated Cost: Group E: \$20,000.00 Bid Deposit: Group E: None \$282,000.00
Bid Opening: April 23, 2019	Bid Opening: April 23, 2019
CONTRACT 19-017-11 FURNISH AND DELIVER ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES, WIRE AND CABLE TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A ONE (1) YEAR PERIOD	
Estimated Cost: Group A: \$46,000.00 Bid Deposit: Group A: None Estimated Cost: Group B: \$52,000.00 Bid Deposit: Group B: None Estimated Cost: Group C: \$39,000.00 Bid Deposit: Group C: None Estimated Cost: Group D: \$125,000.00 Bid Deposit: Group D: None Estimated Cost: Group E: \$20,000.00 Bid Deposit: Group E: None \$282,000.00	
Bid Opening: April 23, 2019	
CONTRACT 19-070-11 FURNISH AND DELIVER MISCELLANEOUS BATTERIES TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A ONE (1) YEAR PERIOD	
Estimated Cost: \$37,000.00 Bid Deposit: None Chicago, Illinois Bid Opening: April 23, 2019	

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Property Name and Address
Garden House of Maywood
515 S. Second Avenue
Maywood, IL 60153

Name of Owner
Garden House of Maywood
Apartments LP

Number of Units
145

Original Principal Amount
(Not to Exceed)
\$19,000,000

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Date of Notice: April 3, 2019

Audra Hamernik
Executive Director
Illinois Housing Development Authority

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

**IN THE INTEREST OF
Olivia Reddick**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Elizabeth Henry (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01174

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Robert Reddick (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 13, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Maxwell Griffin** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, **ON 04/23/2019 at 1:30 PM** in CALENDAR 10 COURTROOM J, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

**IN THE INTEREST OF
Penelope Stone**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Clare Stone (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01142

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Joseph Collins (Father) and Smity (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 5, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Bernard Sarley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, **ON 04/23/2019 at 10:00 AM** in CALENDAR 9 COURTROOM I, 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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April 3, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

**IN THE INTEREST OF
Tania Serpaz-Rivas Brianna Serpaz-Rivas**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Erika Rivas De Serpaz (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00198 19JA00199

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Danilo Serpaz (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **March 5, 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 04/23/2019 at 9:30 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.

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LEGAL NOTICES

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, PUBLIC NOTICE

Amtrak has applied for an IDNR/OWR Permit for installation of a steel sheet pile wall in the South Branch of the Chicago River at 1575 Lumber Street, Chicago, IL 60616. Inquiries and requests to view the complete application may be directed to Jim Casey of the IDNR/OWR's Chicago Office at (312) 793-5947 or james.casey@illinois.gov. You are invited to send comments regarding this project to 160 N. LaSalle Street, Suite S-703, Chicago, IL 60601 by May 3, 2019. The full application can be viewed at <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/WaterResources/Pages/PublicNotices.aspx>.

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NOTICE

SSA 48 Old Town has scheduled a Commission Meeting for April 10, 2019 at 5:30pm, which shall take place at Wintrust Bank Old Town (100 W North Avenue, Chicago, IL 60610).

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Property Name and Address
Campbell Terrace Apartments
2061 N. Campbell Avenue
Chicago, IL 60647

Name of Owner
Campbell Terrace Preservation, L.P.

Number of Units
249

Original Principal Amount
(Not to Exceed)
\$50,000,000

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Audra Hamernik
Executive Director
Illinois Housing Development Authority

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FOR LEASED SPACE

The State of Illinois by the Department of Central Management Services anticipates the need to lease 6,100 square feet of office space in the City of Chicago, State of Illinois. Request for information details, solicitation documents, submission deadline and contact information may be found at www.bidbuy.illinois.gov Click on the "Open Bids" link and sort by Rental and Leasing Services. Refer to CMS 6697 Request for Information. Or call (217) 782-9117 for assistance. Proposals must be submitted in accordance with the solicitation documents. Any proposal must be accompanied by evidence of ownership or authorization to represent ownership. Proposers are encouraged to participate in pre-offer teleconferences held twice per month (refer to solicitation document for details). The State reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

FORECLOSURES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, -v- JESUS MANALO AKA JESUS D. MANALO, AGNES MANALO, LASALLE BANK, N.A. NAKA BANK OF AMERICA N.A. Defendants 16 CH 6698 8545 WEST NORMAL AVENUE Niles, IL 60714 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 27, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 7, 2019, at the Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: LOT 130 IN GREENWOOD ESTATES, BEING A SUBDIVISION IN THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 12, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF REGISTERED IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF TITLES OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON AUGUST 1, 1958, AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 1809899, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 8545 WEST NORMAL AVENUE, Niles, IL 60714 Property Index No. 09-23-323-004-0000. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$468,422.24. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the other lien or liens acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, and special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. YOU will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where the Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney, MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC, ONE EAST WACKER, SUITE 1250, CHICAGO, IL 60601, (312) 651-6700 Please refer to file number 19-000498, THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC ONE EAST WACKER, SUITE 1250 CHICAGO, IL 60601 (312) 651-6700 E-Mail: MDKIllinoisFilings@manleydeas.com Attorney File No. 19-000498 Attorney Code. 48928 Case Number: 16 CH 6698 TJS/CH 38-9328 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Pub: 4/3, 10, 17/2019 6214225

TAKE NOTICES

TO: Synergy Capital Group, Inc. (a/k/a Synergy Capital Group Corporation), c/o Illinois Secretary of State-Dissolved Corporations; Synergy Capital Group, Inc. (a/k/a Synergy Capital Group Corporation); Synergy Capital Group, Inc. (a/k/a Synergy Capital Group Corporation), c/o Borys Godzdecki; City of Chicago, c/o City Clerk; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2019 COTD 000358 FILED: January 25, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 24, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0010534 Sold for General Taxes of: 2017 Scavenger Sale (2011-2015) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 3641 W Douglas Blvd, Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-23-120-005-0000 Vol. 569 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on August 7, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 24, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 SREEDHAR MULLAPUDI, purchaser or assignee Dated: March 26, 2019 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren St. Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net. Pub: 4/1, 2, 3/2019 6206831

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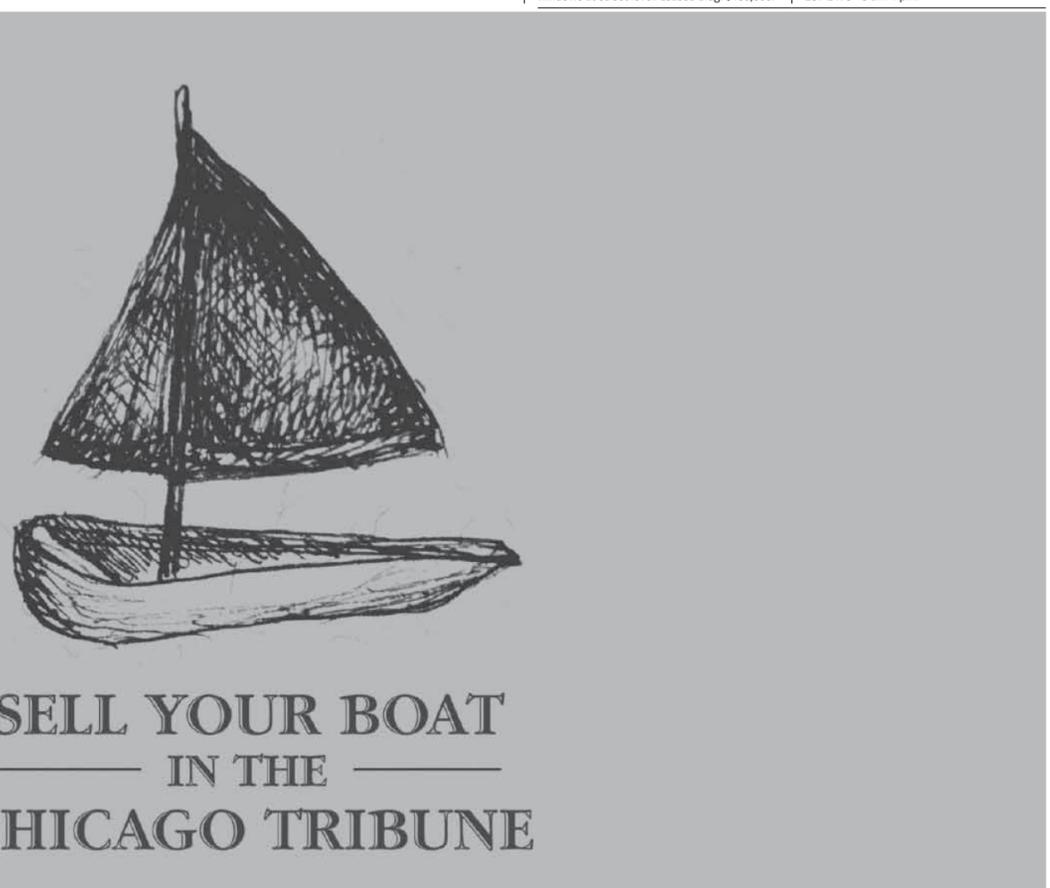
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THE FUTURE OF THE BULLS
AFTER THE JIMMY BUTLER TRADE

Back & blue

Two years after the deal, Bulls still don't have firm grasp on what core can do



K.C. JOHNSON
On the Bulls

WASHINGTON — The Bulls see old friend Jimmy Butler at the United Center on Saturday and again in the April 10 season finale in Philadelphia.

Since his acquisition from the Timberwolves, Butler has played 741 minutes with Joel Embiid and Ben Simmons and posted a net rating of plus-7. That's what star quality does. That's what acquiring a Big Three, which the 76ers added to with Tobias Harris, can accomplish.

The 76ers didn't trade for Butler until mid-November. And yet he still has played nearly as many minutes with the 76ers' core as Zach LaVine, Kris Dunn and Lauri Markkanen did together with the Bulls this season.

You remember: That's what this season was supposed to be all about. After knowing they would experience an inconsistent 2017-18 together while LaVine worked his way back from left ACL surgery, the Bulls pointed to this season as the one for growth for the players acquired in their June 2017 trade of Butler.

Instead, Markkanen missed the first 23 games to a serious right elbow injury. Dunn missed the first two games to paternity leave and then sprained his left ACL in his Oct. 22 season debut against the Mavericks and sat

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Cheers to you: Illinois makes wise decision

School OKs beer sales next season at two main venues



SHANNON RYAN
On Illinois

A familiar scene at Illinois football games is the slow trickle of fans who have had enough and leave after halftime.

A stadium with more empty seats than full ones on many occasions eventually becomes a nearly vacant

lot by the time the fourth quarter arrives. Nothing except winning is going to solve Illinois' attendance problem. But the athletic department has come to its senses and decided to add one ingredient to help in the meantime: alcohol.

Save your jokes about Illini fans needing to be plastered to bear watching the football team. This was a smart move that will help attendance and boost revenue.

Beginning next season, Memorial Sta-



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The ability to buy beer inside Memorial Stadium should entice more Illinois fans to attend games — and stay for the duration.

dium and the State Farm Center will expand beer sales to general-seating concession areas, the school announced Tuesday. Plans are being finalized to allow sales at baseball and softball games.

"We are continually looking for ways to improve fan engagement and augment our in-game fan experience," athletic director Josh Whitman said in a statement. "We have studied the issue extensively, and with the collaboration and support of our colleagues in various offices across campus, we feel now is the right time to add this new element to our game-day experience."

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Feeling comfortable in big chair

With main announcing job all his, Benetti making his mark



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the White Sox

With the retirement last fall of Ken "Hawk" Harrelson, Jason Benetti is now at the wheel for the full slate of White Sox telecasts.

Postponing a meal of a hot dog covered in nacho cheese, Benetti recently sat down for a conversation about taking over for Harrelson and other topics.

Does it feel any different now that the job is all yours?

I did around 140 (games) last year. But somebody asked me, and it hit me, if it happened in 1998 that someone had taken over for Hawk, I would've said, "Where's Hawk?" I grew up with him, so I understand everyone saying, "Where's Hawk?"



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Jason Benetti has taken over full time from Ken "Hawk" Harrelson as the White Sox TV voice.

Even if you don't like somebody, they've been the soundtrack of your summer for a long, long time, and it's like there is something missing. There's bound to be that for everybody when there is a change.

So you feel no need to throw out a "can of corn" here or there?

No, but I've been eating cans of corn. ... In the ninth inning on opening day, it struck me the (Harrelson) phrase "Ricky's boys don't quit" was rolling around in my mind. So I said something about it and how something is going to be missing for people this

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TOP OF THE SECOND



PHIL ROSENTHAL

It's past time to 'free' Weaver

Never in 100 years would Buck Weaver have imagined Major League Baseball going into business with a "sports gaming" outfit.

A century removed from the start of the 1919 season that gave us the Black Sox scandal that made Weaver, "Shoeless" Joe Jackson and others outcasts, however, baseball no longer is the national pastime. Gambling is.

If everything turned out the way it should, there would be nothing on which to bet.

So here's rooting for a major upset — a show of fairness and compassion by the lords of the sport although they're unlikely to benefit financially from it.

Here's hoping MLB commutes its eternal banishment of Weaver, who was present when White Sox teammates conspired to fix the 1919 World Series against the Reds but wasn't one of them.

If MGM Resorts International can be welcomed into baseball as "Official Gaming Partner of MLB," why must Buck remain on the outs?

Shoeless Joe, too, may be due a formal review Commissioner Rob Manfred has thus far denied him.

Long dead, they surely deserve the same consideration enjoyed by, say, Alex Rodriguez, formerly a pariah and now tacitly endorsed as an analyst on two networks despite making a mockery of prohibitions on performance-enhancing drugs and efforts to crack down on same.

Then, and only then, can Manfred and the rest of the game's leadership look upon their gambling deal with a clear conscience.

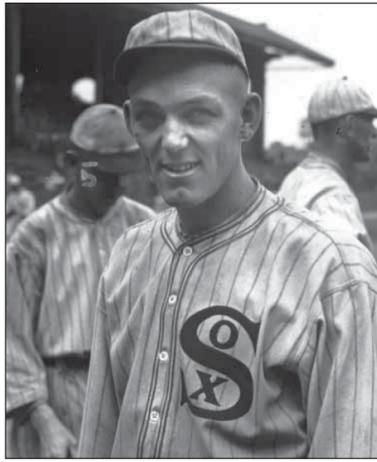
"We are pleased to partner with MGM Resorts International, a clear industry leader in the sports gaming area, to work together on bringing innovative experiences to baseball fans and MGM customers," Manfred announced in November, as if fans and casino customers were two wholly distinct entities.

"Our partnership with MGM will help us navigate this evolving space responsibly, and we look forward to the fan-engagement opportunities ahead."

What is "evolving" is less this country's gaming industry, liberated from constrictions by the U.S. Supreme Court and state legislatures, than mainstream American sports institutions' eagerness to publicly embrace it.

Wagering, legal or not, has been a driving force behind the popularity of major sports in this country from the beginning. Baseball was no exception.

The 1919 World Series was not the first incident of gamblers exerting influence on the game. It may not have been the last. But when a Cook County grand jury returned indictments against eight members of the '19 Sox in September 1920, team owners



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White Sox third baseman Buck Weaver got a lifetime ban from baseball for knowing about the plot to fix the 1919 World Series.

and league presidents were pushed to act to restore the sport's integrity.

Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis was appointed the pro game's first commissioner, given free rein and total power.

Before the 1921 season, Landis suspended eight players from the '19 Sox — Weaver, Jackson, Eddie Cicotte, Chick Gandil, Swede Risberg, Lefty Williams, Happy Felsch and Fred McMullin — in response to a report their court case would be delayed.

The acquittal of seven of the players in August 1921 (McMullin wasn't tried with the others) left Landis unmoved, and he kept the bans in place.

These were not the only people in and around baseball suspected of or punished for gambling-connected acts, but their case is easily the best-known, throwing the World Series being one of the greatest deceptions ever perpetrated on the American public.

The scandal has been memorialized in the films "Eight Men Out" and "Field of Dreams." There's even a reference in F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby." But as a shadowy story took on a legendary quality, myths took root.

"The groundwork for the crooked 1919 World Series, like most striking events in history, was long prepared," historians Harold and Dorothy Seymour wrote according to a new bit of mythbusting from the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR). "The scandal was not an aberration brought about solely by a handful of villainous players. It was a culmination of corruption and attempts at corruption that reached back nearly 20 years."

There are conflicting reports about Shoeless Joe's involvement in the fix, or

even whether he was literate enough to know what he was implicated in. He swore under oath before the grand jury he accepted a \$5,000 payment from gamblers, but he later recanted and maintained his innocence the rest of his life.

If the proof is in performance, well, Jackson led all hitters against the Reds with a .375 average, hit the only home run and committed no errors. He did hit worse in games the Sox lost and at times wasn't quite himself in the field.

Sox pitcher Williams, who went 0-3 against the Reds, said that while Jackson's name was dropped to impress gamblers, he wasn't at any meetings with gamblers.

All-time greats such as Ted Williams and Bob Feller have been among the people to lobby on Jackson's behalf, to no avail. Jackson, who died more than 67 years ago at age 64, remains an outcast.

Weaver died in 1956 at age 65, still maintaining his innocence too.

Buck attended early meetings about the fix but opted not to participate. He hit .324 in the Series, committed no errors and is believed to have the strongest case among the banned players, yet his appeals were rejected.

Most scholars believe the worst that can be said of him is he was aware of the plot and did not bring it to the authorities.

That was enough in Landis' view. That was plenty.

Funny thing, though: According to SABR's Eight Myths Out web page, Sox owner Charles Comiskey and others "learned about the fix as early as Game 1 — maybe even before — but sat on their knowledge hoping the game's dirty laundry would never air."

Landis left "The Old Roman" alone.

Comiskey has a statue at Guaranteed Rate Field, the current home of the Sox. There's no commemoration of his 1919 pennant winners scheduled there this season, although it's one of only six American League championship teams the Sox have fielded.

One would think all these years later that whatever message was supposedly sent in exiling Weaver and Jackson has been received many times over. The example has been made, even if the case for conviction never quite was.

All of baseball today is associated with the gambling business, thanks to the MGM Resorts International deal, making the sport's steadfast refusal to reconsider at least Weaver — and perhaps Jackson too — seem a wee bit hypocritical.

The sacrifice has long been part of baseball, and these men were called out.

One hundred years later, it's high time for a review.

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Texas Tech guard Jarrett Culver embraces Matt Mooney as they celebrate their victory over top seed Gonzaga with Davide Moretti.

A Tech breakthrough

Backcourt of Culver, Mooney takes Red Raiders to next level

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS | Associated Press

Hometown standout Jarrett Culver was the first recruit Chris Beard reached out to when he got to Lubbock as Texas Tech's head coach three years ago.

When the Red Raiders were coming off their first Elite Eight appearance last season and had to replace a senior All-Big 12 point guard, they targeted Wauconda native Matt Mooney, a graduate transfer from South Dakota who began his college career at Air Force after accepting his only Division I offer coming out of Niles Notre Dame.

The two guards who got to the Big 12 school in the plains of West Texas in distinctly different ways have helped lead Texas Tech (30-6) to the Final Four.

"Hard work pays off. For believers, you reap when you sow," Mooney said. "They didn't pick us to win the Big 12 or to be here right now, but we keep believing in each other, and we're going to keep doing it."

At one point last weekend in Anaheim, Calif., before the Red Raiders beat top seed Gonzaga in the West Region final, Beard asked Culver if the sophomore was having fun.

When Culver responded "Yes, sir," Beard drew laughter in the room when he told the Big 12 player of the year and second-team AP All-American: "We should do this again next year together."

The 6-foot-6 Culver, Tech's leading scorer and rebounder at 18.9 points and 6.4 rebounds a game, is expected to be a high pick in this year's NBA draft. But first comes

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Texas Tech's first Final Four game Saturday night in Minneapolis against Michigan State (32-6). And then maybe a trip to the title game.

Even though he grew up close to the Texas Tech campus, Culver dreamed of "going other places, bigger places" to play college basketball. He went to only a few Red Raiders games, but Beard told him during a long recruiting process that he could make a legacy in his hometown.

Culver has now been a part of Texas Tech's two deepest runs in the NCAA Tournament. Before last season, the Red Raiders had never been to the Elite Eight and their last Sweet 16 had been in 2005, when the guard was only 6 years old and Beard was an assistant coach there for Bob Knight.

Beard has seen a different level of maturity this season in Culver. Instead of just shooting in the gym for a couple of hours, he now does calculated work.

"Specifically, I think he's become a better defensive player. And on offense, he's just a much better passer," Beard said. "I think as a freshman, he was a confident scorer, a young

great player. Now he's a legitimate guy that can beat you with the pass or the shot, and so I think he's just developed."

Not only has he increased his scoring and rebounding averages (11.2 ppg, 4.8 rpg as a freshman), Culver has nearly two more assists per game (from 1.8 to 3.7 as a sophomore).

Mooney had a lot more schools interested in him — including Northwestern — when the 6-3 guard decided to leave South Dakota after two seasons. He started all 68 of his games with the Coyotes, averaging 18.7 points and making 36 percent of his 3-pointers.

With All-Big 12 guard Keenan Evans among five seniors gone after last season, along with high-soaring freshman forward Zhaire Smith for early entry in the NBA draft, the Red Raiders got older again with two grad transfers who became full-time starters — Mooney and 6-10 post Tariq Owens from St. John's.

It didn't take long for the older newcomers to blend in with their new team.

"For me, it's just proving yourself all over again to a new group of guys, your teammates and your coaches," said Mooney, who has averaged 11.0 points and made 38 percent of his 3s while starting every game.

Mooney also earned a new nickname for his approach to the game and his competitiveness.

"He overthinks things. He's a perfectionist," Beard said. "On the flip side, it can get annoying from time to time. So (guard Davide Moretti) gave him the nickname 'Professor.' All right, Professor. You're right on everything." Those guys have a special relationship.

And a special season.

Hoiberg feels like he's home

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN

Chicago Tribune

As Nebraska athletic director Bill Moos mentioned, new coaches normally receive a baseball cap or jersey when they pose for photos at their introductory news conference.

Moos instead handed Fred Hoiberg something much more meaningful: a framed press release from the day Nebraska hired Jerry Bush in 1955.

Bush was Hoiberg's grandfather. And although Bush died when Hoiberg was 3, the former Bulls coach recalled Tuesday that Bush notched the greatest win in program history — an upset of Kansas and Wilt Chamberlain in 1958.

"The next day," Hoiberg said, "they shut class down."

Hoiberg hopes to make a similar impact.

Here are three takeaways from the news conference at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, Neb.:

1. Hoiberg debated whether to take the job. Hoiberg was stung by the Bulls' decision to fire him, which happened to come Dec. 3 — his wife Carol's birthday.

"I went back and forth with my wife," he said. "One day I said: I don't have any interest. I've enjoyed going to yoga with you, drinking coffee with the girls."

He recalled talking to a friend in the coaching business who had endured a bad week and was "miserable. He said: 'What are you doing right now?' I said: 'I'm sitting here at my table doing a puzzle in my robe and watching 'The Price is Right.' ' Pretty good.

"We thought about sitting out this year. We thought about maybe waiting to see what opens up in the NBA. But once the decision was made (for Nebraska) to move in a new direction, we were very attracted to it."

Hoiberg signed a seven-year deal worth a reported \$25 million. The Bulls will save some of the \$5 million they owe him next season because of the salary offset.

2. He ultimately said yes for two main reasons. One, he believes Nebraska can become a "consistent winner" because its facilities are among the nation's best, the fan base is loyal and Moos will make sure he has the proper resources to recruit, hire assistants, etc.

Hoiberg recalled the time in 2015 that the Bulls played an exhibition game in Lincoln.

"Seeing the facilities, I was absolutely amazed," he said. "(Doug) McDermott hit the game-winner against the Mavericks on a sideline out-of-bounds play we call 'Larry Bird.'"

Two, family connections. Hoiberg was born in Lincoln. Both parents earned degrees from Nebraska. Not only did Bush coach basketball in Lincoln, Hoiberg's other grandfather, Otto Hoiberg, was a professor of sociology at the school.

"The smartest person I've ever known," he said.

3. Hoiberg remains proud of his Bulls tenure. Hoiberg went 115-155 in Chicago, making the playoffs in one of his three-plus seasons. But would you like to hear about the extenuating circumstances? Hoiberg had them ready.

"Year 1 we led the league in a category you don't want to lead it in — injuries. We had 10 rotation players miss double-digit games, including two starters who missed over 50," he said. "Missed the playoffs by a game.

"The following year we brought in Dwyane Wade in and his lovely wife, Gabrielle Union, who is a Nebraska native. Had some ups and downs. We played as well as any team in the East, made the playoffs and were up 2-0 (on the Celtics), and then (Rajon) Rondo broke his thumb. Who knows what would have happened if we'd won that series.

"The following season we rebuilt, which was the right move. There was a six-week stretch where we were healthy and had the second-best record (14-7) in the Eastern Conference."

Shortly after, the tank began. The Bulls traded Nikola Mirotic and faded into oblivion.

"A great learning experience," Hoiberg said. "I'm a lot better coach because of my years in the NBA."

The Hoibergs have four kids, including Jack, a walk-on for Tom Izzo at Michigan State. Twins Sam and Charlie are 16.

"It's a difficult decision to move," he said. "But when we sat down as a family, everyone was supportive of this move."

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NATI HARNIK/AP

Fred Hoiberg, who was 115-155 as coach with the Bulls, was introduced as Nebraska's new coach Tuesday.

Never-say-die attitude pushes Irish

Defending champions find their way past Stanford into UConn rematch in Final Four

BY LAMOND POPE

Post-Tribune

The shots weren't falling for Notre Dame. The top-seeded Irish shot 25.6 percent in the first half and trailed No. 2 seed Stanford by nine early in the third quarter Monday night at Wintrust Arena.

But Jackie Young wasn't ready to see Notre Dame's quest to repeat as NCAA champions end.

The junior guard turned it on in the third quarter, and the Irish rallied for an 84-68 win in the Chicago Region final.

Notre Dame (34-3) advances to the Final Four for the ninth time in program history. The Irish will play Connecticut in a national semifinal Friday in Tampa, Fla.

"We know we're not done yet," Arike Ogunbowale said. "So we're celebrating now, but we've got to get back to work."

Here are three takeaways from Monday's game:

1. Young heats up

Young finished with a game-high 25 points to go with 10 rebounds. She scored 19 in the second half, including nine in the critical third quarter.

The Irish outscored the Cardinal 11-2 over the final 2:33 of the quarter — and Young had seven points in that stretch. Her basket with 2:09 left in the quarter gave Notre Dame a 45-44 lead. The Irish led the rest of the game.

"I thought I was aggressive the whole game, and I just kept that same mindset and the shots were starting to fall," Young said. "They were sagging off me a little bit, so I just had to read the defense and take what they were giving me."



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Notre Dame's Arike Ogunbowale, left, was Most Outstanding Player of the Chicago Region.

WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR

Amalie Arena in Tampa, Fla.



#1 Baylor vs. #2 Oregon
6 p.m. Friday, ESPN2



#1 Notre Dame vs. #2 Connecticut
8:30 p.m. Friday, ESPN2

Championship: 5 p.m. Sunday, ESPN

2. MOP effort by Ogunbowale

Ogunbowale scored 11 of her 21 points in the fourth quarter to help the Irish pull away.

"Arike was just phenomenal down the stretch," coach Muffet McGraw said.

The star of last season's championship run is shining again in this year's NCAA Tournament. The senior guard scored 12 points in the fourth quarter of Saturday's Sweet 16 win against Texas A&M and

finished with a career-high 34.

Ogunbowale earned Most Outstanding Player honors for the Chicago Region, and teammate Jessica Shepard joined her on the all-region team. The senior forward had 11 points and 14 rebounds Monday, her 17th double-double of the season.

3. A Final Four rematch

Notre Dame defeated UConn 91-89 in overtime in last season's Final Four, with Ogunbowale hitting the winner from just inside the 3-point line with one second left.

The rivals will meet again in Friday night's second semifinal at Amalie Arena at approximately 8:30 p.m. The Huskies advanced Sunday by beating Louisville 80-73.

"Last year's game was a great finish, so I wouldn't mind seeing that again," McGraw said. "But they're a great team. They played really well against Louisville in the (Albany Region) final. They're a team that has so many weapons."

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COLLEGES

Lau set for history at Augusta

Northwestern star part of 1st women's event at course

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN
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The prospect of playing on golf's hallowed ground can make people do unusual things.

In January, Northwestern's Stephanie Lau awaited her invitation to the inaugural Augusta National Women's Amateur. She believed she had qualified based on her national ranking, but almost everything related to the Masters is tinged with secrecy.

After Lau noticed social-media posts with competitors' jubilant reactions to receiving an invitation to the April 3-6 event, she thought: *Oh, no, where's mine?*

So she emailed an Augusta National official, who assured her the letter was en route.

Lau then went next-level, asking her mother, Marie, to check their local post office in Fullerton, Calif.

And then, as if she needed a final bit of proof, Lau had her mom call via FaceTime so she could see the invitation for herself.

"Cool seeing my name on it," Lau said.

But probably not as cool as playing America's premier tournament golf course, the ultra-private enclave where Tiger Woods has roared, Phil Mickelson has leaped and Rory McIlroy has sunk.

Augusta National only began welcoming female members in 2012, so when club Chairman Fred Ridley announced the creation of the Augusta National Women's Amateur last spring, it was hailed as a groundbreaking event.

"Golf's a great game," said Ridley, who has three daughters. "Hopefully it's color-blind (and) blind as to gender."

Lau, a Northwestern senior, qualified after winning the prestigious North & South Women's Amateur and finishing runner-up in the British Women's Amateur.

Her parents got her started in golf at age 6 as a fun after-school activity. Her game took off in high school, and last season she made second-team All-Big Ten.

"I couldn't think of a better person to represent Northwestern," said Chad Hanaoka, Lau's boyfriend.

NU football fans know his story. The 5-foot-6 Hanaoka rose from an intern in the football video office to walk-on running back to gaining key yards in wins over Iowa and Illinois. He has to study for medical school exams in April but plans to hit refresh constantly to keep tabs on Lau's scoring.

Lau will have family members and her first golf coach, Tim Mitchell, following her. During her practice round, she plans to go to the spot well right of the 10th fairway where Bubba Watson hooked a gap wedge onto the green to win a Masters playoff in 2012.

"I think he moved the ball 90 degrees," she marveled. "It was amazing and, given the timing of it, unreal."

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AUGUSTA NATIONAL WOMEN'S AMATEUR

The field: 72 of the world's best amateurs, including Northwestern's Stephanie Lau and Illinois' Tristyn Nowlin

When and where: April 3-6. The first two rounds will take place at Champions Retreat in Evans, Ga. Augusta National will be open to all competitors for a practice round April 5. The top 30 will make the cut and tee it up April 6 at Augusta National from the members tees (6,365 yards).

TV: NBC will broadcast three hours of live, final-round coverage.

Illinois OKs sale of beer

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Illinois polled season ticket holders, who said their top priority was having the ability to buy beer during a game. And Illinois listened to them.

Cheers to that.

Five other Big Ten schools and more than 50 FBS programs already sell beer at football games. Illinois has been doing so in premium seating areas of Memorial Stadium since 2008 and at the State Farm Center since the 2015-16 season.

The addition of Grange Grove — a tailgating area outside Memorial Stadium with entertainment and a beer tent — has added life to the game-day atmosphere in Champaign. Selling beer inside the stadium — with rules that keep it safe and sensible — should help make games feel more like a party than a morgue.

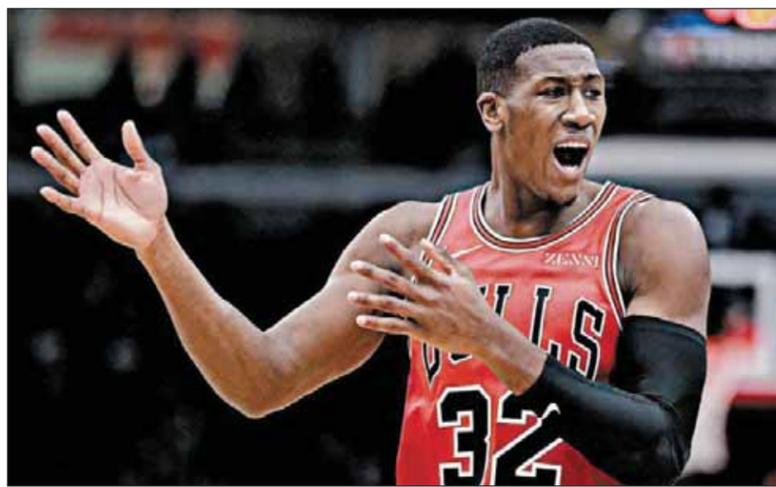
Ask students where they are on game days, and many will say they head to local bar Kam's rather than the stadium.

If beer sales can entice students and other fans to attend games — and stay for the duration — Illinois should have done this ages ago.

Illinois made a common-sense move that deserves to be toasted.

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BULLS



CHRIS SWEDA (DUNN, MARKKANEN), TERENCE ANTONIO JAMES (LAVINE)/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Bulls' Big Three, Kris Dunn, from top, Lauri Markkanen and Zach LaVine, logged 780 minutes together during this injury-plagued season.

Back and blue

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for another 24 games. LaVine missed six games to sprains of both ankles and one to illness before his latest issues.

After experiencing fatigue and a rapid heart rate, Markkanen is done for the season. LaVine, battling patellar tendinitis in his right knee, isn't on this two-game trip and is almost certainly done. Dunn, out with a mid-back strain, said he's trying to salvage even one game, although his time is running out.

It all adds up to LaVine, Dunn and Markkanen logging 780 minutes together — just 39 more than Butler, Embiid and Simmons. Is now the time to mention the Bulls' Big Three's net rating is minus-8.4?

That's actually a significant improvement from last season's disastrous minus-20.6 rating in their 255 shared minutes. LaVine, Dunn and Markkanen upped their offensive rating almost 10 points to 105.2 and dropped their defensive rating almost three points to 113.6.

However, to say the Bulls' core has some catching up to do to the league's elite would be like saying Jim Boylen has some energy. It's a massive understatement.

The top three-man lineup that has shared at least 500 minutes together is the Warriors' Steph Curry, Kevin Durant and Andre Iguodala, who have posted a plus-21.2 rating in 552 shared minutes. Curry, Durant and Klay Thompson are a plus-14.3 in 1,363 shared minutes, including an offensive rating of 119.

But even less heralded threesomes, such as the Raptors' Kawhi Leonard, Kyle Lowry and Danny Green, own a plus-13.6 rating in 935 minutes together. Their offensive rating is 117.4.

Heck, the middling Wizards, whom the Bulls face Wednesday, have played Bradley Beal, Tomas Satoransky and second-round pick Thomas Bryant together 772 minutes together. Their net rating is minus-0.1 with an offensive rating of 111.1 — almost six points higher than the Bulls' supposed core.

And nobody is calling that group the Wizards' Big Three.

Beyond the numbers, there is nuance.

Save for the Jan. 4 overtime loss to the visiting Pacers, Dunn's best games have come with LaVine idle. In that game, Dunn posted 16 points and 17 assists, LaVine scored 31 points and Markkanen added 27 points and nine rebounds.

Afterward, all three players talked excitedly about their potential together.

Instead, Dunn's lone double-double since — 26 points and 13 assists in a March 20 victory over the Wizards — happened while LaVine watched. And Dunn began playing off the ball more as Boylen shifted to a multi-ballhandler system, which Dunn said "deterred some of (his) strengths."

It has been widely reported that the Bulls plan to try to upgrade at point guard this offseason, either through the draft or free agency. Dunn, who remains on his rookie-

Sampson right at home in his debut for Bulls

By K.C. JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

NEW YORK — JaKarr Sampson had a nice Bulls debut Monday night against the Knicks. The former St. John's star has plenty of experience playing at Madison Square Garden.

"I love playing in this place," Sampson said. "I get a special feel. I call New York my second home. It's great that I got the call-up and was able to play here."

Sampson, 26, also has plenty of NBA experience, playing 169 games with three teams before Monday, when he tied his career high with 22 points. He started the second half over Luwawu-Cabarrot and sank 8 of 10 shots in the Bulls' 113-105 loss. That included a poster slam over Luke Kornet early in the second half.

"I didn't want to do too much early. I wanted to feel the game out," Sampson said. "My teammates got me the ball in the right position, slashing."

"I feel I continue to get better. I'm showing that I'm not just a defender. I can score, put the ball on the ground and make some plays. I feel I'm becoming a more complete player."

Sampson was packing up his Hoffman Estates apartment after the Windy City Bulls lost in the G League playoffs when his agent called. The Bulls signed the veteran forward to a 10-day contract after receiving a roster hardship provision from the league.

scale contract, certainly could remain on next season's roster.

But after the Feb. 6 trade of Bobby Porter and Jabari Parker to the Wizards for Otto Porter Jr., management talked about feeling set at four starting positions in LaVine, Porter, Markkanen and Wendell Carter Jr. Asked specifically about Dunn on Feb. 7, Paxson said the Bulls "still like Kris a lot."

"We've said all along that this process is about learning who fits, who doesn't," Paxson said then. "Kris has had some ups and downs in terms of his consistency. But he's been competitive. He can still defend. He's playing hard. So we're going to keep evaluating him."

With four games to go, Markkanen done, LaVine likely headed there and Dunn maybe, too, the core no longer can be evaluated this season. It also isn't fully established.

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BLACKHAWKS

NOTES

Hole truth: They were in too deep

Avs win officially knocks Hawks out of playoff hunt

By JIMMY GREENFIELD
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The hole the Blackhawks dug for themselves in the first half of the season was so enormous that a month after they showed signs of turning their season around, they still had the worst record in the NHL.

After going 6-2-1 over a three-week stretch in December and January, the Hawks went 0-3-2 during a five-game losing streak. On the morning of Jan. 20, they were 16-24-9 and woke up 11 points out of a Western Conference playoff spot with the fewest points in the league.

Fewer than the Kings, the Red Wings and even the Senators.

It was almost unthinkable that the Hawks, who had 11 regulation wins to that point, would remain in the playoff race until April. But with three games remaining, they still were mathematically alive Tuesday.

The Hawks' hopes rested on winning all three games and the Avalanche losing their remaining three in regulation. But the Avs didn't cooperate, defeating the Oilers 6-2 on Tuesday night in Denver to finally — officially — end the Hawks' postseason chances.

"We want to drag it out as long as we (can)," coach Jeremy Colliton said after Monday's 4-3 overtime loss to the Jets. "Would love to (get in), still have a chance. We want to keep getting points. But certainly not satisfied with where we're at. We've made some progress, but we're all competitors. We want to go all the way."

This season is already an improvement from last season when the Hawks were essentially out of the playoff race by mid-February and eventually were eliminated with eight games remaining. This season, they have gone 18-9-3 in their last 30 games and even briefly moved into playoff position for a few hours in late February.

"It's been a lot more fun playing meaningful games at this time of year compared to last year for sure," Duncan Keith said. "Still feel like we've got a long way to go, but there's definitely a lot of improvement since January and that's a good sign."

Only mostly dead: The Hawks have been trying to return from the dead all season, but they took it to another level against the Jets on Monday night.

With three minutes left in regulation, Mark Scheifele appeared to give the Jets a 4-2 lead, virtually clinching a win in regulation that would have eliminated the Hawks from the playoffs.

But Hawks video coach Matt Meacham noticed that when the Jets entered the zone they may have been offside. So after Scheifele scored, Meacham got word to the bench to challenge.

Colliton requested a review and a few minutes later the goal was wiped off the board. The stage was set for Dylan Strome to score his second goal and send the game into overtime, keeping the Hawks alive.

"It's hockey," Strome said. "Sometimes crazy things happen. I'm sitting there at 4-2 thinking our season is pretty much done. They're going up 4-2 with three minutes left, and then no goal and then (we tie it). You take the positives."

Sikura sent to Rockford: Dylan Sikura's first NHL goal will have to wait at least another six months.

The Hawks reassigned Sikura to Rockford on Tuesday, likely ending his NHL season with no goals and eight assists in 33 games. Sikura also failed to score a goal during a five-game stint last season.

Sikura didn't make the Hawks' opening-day roster, then struggled during his first 11-game stretch this season before going back to Rockford. But since being recalled Feb. 11, he has looked more like an NHL player despite not getting that elusive first goal. Colliton has played him on a line with Patrick Kane and Jonathan Toews at times, a show of confidence in the 23-year-old forward.

Sikura was expected to play for the IceHogs on Tuesday night as they try to reach the Calder Cup playoffs. With six games remaining before Tuesday, the IceHogs were three points out of the final playoff spot in the AHL Central Division.

Despite playing nearly half his season with the Hawks, Sikura is still fifth on the IceHogs with 30 points (13 goals, 17 assists) in 40 games.

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MATT MARTON/AP

Dylan Strome, right, is mobbed by his teammates after scoring a third-period goal Monday night against the Jets.

CUBS



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Cubs catcher Willson Contreras has shown gradual improvement in his pitch-framing skills.

Hitting target

Contreras trying to help pitchers by framing strikes

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

ATLANTA — Yu Darvish gave Willson Contreras a simple nod of appreciation as he walked off the mound two weeks ago after striking out Mariners minor leaguer Nick Zammarelli on a pitch on the low outside corner.

It might not have seemed significant, considering this occurred in a Cactus League game. But to the Cubs and Contreras, his ability to frame pitches for called strikes enhances his all-around value and aids the fortunes of a Cubs pitching staff that relies heavily on precision than swing-and-miss stuff.

And if Contreras needs any more convincing of the importance of pitch framing, he need look no further than the other dugout at SunTrust Park this week. Braves catcher Tyler Flowers made one of the most dramatic improvements in framing pitches four seasons ago, helping him burnish his reputation as a dependable catcher.

Flowers said he didn't pay much attention to pitch framing until hearing a discussion in the visitors clubhouse at Oriole Park in 2014. The chat raised Flowers' curiosity, so he asked video coordinator Bryan Johnson to collect data on how he fared.

The results were alarming as Flowers, who assumed he would

be middle of the pack, ranked 21st out of 32 catchers who caught at least 5,000 pitches that a batter didn't swing at, according to StatCorner.com.

"I started dissecting the work of guys at the top and starting working at it," Flowers said.

The 6-foot-4 Flowers initially began to set up behind the plate on one knee to lower his center of gravity and enhance his chances of handling lower pitches.

"I'm trying to work low to high because there's so much momentum and force from that ball coming down at a downward plane," Flowers said. "Even when it's belt high, it's at a downward plane."

The adjustment helped Flowers vault to the second best among pitch framers with a plus-22.5 runs above average in 2015, compared with his minus-5.6 mark in 2014.

Red Sox All-Star Chris Sale marveled at Flowers' improvement that started when they were White Sox teammates in 2015.

"If you can get four or five pitches during the course of a game, that can drastically change the game, especially the eighth inning with a 2-2 count with a guy at third base with a big guy up, and you get that strike-three call, that can be the difference in the game," Sale said. "I think people are starting to put more weight into it and appreciate it more than in the past."

Flowers has remained in the top five among pitch framers, which is key for pitchers who work the bottom quadrants of

the strike zone.

"It would help especially with a pitcher who throws a lot of changeups or heavy sinkers," Sale said.

That also fits the profile of several Cubs pitches who use the changeup as part of their repertoire.

Contreras, a converted third baseman, has shown gradual signs of improvement. In 2017, Contreras ranked 28th out of 35 catchers with a minus-19.6 runs above average. But that number dropped in 2018 to minus-12.8, placing him 23rd among 32 catchers.

Entering this season, Contreras heeded the advice of his younger brother William, 21, a catching prospect in the Braves organization, and adjusted his mitt by a one-quarter turn.

Jose Quintana credited Contreras with providing him with a steady target that helped him set up many of his eight strikeouts in a four-inning relief stint Saturday.

Contreras studies video, including his setup behind the plate, and tries to have a game plan for each game.

"Everything will work out well when I can have the ball meet my mitt on time," Contreras said. "When I'm late, that's when it creates an issue."

"Last season was a huge learning experience. I learned a lot last season, and it's a matter of making those adjustments. The results will speak for themselves."

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CUBS NOTES

Hendricks annoyed by walks

BY MARK GONZALES
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ATLANTA — Lost in the calamity of the Cubs' 8-0 loss Monday night to the Braves was their continued inability to throw strikes.

Kyle Hendricks accepted responsibility for his role in this disturbing trend, walking three, which increased the Cubs' season total to 20.

"We see exactly where we're at and what's happening," Hendricks said late Monday night. "Things we've got to clean up, for sure."

Hendricks lamented a walk to Ronald Acuna Jr. that extended the Braves' four-run first inning.

"We can't give so many free baserunners," Hendricks said. "We've got to get back to the fundamentals. Good pitches, get ahead of guys, put them away and play good defense."

"We know where our focus

needs to be, and we'll get there. It's Game 4."

Back to normal for Edwards: Carl Edwards Jr. wishes Major League Baseball had told him sooner that his toe tap is illegal. But that aside, looked very comfortable reverting to his old delivery in pitching a scoreless seventh Monday.

"Hopefully there will be many more like this," said Edwards, who struck out slugger Josh Donaldson to end his outing. "Everything is back to normal."

Manager Joe Maddon said he was unaware that Edwards' pause, in which his left foot touched the ground briefly before he delivered a pitch, might be illegal until umpire Bill Miller raised the possibility during the final exhibition series against the Red Sox. Rangers manager Chris Woodward also questioned it over the weekend.

Positive stride for Rosario: Bullpen coach Lester Strode noticed a change in Randy Rosario's delivery that needed fixing.

Rosario allowed nine runs in his first six appearances in spring training.

With the aid of video and technology, Strode confirmed that Rosario's stride to home plate was a half-foot shorter than last season.

"I didn't feel anything different until Lester told me," Rosario said. "I was kind of sad because I didn't know what was going on."

Identifying the problem helped Rosario regain his effectiveness. He did not give up a run in his final spring games covering 4 1/3 innings and made the opening-day roster.

"So we worked on it, and now I'm the same guy as last year," Rosario said.

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WHITE SOX

Sox encouraging electronic tickets

BY PHIL THOMPSON
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The White Sox have announced they will no longer accept printed mobile tickets at the gate, part of a trend in baseball to phase out paper tickets.

With Thursday's opener against the Mariners at Guaranteed Rate Field one day away, the Sox likely are trying to head off the problems with long lines and frustration that plagued other teams on opening day last week.

This offseason the Sox have sent fans at least five emails guiding them on buying and storing mobile tickets purchased through MLB Ballpark, Ticketmaster, StubHub and other apps, as well as how to use them to enter the park.

Some season ticket holders were given the option to receive the old-school printer tickets — or spitter stock — which you also can buy at the box office, but the preferred method is showing the gate attendants the ticket on your phone.

You also can download prepaid parking passes to your phone.

Other teams that have gone digital had mixed results during their openers. Fans of the Padres, Phillies and Twins, for example, tweeted comments and pictures

to show their dissatisfaction with long delays. Few were more vocal than Rangers and Cubs fans, some of whom told reporters they waited in line outside Globe Life Park in Arlington, Texas, for up to 1 1/2 hours Thursday.

The Rangers said in a statement that all lines were clear 37 minutes after first pitch.

The Sox have been urging fans to get to the Rate as early as possible Thursday because car and foot traffic around the park is usually near its peak for the home opener.

Fans can get help with their mobile tickets at guest relations booths at Gates 3, 4 and 5, and the Sox said they will have more than 100 staff and volunteers on hand to encourage fans to download their tickets from an app, an Apple or Google wallet or their White Sox account either before or immediately after they get in line.

Parking lots will open at 10 a.m. and gates open one hour later. Fans will want to get to their seats by 12:15 p.m. for opening ceremonies, and first pitch is scheduled for 1:10.

For other games throughout the opening homestand, gates will open 90 minutes before first pitch.

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Sox's Benetti feeling comfortable in big chair

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year and I was grateful to be in this seat, which I am.

Nowadays fans seem to let you know they either really like you or dislike you. How do you deal with criticism on social media?

With anybody who is public at all, some people are not going to like you. I know that. This country was founded on a lot of different ideals and there are a lot of different personality types around, and some people are going to dislike you for one small thing or one large thing or a bunch of things. It's not their cup of tea.

But there are also people who are going to love you for those same things. I read it. People tag me (on Twitter) whether they like it or don't like it because they want me to see it. It's a really interesting phenomenon of life.

Are you a blocker?

I've never blocked anybody. I'm not really a responder either. But if I met somebody in person ... I had one fan at SoxFest who said, "Hey, I'm this person from Twitter." I said jokingly, "Hey, you're not that big of a fan." She said, "No, no, no ..." And we talked 10 minutes and got along great.

I tend to think if you meet people in person, it's going to be a different discussion because they'll get to see what's inside of you and make their choice then. There are a bunch of people who like it and some people who won't, and that's for everybody.

For a very small group of people, they didn't like Vin Scully. I don't know who they are, but why would you not like that? The goal for me is to get better at the enterprise every game, and if you do that, you end up doing it for a long time. That's just the way it goes.

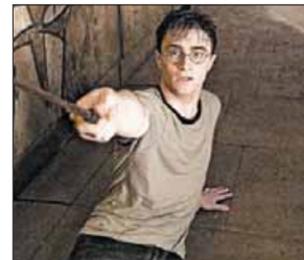
How do you balance being objective and being a born-and-bred Sox fan?

It is the team I grew up with, so I'm going to care more. That's going to be that way with anybody. It's part of the fiber of who you are. For me, people want to hear from the Sox perspective on the Sox telecast. ... People, I hope, know that I care about the team more because I come from here. And then you're fair.

So people understand you see the full game, but you're critical when you need to be critical. I don't think I gave either Tim Anderson or Eloy Jimenez a pass after that ball dropped (between them Saturday in Kansas City). And I went and talked to both of them. I think people will understand that.

You have to be critical when you need to be critical. But there's also a component of a rebuild and understanding that (mistakes will happen). If it happens again, it's a problem. I firmly buy into that as a former teacher. You correct it. And then if you do it again, then it's, "What are you doing here?"

We find out (Jimenez) called for the ball but Tim wasn't familiar with the way he calls for the ball. That sounds like an excuse to people who want it to be an excuse, but it's actually an explanation that will be fixed next time.



MURRAY CLOSE/AP

He said, "Oh, no, you look a lot like Harry Potter."

— Jason Benetti on what Jim Calhoun told him

That's the point of 162 (games). So I come from that perspective too. Some people might say it's optimistic, but baseball is a developmental game. You've seen people get better throughout the course of their careers.

You do spend a lot of time pregame talking to the Sox players. Is that for the telecast?

My first year we had a shot in the dugout of Jerry Sands with a bubble-gum bubble on his hat. I wondered how that happened. Alex Avila was very excited to talk about it because he kept personal records of how long the bubble stays on, and he almost broke that record through Jerry Sands that day.

For me, you can talk about baseball ... (but) pranks happen. Bubble-gum pranks happen. How often do you see someone with a record of their longest bubble-gum prank? That's fun for me to try and find that stuff, or literally it's just accounting.

So you're basically a reporter?
It's just being a seeker of something different.

Do you consider yourself a nerdish?

I look it, right?

Kind of.

Kind of? I was doing a (college basketball) game with Jim Calhoun and we were going to dinner. He was telling me about his trip to Orlando that he took with his grandkids, and he mentioned he went through the Harry Potter exhibit (at Universal Studios). I said, "I look a little like Harry Potter." He said, "Oh, no, you look a lot like Harry Potter."

So I get it. This isn't new. I seek out information. I like to read. I also have a temper. Everyone does. Calling me one thing is something I've always been averse to because I don't like doing it to other people.

We all have a bunch of different faces, like faces of a cube almost. I grew up watching a lot of pro wrestling, and you'll hear me reference (WWE). I don't think anybody would ever expect that. I dropped an f-bomb in the Hawk documentary and got a lot of tweets about it.

I'm not just Harry Potter ... but I do look a lot like him, according to a Hall of Fame basketball coach.

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BASEBALL

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCBG	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Tampa Bay	5	1	.833	—	—	5-1	W-5	5-1	0-0
Baltimore	4	1	.800	½	—	4-1	W-4	0-0	4-1
New York	2	3	.400	2½	1	2-3	L-1	2-3	0-0
Toronto	2	4	.333	3	1½	2-4	L-3	2-4	0-0
Boston	1	4	.200	3½	2	1-4	L-3	0-0	1-4
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCBG	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	3	1	.750	—	—	3-1	W-2	2-1	1-0
Cleveland	2	2	.500	1	½	2-2	W-1	1-0	1-2
Detroit	3	3	.500	1	½	3-3	W-1	0-0	3-3
Kansas City	2	2	.500	1	½	2-2	L-2	2-2	0-0
Chicago	1	3	.250	2	1½	1-3	L-1	0-0	1-3
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCBG	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Seattle	6	1	.857	—	—	6-1	W-3	4-1	2-0
Texas	3	2	.600	2	—	3-2	W-1	3-2	0-0
Oakland	4	3	.571	2	—	4-3	W-3	4-3	0-0
Houston	2	4	.333	3½	1½	2-4	L-1	0-0	2-4
Los Angeles	1	4	.200	4	2	1-4	L-3	0-0	1-4

Late games noted below

WEDNESDAY'S PROBABLE PITCHERS

NATIONAL LEAGUE	2019 TEAM	2018 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME	W-L ERA REC	W-L IP ERA
Mil Peralta (R)	0-0 12.00	0-1	1-1 17.1 4.15
Cin Castillo (R)	11:35a	0-0 1.59	1-0 1-1 12.2 4.26
Phi Nola (R)	1-0 1.50	1-0	3-1 33.2 2.14
Was Sanchez (R)	12:05p	0-0 0.00	0-0 1-0 11.0 0.82
Ari Ray (L)	0-0 5.40	1-0	1-0 19.0 4.26
SD Lucchesi (L)	2:40p	1-0 0.00	1-0 0-5 29.2 6.07
NY deGrom (R)	1-0 0.00	1-0	0-2 26.0 3.12
Mia Richards (R)	5:10p	0-0 1.50	0-1 0-1 11.2 3.09
StL Mikolas (R)	0-1 9.00	1-1	1-2 31.0 2.90
Pit Taillon (R)	6:05p	0-1 6.00	0-1 2-0 21.1 2.11
Chi Lester (L)	1-0 3.00	1-0	0-0 0.0 0.00
Atl Teheran (R)	6:20p	0-1 5.40	0-1 1-0 6.0 6.00
SA Holland (L)	0-1 6.75	0-1	0-2 20.2 3.92
LF Stripling (R)	9:10p	0-0 0.00	0-1 1-0 11.0 1.64
AMERICAN LEAGUE	2019 TEAM	2018 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME	W-L ERA REC	W-L IP ERA
Chi Rodon (L)	0-1 3.38	0-1	0-2 26.1 3.42
Cle Kluber (R)	12:10p	0-1 2.57	0-1 4-0 28.0 0.96
Min Gibson (R)	0-0 0.00	0-0	1-1 19.0 4.26
KC Bailey (R)	12:15p	0-0 0.00	0-0 0-0 0.0 0.00
Det Boyd (L)	0-1 5.40	0-1	1-0 6.0 4.50
NY Loaisiga (R)	3:05p	0-0 0.00	0-0 0-0 0.0 0.00
Bal Karns (R)	0-0 0.00	1-0	0-0 0.0 0.00
Tor Shoemaker (R)	3:07p	1-0 0.00	1-0 0-0 0.0 0.00
Hou Cole (R)	0-1 1.50	0-1	2-0 25.0 2.88
Tex Minor (L)	7:05p	0-1 11.57	0-1 1-1 27.2 4.88
Bos Eovaldi (R)	0-0 10.80	1-0	1-0 6.0 0.00
Oak Estrada (R)	9:07p	0-0 2.45	0-2 0-3 14.2 7.98
INTERLEAGUE	2019 TEAM	2018 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME	W-L ERA REC	W-L IP ERA
Col Marquez (R)	1-0 1.50	1-0	0-0 0.0 0.00
TB Morton (R)	12:10p	1-0 3.60	1-0 0-0 6.0 1.50

TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
 Detroit 3, N.Y. Yankees 1
 Baltimore 2, Toronto 1
 Tampa Bay 4, Colorado 0
 Texas 6, Houston 4
 Minnesota 5, Kansas City 4 (10)
 Boston at Oakland, late
 L.A. Angels at Seattle, late
THURSDAY'S GAMES
 Kansas City at Detroit, 12:10 p.m.
 Seattle at Chicago White Sox, 1:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, 2:05 p.m.
 Boston at Oakland, 2:37 p.m.
 Toronto at Cleveland, 5:10 p.m.
 Texas at L.A. Angels, 9:07 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
 Milwaukee 4, Cincinnati 3
 Philadelphia 8, Washington 2
 Tampa Bay 4, Colorado 0
 N.Y. Mets 6, Miami 5
 Arizona at San Diego, late
 San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers, late
THURSDAY'S GAMES
 Washington at N.Y. Mets, 12:10 p.m.
 San Diego at St. Louis, 3:15 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 6:05 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs at Atlanta, 6:20 p.m.

BOX SCORES

TIGERS 3, YANKEES 1

DETROIT	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Harrison 2b	5	0	1	0	2	.100
Castellanos rf	5	0	2	0	1	.292
Cabrera dh	4	0	1	0	2	.143
Candelario 3b	4	1	2	0	1	.308
Hicks 1b	4	0	2	1	1	.182
Stewart lf	3	0	0	0	0	.053
a-Goodrum ph-if	0	1	0	0	0	.250
Peterson cf	4	1	1	1	2	.125
Greiner c	4	0	1	0	1	.150
Reynolds ss	4	1	2	0	0	.500
TOTALS	37	3	11	3	12	

NEW YORK

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gardner cf	4	0	0	0	1	.143
Judge rf	3	0	1	0	2	.333
Voit 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.188
Torres ss	4	0	0	0	0	.250
LeMahieu 3b	4	1	2	0	1	.182
Tauchman lf	4	0	1	0	1	.143
Frazier dh	3	0	0	1	0	.000
Wade 2b	3	0	1	0	1	.333
Romine c	3	0	1	0	1	.333
TOTALS	31	1	6	1	8	

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BREWERS 4, REDS 3

MILWAUKEE	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Cain cf	3	1	0	0	2	.292
Yelich rf	5	0	2	0	1	.409
Shaw 3b	2	0	1	0	0	.278
Aguiar 1b	4	1	1	0	0	.200
Moustakas 2b	4	0	0	0	2	.250
Grandal c	4	0	1	0	0	.211
Gamel lf	4	0	1	0	2	.200
Arcaia ss	4	1	1	3	1	.056
Chacin p	2	0	0	0	1	.500
e-Thames ph	1	0	0	0	1	.000
TOTALS	33	4	7	4	11	

CINCINNATI

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Winker lf	4	0	0	0	1	.000
Voit 1b	2	2	0	0	1	.286
Puig rf	4	0	2	0	0	.200
Suarez 3b	3	1	2	2	1	.231
Schebler cf	4	0	0	0	0	.000
Dietrich 2b	2	0	0	0	0	.167
b-Iglesias ph-ss	1	0	0	0	0	.375
Barnhart c	3	0	0	0	1	.308
Peraza ss-2b	4	0	0	0	2	.267
DeSclafani p	1	0	0	0	1	.000
a-Kemp ph	1	0	0	0	1	.000
Lorenzen p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Casali ph	1	0	0	0	1	.500
e-Farmer ph	0	0	0	0	0	.000
TOTALS	31	3	4	3	9	

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Cincinnati 000 101 010 — 3 4 0

a-struck out for DeSclafani in the 5th. b-flied out for Dietrich in the 6th. c-struck out for Peralta in the 7th. d-struck out for Guerra in the 9th. e-popped out for Stephenson in the 9th. **LOB:** Milwaukee 9, Cincinnati 6. **Peraza** 3b, **Suarez** (1), **HR:** Arcaia (1), off Lorenzen; **Suarez** (1), off Guerra. **RBIs:** Aguiar (3), Arcaia (3), Suarez (2), Schebler (1). **SB:** Cain (1), Grandal (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Milwaukee 4 (Yelich, Aguiar, Moustakas 2); Cincinnati 4 (Dietrich 2, Iglesias 2). **RISP:** Milwaukee 2 (for 8; Cincinnati 1 for 5). **Runners moved up:** Schebler. **DP:** Cincinnati 1 (Suarez, Peraza, Voit).

ORIOLES 2, BLUE JAYS 1

BALTIMORE	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Mullins cf	4	0	0	0	1	.077
Rizk Jr. lf	4	1	1	0	0	.350
Villar ss-2b	4	1	2	1	0	.333
Mancini dh	4	0	1	1	0	.450
Dalrymple 1b	4	0	1	0	1	.211
Rickard rf	3	0	0	0	1	.231
Davis 3b	3	0	2	0	0	.200
Sucre c	4	0	1	0	2	.250
Alberto 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.600
Jansen ss	3	0	0	0	0	.083
TOTALS	34	2	10	2	8	

TORONTO

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Drury 3b	4	0	1	0	1	.240
McKinney rf	4	0	0	0	0	.143
Hernandez lf	2	0	0	0	0	.143
Smoak 1b	4	0	2	0	0	.227
Freese 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.111
Tellez dh	3	1	1	0	0	.300
b-Iglesias ph-ss	3	0	0	0	1	.000
a-Grichuk ph	1	0	0	0	0	.118
Galvis ss	4	0	1	0	0	.333
Kiermaier cf	3	0	1	0	1	.556
TOTALS	31	1	6	1	4	

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Toronto 000 000 001 — 1 6 1

a-grounded out for Alford in the 9th. **E:** Mayza (1). **LOB:** Baltimore 7, Toronto 7. **2B:** Villar (1), Rickard (2). **3B:** Villar (1). **HR:** Tellez (2), off Castro. **RBIs:** Villar (3), Mancini (5), Tellez (4). **Runners left in scoring position:** Baltimore 4 (Smith Jr., Davis 2, Alberto); Toronto 2 (Tellez 2). **RISP:** Baltimore 1 for 7; Toronto 0 for 2. **Runners moved up:** Mullins. **GIDP:** Mullins, Rizk, Smoak, Jansen. **DP:** Baltimore 2 (Villar, Alberto, Davis), (Alberto, Davis); Toronto 2 (Galvis, Freese). **SB:** Smoak, Galvis.

BALTIMORE

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA	
Cashner	6	4	0	0	3	3.540	
Fry	2	1	1	0	1	2.700	
Castro	1	1	1	1	0	3.000	
TORONTO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Stroman	5½	9	2	2	1	5.142	
Mayza	1½	0	0	0	0	1.771	
Hudson	1	0	0	0	0	6.000	
Guerra	4	0	1	0	1	2.700	

Inherited runners-scored: Mayza 1.0. **Umpires:** H, Bill Miller; 1B, Jansen Visconti; 2B, Doug Edging; 3B, Chris Conroy. **Time:** 2:45. A: 12,110 (53,506).

MONDAY: GIANTS 4, DODGERS 2

SAN FRANCISCO	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Duggar cf	5	1	2	0	2	.250
Belt 1b	4	1	2	3	1	.200
Longoia 3b	4	0	0	0	2	.267
Posey c	4	0	0	0	1	.133
Crawford ss	4	0	1	0	2	.250
Joe lf	2	0	0	0	0	.000
c-Solarte ph-if	2	1	0	1	0	.267
Parra rf	4	0	1	0	1	.167
Urias p	3	0	1	0	0	.214
Pomeranz p	2	0	0	0	1	.000
d-Sandoval ph	1	1	1	0	1	.429
TOTALS	36	4	11	4	9	

LOS ANGELES

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Hernandez 2b	4	0	2	0	1	.375
Turner 3b	3	0	1	0	1	.278
Seager ss	4	0	0	0	2	.167

SCOREBOARD

ODDS

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE WEDNESDAY		
at Cincinnati	-109	Milwaukee -101
Philadelphia	-128	at Washington +118
at San Diego	-130	Arizona +120
New York	-210	at Miami +190
at Pittsburgh	-107	St. Louis -103
Chicago	-114	at Atlanta +104
at LA Dodgers	-205	San Fran. +185

AMERICAN LEAGUE WEDNESDAY		
at Cleveland	-195	Chicago +180
Minnesota	-135	at Kansas City +125
at New York	-185	Detroit +170
at Toronto	-160	Baltimore +150
Houston	-165	at Texas +155
Boston	-128	at Oakland +118

INTERLEAGUE WEDNESDAY		
at Tampa Bay	-125	Colorado +115

NBA Pregame.com WEDNESDAY		
at Detroit	Off	Indiana
at Orlando	12½	New York
at Washington	11	Chicago
at Atlanta	Off	Philadelphia
at Miami	Off	Boston
at Brooklyn	Off	Toronto
at New Orleans	Off	Charlotte
at Dallas	Off	Minnesota
at Denver	4½	San Antonio
at Phoenix	Off	Utah
at Portland	Off	Memphis
at LA Clippers	1½	Houston

COLLEGE BASKETBALL CBI WEDNESDAY		
at DePaul	6	South Florida

NCAA TOURNAMENT SATURDAY		
Michigan St	2½	Texas Tech
Virginia	5½	Auburn

NCAA TOURNAMENT EXACT RESULT		
Texas Tech	defeats	Auburn 10/1
Texas Tech	defeats	Virginia 6/1
Michigan State	defeats	Auburn 11/2
Michigan State	defeats	Virginia 7/7
Auburn	defeats	Texas Tech 2/1
Auburn	defeats	Michigan State 12/1
Virginia	defeats	Texas Tech 4/1
Virginia	defeats	Michigan State 13/4

source: [bovada.lv](#)

NHL WEDNESDAY		
at NY Rangers	-165	Ottawa +155
at Chicago	Off	St. Louis +159
Calgary	-169	at Anaheim +157

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NATIONAL INVITATION TOURNAMENT

TUESDAY'S SEMIFINALS
At Madison Square Garden, New York
 Lipscomb 71, Wichita State 64
 Texas 58, TCU 44
THURSDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP
at Madison Square Garden, New York
 Lipscomb (29-7) vs. Texas (20-16), 6 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL

Championship Series / (Best-of-3)
DePaul (18-16) vs.
SOUTH FLORIDA (23-13)
Monday: South Florida 63-61
Wednesday: at DePaul, 7 p.m.
Friday: at DePaul, TBA if necessary

COLLEGEINSIDER TOURNAMENT

TUESDAY'S SEMIFINALS
 Marshall 80, Hampton 78
 Green Bay 87, Texas Southern 86 (OT)
THURSDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP, TBA
 Marshall (22-14) vs. Green Bay (21-16)
WOMEN'S NIT
WEDNESDAY'S SEMIFINALS
 Northwestern (20-14) at
 James Madison (29-5), 6 p.m.
 TCU (24-10) vs. Arizona (22-13), 8:30 p.m.
Saturday's championship
 Semifinal winners, 2 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL

WEDNESDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP
 Appalachian State (20-14)
 vs. North Texas (18-15), 5:30 p.m.

AP MEN'S ALL-AMERICA TEAMS

FIRST TEAM (first place votes, pts)
Zion Williamson, Duke (64, 320)
 6-7, 285, freshman, Spartanburg, S.C.,
 22.1 ppg, 8.9 rpg, 2.1 apg, 69.3 fpg%,
 1.8 blocked shots, 2.2 steals
Grant Williams, Tennessee (49, 286)
 6-7, 236, junior, Charlotte, N.C.,
 19.0 ppg, 7.6 rpg, 3.1 apg, 56.5 fpg%,
 82.6 ftr%, 1.4 blocks, 1.1 steals.

RJ Barrett, Duke (44, 275)
 6-7, 202, freshman, Mississauga, Ontario
 22.9 ppg, 7.5 rpg, 4.1 apg (44, 275).

Ja Morant, Murray State (43, 272)
 6-3, 175, sophomore, Dazell, S.C.
 24.6 ppg, 5.5 rpg, 10.0 apg, 50.3 fpg%,
 81.0 ftr%, 1.8 steals (43, 272).

Cassius Winston, Michigan St. (42, 268)
 6-1, 185, junior, Detroit, Mich.
 18.9 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 7.6 apg,
 40.4 3-pt fpg%, 84.0 ftr%.

SECOND TEAM

Rui Hachimura, Gonzaga (25, 207)
 6-8, 230, junior, Miyama, Japan
 20.1 ppg, 6.6 rpg, 60.9 fpg%, 1.0 steals

Jarrett Culver, Texas Tech (15, 188)
 6-6, 195, sophomore, Lubbock, Texas
 18.5 ppg, 6.3 rpg, 3.7 apg, 1.4 steals.

Markus Howard, Marquette (11, 186)
 5-11, 175, junior, Chandler, Ariz.
 24.8 ppg, 3.9 rpg, 4.0 apg,
 40.6 3-pt fpg%, 3.5 3-pt fpg/game,
 88.7 ftr%, 1.1 steals.

Ethan Happ, Wisconsin (6, 139)
 6-10, 237, senior, Milan, Ill.,
 17.5 ppg, 10.1 rpg, 4.6 apg, 53.1 fpg%,
 1.3 blocks, 1.1 steals (6, 139).

Carsen Edwards, Purdue (6, 133)
 6-1, 200, junior, Atascocita, Texas,
 23.0 ppg, 3.5 rpg, 3.0 apg, 84.3 fpg%,
 3.3 3-pt fpg/game, 1.4 steals.

THIRD TEAM

De'Andre Hunter, Virginia (3, 125)
 6-7, 225, junior, Philadelphia
 15.1 ppg, 5.0 rpg, 2.1 apg, 53.0 fpg%,
 45.7 3-pt fpg%.

Dedric Lawson, Kansas (3, 110)
 6-9, 235, junior, Memphis, Tenn.
 19.1 ppg, 10.3 rpg, 82.4 ftr%, 1.1 blocks,
 1.3 steals.

Brandon Clarke, Gonzaga (4, 92)
 6-8, 215, junior, Phoenix, Ariz.
 16.5 ppg, 8.4 rpg, 69.3 fpg%, 3.1 blocks,
 1.2 steals.

PJ Washington, Kentucky (1, 79)
 6-8, 228 sophomore, Dallas, Texas
 14.8 ppg, 7.5 rpg, 51.5 fpg%,
 41.9 3-pt fpg%, 1.2 blocks

Kyle Guy, Virginia (1, 44)
 6-2, 175, junior, Indianapolis, Ind.
 15.6 ppg, 4.4 rpg, 2.2 apg, 46.3
 3-pt fpg%, 83.6 ftr%

statistics through March 17

HONORABLE MENTION

(alphabetical order)
 Keith Braxton, St. Francis (Pa.); Ignas
 Brazdeikis, Michigan; Tookie Brown,
 Georgia Southern; Chris Crooms,
 Campbell; RJ Cole, Howard; Jeremy
 Combs, Texas Southern; Jarron
 Cumberland, Cincinnati; Mike Daum,
 South Dakota State; Jordan Davis,
 Northern Colorado; Cameron Delaney,
 Sam Houston State; Lamine Diane, Cal
 State Northridge; Daniel Gafford,
 Arkansas; Jon Axel Gudmundsson,
 Davidson; Rapolas Ivankauskas,
 Colgate; Ty Jerome, Virginia; Cameron
 Johnson, North Carolina; Anthony
 Lamb, Vermont; Fletcher Magee,
 Wofford; Caleb Martin, Nevada; CJ
 Massinburg, Buffalo; Garrison Ma-
 thews, Lipscomb; Luke Maye, North
 Carolina; Drew McDonald, Northern
 Kentucky; Sam Merrill, Utah State;
 Jaymon Nowell, Washington; Miyee Oni,
 Yale; Shamorie Ponds, St. John's;
 Myles Powell, Seton Hall; Admiral
 Schofield, Tennessee; Marial Shayok,
 Iowa State; B.J. Stith, Old Dominion;
 Matisse Thybulle, Washington; Jake
 Toolson, Utah Valley; Marques Townes,
 Loyola of Chicago; Tremont Waters,
 LSU; Coby White, North Carolina;
 Justin Wright-Foreman, Hofstra;
 Cameron Young, Quinnipiac.

GOLF

MASTERS 2019 QUALIFIERS

The **86 players** who are eligible and expected to play in the **83rd Masters on April 11-14. Players listed only in the first category for which they are eligible. One spot remains if this weekend's Valero Texas Open winner is not already eligible:**

MASTERS CHAMPIONS:
 Patrick Reed, Sergio Garcia, Danny Willett, Jordan Spieth, Bubba Watson, Adam Scott, Charl Schwartzel, Phil Mickelson, Angel Cabrera, Trevor Immelman, Zach Johnson, Tiger Woods, Mike Weir, Vijay Singh, Jose Maria Olazabal, Bernhard Langer, Fred Couples, Ian Woosnam, Sandy Lyle, Larry Mize.

U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONS (5 years):
 Brooks Koepka, Dustin Johnson, Martin Kaymer.

BRITISH OPEN CHAMPIONS (5 years):
 Francesco Molinari, Henrik Stenson, Rory McIlroy.

PGA CHAMPIONS (five years):
 Justin Thomas, Jimmy Walker, Jason Day.

PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS (three years):
 Webb Simpson, Si Woo Kim.

U.S. AMATEUR CHAMPION AND RUNNER-UP:
 a-Viktor Hovland, a-Devon Bling.

BRITISH AMATEUR CHAMPION:
 a-Jovan Rebula.

ASIA-PACIFIC AMATEUR CHAMPION:
 a-Takumi Kanaya.

LATIN AMERICA AMATEUR CHAMPION:
 a-Alvaro Ortiz.

U.S. MID-AMATEUR CHAMPION:
 a-Kevin O'Connell.

TOP 12 AND TIES-2018 MASTERS:
 Rickie Fowler, Jon Rahm, Cameron Smith, Marc Leishman, Tony Finau, Charles Hoffman, Louis Oosthuizen, Justin Rose.

TOP FOUR AND TIES-2018 U.S. OPEN:
 Tommy Fleetwood.

TOP FOUR AND TIES-2018 BRITISH OPEN:
 Kevin Kisner, Xander Schauffele.

TOP FOUR AND TIES-2018 PGA CHAMPIONSHIP:
 Stewart Cink.

PGA EVENT WINNERS SINCE 2018 MASTERS (FEDEX PTS AWARDED):
 Satoshi Kodaira, Andrew Landry, Aaron Wise, Bryson DeChambeau, Kevin Na, Michael Kim, Brandt Snedeker, Keegan Bradley, Kevin Tway, Matt Kuchar, Charles Howell III, Adam Long, J.B. Halsey, Keith Mitchell, Paul Casey.

FIELD, 2018 TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP:
 Billy Horschel, Patrick Cantlay, Kyle Stanley, Hideki Matsuyama, Gary Woodland, Patton Kizzire.

TOP 50 FROM FINAL WORLD RANKING IN 2018:
 Alex Noren, Tyrrell Hatton, Rafa Cabrera-Bello, Eddie Pepperell, Kiradech Aphibarnrat, Matt Fitzpatrick, Ian Poulter, Li Haotong, Thorbjorn Olesen, Matt Wallace, Lucas Bjerregaard, Emiliano Grillo, Branden Grace.

TOP 50 FROM WORLD RANKING ON MARCH 31:
 Justin Harding, Shane Lowry.

SPECIAL INVITATION: Shigo Imahira, a-amateur

PGA TOUR STATISTICS

FedExCup Season Points
 1, Matt Kuchar, 1,589,916. 2, Rory McIlroy, 1,415,776. 3, Xander Schauffele, 1,327,947. 4, Paul Casey, 1,261,084. 5, Gary Woodland, 1,076,004. 6, Charles Howell III, 1,060,414. 7, Marc Leishman, 1,034,487. 8, Justin Thomas, 999,014. 9, Dustin Johnson, 983,664. 10, Rickie Fowler, 956,600.

Scoring Average
 1, Justin Thomas, 69.432. 2, Jim Furyk, 69.492. 3, Dustin Johnson, 69.580. 4, Rory McIlroy, 69.594. 5, Sergio Garcia, 69.705. 6, Lucas Glover, 69.783. 7, Patrick Cantlay, 69.817. 8, Rickie Fowler, 69.827. 9, Tommy Fleetwood, 69.845. 10, Gary Woodland, 69.857.

Driving Distance
 1, Cameron Champ, 316.8. 2, Bubba Watson, 313.6. 3, Luke List, 313.2. 4, Rory McIlroy, 312.3. 5, Wyndham Clark, 312.1. 6 (tie), Patrick Cantlay and Brandon Haggy, 310.7. 8, Grayson Murray, 310.0. 9, Byeong Hun An, 309.8. 10, Ollie Schniederjans, 309.6.

Driving Accuracy Percentage
 1, Jim Furyk, 80.10%. 2, Ryan Armour, 74.02%. 3, Chez Reavie, 73.79%. 4, Brian Gay, 72.18%. 5, Ben Silverman, 71.86%. 6, Matt Kuchar, 71.79%. 7, Brice Garnett, 71.62%. 8, David Hearn, 70.77%. 9, Paul Casey, 70.58%. 10, Kevin Streelman, 70.40%.

Greens in Regulation Percentage
 1, Matt Kuchar, 75.93%. 2, Charles Howell III, 75.07%. 3, Tiger Woods, 74.31%. 4, Corey Conners, 73.86%. 5, Gary Woodland, 73.33%. 6, Ryan Palmer, 73.09%. 7, D.J. Trahan, 72.95%. 8, James Hahn, 72.71%. 9, Justin Thomas, 72.69%. 10, Lucas Glover, 72.50%.

SG-Putting
 1, Dominic Bozzelli, 1.135. 2, Pat Perez, 1.004. 3, Brian Gay, .982. 4, Martin Piller, .944. 5, Jason Day, .868. 6, Denny McCarthy, .857. 7, Rickie Fowler, .847. 8, Billy Horschel, .816. 9 (tie), Vaughn Taylor and Andrew Putnam, .745.

Birdie Average
 1, Justin Thomas, 5.14. 2, Gary Woodland, 4.91. 3, Justin Rose, 4.90. 4, Jason Day, 4.85. 5 (tie), Bryson DeChambeau and Cameron Champ, 4.79. 7, Ryan Palmer, 4.7. 8, Si Woo Kim, 4.71. 9, Rickie Fowler, 4.69. 10, 2 tied with 4.62.

Eagles (Holes per)
 1, Tommy Fleetwood, 61.7. 2, Paul Casey, 64.8. 3 (tie), Rory McIlroy and Cody Gribble, 72.0. 5 (tie), James Hahn and Xander Schauffele, 76.5. 7, Brooks Koepka, 78.8. 8, Kevin Na, 79.7. 9, Justin Thomas, 81.0. 10, Adam Long, 82.3.

Sand Save Percentage
 1, Ernie Els, 73.33%. 2, Tyrone Van Aswegen, 73.08%. 3, Derek Fathauer, 71.88%. 4, Tommy Fleetwood, 70.00%. 5, Francesco Molinari, 68.97%. 6, Dustin Johnson, 68.57%. 7, Sam Ryder, 67.06%. 8, Martin Kaymer, 66.67%. 9, Webb Simpson, 66.00%. 10, Sean O'Hair, 65.71%.

All-Around Ranking
 1, Rory McIlroy, 236. 2, Justin Thomas, 261. 3, Xander Schauffele, 286. 4, Rickie Fowler, 314. 5, Jason Day, 357. 6, Gary Woodland, 362. 7, Justin Rose, 371. 8, Bryson DeChambeau, 386. 9, Matt Kuchar, 413. 10, Paul Casey, 415.

LPGA TOUR STATISTICS

Scoring
 1, Mi Jung Hur, 68.25. 2, Nelly Korda, 68.35. 3, Jin Young Ko, 68.6. 4, Sung Hyun Park, 68.75. 5, Jing Yan, 69.0. 6, Eun-Hee Ji, 69.5. 7, Hyo Joo Kim, 69.188. 8, Brooke M. Henderson, 69.444. 9, 3 tied with 69.5.

Driving Distance
 1, Anne van Dam, 290.2. 2, Angel Yin, 284.7. 3, Elizabeth Szookol, 281.9. 4, Sung Hyun Park, 281.8. 5, Suzuka Yamaguchi, 280.0. 6, Linnea Strom, 278.4. 7, Joanna Klatten, 278.2. 8, Nanna Koerstz Madsen, 277.5. 9, Pavarisa Yoktuan, 277.0. 10, Yani Tseng, 276.2.

Greens in Regulation
 1, Nelly Korda, .817. 2, Jeongun Lee, .816. 3, Jane Park, .806. 4, Jin Young Ko, .803. 5, Sei Young Kim, .795. 6, Eun-Hee Ji, .792. 7 (tie), Yu Liu and Jing Yan, .787. 9, 3 tied with .785.

Puts per GIR
 1, Mi Jung Hur, 1.65. 2, Sarah Kemp, 1.68. 3, Sung Hyun Park, 1.69. 4, Jin Young Ko, 1.70. 5, Suzuka Yamaguchi, 1.71. 6, Eun-Hee Ji, 1.72. 7, Angel Yin, 1.73. 8, Nelly Korda, 1.73. 9, Haru Nomura, 1.73. 10, Beatriz Recari, 1.73.

Birdies
 1, Nelly Korda, 103.2. 2, Thidapa Suwanapura, 102.3. 3, Minjee Lee, 98.4 (tie), Yu Liu and Ariya Tutuganur, 97.6 (tie), Gabby Lopez and Eun-Hee Ji, 96.8, Jin Young Ko, 95.9, Mi Hyang Lee, 93.10, Azahara Munoz, 91.

Sand Save Percentage
 1 (tie), Shanshan Feng, Hyo Joo Kim and Brooke M. Henderson, .800. 4, Jackie Stoetting, .786. 5, Jaye Marie Green, .778. 6, Sarah Kemp, .765. 7, Haegi Kang, .733.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
y-Toronto	55	23	.705	—	7-3	W-4	31-9	24-14	34-15
x-Philadelphia	49	28	.636	5½	7-3	L-1	30-9	17-24	29-18
x-Boston	46	32	.590	9	5-5	W-1	28-12	18-20	32-16
Brooklyn	39	39	.500	16	4-6	L-1	22-17	17-22	26-22
New York	15	62	.195	39½	2-8	W-1	8-31	7-31	9-39

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
Miami	38	39	.494	—	6-4	L-1	18-21	20-18	22-26
Orlando	38	40	.487	½	7-3	L-1	23-16	15-24	26-22
Charlotte	35	42	.455	3	5-5	L-3	24-15	11-27	26-22
Washington	32	46	.410	6½	3-7	W-1	22-16	10-20	19-30
Atlanta	28	50	.359	10½	5-5	L-1	16-23	12-37	15-33

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
y-Milwaukee	58	20	.744	—	7-3	W-1	32-6	26-14	38-11
x-Indiana	42	32	.569	12	7-3	L-1	29-10	17-22	31-17
Detroit	39	38	.506	18½	5-5	L-1	25-13	14-25	26-23
Chicago	21	57	.269	37	2-8	L-5	9-30	12-27	15-33
Cleveland	19	59	.244	39	2-8	L-6	13-26	6-33	15-36

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
y-Houston	50	28	.641	—	8-2	W-3	29-10	21-18	30-19
x-San Antonio	45	33	.577	5	6-4	W-1	31-9	14-24	29-21
New Orleans	32	46	.410	18	2-8	L-1	19-20	13-26	22-27
Memphis	31	46	.403	18½	4-6	W-1			

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BEARS REAL TALK

Running commentary

Making sense of Howard trade, what it will mean as Bears move forward

BY DAN WIEDERER, RICH CAMPBELL
Chicago Tribune

Jordan Howard's official introduction in Philadelphia came Monday afternoon with the former Bears running back acknowledging he had been anticipating his exit from Chicago for a while.

"I wasn't really surprised," Howard said. "I knew something was going to happen. I just didn't know when. So I was just finally relieved. Because I was getting tired of everybody hitting me up like, 'Are you getting traded?'"

Indeed he was. And now he's an Eagle for the final season of his rookie contract in 2019.

That attention-grabbing deal was finalized Thursday with the Bears sending Howard to the Eagles for a sixth-round pick in 2020. (Depending on his production next season, that pick could bump up to a fifth-rounder.)

In a 10-minute news conference Monday, Howard expressed eagerness to join an Eagles team he described as "hungry." But the fourth-year back also made it clear he had no hard feelings toward the Bears.

So what's next for Howard in his new environment? Did Bears general manager Ryan Pace get enough back in his latest trade? And where do the Bears take their running game from here? Dan Wiederer and Rich Campbell sift through the details in this edition of Real Talk.

Dan Wiederer: I have to admit I was surprised by the outcry that bubbled up after the Bears announced the trade last week. We've known for a while now that Howard didn't fit in Matt Nagy's system and, by extension, didn't fit in the Bears' plans for 2019 or beyond. So his phase-out/exit, as we have discussed previously, had become a fait accompli. Still, for a sizable portion of Bears fans, last week's divorce proved upsetting.

For some, parting ways with a running back who had averaged 1,123 rushing yards and eight touchdowns per season over his first three years in Chicago was jarring. For others, it was the paltry return the Bears got — just one late-round pick a year from now — that triggered a mix of frustration and discontent.

To both groups, I'd simply offer a reality reminder: this is a cruel business and a cruel league. And being a running back in this cutthroat world might be the cruelest existence of all.

Campbell: Well, consider for a minute how Howard endeared himself to Bears fans over the last three years.

You mentioned the annual rushing and touchdown averages. They made him, by far, the steadiest producer for the offensively challenged teams of 2016 and '17. When fans suffered through all quarterback injuries during Howard's rookie year, and then the bottom-of-the-barrel receiving corps in 2017, Howard provided some excitement. He lifted fans from their seats during bleak times.

Howard averaged 2.22 yards after contact in 2016, the result of a bruising toughness Bears fans generally love to complement their rugged defense. Howard fit that mold for two seasons under coach John Fox, who, with a rebuilding defense, valued time of possession almost as much as points. That said, I understand why fans appreciate Howard so much and why it hurts to see him traded for such a negligible return.

But the dynamic has changed. Matt Nagy's Bears are a quarterback-driven, backfield-by-committee offense. Within that, there will always be room for productive players. But in Howard's case, the yards-after-contact average decreased to 1.57 last season. He admittedly is most effective when he gets 20-plus carries to wear down a defense. He's not the advanced route runner or pass-catcher Nagy wants to make his system go.

To be honest, assuming Nagy handpicks a back in the middle rounds of the upcoming draft, I doubt Bears fans will spend much time this season wondering what might've been if Howard were still a Bear.

Wiederer: Exactly. I'd bet that by Halloween — heck, maybe even by Memorial Day — the angst over the Bears backfield situation will have lessened significantly. As I noted on Twitter late last week, Howard is a nice player. No doubt. He'll remain productive in the right role in Philadelphia — likely as a



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Jordan Howard, running against the Cardinals last season, said he "was just finally relieved" that the Bears traded him to the Eagles.

Long snapper Scales gets 1-year deal

BY BRAD BIGGS | Chicago Tribune

The Bears do not know who their kicker will be in 2019, but they have the rest of the operation figured out now.

Long snapper Patrick Scales has agreed to terms on a one-year contract, according to a source. The team already re-signed punter Pat O'Donnell, who is the holder, to a two-year contract.

Scales played in all 16 games last season, plus the playoff loss to the Eagles, after returning from a torn ACL he suffered in the 2017 preseason. The 31-year-old also snapped in 16 games for the Bears in 2016 and five games in 2015. He broke into the NFL with the Ravens in 2014 when he appeared in two games.

Scales was a restricted free agent and the Bears did not tender him an offer as

the lowest level was \$2.025 million.

O'Donnell's two-year contract is worth \$3.75 million over two years with \$1.75 million guaranteed. He has a base salary of \$1.25 million this season with a \$200,000 signing bonus and \$300,000 roster bonus. All the money this season is guaranteed, meaning O'Donnell is fully expected to make the roster. He has a base salary of \$1.75 million in 2020.

The Bears have two kickers on the roster — Chris Blewitt and Redford Jones. The voluntary offseason workout program opens April 15. The first two weeks are limited to strength and conditioning work, so an actual kicking competition will not begin until the end of the month.

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short-yardage back in a committee backfield. But for the Bears, he's far from irreplaceable and it was time to move on. And now it's time to draft a replacement.

Remember, it was Howard's rookie-season emergence three years ago that helped Bears fans move past the departure of Matt Forte, widely considered the second-best running back in franchise history. So it's safe to assume another rookie running back can quickly become a fan favorite if the Bears' pre-draft evaluations are on point and Nagy finds a player who can excel in a featured role in his system.

To be clear, Howard was a success story in Chicago — a relatively unknown fifth-round pick in 2016 who compiled more rushing yards in his first two seasons than any player in franchise history. But as the Bears continue their transformation from last-place mainstays into legitimate Super Bowl contenders, they need simply more firepower and more big-play potential in their backfield. And it's worth noting that in three seasons, only 39 of Howard's 778 carries went for more than 15 yards. And of his 24 rushing touchdowns, 15 came from within 5 yards of the goal line.

Still, Rich, here's the question that seems to be perplexing to many: Shouldn't the Bears have gotten more back in the trade? Why wasn't the demand for Howard higher? Why wasn't the market more favorable?

Campbell: Some evaluators around the league see a running back who needs to have the entire offense built around him in order to thrive. They see limited speed and explosiveness as well as inconsistent vision. They see a back coming off his worst season — yes blocking breakdowns contributed, but Howard didn't consistently gain more yards than plays were blocked for. Then factor in that Howard has only one year remaining on his contract, and it's easy to see why the Bears got only a Day 3 pick in return. That explanation is unfortunate because I really don't want to disparage Howard. Like you said, he deserves to be remembered here as a success story. If each of Pace's fifth-round picks produced like Howard did, the Bears probably would be contenders for a long time.

But Nagy and the Bears aren't building around a running back. They're building around quarterback Mitch Trubisky. And to that point, think of the two running backs who most thrived with the Chiefs when Nagy was an offensive assistant there.

Jamaal Charles and Kareem Hunt are the profile. They were three-down backs who brought some explosiveness and agility to the running game and reliable, effective route-running to the passing game. Better yet, both guys were drafted in the third round. It will be exciting to see which back Nagy and Pace identify as the next to fit that mold.

Wiederer: Again, it's just the nature of the beast with running backs in the NFL. Asked to work hard. Easy to discard.

And with Howard, as you alluded to, he is definitely a rugged runner. Tough. Physical. Durable. Low maintenance. But there's also nothing in his skill set that stands out as special or elite. And for those who cite the stat that Howard ranks third in the NFL over the last three seasons in rushing yards, trailing only Todd Gurley and Ezekiel Elliott during that period, look beyond the stat sheet. If you can convince yourself — beyond the numbers — that those three backs are all on the same level, I'd like you at my next garage sale.

Also, for those certain the Bears could have and should have gotten more in return, remember the trade market is always driven by demand. And sometimes all it requires is two suitors to drive up an asking price. As it turns out, that demand for Howard never materialized. And that's not only about Howard's skill set. It's that running backs can be found on the cheap — in the middle rounds of the draft and playing on rookie contracts for four years.

Furthermore, look around the NFL and identify the running back-needy teams that Pace should have been harassing for a middle-round pick this year. I'm talking *truly* needy. Got your list? How long is it? Two teams? Three tops?

Campbell: I'm with you on that. There seems to be a disconnect between what a vocal segment of the fan base believes about running back demand and reality within the league.

My main takeaway from the trade is this: It's on Nagy to make sure the Bears don't miss Howard. Nagy has my benefit of the doubt as he builds his offense with handpicked players. But he must continue to prove himself as a personnel evaluator who has heavy influence on the roster.

If the Bears get Jamaal Charles-level production from whomever they draft, or even if they simply achieve the run-pass balance they seek with Mike Davis, Tarik Cohen and the rest of the remade backfield, then Nagy will be on his way to lifting the offense to the level on which we've all been sold.

And the Bears would be that much closer to sustaining their success.

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AAF halts its 1st season after just 8 weeks

BY BERNIE WILSON | Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The Alliance of American Football has ended its first season prematurely and told most employees they will be terminated as of Wednesday.

Employees were notified of the decision in a letter from the AAF board Tuesday afternoon.

The board essentially is majority owner Tom Dundon, who also owns the NHL's Carolina Hurricanes.

The letter, obtained by the Associated Press, gave no reason for ending the inaugural season, only that the decision was made "after careful consideration." It

also said a small staff would remain to seek new investment capital and "restructure our business. Should those efforts prove successful, we look forward to working with many of you on season two."

The abrupt end to the latest spring league after just eight weeks stunned co-founder Bill Polian, the former NFL executive who built a Super Bowl winner with the Colts.

"I'm extremely disappointed," Polian told the AP by phone from Charlotte, N.C. "On the one hand, it was kind of our wildest fantasies come true. It all came true and now it's all come crashing down."

Asked why the league was shutting

down, Polian said he has heard "only that it's about the money. That's all."

The league had teams in Orlando, Atlanta, San Diego, Phoenix, Salt Lake City, San Antonio, Birmingham and Memphis.

Several hours before the letter was sent, Memphis quarterback Johnny Manziel tweeted: "If you're an AAF player and the league does dissolve. The last check you got will be the last one that you get. No lawsuit or anything else will get you your bread. Save your money and keep your head up. It's the only choice at this point unless something drastic happens."

The letter said employees would be paid through Wednesday.

The AAF seemed to have a better chance of surviving than other alternative leagues, such as the USFL and the World League, because of the people and philosophies involved.

"We were headed to a tremendous run of success, beginning with Saturday's game leading into the Final Four on CBS," Polian told the AP. "Our league on the field has prospered and grown. The football's gotten better, and that's a tremendous tribute to the coaches and players and GMs and front-office staff and all the other people who have done a phenomenal job."

AP reporter Ralph D. Russo contributed.

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Texas Tech celebrates after a 75-69 victory against Gonzaga in the West Region final that was spurred on by the Red Raiders' nationally top-ranked defense.

Texas Tech golden if 'D' does win championships

BY MARK ZEIGLER
San Diego Union-Tribune

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Texas Tech coach Chris Beard will hold up one finger on the sideline as his team retreats down the court on defense.

It is the signal for the Red Raiders' suffocating man-to-man scheme.

It is also unintentionally symbolic. It's where they rank nationally in defense.

Defense wins championships. The sports proverb is burned into athletes' psyches practically from birth, perhaps more out of motivation than any statistical basis, a way for coaches to get players who prefer the more glorified pursuit of scoring to at least pretend they care about preventing it.

But Saturday at Anaheim's Honda Center we were afforded a rare referendum on its veracity. Gonzaga was college basketball's No. 1 team in offensive efficiency according to the respected Kenpom metric. Texas Tech was No. 1 in defensive efficiency.

Only one could go to the Final Four next week in Minneapolis.

Texas Tech is. Defense is. "This is the best team I've ever had at taking care of the ball," Gonzaga coach Mark Few said incredulously. "We've had games with four turnovers, three turnovers, which is unheard of, halves with zero turnovers."

The top-seeded Bulldogs had nine in the first half of the West Regional final and finished with 16, shot 36.4 percent in the second half and lost 75-69.

"So it's real, that defense is real," Few continued. "Chris has done a great job with it, and it definitely impacted us. It's tough, it's real."

Ask Michigan. It still had six points after 12 minutes Thursday, had 16 at halftime and didn't crack 20 until four minutes into the second half. Was 1 of 19 behind the 3-point arc, and the one came with 22 seconds left when the walk-ons were in. Trailed by 25 in a Sweet 16 game. Lost 63-44.

The Wolverines ranked second in the nation in fewest turnovers per game at 8.8; had eight by



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Gonzaga's Rui Hachimura had a tough time finding room around the basket against the Texas Tech defense.

halftime.

"The scouting reports we heard from the different people that played them during this year," coach John Beilein said, "were that you're going to be amazed at how quick they are, how good they are at staying in front of people, how they rally to the ball. (That) usually gives us open 3s, and you still can't get open 3s. They really have a great plan."

It is equal parts scheme and sweat, the brainchild of an assistant coach who grew up on a cotton farm in West Texas and blue-collar players who, Beard says, have "an understanding you are going to play defense. It's our just who we are, our DNA."

The basic principle is to force teams down the sideline, always

Some teams will do this on ball screens, but the Red Raiders do it on everything, shifting their defensive stance to keep you on one side on the floor and not allowing middle penetration. When you do take the bait and drive baseline, you're met by a bouncy shot blocker or a junk-yard dog frothing to take a charge. When you try to fire a cross-court pass to a seemingly open shooter, there are guys flying at him with outstretched arms — high-hand close-outs, in coachspeak.

Beilein explained that you used to see similar schemes in the early 1980s, but the advent of the 3-point line made teams that over-helped pay by leaving shooters open on the weak side — and the extra point for a 22-footer

made it no longer statistically viable. Beard and defensive guru Mark Adams have assembled a group of long, athletic, committed players who have confounded the analytics. And because so few teams defend like them, it makes preparation and in-game acclimation that much more difficult.

Star guard Jarrett Culver was asked what happens in practice if you let your man drive middle or are late closing out on a shooter. He laughed.

"I mean, you've got to deal with Coach Adams," Culver said. "Coach Adams stops the practice and he gets on you and you have to deal with that. So you learn not to do it."

Gonzaga, still, was able to shoot 50 percent in the first half Sat-

urday and led 37-35 with its high/low post action that pounded the ball deep into the paint to forwards Rui Hachimura (22 points) and Brandon Clarke (18 points).

The second half began and ... Texas Tech opened in a zone? Beard, a disciple of Bobby "Zones are a sign of weakness" Knight, rarely plays it except in special circumstances. This qualified.

"When you play against these Hall of Fame coaches, they score like 60 or 70 percent (after timeouts) or the first play of the half," Beard reasoned. "So why not throw a punch? Sometimes when you throw punches you leave yourself open to get hit, but they're probably going to score anyway. He's over there drawing up something great."

"I've never minded taking chances against really good coaches and players. Some games where we think we can maybe beat somebody possession after possession we don't do that, but that was not our thought with Gonzaga. We knew we would have to play almost a perfect game to beat them, and in a lot of ways we did."

In three possessions against the zone, Gonzaga had a turnover, an air ball and a shot-clock violation.

That's all it took. Beard put up one finger after that, but sometimes the most effective part of switching defenses is the curve-ball effect — throwing the opposition out of rhythm. Punch landed. The Bulldogs made 13 shots in the first half on 26 attempts; they made 12 in the second half on 33 attempts.

Among the statistics kept by Texas Tech managers on the bench that don't show up in the box score are pass deflections. Beard was asked how many they had against the Zags.

"Normally I would know right after the game, win or lose," said Beard, who stayed on the floor to cut down nets. "But today was a little different. We celebrated going to the Final Four. Texas Tech is going to the Final Four, Texas Tech is going to the Final Four."

"Some of you look surprised."

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McDowell takes best shot

Clutch 6-iron gives veteran's career boost he needed

BY DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

Two of the most significant shots Graeme McDowell has hit in his career were with a 6-iron, for different reasons and on entirely different stages.

The most famous was on the 16th hole at Celtic Manor in 2010 at the Ryder Cup, which came down to the final match between McDowell and Hunter Mahan. McDowell had a 1-up lead when he hit 6-iron to 15 feet for a birdie that gave him control of the match and led to victory.

The other was Sunday in the Dominican Republic, where McDowell was trailing Chris Stroud by one shot with two holes to play. On the par-3 17th, the 6-iron was so pure that McDowell didn't even watch, walking over toward caddie Kenny Comboy and looking up only when it settled 8 feet from the flag.

The Ryder Cup made him a hero.

The birdie he made in Punta Cana restored his PGA Tour card.

McDowell, winless on the PGA Tour since Hilton Head in 2017, had been relying on sponsor exemptions. The victory, even at a tournament held opposite a World Golf Championships event, gave him a two-year exemption and moved him to No. 42 in the FedEx Cup standings.

"Getting my playing privileges was a huge goal this year. It's a goal I've never had before," McDowell said. "When you're in the top 50 in the world and you're playing WGCs and majors, it's amazing how the points and money toward your playing privileges just kind of come automatically. But all of a sudden when you're grinding, when you're asking for invites like I've been doing this year, I felt like I had this monkey on my back that I couldn't shake off."

The victory didn't get him into the Masters or the British Open, a big goal because it's at Royal Portrush in his native Northern Ireland. But he's in the PGA Championship, he already was in the U.S. Open from his 2010 victory at Pebble Beach and now he can set a schedule around the majors to boost his chances.

"I've been needing it too much lately," McDowell said. "And this is going to go a long way to helping me stop needing it and just going out there playing golf and trying to compete every week."

Casey's preparations: Whisper Rock in Arizona is nothing like Augusta National, except in the mind of Paul Casey.

Casey says he can be home on the range preparing for the Masters because he knows Augusta National well enough that he can imagine every shot in every condition.

"Doesn't matter where the wind's blowing, doesn't matter the pin position," he said. "I could stand anywhere in the world and practice, and try to replicate shots I'm going to need that particular week."

"I can't say the same for Bethpage (PGA Championship), maybe Pebble Beach (U.S. Open). I never played Portrush (British Open), so I have no way of preparing for Portrush."

Casey said he can map out an entire round based on a certain wind condition.

"You can say, OK, the wind's going to be out of the north today and figure it out, literally go through and play 18 holes on the range," he said. "For me, it's easy to prepare. It's very structured. Maybe that's why my results have been solid around there."

Casey has finished sixth, fourth, sixth and 15th his last four times at the Masters.

Let's play two (courses): The U.S. Amateur uses two courses for the top 64 players to advance to match play. For the first time, the USGA will use two courses for the 36-hole championship match at Pinehurst Resort and Country Club.

Pinehurst No. 2 and No. 4 will be used for 36 holes of stroke play, and the famed No. 2 course will be used for the opening five rounds of match play. The championship match will start with 18 holes on No. 4. The afternoon round will be played at No. 2.

It's the second time the USGA has gone outside the box at Pinehurst, where in 2014 it suc-



MIKE EHRMANN/GETTY

Graeme McDowell's victory in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, restored his PGA Tour playing privileges, a major goal for his season.



DARREN CARROLL/GETTY

Lee Westwood fell short at the Match Play, but he had some fun with champion Kevin Kisner on social media.

cessfully held the U.S. Open and U.S. Women's Open in consecutive weeks.

This will be the 10th USGA event at Pinehurst.

Pinehurst No. 2 first held the U.S. Amateur in 1962, won by Labron Harris, and most recently in 2008, won by Danny Lee.

Match Play: Lee Westwood delivered a playful, subtle jab when he tweeted that Kevin Kisner is good at match play and that a perfect course for him would be Le Golf National. That's where Europe beat the Americans in the Ryder Cup last year. Kisner, who finished 14th in the standings, was

not chosen.

Kisner thought it was funny. He also didn't think it was worth reading too much into it.

"I loved Westwood's comment being a little cheeky," Kisner said.

He doesn't blame Jim Furyk for not taking him as a captain's pick because "I gave Jim no reason to pick me."

"I was not on form to go over there," Kisner said. "I know the golf course suited me perfect. Who was he going to take out? Was he going to leave Phil at home and take Kiz? Nobody is going to do that, right?"

Does that make him a lock for the Presidents Cup team? Not necessarily.

Performing well in a format is only as valuable as form, and there's a long way to go — including four majors, two World Golf Championships and the FedEx Cup — before the Presidents Cup in Australia. Kisner moved up to No. 15 in the standings.

Only two Match Play champions since 1999 failed to make a team in the year of a Presidents Cup or Ryder Cup: Steve Stricker in 2001 and Hunter Mahan in 2012.

Last chance: The Valero Texas Open is the last chance for a player to get into the Masters, but only by winning.

Rickie Fowler sees it as his last

tournament to get in a competitive frame of mind, even though the TPC San Antonio doesn't prepare players for Augusta National the way the Houston Open did when it had this spot in the calendar.

"I like playing competitively if I can leading up to majors or some big weeks," Fowler said. "I definitely have seen it be beneficial to play the week before. You're not far coming off competition when you tee it up Thursday morning in a major, and it just makes me feel more comfortable and more confident."

Phil Mickelson felt that way, but the change to San Antonio kept him away.

This will be the first times since 2013 that Mickelson did not play the week before the Masters. That was the last time the Masters ended on April 14, and the Texas Open was held the week before.

Stat of the week: Justin Rose returns to No. 1 in the world next week. It will be the sixth straight time that someone reached No. 1 without playing the previous week.

Final word: "When you've got to make a putt to clear money for the week, to fill your car up and drive back home, it makes you a stronger person. So money has driven me my whole life." — Kevin Kisner.

MY WORST MOMENT

An awkward encounter for Camilla Luddington

Here's a tip: Auditions don't always work out, so just keep on smiling

By NINA METZ
 Chicago Tribune

On "Grey's Anatomy" this season, Camilla Luddington's Dr. Jo Karev (nee Wilson) has been on an emotional rollercoaster — getting engaged and married, but also meeting her birth mother and hearing some devastating truths.

It was co-star Ellen Pompeo who directed the episode this year wherein Jo proposes to Alex. "There's just a shorthand we have with Ellen because she knows us so well and she knows the show so well," said Luddington. "And for that episode, she was so excited about the proposal. In rehearsal she said, 'You guys do the scene the way you'd do it.' And Justin and I were fumbling awkwardly, and then she was like, 'OK, this is what



RICHARD CARTWRIGHT/ABC

Camilla Luddington, who plays Dr. Jo Wilson on the ABC drama "Grey's Anatomy," had an awkward moment early in her career.

we're going to do!' And when she showed us, it was just so romantic: 'OK, Camilla, you're going to get down on one knee.' So our joy and excitement, part of that came from her being so excited about it."

After playing a doctor for seven seasons, does Luddington feel smarter about healthcare as a result?

"I feel like a complete hypochondriac!" she said. "I feel like something's probably wrong all

the time. I didn't realize how many different ways there are to almost die, so I do feel like I'm constantly living in a possible season finale of my own life. But that's really funny because a lot of us (on the show) feel that way, especially when we get pregnant — there are so many storylines about what can happen during pregnancy or during birth — so I think we're all a little more heightened in our anxiety. We know the possibilities."

This year, "Grey's Anatomy" became the longest-running prime time medical drama and it has been a high point in Luddington's career. When asked to share a worst moment, she recalled a story that predates all her acting roles, including as Kate Middleton on Lifetime's "William & Kate" and a stint on "True Blood."

My worst moment ...

"OK so: When I was starting

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JIMMY FONTAINE

Rapper Nipsey Hussle was a man with ambitions to reinvest in his community and promote black capitalism in South LA.

APPRECIATION

Dreams bigger than hip-hop

Nipsey Hussle was also an entrepreneur, activist and mentor

By GERRICK D. KENNEDY
 Los Angeles Times

A banner of Nipsey Hussle is stretched across an exterior of the Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Mall in Los Angeles. It has been there for most of the year and is easy to spot if you're cruising down the uneven stretch of road that funnels Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard through Crenshaw Boulevard.

On the placard, Hussle — looking fly in a black tracksuit and gold-rimmed shades, his hair tightly braided in precise cornrows — is gazing upward, hands clasped as if in prayer or plotting the next move.

Given that the image was a celebratory banner for his sensational, Grammy-nominated label debut "Victory Lap" — a record that saw him go from an ambitious underdog to one of West Coast hip-hop's most valuable players — it's quite likely his mind was on future initiatives.

Yet after being shot dead Sunday, at 33, the billboard will now become a monument to an artist violently robbed of his life.

Here's the thing to understand about Hussle, and why his death is exceptionally devastating not only to those of us who live and breathe hip-hop but also reside in his birthplace of South L.A.: He was more than a rapper. (Not that there's anything wrong with just rapping because there isn't.)

Driven by a rapacious desire to reinvest in the streets that raised him and rebuild the community, Hussle became an entrepreneur, community organizer, activist and mentor as he transformed into a rap star. His death in front of the strip mall he was redeveloping a few blocks away from that celebratory banner feels particularly cruel. In fact, as I write these words the buzzing of news and police helicopters is rattling into my office.

Hussle, born Ermasias Asghedom, never shied away from the licks and stumbles that came with growing up in South L.A. in the '90s.

He came of age right down the road from the mall where his visage now hangs in what he called "the worst house on the best block." He hustled, doing whatever he needed to survive. And yeah, he fell into gangbanging, pleading allegiance to the notorious Rollin' 60s Crip set.

"We dealt with death, with murder," he told The Times in 2018. "It was like living in a war zone, where people die on these blocks and everybody is a little bit immune to it. I guess they call it post-traumatic stress when you have people that have been at war for such

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AP

In this June 27, 1979, photo, Ted Bundy stares at the photographer during the second day of jury selection in his murder trial in Miami, Fla. "Conversations With a Killer: The Ted Bundy Tapes," which highlights this trial, is a sample of recent hits on Netflix.

Does Netflix have a killer problem?

Media-violence experts concerned about shows filled with gory details

By STEVEN ZEITCHIK | The Washington Post

There's the show in which the protagonist throws a rock at the head of a young woman, follows her to a beach house and shoots her dead. The true story about the brutal sexual assault and murder of a woman in Wisconsin. The recordings of the notorious 1970s man who confessed to killing dozens of women, sometimes having sex with their decomposing corpses.

The group isn't a listing of cult exploitation videos. It's a much more mainstream collection — "You," "Making a Murderer" and "Conversations With a Killer: The Ted Bundy Tapes," a sample of recent hits on Netflix.

As the streaming giant has continued to shower billions of dollars on programming and marketing, it has become one of the most powerful forces in entertainment, putting both Silicon Valley and Hollywood on the defensive. The service has

done this in part with the help of delicate dramas such as the recent Spanish-language black-and-white film "Roma," which won three Oscars last month.

Yet Netflix is also quietly capitalizing on another form of content. More than other entertainment outlets, a number of Netflix's hit shows spotlight gruesome violence, often committed against women, according to viewership statistics and industry experts. And Netflix is both more popular (some 60 million U.S. subscribers) and more intensely watched (in all rooms of the house, often multiple episodes at a time) than traditional television, raising worries among some media-violence experts.

"I'm concerned about the trajectory we're on," said Glenn Sparks, a professor at Purdue University who has studied the effects of media violence, and is one of a number of critics who come not from the more traditional ranks of conservative family groups but are instead academics, journalists and men-

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Tanya Tucker, from left Loretta Lynn, Dennis Quaid and Crystal Gayle celebrate in Nashville on Monday.

Star-studded birthday bash for Loretta Lynn

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Loretta Lynn was honored like royalty by country and rock stars alike with gifts of flowers and songs during a concert Monday night celebrating her upcoming 87th birthday.

Lynn, whose birthday is April 14, closed out the all-star concert by singing her signature hit, “Coal Miner’s Daughter,” her first major public performance since suffering a stroke in 2017.

The Country Music Hall of Famer sat side-stage at Bridgestone Arena for the show as more than a dozen artists came to sing songs from her catalog and sing her praises to a packed arena. Keith Urban even popped out of a giant birthday cake to fulfill a birthday wish for the singer-songwriter from eastern Kentucky.

Tanya Tucker brought out a bouquet of flowers after singing “While I’m Living” with Brandi Carlile. Margo Price, who is eight months pregnant, said she was giving her daughter the middle name Lynn and sang “One’s On the Way.” Alan Jackson brought her a single yellow rose in a Jack Daniel’s whiskey bottle, which he called “a perfect example of country music.”

Darius Rucker gave a rousing performance of her controversial song released in the 1970s about a woman-analyzing birth control, “The Pill.” Miranda Lambert thanked Lynn for “all the advice for when husbands piss you off,” before singing “Don’t Come Home A Drinking (With Lovin’ On Your Mind.)”

Jack White, who collaborated on her Grammy-winning album “Van Lear Rose,” kicked up the volume with her song “Have Mercy,” as Lynn smiled and clapped along.

Other artists performing included Garth Brooks, Trisha Yearwood, Little Big Town, Lee Ann Womack, Martina McBride, George Strait and more. Other artists, including Dolly Parton, Carrie Underwood and Luke Bryan sent her video birthday messages.

— Associated Press



ANTHONY BEHAR/SIPA USA

Viewer’s eagle eye: “Inside Edition” anchor Deborah Norville revealed she’s undergoing surgery to remove a cancerous lump on her neck that was first noticed by a viewer. “You know we live in a world of see something, say something. And I’m really glad we do,” Norville said in the video posted to the official “Inside Edition” YouTube channel. Norville, who has served as the newsmagazine’s anchor since 1995, said it’s a “very localized form of cancer” and she will not need chemotherapy.

Welcome: The Eagles will perform their 1976 “Hotel California” album in its entirety in concert for the first time, Sept. 27-28 at MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas. Don Henley, Joe Walsh and Timothy B. Schmit will be joined by Deacon Frey and Vince Gill for what will be the group’s only North American performances of 2019. Founding member Glenn Frey, Deacon’s father, died in 2016.

Made in America: Cardi B and Travis Scott are heading to the City of Brotherly Love to headline Jay-Z’s annual Made in America festival, Aug. 31-Sept. 1 in Philadelphia. Other performers include Juice WRLD, James Blake, Kodak Black, Kaskade, Tierra Whack, Blueface, Anderson .Paak and The Free Nationals, Jorja Smith, Jacob Banks, KAY-TRANADA, Grace Carter and Pink Sweat\$.

April 3 birthdays: Singer Wayne Newton is 77. Actor Alec Baldwin is 61. Comedian Eddie Murphy is 58. Actress Jennie Garth is 47. Actress Cobie Smulders is 37. Actress Hayley Kiyoko is 28. Bassist Sam Kiszka is 20.



ASK AMY

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Mom needs friendship to escape kids

Dear Amy: I am married with three very young kids. My good friend is single.

One of the things I truly enjoy about my friend is that she is in a different place in life. Her schedule is flexible, and she is always willing to spend time with me on my tighter, more inflexible schedule. She doesn’t talk about kids or husband or compare her “mom” life to mine.

It is so nice for me to go out together and turn off my “mom” brain, and to feel like a person independent of my family.

Lately, she has been asking to come to my house to cook for my family. The first time she asked, she said she was going through a difficult time, so I told her to come on over. We had a nice time, but I felt anxious and stressed the entire meal. Later, talking to my husband, I realized it has so much to do with wanting to compartmentalize my “worlds.”

I enjoy my friend, but I don’t want to have to clean my house for her. I don’t want her to see my kids throwing fits at dinner-time. I don’t want a potty accident to take over the evening. I want to have one person outside of my family life that is just for me to enjoy.

I mentioned to my friend how I don’t like to host, but she reinforces that I don’t need to clean for her and she understands that kids can be disruptive. I don’t think she understands my anxiety around the whole idea.

Home is filled with love and laughter, but it is also where we fall apart and make chaos and create mess. How can I tell her

this and still keep the valued friendship? Or should I just get over my anxiety about it for the good of the friendship?

— Upset

Dear Upset: My sisters and I have a shorthand way of communicating, based on an old advertisement: “Calgon, take me away.” When we say this to each other, we mean “If I don’t get away from my kids, I’m going to l-o-o-o-s-e my mind.”

It’s OK to see to your own needs! And you need occasional restorative time away from your family. Every parent does.

So tell your friend: “I love my family. I love spending time with you. But what I really want and need is to get away from my kids; to be me, only me, now and then. Can you help me with that?”

Your pal sounds awesome. She has needs, too! She may be longing for a good dose of what you have. I hope you will occasionally loop her into your family’s poopy, messy, chaotic life. But first, you do you.

Dear Amy: Recently my neighbor boy (age 7), ran out of his house yelling that his dad was looking at naked ladies on his computer and it was “sick.”

Not sure what, if anything, I should have done. Mind my own business? Say something to dad? Or do something else altogether?

— A Denver Fan

Dear Denver Fan: Any time a child is in distress, for any reason, you should first concentrate on the child, comfort the child

and make sure that he is OK.

Then if possible, you should speak to the parent and make sure he realizes that his son ran out of the house and seemed distressed. It is best to remain neutral during this conversation with the parent, and simply report that the child was upset and that you did your best to comfort him.

Dear Amy: Thank you for your response to the “Symphony Subscriber.” As a classical musician by profession, nothing makes me angrier than seeing someone record a performance.

Depending on the venue, ushers are not always helpful. I have on many occasions tracked someone down at intermission and told them to delete their video or stop recording. It is disruptive to other audience members, but more than that, it is disrespectful to the musicians. A live concert should be enjoyed in the present moment.

We work very hard to create a concert experience, which is what you pay for when you buy a ticket. This is how we make our livelihood, and recordings are a separate part of that — not something we give away for free!

Thanks for your “sound” advice!

— Musician

Dear Musician: Thank you, so sincerely, for the music you bring into the world.

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COMMENTARY

Hussle’s lyrics were designed to be recited the world over

By RANDALL ROBERTS
Los Angeles Times

Much has already been written about the ways in which the rapper Nipsey Hussle, who was killed Sunday in front of his Crenshaw district retail store in Los Angeles, contributed to his community and set his righteous ambitions into action.

An entrepreneur and community organizer as much as he was an artist, Hussle helped renovate World on Wheels roller rink and invested in Destination Crenshaw, a milelong stretch of rotating and permanent art installations, among many other initiatives.

Yet Hussle, who was born Ermas Asghedom, earned his first successes through telling his own story, utilizing verses in service of messages designed to be recited the world over. Evidence of his magnetism

can be found in the lauded peers with whom he made music: Kendrick Lamar, Childish Gambino, Drake, YG, Snoop and others.

Hussle rhymed about his heritage, provincialism and recent history with equanimity. The artist showed up on Childish Gambino’s 2012 mixtape “Royalty,” where in the track “Black Faces” he offered a capsule bio.

... Pops was an immigrant / Lifestyle illegit but know I own businesses / Started out the trunk, ended up at the dealership / All gold Rollie, black face, no blemishes / Legend in my city ‘cause I grind so vigorous / If I show my face west of Texas that’s a big event.

As relayed on his 2010 track “Blue Laces,” Hussle recalled life in “Westside California,” where “they run up on you / Ask you where you from / And check your tats under your clothing.”

Despite the constant

threats, “Blue Laces” features a poetic description of the artist, clad in Converse Chuck Taylors and classic slacks, on the move:

Weight of the world on my shoulders / Gold Rollie on my wrist / Neighborhood Chucks, blue checkerboard tint / Dickies saggin’ off my ass / Walk with a hoodsta limp.

Unafraid to speak his mind whether discussing neighborhood or global politics, Hussle was more than willing to speak truth to power.

In his Donald Trump-bashing 2016 track with South L.A. neighbor YG entitled “FDT,” he rhymed of his role as a messenger and power broker.

I’m from a place where you probably can’t go / Speaking for some people that you probably ain’t know / It’s pressure built up, and it’s probably gonna blow / And if we say go, then they’re probably gonna go.

Hussle didn’t release his major-label debut until 2018 but didn’t seem too concerned about the wait when he joined Marion Band\$ in 2014 on “Hold Up.”

Came up, you can’t hate that / Self-made, you can’t take that / Yeah, self-made, you can’t make that / Some say I need a record deal / I need a cosign, I need a Dre track / But all the time I had a mean flow / I had a cold grind and that’s a great match.

Ultimately, the artist issued his label debut for Atlantic. Derservedly titled “Victory Lap,” the Grammy-nominated album opens with a boast, one delivered with a cool, weed-infused casualness.

I’m prolific, so gifted / I’m the type that’s gonna go get it, no kidding / Breaking down a Swisher in front of your building / Sitting on the steps feeling no feelings

2016’s “Ocean Views” presents a self-portrait of an



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Nipsey Hussle’s “Victory Lap” album was nominated for a Grammy. Hussle was killed Sunday in South Los Angeles.

artist seemingly living on borrowed time and determined to sweat every day.

He even left instructions for the mourners at his funeral.

My procedure, stay crackin till my life’s low / Then when I die, blue rag around my rifle / Hundred-thousand in my coffin, that’s just life though / Play a Stevie Wonder song, smoke some flight, bro / Crack a pint of Actavis then pour in some Sprite, bro / Until that day I’m walking toward what’s in my sights, though.

One of Hussle’s most introspective tracks, “Ocean

Views” arrived on his “Slauson Boy 2” mixtape. Tragically for Los Angeles, it now reads like a benediction.

I’m just young and I’m reckless, I’m just on for my section / I’m just out here on top speed with my top down and I’m revvin’ / I don’t know about hell, I don’t know about heaven / All I know is ‘bout right now and this lifestyle is interesting / Iced down in my section, I just write down these confessions... died to get life around me, I guess that I’m an exception / Blessings.

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Hussle

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a long time.

“I think L.A. suffers from that because it’s not normal yet we embrace it like it is after a while.”

Innately, he poured the trauma of the streets into the music. Hussle was undoubtedly a student of West Coast rap progenitors, but what L.A. kid from the ‘90s isn’t?

His flow had that cool, effortless vibe and bounce of Snoop and Dj Quik as well as the visceral storytelling he learned from N.W.A, Ice-T and the Game.

Cut across any of his work — there’s a decade’s worth online beyond “Victory Lap” — and you’ll see a man haunted by the rigors

of watching friends drop, not to mention catching too many close calls himself.

Those who grew up in enclaves dodging bullets and fists understood what he was about, although he made it clear in the music: “Damn right, I like the life I built / I’m from west side, 60 ... I might got killed / Standin’ no tall, they think I might got stilts / Legendary baller, like Mike, like Wilt,” he riffs on the album that broke him to audiences far outside L.A. and is now his only major-label offering.

Hussle made music for the street hustlers and those of us struggling to make ends meet, and he became a local hero for using the fame and fortune he got from rapping and pouring it back into the neighborhood. It’s easy to root for a man who sold

copies of his mixtapes out of the parking lot of a strip mall and turned right around and opened a shop in that same mall the second he could afford it.

Hussle was inspirational, repeatedly stressing that success is a means to make things better for those less fortunate and those who will follow him. When the Times interviewed him last year, he was balancing promotion for “Victory Lap” with the opening of Vector 90, a co-working space and STEM center in the Crenshaw district that he envisioned as a conduit between underrepresented groups and corporate partners in Silicon Valley and beyond.

It was impressive to see this kind of forward-thinking investing from a musician. Hussle didn’t just

envision a vibrant South L.A., he saw it as a hub for our nation’s brightest intellectual thinkers.

“In our culture, there’s a narrative that says, ‘Follow the athletes, follow the entertainers,’” he told us. “And that’s cool, but there should be something that says, ‘Follow Elon Musk, follow [Mark] Zuckerberg.’ I think that with me being influential as an artist and young and coming from the inner city, it makes sense for me to be one of the people that’s waving that flag.”

Evidence of Hussle’s good will is sprinkled all over Crenshaw. He was known to buy shoes for students. He repaved basketball courts and freshened up playgrounds. He provided jobs and shelter for the homeless, and he

paid for funerals for those who struggled to bury their loved ones.

Hussle loved South L.A., so much so he made the streets of Crenshaw the backdrop for a glamorous photoshoot he recently did for GQ — Hussle sharp as a hood prince charming to his princess, actress Lauren London.

And those were just the small deeds.

He invested in Destination Crenshaw, a milelong stretch of rotating and permanent art installations, and helped renovate World on Wheels, the old Mid-City roller rink that was one of the establishments responsible for birthing West Coast hip-hop. He was early into redeveloping a strip mall into a mixed-use property that would include low-income apart-

ments and be anchored by his own Marathon Clothing shop.

The property was just purchased last month as part of an initiative that would help locals reinvest in their communities across the country. Sunday, it became a crime scene, and then instantly a place of mourning.

Hussle had big dreams for his ‘hood, and it’s not just tragic but unfair that he was cut down in the middle of revitalizing a community that raised him.

By all accounts, Hussle was doing the right thing. If we remember anything about him, it should be that sense of aspiration.

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Marvel's inclusive universe should expand

Other groups hope franchise will start to showcase them

By JEN YAMATO
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Higher, farther, faster ... and finally more diverse?

Twenty-one films into its juggernaut franchise, Marvel Studios head Kevin Feige says the company's recent wave of superhero titles led by global hits "Black Panther" and "Captain Marvel" is only the start of a more inclusive Marvel Cinematic Universe.

"There will be many more announcements to come," Feige told The Times ahead of the "Captain Marvel" release. "Put it this way: It's only the beginning."

Already making good on that promise as the female-fronted "Captain Marvel" crushed the box office in its worldwide debut, Marvel announced last week that Destin Daniel Cretton ("Short Term 12") will helm the studio's fast-tracked first Asian superhero installment, "Shang-Chi." (Casting details are still to come.)

The franchise's newfound dedication to inclusion, Feige said, owes much to the legacy of the late Stan Lee. The longtime Marvel creative, editor and publisher used his platform to pen his "Stan's Soapbox" column on a variety of subjects, including social and racial injustice.

"Let's lay it right on the line," Lee began one oft-quoted 1968 column. "Bigotry and racism are among the deadliest social ills plaguing the world today."

Feige expressed hope that fans will find a spirit kindred to Lee's social consciousness in the films Marvel is making.

"We're just the stewards, the current stewards, of these characters that he and his co-creators brought together — and all of them were created in that spirit of those 'Soapboxes,'" Feige said. "That was very much what Stan's worldview was, and that's what



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Marvel icon Stan Lee, left, greets "Black Panther" star Chadwick Boseman at the 2018 premiere of the movie based on a Marvel comics character created in 1966.

these movies represent.

"Because that is — how do I put this — it's the right way to be. It is the way the world should be. And one of the great things about movies is you get to showcase the world that you want to reflect and the way you want the world to be. And that's what he did with these characters."

Lee died in November at 95 but has remained a constant presence in the MCU and beyond, appearing posthumously in December's Oscar-winning animated Sony hit "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse."

A tribute celebrating Lee's signature Marvel appearances opens the credits lead-in to "Captain Marvel," in which a scene aboard a speeding train marks one of his final MCU cameos.

Led by Brie Larson, "Captain Marvel" has vanquished both the skeptics and the trolls, a feat to which Lee might have cheered, "Excelsior!" It is the first film in the MCU to be directed by a woman (Anna Boden, who shares directing duties with Ryan

Fleck) and scored \$455 million globally in its opening weekend, the sixth-biggest launch of all time.

The film powered past \$700 million worldwide in its second weekend and is already a lock to crack the MCU's top 10 global hits; analysts predict it will reach \$1 billion in theaters, which would make it only the seventh MCU title to mint 10 figures.

Last year, Ryan Coogler's "Black Panther" ushered in this new era of the MCU with many firsts: the first Marvel film to center on a black superhero, the first to feature a predominantly black cast, the first to be directed by an African American filmmaker. It made \$1.3 billion globally and scored groundbreaking Oscar nominations for the studio, including best picture.

Feige described having similar first conversations with both Larson and Coogler, who wanted to know why Marvel wanted to make their films.

"The initial meetings that we had with [Larson] were not dissimilar to our initial meetings with Ryan

Coogler: 'Oh, wait a minute. They're interviewing us, we're not interviewing them.'" Feige laughed.

Larson, who brought high-profile social activism to "Captain Marvel" and pushed the studio to grant greater access to diverse journalists in its pre-release press campaigns, had just won her best actress Oscar for "Room."

"She had a lot of choices, and I think she had just won the Academy Award, and she knew the power of what this could be," Feige said.

"Black Panther," the trailblazing critical and commercial hit, remains a major feather in Marvel's cap. Feige earned an Oscar nomination for producing "Black Panther" and said Marvel disregarded the long-prevailing misconception that movies with black stars can't travel internationally.

"People would ask, whether it was 'Captain Marvel' or more so last year before the release of 'Black Panther,' about the risk of an entirely African and African American cast and how it would play around

the world," Feige said. "And we said, 'No — we're just going to try to make a great movie and put it out to the world.'"

The Marvel Cinematic Universe exploded more than a decade ago with 2008's "Iron Man," a \$585 million global hit starring Robert Downey Jr. Sixteen consecutive franchise installments featuring such characters as Thor, Captain America, Ant-Man and Spider-Man — all led by white men — followed before a superhero of color, Black Panther, would lead a standalone film in the MCU.

"Diversity does make for better movies, especially with a U.S. population that is almost 40 percent minority," wrote Ana-Christina Ramón, director of research and civic engagement for UCLA's social sciences division and coauthor of UCLA's Hollywood Diversity Report, in an email.

"People of color are avid moviegoers and want to see themselves represented as heroes on the big screen. Marvel's movies since 2008 have been slow to include roles that are more representative and inclusive. It's not enough to just have people of color and women play sidekicks or supporting characters."

Despite the 10-year wait to see a leading superhero of color in the MCU, Feige insists it was a case of perfect timing.

"I wouldn't have had it any other way because the timing does work," he said. "I sometimes joke that Ryan Coogler would still be in high school or elementary school if we tried to hire him to do 'Black Panther' early on in the MCU."

Marvel has also taken a long road with its most prominent female Avenger — Scarlett Johansson's Black Widow — whom fans have been clamoring to see lead her own film since she first appeared in 2010's "Iron Man 2." That film saw movement in July with the hiring of director Cate Shortland.

Last summer also marked the first time a

female superhero got title billing in a Marvel film — even if Evangeline Lilly's Wasp had to share it with a male counterpart — in "Ant-Man and the Wasp."

Though Feige declined to discuss projects after April's "Avengers: Endgame," the studio's development slate includes "The Eternals," to be directed by Chloe Zhao ("The Rider"); a sequel to "Black Panther"; and expected sequels for "Doctor Strange" and "Guardians of the Galaxy."

Even in this moment of celebrated progress, the MCU has miles yet to go. Some, like sociologist and author Nancy Wang Yuen, were disappointed in the limited screen time given to "Crazy Rich Asians" breakout Gemma Chan as Kree warrior Minn-Erva in "Captain Marvel."

On the "Captain Marvel" red carpet, Marvel exec Victoria Alonso was bullish on LGBTQ representation in the MCU — "The world is ready," she told Variety — but noncommittal. With the future of the MCU heavily under wraps, rumors that "The Eternals" may include a gay lead character remain purely speculative.

Ramón points out that while Marvel has made strides for representation in its comics, groups including Latino and Muslim characters "have had little to no representation in the Marvel Studios film universe." However, she's encouraged by the success of "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse," an animated film outside the MCU, which focused on the black and Latino character of Miles Morales.

"The next step from that animated film is to greenlight a live-action film with Latino characters that are central to the storyline," Ramón said.

Perhaps Marvel can take a cue from the tagline echoed all over promo materials for its next spandexed bonanza, "Avengers: Endgame": *Whatever it takes.*

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CSO strike cancels additional concerts

By HOWARD REICH
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All concerts at Symphony Center through April 9 have been canceled, due to the ongoing dispute between striking Chicago Symphony Orchestra musicians and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association, which manages the institution.

The cancellations include CSO subscription concerts on April 4, 5 and 6 and a Symphony Center Presents Special Concert on April 9 that was to have featured Caetano Veloso and sons in their program "Ofertorio." All pre-concert special events also are canceled.

Two off-site concerts also have been canceled: A Civic Orchestra of Chicago chamber music concert at the National Museum of Mexican Art on April 7; and a MusicNOW concert at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance on April 8.

The musicians' strike began on March 10, and its central issues remain the same: salary and pensions.

"Patrons with tickets to canceled concerts have options including exchanging their tickets into future concerts, donating their tickets or requesting a refund," according to a Symphony Center statement.

For more information visit www.cso.org or phone 312-294-3000.

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What is 'Us' about? Winston Duke is ready to explain

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NEW YORK — Winston Duke is giving a 40-minute Ted Talk about the invisible strings of power to an audience of one.

He is inside the American Museum of Natural History's basement cafeteria, a florescent-lit cavern packed with clanking silverware and crying babies. This isn't a non-sequitur. In fact, this is the direct result of asking the 32-year-old actor one seemingly simple question about his new movie, "Us": Uhhh, what the heck did I just see?

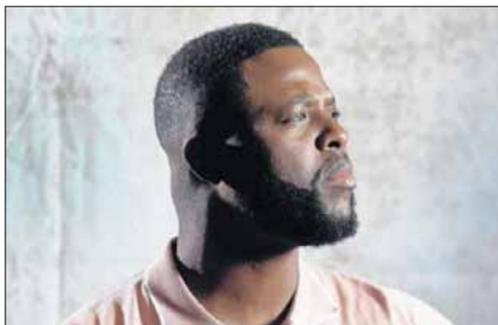
"Give me a piece of paper for my gum because we 'bouts to talk," Duke said, stamping a Joan Riversian emphasis on that last bit.

Duke doesn't just want to tawk, he needs to. Best known for his scene-stealing and thirst-trapping role as the "great gorilla" M'Baku in "Black Panther," the Yale-trained actor is cerebral in a way that shouldn't be surprising but nevertheless is.

He is constantly thinking, analyzing, breaking it down while punctuating each thought with a conspiratorial "right?" He speaks not in paragraphs but dissertations, like a professor who really wants his kids to get it.

"I relish this opportunity," Duke said, halfway through his oral argument about what "Us" is trying to teach its audience about the world.

The hotly anticipated follow-up to Jordan Peele's Oscar-winning thriller "Get Out" is expected to be quite heady. Duke doesn't just want to be a part of the inevitable think pieces, Twitter threads and roundtables about the film, almost a modern-day take on the French Revolution



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Winston Duke stars in "Us." The actor is best known for his role as M'Baku in "Black Panther."

but with crazy clones.

"I want to potentially lead this discussion," he said.

And he does just that — launching into several informed treatises on American society, sins knocking at your door, sneaky power structures and privilege. Duke's Caribbean lilt bleeds through every time he says the word, drawing it out into three punctuated syllables — pri-vi-lege — that give the concept extra consideration.

But, seriously, what is this movie about?

On its surface, "Us" tells the tale of a well-off family on a beach vacation that goes violently wrong. The film follows the Wilsons, ostensibly led by Duke's naive, sitcom dad, Gabe, but really by Lupita Nyong'o's tough-mom character, Adelaide, as they battle a group of doppelgängers who have come to take over.

It's not a popcorn flick. In 2 hours, 1 minute, there are Bible verses, bunnies, scary amusement park rides, brass scissors and boat shoes.

The chief concern of Duke's character — who does most of his fighting in dad glasses, a Howard University sweatshirt and loafers — is whether his neighbors have a bigger

boat and a better car.

When the clones show up, it's whether said neighbors would very much like to impale him.

"The movie is strongly about cultures of power and what they look like and how you participate in them," Duke said. "It's also a commentary on the perils of the American Dream."

That's the very ambition Duke, who moved with his mother and sister to New York from the island of Tobago when he was 9, likes to dissect.

He first came to this museum with his sister when he was a kid. He kept coming back again and again, enthralled by the planetarium permanent exhibit, which he says changed his life at 19. He was doing a big think then about life and death and the meaning of it all when the vastness of the cosmos put everything into perspective.

"Being an outsider by default gives you a place to view things from because you're not perfectly in it," Duke said. "So you got to look at it with fresh eyes and wonder why it works and why it does the things that it does."

In 2016, Duke was working semi-regularly, doing one-off roles in TV, when he got the call that would

catapult his fame. At the time, the actor was unsure about his future.

"Am I working enough to sustain a life, to build a family, buy a home in this country?" he recalled asking himself. Am I doing enough?"

"You mean achieving the American Dream?" I countered.

"Girl!" Duke emphasized. "Girl, you feel me."

Self-definition, another theme threaded throughout "Us," is a big deal to Duke, who has been defined thus far by his superhero breakthrough as M'Baku. His "Black Panther" co-star Daniel Kalu-uya told E! News that Duke was a "star" in the making.

"Look at him light up the screen," praised Kalu-uya, who starred in "Get Out." "Look at him ascend."

In April, Duke stars in another blockbuster superhero movie, "Avengers: Endgame."

"I didn't plan to break out," Duke said. "I just planned to make really bold choices and lean into whatever it is that I do. And I'll always do that."

"As prominent or as nuanced as a performance is, all I can tell you is that it's intentional."

In one of the most memorable lines in "Us," the Wilsons ask their deranged doppelgängers who they are.

"We're Americans," replies Nyong'o's evil twin.

So basically, the film is about what happens when your chickens come home to roost and you had no idea you had a farm. "Us" is also about race, although it isn't the central issue, as in "Get Out."

"Anything that has to do with black people in a racially charged world is about race because our skin is politicized, right?" Duke said. "And our expe-

rience is deeply defined by seeing the world through the experiences of our skin, right? So black people on vacation already is about race."

Duke emerges from the cafeteria. His first stop is a quaint, life-size diorama of Dutch settlers meeting Native Americans for the first time. Above the scene is a newly added dialogue box that reads, "The scene offers only stereotypical representations and ignores how complex and violent colonization was for native people."

Duke considers this for a moment before launching into a debate about Confederate statues. Do we wipe away history or just reimagine it?

The museum was closing by the time Duke steps out onto Central Park West. He takes a look at a controversial statue of Theodore Roosevelt on horseback. Standing beneath Roosevelt is a half-naked Native American man and an African man.

Duke is stunned but not surprised. It's the 3-D representation of everything he spent the last hour or more trying to explain.

Earlier, he had described privilege as "not having to ask a question because it doesn't occur to you as a problem." The statue, an emblem of white supremacy that no one in Duke's entourage noticed until, well, everyone did, has stood outside the museum since 1940.

It has been the subject of a protest and was vandalized in 2017.

Duke's photographer scrolls through details about the statue on his phone as the group heads to their car. Questions abound, and Duke, as always, is prepared to answer them.

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Netflix

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tal-health experts. “If I worked at Netflix I might say, ‘Well, this is what people want.’ But that doesn’t mean it should be provided,” he said. “The research shows that escalating violence on-screen can make us more tolerant of it in real life; it can leave ‘lingering fear’ that can cause sleep disturbances and other problems. There is an issue of social responsibility here.”

Netflix closely guards its viewership data, so it is hard to make direct comparisons to broadcast and cable networks, which allow themselves to be rated. And Netflix is of course by no means the first content company to offer gore on the small screen. HBO has “True Detective” and “Game of Thrones,” Showtime had “Dexter,” and CBS has long tested the limits of blood appetites on procedurals such as “CSI,” to name a few examples.

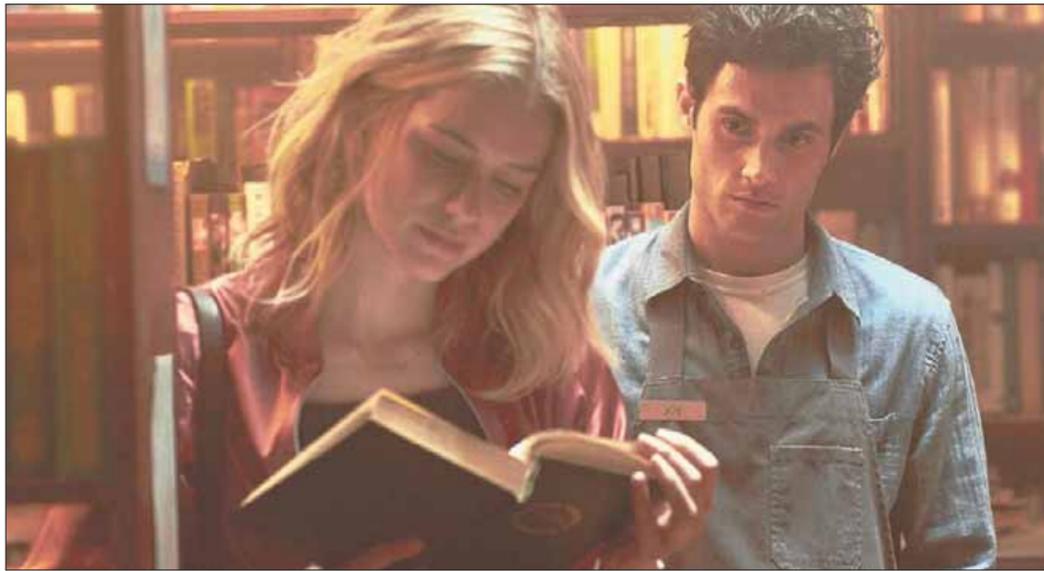
But in the data Netflix does release, there are strong hints of the disproportionate role of violence in its top offerings. (Note: The story ahead contains some plot spoilers of previously released Netflix shows and movies; please read with this in mind.)

Netflix recently revealed its most binged shows in 2018 — the shows people spend the most time watching in a single sitting. Of the top three last year, two centered on death or violence, “Making a Murderer” and “13 Reasons Why,” the latter a scripted drama focusing on the suicide of a teenage girl. Netflix provided the eight most-binged of its original productions in 2018. Half of them contained a significant degree of violence or morbid themes.

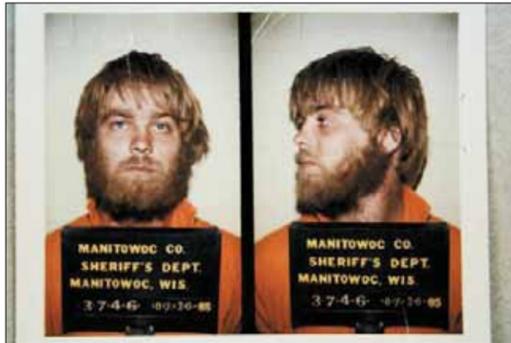
Then there’s newcomer “You,” about a creepy stalker, which the company touted on a recent earnings call has been viewed by at least 40 million households. And one of the most-watched Netflix movies ever, “Bird Box,” released in December, is a dark exercise in which victims are moved to commit suicide after encountering a lethal supernatural being. The film was viewed by 80 million accounts in its first month of availability, Netflix executives said.

Asked about both the trend and the criticism of it, a Netflix spokesperson said: “There’s a huge choice on Netflix: dramas, romantic comedies, cooking shows, mysteries, documentaries, stand-up comedy specials, and a whole lot more. Focusing on one genre to the exclusion of all these others simply doesn’t reflect the programming we offer.”

But the company has also boasted of the popularity of programming with these themes. In its earnings call in January, Chief Content Officer Ted Sa-



Elizabeth Lail as Beck and Penn Badgley as Joe in “You,” which is diverging from the book it’s based upon.



Steven Avery in “Making a Murderer.”

randos told analysts that “One thing this quarter that’s been incredibly exciting [is] when you see a big number like ‘Bird Box’ and ‘You.’” He said the two content offerings “tap into the global zeitgeist.”

While there’s plenty of violence to be found elsewhere, other networks’ shows don’t dwell on these subjects as often. Of the 15-most watched series on HBO in 2018, only three might have been regarded as centering on hard-edged violence.

And no broadcast network in 2017-2018 had more than one show in its top five that primarily trafficked in violence, even of the more benign broadcast-network kind. The top scripted series on the biggest networks in 2017-2018 in the adult 18-49 demographic — NBC’s “This Is Us,” CBS’ “The Big Bang Theory” and ABC’s “Roseanne” — are all preoccupied with other themes.

People who study violence on entertainment platforms say the intensity of the fare on Netflix can also be greater than on competitors. “You” follows the main character as he takes a mallet to a young male victim, locks him in a Plexiglas cage and poisons him. “Conversations with a Killer” has the faces of tortured murder victims flashing across the screen as Bundy explains why someone might commit the horrific crimes.

Other TV shows will certainly spotlight a corpse or murder, but stalkers and serial killers are far less often the show’s central protagonists. Even “Game

of Thrones,” possibly some of the most violent content not on Netflix, is frequently focused on power and palace intrigue, with violence more the dependable tool to acquire it.

“I think the decision to show more sensationalist programs is driven by the same thing that makes Netflix give us so little control to stop the next episode,” said Wendy Wood, a professor of psychology and business at the University of Southern California, alluding to the so-called autoplay feature in which a new episode begins automatically. “That something is ‘success to Netflix.’”

Robert Thompson, a professor of media and culture at Syracuse University, says the reason for this focus may have to do with the fact that viewers often watch Netflix in more private ways and settings than they do traditional television. That can help the service achieve for shows about killers what e-book readers did for “50 Shades of Grey,” plain-brown packaging by way of the company of the red envelope.

In other words, he said, violence fits the delivery vehicle.

“If you look at television history, there’s often a mirror effect,” Thompson said. “In the early days of TV, in the days of ‘I Love Lucy’ and ‘Leave it to Beaver,’ families would gather in the living rooms to watch shows about people who gather in their living rooms. And now we’re people who sit huddled alone, looking a little



Sandra Bullock in a scene from the film “Bird Box.”

creepy, watching people who are huddled alone looking a little creepy.”

Grisly content also can fit with the type of narrow but deep engagement Netflix seeks; the service’s model is based more on small pockets of high interest than the broad-viewership ambitions of many competitors.

What’s more, some note that the company’s algorithms tend to encourage consumption and production of what’s already succeeding, amplifying the trend.

“Because Netflix bases so much on technology, when something works, you’re going to have a lot of different versions of that same thing. I think that’s what’s happening with this kind of violent content,” said Gina Keating, the author of “Netflixd: The Epic Battle for America’s Eyeballs.” “I would call it a virtuous circle except it’s not that virtuous.”

The service’s interest in violence began early. Netflix’s first original scripted series was “House of Cards,” with its linchpin moment of Frank pushing Zoe in front of a train. Shortly after came “Hemlock Grove,” which opens with two teenage girls violently murdered.

Soon these themes had spread to other narrative forms, culminating in recent months with the raw recordings of “Conversations” and the plot lines of “You,” whose first season Netflix recently acquired from Lifetime as part of a deal in which it will also finance a second season. “Making a Murderer”

was a landmark event for Netflix when it came online in late 2015, with its story of a man accused of murder and sexual assault. It would soon spawn both a second season and other true-crime series such as “Evil Genius” and “The Innocent Man.”

Last week the company released its latest entry in the category, “The Disappearance of Madeleine McCann,” a story of a young British girl who went missing while on vacation with her parents in Portugal. The series has received negative reviews; the Guardian called it “morally and creatively bankrupt” and “a blatant cash-in on the vogue for the true-crime series that have become a staple of Netflix’s output since the success of ‘Making a Murderer.’”

And even before the recent “Velvet Buzzsaw,” a dark horror-comedy that featured admirers of art gorily hanged and burned, and “Polar,” a hit-man thriller with multiple gruesome murders, Netflix was debuting films like “The Babysitter” and “Clinical,” which feature plenty of explicit violence. (It’s worth noting that the tone and quality of all of this content can vary wildly; some pieces have drawn high acclaim while others have been pilloried.)

Some experts say they have particular concerns about portrayal of violence against women.

“There are many studies that show that the ‘rape-myth acceptance scale’ — basically how much male viewers accept a rape myth — goes up with increased

exposure to this kind of content,” Sparks said. “The idea for example that women might be ‘asking’ for sexual assaults, or might enjoy them — those are very clearly myths. But consistent exposure [to violence] like this is shown to make more males conclude they’re true.”

The programming’s potential effect on suicide has also come under scrutiny with the popularity of “13 Reasons Why.”

In a large joint study after the show’s debut in 2017, researchers at a number of institutions found that Google queries about suicide had gone up 19 percent in the three weeks after the show became available.

Both the statistics and anecdotes support the idea the show was glamorizing suicide, experts said.

“I had a dad call me because he found his 15-year-old in her bathtub dressed like Hannah, who had cut herself like Hannah,” said Dan Reidenberg, a psychologist who runs Suicide Awareness Voices of Education, a Minnesota-based mental-health organization, referring to the show’s main character. “The research bears this out. The way the show presented the content had real impact.”

Reidenberg, who works with Hollywood on the depiction of mental-health, was called by Netflix to watch “13 Reasons Why” and offers executives thoughts after the first season was shot. He said the company “did listen and hear feedback” but didn’t, in his view, change the season much as a result.

Content providers say that violent entertainment is simply built in to the American consumer experience; it is less a matter of a company creating a desire than meeting one that is already there.

The point does not persuade USC’s Wood, who said that, even though many people choose to watch this content, she didn’t believe that absolved Netflix of responsibility.

“The fact that we don’t have control not only over what’s made but how it’s viewed — that so much of the so-called ‘personalization’ is decided on by Netflix with its algorithms — makes them responsible,” she said.

There is little sign Netflix will turn away from the category. In addition to the investment in “You,” it’s firmly in the Bundy business — it recently acquired the scripted “Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil and Vile,” starring the teen-friendly star Zac Efron. Fans have already buzzed online.

“Of course a lot of this is going to be popular,” Sparks said. “But just because people like it doesn’t mean Netflix always has to foster the appetite. McDonald’s used to make French fries with beef tallow because it tasted good. That didn’t mean they should continue serving it.”

Moment

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out, I went in to audition for this indie movie. This was in Los Angeles, probably around 2006 or 2007. And I actually fell in love with this movie — I thought it was amazing and it ended up being amazing because it went to Sundance and the actress that was in it won a Sundance award, it was a whole situation. I’m going to be diplomatic and not say what the movie was.

“So I went and auditioned for this film and I felt like I really understood this character, I’ve lived this experience. And it ended up getting down to a chemistry read with myself and the lead actor, who had already been cast. Chemistry reads are always bizarre because, especially if it’s a romantic scene, you’re meeting this person for the first time but you have to kiss and there’s an intimacy to it. It’s like you’re almost on a first date. It’s really strange.

“But I thought I had done really well. My agent got a call from the casting director who said, ‘They really love you but they’ve had a tape sent in from another

girl and they really love her.’ So I was waiting to see if I got it — and then I heard that it went to this other girl. And I was really bummed about it because I had gotten so, so close.

“Also, I won’t say names, but this launched that girl’s career. She was an unknown and she ended up blowing up because of the movie. She’s been nominated for an Oscar, she’s amazing. I fully respect her, she totally deserved to get the movie.

“At the time, I worked at a sports bar, at Barney’s Beanery in Santa Monica. This was probably about two weeks after not getting the part and I’m really bummed about it but I’m at work, and in my section there was a patio area.

“And I walk out to this table, not really paying attention and look up and said, ‘Hi, I’m Camilla’ — and I realize sitting there was the director of the movie that I had just done a chemistry read for.

“And not just him, it was also the actor that I had done the chemistry read with and the girl they had cast. And they were having their meeting of: Congratulations, you got the role, let’s go out and have dinner and discuss the movie.

“And they absolutely recognized me. They were like, ‘Camilla! How are you?’ And I was like, ‘Amazing!’ — I’m on a waitressing shift, obviously things are going well. The worst thing was, the actress had no idea but the actor and the director, I could tell that they found this painfully cringey. And I completely died inside.

“And this is not even, like, a chic restaurant, right? It’s a sports bar. So when I’m interrupting them, I’m like: ‘Do you want wings? Do you want sliders?’

“There were just levels of humiliation. The uniform was a Barney’s Beanery T-shirt and an apron, so did I have ranch dressing down my shirt? A hundred percent. Did I have some sort of wing sauce on me? Yeah. Did I smell bad? Probably. I for sure had french fry grease on me. It was a full-on sports bar situation.

“And I remember going back to the bathroom and I crying in a stall because I couldn’t hand the table off to somebody because it would look like I cared! So I had to be really cool with it. But they sat there for two hours! I kept coming back and refilling their drinks and they’re discussing the movie I didn’t get!”



Camilla Luddington, left, as Dr. Jo Wilson and Justin Chambers as Dr. Alex Karev

Did they tip well?

“I don’t remember! But I don’t remember it being a bad tip, so it was something nice. I do remember thinking, he’s probably wondering what to tip me because he didn’t cast me in his movie — so it was like, a pity tip? But that was the least of my problems!

“This detail really makes me cringe: But at the end of the dinner, I gave them a discount on their food — and I don’t know why. I think I was trying to be nice and cool about it?”

“That whole experience, I think I cringed for a month. You know that feeling when you remember

something and it’s just like, ‘Arrghh?’ It was like running into a one-night stand that you liked but who never called you back.

“I think also, when you go to any audition — especially when you’re starting out — you want to appear like you’re an actress: That this is what you do. But the reality is you need a side job to provide for yourself, right? So I think it felt like my curtain had been pulled back, like ‘The Wizard of Oz,’ and I had been revealed as a waitress at this sports bar and not an actress.

“After my shift there was definitely drinking involved. There was crying. There

was probably mumbling to myself (*laughs*).”

The takeaway ...

“Hand the table over to someone else! There would have been no shame (*laughs*) in just protecting myself in that moment. Because when I came over to the table and they were talking about location details — those were things I didn’t need to hear, especially after losing out on a job I really wanted.

“So I think I would have done a little more self-preservation.

“I never saw the movie, but I do remember going to the ArcLight and because the movie had done so well at Sundance, there was a national release and they had put their costumes in a glass case. I was like, ‘Oh, that’s the costume I would have worn.’ (*Laughs*.)

“When I first lost out on the role, the story I told myself to feel better was: The movie’s not going anywhere, you’ll probably never hear about it again. And of course it was the darling of Sundance! So yeah, it was definitely hard. But now I would totally watch it!”

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WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Colin Donnell

"Chicago Med" (7 p.m., NBC): In the middle of an urgent surgery, Dr. Rhodes (Colin Donnell) gets a phone call so alarming that he abandons the operation and rushes out of the hospital in the new episode "Tell Me the Truth." Elsewhere, Dr. Halstead (Nick Gehlfuss) helps an FBI agent who is brought into the ER, but he can't help thinking there is more to that story than he is being told.

"Empire" (7 p.m., FOX): Things heat up and egos clash bitterly when Empire launches its national tour in Philadelphia in a new episode called "Hot Blood, Hot Thoughts, Hot Deeds." Treasure (guest star Simone) suffers a mortifying mishap on stage, and Cookie (Taraji P. Henson) wrestles with her tangled feelings for Damon (guest star Wood Harris). Meanwhile, the Feds start an in-depth investigation of Empire. Toby Onwumere and Joss Stone also guest star.

"Zombie House Flipping" (8 p.m., 12:03 a.m., AE): In the new episode "The Waterlogged Cabin," the team acquires what some term a "lurker" zombie property, which means it looks OK at first glance, but shows evidence of serious water damage once actual work begins. Complicating matters for them is a spell of rainy weather during their work, causing water to further penetrate the interior of the home and destroying their upgrades even as they make them.

"Master of the White Crane Fist: Wong Yan-lam" (8:55 p.m., Cinemax): Director Guo Jiayong returns to direct the third installment in his martial arts adventures, set in ancient China during the late Qing dynasty. The story deals with four constables who encounter a theater troupe and an enigmatic priest while on an assignment to escort a criminal to justice.

"You're the Worst" (9 p.m., 9:47 p.m., FXX): It's been a long, strange journey, to be sure, but the series finale of this "anti-rom-com" takes place on the long-awaited wedding day of Jimmy and Gretchen (Chris Geere, Aya Cash). They're hardy out of the relationship weeds, though. In fact, they're both still grappling with the pivotal issue of what marriage even means.

"Brockmire" (9 p.m., IFC): When last we saw Jim Brockmire (Hank Azaria), he was bound for rehab, having nearly died during a drug-fueled night of partying. Season 3 opens with Brockmire, three months sober, doing play-by-play in the radio booth for major league teams in central Florida for spring training in the season premiere, "Clubhouse Cancer."

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Comic Nikki Glaser.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Alec Baldwin; Kelly Clarkson talks and performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor John Lithgow; politician Stacey Abrams; Kevin Garrett performs.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Kevin Hart; Marshmello and Chvrches perform.*

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	NBC 5	Chicago Med: "Tell Me the Truth." (N) ©		Chicago Fire: "No Such Thing as Bad Luck." (N)		Chicago P.D.: "This City." (N) ©		NBC 5 News (N) ♦	
	ABC 7	The Goldbergs (N)	Schooled (N) ©	Modern Family (N)	Single Parents (N)	Whiskey Cavalier: "Five Spies and a Baby." (N)		News at 10pm (N) ♦	
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OWN	If Loving You Is Wrong		If Loving You Is Wrong		Loving You (N)		John Gray ♦		
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'UNPLANNED' ★

Case against abortion is absolutist and extreme

BY OWEN GLEIBERMAN
Variety

"Unplanned" isn't a good movie, but it's effective propaganda — or, at least, it is if one belongs to the group being targeted: those who believe that abortion in America, though a legal right, is really a crime.

It's hard to imagine the movie drawing many viewers outside that self-selected demographic. "Unplanned" preaches to the pro-life choir, and it does so by making a case against abortion that's absolutist and extreme, at certain points twisting "facts" into a narrative of conspiracy.

(Planned Parenthood is portrayed as a corporation as profit-driven as Standard Oil.)

But "Unplanned" also does a skillful job of using religious piety to conceal its underlying political agenda. The film is based on a memoir by Abby Johnson, an anti-abortion activist who worked for eight years in a Planned Parenthood clinic in Bryan, Texas. She started off as a volunteer, ushering women from their cars past the protesters at the gates, then rose to become the clinic's director, overseeing thousands of abortions; early on, she had two abortions herself.

The movie is a conversion story about how Johnson evolved from her pro-choice stance to the belief that abortion — any abortion — is wrong. She joined the activist organization that became 40 Days for Life, and at the end of the movie a title states that another anti-abortion group, And Then There Were None, has gotten 500 workers to drop out of what it describes as "the abortion industry." It offers a phone number for others just like them to call.

Yet the notion that abortions in America would end if only those who provided them experienced a leap of conscience is nothing more than a canard, a fig leaf for

the film's real agenda. "Unplanned" comes along at a moment when the Supreme Court is tilted, for the first time since the '60s, in a profoundly conservative direction and abortion laws are being eaten away at by state legislatures and conservative judges.

The movie comes on as if it's trying to make converts, but what it's really doing is mobilizing those on the pro-life side to come out and vote for politicians who will step up the legal assault on abortion rights.

It starts off as a pro-life alarmist horror movie, and that's not a hard thing to do since Abby, even when she's in her pro-choice phase, makes the point that "abortion isn't pretty." Abby is played, by the appealing Ashley Bratcher, as less a crusader than an avid ordinary woman, full of sisterly feeling she yearns to make active, even as she marries a saintly Christian hunk (Brooks Ryan) who is completely anti-abortion, as are both her parents.

"Unplanned" opens with the experience, eight years into Abby's stint at Planned Parenthood, that resulted in her final turn against abortion. After never having actually witnessed one, she's suddenly called in to assist in the ultrasound-guided abortion of a 13-week-old fetus, and what she sees on the monitor looks to her like a baby reacting to what's being done to it.

The movie then flashes back eight years, and we witness several incidents that escalate in calamity: Abby's first abortion (the result of a relationship with an older lout in her apartment building), then her second (after she marries and divorces the bum), induced with the RU-486 pill, which a woman at the clinic tells her will make it easy, with just some "light" bleeding. Instead, after ingesting the pill, Abby thinks she's dying as she's wracked by excruciating pain and the bleeding turns

out to be anything but light.

This is followed by the queasy moral horror Abby feels when a high-school girl, brought into the clinic by her father, experiences severe bleeding and other complications, and the head of the clinic, the take-no-prisoners women's-rights activist Cheryl (Robia Scott), refuses to call an ambulance. That's because the protesters would see — and potentially film — the ambulance, and it would hurt the cause.

Clearly, for a health clinic to refuse appropriate medical care to anyone is indefensible. Yet the directors of "Unplanned," Chuck Konzelman and Cary Solomon, seem immune to the fact that Cheryl's dastardly motivation — she's loath to do anything that could help the other side — wouldn't be there in the first place if the legal right to abortion weren't on such thin ice.

Do the protesters share any culpability? Of course they don't! In "Unplanned," trauma and inhumanity cut only one way.

The film, which is told in the flat, didactic style of an ideological Sunday-school lesson, isn't interested in the actual lives of the girls and women who want to end their pregnancies. It simply views their choice as wrong and says that their lives, by definition, would work out better if they made a different choice. The risk and cataclysm of illegal abortion is, of course, never mentioned.

At an expo, a Planned Parenthood representative convinces Abby that the organization is all about reducing the number of abortions (which, among other things, it is). And that's why she joins.

But for the moment she volunteers, she's drawn into a sympathetic dialogue with the protesters outside. A few of them are bellicose, carrying photographs of mangled fetuses, but the members of the Coalition for Life are kinder and



MICHAEL KUBEISV/PURE FLIX

Brooks Ryan, left, comforts Ashley Bratcher in a scene from "Unplanned."

gentler. They don't believe in strong-arm tactics; they believe in persuasion through love.

Cheryl, who ultimately anoints Abby to be director of the clinic, is portrayed as a corporate witch — the Cruella de Vil of abortion — who greets any questioning of her methods as heresy. It

is she who reveals what the movie presents as the dirty secret of Planned Parenthood: that the organization makes the most money off abortion, and therefore — according to "Unplanned" — its hidden agenda is to maximize the number of abortion procedures it performs. The organization

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is portrayed as an abortion factory.

Planned Parenthood is as imperfect as any bureaucracy, but the idea that the agonizing decision to have an abortion, for tens of thousands of women, is being secretly guided by the profit motive is a distorted and arguably paranoid view. In "Unplanned," babies, families, and Christian love are all under assault by the abortion industry. The only salvation comes when Abby stares at an ultrasound image and sees the light.

There's no arguing with this point of view, and that's the whole problem with it. "Unplanned" views humanity itself in black and white.

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. You know what you need to do. Win through disciplined efforts, rather than luck. If overwhelmed, narrow the focus to one task at a time.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 6. You're especially imaginative and creative. Make plans, and organize. Lay low, and avoid overspending. Finish old tasks to make space for what's next.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Consider all options with a team effort. Coordinate and communicate to avoid redundancy or errors. Money saved is money earned. Build solid structures together.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Review your professional dreams, visions and intuition before diving into action. Consider your desired outcome, and plot different routes in that direction.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 6. Your travel or study plans could get derailed. Don't get distracted by time-sucking temptations. It's possible to get too much of a good thing.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Let your partner and team know what you need. Work out the budget, and make sure that the numbers align. Self-discipline matters. Minimize risks.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Don't let a partner's crazy ideas get you into trouble. Trust your own sense. Some parts may be valuable; keep the good stuff. Stay positive.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Consider your dreams, goals and ambitions with health, fitness and physical labors. Success takes focused work, rather than fortune. Work with a good coach.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Prioritize fun and romance. Share a dream with someone special. Invite entertaining collaborations. Keep an optimistic view. Avoid overspending or overindulging. Relax and enjoy.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Family comes first. Decisions made now could last. Keep your objective in mind, and use trusted methods to attain it. Home matters require attention.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Writing and research projects engage you. Analyze the basic structure. Build solid foundations before you add creative flourishes.

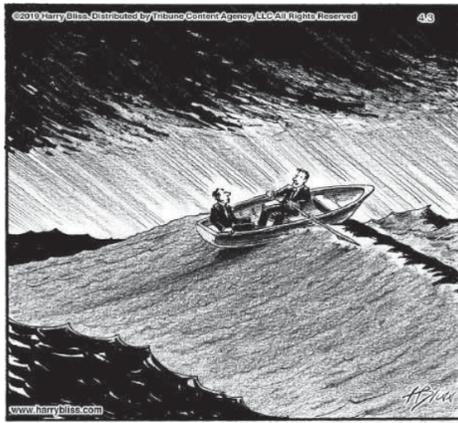
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. The next two days could be good for business. Work could interfere with playtime. Heed advice from experts, even when you don't agree.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

Both vulnerable, North deals

North		East	
♠ K Q 10 8	♥ Q 5	♠ J 9 4	♥ 10 8 6 3
♦ A J 10 8 5	♣ 9 6	♦ K 7 6 4	♣ 10 2
West		South	
♠ A 7 6 5 3 2	♥ Void	♠ Void	♥ A K J 9 4 2
♦ 7	♦ Q 3	♦ 9 2	♠ A Q J 7 3
♣ K 8 5 4			

North showed good judgment when he bid five hearts. He declined to cue bid five diamonds because he knew that he had wasted values in spades. The rest of his hand would not please his partner very much, either.

West was Canadian expert George Mittelman. The opening lead decision was difficult. He was warned off the ace of spades by South's cue bid. A club lead into the four-club bidder seemed wrong, and a trump might damage his partner's trump holding. Mittelman decided on a diamond lead and chose the deceptive three. This looked like a singleton to declarer, who rose with dummy's ace and led a club to his queen and West's king.

West continued with a club to the nine, 10, and jack. Declarer made a good decision when he next ruffed a club with dummy's queen of hearts, but then had to decide what to do when he led a trump back to his hand. West had shown six spades in the auction and four clubs in the play. West was presumed to have a singleton diamond, so South didn't play him to also have a singleton heart. He won the first heart with his ace and could no longer make his contract.

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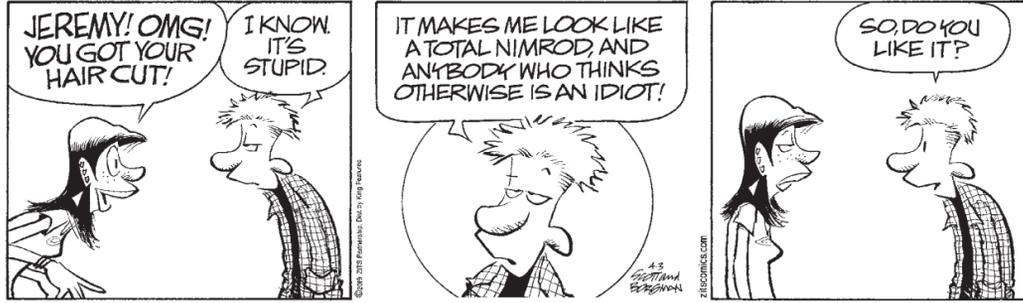
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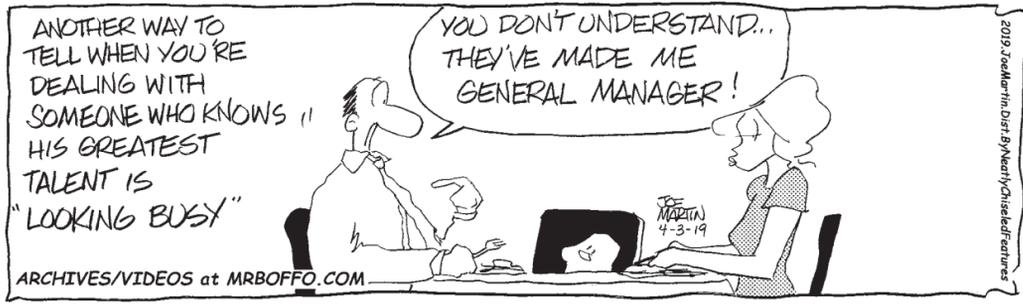
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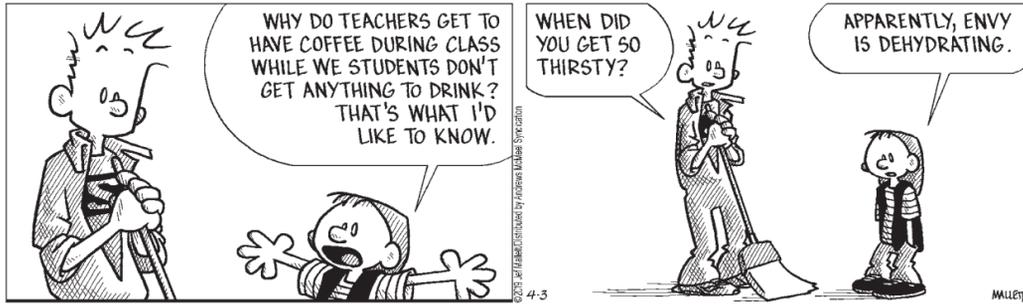
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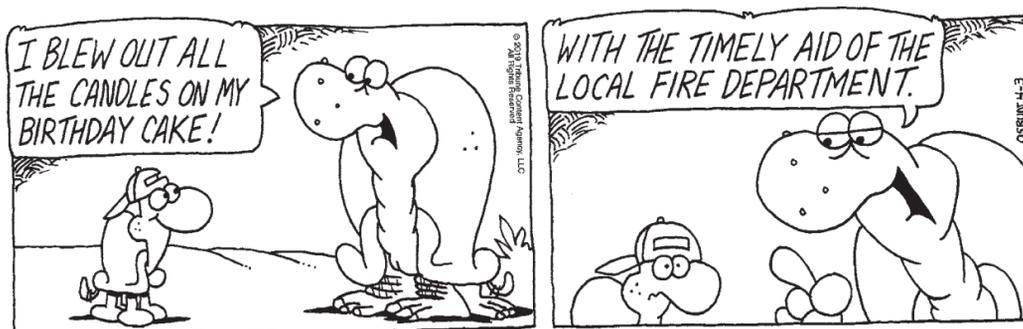
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HEALTH & FAMILY

'Drunkorexia' a campus risk

Many drink after fasting all day long

By CARA ROSENBLUM
The Washington Post

My college experience included this life-skills lesson: Drink alcohol on a full stomach, so you don't get inebriated too quickly. Of course, most college students shouldn't be drinking at all, but we know from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism that close to 60 percent of college students ages 18 to 22 do consume alcohol, which makes harm-reducing approaches important.

Unfortunately, campus authorities and researchers are reporting a practice that turns the full-stomach drinking strategy on its head: Rather than filling up before a night of partying, significant numbers of students refuse to eat all day before consuming alcohol.

This is a high-risk behavior colloquially called "drunkorexia," which is one part eating disorder, one part alcoholism — a very dangerous combination for college-age students.

The term drunkorexia, which can also include excessive exercise or purging before consuming alcohol, was coined about 10 years ago, and it started showing up in medical research around 2012. Drunkorexia addresses the need to be the life of the party while staying extremely thin, pointing to a flawed mindset about body image and alcoholism among college students, mostly women.

Imagine this scenario: A female college freshman doesn't eat anything all day, exercises on an empty stomach, then downs five shots of tequila in less than two hours. Because there's no food in her system to help slow the absorption of alcohol, those shots affect her rapidly, leading to inebriation and possibly passing out, vomiting or suffering alcohol poisoning. That's drunkorexia.

Tavis Glassman, professor of health education and public health at the University of Toledo in Ohio, researches drunkorexia and worries about scenarios such as the one described above: "With nothing in her system, alcohol hits quickly, and that brings up the same issues as with any high-risk drinking: getting home safely, sexual assault, unintentional injury, fights, blackouts, hangovers that affect class at-



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"Drunkorexia" combines eating disorder and alcoholism, and some experts say it should be added as a condition in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

tendance and grades, and possibly ending up in emergency because the alcohol hits so hard," he says.

From a medical point of view, Seattle-based registered dietitian Ginger Hultin points out that if alcohol is prioritized over food, it could result in nutrient deficiencies such as calcium, B vitamins, magnesium, fiber and protein.

"Alcohol can negatively affect the liver or gastrointestinal system, it can interfere with sleep, lower the immune system and is linked to several types of cancers," Hultin says.

With all of the noted harms, why would a promising college freshman choose this unhealthy pattern? Well, likely it's not a choice, but mental health and addiction issues mixed together. Studies show that having a pre-existing eating disorder or alcoholism are predictors of drunkorexia.

There are no national statistics on the prevalence of campus drunkorexia, and surveys from colleges range widely: One report concluded that 34 percent of all students surveyed had engaged in this behavior; another said 81 percent of

students who drink heavily had done so. What experts and researchers do agree on is the seriousness of the practice.

"As soon as this behavior is identified, it could actually be considered a problem," Hultin says. There's no safe level of starvation paired with binge drinking.

Glassman and his colleagues are seeking to have drunkorexia — or a more aptly named "alcoholimia" — added as an official diagnosis in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM), as a subcategory of Other Speci-

fied Feeding and Eating Disorders. They hope for guidelines to help practitioners identify the condition in people who engage in high-risk drinking; are very concerned with their body shape; and engage in either laxative use, vomiting, weight-control stimulants, meal skipping, food restriction or excessive exercise.

Adding drunkorexia to the DSM would increase the likelihood that a person with this condition can receive insurance coverage for treatment. That's an important consideration, since treatment may include a costly team approach, including dietitians, psychologists and medical doctors who are able to care for the "dual diagnosis" — a medical term for a practice that treats people who suffer from both an addiction and a psychiatric disorder.

At the University of Toledo, Glassman and his team are trying to prevent drunkorexia with body image education and are raising awareness about the harms of body shaming.

"We try to emphasize that the human body comes in different shapes and sizes, and remind students that when they look at the media, with computer enhancement and airbrushing, even the model may not really look like a model," Glassman says.

"We remind students to value people based on things besides their appearance."

Their campaign focuses on health factors, by reminding students that they have only one body, and it's time to take care of it instead of abusing, hating or shaming it. "Some students perceive drunkorexia to be harmless when in fact the behavior is extremely dangerous," Glassman says. "Once they recognize that it's unhealthy, a lot of students make the decision to change their behavior and get help as necessary."

Hultin says parents, educators, school counselors and medical professionals can help identify drunkorexia in students, and adds that "if students see friends engaging in this type of behavior, they can intervene and encourage different choices or offer support or resources to address a potential problematic relationship with alcohol and/or food." Help is always available. An on-campus medical or counseling center is a good place to start.

Cara Rosenbloom, a registered dietitian, is president of Words to Eat By, a nutrition communications company. She is the co-author of "Nourish: Whole Food Recipes Featuring Seeds, Nuts and Beans."

I'm a snowplow/jet fighter/lawnmower parent?



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

Leader: Good morning, and thank you for taking time out of your schedules to be here today. I know this is an unusual time for us to meet.

Parent support group (in unison): Good morning.

Leader: I called this previously unscheduled

meeting because I've been getting a high volume of texts and emails from you that betray a level of concern, the likes of which I haven't seen since that time we discussed your children's backpacks. You're unsettled.

Parent No. 1: We're panicked, Jan. Just call it

what it is.

Leader: You feel misunderstood. Maligned, even.

Parent No. 2: They're calling us snowblowers!

Parent No. 3: Snowplows.

Parent No. 2: Snowplows! Whatever! Snowplow parenting!

Parent No. 1: And jet

fighters.

Parent No. 5: The other day my husband emailed me an article, "11 Signs You're a Lawnmower Parent."

Parent No. 2: My mother-in-law sent me that.

Parent No. 5: Did you read it?

Parent No. 2: Every word.

Parent No. 5: Are you a lawnmower?

Parent No. 2: I mean we live in a condo. I literally have no idea what lawnmowers even do.

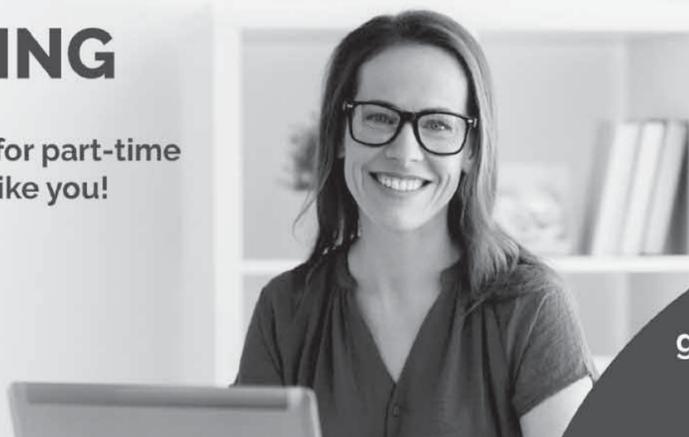
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Fast food calories have been on the rise

Study finds sodium also on upswing as portion size grows

BY DENNIS THOMPSON
HealthDay

Fast food fans today are ordering off menus that have grown more apt to make them fat.

Portion sizes have risen dramatically over the past three decades at the most popular fast food restaurants in the United States, a recent study has found.

As a result, the amount of calories and excess sodium has also increased among fast food offerings, said lead author Megan McCrory, a research associate professor with the Boston University College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences.

Average portion size nearly quadrupled for fast food entrees, and more than quadrupled for desserts between 1986 and 2016, McCrory and her team discovered.

Calories and sodium content in entrees, sides and desserts also increased significantly.

Desserts packed on an extra 62 calories per decade, while entrees increased by 30 calories per decade, researchers reported.

Meanwhile, sodium increased by about 4.6 percent of recommended daily value for entrees each decade, and 3.9 percent of daily value for sides.

"The portion size increase is largely responsible for the increase in calories and sodium," McCrory said.

Responding to the new study, the National Restaurant Association said it has championed menu labeling "to give customers the information they need to make healthier choices for their families."

"In 2008, we launched the Kids LiveWell program to promote consumption of fruit and vegetables, lean protein, whole grains and



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The popularity of fast food restaurants is growing, with nearly 40 percent of adults opting for fast food on a given day.

low-fat dairy, while limiting unhealthy fats, sugars and sodium," the association said in a statement. "The association continues to educate members about the benefits of offering healthier menu items and participating in portion balance discussions with industry leaders."

But the increases discovered in this research also reflect the "provocative" changes that have occurred in fast food within recent years, said Michelle Milgrim. She's a registered dietitian and manager of employee wellness at Northwell Health in New Hyde Park, N.Y., and was not part of the study.

These changes include sandwiches that replace buns with fried chicken breasts, pizza crust filled with cheese, and bacon added to many menu items,

Milgrim said.

"We're seeing new items we've never seen before," Milgrim said. "The American public is probably not necessarily picking up on the nuanced increases in portion size year over year, decade over decade, that these new items entail."

Fast food restaurants are more popular than ever, with nearly 2 out of 5 adults eating fast food on any given day, researchers said in background notes.

The average amount of total daily calories represented by fast food has more than doubled, rising from 4 percent of total caloric intake in 1977-78 to 11 percent in 2007-10.

For this study, the researchers reviewed menu items offered at 10 popular fast food restaurants in 1986, 1991 and 2016. The restaurants were Arby's,

Burger King, Carl's Jr., Dairy Queen, Hardee's, Jack in the Box, KFC, Long John Silver's, McDonald's and Wendy's.

Menus at these restaurants offer more selection than ever. The total number of entrees, desserts and sides increased by 226 percent, or about 23 items per year, researchers found.

But portion sizes also steadily increased over the years, a trend that reflects overall American eating patterns, McCrory said.

"I think we see an increase in portion size pretty much in the entire food supply," McCrory said. "In some ways, the fast food restaurants are probably just keeping up with expectations of the size of the food people expect to be served. The same kind of things are happening in

other restaurants that aren't fast food."

Milgrim said she's most concerned with the steady increase in fast food's salt content.

"These foods are just sodium-laden," Milgrim said. "With obesity and hypertension as main causes of mortality among the American public, it's so important for us to consider sodium."

It's not all bad news. Calcium and iron levels also increased in fast food over the years, meaning that folks are getting more of these important nutrients, McCrory said.

But given how calorie-rich fast food is, "there are better places to get calcium and iron," she added.

People who love fast food can take steps to cut back on calories, McCrory said.

They can split their fries or dessert with a friend, or order a single burger instead of a double, for example.

"They can still get the same taste, they would just be getting fewer calories," McCrory said.

Even better, people can start considering fast food as a treat instead of a regular option.

"I understand fast food is an economical way to get food that tastes good, and you know what you're getting when you go there," McCrory said. "But it might be good to eat fast food less often, make it more of a special occasion instead of something that's done regularly."

The new study was published in the March issue of the Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Stevens

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making us seem like these uncaring machines. Like you just fill us up with gas or coffee or whatever and hit start, and then we (gestures with air quotes) "parent."

Leader: When you say, "they" ...

Parent No. 1: Everyone! Our in-laws! People with podcasts! The internet! The media!

Parent No. 2: Ever since Aunt Becky bribed people to get her kids into college, it's like everything we do is a trend. But not a good trend, like jumpsuits. A bad trend, like mini-backpacks.

Parent No. 3: Exactly! Now I'm like, "Wait. I help my son with homework. Am I a lawnmower? I threw my daughter a kind of embarrassingly lavish birthday party that year she was super into horses. Am I a jet fighter? We have a tutor. I guess I'm a snow-plover?"

Parent No. 4: It's insulting and makes you feel misunderstood or maligned or whatever, but you also feel as if you have to read the stuff because you're like, "Wait. Is that me?"

Parent No. 2: Totally! I shell my daughter's pistachios for her. Is the next step Photoshopping her face onto a crew team photo?

Parent No. 3: My son is 14, and I still wake him up in the mornings. Am I going to be calling him at college to wake him up for classes? The Wall Street Journal seems to think so!

Parent No. 2: Every time I do anything for my kid now, I wonder if it's a sign of something. I used to just think, "I'm his mom. He needs me to protect him from bad stuff and guide him toward good stuff and, like, help him figure out life." Now I think, "Am I supposed to let all the bad stuff happen and make him find the good stuff on his own and stop helping him figure anything out?"



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Look to your kids to see how you're doing. ... Are they kind to their peers? Do they turn to you with hard questions? Do you guys laugh together?

Leader: You feel as though you're not trusted to follow your own instincts.

Parent No. 2: I feel as though I'm over-parenting and under-parenting and mowing a lawn I don't have all at the same time. It's exhausting.

Parent No. 5: I feel as if no one is giving me credit for, like, getting up at 2 a.m. when my teenager has a fever and still needs me to lie with her and hold her and take her to the doctor, and I do all of that even though I have 40 deadlines at work and my other kid's field trip to chaperone and lunches to pack. And I haven't had a good night's sleep in 14 years, and I hardly ever even get my hair cut anymore, for Pete's sake, because I'm so busy doing things for my kids, and I thought that was good? But maybe it's bad?

Leader: You want credit.

Parent No. 5: I don't know! Maybe credit's the wrong word. Maybe just to not be, like, called a snowblower.

Parent No. 3: Snow-plover.

Leader: What if you looked to your kids?

Parent No. 1: Looked to

our kids for what? To do more stuff for themselves?

Leader: Looked to your kids to see how you're doing. In ways that sometimes those articles or those podcasts or your in-laws don't take into account.

Parent No. 2: Such as ...

Leader: Are they kind to their peers? Do they turn to you with hard questions? Do you guys laugh together? Can you sit on the couch together and watch the same show and maybe even talk about it afterward? Do they have interests that don't come from you? Interests that indicate you've given them room to search and grow and explore apart from you, but that you have, nonetheless, nurtured?

Parent No. 5: None of that was listed in "11 Signs You're a Lawnmower Parent."

Parent No. 2: I think she's saying we shouldn't keep reading those lists.

Leader: Or you can. It's up to you. But know that people who don't know you, who've never met you, who don't know your children or their needs or their dreams or their quirks, can't understand you, let alone accurately label or measure you. Does that make sense?

Parent No. 4: It does.

Parent No. 2: Can I bring my mother-in-law next time?

Joining the Heidi Stevens Balancing Act Facebook group, where she continues the conversation around her columns and hosts occasional live chats.

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Flailing my arms extends lifeline to enlightened era



CHRIS ERSKINE
The Middle Ages

I do that "dad thing" where I insist my son let me finish out the Dave Brubeck song during car-pool instead of immediately tuning the radio to the drivell and crud he prefers. Nothing against drivell and crud, of course, or the breathless idiocy of the very talented Ariana Grande.

It's just that Brubeck — like Miles Davis, like the Beatles, like Bach — will endure. There is a sophisticated bounce to his music, an aural crossover dribble. For hundreds of years, dads and sons will share the jaunty lyricism of the great Dave Brubeck.

"Really?" my son grumbles.

"Really," I insist. I'm not just a dad; I'm a nostalgia machine. I miss Hugh Grant movies and pop hits you could hum. I miss the potato tots they served in fifth grade at Grove Avenue Elementary.

I miss drive-in theaters and "Gunsmoke" and ma-and-pa Italian joints.

Basically, I miss everything. We Irish, huh? We laugh when we should cry and cry when we should laugh. Really, we shun any sort of sensible reaction. My poor son is now being schooled in his ancestors' counterintuitive impulses.

Of course, he will discard everything I preach, then circle back and pick and choose when he gets a little older.

"Look at that," I say. "What?" he asks. "Bald guy in a Bentley."

"Where?" he says. I explain that I'd rather have a full head of hair and

We don't mention it much, but a normal life can be a great gift.

a Honda than be a bald guy in a Bentley. That's just me, though. I am, by nature, secretly envious of almost everyone.

"Ah, spring," I say with a sneeze, as the convertible zooms by in the pollen and the sun.

"You're so weird," my son says.

"Thank you," I say.

Another dad, Steve, was telling me the other day that his dog laps at his coffee when he isn't looking, more evidence of the deceit that is rampant in most American homes.

Last week, our own White Fang suddenly tore into the basket of pine cones we keep by the fireplace. These pine cones had been there forever — for so long, we no longer really saw them — yet all of a sudden, Fang deemed them chew toys.

Makes you wonder about if, in the middle of the night, your dog suddenly mistook your bare toes for cocktail weenies. Would you ever dance "The Nutcracker" again?

Still, I'd rather have a dog than a Bentley.

Dogs love you no matter what, and they share many of the same valuable traits as dads. They nap a lot. Nothing really rattles them.

Of course, White Fang — fierce and fit — is deathly afraid of the dark, as we all are. Our biggest fears are the things we cannot see yet are still able to destroy us.

At those times, it pays to have a reliable dog, if such a thing actually exists. I kind of doubt that it does.

Finally, I'd rather conduct "The Star-Spangled Banner" than win a Grammy. By all accounts, Grammys require incredible skill, agents, managers,

pyrotechnics, gee-tar players, roadies, luxe buses, accountants and, worst of all, lovesick groupies.

To win a Grammy, you're on the road a lot, which interferes with a normal life. We don't mention it much, but a normal life can be a great gift.

So, to live out a dream, I actually conducted "The Star-Spangled Banner" recently, and I cannot tell you what a thrill it was. I clutched the baton the way I clutch a daily newspaper, as a lifeline to a more enlightened era.

My buddy Steve invited me to conduct the Burbank Philharmonic because, presumably, no one else really wanted to.

So I stepped in with my crumpled sheet music and fragile understanding of time signatures.

"Your baton death march," one friend described it.

It was frightening; it was fun. Turns out that orchestras play the anthem in three-quarter time, not in four-four time, as I sing it at ballgames.

What's the difference? One beat per measure. It is the difference between a waltz and a ballad, a bird and a Batmobile, a cupcake and a Camaro.

"It's always three-quarter time," Steve assures me. Yeah, right.

Still, I managed to plow through it, which is how I handle most challenges — I flailed my arms and closed my eyes till the difficult moments passed.

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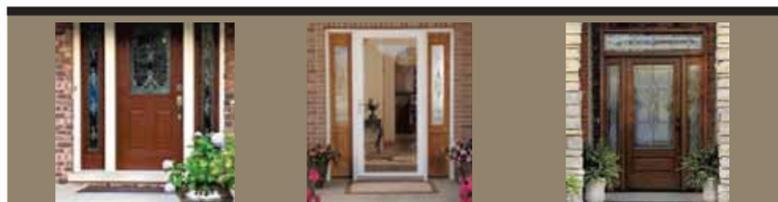
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A small study found that listening to music while completing tasks could put a crimp on creative performance.

Music while working may impair creativity

By NAJJA PARKER
Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Do you listen to music while working? It could be affecting your creativity, according to a new report.

Researchers from universities in England and Sweden recently conducted a small study, published in the journal Cognitive Psychology, to investigate the impact of background music on creativity.

To do so, they examined about 100 students and tested their ability to listen to music while completing an activity using the Compound Remote Associate Tasks, which are tests used to evaluate insight-based creative problem-solving.

For CRATs, participants are shown three words, like dress, dial and flower. They are then required to name one word that could be combined with the three words they were given, such as sun, which would create the words sundress, sundial and sunflower.

The scientists asked the subjects to complete such a task while either listening to nothing, background music with foreign lyrics, instrumental music without lyrics or music with familiar lyrics.

After analyzing the results, the team found those who listened to music while doing a task were less creative compared with those who were in

quiet conditions. In fact, the music listeners' creative performance was "significantly impaired."

The scientists did not explore why music might be distracting. However, they hypothesize that music disrupts our verbal working memory, which can make it more difficult to finish a task.

"The third experiment — exposure to music with familiar lyrics — impaired creativity regardless of whether the music also boosted mood, induced a positive mood, was liked by the participants, or whether participants typically studied in the presence of music," the authors said.

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Healthy diet might not lower risk of dementia

By AMY NORTON
HealthDay

A long-running study questions the conventional wisdom that a healthy diet may help ward off dementia.

European researchers followed more than 8,200 middle-aged adults for 25 years, looking at whether diet habits swayed the odds of being diagnosed with dementia. In the end, people who ate their fruits and vegetables were at no lower risk than those who favored sweets and steaks.

The findings, published in March in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, stand in stark contrast to many past studies.

Those studies have linked heart-healthy diets to lower odds of mental decline and abnormalities in the brain that can foretell dementia. Currently, groups like the Alzheimer's Association suggest that people adopt those diets as one potential way to stave off dementia.

Most studies, though, have followed people for only a fairly short time — less than 10 years, said lead researcher Tasnime Akbaraly, from the French national research institute INSERM.

This study is the first to look at diet quality starting in middle age and the long-term risk of dementia, Akbaraly said.

Her team found that 344 people were diagnosed with Alzheimer's over the quarter-century they were followed. And the rates were similar among the one-third of study participants with the "best" diet quality and the one-third with the "worst."

People in that first group typically had several servings of fruits, vegetables and whole grains every day; at least a couple of servings of nuts and legumes each week; regu-



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A study of food consumption starting at middle age found that healthy eating was no great deterrent to dementia.

larly had unsaturated fats, like olive oil; and put limits on red meat, sodium and sugary drinks.

No one is advising people to give up on that type of eating, however.

"I would certainly not want anyone to come away from this thinking a healthy diet is futile," said Keith Fargo, director of scientific programs and outreach for the Alzheimer's Association.

"This study has to be viewed within the context of the larger scientific literature on diet and cognition — which does suggest there's a benefit (from healthy eating)," said Fargo, who was not involved in the study.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, the best evidence is for two heart-healthy diets: the traditional Mediterranean diet and the DASH diet — which is a standard recommendation for lowering high blood pressure.

The diets differ, but both emphasize a familiar refrain: Get plenty of fruits, vegetables, legumes, fiber-rich grains, "good" fats, and fish and poultry — and limit red meat, sweets and added salt.

Akbaraly also stressed that her findings do not imply "diet doesn't matter." For one, diet clearly is

vital to overall health — physical and mental. Akbaraly noted that in an earlier study of this same group, middle-aged adults with the healthiest diets had a lower risk of depression over the next two-plus decades.

And, she said, these findings still leave many questions unanswered — such as whether diet is more powerful when combined with other lifestyle measures, like regular exercise.

In reality, Fargo said, studies like this one — which ask people about their usual lifestyle habits — cannot answer the major question: Will changing my diet — or any other habit — lower my risk of dementia?

"You can't rely on observational studies like this to tell you what to do," Fargo said, because they do not prove cause and effect.

More definitive answers, he said, come from clinical trials — which randomly assign people to adopt a lifestyle change or not.

The Alzheimer's Association is sponsoring an ongoing trial that is testing the effects of diet changes along with other measures — including exercise and mental-stimulating activities. It is focusing on older adults at increased risk of mental decline.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Try sipping or swishing green tea to curb bad breath

By JOE GRAEDON
AND TERESA GRAEDON
King Features Syndicate

Q: You may have some readers who would like to know about eliminating breath odors. A simple and inexpensive way to do this is to nibble on parsley leaves, fresh or dried. I learned this from a co-worker who fortified himself with a shot of gin before meetings. He then nibbled on parsley from a tin he kept next to his bottle to eliminate the smell. I tried his trick after I developed a sore throat and ate a garlic sandwich to ward it off. I didn't want to lose a day of work, but everyone who came into the office commented on the garlic smell and followed their noses to my cubicle. I was startled by the accusations. My co-worker saved the day by pouring a liberal amount of parsley flakes into my hand and telling me to eat it like a rabbit. In no time, the whole staff settled down to work.

A: Although parsley is popular, we couldn't find any evidence that it reduces the sulfur compounds responsible for bad breath. Surprisingly, however, green tea has a short-term effect on these chemicals (*Journal of Nutritional Science and Vitaminology*, February 2008; *Dental Research Journal*, November-December 2018). So the next time you need to suppress bad breath for a little while, consider sipping and swishing a cup of green tea.

Q: I take lisinopril for high blood pressure. I know I should avoid extra potassium. Are there any other vitamins or minerals I should watch out for?



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A: Potassium is the most important. Too much potassium can be just as dangerous as too little, so you should be careful not to take supplemental potassium or use potassium-based salt substitutes. ACE inhibitors like lisinopril deplete the body of zinc (Nutrients, Sept. 11, 2018). Ask your doctor to monitor your zinc status so you will know if you need a supplement.

Q: When you think about supplementing vitamin D, your first choice should be sunshine, the most natural source. Vitamin D by itself isn't. Calcium, magnesium, phosphorus and iron also are necessary, along with vitamins A and K.

A: We love sunshine as a source of vitamin D, but there are circumstances when sun exposure isn't practical. During the winter in most of the northern states, it is too cold and there isn't enough sun to get vitamin D from sunshine on the skin. Even in the summertime, some people take medications that make them susceptible to sunburn. People with skin cancer must use sunscreen. They block vitamin D formation.

There is still room for vitamin D supplements.

Q: Texas cedar fever has been horrible this year. When I had my teeth cleaned, I was suffering from a cough. The hygienist suggested Xlear Nasal Spray morning and night. She said clearing the pollen from the nasal passages would help the cough. It felt great to clear my sinuses. She was right — no more cough! This nasal spray is not habit-forming. It contains xylitol, saline and grapefruit extract.

A: The small amount of research we found on xylitol nasal spray (Xlear) indicates that it is helpful for nasal congestion (*International Forum of Allergy and Rhinology*, June 2014). Some people also find that plain saline nasal spray or a neti pot is helpful in cleaning pollen from the nasal passages. Pollen can cling to clothes and hair as well as pets. During hay fever season, a nightly shower and shampoo before bed may be helpful.

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For a healthy heart, more breakfast, less TV

Study suggests eating 20% of calories in morning

HealthDay

Want a healthier heart? Get at least a fifth of your daily calories from your breakfast and stop watching so much TV.

Those are the conclusions of two studies presented in March at the annual meeting of the American College of Cardiology.

Both studies were based on data on the living habits of 2,000 middle-age and older Greeks who also underwent tests to check the condition of their arteries.

Those who ate energy-rich breakfasts — consuming at least a fifth of their daily calories at the breakfast table — had significantly less buildup of fatty plaque and stiffness in their arteries, compared with people who had a less caloric breakfast or skipped breakfast altogether, said a team led by Dr. Sotirios Tsalamandris. He's a cardiologist at the First Cardiology Clinic at National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

High-energy breakfasts typically included milk, cheese, cereals, bread and honey, the researchers said. Low-energy breakfasts typically included coffee or low-fat milk, along with bread with butter, honey, olives or fruit.

Arterial stiffness was abnormal in 15 percent of those who skipped breakfast, 9.5 percent of those who ate a low-energy breakfast and 8.7 percent of those who ate a high-energy breakfast. More plaque was found in the neck arteries of 28 percent of people who skipped breakfast, 26 percent of those who ate a low-energy breakfast, and 18 percent of those who ate a high-energy breakfast.

Clearer arteries mean



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A recent study found that people who eat an energy-rich breakfast, such as cereal, tend to have less buildup of fatty plaque and stiffness in the arteries.

much lower odds for heart attack and stroke, the researchers said.

When it came to television viewing, people who said they watched more than 21 hours of TV a week were nearly twice as likely to have serious plaque buildup in their arteries, the study found, compared with those who watched TV for seven hours or less a week.

People whose TV viewing topped 21 hours per week were also 68 percent more likely to have high blood pressure and 50 percent more likely to have diabetes than those who watched seven hours or less of TV a week, Tsalamandris' group said.

The studies couldn't prove cause and effect. Nevertheless, "our results emphasize the importance

of avoiding prolonged periods of sedentary behavior," Tsalamandris said in an ACC news release.

"These findings suggest a clear message to hit the 'off' button on your TV and abandon your sofa," Tsalamandris said in an ACC news release. "Even activities of low energy expenditure, such as socializing with friends or housekeeping activities, may have a substantial benefit to your health compared with time spent sitting and watching TV."

Indeed, numerous studies have suggested that just the simple act of sitting for long periods is detrimental to health, even for people who regularly exercise.

The study also shows that a "high-energy breakfast should be part of a healthy lifestyle," Tsala-

mandris said. "Eating a breakfast constituting more than 20 percent of the total daily caloric intake may be of equal or even greater importance than a person's specific dietary pattern, such as whether they follow the Mediterranean diet, a low-fat diet or other dietary pattern."

Heart experts in the United States agreed that staying active and eating right are key to heart health.

"This study has a very powerful public health warning, and reinforces the need for all people of all ages, not just patients, to move and avoid prolonged periods of inactivity," said Dr. Guy Mintz, who directs cardiovascular health at Northwell Health's Sandra Atlas Bass Heart Hospital in Manhasset, N.Y.

He believes that society's increasing fixation on screens — TV, computers, smartphones — is keeping children and adults from living healthy lives.

"The more sedentary a person is, the greater risk for high blood pressure, diabetes, obesity and high cholesterol," Mintz said. More should be done to boost levels of activity at school and in the workplace, he believes.

As for the findings on breakfast, cardiologist Dr. Marcin Kowalski said they made intuitive sense.

"Patients who eat breakfast in the morning are also likely to select other healthy choices," he reasoned. "Healthy eating and exercise have been shown to decrease stress, which is correlated with a lower risk of cardiovascular disease."

Kowalski directs cardiac electrophysiology at Staten Island University Hospital in New York City.

But Mintz wasn't convinced by the breakfast findings.

"The authors conclude that the correlation between a high-energy breakfast and heart health is unknown," he noted. "I feel that more research needs to be developed before a definitive conclusion can be drawn on this correlation. I have many patients who eat a modest breakfast or no breakfast and still have very healthy lifestyles with low cardiovascular risk."

Because these findings were presented at a medical meeting, they should be considered preliminary until published in a peer-reviewed journal.

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The Mexican paella at Bar Sotano comes with chicken thighs, shrimp, chicken chicharron, rice, peas, avocado and tomato.

REVIEW Bar Sotano ★★★ Joe's Imports★★

Bars serve up 2 very different personalities

BY PHIL VETTEL | Chicago Tribune

Two of Chicago's most prolific restaurant groups — Rick Bayless' Frontera and Scott Harris' Francesca Restaurants — recently opened bar concepts that put their beverage specialists in the spotlight. And the food? Way better than you might expect.

Bar Sotano

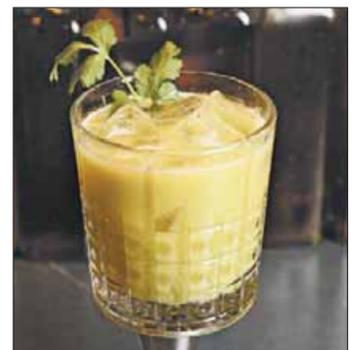
It would be wrong to call this subterranean bar Lanie Bayless' coming-out party; the daughter of Rick and Deann Bayless is, after all, the spirits director for the whole Frontera universe and has been for some time. She's hardly an unknown quantity. But it wouldn't be *that* wrong, be-

cause Bar Sotano, which opened mid-November, places Lanie Bayless at center stage. She's on the floor, mingling with guests and chatting about her one-of-a-kind cocktail list and painstakingly sourced mezcal (about which she is particularly passionate) or behind the bar, keeping the team in

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The Poleo Negroni is made with mezcal and herb-infused vermouth.



Guacamole is a mezcal cocktail containing avocado and spicy tomatillo.

Pantry inspiration

Bring together 5 or fewer ingredients for quick recipes

BY MARIA ZIZKA
 Los Angeles Times

I have always admired people who can cook a delicious meal when there's nothing in the fridge. My mother-in-law is one such wizard. I have lost count of the times that she has, without any planning, transformed what seemed like nothing into breakfast for six. Over the years, I've learned that while this stone-soup

cooking may seem magical, it is just a combination of creativity, cleverness and a well-stocked pantry.

You'll want to set yourself up for success by keeping some essentials in your kitchen. That way, even when you haven't had a chance to go grocery shopping in the middle of a busy week, you will still have things to work with.

My pantry leans Mediterranean: I always stock a package or two of dried pasta, plus rice, farro or some other whole grains. Beans are key; dried beans take about an hour to cook, whereas canned ones can be used right away.

Tartness is important for bal-

ancing a dish, so you'll need acidic ingredients such as vinegar for those days when you're out of fresh lemons and limes. You'll also want some salty-umami ingredients like olives, soy sauce or anchovies. They add a wallop of flavor.

You can store staples in the freezer too. Slice a loaf of good country-style bread and freeze it in a zip-top plastic bag alongside bags of nuts. To instantly revive both bread and nuts, toast them on a baking sheet in the toaster oven or in a skillet on the stovetop.

The following recipes have five or fewer ingredients (not including salt, pepper and olive oil) and



Midnight pasta with pine nuts, garlic, capers and chile flakes.

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don't rely on anything perishable. (Garlic is shelf-stable; you can store eggs in the fridge for weeks!) You can cook these dishes when the refrigerator is nearly empty. Try them and suddenly, miracu-

lously, your pantry won't just be the place you store ingredients; it will become a source of inspiration.

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Wrigley Field beer menu goes bold and more local

By JOSH NOEL
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The Cubs will field an all-star lineup in 2019. The team might even be good too.

In this case, the all-stars in question are on Wrigley Field's beer roster: the ballpark's most varied and ambitious menu to date, and a continued turn-around from years of blandness and uniformity.

New at Wrigley Field in 2019 will be local brewers Three Floyds and Begyle, plus an expanded presence from Half Acre, Revolution, Lagunitas and Cruz Blanca, the brewpub co-founded by chef Rick Bayless.

As recently as two years ago, those breweries could only dream of pouring beer at one of the nation's fabled ballparks, where the taps and coolers were mostly

locked down by Anheuser-Busch products — the same Anheuser-Busch that has a mega-marketing deal with the Cubs.

Anheuser-Busch will continue to be well-represented at Wrigley Field in 2019, accounting for about half the beer available, including everything sold by vendors: Budweiser, Bud Light, Michelob Ultra, and Goose Island's IPA and 312 Urban Wheat Ale. (Michelob Ultra is new to that list and reflects its status as one of the nation's fastest-growing major beer brands.)

But a more progressive approach has also led to an accelerating presence for craft and local beers.

Half Acre will more than triple its availability of Daisy Cutter Pale Ale in 16-ounce cans; its Pony Pilsner will be on tap at two locations in the ballpark.

Revolution Brewing's new Every Day-Hero Session IPA will be on draft at two locations in the ballpark. Anti-Hero IPA will be on draft at one location and 16-ounce cans of Fist City Pale Ale will be available at two locations.

Begyle Brewing, a Northwest Side brewer, will enter Wrigley Field for the first time with 16-ounce cans of Begyle Blonde.

Perhaps most exciting for the craft beer faithful, Three Floyds will have Gumballhead wheat ale available in 16-ounce cans (which will be sold only at entertainment venues; it will otherwise be distributed in 12-ounce cans) and Zombie Dust pale ale on draft.

Craft beer pricing will be between \$10 and \$12, according to the Cubs' concessions management

partner, Levy Restaurants.

In a statement, Levy said it built the menu using "market share data, insights, and analytics ... to make truly informed decisions about what Cubs fans want to enjoy at the game."

For years, Wrigley Field served mostly Anheuser-Busch products — Bud and Bud Light mostly — and Old Style. After Anheuser-Busch signed a massive new marketing deal with the Cubs at the end of the 2013 season, the presence of Old Style was scaled back significantly. Vendors stopped carrying it and instead began hauling two beers from Goose Island, a Chicago brewery bought in 2011 by Anheuser-Busch.

While the White Sox, among many other Major League Baseball teams, embraced the choice proliferating across the beer

On tap at Wrigley

The full list, including a few ciders and an alcohol-spiked sparkling water, a beverage category gaining attention this year:

- Three Floyds Gumballhead (hoppy wheat ale)*
- Three Floyds Zombie Dust (pale ale)*
- Amstel Light
- Begyle Blonde (blonde ale)*
- Bell's Oberon (wheat ale)
- Breckenridge Vanilla Porter
- Broken Bat Corre Corre (Mexican-style lager)
- Broken Bat Golden Sombrero (pilsner)
- Brooklyn Summer
- Bud Light
- Budweiser
- Corona
- Cruz Blanca Mexico Calling (lager)*
- Cruz Blanca Palm Shade (tropical pale ale)*
- Estrella Jalisco
- Golden Road Mango Cart
- Goose Island 312 Wheat Dry Hopped*
- Goose Island 312 Urban Wheat
- Goose Island Born & Raised*
- Goose Island Green Line (pale ale)*
- Goose Island IPA
- Goose Island Natural Villain (lager)
- Goose Island Next Coast IPA
- Goose Island Old Man Grumpy (pale ale)*
- Goose Island SPF (kolsch with fruit)*
- Goose Island Summertime
- Half Acre Daisy Cutter Pale Ale*
- Half Acre Pony Pilsner*
- Heineken
- Kona Longboard Lager
- Lagunitas 12th of Never Ale (pale ale)*
- Lagunitas IPA*
- Lagunitas Sumpin Easy (IPA)*
- Leninenkugel Summer Shandy
- Michelob Ultra
- Modelo
- New Belgium Fat Tire
- O'Doul's
- Old Style
- Redbridge
- Revolution Anti-Hero IPA*
- Revolution Every Day-Hero Session IPA*
- Revolution Fist City (pale ale)*
- Sauza Agua Fuerte (sparkling water/tequila hybrid)
- Shock Top Belgian White
- Stella Artois
- Stella Cidre
- Stiegl Radler
- Virtue Cider Michigan Apple
- Virtue Cider Rose

* made in Chicagoland

industry, Wrigley Field stuck mostly with Anheuser-Busch products.

Then, just in time for the last home series of the 2017 season, there was an unlikely development: Lagunitas IPA swiped 27 Goose Island tap handles. Even people inside Goose Island were taken aback. It was a move by Levy to diversify, according to sources.

The move portended a growing diversity at the ballpark that came to in-

clude Bell's Oberon and a smattering of Revolution and Half Acre beers in 2018.

This season will shape up to be Wrigley Field's most diverse beer menu yet. Goose Island will have 10 brands at the ballpark in 2019, but unlike in past years, many of its chief competitors will also be prominent.

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Finally, Three Floyds in cans

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Add quiet wizardry to the many attributes of Three Floyds Brewing.

Though the iconic Northwest Indiana brewery has been a vanguard of hop-forward ales (Alpha King, Gumballhead and Zombie Dust are all legends in their ways), bold stouts (rich, boozy Dark Lord imperial stout), craft beer as an event (the annual Dark Lord Day festival) and irreverent labels (every Three Floyds beer ever), the brewery has been curiously late to can its beer.

But thanks to a new brewing and canning facility built in near secrecy, the first Three Floyds cans — Alpha King pale ale and Gumballhead hoppy wheat ale — will be released in the coming weeks, most likely in April, the brewery said Friday.

Gumballhead will be available in six-packs of 12-ounce cans, and Alpha King will be sold in four-packs of 16-ounce cans. Both beers will be available year-round across Three Floyds' distribution footprint — Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Wisconsin.

Other beers will also be canned, though plans have yet to be cemented, the brewery said. Both Alpha King and Gumballhead will also continue to be distributed in bottles.

Both beers are being made at a new 103,000-square-foot brewery built expressly to make canned beer, located in a former Whole Foods distribution center in Munster, Ind., near Three Floyds' main



THREE FLOYDS BREWING PHOTOS

Three Floyds is canning some of its beers, including Gumballhead, a hoppy wheat ale.



Alpha King is one of the beers Three Floyds will release in cans in April. It will be sold in six-packs of 12-ounce cans.

brewery.

Three Floyds never announced plans to build the canning brewery (which will also be used to keg beer), though a major expansion that has the backing of local officials has previously been reported.

Three Floyds founder Nick Floyd has said that "within two to three years, we'll easily double our

output to 100,000 barrels," once the expansion is complete.

The expansion is expected to include a 114,423-square-foot brewery and warehouse; 7,442 square feet of retail area; a 7,356-square-foot brewpub space; and 7,668 square feet of office space, according to a document filed with the town. The current brewery is 57,000 square

feet.

Even without the expansion, Three Floyds has grown rapidly in recent years.

According to the latest statistics from the Brewers Association, Three Floyds was the 39th-largest craft brewery in the U.S. in 2018 (and 49th overall). In 2017, it was the nation's 45th-largest craft brewer and not among the 50 largest overall breweries.

Build-out of the new canning facility was led by Todd Haug, whom Three Floyds hired in 2016 after a distinguished career at Minneapolis' Surly Brewing. No taproom will be built at the new brewery, and tours will not be offered.

Three Floyds' side project, War Pigs, will not be made or canned at the new brewery.

Tickets for Three Floyds' Dark Lord Day beer-release-meets-beer-festival-meets-metal-concert go on sale at noon Saturday.

Still no word on that Three Floyds Chicago brewpub, however.

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4 of fastest-growing breweries in nation are in Chicago area

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Greater Chicago is home to four of the nation's 50 fastest-growing breweries, which accounts for the highest concentration in any one area, according to statistics released Wednesday by the Brewers Association.

Illuminated Brew Works was the highest-ranked Chicago-area brewery on the list at No. 20, followed by Great Central Brewing (35), Noon Whistle (42) and Une Annee (50).

Like the rest of the breweries on the list, all four Chicago-area finishers are on the smaller side — if not very small — and therefore showed a large percentage of growth between 2017 and 2018. Chicago's strong representation is, perhaps, little surprise considering it has the most breweries in the nation.

"We're super excited," Illuminated Brew Works founder Brian Buckman said. "We knew how much we've grown over the last couple years, and it's nice to see it validated by the Brewers Association."

Illuminated Brew Works grew 330 percent in 2018 — from 200 barrels of production in 2017 to 860 in 2018. The brewery, which launched in a basement at 415 N. Sangamon St. in 2014, makes beer under contract at Great Central, Motor Row and Burnt City Brewery.

It's an unlikely business model: making beer at four locations and with no taproom of its own. However, Buckman said he plans to open the three retail locations allowable under Illinois law "and then maybe extend into other states after that."



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Une Annee, in Niles, is the 50th fastest-growing brewery in the U.S.

Buckman, who is currently scouting locations, hopes to have Illuminated's first taproom open by the end of the year.

"I run a very different monster, so for us to grow at the rate we have, I'm proud of that," Buckman said. "We opened with \$40,000. To be on that list, I'm super proud."

Great Central, a contract brewery that makes beer on behalf of Begyle, Maplewood and Cruz Blanca among others, is the largest Chicago brewery on the list. Co-founder David Avram said Great Central doubled production from about 10,000 barrels in 2017 to about 20,000 barrels in 2018.

Breweries tallied include only those defined by the Brewers Association as "small and independent" — meaning ones that haven't sold to a larger beer company — and those that reported production data to the Colorado-based trade group.

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Change in the air for wine list favorites

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We love to ride a new wave, set a trend, be the vanguard. Headlines scream about the decline of last year's fad and the rise of this year's hot new thing. Yet if we take a broader perspective and look at something over a longer time, continuity may be more apparent. Change sometimes happens slowly, like sand shifting imperceptibly in a laid-back kaleidoscope; and only when we step back and look again do we notice that the familiar has indeed shown us something new.

Wine & Spirits magazine is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. Over those three decades, the editors have asked restaurant wine directors to mine their sales data for the final quarter of the previous year to identify the 50 most popular wine brands in U.S. restaurants.

The survey is a barometer of our tastes in wine as we dine out, our willingness to spend money, to experiment on unknown or unusual wines, or our hunt for value.

Last year, the survey made news when an imported brand topped the list for the first time. It was R. Lopez de Heredia from Spain's Rioja region, a sommelier favorite known for producing traditional Old World-style wines with significant bottle age at incredibly reasonable prices. Ideal for restaurant wine lists, in other words.

With this year's survey, published in the April issue, one might say, "Order restored." R. Lopez de Heredia slipped to third place (still remarkable) and was eclipsed by two California brands known for cabernet sauvignon. Stag's Leap Wine Cellars of Napa Valley and Jordan Vineyard & Winery of Sonoma County's Alexander Valley took the top two positions.

California brands, including chardonnay specialists Kistler and Sonoma-Cutrer, continue to dominate the top 10 spots on the list, which the editors attribute to the sustained popularity of steakhouse restaurants. "Wines from the US still hold diners in thrall, making up 38.4 percent of the Most Popular bottlings," the magazine said.

But beneath this stability,



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California brands continue to dominate the top 10 spots on a list of most popular wines in U.S. restaurants, but that seems destined to change.

change is apparent. Sancerre, the top sauvignon blanc of France's Loire Valley, may be challenging chardonnay for palate love from white wine drinkers. The Lucien Crochet Sancerre ranked ninth this year, its first appearance in the top 10.

And while several of the top wines topped three digits in price, this year's survey noted that diners are increasingly demanding value. While some customers continue to splurge, about one-third of the restaurant respondents said overall sales were holding steady instead of increasing.

"We're seeing more extremes now," Giancarlo Paterlini, of 1760 and Acquerello restaurants in San Francisco, told the magazine. "We're seeing a large number of guests who don't drink at all; people who drink a glass or a cheap bottle; and people who come in and spend \$500 or more. The middle ground is gone."

And there are subtrends. Millennials continue to be ambivalent about wine, often preferring cocktails. Among wine drinkers, new regions continue to be popu-

Recommended wines of the week

2016 Les Vignerons de Tavel Acantalys Cotes du Rhone, Rhone Valley, France

This wine, from a cooperative winery in the Tavel region of the southern Rhone Valley, is a terrific value. **\$10**

2017 Coppo L'Avvocata Barbera d'Asti, Piemonte, Italy

This beauty starts off with a slight CO2 spritz, as if it were super eager for you to crack the screw cap and liberate it from the bottle. It settles down with lovely flavors of black cherry and plum, with a savory herbal quality on the finish. **\$16**

2017 David Reynaud Syrah Les Monestiers, Collines Rhodaniennes, Rhone Valley

Plush and velvety, this luscious red wine is modern in style, displaying primarily sweet, ripe fruit flavors of blackberry, cherry and currant, with a hint of smoke and earth in the background. **\$22**

2015 Three Rivers Winery River's Red Wine 2015, Columbia Valley

This attractively priced red from Washington's Columbia Valley is fruit-forward in the American style, balanced with nice acidity and a silky texture. Enjoy with anything grilled. **\$16**

2017 Domaine Le Pigeonnier Montlouis sur Loire Sec

Right now this wine is tart, but that mouth-puckering quality is backed up with loads of stone fruit flavors and an almost chalky texture (in a good way). It should improve with a little more time in bottle. **\$17**

lar: The survey noted upticks in popularity for wines from Ontario, Mexico, Georgia (no, not our Georgia) and even Cru Bourgeois

Bordeaux, as consumers search for value in the classic regions. Diners are also willing to be adventurous and try something new

and unusual by the glass, without committing to a full bottle. There's a hint to sommeliers to be willing to diversify their by-the-glass lists.

And natural wine, contentious though it is, continues to rise in popularity. Several sommeliers said diners seek out the most "different," "unusual" or "stinky" wines on the list.

Who knows? In another few years, those stinky wines might rise into the top 10.

Cotes du Rhone reds used to be my go-to everyday tippie, but they've been creeping up in price the past few years. This week's greatest value, the Acantalys from the Les Vignerons de Tavel cooperative winery, is a charming \$10 red that captures the region's character without draining the wallet. For Rhone lovers, we also have a stunning syrah from wine-maker David Reynaud that, even at \$22, seems like a bargain given its quality. Italian wine fans should snap up the Coppo barbera listed here.

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DREAMTIME PHOTOS

Firm, nutty and rich-tasting, artichokes make an excellent topping for pizzas.

Artichokes are season's pizza stars

Easy-to-make recipe is perfect for dinner on a springtime weekend

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Although you can find artichokes in markets most of the year, right now is their absolute peak of season. So I thought I'd share a recipe that features artichokes in one of my favorite preparations: as the featured topping for a very simple pizza that complements the vegetable with some flavorful homemade chile-garlic oil, fresh herbs, caramelized onions and a light sprinkling of freshly grated Parmesan.

That's it. There's no slathering of sharp tomato sauce or blanket of melted cheese to conceal the deliciousness of the artichoke itself.

The following recipe, which features artichokes as the star ingredient, is perfect for dinner on a springtime weekend. Although it's easy, you'll need the afternoon for some advance preparation.

Allow three or four hours to prepare my go-to pizza dough. (However, it's perfectly OK if you find good-quality, ready-to-use pizza dough at the supermarket.) You'll also want to allow at least a

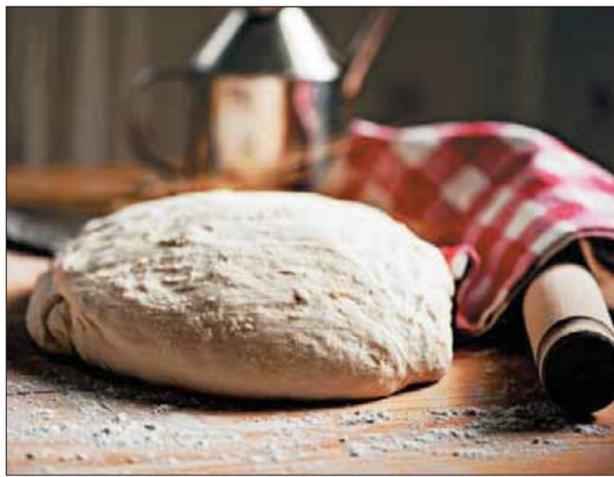
couple of hours for the seasonings to steep in the chile-garlic oil, and at least an hour to cook and cool the caramelized onions.

The sauteed artichokes featured as the topping need less than 15 minutes to cook. But allow another 30 to 45 minutes to prep them first.

Artichokes prep: Squeeze two lemon halves into a bowl of cold water; have one more lemon at the ready, cut in half — this will prevent the artichoke hearts from discoloring. Cut off the stems. Starting at the base, carefully peel off the tough outer green skin and leaves, working upward to the indentation about a third of the way from the base. Rub cut surfaces with a lemon half as you go. Cut crosswise at the indentation to expose the fibrous choke; scoop it out with a teaspoon. Cut each bottom into eight wedges and put in the lemon water. They're now ready to cook.

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The pizza dough recipe makes enough for four individual-size pizzas, each of them about 8 inches wide.

Pizza dough

- Dissolve** 1 package active dry yeast and 1 teaspoon honey in $\frac{1}{4}$ cup warm water.
- In** a food processor, combine 3 cups flour and 1 teaspoon kosher salt. Add 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil, yeast mixture, and $\frac{3}{4}$ cup warm water; process until a ball forms. Turn out onto a clean work surface; knead by hand until smooth and firm, about 3 minutes. Cover with a damp towel; let rise in a cool spot, about 2 hours.
- Divide** into 4 equal balls. Work each by pulling down the sides and tucking under. Repeat 4 or 5 times. On a smooth, unfloured surface, roll under your palm until smooth and firm, about 1 minute. Cover with a damp towel; let rest 1 hour. The balls can be wrapped in plastic and refrigerated for up to two days.

Makes: 4 balls, each 6 ounces

Chile-garlic oil

- In** a small saucepan, combine 1 head garlic, cloves separated and peeled, and 2 cups extra-virgin olive oil. Place over high heat; the garlic sizzles, reduce the heat to low. Cook, checking frequently, until the garlic turns light golden, 10 to 15 minutes.
 - Cool** to room temperature. Stir in 1 tablespoon red pepper flakes; infuse, 2 hours. Strain into an airtight container, cover, and refrigerate up to two weeks.
- Makes:** 2 cups

Herbed artichoke pizzas

Prep: 1 hour, plus rising time

Cook: 50 minutes

Makes: four 8-inch pizzas

Caramelized onions:

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

1 large yellow onion, cut into $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch dice

2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

Kosher salt

Freshly ground black pepper

Sauteed artichokes:

4 large artichokes, stemmed, peeled, chokes removed, each bottom cut into 8 wedges and soaked in water with the juice of 1 lemon

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

Kosher salt

Freshly ground black pepper

$1\frac{1}{2}$ cups chicken or vegetable broth

Pizza:

4 balls pizza dough, see recipe

4 teaspoons chile-garlic oil, see recipe

2 teaspoons minced fresh thyme and oregano leaves

4 teaspoons freshly grated Parmesan

8 large fresh basil leaves, julienned

1. For the onions, heat the oil over medium heat in a large skillet. Saute the onion until lightly browned, 15 minutes. Stir in the balsamic vinegar, and cook 1 minute longer. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Cool and transfer to a covered container. Refrigerate until ready to use.

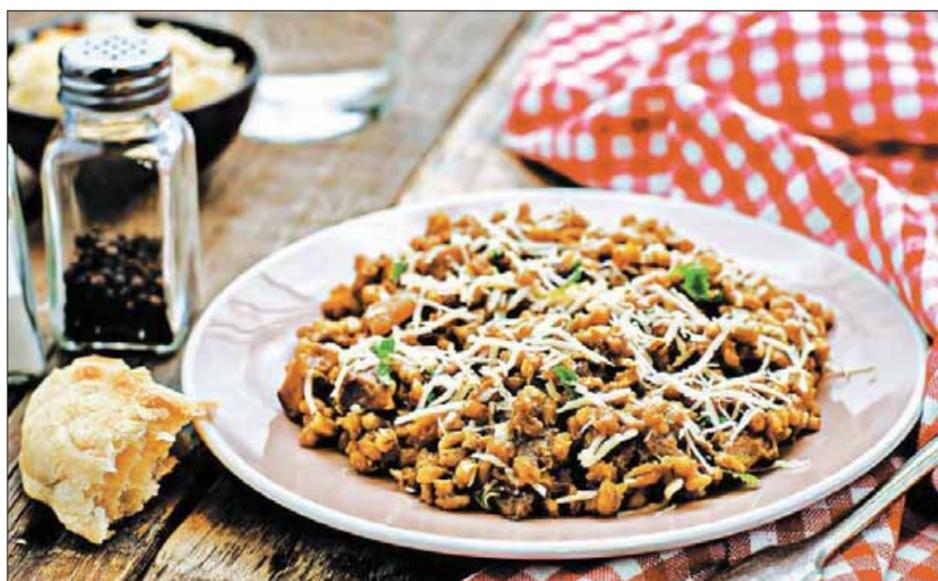
2. For the artichokes, drain the artichoke wedges. Pat dry. In a large skillet, heat the oil over medium. Add the artichokes, season lightly with salt and pepper, and saute until golden, 3 to 4 minutes. Add stock; simmer until tender and most of the liquid has evaporated, about 10 minutes. Adjust seasonings to taste. Set aside.

3. For the pizza, place a pizza stone on the oven's middle rack. Heat to 500 F. On a lightly floured work surface, stretch out each dough ball into an 8-inch (20-cm) circle, shaping the edge slightly thicker.

4. Brush with chile-garlic oil. Sprinkle with thyme and oregano. Top with artichokes and onions. Sprinkle with Parmesan.

5. Using a pizza paddle, transfer the pizzas to the pizza stone. Bake until deep golden brown, 8 to 10 minutes. Remove to a cutting board. Scatter with basil and cut each into four slices.

Nutrition information per pizza: 585 calories, 22 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 1 mg cholesterol, 89 g carbohydrates, 5 g sugar, 15 g protein, 419 mg sodium, 12 g fiber



DREAMTIME

SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

A barley twist on risotto

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Barley has been around for centuries and is similar in texture to brown rice. According to the FDA, barley's soluble fiber reduces the risk of coronary disease and can lower cholesterol.

Most of us think of barley as a hearty ingredient in soup or as a side dish with meat. It has lots of

uses, including being a key ingredient in beer once it is refined to barley malt.

Quick cooking pearl barley is available in most markets. This variety will take less time to cook and require a bit less liquid. While you do need to stand by the stove, stirring occasionally, this dish is pretty simple to put together and will deliver happy results.

Feel free to add your own

signature with additions like peas, shredded Swiss chard or spinach and a different cheese. I like adding fresh goat cheese on top as well as grated manchego or Comte for a change.

The slightly creamy texture of barley in this risottolike dish is a surprise from the classic Arborio rice version. The barley should have a nutty, slightly crunchy center so that it's not soft all the way through.

Three mushroom barley risotto

Prep: 20 minutes **Cook:** 35 minutes **Makes:** 4 to 6 servings

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup dried shiitake mushrooms

3 cups chicken or vegetable broth, heated

3 tablespoons olive oil

1 large onion, finely chopped

1 pound white mushrooms, coarsely chopped

$\frac{1}{2}$ pound cremini mushrooms, coarsely chopped

1 clove garlic, minced

$1\frac{1}{2}$ cups pearl barley

1 cup white wine

2 tablespoons Marsala

1 teaspoon salt

$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon pepper

3 tablespoons finely chopped parsley

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup finely grated Parmesan cheese

1. Place the dried shiitake in a bowl; cover with boiling water. Let soften for at least 30 minutes. Remove the mushrooms from the water; cut off the tough stems and coarsely chop. Reserve. Strain the soaking liquid into the heated broth.

2. Heat the olive oil in a large saucepan over medium-high heat. Saute the onion until softened, 5 minutes. Add the fresh white and cremini mushrooms; saute, 3 minutes. Add the garlic; saute, 1 minute. Add the barley; stir to coat the grains with the onion-mushroom mixture.

3. Turn down the heat to medium; stir in 1 cup stock. Cook, stirring frequently, until all the liquid has been absorbed, 7 to 10 minutes. Stir in another cup stock; continue cooking, stirring frequently until all the liquid has been absorbed, 7 to 10 minutes. Add the white wine; cook, stirring frequently, until all the liquid has been absorbed, 7 to 10 minutes.

4. Add the remaining stock and the Marsala; cook until the barley is tender. Increase the heat and continue cooking the barley if there is excess liquid. Stir in the salt, pepper and parsley. Serve, sprinkled with Parmesan.

Nutrition information per serving (for 6 servings): 332 calories, 6 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 6 mg cholesterol, 56 g carbohydrates, 5 g sugar, 17 g protein, 597 mg sodium, 12 g fiber



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Fresh sage leaves fry quickly in oil, becoming as crisp as potato chips. They make a lovely garnish for the beans.

Pantry inspiration

Ingredients, from Page 1

Midnight pasta

Total time: 20 minutes

Makes: 4 servings

One of my favorite Italian traditions is spaghettata, a feast of piping-hot pasta cooked at home late at night, often after you've come home from the bar, when you are hungry and not quite ready for bed.

Kosher salt

5 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided

5 garlic cloves, thinly sliced

1/3 cup pine nuts

3 tablespoons capers, rinsed

Red chile flakes (optional)

1 pound dried pasta of any shape

Freshly ground black pepper

1. Bring a large pot of generously salted water to a boil. Cook the pasta until al dente.

2. Meanwhile, heat 2 tablespoons oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the garlic and cook, stirring often, until light golden, about 1 minute. Add the pine nuts, capers and a pinch or two of chile flakes, if using, and season with 1/4 teaspoon salt. Cook, stirring, until the nuts are toasted, about 3 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat.

3. Reserve about 1 cup of the pasta cooking water, then drain the pasta. Transfer the noodles directly to the skillet, set it over medium-high heat, and add 3/4 cup reserved pasta water and the remaining 3 tablespoons oil. Cook, stirring, until the sauce coats the noodles, 1 to 2 minutes. There should be a little sauce pooling at the bottom of the skillet; if there is not, add more cooking water and stir well. Season with more salt and pepper, if you like, and serve hot.

Smashed white beans and frizzled sage toast

Total time: 15 minutes

Makes: 4 to 6 servings

1/4 cup vegetable oil

1 bunch fresh sage, stems trimmed

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

6 thick slices country-style bread

2 garlic cloves, smashed to a paste

1 can (15 ounces) cannellini beans, drained, rinsed

2 teaspoons red wine vinegar or 1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice

1. Heat the oil in a small skillet over medium heat. Fry 3 sage leaves at a time until crisp, 2 to 4 seconds. Use a fork or slotted spoon to transfer the sage to a paper-towel-lined plate. Sprinkle with salt and pepper; let cool. Repeat with remaining sage. Reserve the sage oil in the pan. (If the sage browns, the oil is too hot; remove it from the heat and let cool for a moment before continuing to fry the sage.)

2. Heat a large skillet over medium heat. Use about 1 tablespoon of the sage oil to brush the bread slices on one side. Place as many slices as will fit in a single layer in the skillet; toast until dark golden brown on the oiled side. Repeat to toast all the bread. Transfer the toast to a serving platter.

3. Add the remaining sage oil to the large skillet, followed by the garlic, beans and vinegar or lemon juice. Cook for 1 minute, stirring often and using the back of the spoon to smash some of the beans, creating a pleasing mix of whole, smashed and partially smashed beans. Season with salt and pepper.

4. Spread each toast with some smashed white beans. Sprinkle with the frizzled sage and serve.

Avoiding sticky situations

Why food sticks to your pans, and what you can do about it

BY BECKY KRYSTAL

The Washington Post

Raise your hand if you've ever burned eggs on the bottom of your frying pan. Now that it's clear that we're among friends, take comfort in knowing this fact: It's not all your fault.

It's science we have to blame. Partially, anyway.

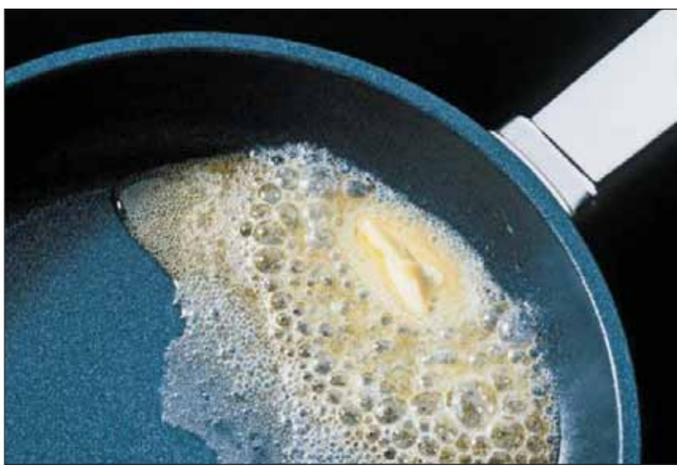
Let's start with those eggs. "Most pans, even the really good ones, are actually filled with little cracks and crevices," says Joseph Provost, a chemistry and biochemistry professor at the University of San Diego who co-wrote "The Science of Cooking: Understanding the Biology and Chemistry Behind Food and Cooking."

When the pan is heated, the metal expands, allowing the egg to get trapped in those microscopic cracks, where it then sticks and burns.

Eggs actually have two things working against them: Their liquid flows into those cracks, and their proteins are problematic.

As Harold McGee explains in "Keys to Good Cooking: A Guide to Making the Best of Foods and Recipes," "High heat causes food proteins and carbohydrates to form bonds with the pan surface." And according to the Royal Society of Chemistry, "Protein-rich foods are particularly prone to sticking because the proteins can form complexes with metal atoms, such as iron, in the pan."

See, it's not just you. Sticking is particularly problematic when it



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To prevent food from sticking, you can use a cooking fat, such as butter, to create a barrier between what you're cooking and the surface of the pan.

comes to delicate foods such as eggs and fish, McGee writes. But it's just as annoying with sturdier pieces of meat too. Chicken and lean beef are prone to sticking because they're high in protein but low in fat, Provost says. Without much fat to lubricate the surface between the pan and the food, the meat will stick.

Here are a few things you can do about that.

The most obvious is to put a barrier between what you're cooking and the surface of the pan. You can use some kind of cooking fat, such as butter or oil. Provost recommends heating the pan first. Then add the fat and let it get hot, but not so hot that it burns. (For eggs, McGee says butter is better than oil, as butter "carries anti-sticking emulsifiers.") Another barrier is air. "Sticking is reduced on grill-like, dimpled and irregular pan surfaces that reduce direct contact between food and pan," McGee says. However, "They also reduce browning and flavor development."

If you're using a well-seasoned cast-iron pan, then you have built-in protection. When you cook in cast iron, the heated fats reorganize into a plasticlike coating that bonds to the pan. Or you could go with manufactured nonstick cookware, whose coating smooths out the surface of

the metal and separates it from the food.

It's also essential to pat your meat dry before you place it in the pan. Otherwise, the heat in the pan will evaporate the water on the surface rather than brown the meat. Since the goal is to start breaking down the proteins on the surface of the meat as quickly as possible — before they can start bonding with the metal — any heat and time lost in cooking off that moisture is working against you. Plus, browning means flavor, so it's better to be searing than steaming when it comes to meat.

McGee says that breading or coating food in flour can prevent sticking. That outer layer is both a barrier and method for further creating a dry surface.

A key point is to make sure you leave your meat in the pan long enough, Provost says. If you try to remove it too soon, it will stick. The browning is what will help the meat release itself from the pan, once the proteins are broken down sufficiently. (Sometimes a little sticking is good, as when you get the cooked-on juices, or *fond*, that you can incorporate into a pan sauce.) Contrary to what you might think, patience, rather than speed, is crucial to avoiding food that sticks.

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2 bars, 2 different vibes

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sync. I don't know if anything happens without her stamp of approval.

Bar Sotano (the name means basement) sits directly beneath Frontera Grill. You can access Sotano through Frontera, but the cool way to arrive is via the bar's alley entrance, for a little speakeasy thrill. The host station is built into a working freight elevator (initial plans called for ferrying passengers via the elevator, but it proved unworkable), and if the place isn't packed (with only 50 seats and minimal reservations, it happens), you'll be escorted downstairs to the bar, a low-ceiling room with spotlight tables (an Instagrammer's dream), original brick walls painted gunmetal gray and a colorful Juan de la Mora mural along the west wall. A complimentary cocktail — two swallows' worth — greets you when you're seated.

Abetted by bar manager Roger Landes, Bayless produced a list of 16 specialty cocktails, grouped conceptually, rather than by spirit. Fruit Stand cocktails are, predictably, fruit-forward; the Guava, Rum drink, with subtle overtones of bourbon and creme de banana, is a hit, and the tequila-driven Mango, Chamoy, served street-food style in a plastic bag, will be Chicago's most photographed drink this year.

Botanicals contain ingredients said, in some quarters, to have curative/restorative powers; these include a Poleo Negroni, made with mezcal and herb-infused vermouth, and the margarita-ish El Sotano, featuring the bar's signature mezcal and the verb *hoja santa*.

Chile Stall cocktails are spice-driven, but I found them perfectly balanced, and I'm no fire-eater. Provocative Inspirations show Bayless and Landes at their most creative; Guacamole is a mezcal cocktail containing avocado and spicy tomatillo, and Tacos al Pastor features chorizo-infused mezcal with roasted pineapple and cilantro.

There are tons of sipping tequilas/mezcal on offer, along with a handful of Mexican beers and a quartet of Mexican wines. But, seriously, you're coming here for the cocktails.

And you'll eat very, very well. Rishi Manoj Kumar, who started as an intern in Frontera's prep kitchen and worked his way up to private-event chef, is Sotano's chef de cuisine, and his mix of snacks, small plates and four sharable large plates is littered with gems.

The first order of business is to check out the "del dia" section of the menu, where lurk the day's special taco and tlayudita (a small, crisped tostada, basically). The day's tlayudita might be topped with Yucatan braised octopus, pineapple and cilantro-habanero crema; the taco might be skate wing with pickled vegetables or, more likely, hot-sauce-brined battered oysters with chile-lime salt.

Irresistible small plates include the Yucatan fried chicken, boneless savory bombs with mango-habanero glaze; and charred gem-lettuce salad with spiced-yogurt dressing (add pork belly for \$2.50; pork belly is a separate charge to keep the salad vegetarian-friendly). The roasted bone-marrow is seriously spicy; if you can handle the heat, ask for a finishing shot of mezcal, which you pour down the bone's hollow into your mouth, in a sort-of fat-washed mezcal luge. It's a thing here.

The plancha-charred broccoli with mojo de ajo earned mixed reviews in the pre-opening tasting (which I attended), but Kumar and Bayless "stuck to our guns," and the rustic, slightly bitter vegetable dish is on the menu. Good call.

Among the main courses, the chile-laced mussels in lobster stock is solid, and the Sotano Burger (28-day dry-aged beef)



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Joe Fiely is the operating partner and wine director of Francesca Restaurants. His wine list at Joe's Imports has about 40 reasonably priced wines.



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Joe's Imports is on the eastern edge of Fulton Market in a former doughnut shop.



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Bar Sotano partner Lanie Bayless is also the spirits director for the Frontera restaurants. Chef de cuisine Rishi Manoj Kumar started with the company as an intern.

Bar Sotano

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rickbayless.com

Tribune rating: ★★

Open: Dinner Tuesday to Saturday

Prices: Small plates \$6-\$10; large \$15-\$38

Noise: Conversation-challenged

is particularly popular with the late-night crowd. But the must-have (and it takes 25 minutes to deliver, so order early) is the Mexican paella, a killer rice dish with chicken thighs, shrimp and chicken chicharron amid peas, avocado and tomato. It's a perfect paella — the outer-edge rice crisped and crunchy the way you want — with enough protein for three or more.

For a sweet finish, the donas (fritterlike doughnut holes) with hot-fudge dip are the most easily shared, but don't overlook the chocolate-pecan pie bar, a dense and fudgy sweet that's a kissing cousin to Frontera Grill's chocolate-pecan pie.

Joe's Imports

Francesca Restaurants' Scott Harris is nothing if not resilient. After closing all his Glazed & Infused



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Small plates at Bar Sotano include Yucatan fried chicken — boneless savory bombs with mango-habanero glaze.

doughnut shops late last year, he converted one of them — the one at the eastern edge of Fulton Market — into a wine bar. Time will tell if this was a shrewd move, but the early returns are highly encouraging.

Joe's Imports opened Feb. 15, which is appropriate, because the concept feels like a valentine tossed in the direction of Joe Fiely, the restaurant group's operating partner and wine director — and one of the original partners at Mia Francesca back in 1992, when the vino was poured into wine tumblers. Francesca's wine program has grown by leaps and bounds since then, and in a way, Joe's Imports is Fiely's reward, a 65-seat space where he can share his passion for wine with a

presumably appreciative audience.

Fiely rhymes with smiley, an association you'll never forget once you've met the man. Fiely's smile is so omnipresent, it might have been tattooed in place, and it's never so broad as when he's talking about wine. He beams with unbridled joy, seemingly thrilled to engage with customers. Every bottle on his list has a story, and Fiely is happy to relate them all.

The experience won't be expensive, either. Fiely's carefully chosen list — heavily Italian, nearly all European — numbers about 40 wines, all available in small or full pours, or by the bottle. Most full bottles are \$50 or less; most 5-ounce-glass pours are less than \$15.

This is matched by an



ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Nonna's Chicken at Joe's Imports is a roasted leg and thigh placed over mashed butter beans with neck bone gravy.



ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Broccoli rabe packs a punch, modified by black garlic and oyster sauce at Joe's Imports. It's bitter, spicy and sweet.

Joe's Imports

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Open: Dinner daily; brunch Saturday and Sunday

Prices: \$5-\$30

Noise: Conversation-challenged

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.

eclectic small-plates menu — Italian leaning, but not totally — by Peter DeRuvo (another Francesca veteran), who also strives to keep things affordable. If you keep away from the pata negra platter (a \$30 splurge), you won't spend more than \$21 on any one dish, and half the menu is \$15 or less.

Start with the fried Parmesan puffs, which look like hush puppies but are feather-light, served with a three-cheese fondue. The cheese and crackers is an appealing cheese plate with oversize, fennel-dusted wheat crisps; I'd consider saving this for a pre-dessert cheese course, but to each his/her own.

Indulgence arrives in the form of deviled eggs, the yolks whipped with foie gras and piped in tall spires that remind one of soft-serve ice cream (bits of crispy chicharron revive the chicken-and-egg argument), and sea urchin, topped a pile of gently scrambled eggs with an anchovy accent. A large duck ravioli is coddled in brown butter and topped with shaved coins of black truffle.

For those who can handle bold flavors, the broc-

coli rabe packs a considerably spicy punch, modified by black garlic and oyster sauce; the bitter, spicy and sweet notes mingle harmoniously. Bold in a conceptual sense is the stuffed pepper, filled with Acquerello rice and topped with Parmesan, surrounded by tomato sauce; it's an odd sort of stuffed-pepper-meets-risotto mashup, but it tastes fine.

Larger plates include tender grilled octopus with romesco, and Nonna's Chicken, a roasted leg and thigh placed over mashed butter beans with neck-bone gravy. The wagyu skirt steak is served sliced and piled high over fingerling potatoes; it's not bad, though my sample was undercooked.

And keep an eye out for the day's midnight pasta, so named as a salute to late-arriving industry workers. Tagliatelle noodles with beef-cheek Bolognese was the feature one night, and it's one of the best dishes I had here.

The brief dessert list includes crema Catalana (think Spanish creme brulee with a hint of citrus), and made-to-order madeleines with milk-chocolate ganache. The eye-catching sweet is the Chocolate Royal, a Twix-like confection combining chocolate mousse, peanut-butter feuilletine (pastry flakes) and tempered bittersweet-chocolate ganache.

Joe's also serves weekend brunch (where, Fiely points out, his mimosas are made with genuine Champagne), when you'll find some of the dinner menu items, augmented by breakfast-style dishes — including the bacon-maple-chocolate long john from Glazed & Infused. This makes me happy.

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STACY ZARIN GOLDBERG/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Cuban-style chicken and rice (arroz con pollo)

Inspired by a recipe from “Memories of a Cuban Kitchen,” by Mary Urrutia Randelman and Joan Schwartz (Wiley, 1996).

Servings: 4

- 1 lime, cut in half
- 4 bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt, plus more as needed
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 small yellow onion, finely chopped (about ¾ cup)
- 1 green bell pepper, seeds and ribs removed, finely chopped (1 to 1½ cups)
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- ⅓ cup pimento-stuffed manzanilla olives, sliced
- ½ cup plain tomato sauce or canned crushed tomatoes
- ½ teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 bay leaf
- 12 ounces light (as in pale) beer
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1¼ cups uncooked long-grain white rice, rinsed
- A baby pinch of saffron threads

1. **Squeeze** the juice of both lime halves all over the chicken thighs, then season both sides of the thighs generously with salt and pepper. Let them sit for a couple minutes while you prep the rest of your ingredients.
 2. **Drizzle** the oil into a Dutch oven or another large, heavy-bottomed, ovenproof saucepan and heat over medium heat. Brown the chicken, skin sides down, for 8 to 10 minutes until golden and crisped, and then again for 8 minutes on the meat sides. Transfer them to a plate.
 3. **You'll see** a little treat at the bottom of the pot: rendered chicken fat. Pour off all but 2 tablespoons into a heatproof container (for saving or discarding once the fat has cooled) and then dump the onion, bell pepper and garlic into the remaining rendered fat in the pot. Cook until the veggies have softened and the onion is slightly translucent, about 5 minutes. Add the olives, tomato sauce or crushed tomatoes, cumin and the bay leaf. Cook, stirring every now and then, for 3 minutes.
 4. **Pour** the beer into the pot (and sip on another if you have it). Add the broth, rice, saffron threads and the teaspoon of kosher salt, and stir. Increase the heat to medium-high; bring everything to a boil, then reduce the heat to low.
 5. **Barely tuck** in those crisped chicken thighs skin sides up, partially cover the pot and cook low and slow until the rice has absorbed nearly all the liquid, 30 minutes.
 6. **Toss out** the bay leaf and let everything rest for 5 minutes. Fluff the rice with a fork before serving.
- Nutrition information:** 500 calories; 24 g total fat; 6 g saturated fat; 145 mg cholesterol; 890 mg sodium; 35 g carbohydrates; 2 g dietary fiber; 4 g sugars; 31 g protein. The nutritional analysis includes ½ cup cooked rice per serving.

Rice reaches its full potential

Cuban classic dish arroz con pollo is guaranteed to feed — and fill up — a crowd

BY TANYA SICHYNSKY
The Washington Post

In my opinion, rice is just OK.

When it comes to cooking grains at home, I'm of two philosophies: The grain — which in many households is long-grain white rice — should either be 1) boiled together with a dish's other ingredients to absorb their flavors or 2) cooked plainly in advance and ultimately fried.

The greatest example of the first approach is a Cuban classic and, scientifically, the ultimate comfort dish: arroz con pollo. Truly great rice is rice that's boiled with rendered

chicken fat, stock, beer, tomato sauce and saffron.

Like any respectable Cuban dish, arroz con pollo starts with a combo of garlic, onion and bell pepper sauteed in a little fat. This holy trinity is called sofrito; much like a French mirepoix, it serves as the foundation on which you'll build a flavorful meal. After a bit of browning and sauteing, there's little work left for you as the rice cooks. It's an appealing set-it-and-forget-it dinner option if there ever was one. And whether you've got kiddos or large adult sons, this dish will feed (and fill up) a crowd.

Good news for those of

us who love to make meals ahead: Arroz con pollo is better the next day. Storing the dish in a large, oven-safe glass container in the fridge will make for easy reheating. If you live for crispy chicken skin, you can finish things off by re-searing the thighs skin sides down in a cast-iron skillet for a minute or two after you've warmed things through.

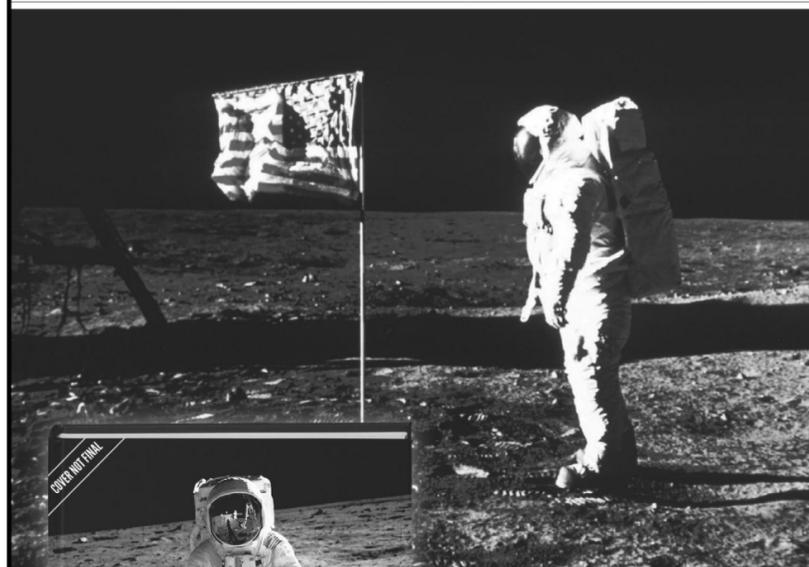
As far as specialty ingredients go, saffron — a spice that's popular in Spanish and Middle Eastern cooking — imparts an unmistakable color and flavor. A little tomato sauce will color our rice slightly, but that coveted yellow hue can't hap-

pen without those luxurious threads. Skip it, and you'll have one of those “Something's missing, but I can't place what” moments. You don't want that.

Affordable options are available; you can get a small vial of saffron threads at Trader Joe's for \$5.99. And a little goes a long way (for this recipe, you'll want to use what I'm going to call a “baby pinch”), so once you have it on hand you can experiment with adding it to other rice dishes, vegetables and even sweet treats.

Note: Four thighs make four tidy portions, but you will have leftover rice that can be used as a side for another meal.

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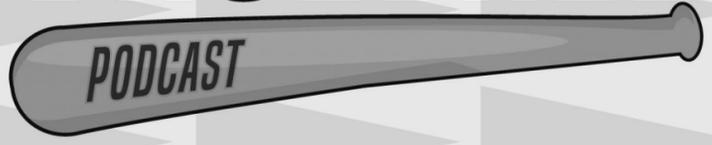
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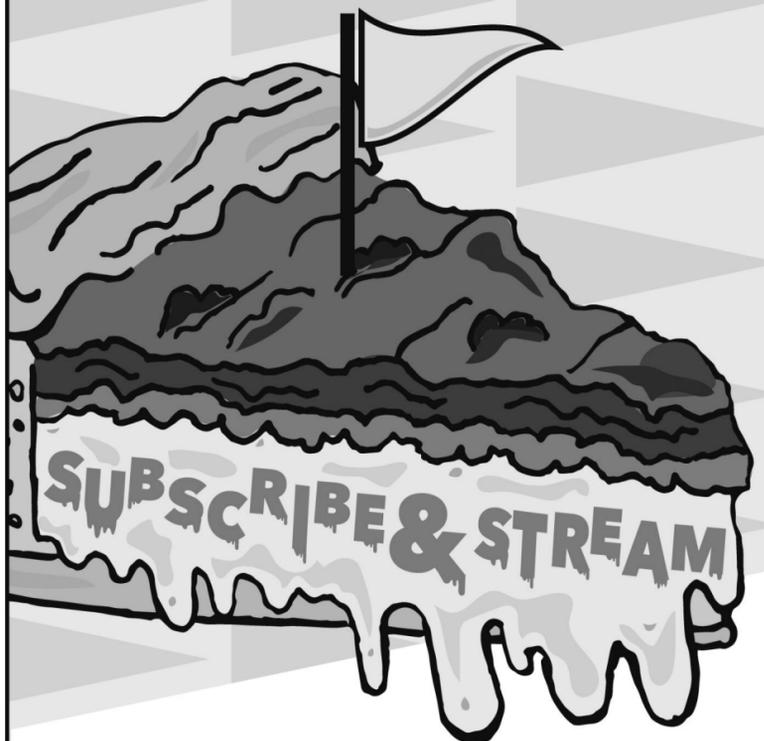
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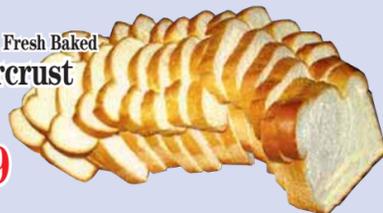


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• Apple • Cherry • Cheese
\$3.49



Walt's Own Glazed
**Sour Cream
Donut Holes**
18 Pk. Pre-Packaged
\$2.99



Walt's Own
Homestyle
Peach Pie
8 Inch
\$5.99



Walt's Own
**Cranberry Nut
Cream Cake**
1/2 Ring
\$4.99



Walt's Own
Mini Egg Cakes
• White Buttercream Iced
• Chocolate Dipped
2 Pk. Pre-Packaged
\$2.49



BUTCHER SHOP

Walt's "All Natural" Fresh
Boneless Chicken Breast Tenders
3 Lb. Pkgs. or More
\$2.99 Lb.
No Added Hormone

Miller Amish Country "100% Natural" Fresh
Chicken Wings
Jumbo Pack
\$2.99 Lb.
Chicken Wing Drumettes **\$3.79** Lb.
Raised Without Antibiotics, Hormones or Steroids

Honeysuckle 99% Lean
Ground Turkey
16 Oz.
\$3.99
Fresh Turkey Sausage 19 Oz. **\$3.99**
•Italian •Bratwurst

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork
Baby Back Pork Ribs
Sold Whole in the Bag
\$3.29 Lb.

Dutch Farms
Chicken Kiev
Assorted Varieties
5 Oz.
10/\$10

Walt's "All Natural" Premium 80% Lean
Ground Chuck
Value Pack
\$3.29 Lb.
Ground fresh in store many times daily

USDA Choice
Lamb Shoulder Blade Chops
\$4.99 Lb.
Round Bone Lamb Shoulder Chops **\$5.49** Lb.

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork
Pork Spare Ribs
Any Size Package
\$1.99 Lb.

Dutch Farms
Sliced Bacon
Assorted Varieties
16 Oz.
\$3.99

Walt's Store Made Fresh
Sausage
•Italian •Polish
Value Pack
\$1.99 Lb.

Walt's "All Natural" Premium 80% Lean Fresh
Ground Chuck Patties
Value Pack
\$3.59 Lb.
Fresh

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork
Center Cut Pork Chops
Value Pack
\$2.29 Lb.

Scott Pete
Jumbo Franks
16 Oz.
2/\$3
Scott Pete Beef Franks 14 Oz. **2/\$6**

Carl Buddig
Premium Deli
Assorted Varieties
8 Oz.
2/\$4

Oscar Mayer Basic
Lunchables
Assorted Varieties
2.2 - 4.4 Oz.
3/\$5

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork
Assorted Pork Chops
Value Pack
\$1.49 Lb.

Oscar Mayer
•Bologna
•Cotto Salami
Selected Varieties
16 Oz.
2/\$3

Oscar Mayer
•Turkey Bologna
•Bologna
•Cotto Salami
16 Oz.
2/\$3

Oscar Mayer
•Deli Fresh Shaved
•Select Natural
•Carving Board Strips
Selected Varieties
7 - 9 Oz.
\$2.99

Johnsonville
Smoked Sausage
Selected Varieties
12 - 14 Oz.
2/\$5

Jimbooo's
Italian Beef
26 Oz.
\$5.79

Gourmet Dining
Skillet Meal
Assorted Varieties
24 - 32 Oz.
\$4.79

USDA Choice Certified Hereford "Natural Beef"
Top Round Roast
Sold As Roast Only
\$3.99 Lb.

USDA Choice Certified Hereford "Natural Beef"
Boneless Strip Steak
Any Size Package
\$9.99 Lb.

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
Pollock Fillets 16 Oz. **\$2.99**
Sea Best
Cod Fillets 16 Oz. **\$5.79**
Sea Best
Ocean Perch Fillets 16 Oz. **\$4.99**
Sea Best
Tilapia Fillets 16 Oz. **\$3.99**
Asian Classic 31 - 40 Ct.
Cooked Tail-On Shrimp 16 Oz. **\$7.99**

Check Out Our LOW PRICES DELI-HUT Check Out Our LOW PRICES

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Walt's Signature Premium
Baked Ham
\$4.98 Lb.
Gluten Free
Scott Pete Veal Bologna
\$3.98 Lb.
Gluten Free

Grandpa's
Potato Salad **\$3.79** Lb.
Garden Fresh
Taco Pasta Salad **\$4.59** Lb.
Garden Fresh Sour Cream & Cheddar
Macaroni Salad .. **\$3.79** Lb.
Walt's Deli Hut
Ham Salad **\$5.29** Lb.
Garden Fresh
Tuna Salad **\$7.99** Lb.

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Butterball
Turkey Breast
Selected Varieties
\$6.58 Lb.
Roasted
Butterball
Chicken Breast
Selected Varieties
\$6.58 Lb.
Country Deli

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Eckrich
Ham
•Spicy Pineapple •Black Forest
\$4.98 Lb.
Gluten Free
Eckrich
Nashville Spicy Chicken Breast
\$6.98 Lb.
Gluten Free

Walt's Deli Hut
Chicken Breast Tenders
\$4.99 Lb.
Chicken Breast Tenders 2 Lb. Bucket **\$9.95**
Walt's Deli Hut
Macaroni & Beef
\$5.99 Lb.

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Jennie-O
Turkey Pastrami
\$3.98 Lb.
Gluten Free
Jennie-O
Turkey Ham
\$3.98 Lb.
Gluten Free

Dietz & Watson
All Varieties Turkey Breast
\$7.98 Lb.
Gluten Free
Dietz & Watson
All Varieties Beef
\$9.98 Lb.
Gluten Free

Walt's Deli Hut
Chicken Breast Tenders
\$4.99 Lb.
Chicken Breast Tenders 2 Lb. Bucket **\$9.95**
Walt's Deli Hut
Macaroni & Beef
\$5.99 Lb.

Dietz & Watson
All Varieties Ham
\$6.98 Lb.
Gluten Free
Dietz & Watson
All Varieties Chicken Breast
\$6.98 Lb.
Gluten Free

DAIRY

Dannon Yogurt
•Light & Fit
•Fruit On The Bottom
•Whole Milk
Selected Varieties 5.3 Oz.
39¢
Limit 12 Total Please

Chobani Yogurt
•0% •2% •Flips •Gimmies
Selected Varieties 5.3 Oz.
10/\$10

Ore Ida **Just Crack An Egg**
3 Oz.
2/\$4

Dutch Farms **Premium Dips**
11.5 - 12 Oz.
2/\$4

Dutch Farms **Cream Cheese**
•Regular •1/3 Less Fat
•Fat Free
8 Oz. Box
4/\$5

Parkay **Soft Spread**
41 Oz.
Sale Price **\$3.79**
Digital Reward Coupon
50¢
Final Price **\$3.29**
Must use Walt's App to redeem.

Dean's DairyPure **Sour Cream**
16 Oz.
2/\$4
Dean's DairyPure Buttermilk Quart \$1.79

Dutch Farms **Ricotta Cheese**
15 Oz.
2/\$4

Dutch Farms **Cheese Spread**
8 Oz.
\$2.29

Dutch Farms **Cheese Curds**
5 Oz.
2/\$5

Dutch Farms **Cracker Cheese Cuts**
10 Oz.
2/\$6

Fair Oaks **Milk**
•Whole •2% Reduced Fat
•Chocolate
52 Oz.
2/\$6
Fair Oaks Chocolate Milk 11.5 Oz. **10/\$10**

International Delights **Baileys or Dunkin' Donuts Creamers**
32 Oz.
\$2.99

Dean's **Cottage Cheese**
24 Oz.
\$2.79
Dean's DairyPure Half & Half Quart \$2.79

Dutch Farms **Horseradish**
8 Oz.
4/\$5

Dutch Farms **Cheese**
•Snack •String
.83 - 1 Oz.
3/\$1
Dutch Farms Cheese Crumbles 3.5 - 4 Oz. \$2.39

Dutch Farms **On The Go Snack Bars**
7.5 Oz.
\$2.19

Dutch Farms **Shredded Cheese**
2 Lb. Bag
\$5.99

Dutch Farms **Organic Milk**
1/2 Gallon
2/\$7

SPECIALTY EGGS
Dutch Farms **Real Egg**
16 Oz.
3/\$5

Dutch Farms **Cooked Eggs**
6 Pk.
2/\$4

Dutch Farms **Large Eggs**
Dozen
2/\$5

England's Best Grade "A" **Large Eggs**
18 Pk.
\$3.29

Dutch Farms **Butter**
•Regular •No Salt
1 Lb. Qtrs.
2/\$6

Dutch Farms **Cheese Wedges**
4 Oz.
4/\$5

Challenge **Butter**
1 Lb. Qtrs.
\$3.99

Noon Hour **Herring**
•Wine •Cream
12 Oz.
\$3.99

Noon Hour **Herring** 12 Oz. \$4.49
•Cajun •Mustard

Simply **Orange Juice**
52 Oz.
2/\$6

DUTCH FARMS CHEESE SALE!
Dutch Farms **Cheese**
•Regular American Singles 12 Oz.
•Regular, Thick Cut or Fancy Shredded Selected Varieties 5 - 8 Oz.
•Bars Selected Varieties 8 Oz.
•Natural Slices Selected Varieties 6 Oz.
3/\$5

99¢ SALE!
Dutch Farms **Cream Cheese**
•Soft •Whipped •Flavored
8 Oz. Tub
2/\$3
Imperial **Spread**
1 Lb. Qtrs.
99¢
Dutch Farms **English Muffins**
6 Pk.
99¢
•Bagels 14 Oz.
•Dips French Onion or Ranch 16 Oz.

Dutch Farms **Cottage Cheese**
16 Oz.
2/\$3

Dutch Farms **Sour Cream**
16 Oz.
3/\$5

Dutch Farms **Orange Juice**
Gallon
\$2.99
Limit 2 Total, Add'l. \$3.99

Best Choice **Butter**
•Regular
•No Salt
1 Lb. Qtrs.
2/\$5
Limit 2 Total, Add'l. 2/\$6

Dutch Farms **Cheese Chunk**
16 Oz.
\$2.99

Dutch Farms **Gelatin Rings**
19.5 - 22 Oz.
3/\$5

Kraft Regular **American Cheese Singles**
Twin Pack 24 Oz.
\$3.99

Arizona **Tea**
59 Oz.
2/\$4

FROZEN

Pillsbury **Toaster Strudel**
•Strudel
•Scrambles
7.2 - 11.7 Oz.
2/\$4

Dutch Farms **Breakfast Sandwiches**
4 Pk.
\$3.99

Marie Callender's **Pies**
•Fruit
•Cream
24.8 - 40 Oz.
\$5.99

Louisa **Pasta**
16 - 22 Oz.
2/\$7

Mr. Dee's **Hash Browns**
•Shredded
•Golden Rounds
24 Oz.
\$2.59
Mr. Dee's Hash Brown Patties 31.75 Oz. \$3.99

Sara Lee **Pound Cake**
10.75 Oz.
2/\$6
Sara Lee Coffee Cake 11.5 Oz. \$3.99

DeWafelbakkers **Pancakes**
18 - 60 Ct.
\$2.99

North Star **Lotta Pops**
•Regular •Patriot
20 Pk.
2/\$6

Jimmy Dean **Breakfast Sandwiches**
•Croissant •Biscuit
13.6 - 18.4 Oz.
\$4.99

Prairie Farms **Sherbet**
Quart
3/\$5

Edy's **Ice Cream**
•Yogurt
•Sherbet
48 Oz.
2/\$5
Limit 2 Total Please

Dutch Farms **Whipped Topping**
6.5 Oz. Can
3/\$5

Kraft Regular **American Cheese Singles**
Twin Pack 24 Oz.
\$3.99

Gorton's **Fish**
•Parmesan Encrusted or Pub Style Beer Cod 10 Oz.
•Grilled Salmon or Tilapia Fillets 6.3 Oz.
•Crispy Fillets or Sticks 11.4 Oz. •Garlic Herb Fillets 11 Oz.
•Grilled Lemon Pepper Fillets 7.1 Oz. •Crispy Battered Fillets 11.4 Oz.
2/\$7

Birdseye Polybag **Regular Vegetable Mixtures**
Selected Varieties 9.5 - 16 Oz.
\$2.29
50¢ Digital Reward Coupon When You Buy 2
Birdseye Polybag Protein Blends 10 - 11.5 Oz. 2/\$6

Best Choice **Potatoes**
•Hashbrowns
•Fries
•Shoestring
28 - 32 Oz.
3/\$5

Kraft **Macaroni & Cheese Dinners**
8.5 Oz.
2/\$6

Lynden Farms **Fries**
•Crinkle Cut •Steak
2 Lb. Bag
2/\$3

Lynden Farms **Hashbrowns**
2 Lb. Bag
2/\$4

Lynden Farms **Shoestring Potatoes**
20 Oz.
99¢

Devour **Entrees**
Selected Varieties 7.2 - 12 Oz.
2/\$6

Van de Kamp's **Fish**
•Battered Tenders or Fillets 18.1 - 19.4 Oz.
•Breaded Fillets 19 Oz.
•Beer Battered Fillets 19.1 Oz.
•Large Sticks 22.9 Oz. •Sticks 24.6 Oz.
2/\$7

Banquet **Mega Meals**
13.4 - 14.6 Oz.
\$2.99

Banquet **Chicken**
•Nuggets •Patties •Tenders
12 - 15 Oz.
\$2.99

Bella Nico **Gravy and Beef**
26 Oz.
\$5.99

Hart **Chicken**
20 - 32 Oz.
\$4.99

Stouffer's **Family Size Entrees**
19.5 - 38 Oz.
\$6.99
Stouffer's Family Size Macaroni & Cheese 40 Oz. \$5.99

Red Baron **Pizza**
12 Inch
Sale Price **3/\$10**
Digital Reward Coupon
When You Buy 3
Final Price **3/\$8**
Must use Walt's App to redeem

Dutch Farms **Corn Dogs**
•Regular •Mini
6 - 16 Ct.
\$2.29

Dutch Farms **Sandwiches**
5 - 5.7 Oz.
10/\$10

White Castle **Hamburgers**
•Regular •Cheese
6 Pk.
\$3.99

Delimex **Appetizers**
11.2 - 23 Oz.
2/\$10

Palermo's **Primo Thin Crust Pizza**
12 Inch
2/\$6.98
Scream'n' Sicilian Singles
•Regular •Stromboli 9.10 - 10 Oz. 4/\$11

Best Choice **FAITHFUL Pizza**
12 Inch
2/\$9

Pizza **Home Run Inn Ultra Thin Crust**
12 Inch
•Edwardos
24 - 28 Oz.
2/\$11

Pizza **Gino's East Deep Dish**
9 Inch
•Newman's Own
12 Inch
2/\$11

Pizza **Home Run Inn Ultra Thin Crust**
12 Inch
•Edwardos
24 - 28 Oz.
2/\$11

Pizza **Gino's East Deep Dish**
9 Inch
•Newman's Own
12 Inch
2/\$11

Pizza **Gino's East Deep Dish**
9 Inch
•Newman's Own
12 Inch
2/\$11

GROCERY

Barilla Pasta
Selected Varieties
12 - 16 Oz.
88¢

Ragu Pasta Sauce
16 - 24 Oz.
2/\$4

Hunt's Tomato Sauce
8 Oz.
5/\$3

Hidden Valley Ranch Salad Dressing
16 Oz.
\$2.99

Aunt Millie's Giant Bread
•White •Wheat
•Seedless Italian
24 Oz.
4/\$5

Kraft Deluxe Mac & Cheese
•Velveeta Shells & Cheese
3 Pk.
Sale Price **\$6.49**
Digital Reward Coupon **-50¢**
Final Price \$5.99
Must use Walt's App to redeem

Starkist Tuna
•Chunk White
•Solid White
5 Oz.
2/\$3

Duke's Mayonnaise
32 Oz.
\$2.99

Wesson Oil
•Vegetable
•Canola
48 Oz.
2/\$5

Jays Potato Chips
10 Oz.
2/\$4

Taco Bell Restaurant Sauce
7.5 - 8 Oz.
4/\$5

Taco Bell Refried Beans
16 Oz.
5/\$5

Taco Bell Taco Seasoning Mix
1 - 1.4 Oz.
3/\$2

Taco Bell Crunchy & Soft Taco Dinner Kits
8.85 - 16.8 Oz.
\$1.99

Campbell's Soup Sale
10.5 - 10.75 Oz.
10/\$10

Sunshine Cheez-It Crackers
6 - 7 Oz.
2/\$4

Red Gold Salsa
16 Oz.
2/\$3

Red Gold Tomato Juice
46 Oz.
2/\$3

Heinz Ketchup
20 Oz.
2/\$4

Heinz Mustard
15 - 20 Oz.
2/\$4

VanCamp's Pork and Beans
15 Oz.
5/\$3

Maxwell House Wake Up Roast Coffee
30.65 Oz.
Sale Price **\$5.49**
Digital Reward Coupon **-50¢**
Final Price \$4.99
Must use Walt's App to redeem.

Melitta Coffee Filters
All Varieties
33% Off

Folgers Coffee
10.3 - 11.3 Oz.
3/\$10

Nestle Coffee-mate Powdered Creamer
35.3 Oz.
\$4.99

Nabisco Oreo Cookies
7.9 - 16 Oz.
\$2.99

Powerade
32 Oz.
69¢

Pillsbury Brownie Mix
•Fudge
•Milk Chocolate
18.4 Oz.
4/\$5

Duncan Hines Perfect Size for 1 Cake Mix
8.4 - 20.45 Oz.
\$2.99

Duncan Hines Perfect Size for 1 Frosting
3.7 - 4.6 Oz.
\$1.19

Pam Spray
5 - 6 Oz.
\$2.99

Nestle Pure Life Water
28 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls.
3/\$10

General Mills Cereals
•Honey Nut Cheerios 12 Oz.
•Cheerios 12 Oz.
•Cinnamon Toast Crunch 16.8 Oz.
•Lucky Charms 14.9 Oz.
•Multigrain Cheerios 12 Oz.
2/\$6

Quaker Cereals
•Cap'n Crunch
•Life
•Oatmeal Squares
11.4 - 14.5 Oz.
2/\$6

Quaker Premium Instant Oatmeal
6 - 8 Ct.
2/\$7
Quaker Instant Oatmeal 12 Ct. **\$2.79**

Post Cereals
•Oreo O's
•Chips Ahoy
•Nutter Butter
•Nilla
•Honey Maid S'mores
11 - 12.25 Oz.
2/\$5

Purex Triple Action Liquid Laundry Detergent
43.5 - 50 Oz.
\$1.99

Glad Bags
•Freezer •Storage
15 - 25 Ct.
3/\$5

Glad Bags
•Tall Kitchen
•Trash
25 - 80 Ct.
\$7.99

Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
30 - 35 Ct.
2/\$5

Liquid Laundry Detergent
•Tide Simply Clean
•Era
115 - 150 Oz.
\$7.99

Best Choice Charcoal
18.5 - 20 Lb.
\$4.99

GROCERY GOLD VALUES

•7Up •Dr. Pepper
•A&W •RC
•Canada Dry
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans or
8 Pk. 12 Oz. NR Btl's.
3/\$11

•Pepsi
•Diet Pepsi
•Mtn. Dew •Crush
•Schweppes
24 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans
\$6.99

Regular, Diet
•Coke
•Coke Zero Sugar
•Sprite
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans
3/\$13

Buy Any 3 Coke
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans
Get 1
Coke Orange Vanilla or
Coke Orange Vanilla Zero
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans
FREE

Regular, Diet
•Pepsi •Crush
•Mtn. Dew
•Schweppes
6 Pk. 5 Ltr. Btl's. or
6 Pk. 7.5 Oz. Cans
4/\$9

Kool-Aid
Jammers
10 Ct.
3/\$5

•7Up •Dr. Pepper
•A&W •RC
•Canada Dry
2 Ltr.
4/\$5

•Bai
Antioxidant Drink
18 Oz.
•Evian Spring Water
1 Ltr.
2/\$3

Lipton
Tea
128 Oz.
2/\$5

Monster
Energy Drink
16 Oz.
2/\$3

Propel
Flavored Water
6 Pk. 5 Ltr. Btl's.
2/\$7

V8 Juice
•Fusion
•Vegetable
•Energy
46 Oz. or 6 Pk.
2/\$6

•Chex Mix
•Bugles
•Garden of Eatin'
14.5 - 15 Oz.
2/\$5

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Tortilla
Chips
9.25 - 10 Oz.
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•Fritos
•Cheetos
7 - 9.25 Oz.
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Nabisco
Toasted
Chips
•Ritz
•Wheat Thins
7.1 - 8.1 Oz.
2/\$5

Nabisco
•Ritz Crackers
8.8 - 13.7 Oz.
•Snack Crackers
3.5 - 9 Oz.
2/\$5

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Popcorn
3 Packs
3/\$5

Butternut
•Bread
White or 100% Whole Wheat 20 Oz.
•Hamburger Buns
•Hot Dog Buns
8 Ct.
2/\$3

Bread
•Sunmaid Raisin 16 Oz.
•Sunbeam
Texas Toast 24 Oz.
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Sara Lee
Artesano
Bread
20 Oz.
\$2.49

Entenmann's
Cake Line
Sale
8.25 - 20 Oz.
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Planters
Peanuts
•Dry Roasted
•Cocktail
16 Oz.
2/\$5

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Bars
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•Kit Kat
1.4 - 2.06 Oz.
4/\$3

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24 Ct. Caplets
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Wide Solid or Invisible Powder
Anti-Perspirant
& Deodorant
•Powder Fresh •Spring Breeze •Shower Fresh
2.6 - 2.7 Oz.
\$2.29

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& Deodorant
•Powder Fresh •Sweet Pea & Violet
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Disposable Razors 3 Ct. **\$6.99**
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•Original •Original+Scope

Dove
Shampoo or
Conditioner
•Moisturizing •Intensive Repair
•Men's Thickening
12 Oz.
\$3.99

Colgate
Toothpaste
•Sparkling Mint
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•Cavity Protection •Baking Soda Mint
6 Oz.
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Vitamins
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12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btl's. or Cans
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12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btl's. or Cans
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Smirnoff
Vodka 750 ML. **\$12.99**

Fetzer Wine
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•Gewurztraminer
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Yellow Tail Wine
•Riesling •Chardonnay
•Merlot •Cabernet
•Shiraz 1.5 Ltr. **\$10.99**
750 ML \$5.99

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Mixers
•Margarita •Mud Slide
•Pina Colada 1.75 Ltr. **\$7.99**

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Spiked & Sparkling
•Henry's Hard Soda
•Bon & Viv
Spiked Seltzer **\$13.99**
12 Pk. Cans

•Miller High Life
•Miller High Life Light
•Busch •Busch Light
•Icehouse •Rolling Rock
30 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans
\$12.99

•Corona
•Corona Light
•Corona Familiar
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12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btl's. or Cans
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Island
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btl's. or Cans
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