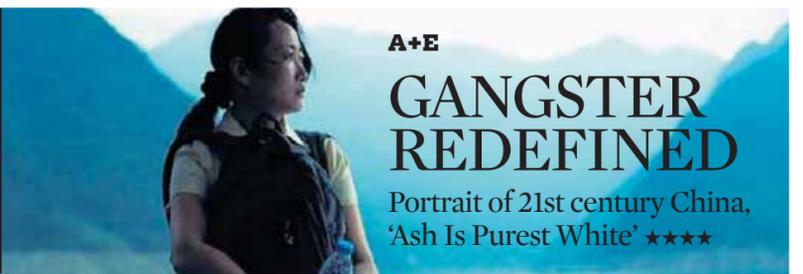




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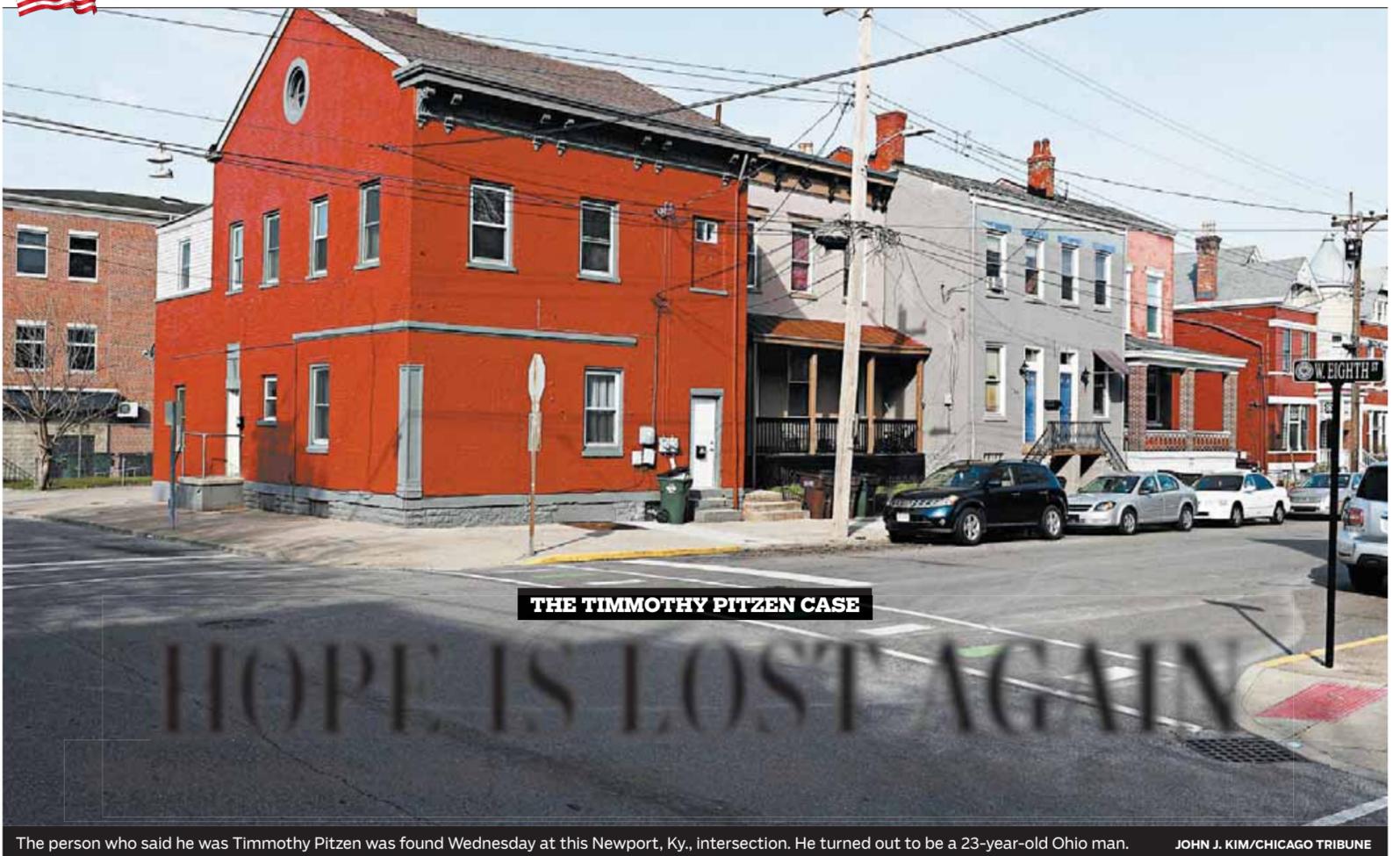
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THE TIMMOTHY PITZEN CASE

HOPE IS LOST AGAIN

The person who said he was Timothy Pitzen was found Wednesday at this Newport, Ky., intersection. He turned out to be a 23-year-old Ohio man.

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By SARAH FREISHTAT, MEGAN JONES AND JOHN KEILMAN
Aurora Beacon-News

NEWPORT, Ky. — In a corner of their garage, an Aurora family keeps a small and pristine neon orange bicycle, longing for the day when they can return it to its rightful owner — their former neighbor Timothy Pitzen, a child who has been missing for nearly eight years.

Their anticipation surged Wednesday when word came from the Cincinnati area that someone who said he was Timothy had been found. But the claim turned out to be false — authorities say the person was actually a 23-year-old man from northeastern Ohio.

When news broke that Timothy's apparent rescue was yet another hope dashed, Yamii Grande, who was in third grade when the boy she viewed as a little brother disappeared, was left in tears.

"I didn't want to get my hopes up, but I really had



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Timothy Pitzen's grandmother Alana Anderson, left, and his aunt Kara Jacobs talk about the heartbreak of learning that Timothy had not been found after all.

a good feeling about it this time," said Grande, 19. "It's happened before, but it got really far this time."

It was a bizarre twist to a story that has bubbled since May 2011, when the body of Timothy's mother, Amy Fry-Pitzen, was found in a Rockford motel. She was dead by suicide, and her 6-year-old son, whom she had taken out of school three days earlier for a spree of zoo and water park visits, was nowhere to be found.

A cryptic note Fry-Pitzen left behind said she had left him in the care of responsible adults who loved him but that he would never be found.

That prediction has held up ever since, but for a day and a half this week, it appeared it might finally be ending.

Sharon Hall, who lives in Newport, Ky., just across the Ohio River from Cincinnati, said she saw a young person in a hoodie hanging out on her street about 7:30 a.m. Wednesday. He seemed "nervous" and

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Suburban cops up pressure on Foxx to resign

Police chiefs call for special prosecutor in Smollett case

By JEREMY GORNER, JASON MEISNER AND MEGAN CREPEAU
Chicago Tribune

The fallout over Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx's handling of the Jussie Smollett prosecution grew Thursday as suburban police chiefs gave her a vote of no confidence and an attorney sought the appointment of a special prosecutor to investigate her actions.

At a news conference, the Chicago Fraternal Order of Police president and some 30 suburban police leaders from across Cook County took it a step beyond the no-confidence vote, calling on Foxx to resign from her elected office.

Later, Saani Mohammed, who until recently was an assistant state's attorney in Foxx's office, filed a petition in criminal court asking that a special prosecutor look into whether Smollett should be recharged with staging a hate crime as well as whether Foxx or her subordinates interfered with the investigation.

The filing marked the first formal request — but likely not the last — that a special prosecutor be appointed since the bombshell decision by Foxx's office last week to drop all charges against Smollett.

Meanwhile, the city's self-imposed

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The Robert Crown Center, which is based in Hinsdale, travels to more than 600 Chicago-area schools to provide sex education, including lessons on consent.

Beyond 'no means no'

Proposed law would require school sex education programs to include more complete lessons about consent

By KATE THAYER | Chicago Tribune

Teaching "no means no" in sex education isn't enough, according to a proposal in the state legislature that would require Illinois schools that offer sex education to provide more thorough lessons on the issue of consent.

Lawmakers in the Illinois House on Thursday passed a bill that offers a more nuanced definition of consent in sex education programs for sixth- through 12th-graders in public schools.

Sex education is not mandated by law in Illinois, but schools that have such

programs must include certain themes, like the issue of consent.

But the current law does not define consent, nor specify what instruction about it should include, said state Rep. Ann Williams, D-Chicago, main sponsor of the bill, which now moves on to the Senate.

"Consent is much more complex a topic than 'no means no,'" she said. "It looks a lot different if someone is in a position of trust and authority ... or if there is alcohol or drugs."

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Odds brighter for an elected CPS board

Illinois House OKs an idea backed by Lightfoot, others

By DAN PETRELLA
Chicago Tribune

Two days after Chicago voters chose a new mayor who supports an elected school board, the Illinois House on Thursday was nearly unanimous in its approval of a measure that would make that change.

Lawmakers have discussed and debated several versions of such a bill in recent years, but none has ever reached the governor's desk, thanks in part to staunch opposition from Mayor Rahm Emanuel. The push to replace the only appointed school board in Illinois is an outgrowth of the animosity between the Chicago Teachers Union and Emanuel over school closings during his first term.

Now, with support from both Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot and Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker, the change to an elected board would appear to have brighter prospects, although the House and Senate still need to reach agreement on a number of potentially contentious details, from the size of the board to who will draw electoral district boundaries. Lightfoot has already expressed opposition to parts of the bill the House passed on Thursday, telling WBEZ last week it would create an "unwieldy" school board because of its size.

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JOHN KASS

A hands-down winner for the Golden Moutza

A nice fellow named Frank J. Andreou made a serious allegation in the awarding of the Golden Moutza of March.

"There is not a hand big enough for this month!!" Andreou declared on Facebook, where Moutza of the Month nominations are made.

Really, Frank? Is it the size that matters?

Does Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx have big hands? Or just a big brain?

The size of the hand doesn't count in the moutza, the ancient hand signal of disgust passed down to you by my noble ancestors, the ancient Hellenes, who gave us the phalanx and democracy.

So, what of the hand of former CIA boss John Brennan on the big Trump Russia collusion theory? He prattled on and on, endlessly, to the delight of much of the Trump-hating media, that Trump was a traitor for colluding with Russia.

He should know. He ran the CIA, didn't he? And truthfully, I've never once looked at Brennan's hands.

But after investigating President Donald Trump for nearly two years, special counsel Robert Mueller found there was not enough evidence to charge Trump with a crime, according to Attorney General Robert Barr.

Not a crime? But isn't treason a crime?

Brennan showed up on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" program to devour a plate of steaming crow.

"I don't know if I received bad information, but I think I suspected there was more than there actually was," Brennan said, according to The Hill. "I am relieved that it's been determined there was not a criminal conspiracy with the Russian government over our (2016) election. I think that is good news for the country."

You suspected there was more? And you kept jabbering on and on, calling the president treasonous, like a political operative or some deranged pundit of the Washington-New York Democratic Media Complex, unwilling to contemplate that Hillary Clinton lost the election in 2016 because she was a lousy candidate.

Look up, Mr. Brennan. No, it's not a drone. It's my hand.

Nah.
"Even with all the craziness, I have to nominate Amtrak for scheduling major computer upgrades during peak usage, crashing the entire automated rail control system into Union Station because a worker fell on a circuit board and caused multiple days of chaos for 60,000 Metra users," writes Michael Krivich. "Idiots. IT 101, never ever mess with the computer systems during peak usage! Nah!"

David Kleckner nominated "Bacardi and their friends at Lonely Whale for launching a campaign to remove straws from emojis (and this is not an April Fool's joke). Nah!"

It is true. The social justice warriors and virtue signalers of unremarkable spirits have teamed up to rid the planet of straw emojis.

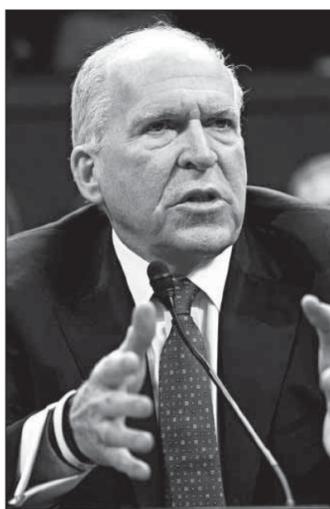
Kleckner was kind enough to link to a hilarious piece in the National Review by Katherine Timpf, who declared that emoji straws are not actual straws.

"That's right: There is absolutely



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Kim Foxx



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Barbra Streisand

no chance of even a single emoji straw ever harming a plastic sea turtle," writes Timpf, "so it's actually completely and totally safe for those emojis to continue to exist."

Bacardi? Lonely Whale?
Nah, you fools!
Barbra Streisand wasn't remotely

funny. She defended her late friend, pop singer Michael Jackson, who was depicted in a documentary as sexually preying on children at his Neverland fantasy ranch.

"His sexual needs were his sexual needs, coming from whatever childhood he has or whatever DNA he has," said Streisand, the famous Hollywood liberal. "You can say 'molested,' but those children (two of Jackson's victims) ... they were thrilled to be there."

When Streisand speaks, the donkeys break wind. The kids were thrilled?

She said later that she regretted her comments, which is like Creepy Joe Biden saying he regrets sniffing the hair of random women because he felt like it.

Babs? Nah!
"We have a leader in the clubhouse for Moutza of the Month," said Jim Bloom. "A billion dollars isn't enough? Feh!"

You mean Nah.
It's the tragic story of billionaire diamond trader Ehud Arye Laniado, who, according to the Toronto Sun, began his rather picaresque career as a masseur in Tel Aviv "before seeking his fortune in Africa where he developed a keen eye for priceless gems."

His diamond merchant friends called him "The Argentinian, because he looked like a Tango dancer."

But all stories come to an end. His came to an end on a Parisian operating table, where there were complications as doctors sought to give him greater size.

I bet you already guessed, they weren't hand doctors.

He died on the table from "complications."

Laniado? Does size really matter? Oh, you can't say because you're dead?

Nah!
But the overwhelming number of nominations went to Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx for dropping charges against "Empire" TV star Jussie Smollett, who allegedly faked a hate crime and blamed it on Trump supporters.

Foxx had once been talked of as a Democratic replacement for U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin. She told reporters she had "recused" herself from the Smollett case because of her conflicts of interest, but then her office admitted to me that she didn't recuse herself in the legal sense, only in the "colloquial sense."

"Foxx all the way, what hubris!" said Joanne Dean, echoing hundreds of nominations. "Ignoring cops AND the Grand Jury's 16 count indictment, and for teaching us little people the non-legal meaning of recusal. Are you effing kidding me, Foxx, you sack of Durbin? NAH!"

I second that emotion. Kim Foxx, you win the Golden Moutza of March. Wear it proudly, in the colloquial sense, at least. You earned this.

Nah!

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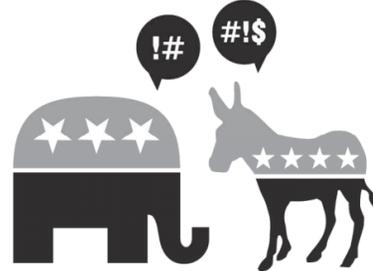
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Cousin who? Why spending time with our aunts and far-flung relatives sustains us



MARY SCHMICH

I've heard it said that when your parents die you become an orphan, no matter how old you are.

I've known people — children when they lost their parents — who fit the classic definition of the word. I've known others who were in their 60s or 70s by the time both parents had died but who, in the moment of loss, even if they had children of their own, referred to themselves as orphans.

"No one between me and the finish line anymore," a 50-year-old friend, a self-described orphan, commented to me after his father died.

It happens to people every day. It's part of growing old and growing up. You get used to it.

However, if you're lucky after your parents die, you'll still have at least one older family member around who can ease your transition into the shocking fact that, holy!@#\$, there are no more adults in front of you!

That person is likely to be an aunt or an uncle, though it could be any older person who was connected to your parents, who remembers you when you were young, who knows the family stories, whose presence lets you believe there is still some small buffer between you and the end.

For me, that person is my Aunt Gayle.

I'm thinking of Gayle — a vivacious, generous woman of 85, the last of my living aunts and uncles — because I recently spent a few days with her and three of my girl cousins in Georgia, where we all grew up. Every year for the past seven years, she has invited us south for a few days of eating, drinking, walking, talking and connecting the past to the present.

When she started the tradition, we didn't know it would be tradition. It was just a gathering of cousins who rarely saw each other and barely knew each other.

We, the cousins, had socialized



FAMILY PHOTO

Helen Smith, from left, Ann Weldon, Gayle Findlay, Susan Barry and Tribune columnist Mary Schmich have established a fulfilling annual tradition.

That was our stated purpose: We had come together to straighten out the family stories. We would clarify who died of what, who was married to whom, which ancestors came from Scotland and which from England, and was there really a Belgian?

slightly as children and occasionally as adults, but we weren't close friends. We lived in far-flung places, lived different styles of lives. We'd heard tales of each other from our mothers, but we may never have gotten to know each other for real if not for our shared Aunt Gayle.

By the time we gathered in Georgia the first time my mother was gone. So were the mothers of my cousins, who had been my

mother's sisters. Gayle had lost her husband, who was my mother's baby brother. In only a few years, which seemed no longer than a sigh, the entire Findlay sibling group and their spouses had vanished.

All but Gayle. So when she said, "Come visit," we went.

In our first gathering, we poked around at family history. That was our stated purpose: We had come together to straighten

out the family stories. We would clarify who died of what, who was married to whom, which ancestors came from Scotland and which from England, and was there really a Belgian?

Who were these people in these old brown photos? How exactly had the Confederate government confiscated the family iron foundry? Which rascal may have had a hidden second family?

We laid out yellowed newspaper obituaries, stained birth certificates and wrinkled letters. We shared legends and guesses. We drank a little wine.

The weekend was so much fun that we agreed to do it the following year, which was so much fun we did it again.

Now we do it every year. We still spend some time trading family lore, always learning something new, but we don't pursue

the past as diligently. We talk, we read, we nap. Mostly we just let ourselves be, together.

And it's all because of Aunt Gayle.

Gayle could easily have avoided convoking us. She's an active person, an ardent reader, a consumer of news, a traveler. She stays busy with her four children and several grandchildren.

But she understood the value of bringing her orphaned nieces together, and in doing so has prepared us for the day when we're the last line of defense for the generation that follows.

Among other things her example has taught me: Get to know your aunts and uncles, your nieces and nephews, your cousins. They're part of the glue that holds a family together.

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Court: Ill. lobbyist can keep public pension windfall

By RAY LONG
Chicago Tribune

The Illinois Supreme Court handed a major victory Thursday to a teachers union lobbyist who qualified for a public pension windfall by spending one day as a substitute teacher, thanks to a controversial 2007 law.

The high court's ruling came on a 4-3 split decision, with a strong dissent stating that the majority opinion "white-washes" key facts.

The decision, written by Justice Anne Burke, rejected a lower court's ruling that found the 2007 law violated the Illinois Constitution's prohibition against special legislation.



Piccioli

That law allowed union officials who qualified for the state teachers pension fund to put their previous years as union employees toward their pensions. To qualify, they needed to have obtained teaching certificates and worked in a classroom before the bill was signed into law by then-Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who is now in prison.

David Piccioli, 69, a retired longtime lobbyist for the Illinois Federation of Teachers, subbed for a single day and was able to put about 10 prior years as a union official toward his new benefit from the Teachers' Retirement System, which provides pensions to public school teachers outside of Chicago. To cover his pension contributions from those years, he had to pay \$192,668.

A 2011 investigation by the Tribune and WGN-TV uncovered Piccioli's windfall. The following year, angry lawmakers cut back Piccioli's benefit, moving to ensure that his teacher pension would be limited to the time he accumulated as a union official after he did his day of substitute teaching.

Thursday's decision declared the 2007 law is valid and thus confers a pension benefit protected by the constitution. "It is a court's duty to uphold the constitutionality of a statute if reasonably possible," Burke wrote.

The majority also sided with Piccioli attorney Esther Seitz on the 2012 law that scaled back Piccioli's pension check, saying that law violates the clause in the Illinois Constitution that states a pension benefit cannot be "diminished or impaired" once it is put in place.

Piccioli currently receives \$35,436 annually from the Teachers' Retirement System. Now his pension could grow to be about twice as big, according to Tribune estimates.

"We are pleased the court agreed that the government may not unilaterally wipe out a lawfully obtained state pension," Seitz said. "Without this ruling, the Illinois Constitution's pension protection clause would be a hollow promise."

In a sharp rebuke, Justice Mary Jane Theis rejected the majority opinion, saying the 2007 law "smacks of special legislation." Theis disagreed with the Burke majority's position that the 2007 law passed a "rational basis test" — that the statute was driven by a legitimate government interest.

Joined by Justices Robert Thomas and Rita Garman, Theis used the dissent to fill in details that she contended the Burke majority was overlooking.

Before 2007, for example, state law already allowed former public school teachers who became union officials to accrue public pension credit for their years in the labor organization. But Piccioli

was a union lobbyist first, seeking to obtain credit in the teacher pension system for his past work in the statewide union.

During the fall legislative veto session following Blagojevich's 2006 re-election, a window of time was made available to him and other teachers union officials to do that. But the window would close when the bill was signed into law.

The Illinois Federation of Teachers, a longtime supporter of Democrats in Springfield, endorsed Blagojevich for re-election and donated over \$515,000 to his campaign.

On Nov. 28, 2006, the House approved legislation with the union-friendly provisions.

Two days later, when it passed the Senate, another IFT lobbyist sent an email to the small group of employees working in the union's statewide offices.

"I will do what I can to slow down the bill signing process to allow for everyone who wishes to participate in the (teacher pension system), the opportunity to do so," lobbyist Steven Preckwinkle wrote, according to the Theis dissent. "If things go well on that end, the effective date (of the law) could be as late as mid-February, but there is really no way to know that for sure."

Piccioli and Preckwinkle each got certified as teachers and served a day as substitutes in Springfield schools before Blagojevich signed the law on Feb. 27, 2007 — 90 days after the legislation passed. After that, nobody else could take advantage of the opportunity.

In her dissent, Theis wrote that union officials were counseled about getting in the "pipeline for completing a substitute teaching assignment" so they could "get coverage" under a statute that had not gone into effect.

"Slamming a window shut before it ever opened smacks of special legislation," Theis wrote.

On Thursday, Preckwinkle said he "did not urge anyone to seek membership in TRS or to refrain from doing so. To do that would have been against IFT policy. I did explain what I believed their rights would be under a bill that was pending, if that bill were to become law."

Both Preckwinkle and Piccioli eventually submitted applications that would let them count their union years as time in the public pension system. But Preckwinkle "was satisfied" with a public pension that covered roughly the period beginning the day he taught through his retirement a few years later, according to Theis' dissent.

Preckwinkle, who was Piccioli's supervisor, currently receives \$43,511 a year from the Teachers' Retirement System, a spokesman for the agency said.

Only Piccioli made contributions to get his prior years with the union counted in the teacher pension system. The \$192,668 he sent was refunded following the 2012 law, but the Burke majority's position that the 2007 law passed a "rational basis test" — that the statute was driven by a legitimate government interest.

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Before 2007, for example, state law already allowed former public school teachers who became union officials to accrue public pension credit for their years in the labor organization. But Piccioli

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Maria Pike holds a photo of her son while attending a rally against gun violence in 2015, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Mom forgives son's killer, asks for mercy at hearing

By MEGAN CREPEAU
Chicago Tribune

Maria Pike took the witness stand in tears Thursday afternoon and made a rare request of the judge sitting beside her: mercy for the man convicted of murdering her son.

"Judge Ford, I am asking you for leniency in your decision, for this son has a mother and this father has children," she said. "I believe he is an angry man in search of his place in society who can be restored."

Arcadio Davila, convicted last year in the fatal 2012 shooting of Ricky Pike, sat across the courtroom, stoic. Maria Pike began to sob.

"I believe the despair that we all share at this time can only be healed if we seek restoration through his future deeds while incarcerated," she said, almost incomprehensible through tears. "Our society gains nothing by letting him die of old age in jail."

Judge Nicholas Ford said Pike's pleas for leniency moved him.

"The wellspring from which that comes, the request for mercy, is one of the greatest nobility I can imagine," he said from the bench. "It humbles me."

But by law, Davila faced a minimum 76 years in prison. No matter how heartfelt Pike's request, her son's

convicted killer would effectively get a life sentence.

Ford ultimately gave Davila 80 years — just four above the mandatory minimum. It is a shorter term than Ford initially planned to hand down, he said Thursday, without specifying the length of the sentence he had originally had in mind.

After Ford handed down the sentence, Davila's own mother began to sob loudly in the gallery, leaning forward to hold her face with shaking hands.

A Cook County jury in July convicted Davila in the murder of 24-year-old Ricky Pike, an aspiring restaurateur who was fatally shot in the Logan Square neighborhood.

Ricky Pike was with a friend in his Geo Prizm when Davila allegedly pulled up in a car alongside and fired several shots. Pike was struck multiple times, and his friend was wounded in the hand. Davila was ultimately found guilty of first-degree murder and attempted murder.

Maria Pike on Thursday said her son was her "miracle," a kind young man who taught her "that there are loves that are eternal."

"Loves that forgive. Loves that require no reciprocity. That is the love I



Davila

have for you and likely the love your mom has for you," she told Davila from the witness stand. "I don't feel I won. I know we both lost. We both have lost the lives we had. You will go to jail. And my jail is my grief."

When Davila rose to speak on his own behalf moments later, he echoed some of what Pike's mother said. Both his family and hers have suffered immensely in the past six years, as the case made its way through the court system, he said.

But, speaking at a rapid-fire clip, he strenuously maintained his innocence. "This is not justice, I am innocent, and it pains me to see the hurt in the eyes of my family," he said.

After the hearing, Pike said she believed Davila may come to change his mind.

"I thought, you know, 'You are not yet there,'" she said, her face serene. "... I wonder what he's going to say in 10 years. I wish him well."

But in the days following her son's slaying, all Pike felt was "pure anger."

"I was just so angry and so mad at the world, and I had to find the shooter, I had to find out what happened," she said.

That urge led her to take

action. She knocked on neighbors' doors to ask for leads. She plastered Logan Square with flyers offering reward for information.

And she met other mothers whose sons had been slain — sons who, unlike hers, may have been involved in gangs and crime. Their pain was just as real, she recognized.

"I had to really just have a sit-down with myself," she said. "Once your child is gone, you are a survivor and your child has the same value as mine."

That revelation spurred her to learn more about gun violence — but also the entrenched inequalities that lead to violence in resource-strapped neighborhoods.

And as she learned more, she said she came to forgive Davila, whom she characterized as a product of his circumstances, deserving of a second chance.

Pike did not know her son's convicted killer faced a 76-year minimum until just moments before Thursday's sentencing hearing. If she had her way, he would have gotten closer to 25, she said. And both his family and hers would get a say in whether he could be released, based on his conduct while behind bars.

"We, as a society, cannot find our peace in incarceration," she said.

Lawsuits claim abuse, safety lapses at Timberline Knolls

By DAVID JACKSON
Chicago Tribune

Six former Timberline Knolls patients have sued the private Lemont treatment facility, alleging administrators failed to protect them from a counselor who later was charged with sexual assault and abuse.

The six separate lawsuits allege that the high-end facility for women and girls showed reckless disregard for patient safety by hiring and failing to supervise therapist Michael Jacksa as well as "intentional infliction of emotional distress" on patients who sought treatment for psychological and behavioral disorders.

"The outrageous and extreme abuse of these women has resulted in disabling emotional distress for each of them," said attorney John Nisivaco, who filed the cases. "These lawsuits are the first step in the process of uncovering the truth about what Timberline Knolls knew about Michael Jacksa and when they knew it."

A spokesman for Timberline's corporate parent, Acadia Healthcare, declined to comment on the lawsuits, which were filed Wednesday in Cook County, but issued a statement saying that Acadia "is absolutely committed to the highest standards of care for our patients."

"We were deeply trou-

bled by Mr. Jacksa's predatory behavior and we conducted a thorough investigation into how he manipulated Timberline Knolls' policies, protocols and procedures, to assure it won't happen again," the statement said. "We are committed to ensuring Timberline Knolls always meets our high standards."

The lawsuits come a month after a March 7 Tribune investigation revealed that administrators at Timberline Knolls waited at least three weeks to contact law enforcement about allegations of abuse against Jacksa.

Timberline terminated Jacksa in August 2018 shortly before he was arrested by Lemont police.

He now faces 62 felony charges alleging he sexually assaulted or abused six patients during therapy sessions last year, as well as one misdemeanor battery charge for allegedly stroking a patient's groin area. Now awaiting trial in Cook County Jail, he has pleaded not guilty. The new lawsuits represent some of the women cited by prosecutors, as well as other victims who are not part of the criminal case, Nisivaco said.

Since the Tribune report was published, more than a dozen former patients and staff have approached the newspaper with accounts alleging substandard treatment and abuse at the

facility.

A Tribune examination of Lemont police reports and other government records found that when patients made allegations about Jacksa, Timberline officials first conducted internal investigations and took weeks to alert authorities. In one case, records show, facility staff questioned a victim with Jacksa present; overwhelmed by shame, she returned to her room and attempted suicide, according to police reports reviewed by the Tribune.

Known for having treated celebrities such as the singers Demi Lovato and Kesha, the nationally known treatment center is one of 215 U.S. facilities operated by Acadia. Founded in 2005 by Chicago private-equity investor Reeve Waud, it is one of America's biggest and fastest growing behavioral treatment firms.

But last year, a class-action lawsuit filed in Nashville, Tenn., federal court accused the company of misleading shareholders by concealing financial problems — a charge Acadia has denied.

Timberline hired Jacksa as a licensed clinical counselor in the winter of 2017, enabling the facility to fulfill a special component of its program: counseling based on New Testament scriptures. Timberline is open to nonbelievers and

people of all faiths but also has promoted a "Christian Treatment Path."

Jacksa's alleged abuse of patients began in December 2017, court and police records state. Former patients told police that Jacksa subjected them to rape, forced oral sex, digital penetration and fondling beneath their clothes.

Police reports obtained by the Tribune showed Timberline staff conducted internal investigations, twice suspending and reinstating Jacksa.

Following the revelations about Jacksa, Timberline said it increased the frequency of staff checks on therapy rooms and conducted fresh background checks on all employees, among other changes.

To protect the identities of the six alleged victims, Nisivaco's lawsuits name them only as "Jane Doe." The complaints do not specify the dollar amount of damages sought.

"The lawsuit seeks to shed light on the way in which Timberline hired, supervised and retained Jacksa," Nisivaco said. "Timberline Knolls will now have to answer the question as to how it allowed Michael Jacksa to manipulate its policies, protocols and procedures in order to carry out these horrific acts."

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Board

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The bill the House approved on a 110-2 vote would replace the current seven-person Chicago Board of Education, whose members are appointed by the mayor, with a 20-member board elected from districts across the city beginning with the 2023 election. The board would also have a president, elected city-wide. The General Assembly would draw the initial district boundaries, and the setup would be phased out after the 2027 election unless lawmakers in Springfield vote to extend it.

"It's a massive change," said the bill's sponsor, state Rep. Robert Martwick, a Chicago Democrat who's been pushing the issue for several years. "Remember, there's never been an elected school board in the city of Chicago. Given the size and complexity of the Chicago Public Schools and the politics of Chicago, we want to make sure we have an opportunity to review."

Martwick is an ally of Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, who as a mayoral candidate also supported an elected school board. He publicly clashed with Lightfoot during the campaign when he crashed a news conference during which she criticized a bill he filed that would change the Cook County assessor from an elected position to an appointed one. He later apologized, and he said Thursday that he'd "be happy to work with her" but hasn't yet spoken to her about the school board issue.

"It hasn't fallen on my radar because this is something I've been working on for four years, before she even mused about the idea of running for the mayor of the city of Chicago," Martwick said.

The Lightfoot campaign did not respond to a request for comment.

The House passed two previous versions of the bill, in 2016 and 2017, and the Senate also approved a version in 2017. But the Senate amended the House bill to put the responsibility of drawing maps in the hands of a new independent commission rather than the General Assembly. The House never voted to accept the change, so the bill died.

The new version now heads to the Senate for consideration. Diana Mar-

tinez, a spokeswoman for state Sen. Antonio Munoz, a Chicago Democrat who's sponsoring a separate bill to create an elected school board, said Munoz wants to speak with Lightfoot before deciding how to proceed.

Pritzker spokeswoman Jordan Abudayyeh wouldn't comment on the specifics of Martwick's bill, saying only that the governor looks forward to reviewing it.

Martwick said that he would be open to negotiations over whether the legislature or an independent commission should be charged with drawing boundaries of the board districts.

In a brief debate on the House floor Thursday, Martwick said the 1995 law that gave then-Mayor Richard M. Daley the power to pick members of the school board "created for the Chicago Public Schools a government structure unlike any that exists in the United States of America."

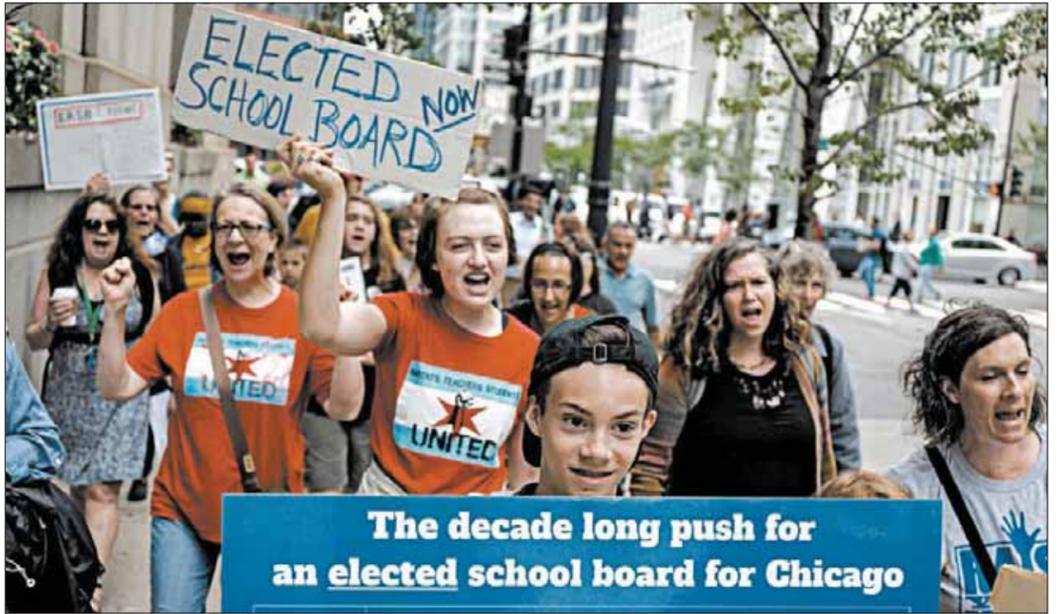
The law gave the mayor power to handpick board members. Previously the mayor had to choose from a pool of candidates provided by a nominating commission.

Martwick noted that the school board Daley appointed skipped pension payments for many years, creating financial turmoil for CPS, and that Emanuel's appointed board approved the closure of 50 public schools "in the most economically and socially challenged neighborhoods." He said electing the school board would give members of those communities and neighborhoods across the city a stronger voice.

Along with grassroots community organizations, the CTU has been a major proponent of an elected school board. The union spent heavily to back Preckwinkle and a slate of aldermanic candidates in this year's elections. Critics of an elected school board have argued that it would give the union too much power by allowing it to back candidates for board seats.

Even if the state approves an elected school board, Lightfoot would still have to appoint board members before the measure took effect. While the CTU celebrated the measure's advancement on Thursday, the union said Lightfoot's support for an elected school board "will be measured in how she appoints the board she will now lead."

"Will her Chicago Board



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Students and parents demonstrate in favor of an elected Chicago school board last year.

of Education be led by the same corporate interests that served Richard M. Daley and Emanuel, or will it be truly representative, with stakeholders who are the very people living in communities and neighborhoods that have lost the most under the racist influence of neoliberal school leadership?" the union said in a statement.

In the past, CPS officials have opposed the change, arguing that academic outcomes are improving under the current structure.

In 2017, Janice Jackson, then chief education officer and now CEO of CPS, testified in opposition to an elected school board before a House committee, arguing that it would create instability that could hurt academic performance. She reiterated those concerns during a recent appearance before the Chicago Tribune Editorial Board.

"We have made progress under mayoral control," Jackson told the Tribune Editorial Board late last month. "I think that when

people say they want an elected school board, what I really hear — because I have these conversations with the average person — is they want more transparency. They want more accountability; they want to know how decisions get made; they want an opportunity to weigh in. They want to know when issues are raised that there is some type of compromise or change as a result of that, and not just us tolerating them through a community meeting or a board meeting."

Pointing to all the money spent on school board races in Los Angeles and the politics involved, she added, "Injecting more politics into our school system is something that personally gives me pause."

Lightfoot hasn't said whether she'll retain Jackson as schools chief when she takes office next month.

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Visitation and funeral processions for trooper will close Lake Co. roads

News-Sun

Illinois State Police officials are encouraging the general public to line designated Lake County roadways that will be temporarily closed early Friday afternoon to accommodate a funeral procession for Trooper Gerald Ellis of Antioch, who was killed last weekend in a collision on Interstate 94 in Green Oaks.

Grayslake officials also issued an advisory that several roadways in an around the village will be closed to traffic late Thursday morning to allow Ellis' casket to be transported from an area funeral home to the College of Lake County, where a visitation is scheduled to run from 2 to 8 p.m.

According to a statement posted at the village of Grayslake website, an initial procession will take place from an area funeral home to CLC's James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts on Thursday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

The path of Thursday's procession will be Route 120, from Lake Street west to Hainesville Road; Hainesville Road north to Washington Street; Washington east to Atkinson Road; Atkinson south to Brae Loch Road; and Brae Loch east to the Lumber Center.

The Grayslake statement added that on Friday from 11:30 a.m. to noon, a procession following Ellis' funeral will require southbound Route 45 to be "generally

closed" from Washington to Route 120.

According to an Illinois State Police statement, the procession "is projected to depart the James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts at approximately 12:00 p.m. and will (proceed) at a low speed. Intersections along the route will be blocked to allow for safe travel of the vehicles in the procession."

After heading south on Route 45, the procession is scheduled to head east on Route 120 to Milwaukee Avenue, where it will head north to enter I-94 and travel up to Russell Road.

After heading west on Russell, the procession is scheduled to turn south on Route 41 to westbound Route 173. At Deep Lake Road, the route will head south to Grand Avenue and turn west into Lake Villa before ending at Grand and Route 83.

"The public is encouraged to line the route," the state police statement added, though it noted that interment services will be private, in keeping with the Ellis family's wishes.

According to the Lake County Coroner's Office and state police, Ellis died of multiple injuries early Saturday in a collision with a driver heading in the wrong direction on I-94.

The driver of the other vehicle, who also died of multiple injuries, was identified by the coroner's office as 44-year-old Dan Davies of Calumet City.



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Pitzen

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“standoffish,” she said. “We literally just thought he was going to collapse,” she said.

Officers soon arrived and spoke with him. A police report filed in Ohio after an alert went out said he was 14-year-old Pitzen and that he had just escaped two kidnappers who had held him hostage for seven years.

One of them, the report said, had black curly hair, a Mountain Dew shirt, jeans and a spider web tattoo on his neck. The other was short with a snake tattoo on his arms. They supposedly were in a Ford SUV with Wisconsin license plates.

Newport Police Lt. Chris Fangman said the person they found was emaciated and in need of medical attention. They followed standard procedures in trying to identify him, he said, and learned who he really was when DNA results came back Thursday afternoon.

Police are still investigating, he said, and will try to determine the 23-year-old’s mental state. Authorities are weighing charges, but that will wait until the investigation is complete.

“Make no mistake about it, no one gets away with this,” Fangman said.

The Tribune is not naming the man because he has not been charged with a crime.

News of the false alarm came as a devastating blow to Timothy’s family, which has suffered several of them since the disappearance.

“It’s been awful,” his grandmother, Alana Anderson, told reporters outside her Antioch home. “We’ve been on tenterhooks, hopeful and frightened. It’s just been exhausting.”

She said she had sympathy for the person accused of making the false claim.

“I feel so sorry for the young man who’s obviously had a horrible time and felt the need to say he was somebody else,” she said.

Timothy’s disappearance has haunted Aurora since May 2011, when his mother pulled him out of his kindergarten class at Greenman Elementary an hour after his father dropped him off, saying there had been a family emergency.

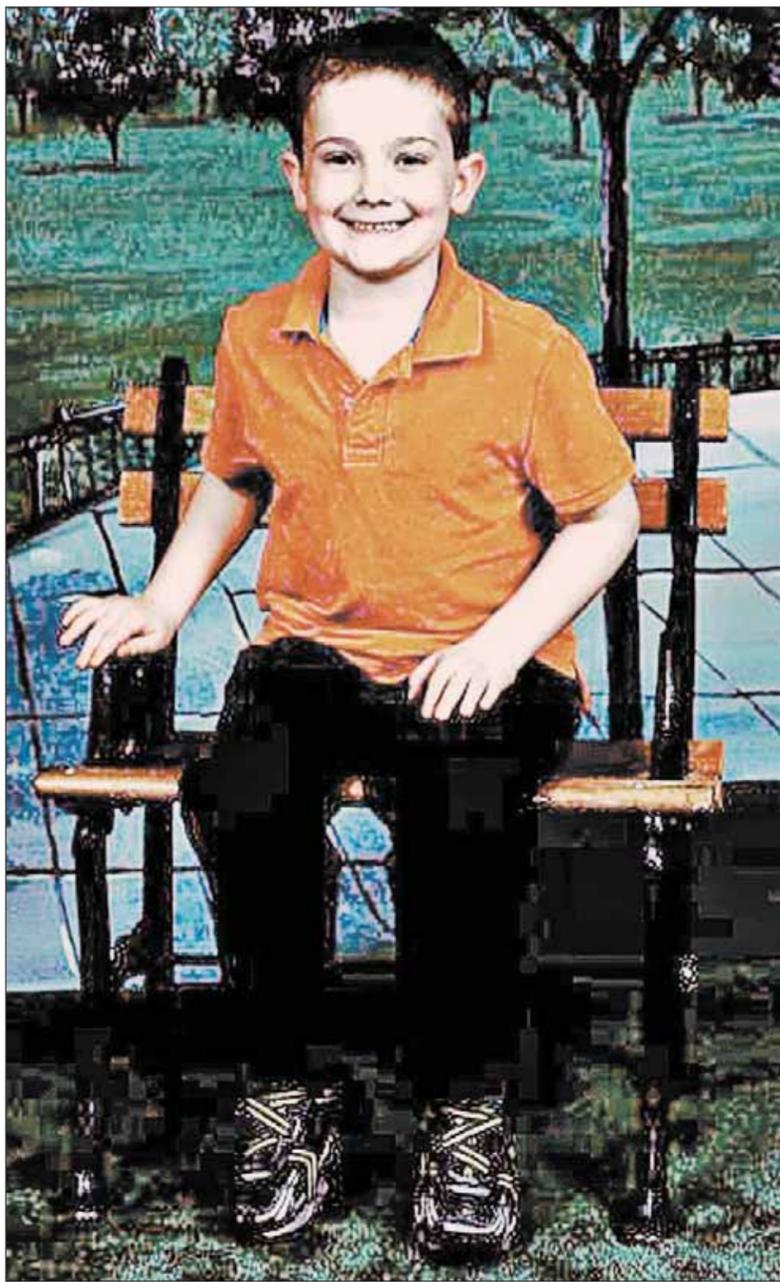
She then took him to Brookfield Zoo and a water park in Gurnee. The next day, after stops in Racine and Johnson Creek, Wis., they went to the Kalahari Resort in the Wisconsin Dells. A security camera captured them checking out Friday morning, May 13 — the last time Timothy has been seen.

That afternoon, Fry-Pitzen made several cell-phone calls around Sterling, Ill., including one in which Timothy talked to a family member and did not sound as if he were in danger.

Security footage showed that Fry-Pitzen was at a grocery store in Winnebago that night before checking into a Rockford motel alone. The next day, about 12:30 p.m., workers found her body.

Though she had long had depression and had tried to kill herself years earlier, her husband, James Pitzen, said at the time that his wife would not hurt their child. Other relatives echoed that belief.

Authorities said items missing from Fry-Pitzen’s



Timothy Pitzen, 6, is seen in a photo shortly before he went missing on May 13, 2011. AURORA POLICE DEPT.



Sharon Hall talks Thursday about seeing an interaction between police and a young person in Newport, Ky.

“I feel so sorry for the young man who’s obviously had a horrible time and felt the need to say he was somebody else.”

— Alana Anderson, Timothy Pitzen’s grandmother

Ford Expedition, including Timothy’s car seat and Spider-Man backpack, supported the theory that he indeed might have been given to someone.

But police nonetheless made an intense search of the area where the cell-phone calls were made. They later found that dirt taken from Fry-Pitzen’s SUV suggested that at some point she had been on a gravel road in Lee or White-side County.

They recovered her cell-phone in October 2013 — a woman had found it along Route 78 in far western Illinois — but said it provided no meaningful clues.

Police have received numerous tips over the years from people who believed

they had spotted Timothy, including one that led them to a near-doppelganger in Orlando, Fla. None has panned out.

“Over seven years, you can imagine (Timothy’s family) have been disappointed many times,” said Aurora police Sgt. Bill Rowley. “We get a lot of leads, and the idea their hopes have been raised once again over someone lying and claiming to be their missing son is really disappointing.”

He added, though, that he hoped the burst of attention could bring in new leads.

Angeline Hartmann of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children said continuing publicity is indeed vital in

cases of long-missing children, and that there is reason for hope in such cases.

More than 3,000 children recovered from 2014 through 2018 had been missing for at least a year, according to the center’s statistics; 234 had been gone for a decade or more.

“(Recovery) happens more often than people think,” Hartmann said. “... What we’re seeing over and over again is just because a child is not found, it does not mean that child is deceased.”

Timothy’s family said they have not given up. His aunt, Kara Jacobs, appealed to anyone who might know where he is.

“Whatever (Fry-Pitzen) said or did to make you believe this is OK — it’s not,” she said. “He belongs with his father and his family.”

In the meantime his bicycle, given to the neighbors as a remembrance by Timothy’s father, is waiting for the boy, undersized though it may now be.

“If he sees this, I’d tell him to come back home,” Grande said. “There’s a lot of people waiting back here for him.”

Sarah Freishtat of the Beacon-News reported from the Cincinnati area. Megan Jones of the Beacon-News and John Keilman of the Chicago Tribune reported from the west suburbs. Chicago Tribune reporter Rosemary Sobol, freelance reporter Yadira Sanchez Olson and Associated Press contributed.

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deadline for Smollett to pay \$130,000 to cover overtime costs for the extensive police investigation passed Thursday without the “Empire” actor forking over a dime, leading outgoing Mayor Rahm Emanuel’s administration to vow a lawsuit.

Foxx has faced a firestorm of criticism after her office dismissed a 16-count felony indictment against Smollett without the actor acknowledging guilt during an unannounced court hearing last week.

Smollett, who is African-American and openly gay, was accused of falsely reporting that two masked men had attacked him in downtown Chicago while shouting racial and homophobic slurs.

Chicago police initially began a hate crime investigation but eventually said their investigation showed Smollett, 36, staged the attack.

Amid the increasing pressure, Foxx’s office issued a brief statement Thursday on her behalf that defended her record, and hinted that she would not resign and planned to seek re-election.

“I was elected by the people of Cook County to pursue community safety, prevent harm, and uphold the values of fairness and equal justice,” Foxx said in the statement. “I’m proud of my record in doing that, and I plan to do so through the end of my term and, if the people so will it, into the future.”

Conspicuous by his absence at the packed news conference at the FOP offices was Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson, who appeared blindsided by the abrupt dismissal of the charges against Smollett on March 26 and joined Emanuel in blasting Smollett’s claims of innocence.

But a day later, Johnson struck a conciliatory note, saying in media interviews that he and Foxx had a good working relationship and needed to move on from the Smollett case for the good of the city.

With some 30 suburban police leaders standing beside him, FOP President Kevin Graham said he and the others “can give you countless examples of how Ms. Foxx’s lack of prosecution has cost our members and police officers ... an enormous amount of problems.”

Graham said the union’s issues with Foxx’s office “didn’t start with Jussie Smollett.”

He expressed frustration that Foxx’s office dropped murder charges against Gabriel Solache and Arturo Reyes in late 2017 after a judge threw out their confessions.

At the time, however, Foxx’s then-top assistant said the office still believed the two had fatally stabbed a couple in their Bucktown neighborhood home in 1998 but had no choice but to dismiss the charges after the judge discredited testimony by retired Detective Reynaldo Guevara. Since mid-2016, in fact, at least a dozen convictions tied to Guevara have been thrown out of court because of allegations the then-detective beat suspects and coerced confessions.

The clash with police chiefs who favor a tougher stance on crime is not surprising since the African-American state’s attorney won election in 2016 as a reform candidate, unseating incumbent Anita Alvarez in the Democratic primary with promises of sweeping change.

Her office has backed reform of the cash bond system to ensure nonviolent detainees who can’t post small amounts of money don’t languish in jail, moved to deprioritize certain nonviolent crimes such as shoplifting and halted prosecutions of people accused of driving on licenses that have been suspended or revoked for financial reasons — such as failure to pay child support, tolls or parking tickets.

In giving Foxx a vote of no confidence, the North Suburban Association of Chiefs of Police criticized the policy changes on shoplifting and traffic offenses as well as the office’s more recent decision not to prosecute marijuana cases.

“It appears your strategy to address non-violent crime in Cook County is to decriminalize or ignore it, regardless of any collateral cost which is born overwhelmingly by individual communities and their police agencies,” said a letter from the group representing more than 30 police departments in the north and northwest suburbs.

Saying Foxx’s handling of the case was “plagued with irregularity,” Mohammed’s 10-page petition asked that presiding Criminal Court Judge Leroy Martin Jr. appoint a special prosecutor to investigate whether Foxx “acted to wedge the investigation ... concealed evidence, and/or intentionally misled the public.”

Mohammed also alleged that after communicating with a relative of Smollett and a “politically connected ally” of the actor’s family, Foxx improperly “used her position to intervene in the investigation” on his behalf. Even though Foxx acknowledged she stepped aside from the case because of the potential conflict, she failed to properly recuse herself and her office, he said.

“Not only was Foxx’s failure to recuse herself improper given that she admitted to having an actual conflict, Foxx has in essence ‘doubled down’ on her office’s decision not to prosecute Smollett and insists that her decision was consistent with prosecutorial discretion,” the petition said.

In a brief telephone interview, Mohammed, who served as a Cook County prosecutor from November 2014 until last month when he left to start his own practice, said he filed the petition because “there has to be a way for the public to know that there’s no separate justice system for different classes of people.”

He said he hopes that a special prosecutor will refile the dismissed charges against Smollett and “go back and do it the right way.”

“I just want to make sure that the right thing is done,” he said.

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Consent

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If passed, schools would have to include several points in their teachings on consent, such as explaining that people cannot consent if they are intoxicated or asleep. The text of the bill specifies that “consent is a freely given agreement to sexual activity” and that “consent to one particular sexual activity does not constitute consent to other types of sexual activities.”

The bill goes on to specify what should not be mistaken for consent, such as what someone is wearing, and that consent to past sexual activity does not mean consent to future sexual activity.

Williams said she spoke with social service organi-

zations and survivors of sexual assault when drafting the legislation, which would leave it up to each district to develop its own curriculum

In the wake of the modern #MeToo movement, educators and legislators around the country are linking lessons on consent to sex education in order to strengthen sexual assault prevention efforts. This has led to similar laws passed in other states, said Jennifer Driver, state policy director for the Sexuality Information and Education Council for the United States, a Washington-based organization that offers fact-based sexual education resources.

“I think too often young people were learning only about” pregnancy and STD prevention, Driver said. “Prevention only covers a

small amount of what they need. Young people really need to learn about consent and healthy relationships,” said Driver, adding that research supports this tactic.

Driver said she appreciated that the Illinois legislation addresses issues including that what someone is wearing does not play into consent. “For a long time, we’ve done a lot of victim blaming,” she said. “This shifts the focus, and it reinforces that it’s not your fault.”

These lessons are essential at an early age, even as young as kindergarten, said Dan Rice, director of training at Answer, a Rutgers University organization that provides sex education resources.

Young children can learn about boundaries outside

the context of sexual activity, he said. Answer provides programs that use sports analogies for younger children, he said. They learn things like: “Just because a person agrees to play one sport doesn’t mean they will play more than one,” Rice said. “And, they have the right to change their mind.”

For kindergartners, lessons can revolve around personal boundaries — that they don’t have to hug anyone and that you need permission to hug, Rice added. “These are basic concepts even a kindergarten child can understand.”

Rice said these conversations should come up before sixth grade — the earliest it’s required in the Illinois bill — and that although these laws are a positive step, they often don’t go far enough in

providing training for teachers or oversight to make sure districts comply.

“It really depends on how the school district takes this and really runs with it,” he said.

The Robert Crown Center for Health Education, based in Hinsdale, travels to more than 600 Chicago-area schools to provide sex education. Last year, it closed its center that hosted field trips to convert to a mobile model.

Now the center is also adapting to the #MeToo era, adding lessons on consent to its programs, said Katie Gallagher, director of education. The programs typically target fourth-through eighth-graders.

“We are weaving in some basic understanding on consent as early as fourth grade ... in different terms

they understand, in everyday situations,” she said, adding that consent is not discussed in sexual terms until older grades.

“No means no’ doesn’t explain it all,” she said. “What does yes mean? (Kids may wonder) is yes because you wore a certain outfit? Is yes because she let me hold her hand?”

Gallagher said not only are consent lessons now typically more nuanced, but also more often discussed.

“People are recognizing we need to build some education around this based on what’s happening with adults,” she said. “We need to be talking to kids about this, so there’s a change in future generations.”

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UIC forced to cancel hundreds of classes amid teaching assistants' strike

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Hundreds of classes were canceled at University of Illinois at Chicago in the week after graduate and teaching assistants went on strike, a walkout now into its third week.

And some students are starting to worry about the impact on them as the walkout continues.

Records obtained by the Tribune through the Freedom of Information Act show that at least 550 classes taught by teaching assistants were canceled from March 19 to March 22 when members of the Graduate Employees Organization first walked off the job.

Ninety classes in mathematics, statistics and computer science were canceled March 19, the day the strike began, documents show. Between 21 and 38 classes in biological sciences were canceled each day that week, and about four dozen chemistry classes did not meet between March 19 and March 21.

Other departments that had multiple classes affected included sociology, anthropology, art and art history, economics and physics, records show.

The university said 100 percent or close to all classes went on as scheduled in several divisions, primarily in the medical sciences. Only two class sessions were canceled in business administration.

The school did not provide percentages of classes canceled in other areas, including the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, in which dozens of classes were affected.

The university did not specify which classes were not held.

Pinpointing the toll is difficult, but it is possible the number of affected classes is even higher, said Janet Smith, who leads the UIC faculty union.

But some students said

Thursday the toll of interrupted instruction is mounting.

"Tensions are definitely rising," said Jashaun D. Bowens, a senior and president of Undergraduate Student Government. "At first, we're like, 'OK, I get to miss a class, I get to catch up and relax.' But after consistently canceling class, you start to really reconsider that this is financially unreliable."

Nada Marei, a sophomore studying biochemistry, said all her courses have been affected and her chemistry labs have come to a halt. There also has been a lot of confusion about how to complete coursework and quizzes in the absence of graduate and teaching assistants.

The spring term ends May 3.

"I am feeling very frustrated and actually kind of scared," Marei said. "It really came at a bad time in the semester because we only have a month left and then final exams. We really need our teaching assistants, we need their help, we need every bit of their time right now."

Graduate student workers resumed picketing and demonstrations on campus Monday.

The GEO represents more than 1,500 graduate and teaching assistants, and the university's administration previously informed deans the assumption was that "everyone" was striking.

Union officials and administrators have met seven times since March 19. Another negotiating session was planned for Thursday, according to union leaders and the administration.

A Facebook post from union leaders Wednesday night gave the first indication of some headway.

A primary sticking point has been student fees. Graduate and undergraduate students currently pay \$431 per semester in fees. That will increase to \$481

in the fall. International students pay an additional \$130 per semester. Union co-president Jeff Schuhrke said students were seeking to have those costs capped or waived. UIC leaders have rebuffed that demand, saying student fees are a critical source of income for the university.

The minimum salary for graduate and teaching assistants is \$18,065, which covers a 20-hour workweek for nine months. About half the graduate student workers earn that minimum. The union is seeking to boost minimum salaries by 74 percent in the first year of the new contract, 72 percent in the second year and 8.2 percent in the third year. UIC is offering a 4.1 percent jump in year one, then 4.1 percent and 3.75 percent increases in the subsequent years.

The union also was seeking to exempt graduate student workers from tuition differentials, which are charges added to base tuition and vary depending on academic program. Employees covered under the contract receive waivers on base tuition and some fees, but those do not incorporate differentials. University officials say waiving tuition differentials would slash critical income for the school.

Even though both sides reported some progress, there remained some signs of animosity. A message late Monday from administrators stated they chose "not to respond to the false narratives that have been widely disseminated." They did not elaborate.

"The university has been bargaining in good faith with the GEO and has been attempting to negotiate a settlement that will be fair to GEO within the constraint of the University's financial situation," the message from Chancellor Michael Amiridis, Poser and Vice Chancellor Robert Barish said.

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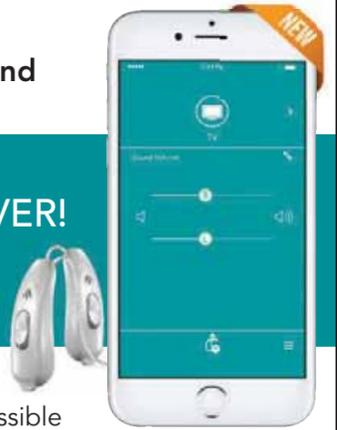
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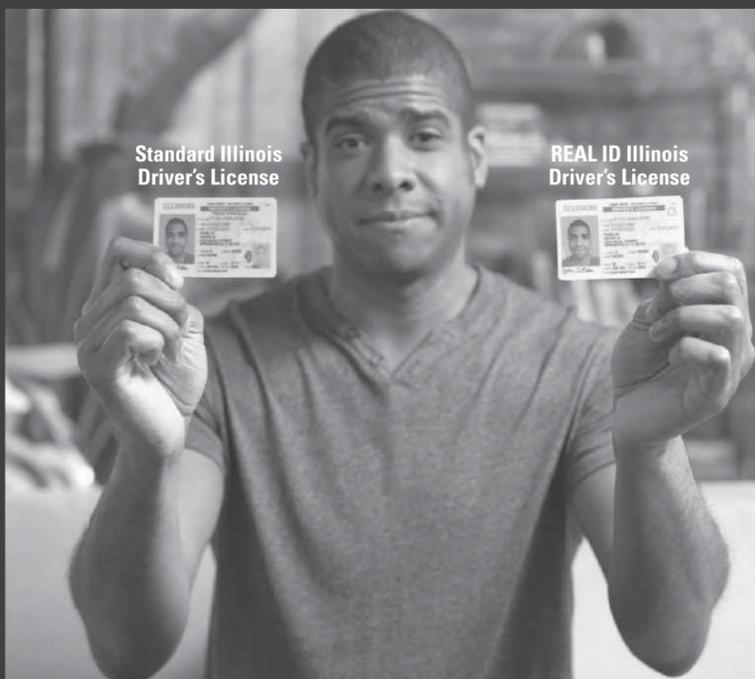


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Mueller team voices frustration

Barr defends handling even as investigators say report more damaging than AG revealed

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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Members of special counsel Robert Mueller's team have told associates they are frustrated with the limited information Attorney General William Barr has provided about their nearly two-year investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election and whether President Donald Trump sought to obstruct justice, according to people familiar with the matter.



Barr

The displeasure among some who worked on the inquiry has begun to surface in the days since Barr released a four-page letter to Congress describing what he said were the principal conclusions of Mueller's still-confidential report.

In his letter March 24, Barr said that the special counsel did not establish a conspiracy between the Trump campaign and Russia. And he said that Mueller did not reach a conclusion "one way or the other" as to whether Trump's conduct in office constituted obstruction of justice.

Absent that, Barr told lawmakers that he concluded the evidence was not sufficient to prove that the president obstructed justice.

But members of Mueller's team have complained to close associates

that the evidence they gathered on obstruction was alarming and significant.

"It was much more acute than Barr suggested," said one person, who, like others, spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The New York Times first reported that some special counsel investigators feel that Barr did not adequately portray their findings.

On Thursday, Barr defended his handling of Mueller's report, saying the document contains sensitive grand jury material that prevented it from being immediately released to the public.

"Given the extraordinary public interest in the matter, the Attorney General decided to release the report's bottom-line findings and his conclusions immediately — without attempting to summarize the report — with the understanding that the report itself would be released after the redaction process," the Justice Department statement said.

The disparity in length between Barr's letter and Mueller's full report, which totals nearly 400 pages, raises the likelihood of additional significant information that was put forward by the special counsel's office but not immediately shared by the attorney general.

He has previously said he did not believe it would be in the public's interest to release the full document in piecemeal or gradual fashion, and that he did not



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Activists call for Attorney General William Barr to release the Mueller report during a rally Thursday near the White House.

intend for his letter summarizing Mueller's "principal conclusions" to be an "exhaustive recounting" of the special counsel's investigation.

The statement also said that every page of Mueller's report was marked and that it may contain grand jury material "and therefore could not immediately be released."

Some members of the office were disappointed that Barr did not release summary information the special counsel team had prepared, according to two people familiar with their reactions.

"There was immediate displeasure from the team when they saw how the attorney general had char-

acterized their work instead," according to one U.S. official briefed on the matter.

Summaries were prepared for different sections of the report, with a view that they could make public, the official said.

The report was prepared "so that the front matter from each section could have been released immediately — or very quickly," the official said. "It was done in a way that minimum redactions, if any, would have been necessary, and the work would have spoken for itself."

Mueller's team assumed the information was going to be made available to the public, the official said, "and so they prepared their sum-

maries to be shared in their own words — and not in the attorney general's summary of their work, as turned out to be the case."

In the wake of the limited information released by Barr, Trump declared that the Mueller report provided him with "complete and total exoneration." He has repeatedly called for an inquiry into how the investigation began in the first place.

Some members of Mueller's team appear caught off guard by how effectively the president has used Barr's letter to claim total victory, as the limited information about their work has been weaponized in the country's highly polarized political environ-

ment, according to people familiar with their responses.

Barr told Congress in a letter last week that the principal conclusions he described were not meant to be a summary of Mueller's investigation. He said he is aiming to submit a redacted version of the report to Congress by mid-April.

The House Judiciary Committee voted Wednesday to authorize a subpoena for the entire report, though Chairman Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., said he will wait to issue the demand until he sees what Barr makes public.

Associated Press contributed.

Mueller's case against Russian trolls could risk U.S. secrets

BY ANDREW HARRIS
Bloomberg News

A centerpiece of special counsel Robert Mueller's two-year investigation — his indictment of 16 individuals and companies in Russia for interfering in the 2016 election — now threatens to backfire in a court-ordered release of U.S. intelligence-gathering secrets.

That's because a federal judge has to decide whether the Justice Department must turn over key evidence to one of the indicted Rus-

sian companies. And that could let the Russians learn how the U.S. government detected their activities in the first place.

The U.S. is in this predicament because the Russian company unexpectedly hired Washington lawyers to fight the case. Under U.S. law, prosecutors are obligated to turn over their evidence to the defendants — and the company involved is run by a man so close to the Kremlin that his nickname is Putin's Chef.

So far, U.S. District Judge

Dabney Friedrich in Washington has restricted the release of the documents. But some of those shared with the defendants have already been disclosed. The judge is weighing whether to ease the restrictions, balancing U.S. security concerns against the constitutional right to a fair trial for the company, Concord Management and Consulting. Her ruling could force the U.S. to drop the case.

On Thursday, she scheduled a closed-to-the-public case conference for April 10,

"to address issues related to sensitive discovery." Friedrich previously heard arguments over the issue in a partly sealed hearing on March 7.

"If many or all of these materials are permitted to go to Russia, they may as well be published for the world to see," former Justice Department national security lawyer Ryan Faye said. "There would be no way to protect them from being examined by Russian intelligence services."

Concord is accused of bankrolling the wide-ranging, multimillion-dollar operation using false names and social media accounts to promote Trump's candidacy during the campaign while attacking his rivals, including Democratic Party nominee Hillary Clinton. The conspirators also conscripted otherwise innocent Trump campaign workers to help organize rallies, the U.S. says.

Each of the indicted businesses and people is connected in some way to the

Internet Research Agency, a so-called troll farm based in Saint Petersburg. Concord and the others were charged with conspiracy to defraud the U.S. by impeding the functions of the Federal Election Commission and the Justice and State departments.

"There's no such crime," Concord's lawyer Eric Dubelier told Friedrich in October. He accused Mueller's team of making up an offense to fit the facts. The judge denied his requests to throw out the case.

White House balks at move for Trump taxes

Request likely to set off battle between Dems, administration

BY MARCY GORDON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House said Thursday that Democratic efforts to obtain President Donald Trump's tax records are "political games."

A House committee chairman formally asked the IRS on Wednesday to provide six years of Trump's personal tax returns and the returns for some of his businesses as Democrats try to shed light on his complex financial dealings and potential conflicts of interest.

The request by Massachusetts Rep. Richard Neal, who heads the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, is the first such demand for a sitting president's tax information in 45 years. The move is likely to set off a legal battle between Democrats controlling the House and the Trump administration.

Neal made the request Wednesday in a letter to IRS Commissioner Charles Rettig, asking for Trump's personal and business returns for 2013 through 2018. He asked for the documents in seven days, setting a Tues-



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Rep. Richard Neal made the demand for the president's tax records Wednesday.

day deadline.

Trump told reporters Wednesday he "would not be inclined" to provide his tax returns to the committee.

White House press secretary Sarah Sanders said Thursday that the White House "is not interested in playing a bunch of political games like the Democrats in Congress clearly want to spend their time doing."

Asked again later for his response to Neal's demand, Trump didn't provide a direct answer.

"They'll speak to my lawyers; they'll speak to the attorney general," Trump said at the White House, referring to Attorney General William Barr, whom he appointed.

Justice Department spokeswoman Kerri Kupec declined to comment. An IRS spokesman said the agency had no comment on Neal's request.

Democrats insist that obtaining Trump's tax filings falls within their mandate of congressional oversight. Republicans have denounced it as a political witch hunt and invoked privacy concerns.

"We have completed the necessary groundwork for a request of this magnitude, and I am certain we are within our legitimate legislative, legal and oversight rights," Neal said in a statement Wednesday.

Rep. Kevin Brady of Texas, the senior Republican on the Ways and Means panel, denounced the move as "an abuse of the tax-writing committees' statutory authority."

"Weaponizing our nation's tax code by targeting political foes sets a dangerous precedent and weakens Americans' privacy rights," Brady wrote in a letter Wednesday to Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, who oversees the IRS. "As you know, by law all Ameri-



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President Trump says he "would not be inclined" to provide tax returns to the committee.

cans have a fundamental right to the privacy of the personal information found in their tax returns."

The legal battle set to ensue could take years to resolve, possibly stretching beyond the 2020 presidential election.

Trump broke with decades of tradition for presidential candidates by refusing to release his income tax filings during his 2016 campaign. He has said he won't release them because he is being audited, even though IRS officials have said taxpayers under audit are free to release their returns. Trump claimed at a news conference after the November election that the

filings are too complex for people to understand.

The IRS has a policy of auditing the tax returns of all sitting presidents and vice presidents, "yet little is known about the effectiveness of this program," Neal said in the statement. "On behalf of the American people, the Ways and Means Committee must determine if that policy is being followed, and if so, whether these audits are conducted fully and appropriately."

Neal continued, "In order to fairly make that determination, we must obtain President Trump's tax returns and review whether the IRS is carrying out its responsibilities."

Neal is one of only three congressional officials authorized to make a written request to the Treasury secretary for anyone's tax returns. The IRS is part of the Treasury Department. A rarely used 1924 law says the Treasury chief "shall furnish" the requested material to members of the Ways and Means Committee for them to examine behind closed doors.

A spokesman for Mnuchin didn't respond to requests for comment.

Mnuchin suggested in testimony to Congress last month that he would protect Trump's privacy if the House Democrats requested his tax returns.

U.S. cuts may spur more migration

Experts say Trump making things worse with funding threat

By **MARCOS ALEMAN**
Associated Press

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — Government officials, aid workers and activists in Central America are mystified by President Donald Trump's threat to cut off nearly \$500 million in aid to Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador in response to what he calls an immigration crisis. Over time, they say, it will only worsen the problem.

At risk of falling on the chopping block are development programs that work to tackle the root causes driving migration: poverty, inequality, violence and corruption. These include outreach to at-risk youth to combat forced gang recruitment as well as programs to address gender-based violence and support education, workforce development and the uphill fight to root out endemic graft.

"It's illogical and it's irresponsible. You're talking about long-term challenges that are going to require long-term, sustainable solutions," said Adriana Beltran, a Central America specialist at the Washington Office on Latin America. "So rather than helping to stabilize the situation and try to address these long-term challenges, the cut in assistance will only make the situation worse."

"Cutting important programs," she added, "will eventually lead to more migration, more insecurity, more corruption, more impunity in these countries."

It's still not clear what, when or how much could be cut.

Trump said last week that "we were paying them tremendous amounts of money and we're not paying them anymore because they haven't done a thing for us," and mentioned a figure of \$500 million.



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Police briefly block a migrant caravan in Mexico. Experts fear U.S. cuts in Central American aid will worsen the problem.

State Department spokesman Robert Palladino said this week that the amount affected by any aid cut would be \$450 million from fiscal year 2018 as well as an as yet undetermined amount from 2017.

"The president has made clear that the decision is aimed at securing the United States borders and protecting American citizens," Palladino said. "These programs have not effectively prevented illegal immigration from coming to the United States, and they've not achieved the desired results."

The aid is meant to promote democracy-building, good governance, trade, agriculture, education, health, public safety and law enforcement. Experts say all of those areas play a direct role in whether people feel they can get by or even survive in their home countries.

Reaction from the three

governments has been muted, perhaps for fear of angering Trump.

Both Honduras and El Salvador pointedly said they had not been formally notified of any specific cuts in U.S. aid. Honduran Defense Minister Fredy Diaz said cooperation with the United States on security is "unchanged," while the Foreign Ministry said in a statement that the relationship has been "solid, close and positive."

Salvadoran Vice President Oscar Ortiz said Tuesday that an aid cut would not solve the migration problem but have the opposite effect.

"The best way to tackle the issue of migration is not with this type of decision," he said. "The best way to tackle the issue is to keep working together."

Guatemala, the source of much of the recent migration from the region, was particularly circumspect,

with presidential spokesman Alfredo Brito saying simply that the official response was not to comment for the time being.

But those carrying out the boots-on-the-ground work are concerned.

Rick Jones, who works in El Salvador as the youth and migration policy adviser for Catholic Relief Services, counsels young people to keep them out of gangs and help them get jobs. He also runs behavioral therapy for inmates to deter them from returning to crime — all things that have "a positive impact to help guys think about and change their behavior," he said.

It's seen as unglamorous but badly needed work, especially in a place like El Salvador, which has a homicide rate that is among the world's highest at more than 50 per 100,000 people last year.

But all \$38 million that Catholic Relief Services gets

from U.S. government agencies to run programs in the three countries — including ones on education and jobs — could disappear if the cutoff goes through.

If that happens, "it will be sending the message, Help is not on the way and you're going to be left on your own," Jones said. "And basically people left on their own are going to be more desperate and more people are going to leave."

Likewise, Vicki Gass, Oxfam America senior policy adviser for Central America and Mexico, said that axing funding for programs that have been running for years, would, in many cases, "waste U.S. taxpayer dollars that have already been invested" and "foster the same instability that is making people flee in the first place."

Some government programs aimed at persuading Central Americans not to emigrate have been put in

place, in part in response to Trump's earlier criticism about the migrant caravans that brought thousands trekking toward the U.S. border, and the threatened aid cutoff does not take that into account, officials say.

Salvadoran Treasury Minister Nelson Fuentes said U.S. aid in his country includes \$20 million in technical and fiscal funding over five years, and the government has not gotten word of any cuts. Another \$200 million to spur growth and employment is managed in tandem with the World Bank, and it remains to be seen whether this will be reduced. Finally there are direct donations from Washington to the Salvadoran government and private organizations.

Fuentes said aid for security and migration could be affected, but that actively funded contracts should not be.

In Guatemala, the most significant aid comes in security assistance to fight drug trafficking — and that has already come under scrutiny recently over questionable use of armored vehicles donated by Washington. Other funds through USAID go to help programs on things like agriculture and education in poor rural communities, plus training for prosecutors, who have waged a high-profile fight against corruption in recent years, or for judges.

Former Honduran Foreign Minister Ernesto Paz called U.S. aid to his country "vital" and said the threatened cuts show that Washington is "an unreliable ally for Honduras."

Like Guatemala, Honduras has backed the Trump administration on issues such as recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital and on the political crisis in Venezuela. It remains to be seen whether such support could waver. "A sense of nationalism is surging in this country and that could be a good thing," Paz said.

House OKs domestic violence law amid dispute over guns

By **MATTHEW DALY**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House voted Thursday to reauthorize a 25-year-old law that helps victims of domestic and sexual violence, despite complaints by Republicans that Democrats were politicizing the popular law by expanding gun control.

The bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act includes a provision making it easier to take away guns from violent offenders even if they are not a spouse or domestic partner. The amendment closes the so-called "boyfriend loophole" by barring those convicted of abusing, assaulting or stalking a current or former dating partner from buying or owning a firearm.

Supporters said the measure was crucial to protect women in the United States, who die from gun violence at rates far higher than other high-income countries. But the National Rifle Association and some Republicans called the measure a political trap intended to portray gun-rights supporters as anti-women.

The House approved the bill, 263-158, sending it to the Senate. Thirty-three Republicans joined with Democrats to support the bill. Rep. Collin Peterson of Minnesota was the only Democrat to oppose it.

Louisiana Rep. Steve Scalise, the second-ranking House Republican, accused Speaker Nancy Pelosi of intentionally allowing the domestic violence law to expire in February.

"Nancy Pelosi forced it to expire so she could use women as part of some political leverage," Scalise said at a news conference Thursday. He accused Pelosi, D-Calif., of trying to "use different groups of people as pawns in her political game."

Pelosi said the gun-con-



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Rep. Debbie Dingell, D-Mich., speaks to media after the House voted on the Violence Against Women Act.

control provisions were "common-sense reforms that will save lives and that no one should object to."

Noting past Republican support for the law, Pelosi said, "There should be nothing partisan or political about ending the scourge of domestic violence and sexual assault, which one in three women faces today."

A spokeswoman for the NRA said the group "opposes domestic violence and all violent crime."

"The gun control lobby and anti-gun politicians are intentionally politicizing the Violence Against Women Act as a smoke screen to push their gun control agenda," said NRA spokeswoman Jennifer Baker.

The NRA feels so strongly about the gun-control provision that it is evaluating the domestic violence law as a "key vote" that will help determine whether it will back a member a Congress for re-election.

Robin Lloyd, managing director of a gun-control group founded by former Rep. Gabby Giffords, said up to half of all domestic violence victims are abused by a dating partner, rather than a spouse or live-in boyfriend.

Lloyd called the gun-control amendment "truly a lifesaving provision," add-

ing that gaps in federal law allowing abusers and stalkers to obtain guns are "a key driver of the staggering levels of lethal violence against women in the U.S." An estimated 4.5 million women have been threatened with a gun by an intimate partner, and nearly 1 million women alive today have been shot, or shot at, by an intimate partner, Lloyd said.

Under current federal law, those convicted of domestic abuse can lose their guns if they are currently or formerly married to their victim, live with the victim, have a child together or are a victim's parent or guardian. The proposed amendment would extend the provision to stalkers and current or former dating partners.

If lawmakers are trying to save lives, "Why would you not close a simple loophole that says if someone has been convicted of domestic violence or stalking that they not have access to a gun?" asked Rep. Debbie Dingell, D-Mich.

Dingell, who recalls hiding in a closet from her gun-wielding, mentally ill father, said she knows what it's like to live in a home where someone "can snap at a minute's notice and suddenly the gun is pointed at your mother or pointed at you."



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Yemenis with plastic containers wait to collect water from a tank in the southwestern city of Taz. The House voted Thursday to end U.S. support for the Saudi-led war.

Trump likely to veto measure ending support in Yemen war

By **SUSANNAH GEORGE**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House on Thursday voted to end American involvement in the Yemen war, rebuffing the Trump administration's support for the military campaign led by Saudi Arabia as Congress for the first time invoked the War Powers Resolution to try and stop a foreign conflict.

The measure now heads to President Donald Trump, who is expected to veto it, with the White House citing "serious constitutional concerns."

Congress lacks the votes to override him. House approval came on a 247-175 vote. The Senate vote was 54-46 on March 13.

"The president will have to face the reality that Congress is no longer going to ignore its constitutional obligations when it comes to foreign policy," said Democratic Rep. Eliot Engel of New York, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Engel said the humanitarian crisis in Yemen triggered by the war "demands moral leadership."

The war in Yemen is in its fifth year. Thousands of

people have been killed and millions are on the brink of starvation. The United Nations has called the situation in Yemen the world's worst humanitarian crisis.

The top Republican on the committee, Texas Rep. Michael McCaul, acknowledged the dire situation in Yemen for civilians, but spoke out in opposition to the bill, saying it was an abuse of the War Powers Resolution.

"This radical interpretation has implications far beyond Saudi Arabia," McCaul said. He warned that the measure could "disrupt U.S. security cooperation agreements with more than 100 countries."

Democrats overcame a GOP attempt to divide the majority party through a procedural motion involving Israel just minutes before the Yemen vote.

Republicans wanted to amend the Yemen bill with language condemning the international boycott movement and efforts to delegitimize Israel. Democrats argued the amendment would kill the Yemen resolution, and most of them voted against the Israel measure.

"This is about politics, this is about trying to drive a wedge into this caucus

where it does not belong," said Rep. Ted Deutch, D-Fla., said to applause from Democrats.

Deutch described the boycott movement as "economic warfare," but called on lawmakers to vote against the amendment.

"The Jewish community also has a history of standing up against atrocities like the humanitarian crisis in Yemen. My colleagues are trying to block us from standing in support of human rights," he said.

Opposition to the Saudi-led war in Yemen gathered support last year in the aftermath of the killing of U.S.-based journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

The Washington Post columnist was killed in October by agents of the kingdom, a close U.S. partner, while he was in the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul. U.S. intelligence agencies and lawmakers believe that Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman ordered the murder of Khashoggi, who had written articles critical of the kingdom.

Lawmakers from both parties have scrutinized U.S.-Saudi ties and criticized Trump for not condemning Saudi Arabia strongly enough.

S. Korea pays for huge U.S. base

Ally footed nearly all of the \$10.7B cost for sprawling facility

By DAVID S. CLOUD
Los Angeles Times

CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea — The new golf course and clubhouse will open in April. Along MacArthur Circle, 23 stone-clad villas reserved for American generals are finished, as are five apartment towers for military families.

Over by an airfield that buzzes day and night with Blackhawk and Chinook helicopters stands the glass-and-brick headquarters for U.S. Forces Korea — the four-star command that transferred here last June from Seoul, an hour's drive north.

Construction is finished on the grenade launcher range, the tank driving course and 41 barracks buildings. The new combat hospital is supposed to be ready by December. And if war ever breaks out with North Korea, there's a rail depot to rush armored vehicles into the fight.

The U.S. military isn't drawing down at this 3,600-acre Army base, as President Donald Trump sometimes seems to favor. It's building up, creating one of the Pentagon's largest and most modern overseas facilities.

A decadelong construction blitz — mostly paid for by South Korea — has turned a sleepy airfield into a gated mini-metropolis for U.S. troops, dependents and contractors who were once scattered at multiple bases in Seoul and near the Demilitarized Zone dividing the Korean Peninsula.

"We have created a new city, the newest, most modern facility in the United States Army," said Paul Stuart, the deputy to the garrison commander at the base.

But there is pervasive uncertainty about the future of the U.S. military here



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U.S. Army Camp Humphreys is a 3,600-acre base south of Seoul and is home to 33,000 military and civilian personnel.

owing to Trump's seemingly unshakable distaste for basing troops in any host country that, in his reckoning, fails to pay enough for what he calls American protection.

He has regularly put longtime ally South Korea in that group. Although Trump has said a pullout or drawdown of the 28,500 U.S. troops here is not on the table in his stalled nuclear negotiations with North Korea, the White House has pressured Seoul to pay considerably more.

That has left even senior American officers unsure whether withdrawals might be coming if South Korea does not comply.

"We're here and we feel like we're going to be here for quite a while unless we hear otherwise," said a senior U.S. officer, who asked not to be identified to speak candidly. "We'll see."

White House officials recently floated a proposal called "cost plus 50," under which some allies would be

asked to pay the full cost of U.S. troops on their territory, along with 50 percent more. After the idea was leaked, acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan told Congress it would not be implemented.

South Korean officials and Korea experts in the United States point out that Seoul already pays more than \$900 million a year. That's at least 50 percent of the cost of the U.S. military presence and more than almost any other U.S. ally. South Korea also built and paid for almost the entire \$10.7 billion expansion at Camp Humphreys.

Hoping to mollify Trump, Seoul also has stepped up its purchases of U.S.-made weapons, warplanes and other equipment, making it one of the top buyers of American military hardware.

The total military and civilian population at the base now stands at 33,000, nearly tripling since 2012. The crush of soldiers and

the families is causing early-morning traffic backups at the gates and lines at the only gas station on post.

An additional 10,000 are expected within a few years, once three more apartment towers are completed.

Three headquarters buildings were occupied in the last year by the U.S. 2nd Infantry Division, U.S. 8th Army, and South Korean forces, which overlook the base's 8,124-foot runway.

Along with the military facilities, the base hosts a suburban-style mall with a Starbucks, a Taco Bell and a well-stocked post-exchange, 24-hour gyms, a bowling alley, two movie theaters, a community pool with a two-story waterslide and soon-to-open minimart with a second gas station.

Enrollment at the on-base high school topped 500 this year, the highest ever. There's even a building to house the 8th Army band.

"The base is huge," said Lt. Col. Junel Jeffrey, an

officer in the 2nd Infantry Division. "It's like being in America, but a really, really nice America."

The facilities don't differ substantially from those in recently expanded military bases in the United States — only in this case American taxpayers didn't foot the bill.

"Those who complain about the cost of American troops overseas don't realize that the same troops would be even more expensive if deployed in the United States. And of course, Washington would no longer receive compensation from our allies," said Bruce Klingner, a former CIA analyst on Korea who now works at the Heritage Foundation, a self-described conservative think tank in Washington.

Congress grew so worried about Trump's threats against longtime allies that last year it approved a provision barring him from reducing troop levels in South Korea below 22,000 this

year unless he certifies to lawmakers that it is in U.S. national security interests.

Separate from Seoul's spending at Camp Humphreys, the two governments signed a new agreement in February obligating Seoul to pay \$923 million in 2019 toward U.S. military costs, an 8 percent increase over last year.

The deal only came together after Trump administration officials backed down from demands for as much as a 50 percent increase. But negotiators could only reach a one-year agreement, instead of the usual five years. So talks on the next annual payment are likely to resume soon and are even more fraught.

Located along the Anseong River outside the industrial city of Pyeongtaek, much of Camp Humphreys was rice paddies two decades ago.

Construction was supposed to be finished in 2008 but the completion date slipped repeatedly, partly because millions of tons of earth had to be trucked in to fill flood-prone bottom land.

The site has the military virtue of being well south of the heavily fortified DMZ, putting U.S. troops stationed there out of range of all but the longest-range North Korean artillery and rockets, Army officers say.

Outside the base gates, the coming of the Americans has meant a windfall for civilian businesses. Bars, vape shops and American-themed restaurants line the narrow streets, along with real estate brokers who advertise their services to soldiers living off-post with storefront pictures of smiling blond-haired families.

Under an agreement with South Korea, 60 percent of the personnel assigned to the post are supposed to live off-post in private housing, a measure aimed at benefiting the local economy.

U.S. absences raise questions about the effectiveness of G-7

By THOMAS ADAMSON AND SYLVIE CORBET
Associated Press

PARIS — Two key U.S. officials — Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen — are skipping meetings in France this week as the Group of Seven countries gather to try to find solutions to world security challenges.

The move raises questions about the G-7's effectiveness at solving some of the international issues it has deemed crucial, including fighting terrorism and human trafficking.

A lunch focusing on migration issues and human trafficking kicked off the G-7 interior ministers' meetings Thursday in Paris.

France, which took over the G-7's presidency in January, is hosting the two-day meeting, which overlaps with a summit of G-7 foreign ministers Friday and Saturday in the French Atlantic resort of Dinard.

President Donald Trump has made no secret of his disdain for the G-7, especially since Russia was pushed out of the gathering of major world economies after its annexation of Crimea in 2014. In addition to the U.S., the G-7 includes Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy and Japan.

Pompeo is in Washington this week, far from French shores, hosting NATO's foreign ministers to mark the alliance's 70th anniversary. Nielsen is staying behind to deal with domestic border issues.

Canadian Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland, meanwhile, announced she is attending both the NATO meeting in Washington and the G-7 meeting in Dinard.

Still, alliances are fraying everywhere, even at NATO as Pompeo shines a spotlight on America's involvement in the military alliance. NATO Secretary-



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French Interior Minister Christophe Castaner welcomes U.S. official Claire Grady to a G7 meeting in Paris. She is standing in for Homeland Security chief Kirstjen Nielsen.

General Jens Stoltenberg acknowledged internal NATO disagreements this week on trade, climate change and the Iran nuclear deal, but insisted the 29 allies are united in their commitment to defend each other.

U.S. Homeland Security official Claire Grady is standing in for Nielsen at the interior ministers' meetings and Deputy Secretary of State John J. Sullivan will stand in for Pompeo.

Sullivan will discuss "a broad range of issues, including the deteriorating situation in Venezuela, destabilizing Iranian behavior in the Middle East, the responsible conduct of states in cyberspace, and the final denuclearization of North Korea," the State Department said.

It said these conversations will "set the stage" for the Aug. 25-27 G-7 summit that France will host in the southwestern city of Biarritz.

Last June, Trump roiled the G-7 meeting in Canada by first agreeing to a group statement on trade only to withdraw from it while complaining that he had been blindsided by Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's criticism of Trump's tariff threats. In an extraordinary set of tweets,

Trump threw the G-7 summit into disarray.

France's Foreign Ministry listed the main issues under discussion this week as cybersecurity, the trafficking of drugs, arms and migrants in Africa's troubled Sahel region, and fighting gender inequality. That includes ways to prevent rape and violence against women, especially in Africa.

Thursday's discussions focused on how to deal with citizens who have joined Islamic State militants in Syria and Iraq, as well as their wives and children. Many IS fighters have been captured and imprisoned in those countries.

The problem has grown more urgent since Trump announced his intention to reduce the U.S. military presence in Syria.

The U.S. has called for countries to take back their citizens and put them on trial, if necessary, but Western countries have largely refused to do so.

The G-7 interior ministers also discussed ways to fight terrorism and extremism on the internet — possibly by imposing more regulations on internet giants — in the presence of representatives of Facebook, Twitter, Google and Microsoft.

Pompeo calls for NATO unity amid steps to counter Russia

By MATTHEW LEE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — NATO foreign ministers approved a series of measures aimed at countering Russia in the Black Sea region, an agreement that comes amid public rifts between the United States and several of the other 28 members on security and trade issues.

In a meeting in Washington to mark the 70th anniversary of NATO, the ministers agreed to provide Georgia and Ukraine with increased maritime cooperation, patrols and port visits. Both countries have faced Russian aggression and have aspirations to join the alliance.

The NATO ministers also renewed demands for Russia to end its annexation of Crimea, release Ukrainian sailors and ships it seized in a confrontation last year in the Sea of Azov, and respect the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty. The U.S. announced it will withdraw from the 1987 treaty in August unless Russia returns to compliance.

But a dispute between the U.S. and Turkey over the Turks' planned purchase of a Russian air defense system, U.S. demands for allies, particularly Germany, to boost military spending, and a row with Canada over tariffs hung over the ceremony at the State Department.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo appealed for the allies to stand together to confront challenges from Russia, China and Iran. He hailed NATO's deterrence of the Soviet Union during the Cold War and said the alliance was well positioned to move forward as it confronted new and evolving challenges.

"We have rightly sought peace through strength here at NATO," Pompeo said. "We must continue to do so, especially in this new



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Secretary of State Mike Pompeo appeals Thursday for NATO to confront challenges from China, Iran and Russia.

era of great power competition from Russia, from China and the Islamic Republic of Iran."

Addressing those challenges and others such as terrorism, cybercrime, uncontrolled migration, threats to energy security and new technologies will require enhanced resources, he said. He also renewed a warning that the U.S. might have to curtail intelligence cooperation with countries that rely on Chinese communications technology.

Pompeo said every NATO member had an obligation to explain to its citizens the need to increase their defense budgets and rejected what he called "tired excuses" about public opposition to such spending.

"We're very hopeful that they will get it right, that they will understand that it is important for our collective defense," he told reporters later, referring to Germany.

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg, in an address to Congress on Wednesday and again on Thursday, acknowledged divisions within the alliance and called for bigger military budgets.

President Donald Trump has questioned the value of the alliance and criticized some members

for not spending enough on defense.

Pompeo did not address the spat with Turkey in his remarks, but in a Wednesday meeting with Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu he had made clear Washington's displeasure with Ankara for insisting it would go ahead with plans to buy Russia's advanced S-400 system instead of the American Patriot system.

In a sign of rising tensions between the two capitals, Turkey's foreign ministry disputed the State Department's account of the meeting, which said Pompeo had warned of "potentially devastating consequences" of unilateral Turkish military action in northern Syria as well as consequences for buying the S-400.

The ministry said the account failed to accurately reflect the content of the discussion.

Asked about the Turkish complaint, Pompeo said he had reread the account and it was "spot on." "I stand by every word of it," he said, adding that the Turks were well aware of the U.S. position.

The Trump administration is threatening to stop delivery to Turkey of the newest U.S. fighter jet, the F-35, if the S-400 purchase is completed.



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Tardigrades, also known as water bears, are about the size of a period but are able to survive extreme conditions.

Tiny critter is 1 tough bugger

Scientists say the well-nigh indestructible tardigrades may hold lessons for our survival

By **SETH BORENSTEIN**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Earth's ultimate survivors can weather extreme heat, cold, radiation and even the vacuum of space. Now the U.S. military hopes these tiny critters called tardigrades can teach us about true toughness.

These animals are pip-squeaks, only about the size of a period. Under a microscope they look like some combination of chubby bear and single-eyed alien. And they are the closest life gets to indestructible.

No water? No worries. Tardigrades survive. Antarctic cold, 300-degree heat, a lack of oxygen, even punishing radiation doesn't stop these animals. They are so resilient in the face of so many dangers that scientists think their unique biology may hold clues to how we can make crops more resistant to drought, better preserve blood and medicines, and even make more effective sunscreen.

When the going gets tough for tardigrades, they curl up, dry out and wait. Then, when the environment gets better and they get water, they spring back to life.

Scientists say they can

stay dormant for decades before reanimating.

In 2007, scientists put two species of tardigrades in containers, launched them into orbit and opened them up to cold, airless space full of punishing radiation from the sun and stars.

"If you were put into that same thing, you would explode," said tardigrade expert Randy Miller, a biologist at Baker University in Kansas. They lived and later multiplied, and the offspring from those tardigrade astronauts are still alive, Miller said.

There are as many as 1,200 species of tardigrades, and they live all over Earth, from mountain tops to ocean depths to driveways. Not all have the ability to go dormant and come back to life.

Speaking from McMurdo Station in Antarctica, Brigham Young University biologist Byron Adams said he can walk a few hundred yards outside and find tardigrades. He called them the tigers of inland Antarctica, near the top of the limited food chain, eating algae and aquatic plants.

Miller said tardigrades seem to be the first animals on Earth to have evolved legs, and, sure enough, they look like a first draft: The

rear two legs face backward while the front six face forward.

If they are hurt when they are in an active phase and can't go into survival mode, they die like other creatures. But they don't have a circulatory system or a skeleton, so that allows them to curl up in a hyper-survival mode called "cryptobiosis."

Not all come back from suspended animation, Miller said. But overall, they survive, even living through Earth's five mass extinctions.

University of North Carolina biologist Thomas Boothby wanted to know how they manage to survive in "environments we think of as being impossible to live in." So he isolated the genes that activate when tardigrades go into cryptobiosis.

Boothby engineered those genes into yeast and says their tolerance to drought increased 100-fold. He hopes the genes could also help crops better survive drought.

In December, the Defense Department's long-term research arm gave Boothby a nearly \$5 million grant to figure out what in tardigrade genes might help human health.

The idea is to see if the tricks that tardigrades use to protect themselves when they dry can be used to protect vaccines and human

blood, Boothby said.

Boothby hopes to make bags of blood last longer than the current six weeks and allow them to be stored in a dried state so soldiers can take their own blood supply to battle or ambulances can carry more. They could also potentially help preserve organs or damaged tissue.

Japanese scientists are studying whether tardigrade proteins could help them come up with a better sunscreen to protect against ultraviolet rays. A 2016 study showed that human cells augmented with a DNA protein unique to tardigrades reduced radiation damage in preliminary lab tests.

Tardigrades are so otherworldly that some theorize that they could exist on planets outside the solar system. Harvard astronomer Avi Loeb said "they could survive an impact by a rock and they could potentially be brought from another planet" to Earth.

Loeb and colleagues decided to see if life on Earth could survive some of the worst cosmic calamities. So they looked at the hearty tardigrades, concluding that the water bears could survive most end-of-the-world scenarios, like a giant asteroid crash, cosmic ray burst or nearby supernova — everything short of our sun blinking out.

Epidemic killing off frogs, says new study

Salamanders also at risk from pathogen

By **JASON BITTEL**
The Washington Post

There is a plague ripping through the amphibian species of the world. It's caused by fungus that's invisible to the naked eye and spreads easily by many means. It kills by disrupting the way these creatures breathe through their skin, essentially suffocating frogs and salamanders.

The disease is called chytridiomycosis, and according to a landmark study published in the journal Science, it's even worse than we thought.

Scientists once estimated that about 200 species of frogs and salamanders have been harmed by the disease, but the new study concludes that chytrid fungus has contributed to declines in at least 501 amphibian species. Ninety of the species are thought to have gone extinct because of the epidemic. Populations in tropical Australia, Central and South America seem to be hit hardest, though Africa, Europe, and North America are also affected.

According to this new accounting, the epidemic has caused the biggest loss of biodiversity of any recorded disease.

"It's a staggering thing to consider," said Jonathan Kolby, one of the study's authors and a herpetologist specializing in conservation and wildlife diseases at James Cook University in Australia. "We've never before had a single disease that had the power to make multiple species extinct, on multiple continents, all at

the same time."

Carly Muletz Wolz, a molecular pathogen scientist at the Smithsonian National Zoo's Center for Conservation Genomics, said she wasn't surprised by the findings, but that it was important to finally see the problem quantified.

"This is the newest, best estimate on where things stand," said Muletz Wolz, who was not involved in the study. "And it's probably even worse than this."

The scope of the chytrid fungus onslaught on the amphibian world, which began in the 1980s, is unprecedented. West Nile Virus, which is now a well-known pathogen, affects 23 bird species. The fungus laying waste to bat populations across North America is attacking six species.

"You've got hundreds if not thousands of frog species that could go extinct, and they're getting much less attention from a global health perspective," said Kolby.

Scientists suspect that the chytrid fungus lineage that has been ravaging frog populations became more virulent in the 1980s after it hybridized with another lineage. And when more people transport infected amphibians across the world for the pet trade, there is more opportunity for spread of the fungus and additional hybridizations.

In 2013 scientists discovered a species of chytrid that goes after salamanders, called *Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans*. This species has not made its way into the United States, and in 2016, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service banned imports of 201 high-

risk species of salamander in an effort to prevent future outbreaks.

There are no such restrictions regarding trade in frogs.

"I think Canada really one-upped us," said Muletz Wolz. "They just said you can't import any amphibians into Canada anymore. They just totally banned it."




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Staff and news services

Amazon's Jeff Bezos and wife MacKenzie finalize divorce

NEW YORK — Amazon said Thursday that founder and CEO Jeff Bezos has finalized his divorce with wife MacKenzie, who will end up with a 4 percent stake in the company worth about \$35 billion.

In a tweet, MacKenzie Bezos said she is giving Jeff Bezos all her interest in The Washington Post, the newspaper that he bought in 2013, and Blue Origin, the space exploration company he founded.

The Bezoses, who have four children, first announced they were divorcing in January, just before the National Enquirer published a story that said Jeff Bezos was having an affair with a former TV host. He later accused the tabloid's publisher of threatening to publish explicit photos of him unless he stopped investigating how the Enquirer obtained private messages between himself and his lover.

Mormons repealing ban on baptisms for gay parents' kids

SALT LAKE CITY — The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Thursday repealed rules banning baptisms for children of gay parents and making same-sex marriage a sin eligible for expulsion — marking a reversal of policies condemned as jarring detours from a push by the faith to be more compassionate about LGBTQ issues.

The 2015 rules that were approved by global

church leaders had prohibited baptisms for children living with gay parents until the children turned 18 and disavowed same-sex relationships.

With the change, children of gay parents can now be baptized as long as their parents approve the baptisms and acknowledge that the children will be taught church doctrine, the church said in a statement from its highest leadership group.

Trump: U.S., China 'rounding the turn' in trade negotiations

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Thursday that the U.S. and China are "rounding the turn" in a lengthy negotiation over trade and predicted that "something monumental" could be announced in a matter of weeks.

"We have a ways to go but not very far," Trump said during an Oval Office appearance with both countries' negotiating teams.

Vice Premier Liu He, China's top trade negotiator, agreed, telling Trump that "because of your direct involvement, we do have great progress." The talks resume Friday.

The U.S. and Chinese negotiators on Wednesday began their ninth round of talks to resolve the dispute over American allegations that Beijing is using predatory tactics to challenge U.S. technological dominance.



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Riot police and migrants clash outside a camp near Thessaloniki, Greece, on Thursday. Hundreds of people inside the camp pressed to leave after anonymous social media calls directed them to walk to Greece's northern border and pass into the rest of Europe.

Army commander in eastern Libya orders forces to Tripoli

BENHAZI, Libya — Libyan army commander Khalifa Hifter on Thursday ordered his forces to march on Tripoli, the capital of the U.N.-backed government, sparking fears of a major showdown with rival militias.

The order to his Libya National Army posted in an audio recording online came as U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres visited the North African country and issued "a very strong appeal for all military movements to stop."

Hifter also put at risk upcoming peace talks between Libyan rivals bro-

kered by the U.N. aimed at drawing a road map for new elections.

The 2011 NATO-supported uprising that toppled and later killed long-time dictator Moammar Gadhafi led to chaos in Libya. The country has been split between rival governments in the east and west and an array of mostly Islamic militias fighting over power and oil fields.

Hifter is allied with the east-based administration at odds with the U.N.-backed government based in Tripoli.

Hifter described his

forces' move as a "victorious march" to "shake the lands under the feet of the unjust bunch."

Hifter urged his forces to enter the city peacefully and only raise their weapons "in the face of those who seek injustice and prefer confrontation and fighting."

Secretary-General Guterres not only urged a halt to military movements but appealed for "containment, calm" and "military and political and verbal de-escalation — and the recognition that there is no military solution for the problems in Libya."

Rep. Tim Ryan joins crowded Democratic field

WASHINGTON — Rep. Tim Ryan of Ohio announced a presidential bid Thursday, emphasizing education, health care and the economy as he joined a large, diverse group of Democrats looking to take on President Donald Trump in 2020.

In his first television

interview as a candidate, Ryan cast himself as a "progressive who knows how to talk to working-class people" and said he could win back Rust Belt states lost to Trump in the 2016 election.

"That means Donald Trump is going back to Mar-a-Lago full time,"

Ryan said during an appearance on ABC.

Ryan, 45, is one of the younger candidates in the field. He ran an unsuccessful campaign against Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., for House speaker in 2018 and has long positioned himself as an advocate for blue-collar workers.

Artist-creator of pictures for painting by the numbers dies

TOLEDO, Ohio — The artist who created the first paint-by-numbers pictures and helped turn the kits into an American sensation during the 1950s has died, his family confirmed.

Dan Robbins' son says his father died Monday in Sylvania, Ohio. He was 93.

Robbins came up with the idea for paint-by-numbers photos in the 1940s while working for the Palmer Paint Co. in Detroit.

He remembered hearing that Leonardo da Vinci would use numbered backgrounds for his students and decided to try it.

By 1955, the company was selling 20 million kits a year.

Sales dropped sharply within a few years.

The Smithsonian Institution celebrated the paint-by-numbers craze and its impact with a 2001 exhibition at the National Museum of American History

In Washington: President Donald Trump said Thursday he is recommending Herman Cain, a political ally and former presidential candidate, for a seat on the Federal Reserve Board.

"I've told my folks that's the man," Trump told reporters in the Oval Office, saying that Cain is currently going through background checks before a formal nomination.

Cain, a former CEO of Godfather's Pizza, ran for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination but dropped out after allegations of sexual harassment and infidelity.

Cain served for a number of years on the board of directors of the Fed's Kansas City regional bank and has also been critical of the central bank's policies.

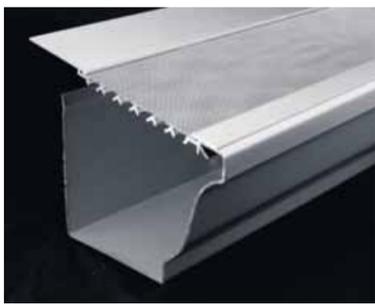


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EDITORIALS

Why an elected CPS board would be worse than the flawed status quo

With only two members voting “no,” the Illinois House on Thursday sent to the Senate a bill creating an elected school board for Chicago Public Schools starting in 2023. The idea is popular among Chicago residents.

But for many reasons, it's a bad idea. We urge the Senate to kill this, as it has in the past. And we applaud those two House members — Avery Bourne, R-Raymond, and Joe Sosnowski, R-Rockford — for their “no” votes Thursday.

Does anyone think a 21-member school board would be an effective form of governance? Could board members even agree on what to order for lunch? The bill creates 20 districts across the city from which voters would choose one school board member each. The 21st member would be elected at large and serve as board president.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Robert Martwick, D-Chicago, would expire the terms of the seven current mayoral appointees of the Board of Education in May 2023.

We understand the momentum behind the idea. CPS is in trouble, begging for more taxpayer dollars and shedding students by the thousands each year. It has grown increasingly difficult to defend the current mayor-appointed school board model, given CPS' rocky finances, reckless borrowing, a bribery scandal and questionable student outcomes. The corruption conviction of former CPS CEO Barbara Byrd-Bennett, who reported to federal prison in 2017 to serve a 4½-year sentence, certainly serves as justification to switch up the current model. Byrd-Bennett went to prison for scheming to collect bribes from a former employer whom she slid into a lucrative CPS contract. The seven



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Switching to a 21-member elected school board could well put the Chicago Teachers Union in charge of Chicago Public Schools.

members of the appointed school board approved the deal with few, if any, questions asked. They dropped the ball.

But we stand by the original intent of the 1995 school reform law that put the mayor of Chicago in charge of the schools, via the appointed school board. The arrangement forces accountability within the school system. There's one person to praise — or blame — for CPS' performance. There's one person to execute bold and unpopular initiatives; here we often cite Mayor Rahm Emanuel's difficult but necessary decision to close 49 underutilized and underperforming schools as one example.

The appointed board also protects taxpayers by giving them a seat at the table. If the city switches to an elected board, the Chicago Teachers Union would presumably push hard to elect union-friendly members. CTU has the manpower, the money and the motivation to help shape a school board to its liking. Then who would negotiate costly CTU contracts on behalf of taxpayers? An elected board could well put a public employee union in charge of Chicago schools — with board members hostile to charters, to cost-cutting, to change that disrupts school employees. CTU gives generous lip service to the children in classrooms, but the union's Job One is advocating for its adult members.

Supporters argue that every other school district in the state operates with an elected board. That's true — but not with a 21-member board, and often not efficiently. Look at suburban schools' property tax levies. Look at Illinois districts' growing debts. Many districts spend lavishly because their board members are more concerned with placating administrators and teachers. Just ask Illinois property taxpayers.

Think about that, senators, as you weigh your vote on this bill. Not only would a 21-member school board clog up a school system already buried in bureaucracy, it would decrease accountability in a system desperate for it.

However long it takes, get the Lincoln Yards TIF right

Approval of the \$6 billion Lincoln Yards megaproject, which would transform dormant industrial land along the Chicago River, is in the home stretch. On Monday, the City Council's Finance Committee is slated to vote on the creation of a \$1.3 billion TIF district to pay for infrastructure the project needs — new roads, bridges and mass transit to accommodate all the new residents, jobs and traffic Lincoln Yards will produce.

On Wednesday, the TIF proposal is scheduled to go to the full council for a vote.

We have always regarded Lincoln Yards' overall impact as a boon for Chicago: 23,000 new jobs, and an estimated yearly economic output of \$4.5 billion. Healthy cities grow and evolve. Lincoln Yards confirms Chicago's dynamism.

But we've also reminded developer Sterling Bay and Lincoln Yards' biggest City Hall advocate, Mayor Rahm Emanuel, that a project with that kind of scale — 14.5 million square feet of commercial and residential space — requires community buy-in. Want to be a good neighbor? Heed what residents have to say.

On several points, Sterling Bay acqui-

esced. A soccer stadium was cut from the project. So was a sprawling entertainment district. The developer doubled the amount of affordable housing first envisioned. Nearby residents complained about building heights — Sterling Bay scaled them back. Those changes and others warranted our thumbs-up when the council's Zoning Committee approved the project in mid-March.

The creation of a TIF district is another important part of the Lincoln Yards plan. Approval shouldn't be rushed.

Tax increment financing districts can help launch economic growth, but they also can be abused as tax dollar giveaways to developers and businesses. Property taxes collected by local taxing bodies within the TIF are frozen for up to 23 years. New tax dollars generated by rising property values within the TIF are supposed to be reinvested into improvements inside the TIF district. Meanwhile, taxpayers citywide make up for the dollars diverted into the TIF.

Here, taxpayer money would pay for Lincoln Yards road and transit infrastructure, improvements that would benefit all

people in the area but give a big helping hand to Sterling Bay.

Included in the proposed TIF is a revamp of the nightmarish intersection at Ashland, Elston and Armitage avenues, an extension of The 606 elevated trail and a new Metra train station. But much remains unanswered. Will the TIF include the North Branch Park Preserve, a 24-acre riverfront park long sought after by area residents? Would that be a public park, accessible to the rest of the city? A bigger question: Is the \$1.3 billion figure the right amount or is it an overly generous giveaway? Last month the Community Development Commission, a mayor-appointed panel that reviews the creation of TIF districts, signed off on a \$900 million TIF with an understanding the ultimate cost could be \$1.3 billion. Obviously the less money taxpayers must commit to this TIF, the better.

An important question for aldermen about Monday's vote: Why the rush? More time to nail down details and negotiate needs vs. wants will help ensure the city gets the best return on its support for, and investment in, this project. One lesson of

Lincoln Yards is that City Hall has leverage. Sterling Bay has been willing to modify its proposal to win approvals. Think back on debacles like the city's slapdash parking meter deal for a contrasting scenario. The Lincoln Yards deal has gone under the microscope, but the TIF financing aspect has gotten less attention.

If it takes six more days, or six weeks or six months to make this TIF as smart as possible for Chicago, that should be the timing. Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot, who takes office May 20, believes she and the new council should make the decisions on Lincoln Yards. We understand her interest, but calling for a delay in City Hall duties on account of lame ducks shouldn't become the order of the day. This project's been in the works for a long time and it should get its approvals when they are deserved. If a ticking clock on the Emanuel administration concentrates the minds of Sterling Bay executives and secures a better deal for Chicago, well, that would be a good outcome.

The point is that Lincoln Yards and its TIF need to benefit all Chicagoans, many years into the future.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

On March 21, President Trump issued an executive order supporting free speech on campus. “Under the guise of ‘speech codes’ and ‘safe spaces’ and ‘trigger warnings,’ universities have tried to restrict free thought, impose total conformity and shut down the voices of great young Americans,” he said at a White House ceremony. “If a college or university doesn't allow you to speak, we will not give them money. It's very simple.” ...

It is too early to say how much good the president's executive order will do, but it was long past time for the federal government to face up to the rot of political correctness and intolerance that is subverting the American educational establishment. There are some points of light. The so-called Chicago Statement, for example, named for a declaration of principle from the University of Chicago, embraces open and robust debate even about subjects that “some or even by most members of the University community (find) offensive, unwise, immoral, or wrong-headed.” Several institutions have endorsed that document. But many others, including some of the most prestigious, reject it outright. ...

That (the effect of Trump's declaration) is likely to be more hortatory than coercive may be an advantage, not a liability, since serious reform of these institutions will come about not from the imposition of a law but a change of heart. The prospect of losing federal dollars is one sort of incentive.

Roger Kimball, The Wall Street Journal

SCOTT STANTIS



Chicago Tribune

PERSPECTIVE



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Lori Lightfoot celebrates her election victory with supporters Tuesday. She should conjure the rhetorical voice she found that night to address the city's fiscal ills.

Lightfoot's election night speech was one to savor — but what's really possible?

BY DAVID GREISING

Lori Lightfoot showed a side of herself on election night that we hadn't seen before.

When she dropped the hard shell of campaign rhetoric, as if stepping out of a suit of armor, something surprising and powerful emerged. With religious overtones, warm memories of her parents, an expression of love to her wife and daughter, even a moment where she asked all at her victory party to join hands in a show of unity, Lightfoot showed she can command a stage — and perhaps lead an unruly city.

To watch Lightfoot on Tuesday night was to observe a citizen-turned-politician who is mastering the art of rallying a crowd around her ideas and force of will.

Lightfoot touched on many of the aspirations the people of Chicago share with her. She talked about not allowing a person's ZIP code to determine his or her destiny. She called for an equitable investment in neighborhoods largely overlooked by the Rahm Emanuel administration. She promised stronger schools and even thanked the teachers who supported her, an interesting touch given that the Chicago Teachers Union had endorsed her runoff opponent, Toni Preckwinkle, for mayor.

The speech was one to savor. If Lightfoot can summon that muse more often, she just might have a shot at rallying the city around her.

Lightfoot will need that, and more, in the days ahead. And she'll especially

need it as she sets out to solve one of the biggest challenges she'll face: Taming the city's fiscal and pension crises.

The campaign that just ended skipped way too lightly over the city's dire financial straits. It was as if neither candidate had any serious answers, so by unspoken pact they agreed to avoid the subject.

Emanuel may have been a factor in that. His election-year budget came in with the smallest deficit of his term, a \$98 million shortfall. Part of that was due to new revenues Emanuel has passed: increased property taxes, higher sewer and utility rates, even a surcharge to cover the cost of the 911 emergency alert system.

Add it up, and Rahm reduced the city's structural budget deficit by about a quarter during his time in office. Yet with the structural imbalance still hovering around \$9.6 billion in 2017, when the last count came in, more must be done.

As if that weren't trouble enough, the city's underfunded pension systems are about to become a serious challenge to Chicago's fiscal health.

The city has \$28 billion in unfunded pension liability, according to an analysis by the Civic Federation. The firefighters, police and municipal workers' funds each are less than 30 percent funded — about a third of the 90 percent funding rate considered acceptable by most financial analysts.

Chicago can't allow its pension funds to remain that way forever. That's not just a statement of good fiscal policy: It's the law.

A state law requires an estimated \$227 million increase under Lightfoot's first full-year budget, growing to a \$1.2 billion annual increase by the time Lightfoot faces re-election.

Assuming Lightfoot doesn't seek to wriggle out of that obligation, she will need to rely on a combination of cost cuts and revenue increases to begin addressing the pension problems.

On the cost side, she gamely threw out a few ideas during the campaign: Wrestling the workers' comp system away from City Council, cutting overtime costs at the Chicago Police Department, creating an office of risk management to rein in costly police settlements, combining administration of the city's four pension funds.

For all that effort, Lightfoot even by her own generous estimates expects no more than \$52 million in savings.

On the revenue side, Emanuel has squeezed pretty hard on the city's lemon. People are fatigued by Emanuel's tax and fee increases. But Lightfoot has admitted she can't get where she needs to go without tapping at least some new sources of revenue.

What possibilities are out there? The Civic Federation, in a report published during the mayoral campaign, listed just about every idea ever conceived wherever budget wonks have gathered lately.

Chiefly for purposes of discussion, the Civic Federation listed them one by one: a city income tax, consumer tax and congestion tax. A tax just for Uber and Lyft riders when they contribute to congestion. Also, taxing services and real estate transfers.

Emerging industries could be taxed too: marijuana, sports gambling, a city casino. The Civic Federation even lists levies that have been floated, then killed, such as a financial transaction tax and an employee head tax.

What, no soda tax? Apparently, the way Preckwinkle got flattened when she tried to impose one in Cook County, well that was beyond discussion even in Civic Federation circles.

I mention this mainly to illustrate the tough choices Lightfoot faces, and to give a warning of what could come.

The pressure on Lightfoot will be immense. And well it should be. Pensions are absorbing roughly a quarter of the city's revenues. And that share will grow — and quickly — in the coming years.

The one recommendation worth making is this: Lightfoot should conjure the rhetorical voice she found on election night and apply it to the fiscal problems she faces.

Voters gave her a mandate, and a first year in office is the time for the toughest choices. That's the point when they can do the most good at the least political cost.

During the campaign, Preckwinkle repeatedly claimed Lightfoot lacked the executive experience to run the city. Lightfoot disagreed. If Lightfoot can rally people around her ideas for fixing the city's fiscal and pension problems, Lightfoot can prove she was right.

David Greising is president and chief executive officer of the Better Government Association.

Want to boost voter turnout? Pay people to cast their ballot

BY ROBERT C. POZEN AND NICCO MELE

Most Americans are exhausted with partisanship and want government that works and that displays a willingness to compromise. But those without a strong attachment to a political party tend not to vote regularly, contributing to greater polarization. People might vote in presidential elections, when about 60 percent of eligible Americans vote. Yet fewer than half vote in midterm elections, and very few vote in local elections — arguably the elections with the most direct impact on our lives. Only about a third of Chicago voters cast a ballot in Tuesday's municipal election.

It's understandable that many Republicans and Democrats are dissatisfied with the state of U.S. politics. But imagine what would happen if the political middle had the incentive structure to vote in each election?

Numerous academic studies and electoral analyses show that voting is habit-forming. Once you vote, you are more likely to vote again — and again and again and again. The younger you are when you start voting, the more likely you are to continue voting regularly.

The 2018 midterms were a high-water mark for participation by young people. An astounding 31 percent of eligible voters between the ages of 18 to 29 cast a ballot on Election Day, a giant increase from their voting rate of 21 percent in 2014. But even those numbers are disturbingly low.

A few countries do have compulsory

voting. Australia, for example, levies fines on any citizen who does not vote in an election. But requiring participation would be a hard sell in the United States with our traditions of political freedom and choice.

Instead, what if the government offered cash incentives to vote? Several experiments have shown that such incentives work to change voting behavior. Fordham University political scientist Costas Panagopoulos has researched the impact of paying cash rewards to people who vote, conducting two separate studies in California communities in which voters were randomly assigned to receive one of two postcards: a reminder to vote or the option to receive a financial award for voting. Both studies found that an incentive of only \$25 raised turnout in municipal elections by almost 5 percent.

Nonprofit organizations in Philadelphia and Los Angeles have similarly experimented with "lotteries" to incentivize voting. One lucky voter in Philadelphia won \$10,000 in such a voting lottery; a different experiment in Los Angeles netted another voter a \$25,000 purse. Both efforts appeared to meaningfully increase turnout in local elections.

Based on this data, it's safe to say that incentivizing participation early could nurture a long-term pattern of regular voting. But how could such an idea be implemented? The federal government might offer a refundable tax credit to young adults who vote twice before age 30. Assuming a tax credit of \$100 per young adult, even a significant increase in partici-



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Polling place Columbus Park field house in the Austin community awaits voters Tuesday.

ation for voters under 30 would not dramatically reduce federal tax revenues — while creating a lifelong habit of participation for millions of new voters.

Because both major political parties have recently voiced concerns about voter fraud and ballot access, critics would undoubtedly raise issues about verifying participation by young voters. But these issues could be addressed. For instance, Congress could subsidize qualifying state or local voting authorities if they sent a prepaid debit card to people who vote twice before they turn 30. These authorities, which have much better information on voting than federal officials, would qualify by meeting specified standards for maintaining accurate voting records.

Republicans might also object to our proposal because young voters tend to be more liberal than older ones. However, this proposal should be evaluated over the long run. If young adults start to vote regularly, their political views are likely to become more conservative as they grow older.

From the start of our country, how we

vote has been a fluid process. The Constitution does not say much about the mechanics of voting. As a result, historically we've had a hodgepodge of approaches to voting, which vary from state to state and have changed a lot over time.

This is a fruitful area for experimentation. Cash incentives for voting will materially increase the participation rates in current elections, especially in nonpresidential election years, and would help build a lifelong habit of voting among younger adults. More broadly, such incentives would send an important message to citizens of all ages — the United States puts a high value on voting in all elections.

The Washington Post

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PERSPECTIVE



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The meter deal requires the city to keep a vast, costly supply of street parking, even as demand progressively weakens.

That parking meter deal is still haunting Chicago

Here's one fix Lightfoot can make

BY SAMUEL KLING

Here's one unexpected outcome of the mayor's race: Chicagoans got a respite from the kvetching over that old political punching bag, the 2008 parking meter deal. Toni Preckwinkle opposed the agreement, and Lori Lightfoot had nothing to do with it — so it fell off the list of contentious campaign issues.

But if you think that means Mayor-elect Lightfoot and city denizens can stop worrying about parking meters, think again.

Recent trends in urban transportation, predicted to accelerate over the next several years, shine a light on a little-discussed provision of the agreement: It restricts Chicago's ability to manage its streets, requiring the city to maintain a vast, costly supply of on-street parking in central areas.

As a result, as other cities wean themselves off cars over the next decades, Chicago will be stuck with a congested, outmoded street system until 2083, when the deal expires.

Few imagined parking could one day become obsolete back in 2008, when Mayor Richard M. Daley traded 75 years of city parking revenue to private investors for a paltry \$1.15 billion. But parking demand in many cities is declining, as overbuilt parking infrastructure confronts trends such as the growth of Uber, expanding public transit and the rising appeal of cycling and walking.

The arrival of autonomous vehicles will only accelerate the trend, as

hailed AVs whisk about passengers cheaply with no need to park. Already, the architecture firm Gensler is advising garage developers to build parking structures with windows, tall ceilings and flat floors, so that when parking demand plummets, the buildings can be converted to office space or lofts.

Parking demand falling

A collapse in parking demand is one of the great urban opportunities of the 21st century. Cities, particularly American cities, devote an unconscionable amount of space to private car storage. Des Moines, Iowa, home to 83,000 households, boasts 1.6 million parking spaces. In Los Angeles, an astonishing 14 percent of the county's total land area is dedicated to parking.

As demand drops, space for parking could be devoted to more pressing needs. Repurposing on-street parking — the kind subject to Chicago's meter deal — could revolutionize urban streets and city life. Dedicated bus lanes, separated from rush-hour traffic, could swiftly ferry riders across town. Mayors could build stellar bicycle infrastructure; not just paint on pavement, but wide, barrier-protected lanes safe for riders age 8 to 80. Sidewalks could be widened, trees could be planted and streets could be remade as beautiful and useful public spaces.

If this all sounds a little too fantastic, take note that some places have already begun to capitalize on the trend. Amsterdam recently

announced a plan to switch out about 11,000 parking spaces for bike lanes, trees and sidewalks by 2025. Over the next decades, other cities will no doubt do the same.

Chicago, however, will not. The 2008 agreement imposes enormous charges on the city for getting rid of parking spaces, even temporarily. If the city merely relocates parking spaces, it must move them to an area that generates similar revenue to the old spaces, and if it cannot do that, it must pay the vendor the difference. These so-called "true-up" payments have become a source of financial agony for Chicago — which, even after renegotiating the deal in 2013, still pays about \$20 million in these fees each year. If such payments continue over the remainder of the deal, the city will end up spending far more on true-up fees alone than it received from investors in 2008.

Thankfully, Chicago can get out of this mess. The city has leverage, and with courageous leadership, Lightfoot can fix the deal's egregious restrictions on the city's management of its own streets.

The deal

The city must demand autonomy to remove parking spaces to build bus lanes, bike lanes and public space without costly true-up payments. In exchange, it should offer the parking concessionaire two benefits: first, greater leeway to raise meter rates, and second, an expansion of the concessionaire's service area to more districts

outside of downtown. A portion of the additional revenue generated could then be used by the city to fund street and transit improvements.

The city also can increase its leverage by better managing the current contract. One provision, for example, allows the city to collect a greater portion of parking fees paid through the mobile app rather than the meter. If the city had staff dedicated to promoting the app and properly managing the contract, it could save millions each year.

Skeptical readers will argue that these proposals further entrench a raw deal for the city. In some ways they do, because the deal leaves Chicago with no good choices. But they trade a disastrous provision — private control of city streets — for a merely bad one, private control of more city parking meters.

From an urban policy perspective, the 2008 meter deal did one beneficial thing for the city: it raised parking fees closer to the market rate, reducing — but not eliminating — a hugely expensive public subsidy for motorists which, by encouraging driving, creates congestion and carbon emissions.

One way or another, Chicago must cope with the meter deal until 2083. As city streets across the world transform, Chicago can either reap the benefits or remain stuck with an outmoded system. Right now, it's up to Lightfoot to decide.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Opportunity for Lightfoot

Congrats to Lori Lightfoot on her victory. She has a unique opportunity to bring this city together.

I spent the last few years of my police career as a foot officer. I learned to deal with all kinds of people: homeless people, gang members, wealthy folks. It took me about a good year to develop the respect and trust of the area. I was then able to quell problems that could have spiraled out of control.

I'm hoping Mayor Lightfoot, too, will go on foot patrol and get to know who she is mayor of. Talk to the city's cops, firemen and, yes, even gang members. You can put fires out rather quickly if you know the players and have dialogue.

Let's get all to the table and solve our crime issue and this "us against them" mentality!

— Nenad Markovich, retired police officer, Chicago

Just use the proper title

Dear friends of the press: Please stop calling Lori Lightfoot a "black, female, openly gay" mayor and just call her what she is: mayor.

— Joe Sadowski, Chicago

Good luck healing trust

Congratulations to Chicago Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot! It has been almost four years since I gave up on Illinois. My frame of mind is now much lighter, my taxes are lower and my daily paper is not filled with news of the latest political shenanigans, such as those that will inevitably pop up next in the Illinois governor's mansion, House Speaker Michael Madigan's empire or the cesspool that Cook County and Chicago politics are infamous for.

I wish Lightfoot all the success in the world in starting the process of restoring integrity to Chicago politics. The political dragons will come breathing fire, so keep a fire-proof cape handy.

The best I can do from here is pray for the mayor and wish her Godspeed and success in her unenviable task.

— Walt Kilmanas, Minnetrista, Minn., formerly of West Dundee

Daley dynasty isn't dead

In 1979, a snowstorm led to the defeat of then-Mayor Michael Bilandic and election of Jane Byrne, and now a soda tax has resulted in Lori Lightfoot's victory over Toni Preckwinkle. Everyone is hailing Lightfoot's victory as a defeat for the old Chicago political machine, but I would say Grendel's mother is still alive and looking for revenge. The period of reform that began with Byrne and ended with the death of Harold Washington soon gave rise to another Daley, Richard M., who was lurking there all along. His older brother, William, may have gone down to defeat in the first round of the election this time, but the Daley spawn is still out there ready to spring back to life. We miss their special genius for mediocrity and their knack for business as usual. Their loyal troops are waiting.

— Edward D. Lasky, Honolulu

Others might call it 'creepy'

Describing Joe Biden's behavior as touchy-feely as House Speaker Nancy Pelosi did was kind and indeed generous because that term, in a warm and human way, glosses over how women in my experience actually describe such behavior — and that is "creepy." Better "touch-feely" Joe Biden rather than "creepy" Joe Biden.

— Neil Gaffney, Chicago

Be careful in judgment

When I was assistant pastor at my first church, we as clergy would stand in the back after the morning service to greet people as they left.

One man always wanted a hug from me, and I felt very uncomfortable about how he did it, but I didn't know what to do.

Years later, when I was a hospice chaplain, an older couple would sometimes come to visit me at home. When they would leave, the husband always wanted a quick hug, but this was different.

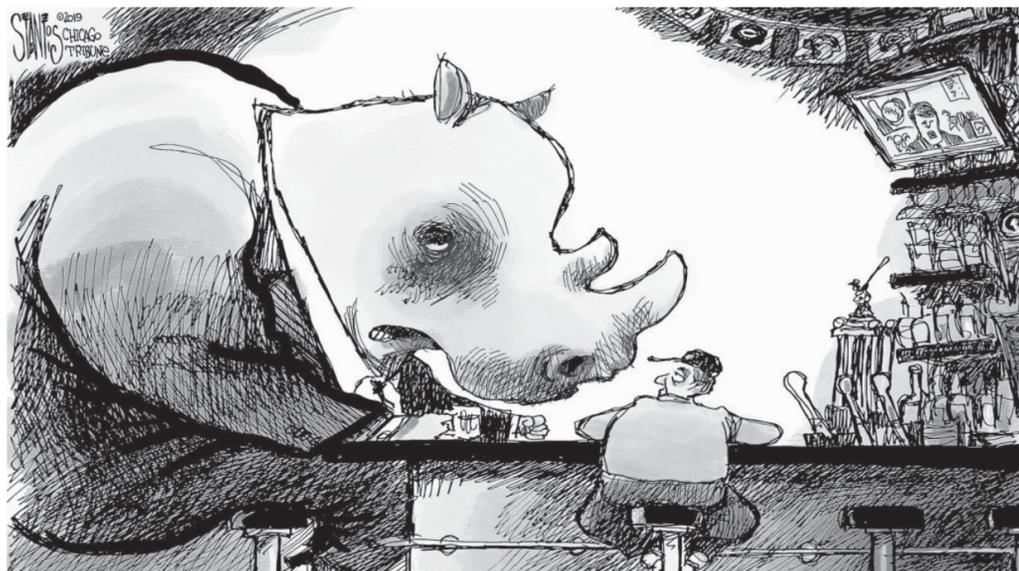
Years earlier, I officiated at the funeral for one of their sons. They helped me in many ways, and we became friends. He always called me "Pastor Clara" and was totally respectful.

When we critique someone for what he or she might have done in the past, we must also ask what he or she is like now. All of us have done things that we wish we could change.

— The Rev. Clara Thompson, Montgomery, Ill.

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Sears going back to the future

Retailer looking to reclaim shoppers after bankruptcy

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH
Chicago Tribune

To win back customers after bankruptcy, Sears wants to make strengths from its heyday relevant to today's shoppers.

Peter Boutros, chief brand officer of Sears and Kmart and president of the Kenmore, Craftsman and DieHard brands, said he thought of it as going "back to the future."

"What were we good at? What is relevant from our history today? And the thing we were good at was making moments matter," he said.

That idea — "making moments matter" — will be part of Sears'



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Antonio and Elena Castillo have their purchases rung up by cashier Jackie Santana last year at the Sears in the Oak Brook Center Mall.

new branding and marketing campaign after its former CEO, Edward Lampert, bought the Hoffman Estates-based company out of bankruptcy in February

with a \$5.2 billion bid and plans to rebuild around smaller stores and strengths in categories like appliances. The first three of those stores are expected to open in

early May.

But some analysts were skeptical, saying that even with healthier finances after bankruptcy, the question is whether the company has the time and resources to pull off a turnaround.

Now that Sears is trying to move forward, it's "critical" for it to get the message out to consumers more accustomed to hearing about its bankruptcy and uncertain future, said Neil Stern, senior partner at Chicago-based consulting firm McMillanDoolittle.

"Mission number one for Sears is to explain to customers that they're still here," he said.

The "making moments matter" branding will appear on new signs in stores and advertisements on local TV, in certain markets and in social media, circulars and billboards, as well as

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FAMILY PHOTO

Samya Stumo, the niece of Ralph Nader, was among the passengers killed in the Ethiopian Airlines crash in March.

737 Max 8 should not fly again, says Nader

Consumer rights advocate calls for recall, boycott of Boeing jet

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH
Chicago Tribune

Ralph Nader, the noted consumer rights advocate, called for a recall and consumer boycott of the Boeing jet grounded by regulators across the globe after two deadly crashes.

His niece, 24-year-old Samya Stumo, was among the 157 victims of an Ethiopian Airlines flight crash last month, less than six months after a flight on the same aircraft, the Boeing 737 Max 8, crashed in Indonesia.

"Those planes should never fly again," said Nader, speaking by phone at a news conference after Stumo's family filed a lawsuit against Chicago-based Boeing, one of its suppliers and Ethiopian Airlines. The family also filed a claim against the Federal Aviation Administration.

Stumo's family's lawsuit is one of several filed by relatives of passengers killed in the Ethiopian Airlines and Lion Air crashes. All those families have "such huge holes" because of the aircraft's problems, said Nadia Milleron, Stumo's mother, who said she had met others who lost loved ones in Ethiopia.

"As someone who's lost the dearest person in my life, I want

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MATT ROURKE/AP

Gamblers place bets at the SugarHouse Casino in Philadelphia. Most of the states that legalized sports betting are still waiting for the payoff.

Elusive jackpots

After legalization of sports betting, revenue falls short of hopes in 4 of 6 states

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Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — When the Patriots won the Super Bowl again — and covered the spread, too — all of New England was delirious, with the possible exception of Rhode Island's tax collectors.

The state's sportsbooks lost \$2.35 million because, come on, really, who's going to bet against Tom Brady in New England? That, in turn, cut into Rhode Island's tax revenue.

For a variety of reasons, most of the states that moved quickly to legalize sports betting after the Supreme Court cleared the way are still waiting for the expected payoff.

Tax revenue has fallen far short of projections in four of the six states where gambling on sporting events started last year, according to an Associated Press analysis.

Rhode Island, the only place in New England with legal sports betting, had expected to generate more than \$1 million a month for its state budget

through its 51% tax on sportsbook proceeds. The actual revenue? About \$50,000 a month from the late-November launch through February, which included the Super Bowl.

"The Super Bowl did hurt us tremendously," said state Rep. William O'Brien, who put \$100 on the Patriots and won \$100. "But it made me very happy. I love the New England Patriots."

Gov. Gina Raimondo said the state might have to adjust its budget to account for the missed projections. Still, she is urging patience: "We knew it was going to be very up and down."

States began legalizing sports gambling last year after

the nation's high court ended Nevada's monopoly on the practice. In a seventh state, New Mexico, two Native American tribal casinos began taking sports bets without specific state authorization.

West Virginia is taking in just a quarter of the monthly tax revenue it had projected. Tax revenue is half the estimate in Mississippi and Pennsylvania.

The reasons vary by state, from slower-than-expected rollouts and the unavailability in some places of mobile betting, to an all-too-predictable Super Bowl, in which the Patriots beat the Los Angeles Rams

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Nominate your company as a top workplace

Chicago Tribune

The Chicago Tribune is seeking nominations for our annual Top Workplaces special report, in which we explore how organizations create and sustain a positive and productive culture. We'll also compile a list of this year's top workplaces in Chicago.

This is the 10th year that the Tribune has produced this report, and every year we hear about novel ways in which companies and their managers are engaging, motivating and rewarding employees.

A lot has changed in 10 years,

and the discussion of what makes a top workplace has particular relevance today. The economy is strong, unemployment is low and more than ever, employees are looking for a better job if they don't like the one they have. Consider this: The number of people who voluntarily left their jobs has been on the upswing for years, and last year 40.1 million workers quit, according to the Labor Department. That's 2.4 million more people who quit than the year before.

A top workplace can be described this way: It's an organization that is successful because its employees enjoy their work, embrace their mission and feel like valued teammates. Compensation and perks are factors, but the more important components include opportunities for professional growth and being treated with respect.

To qualify, a workplace must have at least 100 employees in the Chicago area. Nominations are open to all em-

ployers, including nonprofits. Nominated companies that agree to participate will distribute to employees between April and July an easy-to-complete, confidential survey developed by the Tribune's research partner, Energage, which will calculate the list of top workplaces.

Top performers will be recognized in the report, in an online directory and at a Tribune-sponsored event. There is no fee to participate.

To nominate a company, go to www.chicagotribune.com/nominate or call 312-878-7356. The deadline for nominations is May 10.



Divorce is primed to cost Bezos 25% stock

But in settlement with ex-wife, Amazon CEO retains voting power

BY CRAIG TIMBERG
Washington Post

Amazon founder Jeff Bezos and his ex-wife, MacKenzie Bezos, announced Thursday a divorce settlement that will leave him with 75 percent of their Amazon stock and all of their joint holdings in The Washington Post and a space-exploration company, Blue Origin. He will retain voting power over all of the Amazon voting shares the couple once owned together.

The announcement from the Bezoses — coming in a tweet from MacKenzie Bezos that was retweeted by Jeff Bezos — settled a closely watched matter of corporate governance affecting one of the world's richest companies, with a market capitalization of \$890 billion.

The divorce settlement is likely to remove uncertainty over the extent of Jeff Bezos' continued control over a company he founded in 1994 and for which he remains chief executive and its largest shareholder. Their marriage lasted 25 years and produced four children.

MacKenzie Bezos, a novelist, spoke first through Twitter, writing, "Grateful to have finished the process of dissolving my marriage with Jeff with support of each other and everyone who reached out to us in kindness, and looking forward to the next phase as co-parents and friends."

Trump won't close border, but threatens auto tariffs

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Abandoning his threat to immediately seal the southern border, President Donald Trump warned instead on Thursday that he'd slap tariffs on cars coming to the U.S. from Mexico unless the country does more to stop the flow of migrants and drugs coming to the U.S.

In his latest walk-back in recent days, Trump told reporters he would try the "less drastic measure" before resorting to his standing threat.

"Mexico understands that we're going to close the border or I'm going to tariff the cars. I'll do one or the other, and probably settle for the tariffs," Trump said at the

White House.

Trump insisted in his remarks that his threats would be effective because the Mexican government could be certain he would follow through.

"I will do it; I don't play games," Trump said.

It was a dramatic departure for Trump, who last week tweeted that he would close the border or large swathes of it this week unless Mexico immediately halted "ALL illegal immigration coming into the United States."

Trump said at the time that he was "not kidding around," and his acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney said in a television interview Sunday that it would take "some-

thing dramatic" for Trump not to close down the crossings.

Since then, however, White House advisers, American leaders in border cities and U.S. economists have warned that such a move would have enormous economic consequences on both sides of the border, interrupting supply chains and boosting U.S. consumer prices on everything from avocados to autos.

The U.S. and Mexico trade about \$17 billion in goods daily, according to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, which had said closing the border would be "an unmitigated economic debacle" that would threaten 5 million American jobs.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., who seldom publicly criticizes or corrects the president, said earlier this week that "Closing down the border would have potentially catastrophic economic impact on our country, and I would hope we would not be doing that."

In recent days, Trump has appeared to put his threat on hold, praising the Mexican government for doing more to apprehend migrants traveling through the country from Central America.

On Thursday, Trump also threatened tariffs if Mexico doesn't halt the flow of illegal drugs across the border, saying he'd give the country "a one year warning" to com-



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President Trump threatened auto tariffs if Mexico doesn't do more to stop migrants.

ply.

"We will put tariffs on if they don't apprehend, and ultimately we're going to give a period time. But if in a year from now drugs continue to pour in we're going to put tariffs on," he said, adding, "I don't play games."

Administration officials have been studying ways to minimize the economic impact of a potential closure in case Trump went through

with his threat, including keeping trucking lanes open or closing only certain ports.

But even absent that threatened extraordinary step, delays at border stations have been mounting after about 2,000 border officers were reassigned from checking vehicles to deal with migrant crowds.

The Washington Post and Los Angeles Times contributed.

Trump to nominate Herman Cain to Federal Reserve's board of governors

BY DAMIAN PALETTA AND HEATHER LONG

Washington Post

President Donald Trump plans to nominate former GOP presidential candidate Herman Cain to the Federal Reserve's board of governors, two people familiar with the push said, a move that would significantly escalate the White House's effort to exert political pressure on the U.S. central bank.

There are two empty seats on the Fed's seven-member board. Trump is hoping to fill the other empty seat with conservative economist Stephen Moore, a pick that has led to

an outcry from former White House officials in both parties because of Moore's political background and lack of Fed-related experience.

Trump interviewed Cain for the slot several weeks ago. He has signaled to aides in recent days that he wants to put Cain in the slot, but a final decision has not been made because Cain's background check hasn't been completed.

Cain ran for president in 2012 but lost during the Republican primary to Mitt Romney. A former restaurant industry executive, he became famous for a simplified tax plan, known as Nine-Nine-Nine. His can-

didacy unraveled over complaints that he sexually harassed multiple women, including an allegation that he groped a woman and tried to force her into a sexual act. Cain has denied the accusations.

The candidate also answered several foreign policy questions in a manner that suggested a lack of familiarity with major issues of the time, including conflicts in Libya and Iraq.

Cain in September launched a super PAC aimed at supporting Trump's agenda ahead of the 2018 midterm elections.

Trump has found himself at odds with his own choice to lead the Fed,

Chairman Jerome Powell. The bank has moved to raise interest rates slowly, backing off efforts to stimulate the economy and working to guard against inflation.

Trump publicly criticized those moves and called for lower rates, breaking with past presidents' general policy of avoiding public comment on the independent bank.

Noting that the economy was showing signs of a slowdown, Powell said last month that the bank was unlikely to again raise rates in 2019.

Trump's decision to pick Cain was first reported Thursday by Axios.

Sears

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email and text communications with shoppers, Boutros said. Kmart's slogan will be "love where you live."

Both were created in-house, unlike earlier campaigns like "There's more for your life with Sears," developed with Ogilvy & Mather Worldwide and "Good life, great price," developed with Young & Rubicam.

The company "didn't have the luxury" of using outside agencies, but Boutros said he is proud of its work.

"In our previous life we could have used consultants and got the same result as we got from our own talent in Hoffman Estates," he said.

Some past Sears ad taglines

- "You can count on Sears."
- "Sears has everything."
- "There's more for your life at Sears."
- "Come see the softer side of Sears."
- "Get the good life at a great price at Sears. Guaranteed."
- "Sears. Where else?"
- "Good life, great price."

The company declined to say how much it's spending on the campaign, but said it's enough to make shoppers aware Sears and Kmart are open for business.

The size of the investment and extent to which it can get that message to sink in likely matters more than the words themselves, Stern said.

Although "making moments matter" and "love where you live" will be used in advertisements, Boutros said they are "brand mantras" that will guide what Sears and Kmart stand for.

Sears will be focusing on two core groups of customers: baby boomers who grew up trusting Sears and just need to be won back, and young families who might be first-time shoppers.

Products will be targeted to appeal to those groups, like back-to-school clothing, baby and pet products for young families, and home items for boomers who might be downsizing or upgrading long-owned appliances, Boutros said.

While shoppers tend to see Sears as a destination for big-ticket home items, Kmart customers tend to shop more frequently for everyday purchases, and the company wants stores to feel more connected to their communities, Boutros said.

Sears is also getting ready to open the first batch of new, smaller stores focused on appliances, mattresses and home services, called Sears Home + Life. Boutros described them as an updated version of earlier experiments with smaller, appliance-centric stores.

The first three are scheduled to open in Louisiana, Alaska and Kansas in early May. Boutros said they are planning to add more, but declined to say how many or when they may open.

The Home + Life stores

aren't intended to replace Sears' full-size department stores, but give the company a way to get back into communities where it no longer has stores. The company has shuttered more than 1,000 Sears and Kmart locations since January 2016. It exited bankruptcy with 223 Sears and 202 Kmart stores, nearly half of which are in California, Florida, Pennsylvania, New York and Puerto Rico, according to court filings.

Sears is also continuing to expand its best-known brands. The company plans to introduce lawn, garden and camping products under its DieHard brand, which has traditionally focused on auto products, Boutros said. Sears already makes lawn and garden products under the Craftsman brand, which the retailer sold to Stanley Black & Decker, but Boutros said the DieHard products aren't meant to replace Craftsman's.

And unlike other retailers focused on growing house brands available only at their stores, Sears is continuing to try to expand both the Kenmore and DieHard brands' presence outside its stores. The retailer has already begun selling products from both brands on Amazon.

Boutros said broader reach raises awareness and could bring customers back to Sears.

But it also risks giving customers one less reason to come to Sears, said Michael Brown, a partner in the consumer and retail practice of global management consultant A.T. Kearney.

Particularly at the new stores focused on appliances, "it's not clear right now...how they will differentiate themselves," Brown said.

He thinks Sears needs to focus on building a new and improved experience connecting its online and in-store businesses, along with its membership program, since it's been too long since the company's "golden years" for it to lean on its legacy.

"It's a matter of if they can invest fast enough to do it on a timely basis" he said.

Customers have also said they want to see improvements to the online shopping experience, Boutros said. That work is still under way, as is Sears' search for a CEO, he said.

Lampert served as Sears' CEO from 2013 to its bankruptcy filing in October. Since then, Chief Financial Officer Robert Riecker, Chief Digital Officer Leena Munjal and soft lines President Greg Ladley have collectively led the company.

Boutros said he's seen "a good uptick in members coming back and considering us" since the bankruptcy, though Sears has "a long way to go."

"That's why the brand mantras and efforts around assortment and marketing are so important to reinforce that we're here, we're here for the long term, and please consider us as you think about buying anything for your home and lives."

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Nader

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her death not to be in vain. I don't want anybody else to die," she said at the news conference in Chicago.

"Those in charge of creating and selling this plane did not treat Samya as they would their own daughters," said Milleron, who was visibly emotional as she spoke about her daughter.

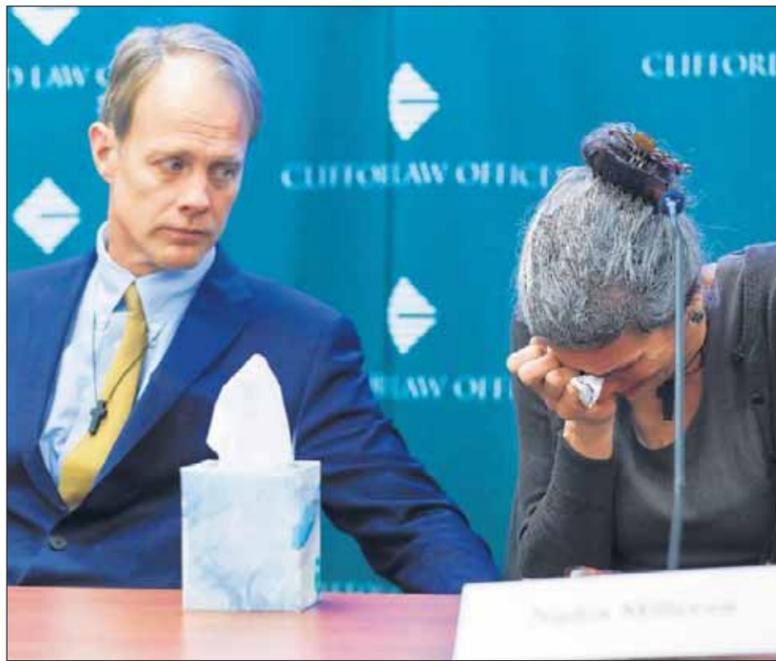
"This could have been prevented, and that's what makes me cry," she said.

Nader's book "Unsafe at Any Speed" helped bring about a series of auto safety laws, including the creation of the federal agency that became the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which oversees the auto industry. He later turned his attention to various consumer protection efforts related to food, drug and workplace safety and clean air and water.

On Thursday, he took aim at Boeing, blaming the crashes on design problems that he argued were the result of the company's focus on getting the plane on the market quickly to compete with its rival manufacturer Airbus.

He also criticized the relationship between Boeing and the federal agency tasked with overseeing aviation industry safety.

"If we don't end the cozy relationship between the patsy FAA...and the Boeing company, 5,000 of these fatally flawed planes will be in the air all over the world



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The parents of Samya Stumo, Michael Stumo, left, and Nadia Milleron react during a news conference on Thursday. Stumo was the niece of Ralph Nader and was among the passengers killed in the Ethiopian Airlines crash.

with millions of passengers," Nader said.

Boeing said Thursday it is reviewing a preliminary report on last month's crash from Ethiopian authorities that said the same anti-stall system that came under scrutiny in the Lion Air crash was activated on the Ethiopian Airlines flight.

Most accidents are the result of a chain of events, but when that system is activated in error, it adds to "what is already a high-workload environment," Boeing CEO Dennis

Muilenburg said in a video released by the company Thursday.

"It's our responsibility to eliminate this risk. We own it, and we know how to do it," he said.

Boeing said it is still working with the FAA and regulatory agencies to develop and certify a software update designed to keep the system from being activated unintentionally, along with additional training for pilots.

Nader said he doesn't think the software fix is

enough to make the plane safe since it can't predict all potential problems with a plane that is "prone to stall."

While Boeing has worked to show it is taking steps to address safety concerns, the FAA is planning changes to its oversight of airplane development, which delegates some authority for certifying new aircraft to their manufacturers, the Associated Press reported.

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In West Virginia, a contract dispute led to a shut-down at two sportsbooks and the state's only betting app at the beginning of the NCAA basketball tournament, eliminating crucial betting days. The state brought in \$862,000 in taxes on sportsbooks from September through the first days of March. With four months left in its fiscal year, that is well short of the annual projection of \$5.5 million.

The lower revenue isn't a surprise to state Sen. Michael Romano, a Demo-

crat who opposed legalized sports gambling in part because he thought the state's 10% tax on it was too low.

Republican state Sen. Craig Blair, a co-author of the legislation, said the revenue reflects growing pains. He wants to see more mobile options that could generate more betting.

"The only thing I'm frustrated with is I would have probably liked to bet March Madness from my iPhone," he said.

The AP found previously that taxes on sports betting would generate just a fraction of 1% of most states' budgets if they met their estimates. More than 20 states are considering legalization.

Mississippi is on track to

bring in about half the \$5 million that was informally expected for the first year of sports betting. State Sen. Hob Bryan, a Democrat who opposed legalization for fear it would promote point shaving and other corruption, said it is too early to say whether the revenue will improve or the original projections were way off.

Supporters in Pennsylvania are hoping for a boost with the start of online betting this summer.

The ability to place bets from a mobile device is a big reason New Jersey met its projections. From July through February, the state was bringing in about \$1.8 million per month in taxes on sportsbooks. That's nearly as much as Nevada,

which has had legal sports betting for decades and has not seen a drop-off despite the new competition.

In Delaware, the only other state to meet projections, the majority of revenue came from a football-betting operation that has been around since 2009.

Rhode Island, which missed its numbers by a wider margin than any other state, is hoping the addition of online betting will improve its tax haul. Last week, the governor signed a bill allowing it.

Democratic state Senate President Dominick Ruggerio said sports betting is clearly popular, with more than \$50 million wagered in Rhode Island during the first three months of operation.

With legal pot, states mellow out

Colo., Washington easing rules 2 years into legalization

By GENE JOHNSON
Associated Press

SEATTLE — When Washington and Colorado launched their pioneering marijuana industries in the face of U.S. government prohibition, they imposed strict rules in hopes of keeping the U.S. Justice Department at bay.

Businesses would need to track plants and products with bar codes. Regulators would have to approve money invested to ensure it was not tied to criminals. Owners of pot operations would have to live in-state and pass background checks.

Five years later, federal authorities have stayed away, but the industry says it has been stifled by over-regulation. Lawmakers in both states have heard the complaints and are moving to ease the rules.

“There’s a saying in the business world: ‘Pioneers get slaughtered, and settlers get fat,’” said Greg James, publisher of industry magazine Marijuana Venture, based near Seattle. “These rules have made the entire industry very inefficient. We’re going to get left in the dust unless we change some things pretty quickly.”

Since Colorado and Washington became the first states to legalize the recreational use of marijuana, eight have joined them. California, Nevada, Oregon and Michigan are among the legal states that have taken a more permissive approach to out-of-state ownership and investment.

In Colorado, which already loosened its rules to allow licensed businesses to have up to 15 out-of-state owners, lawmakers from both parties want to further open the industry to include ownership by publicly traded companies and to



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Products line a display case at a marijuana shop in Seattle. Colorado and Washington were the first states to legalize the recreational use of marijuana.

limit background-check requirements. A similar measure was vetoed by former Gov. John Hickenlooper last year, but his replacement, Gov. Jared Polis, has indicated support.

Washington lawmakers are considering a dual approach: easing financial restrictions while taking a more lenient view of rules violations, making it less likely businesses will lose their licenses for things like sloppy record-keeping. Three dozen have had their licenses canceled since 2015, while 32 more face revocation notices, according to the state Liquor and Cannabis Board.

One measure pending in the Democratic-led Legislature would open the industry to out-of-state ownership and allow businesses to become bigger, with a caveat: Any licensees hoping to take advantage would have to agree to let their workforce unionize.

Those that do could have up to 40% of their ownership held outside of Washington. They would also be able to obtain two additional marijuana licenses, allowing them to have up to seven retail shops or up to five growing and processing licenses, said the main sponsor, Sen. Rebecca Saldaña.

Investors could hold up to 10% of the business without undergoing background checks, though their names would still need to be disclosed.

“Banks don’t give lines of credit in our space, so we’re limited to private investors in the state of Washington,” said Ryan Kunkel, chief executive of Have A Heart, a chain of marijuana stores that has agreed to let its workers unionize. “It’s a tiny pool of investors, and it’s stifling our ability to expand. Meanwhile, there’s a massive industry expansion taking place in every

other state.”

Another proposal, a wide-ranging overhaul of Washington’s regulatory enforcement, is a compromise between industry groups, including the Washington CannaBusiness Association, and the Liquor and Cannabis Board.

The association has lobbied hard for the changes, arguing that the board’s enforcement has been aggressive and uneven. Its director, Vicki Christophersen, even helped organize an unsuccessful effort by lawmakers to have Russ Hauge, a former prosecutor, removed as one of the board’s three members because he was seen as unfriendly to the industry.

“The industry overall has made long strides in being a safe and fully regulated marketplace,” Christophersen said. “The legislation stems out of several years of frustration, of folks feeling like they want to be

regulated, they want to be taxed, they want to do the right thing, but they feel they’re still being treated as criminal enterprises.”

The legislation would create a program where businesses could seek the board’s advice on compliance issues without risking penalties, and it would require inspectors to give licensees time to fix a problem before issuing a citation, unless the violations concern public safety, sale to a minor or repeat offenses.

Businesses could face cancellation if they accumulate multiple violations for certain offenses, such as failing to properly tag plants, over two years, rather than the current window of three years — giving them a clean slate sooner.

And the measure would make another crucial change: “True party of interest” rules, which require transparency in who owns,

controls and profits from licensed marijuana businesses, would no longer come with automatic license cancellation. The rules have been a key way for officials to ensure criminal organizations don’t have a hand in the legal market, but even the board has acknowledged they’re overly strict.

In some cases, marijuana business owners struggling to make payroll infused personal money or investment from others into their business without having it vetted by the board, said Rick Garza, the board’s director. That can lead to automatic cancellation, even if the money came from a clean source, Garza said.

When the board asked the businesses why they did it without notifying regulators, they said they didn’t have time to wait months for the board to approve the money, he said.

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Does the first-time homebuyer credit still exist?

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Part of the Housing & Economic Recovery Act, the tax credit was available to first-time buyers who purchased their home in 2008, 2009 or 2010. Although the credit has since been retired, you may still be in luck if you qualified with a home purchase during those years and neglected to file the credit, or you became a first-time buyer later.

If you closed on your first home between April 9, 2008, and September 30, 2010, you could still qualify. A number of variables come into play, so the best way to determine your eligibility is to consult a tax accountant.

You’ll want to consider a few things before going

down that path, however. For instance, on first homes purchased during the eligible 2008 dates, the credit is not in fact a true credit, as it requires repaying it with your annual tax return for 15 years after the home’s purchase. So someone claiming the maximum \$7,500 credit would repay \$500 per year over 15 tax returns.

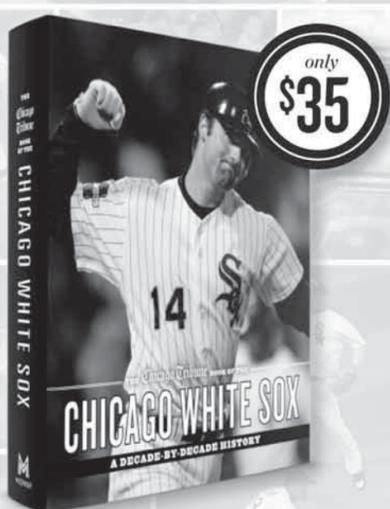
In 2009, the Obama administration revised the program slightly, upping the credit to an \$8,000 maximum and forgiving its repayment for those living in the home as their primary residence for at least 3 years after taking the credit. So if you bought during 2009 or 2010, but sold or moved within 3 years, you’re out of luck.

For first-timers who bought after the program’s 2010 sunset date, you may still have options. Many state and local governments offer their own programs for first-time buyers, so researching what’s available in your area could turn up other financial benefits.

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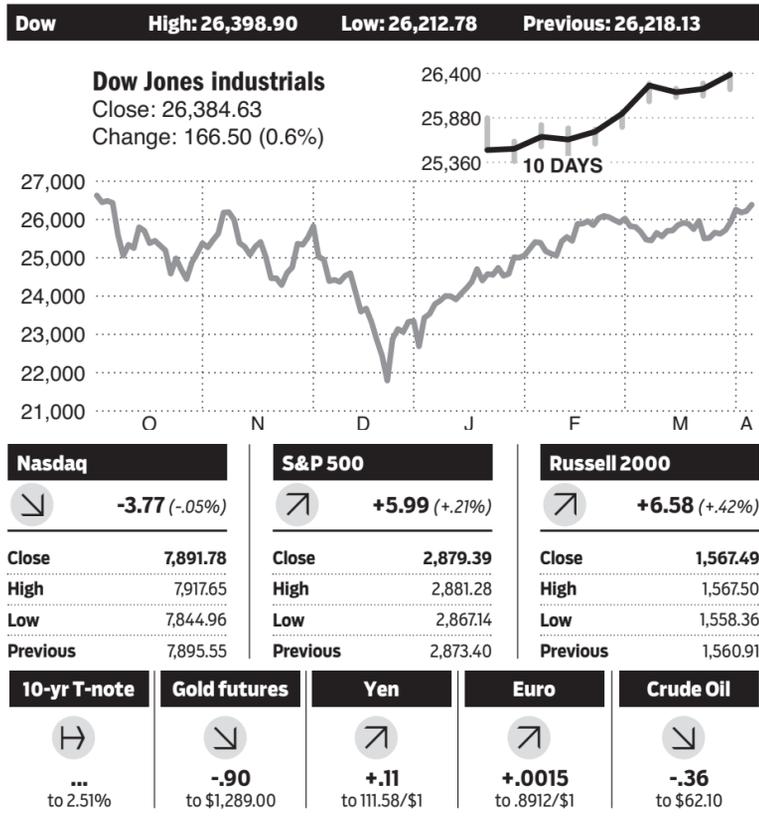


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NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	May 19	2.673	2.685	2.636	2.643	-.034
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LOCAL STOCKS

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	78.62	-.88	Equity Commonwith	N	32.48	-1.0	Mondelez Intl	O	49.65	-.08
AbbVie Inc	N	82.81	-.27	Equity Lifefty Prop	N	116.33	+4.0	Morningstar Inc	O	128.08	-1.18
Allstate Corp	N	96.07	+4.3	Equity Residential	N	75.28	-1.1	Motorola Solutions	N	140.68	-1.61
Aptargroup Inc	N	108.10	+63	Exelon Corp	N	49.64	-3.0	NiSource Inc	O	27.91	-1.6
Arch Dan Mid	N	42.73	+51	First Indl RT	N	35.57	-18	Nhrn Trust Cp	O	94.74	+61
Boeing Co	N	80.55	-32	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	48.92	+71	Old Republic	O	21.08	+0.3
Baxter Inc	N	395.86	+11.12	Gallagher AJ	N	78.67	+30	Packaging Corp Am	N	101.32	-1.43
Brunswick Corp	N	51.63	+98	Grainger WW	N	313.64	+2.06	Paylocity Hldg	O	85.53	-4.16
CBOE Global Markets	N	95.75	+05	GrubHub Inc	N	70.27	-.61	Stericycle Inc	O	57.41	+4.6
CDK Global Inc	O	59.02	+46	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	104.45	-.82	TransUnion	N	68.14	-.67
CDW Corp	O	100.56	+06	IDEX Corp	N	156.34	+79	TreeHouse Foods	N	61.79	+1.7
CF Industries	N	43.18	+25	ITW	N	151.76	+1.64	Tribune Media Co A	N	46.19	+1.0
CME Group	O	169.36	+92	Ingredion Inc	N	94.28	+1.16	US Foods Holding	N	35.08	+3.6
CNA Financial	N	43.79	+20	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	155.19	-.32	USG Corp	N	43.34	-.39
Cabot Microelect	O	119.15	-.23	Kemper Corp	N	78.60	+05	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	350.14	-0.2
Caterpillar Inc	N	140.13	+87	Kraft Heinz Co	O	32.69	+44	United Contl Hldgs	O	84.64	-.44
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	27.79	+32	LKQ Corporation	O	29.76	+12	Ventas Inc	N	62.40	+4.1
Deere Co	N	164.24	+85	Littelfuse Inc	O	192.06	+54	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	54.15	-.69
Discover Fin Svcs	N	74.23	+25	McDonalds Corp	N	189.87	+1.52	Wintrust Financial	O	71.39	+8.9
Dover Corp	N	96.88	+87	Middleby Corp	O	137.46	+1.44	Zebra Tech	O	214.01	-1.03

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Bank of America	29.15	+31
Gen Electric	10.03	-07
Ford Motor	9.24	+11
Encana Corp	6.94	+09
Rite Aid Corp	.55	+01
Chesapck Engy	3.21	+07
Weatherford Intl Ltd	.67	-09
Snip Inc A	11.28	+12
AT&T Inc	31.98	+11
Dow DuPont Inc	37.78	+43
Freeport McMoran	13.56	+40
Ambev S.A.	4.50	+14
Vale SA	13.47	+13
Wells Fargo & Co	49.17	+31
Bristl Myr Sqb	46.67	+20
Nokia Corp	5.90	...
Alibaba Group Hldg	181.07	+2.75
Goldcorp Inc	11.70	+18
Petrobras	16.17	+45
Babcock&Wilcox Ent	.23	-07
Twitter Inc	34.42	+04
Macy's Inc	25.99	+1.38
Itau Unibanco Hldg	8.81	+21
Disney	114.75	+2.23

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	181.07	+2.75
Alphabet Inc C	1215.00	+9.08
Alphabet Inc A	1219.45	+8.64
Amazon.com Inc	1818.86	-1.84
Apple Inc	195.69	+31
Bank of America	29.15	+31
Berkshire Hath B	204.10	+43
Exxon Mobil Corp	82.05	+1.15
Facebook Inc	176.02	+2.48
HSBC Holdings prA	26.06	+11
Intel Corp	55.92	+44
JPMorgan Chase	105.56	+1.01
Johnson & Johnson	135.57	-1.60
Microsoft Corp	119.36	-61
Procter & Gamble	103.43	-26
Royal Dutch Shell B	65.25	+11
Royal Dutch Shell A	63.97	+15
Visa Inc	157.64	-.82
WalMart Strs	98.11	+9.2

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	31.94	-.01	+9.1
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	26.98	+07	+7.0
American Funds CptWldGrInca m	m48.61	-.06	+2.2
American Funds CptInclBldrA m	60.89	+02	+4.3
American Funds FdmtlInvsA m	59.39	+11	+7.0
American Funds GrfAmrca m	49.44	-.01	+9.4
American Funds IncAmrca m	22.29	+02	+5.0
American Funds InvCAMrca m	38.11	+08	+7.0
American Funds IncAMrca m	43.65	-10	+7.2
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	45.82	+15	+9.9
DFA EMktCorEqL	21.33	+06	-7.1
DFA IntlCorEqLns	13.16	-.02	-5.5
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.62	+01	+4.2
Dodge & Cox Stk	41.75	+05	+4.3
Dodge & Cox Bld	186.87	+80	+6.2
DoubleLine TtRetBdl	10.51	+01	+4.2
Fidelity 500DxInvsPrm	100.59	+23	+11.1
Fidelity Contrafund	12.70	-.02	+1.7
Fidelity TtMktDxInvsPrm	81.81	+17	+10.3
Fidelity USBldxInvsPrm	11.48	+01	+4.3
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.33	...	+8.2
Metropolitan West TtRetBdl	10.60	+01	+4.5
PIMCO IncInstl	12.01	...	+4.2
PIMCO TtRetIns	10.09	...	+3.6
Schwab SP500Idx	44.24	+11	+11.0
T. Rowe Price BCGr	113.33	-.07	+14.5
T. Rowe Price GrStk	67.47	+05	+13.0
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	265.78	+61	+11.0
Vanguard DivGrInv	27.95	+06	+14.9
Vanguard EqtDxAdmrl	74.19	+19	+8.7
Vanguard GrldxAdmrl	81.98	-.01	+3.8
Vanguard HCAadmrl	82.51	-13	+8.8
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	14.14	+01	+4.9
Vanguard InsdIxns	260.51	+60	+11.1
Vanguard InsdIxnsPlus	260.52	+60	+11.1
Vanguard InsdIxnsPlus	62.17	+12	+10.5
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	93.11	-.04	+5.5
Vanguard MdtCpDxAdmrl	202.45	+18	+7.9
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	136.64	+13	+9.1
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.58	+01	+3.7
Vanguard SmCpDxAdmrl	74.57	+19	+6.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	31.11	+03	+4.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.68	+02	+4.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	34.14	+04	+5.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	21.01	+02	+5.0
Vanguard TtBMDxAdmrl	10.63	...	+4.3
Vanguard TtBMDxInvs	10.63	...	+4.3
Vanguard TtInBdxAdmrl	22.24	+01	+4.9
Vanguard TtInBdxInvs	33.37	+02	+5.0
Vanguard TtInBdxInxv	11.12	...	+4.9
Vanguard TtInSdxAdmrl	28.44	-.01	-2.9
Vanguard TtInSdxInvs	113.74	-.04	-2.8
Vanguard TtInSdxInvsPlus	113.77	-.04	-2.8
Vanguard TtInSdxInxv	17.01	...	-2.9
Vanguard TtSMdIxAdmrl	71.56	+14	+10.4
Vanguard TtSMdIxInvs	71.57	+14	+10.4
Vanguard TtSMdIxInxv	71.54	+14	+10.3
Vanguard WngtInAdmrl	69.77	+15	+8.0
Vanguard WlslyInAdmrl	62.78	+09	+7.0
Vanguard WndrInAdmrl	62.76	+30	+6.6

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.38	2.38
6-month disc	2.38	2.38
2-year	2.32	2.32
10-year	2.51	2.51
30-year	2.92	2.93

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1289.00	\$1289.90
Silver	\$15.041	\$15.059
Platinum	\$900.00	\$869.40

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.50
Discount Rate Primary	3.00
Fed Funds Target	2.25-2.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.59

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Brazil (Real)	3.8496
Britain (Pound)	.7654
Canada (Dollar)	1.3355
China (Yuan)	6.7173
Euro	.8912
India (Rupee)	68.961
Israel (Shekel)	3.5892
Japan (Yen)	111.58
Mexico (Peso)	19.1432
Poland (Zloty)	3.82
So. Korea (Won)	1136.50
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.81
Thailand (Baht)	31.78

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3246.57	+30.3/+9
Stoxx600	387.87	-1.1/-3
Nikkei	21724.95	+11.7/+1
MSCI-EAFE	1910.34	-6.9/-4
Bovespa	96305.63	+1814.1/+1.9
FTSE 100	7401.94	-16.3/-2
CAC-40	5463.80	-5.1/-1

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OBITUARIES

CHARLES SANNA 1917-2019

He poured genius into Swiss Miss cocoa mix

BY HARRISON SMITH
The Washington Post

Fiddling at his kitchen stove in the late 1950s, standing over a pot of creamer, sugar, cocoa and vanilla, Charles Sanna — builder of submarines and towering spray dryers — was on the verge of a culinary breakthrough.

Sanna was the chief engineer at Sanna Dairies, a Wisconsin business formed by his father, an Italian immigrant who had long made his own mozzarella and ricotta. The company had supplied the U.S. military with coffee creamer during the Korean War, producing millions of packets of powdered, sweetened whole milk for troops to use overseas.

To avoid penalties written into its Army contracts for failing to make enough creamer, the company had overproduced, leaving its warehouse all but overflowing with valuable, perishable dried milk. “The product had a wonderful flavor,” Sanna once wrote. “I believed that it would make an excellent ingredient for a hot cup of cocoa. To confirm my belief, I consulted the family cookbook.”

Testing his recipe with the help of his five children, then calling on the taste buds of kids at a parochial school in their town of Menomonie, Wis., Sanna created what became known as Swiss Miss — a powder that, poured into hot water or milk, became a favorite of Antarctic explorers and launched the instant-hot-chocolate industry in the early 1960s.

He was 101 when he died March 13 at a hospice center in Fitchburg, Wis., a suburb of Madison. The cause was heart and kidney ailments, said his son John Sanna.

Trained as a mechanical engineer, Sanna began his career maintaining blast furnaces and coke ovens for U.S. Steel. But he “had an amazing ability to taste things, and an amazing sense of smell,” his daughter Lucy Sanna said in a phone interview. “You could give him a cookie and he’d say, ‘The nuts are rancid;’ even if it was only a small part.”

After figuring out how to turn surplus military milk

powder into a delicious, highly portable beverage, Sanna set about bringing the product to market. His brother Tony Sanna gave it the somewhat misleading name Brown Swiss, after a breed of dairy cow — Sanna actually used Holsteins, which produce a higher volume of milk with less butterfat — and the mix found some early success after it was sold to airlines.

“Business started going down because the product was quite expensive and people were taking it home,” Sanna told the Wisconsin State Journal in February. The airlines stopped purchasing it. “We saw that as an opportunity.”

Returning to the kitchen, where he reworked the recipe with the help of his children once again, Sanna replaced the whole milk of the creamer with powdered skim milk, which was cheaper and gave the cocoa mix a longer shelf life.

The new product was named Swiss Miss, the title of a film by the comedy duo Laurel and Hardy. Marketed with mail-order Swiss Miss dolls, it inspired similar mixes by Carnation, Nestle and Hershey.

In 1963, an article in the Eau Claire Leader reported that the Sanna company’s “dry creamed cocoa” was a hit even in Antarctica, where it was “provided constantly as a menu item” at McMurdo Station, a U.S. research center. The commander of a Navy icebreaker said he was “most impressed” with the beverage, and when adventurer Will Steger departed in 1989 for a dog-sled trek across Antarctica, he said he made sure to pack enough Swiss Miss to make 2,070 cups of hot chocolate.

Sanna was long retired by then. His family sold Sanna Dairy to Beatrice Foods in 1967, and Sanna went on to play the stock market, hone his golf game (he designed and built a special face-balanced putter) and — at age 89, in 2006 — to publish a children’s story. “Daddy, Daddy, There’s a Mouse in the House!” chronicled his attempt to remove a mouse without killing it. He used a vacuum cleaner, much to the delight of his grandchildren.

Since 1990, Swiss Miss has been part of Conagra,

which says it sells more than 50 million boxes of the cocoa mix each year. Sanna said the mix’s taste had diminished somewhat through the years, beginning when he switched from whole milk to skim creamer.

Still, he said, “It’s nice to know that you’ve done something that will carry on.”

Charles Albert Sanna was born in Philadelphia on Nov. 9, 1917. Both parents were Italian. His Sicilian-born father came to New York at age 13, and later managed a dairy company in Philadelphia, an ice cream company in Washington and a gelatin operation in Chicago.

The family eventually settled in Madison, where Sanna graduated from high school and attended the University of Wisconsin. He received a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering in 1939 and joined the Navy two years later, rising to become a superintendent of submarine construction at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Maine.

While there, he met Margaret “Peggy” McGee, his boss’s secretary, whom he married in 1946. In addition to his wife, survivors include four children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a daughter.

After World War II, Sanna’s father persuaded him to join the family business, then known as Sanna Dairy Engineers.

Sanna proved crucial to the company’s efforts, perhaps most notably with the design of a 60-foot-tall stainless-steel dryer in Menomonie, described as the largest in the world. But his thoughts often turned from powdered milk and dried egg whites to the submarines he had helped build during World War II, and to the men who worked and sometimes died inside of them.

“These men had to be utterly perfect, particularly mentally,” he wrote near the end of his life. “I would ask that anything said on my behalf would include a statement of tribute to the 3,505 valiant, unheralded submariners of the United States Navy who lost their lives in World War II.”

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ON APRIL 5 ...

In 1614, American Indian princess Pocahontas married English colonist John Rolfe in Virginia.

In 1621 the Mayflower sailed from Plymouth, Mass., on a return trip to England.

In 1792 George Washington cast the first presidential veto, rejecting a congressional measure for apportioning representatives among the states.

In 1887 British historian Lord Acton wrote, “Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely.” Also in 1887, in Tusculum, Ala., teacher Anne Sullivan taught her blind and deaf pupil, Helen Keller, the word “water” as spelled out in sign language.

In 1895 playwright Oscar Wilde lost his criminal libel

case against the Marquess of Queensberry, who had accused the writer of homosexual practices.

In 1951 Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were sentenced to death following their conviction in New York on charges of conspiring to commit espionage for the Soviet Union; co-defendant Morton Sobell was sentenced to 30 years in prison.

In 1986 an American soldier and a Turkish woman were killed in the bombing of a West Berlin discotheque, an incident that prompted the U.S. air raid on Libya more than a week later.

In 1987 Fox Broadcasting Co. made its prime-time TV debut by airing the first episodes of “Married ... With Children” and “The Tracey Ullman Show” three times each.

In 1991 former Texas Sen. John Tower, his daughter and 21 other people were killed in a commuter plane crash near Brunswick, Ga.

In 1995 the House of Representatives passed, 246-188, a tax-cut bill, the final major item in the Republicans’ “Contract With America.”

In 1999 the United Nations suspended sanctions against Libya after Moammar Gadhafi surrendered two suspected Libyan intelligence agents for trial in the 1988 Pan Am bombing. Also in 1999, in Laramie, Wyo., Russell Henderson pleaded guilty to kidnapping and felony murder in the death of Matthew Shepard, a gay college student.

In 2001 Wang Zhizhi became the first Chinese player to play in the NBA when he took the court for Dallas against Atlanta.

In 2004 a U.S.-Canadian task force investigating the massive power blackout of Aug. 14, 2003, called for urgent approval of mandatory reliability rules to govern the electric transmission industry.

In 2006 Duke University’s lacrosse coach resigned and the school canceled the rest of the season amid a burgeoning scandal involving allegations that three players on the highly ranked team had raped a stripper at an off-campus party. Also in 2006 Katie Couric announced she was leaving NBC’s “Today” show to become anchor of “The CBS Evening News.”

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS
April 4
Lotto 01 03 10 23 31 49 / 5
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Pick 4 midday 3695 / 8
Lucky Day Lotto midday
03 11 21 26 33
Pick 3 evening 197 / 7
Pick 4 evening 1335 / 4
Lucky Day Lotto evening
09 11 15 32 43
April 5 Mega Millions: \$104M
April 6 Powerball: \$68M

WISCONSIN
April 4
Pick 3 896
Pick 4 6059
Badger 5 03 17 20 23 25
SuperCash 08 13 21 24 25 37

INDIANA
April 4
Daily 3 midday 062 / 6
Daily 4 midday 6677 / 6
Daily 3 evening 994 / 3
Daily 4 evening 0763 / 3
Cash 5 18 19 21 23 37

MICHIGAN
April 4
Daily 3 midday 022
Daily 4 midday 9382
Daily 3 evening 180
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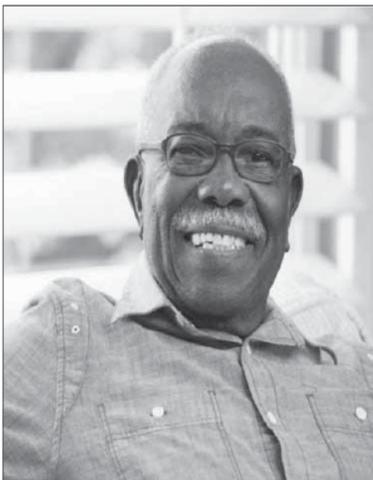
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Edbrooke, Patricia Ellen

Patricia Ellen Edbrooke passed away Saturday, March 30, 2019.



She was born August 1, 1929 in Oak Park, IL to Joseph and Alice Dennehy. Patricia graduated at age 80 from Northwestern University with a major in Philosophy of Communication. She was a Mid-West Editor at St. Regis Paper Company, Public Relations Director

at Association Management Services, Account Services Media Specialist/Copy Writer/Creative Group at Bozell & Jacobs, and Public Affairs Director at United Way of Illinois.

“Patsy” sang in the choir at Holy Name Cathedral and St. John’s Parish, as well as in plays, television, and on radio. She had a lifelong passion for politics, which included campaigning for both John and Robert Kennedy.

Always there for the less fortunate, she loved life, and enjoyed each day to the fullest. She had a great sense of humor and an incredible smile. She will be greatly missed.

Patricia is survived by her beloved sister Marilyn (Patrick) Smith. Loving mother of five children, the late Raymond (Kathy) Edbrooke, Sheryl (late Alan) Watkins, Patrice (late William) Hild, Thomas Edbrooke, and James Edbrooke. She had 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Patricia is preceded in death by her parents Joseph and Alice Dennehy, and siblings Joseph, Eileen, Lauretta, and Thomas.

Visitation Friday, April 5, 2019, 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Steuerle Funeral Home, Villa Park, IL. Funeral Mass Saturday, April 6, 2019, 10:15 a.m. at St. John the Apostle Church Villa Park, IL. Interment All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, IL.

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Elizabeth, "Betty" Kachlik

Elizabeth "Betty" Kachlik; beloved daughter of the late John and the late Ann nee Simek; loving cousin and friend of many.
Visitation Sunday, April 7, 2019 at COLONIAL-WOJCIECHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME 6250 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. From 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Lying-in-State Monday, April 8, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 5106 N. La Crosse Ave., Chicago. From 9:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Services at 10:00 a.m. Entombment Bohemian National Cemetery, Chicago. In lieu of flowers, donations to Trinity Lutheran Church appreciated. Info 773-774-0366 or www.colonialfuneral.com



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Graham Sr., Philip J.

(a.k.a. "Phil 1-Eye"); passed away on Thursday, April 4th; husband of Margaret "Peg", nee Dolan, for 61 years; father of Philip Jr., Mary Ellen (Eric) Forsberg, Stephen, Meg (Sean, Ret. CFD) Burke, Maureen (Edward) Plebanek, Julie (Kevin) McGreal, Jennifer (Gregory) Quartucci, Colette (Gregory) Scrimger, Martin (Kristin), and Dr. Elizabeth Graham; grandpa of 27, including his late grandson, Robert "Bobby" Graham; and great-grandpa of 2; brother of Dr. Georgia (Leonard) Mankowski, Robert (Mag), the late William (Mary Lou), late Ann, and the late Louis (Penny); brother-in-law of Maureen (Michael) Lavin, Martin (Kim) Dolan, Michael (Kathleen) Dolan, Nancy Dolan, late Mary Jean (Jim) Salach, and the late Jim (Helen) Dolan; Uncle of many nieces and nephews; Philip was born in Waukesha, WI to the late Louis and Mary Ellen Graham in 1934; Graduate of Leo High School; US Army Veteran during the Korean Conflict, and had a long career as a truck driver throughout the greater Chicago area; He eventually settled with Peg and their children in Oak Lawn, IL.; Phil loved the Chicago Cubs, Chicago Bears, a cooler of beer in the backyard, and spending time with his family; In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Amita Adventist St. Thomas Hospice PO Box 130 Hinsdale, IL 60522-0130 www.amitahealth.org/services/hospice or to the Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter, PO Box 96011 Washington DC 20090-6011 or www.alz.org; Visitation Sunday 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. at **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th St. Chicago Ridge; Funeral Monday, all family and friends will meet directly at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, 10621 S Kedvale Ave, Oak Lawn, Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment Private.; For Funeral info 708-422-2700 or www.curleyfuneralhome.com



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Hayden, William P. 'Bill'

William P. Hayden, 90, of Dyer, IN formerly of Dolton, IL passed away on Wednesday, April 3, 2019. Beloved father of Kathleen (David) Kapala, Mary (Charlie) Shanks, Eileen (Robert) Sturm and Bill Hayden. Loving grandfather of Thomas (Peggy) Kapala, Jean (Jason) Brown, Mary Kapala and Bill Beneventi. Proud great grandfather of Nora and Sarah Brown, Nolan Thompson and Aidan Kapala. Cherished brother of Barbara (Late Robert) Sterning. Many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mary Hayden and sister, Jean Soich.

Visitation will be on Sunday, April 7, 2019 from 2:00-7:00 pm with a prayer service at 2:30 pm at **Kish Funeral Home**, 10000 Calumet Ave. Munster, IN and on Monday from 9:30-10:00 am at the church. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 10:00 am at St. Thomas More Church, 8501 Calumet Ave. Munster, IN. Private interment will be at Assumption Cemetery, Glenwood, IL.

Bill retired from Commonwealth Edison after 42 years of service. Bill was an avid gardener and a generous neighbor. He was a dedicated family man who was known for his kindness to animals. Bill was an active member of the community and often spoke at various senior group meetings. In lieu of flowers, contributions to St. Jude Children's Hospital in his memory would be appreciated. www.kishfuneralhome.net

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Hotte, Robert William

Robert William Hotte was born on March 11, 1932 in Buffalo, New York and joined his beloved Susanne in their next life together on March 31, 2019. A proud Marine, a devoted husband, brother, uncle, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, a man of faith, and later in life, a devoted fan of both the North Carolina Tarheels and the Duke Blue Devils, Bob had an unstoppable spirit and curiosity for life. A graduate of Northwestern University for both his undergraduate and law degrees, Bob practiced law for close to 40 years in Chicago and Elmhurst, IL. Married to Gloria Selke in 1953, Bob became the proud father of Linda Marie and Kenton Rudolph.

His second marriage to Susanne in 1980 marked the beginning of a joyous 30 years until her death in 2009. From their warm home in Elmhurst, IL to their retirement paradise in Ferrington Village, North Carolina, Bob and Susanne were inseparable partners in travel, entertaining, family, faith, friendships, and music. Bob played in the handbell choir at UCC Chapel Hill until well into his 80s, a sight that delighted his entire family. After retirement, Bob and Susanne spent their summer months at the lake in Spooner, WI, a place that was forever Bob's "best place on earth". As Bob took the last two years of his journey back in the Chicago area, he never lost his optimism, proclaiming to everyone who asked that he was "fine and dandy!"

Bob is survived by his children Linda (Jon) Hajdu and Kent Hotte; his stepchildren Jenny (Dean) Fischer, Jill Fouché (Bob Bye), and Michelle (Mark) Coleman; six grandchildren, Leah, Chris, Clayton, Alex, Scott, Craig, and Claire; three great grandchildren, Leonora, Elle, and Miller; numerous nieces, nephews and their families and his beloved dog and faithful companion, Happy. He is preceded in death by his parents Edward and Antoinette, sister Lois Ryan and brother Roger Hotte.

Services will be held at First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn, 535 Forest Avenue Glen Ellyn, IL on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to United Church of Chapel Hill, 1321 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. Semper Fi.

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Iwanowski, Stanley W.

Beloved husband of the late Mildred nee (Rudakas) loving father of Mark (Karen) Iwanowski; loving uncle of many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents, the late John and Francis Iwanowski, and his siblings, the late John (Helen) Iwanowski, Bruno (Alice) Iwanowski, Chester (Ruby) Iwanowski, and Richard (Anne) Iwanowski. Stanley was a WWII United States Army veteran. He was a resident of Garfield Ridge for 60 years. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, April 6th, at 8:30am from Ridge Funeral Home, 6620 West Archer Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60638, to St. Daniel the Prophet Catholic Church for funeral mass at 9:00am. Interment St. Casimir Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Friday, April 5th, from 3:00pm to 8:00pm. For more information, please call 773-586-7900 or visit www.ridgefh.com

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Jostock, Henry

Henry Jostock 89, at rest April 2, 2019. He is survived by his wife Jacquelyn neeBucholz; children, Matthew Jostock, Andrew Jostock, Valerie Jostock, Eric (Donna) Jostock; step-children, Albert Heldermon, Robert (Dana) Heldermon, Sally (Dan) Arneson, Stephen (Lisa) Gundersen, and his step-granddaughter Brooke Heldermon. He was predeceased by his wives Cecelia and Katherine. Henry was an attorney in the city of Chicago for over 60 years. Donations in Henry's name may be made to Holy Name Cathedral's Thursday-Friday Supper Program: 730 N Wabash Ave, Chicago, IL 60611. Visitation April 7, 12:00 noon until 5:00 pm. Funeral Mass April 8, 10:30 am at Holy Name Cathedral. For information www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com, 773.472.6300.

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Kaye, Adrienne

Adrienne Kaye nee Stelmazek, age 78, passed away on April 3, 2019. Devoted wife to late husband Paul, loving mom to Judi (Chris) Johnson, Eric Zencka and Dawn Zencka; and attentive neighbor to many in Albany Park. Adrienne was a familiar face in the community as she enjoyed getting to know people and learn their stories. Her curiosity to learn also made her a constant figure at the Harold Washington Library. A public visitation will take place at Drake & Sons Funeral Home, 5303 N Western Ave, Chicago IL 60625 from 3 to 9pm on Sunday, April 7. In lieu of flowers please make donations in her name to the Chicago Public Library Foundation cplfoundation.org

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Lorenz, Richard H.

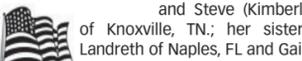
Richard H. Lorenz, age 84, beloved husband of 39 years to Kendra Lorenz nee Kaisner; loving father of Richard II (Bernice) Lorenz, Laura Lorenz, Phillip Holt, Michael (Tammy) Holt and the late Linda (Matt) Kirsch; cherished grandfather of Dava, Victoria (Robert), Genevieve, Trenton, Nicole, Emily, Krystle, Phillip III, Nicole and Amanda; fond great-grandpa of RJ, Kaylani, Nova, Lola and Briar; dear brother of Sharon Wagenaar. Visitation, Friday, April 5, from 4 to 9 pm; Funeral service 7 pm at **Lawrence Funeral Home**, 4800 N. Austin Ave., Chicago. Interment Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Cemetery (Lakeview Cemetery) in Nevis, MN, at later date. For more info www.lawrencefh.com or 773-736-2300.



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Merrill, Lisi Yvonne "'Lee'"

Lisi "Lee" Yvonne Merrill died on Wednesday, March 27, 2019. She was born on March 3, 1931. She was preceded in death by parents, James and Bessie Snyder. She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Richard "Dick" Merrill of Naples, FL; her sons, Bill (Jenny) Merrill of Las Vegas, NV, Jim Merrill of Reading, PA, and Steve (Kimberly) Merrill of Knoxville, TN.; her sisters, Jackie Landreth of Naples, FL and Gail Jefferies of Greensboro, NC; grandchildren Andy (Meagan) Merrill and Kristina (Derek) Gasiorek, step-grandchildren Lisa and Diane Cheung and great-grandchildren Logan and Nolan Merrill and Jayce Gasiorek. Her oldest sister Vida "Vicki" Tubiolo died in 2017. Lee was born and raised in the High Point/Greensboro, North Carolina area. After graduating from High Point High School, she joined the Air Force, and was stationed at Westover Massachusetts Air Force Base where she met her future husband, Dick. They were married on the base in 1952. Following their Air Force service, they moved to the Chicago Suburbs, where Lee stayed home raising their three sons and also being a very supportive and loving wife as Dick built a successful career with Commerce Clearing House (CCH). Upon Dick's retirement from CCH in 1991, they moved to Naples and were very happy members of Wyndemere Country Club for the next 23 years. Lee and Dick then moved to Barrington Terrace of Naples where they received such great care for the next five years until her death. Lee enjoyed the companionship of her husband and three boys. She was a wonderful person, very selfless, kind, sincere and generous. She also had a great passion for tennis, playing well into her 70s. She was loved very much by her family and will be greatly missed. Services and interment will be held privately with family members. Arrangements by **Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale**. For information: 630-703-9131 or www.powellfuneraldirectors.com



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of Knoxville, TN.; her sisters, Jackie Landreth of Naples, FL and Gail Jefferies of Greensboro, NC; grandchildren Andy (Meagan) Merrill and Kristina (Derek) Gasiorek, step-grandchildren Lisa and Diane Cheung and great-grandchildren Logan and Nolan Merrill and Jayce Gasiorek. Her oldest sister Vida "Vicki" Tubiolo died in 2017. Lee was born and raised in the High Point/Greensboro, North Carolina area. After graduating from High Point High School, she joined the Air Force, and was stationed at Westover Massachusetts Air Force Base where she met her future husband, Dick. They were married on the base in 1952. Following their Air Force service, they moved to the Chicago Suburbs, where Lee stayed home raising their three sons and also being a very supportive and loving wife as Dick built a successful career with Commerce Clearing House (CCH). Upon Dick's retirement from CCH in 1991, they moved to Naples and were very happy members of Wyndemere Country Club for the next 23 years. Lee and Dick then moved to Barrington Terrace of Naples where they received such great care for the next five years until her death. Lee enjoyed the companionship of her husband and three boys. She was a wonderful person, very selfless, kind, sincere and generous. She also had a great passion for tennis, playing well into her 70s. She was loved very much by her family and will be greatly missed. Services and interment will be held privately with family members. Arrangements by **Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale**. For information: 630-703-9131 or www.powellfuneraldirectors.com



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Mujica, Robert

Robert Mujica, beloved son of the late Ines and late Carmella nee Ceja; loving brother of Kathleen (Christopher) Duncan, Josephine (Dominic) Castro, Alice, Tony and the late Louis "Lou" and the late Henry "Hank" Mujica; dearest uncle of Ann Castro, Tina (Brad) Bramwell, Sharon (Rich) Cornelius, Lori Castro, Michael and Amanda Duncan; dear great uncle of Sabrina (Artur), Felicia, Kayla, Melissa, Brandon and Jacob and great great uncle of Sofia and cousin of many. Visitation Sunday, April 7, 2019 from 3 to 8:00 p.m. and on Monday, 8:45 a.m. till time of services at 9:45 a.m. at **Ivins/Moravecek Funeral Home** 80 E. Burlington St. Riverside to St. Mary Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven. Info at www.moravecek.com or 708-447-2261.

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Murphy, Kathleen T 'Katie'

Kathleen "Katie" T. Murphy, nee Ptacek, age 83, of Lombard. Beloved wife of the late James "Pete" Peter Murphy; loving mother of John (Denise) Murphy, Peggy (Pat) Wier, Jim (Lori) Murphy, and Marie (Mike) Langdon; devoted grandmother of Will (Emily), Anne and Margaret Murphy, Andy and Katie Wier, Colin, Caleigh, and Cara Murphy, and Lauren and Gracie Langdon; loving sister of Ed Ptacek, Mike (the late Judy) Ptacek, and the late Rosemary (the late Bob) Langer; sister-in-law of the late Robert "Red" (the late Karen) Murphy; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Katie was born in Chicago, grew up in Kenosha and moved to Lombard for good in 1960. She loved her family and friends and approached life with unparalleled optimism and energy. Above all else, Katie cherished her family, especially her treasured grandchildren. She enjoyed navigating life on her terms, valued being heard and remained independent through the end. Katie died suddenly due to complications from a fall. A three-time cancer survivor, beginning 40 years ago, she appreciated every day, lived longer than she ever dreamt possible and passed with no regrets. The family extends deep gratitude to Dr. David Dungan, Dr. James Mok and the entire care team at Edward Hospital. Visitation Sunday, April 7th, 2-7 pm at **Knollcrest Funeral Home**, 1500 S. Meyers Rd. (3 blks. So. of Roosevelt Rd.) Lombard. Funeral Monday, 10:15am from the funeral home to Christ the King, 1501 S. Main St., Lombard. Mass 11am. Interment private. Memorials to the American Cancer Society, or The Humanitarian Service Project, are appreciated. Funeral info: (630) 932-1500 or www.knollcrest.net

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Nugent, Colette

Colette Nugent, 78, the youngest of the five Nugent Sisters from Visitation Parish; loving daughter of the late Edward and Rose Nolan Nugent; Dearest sister of the late Audrie (the late Robert) Leen, the late Clare (the late George) Yandel, Rosellen (the late William) Weick and Ethel (the late James) Monson. Favorite Aunt of the "Katzenjammer Kids" (a/k/a the nieces and nephews) and the younger generation of great-nieces and nephews. Dear friend of the late Patrick O'Toole and all of her girlfriends. Funeral Mass, Saturday, April 6th at 10:00 a.m., at the McDonough Chapel & Mercy Ministry Center, Saint Xavier University, 3700 W. 103rd Street, Chicago, IL 60655. Interment private.

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O'Brien, James L. 'Jim'

James "Jim" L. O'Brien, 86, of Frankfort, IL. passed away, Wednesday, April 3, 2019, at his home. Visitation will be held at Maher Funeral Home Tinley Park--- on Sunday, April 7th from 3 to 9. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:30 am, Monday, April 8th, at Saint Anthony's Church, Frankfort, IL. Jim will be buried at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Jim was born in Waukon Iowa and Served in the US Air Force. He married Carol in 1961. Jim worked as a safety director and was active with Boy Scout Troop 270. Jim is survived by his wife, Carol, children, Larry O'Brien and Karen Campolattara-grandchildren, Matt Campolattara, Abigail and Kaitlyn O'Brien and Katelyn Campolattara of Plainfield. He is preceded in death by his parents, siblings, and his son Ken O'Brien.

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O'Connor, James J.

James J. O'Connor of Evergreen Park, passed away peacefully surrounded by his six children; beloved husband of late Joan nee O'Rourke; loving father of Ann, Siobhan (Bill) Hartsell, Susan (Russ) Chadwick, Kathy (Pete) Badovinac, Jim, Ed (Maryann) O'Connor; proud Superhero Papa of Caitlin (Joe), Meghan (Kurtis), Alyssa (Alec) and Brendan Hartsell, Connor and Bridget Chadwick, Sam and Jack Badovinac, Joey and Ryan O'Connor and the late Peter, Max and Jacqueline Badovinac; and great grandfather of Ned; cherished son of the late James and the late Josephine O'Connor, nee Dore; dear brother of Maureen (late Jack) O'Shea, and brother-in-law of Dick (Pat) O'Rourke, Patricia O'Rourke, Tom (Barb) O'Rourke, Jim (Maureen) O'Rourke and the late Terry (Dorothy) O'Rourke, Jack (late Nora) O'Rourke and Bernard O'Rourke; fond uncle of many. Jim was a big White Sox fan and a good day for him was when the White Sox won and the Cubs lost. Jim's family asks that when you remember him, you toast Jim with an ice cold Budweiser. Visitation is on Sunday, April 7, 2019, 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at **Gibbons Funeral Home**, 134 South York Road, (1/2 mile North of Saint Charles Road), Elmhurst. Friends and family will meet for a Mass of Christian Burial Monday, April 8, 2019, 10:30 a.m. at St Bernadette Catholic Church, 9343 S. Francisco, Evergreen Park. Interment Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may gratefully be made in his name to Misericordia Heart of Mercy, 6300 North Ridge, Chicago, IL 60660 or the Lupus Society of Illinois, 411 S Wells St #710, Chicago, IL 60707. For funeral information please call 630-832-0018 or www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com

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Persino, Dominic C.

Dominic C. Persino, age 93, of Morton Grove. Beloved husband of the late Lucille M. Persino nee DeLuca; loving father of Jimmy (Gail) Persino and Marie (Patrick) Kraska; cherished PaPa of Justin (Julie) Harris, Deanna (Ryan) Subler, Lisa (Ray) Aviles, Becky (Jason) Braslawsky, Elexis (Justin) Jay and Sean Persino, and his great grandchildren Kaitlynn, Elisa, Chloe, Dominic, Kayla, Peyton, Ethan, Vinny, Chase, Lucy, Jonah, Mia and Spencer. Visitation Saturday April 6, 2019 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, Illinois 60077. Interment Private, Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990



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Puljung, Geraldine G. 'Gerry'

Geraldine G. 'Gerry' Puljung, age 77 of Western Springs; beloved wife of John J. Puljung for 55 years; loving mother of John M. Puljung, Meredith (Daniel) Weith, & Michael (Angel) Puljung; dear sister of Terrence Held & the late Patrick Held; preceded in death by loving parents George & Geraldine Held. Visitation 2 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, April 7 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55thSt., Countryside. Funeral prayers 10:45 a.m. on Monday, April 8, from the funeral home to St. John of the Cross Church, Western Springs. Mass 11:15 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Gerry's name to the American Kidney Fund are appreciated. Funeral info: (708) 352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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Saporito, Anthony M.

Anthony M. Saporito, suddenly, age 56, at rest March 27, 2019. Beloved son of Alfred C. Saporito and Marjorie Saporito (nee White); loving brother of the late Anthony; dear cousin of several. Funeral Mass Saturday April 6, 2019 at 10 A.M. at Divine Infant Church 1601 Newcastle, Westchester. Visitation at the Church from 9 A.M. till time of Funeral Mass. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Info 630-852-8000 or www.westsurbanfnh.com. Arrangements entrusted to **West Suburban Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Anthony P. Cappetta, Director**

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Simon, Ronald

Born East Chicago, Indiana. Preceded in death by father Stephen and mother Irene Simon. Survived by wife Linda R. Guthrie, sister Stephanie Casey (Roger), daughters Cathy Silver (Ronald) and Caralyn Ross (John), sons Jerry (Claudia), Terry, and Dan Simon; step-sons Jason (Ellen) and John Guthrie (Ashley), 11 grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be scheduled for a later date to be held in Chicago.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the St. Louis University basketball program, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, or St. Thomas Hospital.

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Trapani, Amelia J 'Millie'

Amelia "Millie" Trapani, nee Jakopovich. Beloved wife of the late Bennett P. Loving mother of B. Gregory (Lauri) Trapani, Daniel (Beth) Trapani, Janet (Luther) Abernethy and Joan (John) Hastings. Cherished grandmother of Ben (Rena) Trapani and Michael (Laura) Trapani, Sarah (Beau) Sullivan and Nic (fiancé Christiana) Trapani, Lisa and Dan Abernethy, Amy Hastings, Megan (fiancé Michael) Hastings and Kate (Billy) Poetker. Devoted great-grandmother of 5. Dear sister-in-law of Frank (the late Dolores) Trapani. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her parents Fabian and Teresa Jakopovich and sister Rose (the late Bill) Bolash. Former owner of Millie's Hallmark in Mt. Prospect. In lieu of flowers memorials to St. Raymond de Penafort Church, 301 S. 1-Oka, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Visitation Monday, April 8th, 4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. at **Friedrichs Funeral Home**, 320 W. Central Rd. at Northwest Highway, Mount Prospect. Visitation Tuesday, April 9th, 9:30 A.M. until Funeral Mass 10:30 A.M. at St. Raymond de Penafort Church, Elmhurst Rd. (Rt. 83) at Lincoln St., Mount Prospect. Interment private. Information call 847-255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com

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Verba, Sophie

Sophie Verba nee Bilik, 109, formerly of Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Louis; loving mother of Richard (Pat) Verba and the late Yolanda (Art) Suhajda; cherished grandmother of Yolanda (Tom) VanOost, Arthur (Denise) Suhajda, Victoria (Rich) Windbiel, Valerie (Scott) LaMorte and the late Joe (Carole) Suhajda; proud great grandmother of 11. Sophie was known in her retirement communities as "The Flower Lady". Now she is making her floral arrangements in heaven. Visitation at **Ahlgim Funeral Home**, 567 S. Spring Rd., Elmhurst from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sunday, April 7, 2019. Prayers 9:15 a.m. Monday, April 8, 2019 at the funeral home going to St. Charles Borromeo Church, 145 E. Grand Ave., Bensenville. Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. Info 630-834-3515 or www.ahlgim.com.



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Wasik, Chester R.

Chester R. Wasik, age 88, U.S. Army veteran of Korean War. Beloved husband of the late Kathleen (nee Casey). Devoted father of Richard (Denise) Nichols, Nancy Saucedo, Michael, Kathy (John) Kent and Thomas (Mayra). Loving grandfather of 6.

Dear brother of Lorraine Doran. Many years of service with World's Finest Chocolate and Past Grand Knight of Knights of Columbus, (Council-Leo the 13th). Visitation Sunday 3-9 PM at the Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home, 11028 Southwest Hwy. (7700W) Palos Hills, Funeral Monday, 9 AM from the funeral home to Our Lady of Loretto Church-Hometown, for 10 AM Mass. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Express your thoughts and memories in the online Guest Book at www.palosgaidasfh.com 708-974-4410



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Watson, Linda

Linda Watson, age 56 of Berwyn. Beloved sister of Ronald (Patricia), Barbara (Michael), Carol (Wayne), Mary Lou (Daniel), and the late Raymond (Beverly). Loving aunt and great-aunt of many. Linda was predeceased by her parents John and Anna Watson. Visitation Sunday, April 7, 2019, 2 P.M. to 8 P.M. and Monday, April 8, 2019, 8:15 A.M. to 8:45 A.M. at **Hitzeman Funeral Home, Ltd.**, 9445 W. 31st Street, Brookfield. Funeral Monday 8:45 A.M. to St. Odilo Church, 2244 East Ave, Berwyn, IL 60402. Mass 9:30 A.M. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Information 708-485-2000 or www.HitzemanFuneral.com



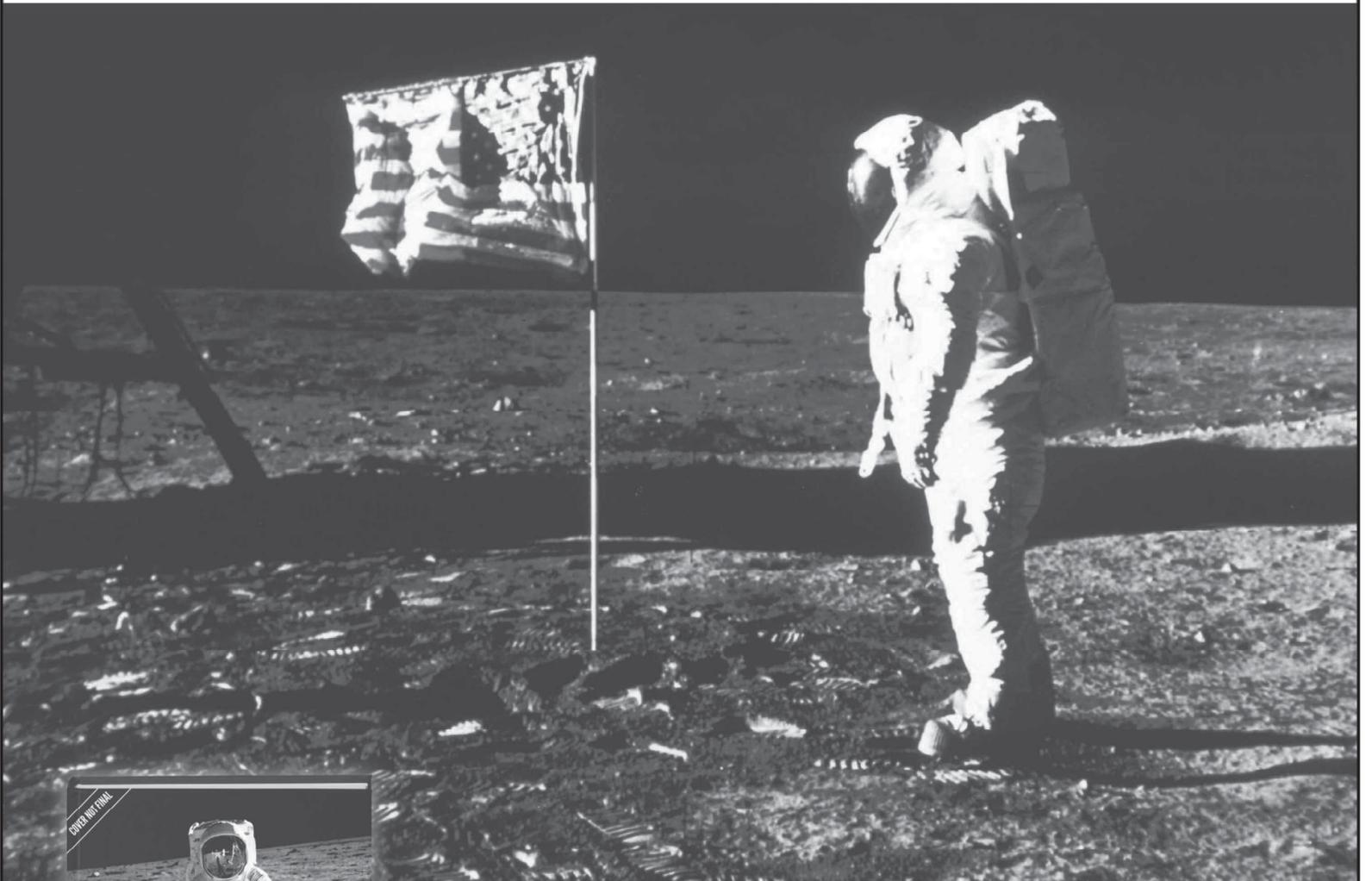
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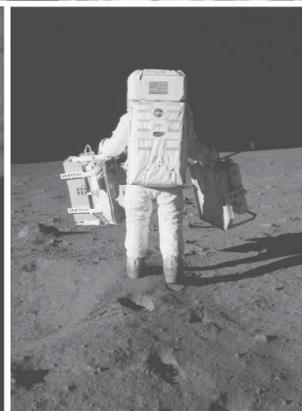
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No matter the weather or where the White Sox reside in the standings, it figures to be an important day for the organization.

Putting your best foot forward for the home opener, when being back at the ballpark after a seemingly endless winter has most fans



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the
White Sox

in a genial mood, could be one of the keys to gaining the support the Sox need to shift the youth movement into another gear.

Everyone needs to step up — from the players to the front office, from marketing to the parking lot attendants, from Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf to the sausage vendors — to try

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organization.

"They're coming," shortstop Tim Anderson assured in spring training. "A lot of exciting things are going on. Just continue being us and keep playing hard and keep having fun with it. The fans are going to come. They see us out there hustling and giving the game our all. The fans will come. I think we have a chance to do something real special here on the South Side."

If so, now is the time to prove it. Eloy Jimenez's Chicago debut

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Mariners (Kikuchi) at White Sox (Lopez), 1:10 p.m. Friday, NBCSCH

First-pitch forecast: Mostly cloudy, 51 degrees with a light wind blowing in from left at 7 mph.

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SHANNON RYAN
On college basketball

Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw says it's past due that women receive more coaching opportunities. She isn't just talking about it either.

McGraw aims to maintain an all-female staff.

"We don't have enough female role models," McGraw said Thursday at the Final Four in Tampa, Fla. "We don't have enough visible women leaders. We don't have enough women in power."

McGraw's moratorium on hiring male assistants has been a talking point in Tampa, where the defending national champion Irish will play Connecticut in Friday night's second semifinal.

What isn't a talking point at the men's Final Four in Minneapolis is the fact women are not on men's basketball coaching staffs. I wonder if anyone has ever asked Michigan State's Tom Izzo or Duke's Mike Krzyzewski or any other men's coach why they have all-male staffs.

They likely have never given it much thought — or been asked to.

But for McGraw, it's clearly frustrating to coach talented women for decades and then see over the course of her 37-year career more women's head coaching jobs go to men while nothing changes in the men's game.

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THE FINAL FOURS
Women | Tampa, Fla.

#1 Baylor (35-1) vs. #2 Oregon (33-4)
6 p.m., ESPN2

#1 Notre Dame (34-3) vs. #2 UConn (35-2)
8:30 p.m., ESPN2

Championship game: 5 p.m. Sunday, ESPN

Men | Minneapolis

#1 Virginia (33-3) vs. #5 Auburn (30-9)
5:09 p.m., CBS-2

#2 Michigan State (32-6) vs. #3 Texas Tech (30-6), 7:49 p.m., CBS-2
Championship game: 8 p.m. Monday, CBS-2

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BULLS

Boyleen puzzled by ref's late decision

Play started with 14 seconds left without Felicio on the court.

BLACKHAWKS

Can Gustafsson keep scoring pace up?

Defenseman has had breakout offensive season. **Page 4**

Top prospect Eloy Jimenez gives the White Sox a much-needed drawing card this season. How much will his presence affect attendance?

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BRAVES 9, CUBS 4

Q-factor: Quintana to start key series

Pitching lefty in opener shows importance of set against Brewers

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

ATLANTA — Well before their five-game losing streak started, the Cubs placed a premium on this weekend's National League Central series against the Brewers.

Adjusting their rotation so left-hander Jose Quintana can face the reigning division champions Friday in Milwaukee illustrates the importance of this series, especially after the Brewers overcame a five-game deficit with 26 games left to overtake the Cubs and fuel a long winter of deep evaluations.

"This division is special," said Quintana, who is 6-2 with a 1.62

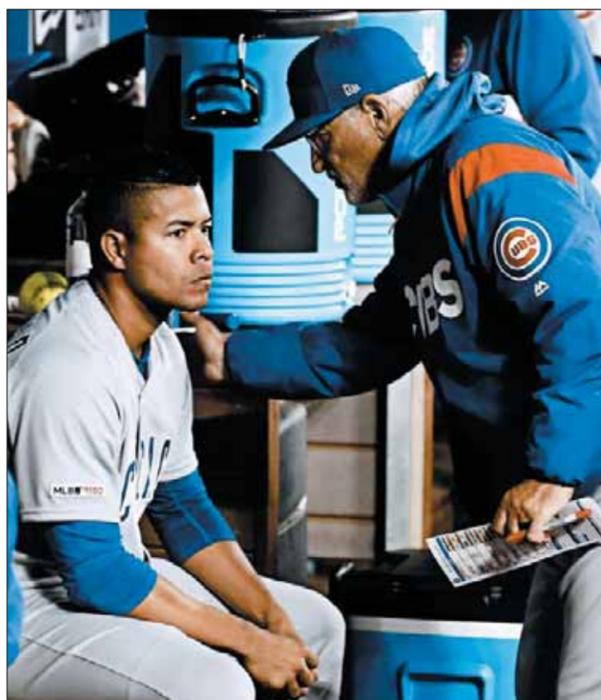
ERA against the Brewers — including a 4-1 mark and 2.13 ERA in seven starts last season. "All the games are intense. I like to pitch against them."

The Cubs could use some offensive help, too, after Max Fried pitched 5²/₃ perfect innings Thursday night and the Braves used a five-run fifth to pull away to a 9-4 victory and complete a three-game sweep at soggy Sun-Trust Park.

"I've been here before," Cubs manager Joe Maddon replied when asked about his level of concern. "So it's not heavy to me."

This is the Cubs' first 1-5 start since 2012 — the first year of President Theo Epstein's rebuild. The Cubs fell four games below .500 for the first time since finishing 73-89 record under Rick Renteria in 2014.

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TONY GUTIERREZ/AP

Cubs manager Joe Maddon has pitcher Jose Quintana set to start Friday's series opener against the Brewers.

TOP OF THE SECOND



PHIL ROSENTHAL

A whole mound of trouble

All the hand-wringing over Cubs pitching will go away, at least for a while, if they sweep their weekend series against the Brewers.

But in the here and now, through the first week of the season, the Brewers look very good and the Cubs look as if they're almost ready to report for spring training.

You can say a 1-4 start in Week 1 is no reason to worry. The season is 162 games, the season six months long and all that.

But the 6-1 defending National League Central champion Brewers, who worked in the offseason to improve themselves, already are four games up on the Cubs, who boldly opted not to tinker much with a roster that finished second.

The wins and losses now don't count any less than those in July, August and September.

The Cubs' opening week ought to worry all the "Fly the W" folks who have grown accustomed in recent years to cheering for a contender. The games this week against the Braves were throwbacks to the days when the best reason to go to Wrigley Field was Wrigley Field.

Longtime Cub fans can chalk up their dread to post-traumatic stress. They can't help but anticipate how quickly things can spin out of control because they experienced it for decades.

Six errors and an 8-0 loss to the Braves on Monday were followed by a come-ahead 6-4 loss Wednesday in which three Cubs relievers allowed four runs on two hits and five walks in the eighth. And it might have been even worse had a fourth reliever not stranded three runners when retiring the 10th batter of the inning.

Atlanta hasn't seen anything quite as combustible as Cubs pitching since Gen. Sherman left town.

The good news: Starter Jon Lester, who gave up a pair of home runs Wednesday but also got the Cubs on the board with an RBI single and left with a 3-2 lead after six solid innings, has been reliable through two starts.

That's it. No more good pitching news. Whatever the inconsistency of their starters, the Cubs bullpen couldn't be less helpful if it were staffed by actual cattle.

The Cubs beat the Rangers 12-4 on opening day, but let's not overlook the two runs ceded in the bottom of the ninth.

The Cubs relievers followed up by surrendering five runs late to lose 8-6. Then they blew leads of five and four runs before Pedro Strop gave up a double in the bottom of the ninth that set up a two-out walk-off wild pitch.

On Wednesday, staked to a 4-2 lead in the eighth inning against the Braves, reliever Steve Cishek faced three batters and walked the bases loaded in a mere 15 pitches.

Credit him with efficiency, if nothing else.

So Cishek gave way to Randy Rosario. Johan Camargo lined Rosario's second



LM OTERO/AP

Even Pedro Strop, the supposed rock of the Cubs bullpen, has struggled early in 2019.

pitch for a three-run double.

At least Rosario could be pulled after just two pitches. Imagine how things might have played out had Major League Baseball enacted that silly proposal requiring pitchers to face at least three batters.

Instead it was Brad Brach's turn to disappoint.

Tyler Flowers singled and Dansby Swanson drove in Camargo from third on a sacrifice fly to give the Braves a two-run lead. One out later, Brach loaded the bases with another pair of walks, which is why Mike Montgomery came in to retire Freddie Freeman and send the Cubs staggering into the ninth.

Heading into Thursday's action, the Cubs found themselves tied with their Central rival Reds for the worst record in the NL and second-worst mark in the major leagues.

The only team to surrender more walks so far than the Cubs' 35 is the Diamondbacks, who have issued 36. The Diamondbacks, however, have played two more games.

Is this what the Cubs have in mind for their coming Marquee Sports Network? Series like "Walking Texas Rangers"?

Cubs pitchers are the worst in the majors in WHIP (walks and hits per innings pitched) so far this young season with a whopping 2.008. Just for comparison, no other team is closer than 1.74, and the ma-

jobs' average is 1.27.

Only the Diamondbacks staff has a worse team ERA and allowed more runs per game. Opponents have batted .293 off Cubs pitchers, the third-highest average behind opponents of the Nationals (.298) and Rangers (.305).

What's sad is the Cubs lead the league in team batting average (.330) and on-base percentage (.420) by a wide margin. The next-closest team is the Dodgers, at .289 and .388.

Better pitching would make a huge difference.

This is where some might believe it worthwhile for the Cubs to pursue free-agent starter Dallas Keuchel and reliever Craig Kimbrel.

Unfortunately, that group does not seem to include the Ricketts family or team President Theo Epstein. So fans better learn to love the Cubs they're with right now.

"It's yet to be determined how they'll pitch," Epstein said of his team's relievers before Wednesday's game.

"We have a pretty good track record when it comes to the bullpen, and I expect this year will be no different in the end."

Otherwise, longtime Cubs fans can't help but fear it might just be the end.

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ND's McGraw has her say: No male assistant coaches

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"When you look at men's basketball, 99 percent of the jobs go to men," said McGraw, who has had an all-female staff for seven seasons. "Why shouldn't 100 or 99 percent of the jobs in women's basketball go to women? Maybe it's because we only have 10 percent women athletic directors in Division I. People hire people who look like them. That's the problem."

As women's basketball became more prestigious and the coaches became better compensated, more men began pursuing — and receiving — those jobs. In 1976-77, 79.4 percent of NCAA women's basketball head coaches were women; that figure had dropped to 59.3 percent in 2017-18, accord-

ing to an article about McGraw at ThinkProgress.com. Only 18.8 percent of the teams in this season's NCAA Tournament had all-female staffs.

You'll not be shocked to hear that 100 percent of teams in the men's tournament were coached by all-male staffs.

McGraw sees her role as a basketball coach as a way to advocate for gender equality. While speaking to reporters Thursday, she spoke passionately about the lack of women in leadership positions inside and outside of sports.

McGraw started by citing the Equal Pay Act of 1963 and acknowledging that while the gender pay gap still exists for all women, women of color are paid even less. She mentioned how less than 5 percent of

CEOs of Fortune 500 companies are women. She sounded baffled that while women make up 50 percent of the population, they make up only a quarter of Congress.

Parents and teachers need to show McGraw's speech to girls and boys. And they need to watch for themselves.

If ever in need of motivation — whether fighting for equal pay or considering entering a male-dominated field — just listen to McGraw's remarks.

"Enough," she said. "I think women across the country in the last few years have just said: 'Enough. Time's up. It is our turn. If it's going to happen, we have to do something about it.' You see women marching in record numbers across the country. Women are coming out and being

more active politically."

McGraw, who played basketball at St. Joseph's University and professionally in the short-lived Women's Basketball League, knows sports can be an exceptional avenue for women to become leaders. This is her ninth trip to the Final Four with the Irish, and she has become a respected voice in college basketball.

"All these millions of girls that play sports across the country, we're teaching them great things about life skills," she said. "But wouldn't it be great if we could teach them to watch how women lead?"

That's exactly what McGraw is doing.

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WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR

Rivals to bitter end

Thorny relations for Auriemma, Irish's McGraw

BY ALEX PUTTERMAN
Hartford Courant

With Notre Dame and Connecticut set to square off again in the NCAA Tournament Final Four, coaches Muffet McGraw and Geno Auriemma are at it again.

The latest scrap in a decades-long rivalry surrounded the hiring of assistant coaches. After McGraw told ThinkProgress.org that she didn't plan to hire men to work on her staff, Auriemma questioned the wisdom of that approach and wondered why McGraw felt the need to speak publicly about it.

"Muffet is entitled to hire anybody she wants," Auriemma said. "I don't know why she feels the need to make a statement about it. I've never hired a guy as one of my assistants either. I'm not going to make a statement about it."

In a vacuum, that comment might not have meant much. But given Auriemma and McGraw's testy history, it seemed to enforce that these two coaches don't much like each other.

"We don't have a relationship," McGraw said in 2014, just before UConn and Notre Dame met in that year's national title game. "I think that got lost. When we were in the same conference, I think there was a modicum of it, but after beating them and not feeling any respect from that, we lost something."

But the newer chapters and swings in the rivalry have been riveting. Notre Dame won seven of eight in the series from 2011-13. UConn responded by winning the next seven and leads the series 37-12.

Auriemma has 1,062 victories in 34 years at UConn. McGraw has 830 in 32 years at Notre Dame.

"So many great players on both sides," Auriemma said. "So many great stories."

Ahead of the 50th matchup between the coaches — the teams play in the second semifinal at 8:30 p.m. Friday at Amalie Arena in Tampa, Fla. — here is a history of the simmering tension between the programs.

January 1996-March 2011

Philly friends turn Big East foes

McGraw and Auriemma both grew up in Pennsylvania — McGraw in Pottsville, Auriemma in Norristown — and coached at Philadelphia-area high schools in the late 1970s. They just missed each other as assistants at St. Joseph but met through Hawks coach Jim Foster.

Auriemma took over at UConn in 1985, and McGraw landed at Notre Dame two years later, but the schools didn't face off until the Fighting Irish joined the Big East in 1995-96, by which point the Huskies were defending national champions. The early years of the UConn-Notre Dame rivalry were fairly one-sided with Auriemma's team winning 28 of the first 32 match-ups over 16 seasons.

One of McGraw's victories, however, was a big one. The coach led the Fighting Irish over the Huskies in the 2001 Final Four, foreshadowing years of future battles.

April 2011-April 2013

Revenge of the Irish

For several years during Skylar Diggins' Notre Dame career, Auriemma could not get past McGraw.

Notre Dame beat UConn in the national semifinal in 2011 —



ANDY LYONS/GETTY

Ariake Ogunbowale celebrates after sinking a last-second shot in overtime to give Notre Dame a 91-89 victory in the 2018 Final Four in Columbus, Ohio. The Irish went on to win the national title.

FINAL FOUR FOES

Notre Dame and Connecticut face off Friday in a national semifinal, the seventh time in nine years the teams meet in the Final Four. The previous six results (* — championship game):

2011: Notre Dame 72-63
2012: Notre Dame 83-75 (OT)
2013: Connecticut 83-65
2014: Connecticut 79-58*
2015: Connecticut 63-53*
2018: Notre Dame 91-89 (OT)

avenging three losses earlier that season — then twice more the following season. The Huskies stopped the Irish in the 2012 Big East Tournament, but when the Final Four rolled back around, Diggins and company won again, this time in overtime. The Irish won both regular-season contests in 2013 as well as the Big East Tournament final.

By spring 2013, Notre Dame had beaten UConn in seven of the last eight meetings, and tension between Auriemma and McGraw appeared to be on the rise. Auriemma seemed to guarantee a victory over Notre Dame before the Big East title game, then again when the teams were set to meet in a third straight Final Four. After Diggins said she had a "distaste" for UConn, Auriemma stepped up the trash talk.

"If I was her, I would feel the same way," he said. "We have seven national championships, they have one. We have 18 Big East (Tournament) championships, they have none. If I was her, I'd be upset too. She is telling the truth."

At the time, McGraw declined to engage publicly, saying she generally ignored Auriemma's comments. Then UConn beat Notre Dame in the semifinal, ending the Fighting Irish's four-game winning streak in the rivalry. By the following year, the gloves were off.

March 2014

Fibbing during Lent

The breakup of the Big East in 2013 left UConn and Notre Dame in different conferences, meaning they would continue to face each other only if their

respective coaches reached an agreement to play nonconference games. When that failed to happen in 2014, McGraw blamed UConn, suggesting Auriemma had declined to schedule the Irish.

Auriemma shot back: "It's not nice for Muffet to fib during Lent."

McGraw then had Notre Dame's athletic department release a statement that calling the idea that Notre Dame would avoid UConn "completely false, extremely disappointing and, frankly, baffling."

As UConn and Notre Dame prepared to face each other in the national title game, both coaches acknowledged some hard feelings, though Auriemma said sometimes that comes with the territory.

"I could sit here and list 10,000 coaches that don't interact with each other whose rivalries are intense," Auriemma said.

"Sometimes we act like girls, like we're supposed to go to dinner every night. We're supposed to play each other, try to beat each other's brains in, try to win a national championship and compete like hell, Muffet and Geno. And then we're supposed to get together afterward and go have a bottle of wine? That (expletive) is just not going to happen."

UConn beat Notre Dame in that season's championship game as well as the next season's, capping a stretch of five years that the teams met in the Final Four.

March 2018

Ogunbowale sinks the Huskies

On the eve of the UConn-Notre Dame matchup in the national semifinal last year, McGraw said enmity between the programs wasn't quite as strong as it had once been, given that they no longer shared a conference.

Then again, she said, "that could change tomorrow."

It did. Notre Dame guard Ariake Ogunbowale sunk the Huskies with a last-second step-back jumper, injecting new energy into the rivalry.

December 2018

Stewart blocked, Dangerfield tripped

After No. 2 UConn beat No. 1 Notre Dame in December, former Huskies All-American Breanna Stewart tweeted something curious: McGraw had blocked her on Twitter.

The block heard 'round the college basketball world followed a tense game in which Ogunbowale earned a technical foul for her exchange with Auriemma and tripped UConn's Crystal Dangerfield to the ground.

McGraw and Ogunbowale apologized to their fans — but not to UConn.

April 2019

Another Final Four, renewed barbs

For the seventh time in nine years, UConn and Notre Dame will meet Friday in the Final Four, and Auriemma or McGraw will emerge with a trip to the national title game and another round of bragging rights.

Given the coaches' history, it was no shock this week when a reporter asked Auriemma about a hot topic — McGraw's comments about not hiring men — and little surprise that Auriemma responded with snark.

"I hope she sends a thank you to all those guys that used to be on her staff that got her all those good players that won a championship," Auriemma said. "I look at some of the top programs in America, and they seem to have pretty good coaches who happen to be men."

Even before that barb from Auriemma — which McGraw let pass without response — the coaches' relationship had been a subject of conversation surrounding the Final Four, particularly in the wake of the incident between Auriemma and Ogunbowale this season. As personal as the rivalry often seems, Auriemma insists it's all in the game.

"I don't think anybody owes anybody an apology for anything," he said. "I'm going to do what I'm going to do. If you don't like it, that's your problem."

MEN'S FINAL FOUR

Veteran teams left standing

'Experience' truly matters at Final Four

BY JOHN MARSHALL
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Zion Williamson is not here. Neither is R.J. Barrett or the rest of Duke's freshmen.

North Carolina's Coby White? Knocked out in the Sweet 16. So was LSU's Tremont Waters. Those Kentucky kids, all done by the Elite Eight.

For the hype about college basketball's fantastic freshmen this season, none made it to the Final Four.

The one and dones are done. It's a veterans weekend in Minneapolis.

"It's funny. Everybody would like to have what Duke and Kentucky have as far as personnel," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "Both of them have had incredible years, but experience does matter too. Somewhere there's probably a happy medium. If you don't have the best talent, you'd better be very old and very experienced."

Virginia is loaded with players from last year's first-round NCAA Tournament loss to No. 16 seed Baltimore-Maryland Country, motivated to make a different kind of history. Point guard Kihei Clark is the Cavaliers' only freshman in the regular rotation.

Texas Tech is led by sophomore Jarrett Culver, senior Matt Mooney and sophomore Davide Moretti. Guard Tyler Edwards is the only freshman who sees regular playing time.

Aaron Henry and Gabe Brown had huge games in Michigan State's Sweet 16 win over LSU, but juniors Cassius Winston and Nick Ward with sophomore Xavier Tillman are the leaders who have been through the NCAA Tournament grind before.

Auburn has no freshmen in its rotation and is led by senior Bryce Brown and junior Jared Harper. Sophomore Chuma Okeke was a key cog, too, before he tore his left ACL in the Sweet 16.

All three played last year while leading the program to its first NCAA Tournament trip since 2003. The Tigers were crushed by Clemson in the second round, but the experience helped them understand what to expect and advance in this year's bracket.

"The reason sometimes some of the kids that are coming in as freshmen haven't been able to advance past a certain round and not get to the Final Four, win a national championship, is because they don't have the experience of having not gotten there," Auburn coach Bruce Pearl said. "That experience we had a year ago of not being able to advance through the tournament helped us as well."

Most coaches would love to have the one-and-done players. Only a small percentage have a shot, forcing those who don't to seek players with fewer stars coming out of high school.

They may end up with players who won't immediately head to the NBA, but it can have other advantages.

Having players for multiple seasons breeds continuity. Returning players already know the coaches' expectations, the offensive and defensive systems, the grind of the season. They develop a cohesiveness with each other on the court, knowing what the other is going to do even before they do it.

By the time they reach the NCAA Tournament, the muscle and memory is so ingrained they can just go out and play, not think about where they are or what they have to do.

"Our formula has always been how can you build a program that can compete against the best in your conference?" Virginia coach Tony Bennett said. "And it was to get guys experienced, get them to where they have two or three years where they learn and maybe learn the hard way. And then when they get to be upperclassmen, they're ready to play the best."

The cliché says defense wins championships. More often than not, experience does the trick even better.

Villanova won two of the last three national championships with veteran-laden teams. North Carolina was led by upperclassmen in its 2017 title run. Connecticut's top five scorers were upperclassmen on its 2014 championship team, including senior Shabazz Napier, who learned from Kemba Walker three years earlier as a freshman.

Freshman-led champions are rare.

Contrasting styles of Baylor, Oregon to face off

BY FRED GOODALL
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Kim Mulkey rejects the notion that being the No. 1 overall seed makes Baylor the team to beat in the women's Final Four.

The Lady Bears (35-1), who are riding a 27-game winning streak and have trounced four opponents in the NCAA Tournament by an average of 38 points, face Final Four newcomer Oregon (33-4) in Friday's national semifinals.

Mulkey, who's won titles as a player and an assistant coach at Louisiana Tech in addition to guiding Baylor to a pair of NCAA crowns, said it would be a mistake to assume the Lady Bears are clearcut favorites.

"We don't approach it like: 'Oh, wow, we're the No. 1 seed, we're supposed to win.' According to a lot of people, we're not supposed to win," Mulkey said.

"We're going to fight. We're going to claw. We're going to compete. We're going to give it our best shot," she added.

"I'm sure the other three teams are going to do the same thing." Oregon promises as much.

Led by All-American point guard Sabrina Ionescu, the Ducks are in the Final Four for the first time after upsetting another No. 1 seed, Mississippi State, in the Elite Eight.

"We're honored and humbled to be here, but I think we all know we don't want to go home tomorrow," Ionescu said after practice Thursday at Amalie Arena. "We didn't just come here to enjoy the experience. We came here to win

some more basketball games."

Baylor is back in the Final Four for the time since 2012, when it finished a 40-0 season and captured its second national title.

The Lady Bears are led by an imposing frontcourt featuring 6-foot-4 Lauren Cox and 6-7 Kalani Brown and use their size to dominate on both ends of the floor.

Oregon, meanwhile, plays a contrasting perimeter-oriented style is first in the nation in 3-point shooting percentage (41.7%) and third in overall field goal percentage (50.5%).

BULLS

Felicio briefly a missing person

Officials let play resume after timeout but before Bull is back on court

By **K.C. JOHNSON**
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — Jim Boylen has been around the NBA for over two decades. He had never seen such a play before.

Robin Lopez is an 11-year veteran. He hadn't seen it either.

With 14.5 seconds left in the Bulls' 115-114 victory over the Wizards on Wednesday, the Bulls took the court after a timeout with just four players as Cristiano Felicio lingered to ask the coaching staff whether the team had a foul to give.

Realizing his mistake, Felicio sprinted all the way from the Bulls bench at the far end into the play as officials allowed the Wizards to inbound the ball. Shaq Harrison fouled Chasson Randle with 12.7 seconds left and Randle sank two free throws for a one-point lead before Walt Lemon Jr. supplied late-game heroics.

"They just started without him," coach Jim Boylen said of Felicio. "Kind of a strange play. I don't know what to say on that."

"They usually don't start until everybody gets out there. And if they do want to start, they give you your delay (of game warning) before they start. I think they thought all 10 guys were out there and they weren't."

Almost adding injury to insult, Felicio knocked Lemon over as he joined the play, which didn't prevent Lemon from sinking the game-winning free throws with 1.8 seconds left.

"I was trying to see if we had a foul to give," Felicio said. "I didn't see that the play started without me, so I just tried to run back. I guess (the officials) saw me run-



NICK WASS/AP

Bulls forward Cristiano Felicio celebrates Wednesday night's victory with Walt Lemon Jr., who made the game-winning free throws.

ning over there and they didn't know what to do besides running the play."

Here are three takeaways from a night with a wild finish:

1. Enough can't be written about Lemon.

The undrafted guard from Julian and Bradley rebounded from his 3-for-12 night Monday in New York with a spectacular performance. He scored 24 points on 11-for-16 shooting with eight assists.

"He's a fearless little guy and a tough kid," Boylen said.

Lemon pushed the Bulls ahead by one on a driving layup with 30.2 seconds left and then added the game-winning free throws when Boylen called his number.

"We drew that up for him," Boylen said of the final play. "We call that 'Clippers.' It's a double screen in the middle of the floor."

"It's hard to go under on it, and you just attack. I thought he did a great job."

Lemon now has games of 19 and 24 points among his three with his hometown Bulls. He appreciated the trust Boylen showed in him.

"It means a lot," Lemon said. "Nobody really expected me to be here. The fact the Bulls gave me an opportunity, let alone a chance to win an NBA game, I can't ask for more. I'm truly grateful and humbled."

Lemon said he never let his poor shooting in his first NBA start affect him.

"I've become a more poised player," he said. "There are going to be nights like that. The games I

don't make shots, I don't get discouraged because I know I can make those shots.

"No one knows what I go through on a daily basis, what I've been through. No one knows the countless hours I put in, the sleepless nights, the tears, the sacrifice I make. ... If you doubt me, that's on you. I know I've got what it takes to play up here."

2. The Bulls played an almost flawless final quarter.

Other than the Felicio misstep, the late-game execution was on point.

The Bulls shot 56.5 percent with only one turnover in the final quarter, outscoring the Wizards 32-27. They perfectly executed a two-for-one situation with Lemon scoring on his driving layup with 30.2 seconds left, and after committing 19 turnovers through three quarters the Bulls didn't lose possession once over the final 10 minutes.

3. JaKarr Sampson can score.

That's 40 points in his first two games with the Bulls on 66.7 percent shooting. He's on the Bulls only because the league granted them a hardship roster provision because of widespread injuries.

Sampson almost certainly won't be on next season's team, so this is basically another audition for the veteran of four NBA teams.

"I have to play hard and show everybody what I've worked on," Sampson said.

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BLACKHAWKS

Gustafsson's status remains a question

A breakout offensive season gives Hawks plenty to think about

By **JIMMY GREENFIELD**
Chicago Tribune

When the Blackhawks regroup for training camp in September they'll have a few players they can count on as sure things.

Patrick Kane's unequalled talent and exquisite stickhandling skills won't disappear. Jonathan Toews will return his trademark leadership and intensity to go with a deft scoring touch. And Alex DeBrincat's ability to score with one of the fastest releases in the league isn't going anywhere.

The same can't be said yet for Erik Gustafsson.

After years trying to establish himself as an NHL player, the 27-year-old defenseman has had a tantalizing breakout season. If Gustafsson again can finish among the top 10 defensemen in scoring — he was sixth with 59 points (17 goals and 42 assists) entering Thursday's games — the Hawks will have the elite offensive blueliner about whom teams dream.

But doing it for one season isn't enough, not when he still has defensive deficiencies and not when his offense didn't kick in until the season was two months old.

"I feel like I'm not going to understand (my season) until the middle of the summer," Gustafsson said.

It has certainly been a journey. Gustafsson came into this season having played only 76 NHL games, including only 35 last season. He played 41 games for the Hawks in 2015-16, then spent the entire next season at Rockford without a call-up.

There was little indication this season would be any different when Gustafsson broke camp with the Hawks. Over the first 27 games, he had 11 points — four goals, seven assists — but was a defensive liability far too often for coach Jeremy Colliton's liking.

Gustafsson was benched for

the Dec. 2 game against the Flames. Colliton typically explains to a player immediately why he's out of the lineup, but the Hawks had no morning skate that day and then had two days between games.

All that time without knowing his status gave Gustafsson a jolt.

"It took (Jeremy) three days to talk to me, which I understand," Gustafsson said. "We weren't at the rink. That got me thinking, too, like I didn't play that well before. Then he took me in and said, yeah, you've got to do this better, and I understood what he said. I wasn't happy about (being benched), for sure."

Gustafsson has been a different player since then. His defense remains a work in progress, but with 48 points in his last 50 games he is having one of the best offensive seasons for a Hawks defenseman in the last 25 years.

Gustafsson became the franchise's first full-time defenseman to score 17 goals in a season since Gary Suter in 1996-97. Dustin Byfuglien had 17 in 2009-10 but played several games at forward.

With a cap hit of \$1.2 million, Gustafsson is one of the NHL's best bargains. He has one year remaining on his deal before he's scheduled to become an unrestricted free agent.

"Probably there was a little bit of a shock there when he came out of the lineup," Colliton said. "But I think he has gradually improved since that stretch. I don't think he's the same player now."

That seems clear. The big question is whether he will be the same player a year from now.

Gilbert returns to Rockford: The Hawks sent defenseman Dennis Gilbert back to the Ice-Hogs on Thursday, one day after he was called up and made his NHL debut against the Blues. Gilbert had a team-high six hits in 12 minutes, 46 seconds of ice time.

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CUBS & WHITE SOX



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CUBS RECAP

Mark Zagunis broke up Braves left-hander Max Fried's perfect-game bid with a clean two-out single in the sixth, but the Cubs walked three batters during a five-run fifth as the Braves won 9-4 to complete a three-game sweep and extend the Cubs losing streak to five. Yu Darvish (above) didn't allow a run until the fourth but was pulled after allowing a double and walk to start the fifth. Carl Edwards Jr. walked the next two batters and threw a wild pitch to score a run, and Nick Markakis hit a bases-clearing double off Tyler Chatwood. The Cubs walked six in all, increasing their season total to 41 in six games. Anthony Rizzo's two-run homer started a four-run rally in the ninth and prevented a second shut-out in three games. ■ For more, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

Jimenez reason for excitement around Sox

Sullivan, from Page 1

obviously will take center stage Friday, as it should. He's the biggest prospect on the South Side since Frank Thomas, literally and figuratively, and figures to get a standing ovation or two, as Yoan Moncada and Michel Kopech did in their debuts.

The opening of "Goose Island" in the right-field bleachers will receive a lot of attention, mostly because of the newness and curiosity factor surrounding it. The Guaranteed Rate bleachers don't have the mystique of Wrigley Field's bleachers, so will Sox fans be willing to pay premium prices just to sit there?

But Jimenez and the Goose are just part of the opening-day narrative.

Every home opener stands out because it's the one day you'll probably remember years from now when the rest of the early days of the rebuild become a blur.

Bo Jackson's pinch-hit home run in his comeback from hip surgery April 9, 1993, might be the greatest moment in the history of Sox openers, setting the stage for a magical season that ended with a nightmarish loss to the Blue Jays in the American League Championship Series.

But the most memorable home opener over the last 50 years or so might have been the one on April 18, 1972, at old Comiskey Park, a 14-0 victory over the Rangers in the first night opener in Chicago.

Wilbur Wood pitched a three-hit shutout, Carlos May went 4-for-4 with a three-run homer in the five-run first and newly acquired slugger Dick Allen received a rousing ovation from the crowd of 20,943 before the first at-bat in his Sox debut.

"I think I found myself a home," Allen said after the game. "Yes, sir, I think I have. As I've said before, I think I found a place where I'm really wanted."

More than a dozen fans leaped onto the field after the final out to shake hands with the Sox outfielders, but the Tribune reported: "The kids let themselves be shooed off the field once they had done their thing." This was still a few years before Disco Demolition Night, and the Sox security mantra apparently was "no harm, no jail."

Tribune columnist Dave Condon raved about the Sox's dominance, making references to a probable World Series run while also noting the return of many familiar faces in attendance at Comiskey.

"White Sox fans never die," Condon wrote. "They just despair."

Nearly five decades later, those words still ring true with a certain segment of Sox fans, those tired of hearing about the rebuild and the next "big thing" in the minors.

The 2005 championship parade is considered ancient history to them, and six straight losing seasons have negatively affected their patience level. They don't want to hear rationalizations for losing in the form of convenient buzzwords: "developing," "maturing" or the dreaded "work in progress." They don't want to listen to general manager Rick Hahn discuss growing pains or future economic flexibility for signing free agents. And the last thing they want to hear is vice president Ken Williams insisting "Jerry really stepped up" after the Sox came up \$50 million short of the \$300 million it took the Padres to sign free agent Manny Machado.

Rebuild it and they will come?

That was the plan when the Sox decided to change course after the 2016 season. A young and talented nucleus that played hard and grew up together was what they deemed fans wanted to see.

For the most part, fans bought in, even when it came to the decision to trade Chris Sale in his prime for prospects. But now they need to see some results, starting Friday.

Patience is a virtue, but it also has a shelf life.

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Table set for key series

Cubs, from Page 1

While Quintana possesses fond memories of pitching against the Brewers, the loss in the NL Central tiebreaker Oct. 1 signaled a humbling reality that the Cubs no longer were kings. And the Cardinals and Reds added reinforcements in the offseason in an attempt to seize a division deemed winnable.

The Cubs changed pitching and hitting coaches and added support staffers to better connect with their millennial players but did little in terms of roster turnover. And a rough start to the season has heightened the scrutiny on themselves more than their position near the bottom of the standings.

"We're not going to go up there concerned about Milwaukee," manager Joe Maddon said. "I talk

about the simplification. We just have to simplify our plan. We're becoming too complex, and I'm not into that. We're trying to do too many different things as opposed to what we're good at."

Maddon downplayed the ugliness of the Cubs' skid entering Thursday night's game against the Braves, pointing out that breakdowns by the bullpen in three innings cost them victories.

"I want us to play well against Milwaukee," Maddon said. "But I want this: a good game of baseball. I want it to be played hard and well, eliminate the mental mistakes and just get the bullpen on some solid ground. That's all we need to get done."

The Cubs have yet to play a home game, but several thousand Cubs fans are expected to make the trek north for what could be a

festive atmosphere. It's a balancing act of trying not to get overwhelmed in the emotions of facing a rival in front of a large crowd while trying to solve their problems.

"There's no easy recipe," reliever Steve Cishek said. "I know it's a cliché, but this is one game at a time. If you make it any bigger than it is, things start to become more difficult for us as a team."

"For the most part we did a good job of that, especially early in the season last year. But it's tough when you get there. You'll have a little more adrenaline. And all of a sudden, (the Brewers) have become a big division rival, and the atmosphere will be electric."

"But that's what's great about the Cubs. You always have fans traveling on the road, especially in Milwaukee, where it could be a

hostile place. We'll have a lot of fans who will have our backs."

Quintana was expected to depart Atlanta on Thursday night ahead of his teammates, who weren't expected to arrive in Atlanta until 3 a.m. Friday.

But Quintana insisted his routine remained the same after the Cubs used him for a four-inning relief stint Saturday that was scripted before the game.

"I believe in my stuff and make the same preparation before every game, no matter what team is in front of me," Quintana said. "I got good rest for my first start. This is the beginning, and I'm really excited for this year. There's plenty of time to start winning games."

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CUBS NOTES

Maddon to struggling bullpen: 'Let her fly'

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

ATLANTA — After the Cubs bullpen's latest meltdown Wednesday night, manager Joe Maddon said he talked to the players individually to check their temperatures.

"I don't know if the word is 'pressing,' but definitely trying too hard," Maddon said Thursday. "Is that pressing?"

Maddon had a simple solution to the relievers' problems.

"Bullpen guys don't need to get into the scouting report so much," Maddon said. "They're out there for three to four hitters, maybe. Starters have to get into this thing, seeing (batters) from two to maybe four at-bats. They have to develop a plan per at-bat. Relievers don't have to do that. Relievers have to dictate to the hitter a lot more. We've failed to do that to this point."

"That's all I want them to do. Let her fly and don't overthink it." Maddon reaffirmed his faith in

an experienced bullpen that had walked 17 in 17 1/3 innings entering Thursday night's game.

"You keep believing in your guys, which I do," Maddon said. "You trust your guys, which I do. And you play it out. It's so early to worry about a whole bunch of different things. They need our support right now, and they're going to get it. And I mean it."

"I believe this group is going to pitch well out of the bullpen. They're going to get on a little bit of a roll. They just need to focus on their own job and not worry about a whole bunch of different things. And I like to see them become visceral. Just attack hitters and not try to be so fine."

High and wide: Sidearm reliever Steve Cishek was baffled by his three walks to start the eighth that cost the Cubs a 6-4 loss Wednesday.

"I felt my arm slot was higher than usual, especially on breaking pitches because they were break-

ing down more," Cishek said. "In my head I'm thinking I'm landing too early. And then when I try to land deeper on the mound, the ball will sail the other way."

Cishek said he usually can make in-game adjustments to fix any problem. "I couldn't quite grasp what's going on," he said.

He spoke to pitching coach Tommy Hottovy after the game to bring closure to the matter before he went to bed.

Concern for Cox: Cubs outfielder Jason Heyward expressed some caring thoughts for Hall of Famer Bobby Cox, his first major-league manager with the Braves who remains hospitalized after suffering a stroke Monday night.

"He treated everyone the same," Heyward said of Cox, 77, who managed the Braves for 25 seasons over two different stints and posted a .557 winning percentage with 14 consecutive division titles and a 1995 World Series title. "You have veterans and more established people, but ... he

treated everyone as if he knew they had a chance to help him win a game every night, and he treated everyone like a grown man. He communicated well and kept it simple for us."

Heyward batted .277 with 18 home runs and 72 RBIs in 2010, Cox's final season, and finished second to Giants catcher Buster Posey in National League Rookie of the Year voting.

"(Cox) understood this is not an easy game," Heyward said. "He rested you when you needed a rest, but if you competed and did the little things right and played hard, that's all he could ask from you."

Opening ceremonies: Hall of Famers Andre Dawson, Fergie Jenkins, Ryne Sandberg, Lee Smith and Billy Williams will throw the ceremonial first pitches before Monday's home opener against the Pirates. Smith will lead the seventh-inning stretch, and Wayne Messmer will perform the national anthem.

BASEBALL

American League

Table with columns: EAST, CENTRAL, WEST, W, L, PCT, GB, WCGB, L10, STR, HOME, AWAY. Lists standings for Tampa Bay, Baltimore, New York, Toronto, Boston, Minnesota, Detroit, Cleveland, Chicago, Kansas City, Seattle, Texas, Oakland, Houston, Los Angeles.

Late games noted below

FRIDAY'S PROBABLE PITCHERS

PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

Table with columns: NATIONAL LEAGUE, AMERICAN LEAGUE, INTERLEAGUE. Lists team pitcher, time, W-L, ERA, TR, 2018 vs. opp., and last 3 starts.

TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Seattle at Chicago White Sox, ppd. Detroit 5, Kansas City 4. N.Y. Yankees 8, Baltimore 4. Oakland 7, Boston 3. Cleveland 4, Toronto 1. Texas at L.A. Angels, late.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Kansas City at Detroit, 12:10 p.m. Minnesota at Philadelphia, 1:05 p.m. Seattle at Chicago White Sox, 1:10 p.m. Tampa Bay at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m. Texas at L.A. Angels, 3:05 p.m. Toronto at Cleveland, 3:10 p.m. N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m. Oakland at Houston, 6:10 p.m. Boston at Arizona, 7:10 p.m.

MLB CALENDAR

April 13-14: St. Louis vs. Cincinnati at Monterrey, Mexico. May 4-5: Houston vs. Los Angeles Angels at Monterrey, Mexico. June 3: Amateur draft starts, Secaucus, N.J. June 13: Detroit vs. Kansas City at Omaha, Neb. June 15: International amateur signing period closes. June 19-20: Owners meeting, New York.

BOX SCORES

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TONY DEJAK/AP

Indians starter Trevor Bauer was pulled after seven innings of no-hit ball Thursday.

INDIANS 4, BLUE JAYS 1

Bauer throws 7 no-hit innings

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Trevor Bauer never backs down from any challenge or debate. He accepted this call. Health mattered more than history. Bauer was pulled by manager Terry Francona after seven hitless innings and 117 pitches, and sat in the dugout watching as the Blue Jays' Freddy Galvis broke up the Indians' bid for a combined no-hitter with a leadoff single in the ninth inning of the Indians' 4-1 win Thursday night.

Bauer was attempting to throw the Indians' first

no-hitter in 38 years but was taken out when his pitch count got too high. "It was the right decision," Bauer said.

Once Bauer was out, Jon Edwards came in and got two outs before closer Brad Hand worked out of a bases-loaded jam. Hand, however, gave up a hard single to center by Galvis.

Bauer (1-0) was six outs away from completing his no-hitter, when Francona removed him as a precautionary measure. The right-hander may have been able to go farther but on a chilly night and with so much season left, Fran-

cona played it cautiously.

"I didn't want to take him out," Francona said. "... I told him I hate it. He goes, 'I hate it, too, but I know it's the right thing.' I care too much about him and this organization to hurt somebody. I would have loved to have seen it because I don't doubt that he would have kept pitching and probably not given up a hit the way he was throwing."

The odd developments prevented Bauer from ending the Indians' no-hit drought, which dates to May 15, 1981, when Len Barker threw a perfect game against the Blue Jays.

AROUND THE HORN

All-Stars: The Associated Press reported that the highest All-Star vote-getter in both leagues in the first round of the new fan voting system will receive a \$15,000 bonus. That payment will go to the leading vote-getter at catcher and each infield position plus the top three among outfielders. For all positions other than the outfield, the second-place finishers will receive \$5,000 apiece and the third-place finishers \$2,500 each.

Dodgers: Three-time Cy Young Award winner Clayton Kershaw gave up two runs and struck out six in 4 1/3 innings during his rehab assignment for Triple-A Oklahoma City. Kershaw, who developed inflammation in his left shoulder early in spring training, likely will need at least one more rehab outing after this before returning to the NL champions.

Nationals: Stephen Strasburg outpitched Noah Syndergaard, rookie Victor Robles homered for the Nationals' only hit until the ninth and they beat the Mets 4-0 to spoil their home opener. Wilmer Difo drove in two runs, and the Nats' struggling bullpen shined after Strasburg struck out nine in 6 2/3 innings. He took a one-hitter into the seventh before giving up consecutive singles with two outs. Strasburg improved to 8-1 with a 2.14 ERA in 11 starts at Citi Field.

A's: CF Ramon Laureano threw out another Red Sox runner in a key spot, and the A's kept the defending World Series champions stumbling with a 7-3 win in Oakland, Calif. Laureano tossed out three runners as the A's took three of four in the series. Stephen Piscotty went 4-for-4 with a home run, double and five RBIs to help the A's win for the fifth time in six games. The Red Sox fell to 2-6, the worst start for a defending champ since the stripped-down Marlins struggled in 1998. J.D. Martinez homered for the Red Sox.

Yankees: Gleyber Torres homered twice, had a career-high four hits and drove in four runs, and the Yankees spoiled the Orioles' home opener with an 8-4 victory. It was the third career two-homer game for the 22-year-old Torres, who did it twice last year during his rookie season. Orioles 1B Chris Davis struck out three times and is 0-for-17 with 11 strikeouts. He went hitless over his final 21 at-bats in 2018 to finish at .168, the worst batting average for a qualifier in major league history.

Tigers: Spencer Turnbull struck out 10 in six innings, and the Tigers drew four straight walks to start the bottom of the seventh, taking the lead for good en route to a 5-4 victory over the Royals. Josh Harrison stole two bases and scored three times for the Tigers in their home opener.

Extra innings: LHP Max Fried was perfect through 5 2/3 innings and the Braves took advantage of three walks in the fifth inning to score five runs en route to a 9-4 win over the Cubs. The Braves completed the three-game series sweep as the Cubs lost their fifth straight. ... The Yankees placed INF Troy Tulowitzki on the 10-day injured list after he suffered a left calf strain in Wednesday's loss to the Tigers.

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Davis Love III 34-38
Tony Finau 36-36
Jonas Blixt 37-35
George McNeill 35-37
Harris English 38-34
Roberto Castro 37-35

37-35
Sam Burns 36-36
Kevin Streelman 37-35
Scott Langley 38-34
Padraig Harrington 37-35
Bud Cauley 35-37

C.T. Pan 35-37
Andrew Putnam 37-35
Tyler Duncan 37-35
Lucas Glover 37-35
Brandon Hagy 37-35

37-35
Robert Streb 37-35
Denny McCarthy 38-34
Kramer Hickok 36-36
Roger Sloan 35-37
Joost Luiten 35-37

LPGA ANA INSPIRATION

1st of 4 rds; Mission Hills CC (Dinah Shore); Rancho Mirage, Calif.; 6,763 yards; par: 72.
68 (-4)
Ally McDonald 33-35
69 (-3)
Linnea Strom 35-34
Lexi Thompson 35-34
Jin Young Ko 34-35
Hyo Jo Kim 70 (-2)
Xiyu Lin 33-37
Jing Yang 36-34
Mi Hyang Lee 36-34
Lauren Stephenson 33-37
Lizette Salas 34-36
Lydia Ko 36-34
Jessica Korda 35-35
Cristie Kerr 35-35
Amy Yang 34-36
Jane Park 35-35

71 (-1)

Alison Lee 36-35
Katherine Kirk 38-33
Jeongeun Lee6 37-34
Sung Hyun Park 36-35
Brooke M. Henderson 35-36
In-Kyung Kim 34-37
Mo Martin 35-36
Stacy Lewis 36-35
Gabey Lopez 35-36
Austin Ernst 36-35
Angel Yin 36-35
Hee Young Park 37-34

72 (E)

Megan Khang 36-36
Chella Choi 36-36
Charley Hull 36-36
Eun-Hee Ji 36-36
Jenny Shin 36-36
Beatriz Recari 38-34
Marissa Steen 35-37
Madelene Sagstrom 36-36
Marijoa Uribe 33-39
Carlota Ciganda 37-35
Danielle Kang 35-37
Azahara Munoz 37-35
Mi Jung Hur 35-37
Mirim Lee 37-35

73 (+1)

Ashleigh Buhai 38-35
Inbee Park 37-38
Ryann O'Toole 35-36
Nasa Hataoka 36-37
Haru Nomura 33-40
Jodi Ewart Shadoff 39-34
Yu Liu 35-38
Lindy Duncan 38-35
Pernilla Lindberg 38-36
Caroline Masson 36-37
Wei-Ling Hsu 35-38
Anna Nordqvist 34-39
Minjee Lee 36-37
Jennifer Song 36-37

74 (+2)

Sarah Jane Smith 36-38
Moriya Jutanugarn 37-37
Michelle Wie 34-40
Nelly Korda 37-37
Georgia Hall 38-36
Jacqui Colconilo 38-36
Sandra Gal 35-39
Haegi Kang 36-38
Nanna Koerstz Madsen 37-37
Yale Marie Green 37-37
Peyuon Chien 37-37
Kristen Gillman 39-35

75 (+3)

Ayako Uehara 38-37
a-Albane Valenzuela 38-37
Brittany Lincicome 36-39
So Yeon Ryu 37-38
Marina Alex 38-37
In Gee Chun 37-38
Liyai Shin 39-36
Laura Gonzalez Escalon 37-37
a-Patty Tavatanakit 38-37
Ariya Tatanagarn 36-39
Mariah Stackhouse 36-39
Emma Talley 38-37

ODDS

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE FRIDAY
LA Dodgers -123 at Colorado +113
at Pittsburgh -122 Cincinnati +112
at Atlanta -165 Miami +155
at Milwaukee -125 Chi Cubs +115
at St. Louis -165 San Diego +155

AMERICAN LEAGUE FRIDAY
at Cleveland -152 Toronto +142
at Houston -155 Oakland +145
at LA Angels -132 Texas +122
Seattle -119 at Chi Sox +109

TEMPTAG

INTERLEAGUE FRIDAY
Tampa Bay -127 at San Fran. +117
at Philadelphia -145 Minnesota +135
Boston -128 at Arizona +118

NBA

pregame.com FRIDAY
San Antonio 6 at Washington
at Charlotte off Toronto
at Orlando 8 Atlanta
at Houston off New York

Boston 1½ at Indiana
Miami 2 at Minnesota
at Oklahoma City off Detroit
at Dallas off Memphis
at Utah off Sacramento

at Phoenix off New Orleans
at Golden State off Cleveland
at LA Clippers off LA Lakers
at Denver 6 Portland

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

CBI FRIDAY
at DePaul 1 South Florida

NCAA FINAL FOUR SATURDAY
Michigan St 2½ Texas Tech
Virginia 5½ Auburn

NCAA MEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPION

Virginia 7/5 Michigan St 9/5
Texas Tech 4/1 Auburn 7/1

WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR FRIDAY

Baylor 7½ Oregon
Notre Dame 2½ UConn

NCAA WOMEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPION

Baylor 5/6 Notre Dame 11/4
UConn 7/2 Oregon 10/1

source: sportsbook.ag

NHL

Columbus -203 at NY Rangers +183
at Chicago off Dallas off

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NATIONAL INVITATION TOURNAMENT

THURSDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP at Madison Square Garden, New York

Texas 81, Lipscomb 66
MOP: Kerwin Roach II, Texas

RECENT NIT CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

2018: Penn State 82, Utah 66
MOP: Lamar Stevens, Penn State

2017: TCU 88, Georgia Tech 56
MOP: Kenrich Williams, TCU

2016: George Washington 76, Valparaiso 60
MOP: Tyler Cavanaugh, George Wash.

2015: Stanford 66, Miami 64 (OT)
MOP: Chasson Randle, Stanford

2014: Minnesota 65, SMU 63
MOP: Austin Hollins, Minnesota

2013: Baylor 74, Iowa 54
MOP: Pierre Jackson, Baylor

2012: Stanford 75, Minnesota 51
MOP: Aaron Bright, Stanford

2011: Wichita State 66, Alabama 57
MOP: Graham Hatch, Wichita State

2010: Dayton 79, North Carolina 68
MOP: Chris Johnson, Dayton

2009: Penn State 69, Baylor 63
MOP: James Cornley, Penn State

COLLEGE BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL

Championship Series / (Best-of-3)

DePAUL (19-16) vs. SOUTH FLORIDA (23-14)

April 1: South Florida 63-61
April 3: DePaul 100, South Florida 96 (OT)
Friday: at DePaul, 6 p.m.

COLLEGEINSIDER TOURNAMENT

THURSDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Marshall 90, Green Bay 70

PAST COLLEGEINSIDER CHAMPIONS

2018: Northern Colorado 76, UIC 71
2017: Saint Peter's 62, Texas A&M CC 61
2016: Columbia 73, UC Irvine 67
2015: Evansville 71, Northern Arizona 65
2014: Murray State 65, Yale 57
2013: East Carolina 77, Weber State 74
2012: Mercer 70, Utah State 67
2011: Santa Clara 76, Iowa 69
2010: Missouri State 78, Pacific 65
2009: Old Dominion 66, Bradley 62

WOMEN'S NIT

SATURDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Northwestern (21-14) vs. Arizona (23-12), 2 p.m.

AP COACH OF THE YEAR VOTING

(Selected by the 64-member national media panel that selects weekly Top 25)

Chris Beard, Texas Tech 20
Kelvin Sampson, Houston 13
Mike Young, Wofford 6
Nate Oats, Buffalo 5
Rick Barnes, Tennessee 4
Tony Bennett, Virginia 3
Mark Few, Gonzaga 3
Tom Izzo, Michigan State 2
Matt Painter, Purdue 2
Roy Williams, North Carolina 2
John Beilein, Michigan 1
Mike Krzyzewski, Duke 1
Matt Langell, Colgate 1
Eric Musselman, Nevada 1

RECENT AP COLLEGE BASKETBALL COACHES OF YEAR

2019: Chris Beard, Texas Tech
2018: Tony Bennett, Virginia
2017: Mark Few, Gonzaga
2016: Bill Self, Kansas

2015: John Calipari, Kentucky
2014: George Marshall, Wichita State
2013: Jim Larranaga, Miami
2012: Frank Haith, Missouri
2011: Mike Brey, Notre Dame
2010: Jim Boeheim, Syracuse
2009: Bill Self, Kansas
2008: Keno Davis, Drake
2007: Tony Bennett, Washington State

MEN'S FINAL FOUR MATCHUPS

TEAMS AUB VA TECH MSU
Record 30-9 33-3 30-6 32-6
Points/game 80.2 71.3 73.0 78.3
Opp. pts 69.9 47.4 59.0 65.1
FG pct. .451 .476 .471 .484
3-pt% .379 .394 .365 .380
FT % .709 .744 .731 .752
Rebounds 34.2 34.8 34.2 40.6
Asts 14.4 14.3 13.9 18.7
TO margin 5.5 2.0 3.4 -2.4

NCAA CONFERENCE RECORDS

Conference W L Pct.
Atlantic Coast (7) 13 6 .684
Southeastern (7) 12 6 .667
Big Ten (8) 13 7 .650
West Coast (2) 3 2 .600
Big 12 (6) 7 5 .583
Pac-12 (3) 4 3 .571
Ohio Valley (2) 2 2 .500
Atlantic Sun (1) 1 1 .500
Big West (1) 1 1 .500
Mid-American (1) 1 1 .500
Northeast (1) 1 1 .500
Southern (1) 1 1 .500
Summit League (1) 1 1 .500
American Athletic (4) 3 4 .429
Big East (4) 1 4 .200
America East (1) 0 1 .000
Big Sky (1) 0 1 .000
Big South (1) 0 1 .000
Colonial (1) 0 1 .000
Conference USA (1) 0 1 .000
Horizon (1) 0 1 .000
Ivy League (1) 0 1 .000
Metro Atlantic (1) 0 1 .000
Mid-Eastern Athletic (1) 0 1 .000
Missouri Valley (1) 0 1 .000
Patriot League (1) 0 1 .000
Southland (1) 0 1 .000
Southwestern Athletic (1) 0 1 .000
Sun Belt (1) 0 1 .000
Western Athletic (1) 0 1 .000
Atlantic 10 (2) 0 2 .000
Mountain West (2) 0 2 .000

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC W L PCT GB L10 STK HOME AWAY CONF
y-Toronto 56 23 .709 — 7-3 W-5 31-9 25-14 35-15
x-Philadelphia 49 30 .620 7 5-5 L-3 30-10 19-20 29-20
x-Boston 47 32 .595 9 5-5 W-2 28-12 19-20 33-16
Brooklyn 39 40 .494 17 3-7 L-2 22-18 17-22 26-23
New York 15 63 .192 40½ 2-8 L-1 8-31 7-32 9-40

SOUTHEAST W L PCT GB L10 STK HOME AWAY CONF
Orlando 39 40 .494 17 3-7 L-2 22-18 17-22 26-23
Miami 38 40 .487 ½ 6-4 L-2 18-22 20-18 22-27
Charlotte 36 42 .462 2½ 5-5 W-1 24-15 12-27 26-22
Washington 32 47 .405 7 3-7 L-1 22-17 10-30 19-31
Atlanta 29 50 .367 10 5-5 W-1 17-23 12-27 16-33

CENTRAL W L PCT GB L10 STK HOME AWAY CONF
z-Milwaukee 59 20 .747 — 7-3 W-2 32-6 27-14 39-11
x-Indiana 47 32 .595 12 3-7 W-2 29-10 18-22 32-17
Detroit 39 39 .500 19½ 4-6 L-2 25-14 14-25 26-24
Chicago 22 57 .278 37 3-7 W-1 9-30 13-27 16-33
Cleveland 19 60 .241 40 2-8 L-7 13-26 6-34 15-36

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST W L PCT GB L10 STK HOME AWAY CONF
y-Houston 51 28 .646 — 8-2 W-4 29-10 22-18 31-19
x-San Antonio 45 34 .570 6 5-5 L-1 31-9 14-25 29-22
New Orleans 32 47 .405 19 2-8 L-2 19-21 13-26 22-27
Memphis 31 47 .397 19½ 3-7 L-2 20-19 11-28 22-27
Dallas 31 47 .397 19½ 4-6 L-1 23-16 8-31 16-32

NORTHWEST W L PCT GB L10 STK HOME AWAY CONF
x-Denver 52 26 .667 — 6-4 W-1 32-7 20-19 32-16
x-Portland 50 28 .641 2 8-2 W-2 30-9 20-19 26-22
x-Utah 48 30 .615 4 9-1 W-6 27-12 21-18 28-20
x-Oklahoma City 45 33 .577 7 3-7 W-1 25-14 20-19 26-24
Minnesota 35 43 .449 17 3-7 W-1 24-14 11-29 22-28

PACIFIC W L PCT GB L10 STK HOME AWAY CONF
y-Golden State 54 24 .692 — 7-3 W-3 28-11 26-13 33-16
x-L.A. Clippers 47 32 .595 7½ 8-2 L-1 25-14 22-18 27-22
Sacramento 39 40 .494 15½ 5-5 W-1 24-16 15-24 21-28
L.A. Lakers 35 44 .443 19½ 4-6 L-2 21-18 14-26 23-26
Phoenix 18 61 .228 36½ 2-8 L-1 11-29 7-32 10-39

x-clinched playoff spot; y-clinched division; z-clinched conference

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Milwaukee 128, Philadelphia 122
Cleveland at Sacramento, late
Golden State at L.A. Lakers, late

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Atlanta at Orlando, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at Washington, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Boston at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Miami at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
New York at Houston, 7 p.m.
Memphis at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Utah, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Cleveland at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.
Portland at Denver, 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Brooklyn at Milwaukee, 4 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Chicago 115, Washington 114
Indiana 108, Detroit 89
Orlando 114, New York 100
Toronto 115, Brooklyn 105
Boston 112, Miami 102
Atlanta 130, Philadelphia 122
Charlotte 115, New Orleans 109
Minnesota 110, Dallas 108
Denver 113, San Antonio 85
Portland 116, Memphis 89
Utah 118, Phoenix 97
Houston 135, L.A. Clippers 103

April 13: Playoffs begin.

BUCKS 128, 76ERS 122

MILW: Middleton 7-18 5-7 22, Antetokoumpo 13-22 16-21 45, Lopez 4-12 0-0 9, Bledsoe 0-0 0-0 0, Brown 5-12 1-2 12, Wilson 3-5 4-6 11, Ilyasova 1-5 0-0 3, Hill 7-13 4-5 20, Frazier 1-2 0-0 2, Connaughton 1-4 2-2 4. Totals 42-93 32-43 128.

PHILADELPHIA: Scott 8-11 0-0 22, Harris 6-15 0-0 13, Embiid 12-31 7-10 34, B.Simmmons 3-5 0-0 6, Redick 10-15 4-4 29, Bolden 2-5 0-0 6, Marjanovic 1-1 0-0 2, McConnell 2-4 0-0 4, Smith 1-5 3-4 6, Milton 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 45-95 14-18 122.

Milwaukee 30 26 46 — 128
Philadelphia 26 32 28 36 — 122

3-Point Goals—Mil 12-34 (Middleton 3-6, Antetokoumpo 3-7, Hill 2-3, Wilson 1-2, Brown 1-3, Ilyasova 1-4, Lopez 1-7, Connaughton 0-2), Phi 18-36 (Scott 6-8, Redick 5-9, Embiid 3-9, Bolden 2-3, Smith 1-2, Harris 1-3, Milton 0-2). Rebounds—Mil 50 (Antetokoumpo 13), Phi 43 (Embiid 13). Assists—Milwaukee 26 (Antetokoumpo 6), Philadelphia 36 (B.Simmmons, Embiid 13). Total Fouls—Milwaukee 18, Philadelphia 26. Technicals—Bledsoe 2, Scott, Embiid. Ejected—Bledsoe. A—20,701 (20,478).

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC GP W L OT PTS GF GA HOME AWAY DIV
x-Tampa Bay 81 61 16 4 126 319 219 32-7-2 29-9-2 22-5-0
x-Toronto 81 49 23 9 107 256 209 29-8-3 20-15-6 16-9-2
x-Boston 81 46 28 7 99 281 245 23-16-2 23-12-5 14-10-3
Montreal 81 43 30 8 94 243 231 24-12-4 19-18-4 14-8-5
Florida 81 36 32 13 85 264 276 20-13-7 16-19-6 14-11-3
Buffalo 81 32 39 10 74 219 270 17-15-5 11-24-5 10-12-5
Detroit 81 32 39 10 74 226 270 17-18-5 15-21-5 9-14-4
Ottawa 81 29 46 6 64 240 296 18-18-4 11-28-2 10-16-2

METROPOLITAN GP W L OT PTS GF GA HOME AWAY DIV
y-Washington 81 48 25 8 104 278 246 24-10-6 24-15-2 19-6-2
x-N.Y. Islanders 81 47 27 7 101 225 196 24-13-4 23-14-3 17-9-1
x-Pittsburgh 81 44 26 11 99 270 237 23-14-3 21-12-8 15-8-4
x-Carolina 81 45 29 7 97 241 220 24-13-4 21-16-3 12-13-2
Columbus 80 45 31 4 94 249 228 22-17-2 23-14-2 17-9-1
Philadelphia 81 37 36 8 82 241 277 19-17-4 18-19-4 10-15-2
N.Y. Rangers 80 31 36 13 75 221 266 18-14-8 13-22-5 9-12-5
New Jersey 81 30 41 10 70 218 272 20-14-7 10-27-3 9-16-3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL GP W L OT PTS GF GA HOME AWAY DIV
x-Nashville 81 46 29 6 98 235 212 24-14-2 22-15-4 13-11-1
x-Winnipeg 81 46 30 5 97 268 242 25-12-4 21-18-1 13-12-1
x-St. Louis 81 44 28 9 97 244 221 23-15-2 21-13-7 12-9-5
x-Dallas 80 42 31 7 91 206 196 23-14-3 19-17-4 13-9-2
x-Colorado 81 38 29 14 90 25

WHITE SOX

A Guaranteed good time

Make the most of a trip to a Sox game, from parking to seats to food

BY PHIL THOMPSON | Chicago Tribune

Same old White Sox? That remains to be seen. But there are reasons for optimism as the front office has made several upgrades (looking at you, Eloy Jimenez).

And those won't be the only changes at Guaranteed Rate Field this season. Several food and ballpark upgrades — the Goose Island bleachers, for example — make their debut in 2019, as well as some new additions in the neighborhood.

At least one thing will be the same. You need to be prepared for transportation and parking challenges.

We have it all covered in our Sox Go Guide.

What do you need to know about tickets?

The team really has been pushing for fans to use mobile tickets (downloaded through MLB Ballpark, Ticketmaster, StubHub, etc.) at the gates this season, part of a baseball-wide campaign to streamline the entry process and guard against ticket fraud by going digital.

The Sox have sent out multiple emails since February to season ticket holders and other ticket buyers: No more printing out PDFs of online tickets at home to get in.

Be on the lookout for a group of De La Salle Institute juniors and seniors, who will be roaming the parking lots the day of the home opener — which has been postponed a day to Friday because of “the forecast of inclement weather,” the Sox announced Wednesday. Like kids teaching their parents how to use social media, the students will be showing fans how to save their mobile tickets to Apple Wallet, Google Pay or other passbooks and use them at the gate.

The Sox also have booths outside Gates 3, 4 and 5 to help.

But what if I really, really want paper tickets?

They'll still sell the old-school stubs at the box office. You can also get them through the mail or at will call, but there will be a small processing fee.

Season ticket holders also had the choice this offseason to print their passes for an extra fee.

Where are the best seats?

After you get into the ballpark, the next thing on the agenda is finding a good value.

There are very few bad angles in the ballpark except Sections 507 and 557, where foul poles cut into your view of the infield. The back rows of Sections 100 and 164 have partially obstructed views of the opposite outfield because of the CIBC fan deck.

RateYourSeats.com listed a \$17 ticket in Section 533 for the April 8 Rays game (same price for June 19 versus the Yankees). Sections in that area give a great view of the field from high behind home plate. On the 300 level, the Skyline Sports Bar offers a view of the city.

Discounts are still plentiful on resale sites, even for the home opener.

On Monday, SeatGeek listed a \$20 ticket in Section 552 and a \$76 ticket in 133 behind the Scout Seats, which are directly behind home plate.

What's good from the Goose?

The Sox have remodeled a section of the right-field stands to form The Goose Island, 326 “seats” — a combination of leather chairs, bleachers and standing-room-only spots — set off on four sides by water features and highlighted by a 10-foot goose head.

Tickets for this section range from \$15 for standing-room only to \$100 for the premium rows with cushioned leather seats, but the latter includes a \$20 “loaded ticket,” which is a voucher for concessions. The whole section has access to wait service from the Craft Kave.

Clearly the most recognizable characteristic of this section — besides the big goose — will be the narrow pools flowing down like a waterfall from the railings on the side, front and back.

The water features weren't ready for the Sox's sneak-peek tour last week, so you'll just have to use your imagination. Workers won't turn on the spigots until the team holds an informal private ceremony at 9 a.m. Friday.

You could say it will be a — ahem — watershed moment for the ballpark.

What are some of the new concessions (and old favorites)?

Earlier this month, the Sox showed off some of the “rookies” on their menu that will debut at concession stands and club suites this season. The chefs got creative with several types of French fries, hot alcoholic drinks and meatless dishes.

Here are a few highlights and where you can find them:

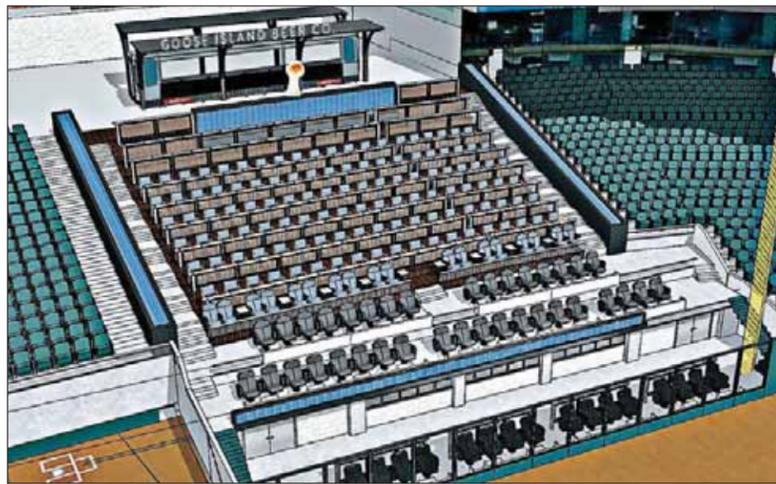
■ **Dessert sweet potato fries:** The Sox have gone on a French fry kick, creating Greek, Irish, chili-cheese and spice-dusted varieties, but the team expects the biggest mover will be the sweet potato fries, which are topped with pecans, powdered sugar, chocolate sauce and Nutella. (Savory and Sweet stand, Section 110)

■ **“Boozy” hot beverages:** Brisk early-season games inspired this move, hoping fans literally warm to the idea. The hot apple cider pairs Monin spiced brown sugar syrup with Fireball whiskey; the hot chocolate combines Jim Beam, Patron XO and Monin toasted marshmallow syrup. (Sections 144 and 538)



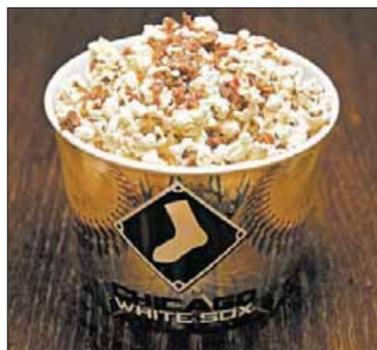
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With a favorable forecast and notable changes to the roster and at the ballpark, fans can be excited about the Sox home opener Friday.



WHITE SOX

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TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/TRIBUNE PHOTOS
Sweet potato fries, top, elote nuggets and bacon popcorn are among the new snack offerings at Guaranteed Rate Field.

■ **Triple Play Burger:** Working fried bologna into the mix? That's a bold move, Cotton. (Huntington Bank Stadium Club Bar)

■ **Elote nuggets:** The corn fritters feature a creamy cilantro lime aioli and queso cotija. (Club level)

■ **The Impossibles:** The burger, made from soy protein and other plant-based ingredients to look and taste like beef, is topped with cheddar and chipotle lime aioli on a toasted brioche roll. The duo Asian appetizer includes pan-fried pot stickers and a crispy spring roll. (Diamond Suites and, for the burgers, Huntington Bank Stadium Club bar)

■ **Bacon popcorn:** The popcorn's cooked in bacon fat and covered with sea salt, pepper, parmesan and bacon crumbles. (Revolution Brewing #SoxSocial Tap Room)

■ **Nashville Hot Chicken sandwich:** The breaded chicken is dipped in Nashville-style hot sauce.

Fans will see most of last season's food options, including craft burgers like the monstrous four-patty “Four Bagger” and

the onion-ring stacked “Veeck as in Wreck.”

However, two of three specialty sausages won't be back: the Cutter, a Southwestern chorizo sausage, and the Change-Up, a chipotle Monterey Jack chicken sausage. The one that made the cut was the Slurve, a beer cheddar bratwurst.

That's nice but what about the beer, man?

The standbys such as Budweiser, Goose Island, Revolution and Modelo will be there, and the ballpark will add 36 new craft flavors from 17 new breweries, through some will debut after opening day.

Last year's popular options were Pipeworks, Sex and Candy IPA from 18th Street Brewery and Pollyanna's Summerly raspberry wheat ale. A second 3 Floyds beer, Gumballhead, joins the brewery's flagship Alpha King.

More than 50 items from the craft menu hail from the Chicago area, and other newbies include 350 Brewing's pilsner and Goose Island's SPF, a passion fruit flavor, and 312 dry-hopped.

What about public transportation?

It's a straight shot on the CTA Red Line to the 35th Street stop from north or south, then a five-minute walk or quicker to most gates. It's about double the walk from the Green Line's 35th-Bronzeville-IIT stop. From O'Hare Airport, take the Blue Line to Washington and walk through the pedway to the Red Line's Lake stop. From Midway, take the Orange Line and transfer to the Red Line at Roosevelt.

Metra's Rock Island Line stops at the “Lou” Jones/Bronzeville station.

Eight CTA bus routes will get you either directly to the ballpark or within a few blocks. The No. 35 31st/35th and No. 39 Pershing connects with the Orange and Green lines and — along with the No. 24 Wentworth — puts you closest to ballpark.

Three Pace express bus lines run to the park from Markham/Tinley Park, Palos Heights/Oak Lawn and Bolingbrook/Burr Ridge, and parking is free at each location.

How much will I regret driving there and trying to park?

Getting there's fairly simple — if you get there early.

If you're coming from the north on the Kennedy Expressway (I-90), from the west on the Eisenhower (I-290), or from the southwest on the Stevenson (I-55), just hop off on the Dan Ryan's (southbound I-90) 35th Street exit.

However, within an hour of first pitch, 35th Street will be jammed, so if you're planning to park in Lots A, B or C, you might consider taking the 31st Street exit (from southbound on the Ryan) and making your way down Wells Street to Lot A or down Shields Avenue to Lots B or C.

There are 7,800 spaces spread across the seven lots near the ballpark, and parking passes cost \$20, except for Sundays, which are \$10. FYI, the cash lots are F, L and G. Tailgating's allowed before the game but

not after.

There are a few private lots, so check sites such as SpotHero and Parking Panda. Progressive Baptist Church, south of the ballpark at 37th Street and Wentworth Avenue, opens its lot to fans on game days unless church is session.

You should resist the temptation of “free” neighborhood parking. In the 11th Ward, residential permit zones extend as far north as 28th Place and south to Pershing Road, and push west to Morgan Street. Beyond those limits, it's a hike to the ballpark.

Parking on streets with residential permit signs could get you towed.

What are the ride-sharing options?

Fans can register to be a designated driver or get traffic reports on the main level behind the plate. Uber has a designed pickup and drop-off zone in Lot A.

Where to go in the neighborhood before or after the games?

One of the biggest drawbacks to the Rate is that it's bracketed by parking lots and the Dan Ryan Expressway. Other than the ChiSox Bar & Grill that's connected to the ballpark through a pedestrian bridge, there's not a lot in the immediate area.

Cork & Kerry at the Park and Turtle's Bar & Grill are probably the two most well-known postgame watering holes. Maria's Packaged Goods and Community Bar (960 W 31st St.) is popular among Sox staff. If you want to go ultra-traditional, venture out to Shinnick's Pub at 38th and Union.

Want quick and cheap? Try nearby 35th Street Red Hots, which is known for its Vienna Beef hot dogs and fries, fried shrimp and polish sausage.

For other snacks, brews and dinner options in Bridgeport, try these options:

■ **Burgers:** Kevin's Hamburger Heaven, 554 W. Pershing Road (24-hour spot also serves a bevy of breakfast options.)
■ **Chicken wings:** Buffalo Wings & Rings, 3434 S. Halsted St.
■ **Tacos:** Antique Taco, 1000 W. 35th St. (Antique Taco also will operate stands in Sections 109 and 137 this season.)
■ **Pizza:** Red Line Cafe, 218 W. 33rd St. (They sell wood-fired pizza and coffee too.)
■ **Italian ice:** Ferro's, 200 W. 31st St.
■ **Ice cream:** Scoops, 608 W. 31st St.
■ **Coffee:** The Stockyard Coffeehouse (558 W 37th St.) and Jackalope Coffee & Tea House (755 W 32nd St.)
■ **Craft beer:** Marz Brewing, 3630 S. Iron St. (Tucked away among warehouses, you might miss it if not for the funky sign out front.)
■ **Caribbean:** Ajo, 752 W 33rd St. (Casual spot opened in February.)
■ **Korean:** Kimski, 960 W. 31st St. (Maria's expanded to include this Korean-Polish project.)

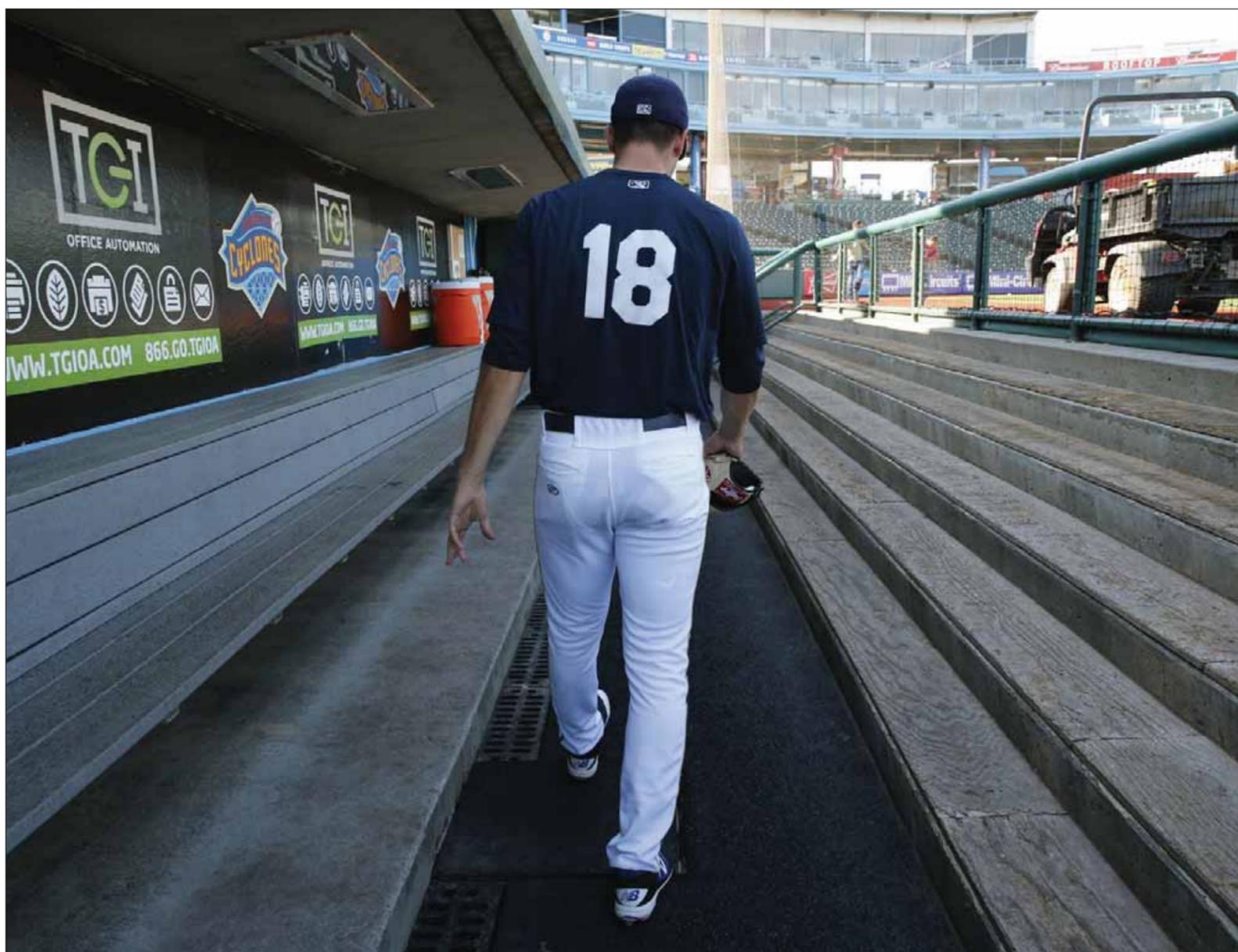
■ **What else is new at the park?**
■ **Sensory room:** Suite 460 is connected to a calming space for children or adults with autism and PTSD, who are affected by loud noises such as fireworks.
■ **Nursing room:** A new space near Section 352 provides moms an outlet for nursing and a TV for keeping up with the game.
■ **Charity Corner:** You can learn about the team's charities and participate in raffles and auctions in the spot by Section 154. This year's Sox Split raffle guarantees a \$50,000 pot — \$25,000 each to the winning fan and Sox Charities' community outreach.
■ **A claw machine:** The old carnival game (scam? torture device?) comes to the Revolution Brewing #SoxSocial Tap Room, but with a twist. You have to tweet a hashtag (#GoSox, for example) to play.

What are the old standbys?

Don't forget about the Plumbers911.com shower, or as most know it, the Old Comiskey shower, where fans get sprayed to cool off. And check out the statues around the park, including Frank Thomas, Paul Konerko, Minnie Minoso, Carlton Fisk and Charles Comiskey.

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In this 2016 photo, Gary Cornish, a pitcher for the New York Mets' Brooklyn team in the Class A New York-Penn League, walks in the dugout at MC Park in New York.

Just minor investments

With pay so low in the bushes, players can explore innovative ways to come up with badly needed funds

BY JAKE SEINER | Associated Press

PHOENIX — Jeremy Wolf loved being a professional baseball player. The New York Mets were his favorite team as a child, and it was a dream fulfilled when they selected him in the 31st round in 2016.

The reality was something else. From first pitch to the final out was a blast, but the time between games was filled with anxiety. His meager signing bonus wasn't delivered until after his first season ended. In the meantime, he needed money for rent, cleats, bats, car payments, food and more — an impossible amount to cover on his \$1,100 per month salary. Then he hurt his back, was cut 16 months after he signed, and left baseball with a couple thousand dollars in credit card debt.

"It's really great to play minor league baseball," Wolf said. "It's an honor and a privilege. But I can't eat privilege."

He and others are trying to do something about that.

MLB generates billions in revenue each season, yet players throughout its minor leagues are sleeping on air mattresses, skipping meals and purchasing equipment on the cheap while making as little as \$3,300 per season. The inequity of baseball's pay system is attracting private companies eager to invest in players in exchange for a cut of potential big league paydays — one is even organizing direct investments by MLB and NFL players. Meanwhile, Wolf is helping minor league players use online crowdfunding to ask fans to provide money for meals, rent, cleats and other essentials.

Minor leaguers at the lowest levels can make as little as \$1,100 per month despite spending 50 to 70 hours per week at the ballpark. A lawsuit alleging MLB violated minimum wage and overtime requirements was pre-empted last year when congress passed the "Save America's Pastime Act," which stripped minor leaguers of the protection of federal minimum wage laws.

MLB is also pushing Arizona lawmakers to exempt minor league players from minimum wage laws there, a move that would affect hundreds of players who are not paid during spring training.

The Toronto Blue Jays decided last month to boost minor league salaries by 50 percent, making them an outlier among the major leagues' 30 clubs.

For players elsewhere, addressing short-term needs can be a dire matter. Most get signing bonuses of just a few thousand dollars, and they only pull in a salary during the season, which is either three or five months long, depending on the league.

Expenses in-season vary by organization, but players usually have to find their own equipment, at least one meal per day, and pay clubhouse dues. Housing is tricky, especially this time of year. Thursday is opening day across most of the minor leagues, and that means many players have been scrambling this week to arrange apartments across the country. It's a tough



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In this 2015 photo, members of the Biloxi Shuckers minor league baseball team eat lunch before practice at the the Pensacola Blue Wahoos' stadium in Pensacola, Fla.



MATT YORK/AP

A Diamondbacks minor-leaguer walks along a stream between fields prior to a spring training game in 2013 against the Cleveland Indians in Scottsdale, Ariz.

task, made all the trickier because those players' employers haven't written them a check since September.

Wolf founded More Than Baseball to help address those needs. The group uses online donations — it's raised over \$2,000 so far this spring — to help fund meals, rent and other necessities. It sets players up for group discounts with landlords and baseball equipment companies, finds offseason jobs and internships for players, arranges host families, and provides career services so players have options when their playing days end.

"In a way we're mitigating stress," Wolf said. "And if we mitigate stress, we're going to allow the kids to just enjoy playing minor league baseball."

More Than Baseball's staff includes a few retired players, including former Yankees outfielder Slade Heathcott. It also has labor lawyers, marketing professionals and economists.

Other professionals from outside baseball have stepped in, too, to offer resources as investors. Some companies, like Big League Advance, propose minor leaguers cash to cover costs now, then take a cut of their future earnings if they make the majors.

Another option is Pando Pooling, a private company that allows players to pool their future earnings, increasing the chance of a life-changing pay day in a career where many top prospects never cash a million-dollar paycheck. For instance, a group of five third-round draft picks could agree to enter a pool together. If four players wash out due to injury or poor performance but one player becomes a star worth hundreds of millions of dollars, each of those players get a share of those earnings.

"We want players to be more comfortable with their decision to be a baseball player and to feel secure in their financial outcome," co-founder Charlie Olson said.

There are stipulations. Pool contributions from a single player are capped at \$20 million, and players don't begin to contribute until they've earned at least \$1.6 million in their career — roughly the amount a player would make via the major league minimum in his first three seasons before becoming eligible for arbitration.

"I think Pando presents an opportunity that hasn't been presented in the past," said Indians minor leaguer Logan Ice, a second-round pick in 2016 who leads his Pando pool. "It gives players a way to diversify the risk in baseball, which is a risky profession."

Pando has more than 200 players on board, and it's eyeing expansion.

It also is considering a new model: pairing successful pro athletes with aspiring prospects. Olson says MLB players have expressed interest in backing minor league players, offering cash and other resources like access to trainers and nutritionists in exchange for a percentage of future earnings.

"We're trying to find as many ways as possible to help improve the lives for professional baseball players," Olson said.

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In NHL, coffee on menu

It plays big role in players' routines during season

BY ISABELLE KHURSHUDYAN
The Washington Post

Tom Wilson was roughly 14 years old when he noticed a peculiar habit in hockey. From NHL players often arriving to rinks with cups of coffee in hand to the pot that was brewed fresh every morning at his gym, Wilson wondered what he was missing. Even Canada's most famous coffee chain was started by legendary Toronto Maple Leafs defenseman Tim Horton.

"It's the best legal performance-enhancer you can take — caffeine," his trainer told him, and so Wilson's own addiction began, in part to get that little bit of an edge and in part to fit in with the big league idols he hoped to join one day. More than a decade later, the Washington Capitals forward still takes his coffee black, one in the morning and another in the afternoon and maybe one more closer to puck drop.

"I think you'll find most guys drink it," Wilson said, scanning the Capitals' locker room as he spoke. "I think there's maybe two or three in here who don't."

Over the course of the NHL's long 82-game season with late nights and early mornings in cold rinks, hot cups of coffee can be a lifeline. It can help lift the fog from a pregame nap or provide that extra jolt before taking the ice. The preferences vary, from a stop at Starbucks to crafting a cup from grounds flown in from Europe to more sophisticated brewing methods. It plays a significant part in most players' everyday routine with some drinking as many as five cups a day.

"In our sport, maybe it's a little more old school," Wilson said. "You still want to go have your coffee. We have a caffeine pill that I can take that's going to do the same thing, but I just love the coffee."

Greg Smith was the head athletic trainer for the Capitals and Anaheim Ducks for more than two decades, and he said when he first started, "everybody drank coffee and you didn't have a choice and it was the crappy, black, out-of-the-sewer coffee." Coffee was considered a cure-all for everything from headaches to body soreness, and long before players stretched to warm up for a game, they would just sip on the hot fluid. This generation of players isn't quite that extreme, turning to coffee more as an energy source and way to focus. The quality of the coffee has vastly improved, too.

Consider New Jersey Devils defenseman Connor Carrick a connoisseur of gourmet java. For many players, the coffee compulsion dates back to their time in the minors, when Canadian major junior or American Hockey League teams might play three games in as many nights with long bus rides in between. The caffeine kick becomes a necessity, though Carrick went too far at first. "I realized I was pretty caffeine-sensitive, and I was like, okay, I might have a heart attack in warm-ups," he said. Back when Carrick still played for the Hershey Bears, Washington's AHL affiliate, the team had a Keurig in the locker room, and he discovered the local Bed Bath & Beyond sold Tim Hortons K-Cup pods, a revelation for the team since players believed they were exclusive to Canada.

His tastes eventually became more refined, spurned on by "bean fiends" on the Toronto Maple Leafs training staff who traveled with pour-over apparatuses, used in a more advanced manual coffee making process. Carrick now uses a Chemex coffee maker when he's home, grinding beans fresh before every brew. For Christmas, he was gifted Goat Story's GINA Smart Coffee Instrument, which enables three different brewing methods — pour over, immersion and cold drip.

"Everyone's always skeptical, like, 'c'mon man, it's a cup of joe, what's the big deal?'" Carrick said. "And then I'll bring them one or something. (Former teammate) Matt Martin was kind of giving me some crap, and I brought him some and we had coffee in the hot tub one time. He was like, 'This stuff is the real deal, where'd you get it?' I go, 'I made it at home.'"

Carrick keeps a list of top coffee shops in NHL cities on his phone, but the Devils travel with a small Nespresso, a single-serve machine



The Devils' Connor Carrick is connoisseur of gourmet java. When he played for the AHL's Hershey Bears, the team had a Keurig in the locker room.



The Capitals' Tom Wilson drinks one black coffee in the morning, another in the afternoon and maybe one more closer to puck drop.

that brews both coffee and espresso. A self-described "cold-brew guy," New Jersey goaltender Cory Schneider lobbied the organization to invest in a large coffee station for Prudential Center, "like one of those you might find at a car dealership where it's got six buttons and it's got the big screen and everything where it shoots the coffee out," he explained.

His campaigning paid off three years ago, and it's even a stop on tours through the locker room

now. Schneider still gets blamed when it malfunctions, and a technician has to fly in every two months from Ottawa for its scheduled maintenance.

"Probably for some, it's like a cigarette or something, just like an oral fixation where you've gotta do something," Schneider said. "For me, it's almost like a habit where I just sip at it and by the time I get to the rink, it's done. I know some guys who do espresso shots during the game or before the game, just a quicker intake than drinking a full

cup of coffee."

Schneider recalled his former Vancouver teammates Henrik and Daniel Sedin drinking four to five cups a day. "It was like automatic for them — sit around in the lounge and talk and shoot the breeze and sip a cup of coffee," he said.

Tampa Bay Lightning defenseman Victor Hedman — who, like the Sedin twins, hails from Ornskoldsvik, Sweden — said he had to dial back his intake from roughly five cups a day, though he still brings grounds from his hometown with him before every season. "Fika" is a crucial part of everyday Swedish culture, a social coffee break with baked goods.

Asked about his love of java, Carolina Hurricanes forward Sebastian Aho also blamed his roots.

"First of all, I'm a Finn, and Finland is a really big coffee country," he began. "I think every Finn drinks it, except Turbo (teammate Teuvo Teravainen). Turbo might be the only Finn who doesn't drink coffee."

Before a 12:30 p.m. puck drop against the Nashville Predators in January, Aho felt exhausted, so while he usually starts his day with just a half a cup of coffee, "I knew I needed a couple extra ones to get myself going." He recorded a hat trick, the second of his career, and then credited the coffee.

How much did he have exactly? "Probably five cups," he admitted.

Smith said recent health studies have found benefits to drinking coffee, but like with most substances, too much can be a bad thing, especially since it's a mild diuretic. Capitals goaltender Braden Holtby figures it's healthier than an energy drink, and carrying a cup of Starbucks as he arrives to every game has become as much of an accessory as the hats he often sports. He sticks to Starbucks because it's consistent across locations, so he's not risking an adverse reaction hours before puck drop. As a general rule, Smith trusted players to know what kind of caffeine consumption worked best for them.

"If you drink too much coffee, you get too jittery," Smith said. "For the guys who couldn't handle it, you couldn't drink it because you can't play. You can't handle the puck, you'd get the shakes."

Wilson's trainer always instructed him to stay away from sugar and cream and just drink it black. He doesn't consider himself as nitpicky as some other players. When the Capitals switched from a drip coffee machine to a Keurig because it involved easier cleaning and maintenance for the training staff, at least one member of the locker room revolted over the change to his routine.

"Jason Chimera was like, 'I'm not drinking this (expletive),' " Wilson chuckled. "When it went from the fine grounds to K-Cups, he was (ticked)."

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Sam Rockwell, from left, Babou Ceesay and Taraji P. Henson star in "The Best of Enemies."

'THE BEST OF ENEMIES' ★★★

A clash with the Klan over schools

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS
 Chicago Tribune

Set in 1971 North Carolina, "The Best of Enemies" finds Taraji P. Henson taking on the Klan and, through a radical act of kindness, winning.

It is, to be sure, imperfect and uneven. It's based on fact, heavily fictionalized. It indulges Henson and Sam Rockwell — wily, fearless, talented performers — in some juicy grandstanding. Three-and-a-half

minutes into the picture, for example, in a meeting with a white city councilman, the African American civil rights activist Ann Atwater played by Henson grabs a rotary-dial telephone receiver and clocks the man on the head, interrupting his call so she can launch into a speech about crummy housing conditions for black folks in East Durham.

It's a surprise and a small wonder, then, when "The Best of Enemies" starts getting good and pretty much stays that way to the end. This may be an apples/oranges com-

parison, but: For a true-ish story of racial animus, bone-deep prejudice and the American South in the civil rights era, it's a better, more nuanced and more interesting feel-good movie than a certain, recent Best Picture Academy Award winner.

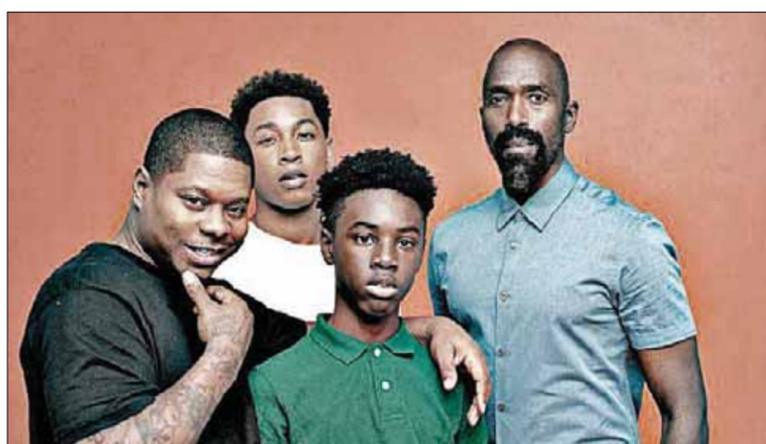
The historical basics go like this: In 1971, with the threat of violence looming over the integration of Durham's public schools, Raleigh-based community organizer Bill Riddick put together a 10-day summit known as "Save Our Schools," or SOS.

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Backed by the North Carolina AFL-CIO, with federal grant money, the summit was conducted as a charrette, gathering a full

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The four stages of black manhood on "The Chi": Jason Mitchell as Brandon, Jacob Latimore as Emmett, Alex R. Hibbert as Kevin and Ntare Guma Mbaho Mwine as Ronnie.

New showrunner for 'The Chi' on what's in store for Season 2

BY NINA METZ
 Chicago Tribune

The Showtime drama "The Chi" returns for a second season Sunday with a new showrunner on board. Ayanna Floyd Davis replaces Elwood Reid and she brings to the table actual lived Chicago experience.

"It was my adopted home" for the better part of the 1990s, she told me,

and it's where she earned a master's degree in film production and screenwriting at Columbia College.

The show's stories may be universal, but South Side Chicago specifics are what actually give it life. That includes filming locations. And in Season 1, they were largely on the West Side.

Here's what "The Chi's" creator Lena Waithe (a

South Side native herself) told me about that at the end of last season:

"Apparently I heard that some of our crew was a little nervous to film on the South Side, and I'm like no — the South Side is not a jungle. The thing I hate, we were filming on the West Side because the people on the crew were like, 'Oh, that's closer to where the

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'NATIVE SON'

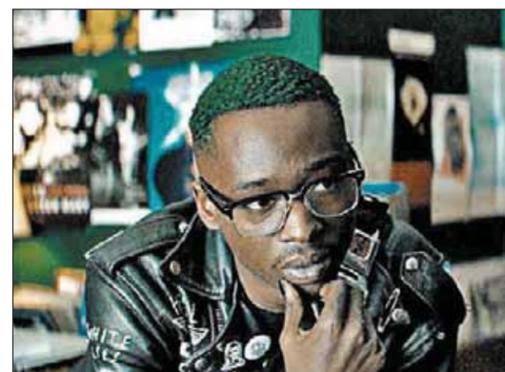
Modern-day Chicago's gonna need a Bigger Thomas

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS
 Chicago Tribune

"Native Son" undergoes reinvention and rediscovery just slightly more often than it gets mired in one adaptation or another. The movie versions of the groundbreaking, anguished granite load that is the Richard Wright novel have proved especially tricky.

Premiering on HBO on Saturday, the latest incarnation of "Native Son" hauls that granite load up a hill of the collaborators' creation. Casual viewers will likely struggle with it, or find it stodgy even with its radical time relocation. Others may appreciate the update's willingness to try new things, continually if not always excitingly, in the space of about 100 minutes. Either way, the key performance by Ashton Sanders, best known for "Moonlight," is the best thing about it; in his hands, Bigger Thomas becomes a person, not an archetype.

The first-time feature director Rashid Johnson,



MATTHEW LIBATIQUE/HBO

Bigger Thomas (Ashton Sanders) becomes a 21st century bike messenger in the HBO presentation of "Native Son."

who's foremost a visual artist, takes his cue from the script and locates Wright's 1940 novel in 2019 or thereabouts. (This version was filmed last year in Cleveland, mostly, with a few days in Chicago, and premiered in January at the Sundance Film Festival.)

Bigger Thomas, the ill-fated African American South Sider, now lives his short life in contemporary Chicago and environs. The

adaptation comes from the playwright and screenwriter Suzan-Lori Parks, whose work has ranged from exhilarating feasts of poetic language ("The America Play") to not-quite realism (the Pulitzer Prize-winning "Topdog/Underdog"). Her dialogue, punctuated by occasional voice-over narration, sounds natural one minute, stylized

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Maise Williams, left, and Sophie Turner play sisters Arya and Sansa Stark on "Game of Thrones."

Cast says goodbye to 'Game of Thrones'

The cast of "Game of Thrones" descended on Radio City Music Hall on Wednesday to bid farewell to the HBO hit show, which begins its eighth and final season April 14.

"It's very exciting because there's a whole new chapter of our lives we're embarking on, but it's also really sad because this other chapter is closing, and we won't be able to play these amazing characters anymore," said Sophie Turner, who plays Sansa Stark. "I've got my waterproof mascara on tonight because I know there'll be a lot of crying."

Based on the popular book series by George R.R. Martin, the show has had crazy twists, eye-popping turns and a measure of fearlessness, like killing off main characters.

Jason Momoa — whose character was killed in Season 1 — came back from the dead to attend Wednesday's event.

"It's the greatest show on Earth, and nine years ago I didn't think I'd be here right now. It's just beautiful to see my friends off, wish them luck and show the world that it's the greatest show," Momoa said.

Kristian Nairn, who portrays Hodor in the series, was the subject of a full-frontal nude scene that made him proud. "I'm not your average Hollywood actor, and to be able to take your clothes off onscreen, I think that just shows what 'Game of Thrones' is all about. It's inclusive," he said. "You don't have to look like a Hollywood A-lister to be in 'Game of Thrones.'"

"It doesn't follow the rules of storytelling," said Kristofer Hivju, who played Tormund Giantsbane. "It follows the rules of life and the rules of death. It's like a sports event. You don't know what's going to happen. Boom! Something happens. Boom! Always something."

— Associated Press



CHRIS PIZZELLO/INVISION

'Me' time: Britney Spears says she's decided to focus on self-care as she goes through a rough stretch. Spears posted an image on Instagram with the words, "Fall in love with taking care of yourself. Mind. Body. Spirit." In the caption she wrote that everyone needs "a little 'me time,'" followed by a smile emoji. In January, Spears announced that she was putting her career on hold for the sake of her father, who has been ill.

Cardi cleans up: Cardi B is the leading contender at the 2019 Billboard Music Awards with 21 nominations. The 26-year-old rapper is up for honors including top artist, top female artist and top Billboard 200 album for her Grammy-winning release, "Invasion of Privacy." Drake and Post Malone are close behind with 17 nominations each. They will compete for the show's biggest prize — top artist — along with Cardi B, Ariana Grande and Travis Scott, who scored 12 nominations. Kelly Clarkson will host the awards, airing May 1 on NBC.

For sale: The former wife of Guns N' Roses guitarist Slash is selling off exotic and erotic items from their 14 years of marriage. Julien's Auctions announced the collection from Slash and Perla Hudson's Beverly Hills estate will be part of next month's Music Icons auction, May 17-18. The items feature Slash's signature clothing, wedding items including their cake topper, and leather spanking bench.

April 5 birthdays: Filmmaker Roger Corman is 93. Singer Agnetha Faltskog is 69. Rapper-producer Pharrell Williams is 46. Actor Sterling K. Brown is 43.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Nana worries about grandchild's diet

Dear Amy: I have a 6-year-old granddaughter. She is pretty, kind, smart, helpful and active with many friends. She has always been a picky eater. She eats very little protein, hardly any vegetables, some fruit, nuts and peanut butter, but she does consume dairy and lots of salty snacks, breads, sweets, "health" bars, etc.

Her parents have tried to get her to eat more nutritious foods, but they give in with the sweet and salty items because they want her to eat something. She is noticeably heavier than others her age.

I've made a few light suggestions, but I'm no expert. I don't want to make them feel they're bad parents. I don't know if they've consulted their pediatrician. I worry about obesity, diabetes, kids making fun of her and other results of being overweight.

Do you have any suggestions? Can you give me the words for talking to the parents, and offer some helpful advice?

— Nana

Dear Nana: Your granddaughter is at the perfect age to learn about healthy nutrition, which can be as simple as playing a game in the supermarket, learning to read labels and choosing "whole" foods over processed foods. You can do this with her. Tell her to find some of her favorite foods and see if you can replace some of the processed foods with an equivalent product that has fewer ingredients. Don't force her to eat meat (dairy, nuts, eggs and veggies provide protein). The best way for chil-

dren to learn about nutrition is to cook! Grandchildren have been cooking with their "nanas" since the dawn of time. "Cooking" can be cutting up fruits and veggies and arranging them into a fun-looking salad. It can be measuring the correct proportions of rice to water for the rice cooker, making healthy smoothies or stirring easy-to-make caramel sauce to dip apple slices into. She can make her own "health" bars.

You should not tell your granddaughter that she is fat, or will be fat, or that she is "chunky," "husky," "big-boned" or any iteration of this. You should not comment on the size or shape of her body. You should focus only on positive choices and choose activities — both in and out of the kitchen — that help her to feel awesome, strong and in control.

Let your granddaughter take some of these healthy lessons back to her parents. There are dozens of fun cookbooks geared toward kids. My pal Mollie Katzen has written several. Her most recent is: "Salad People and More Real Recipes: A New Cookbook for Preschoolers & Up" (2005, Tricycle Press).

Dear Amy: Recently a friend confided that she has been having a years-long affair with a member of our close-knit community. No one else knows, except me, but a few people have had suspicions.

In order to give herself and her lover space, she separated from her husband of 20-plus years for a few months. While the guy did not respond the way she had hoped (and that

relationship seems to have ended), her husband had a brief "fling" — also with someone well-known to all involved. Unfortunately, due to the small community and the vagaries of social media, everyone knows about this affair.

My friend is using his infidelity to make him miserable. He wants to put all of this behind them, continue counseling and move forward together. She is extracting every last pound of flesh she can.

I am sworn to secrecy about her far-worse indiscretion but having a hard time being around either one of them. Help!

— Sleepless in Chicago

Dear Sleepless: Your friend's lack of integrity is a friendship-ender. Your choice to keep her secrets has put you in a position to judge her behavior.

She tells you everything. So you should tell her everything: "I don't like being in this position. I've lost respect for you. I hope you work everything out, but please leave me out of it."

Dear Amy: The recent letter from "LJ" blew my mind! I had never heard of "catfishing" before. Do people really do this?

— Ignorant

Dear Ignorant: "Catfishing" is when people use the internet to create false identities in order to ensnare others. It is basically an emotional scam. Yes, people really do this.

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'SHAZAM!' ★★ 1/2

Lightning strikes and hits the heart

By MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Chicago Tribune

"Shazam!" isn't bad, which by recent DC Comics movie standards ("Wonder Woman" excepted) means it's practically a masterpiece. To paraphrase Jack Lipnik, the studio head in "Barton Fink": It has heart. And we need more of that in motion pictures.

Based on the billion-dollar success of "Aquaman," audiences are relieved to get away from Batman, Superman and their little Justice League treehouse boys' club for a while, concentrating instead on a single, slightly off-center origin story at a time. I got more out of "Shazam!" than I did from "Aquaman"; even with the usual DC doses of misjudged violence, the heart and the gags keep it rolling, as opposed to steam-rolling.

Director David F. Sandberg delivers the origin story



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Zachary Levi, center, plays the superhero alter ego of foster child Billy Batson (Asher Angel) in director David F. Sandberg's "Shazam!"

how foster kid Billy Batson (a winning Asher Angel, who somehow survived the Disney Channel factory without turning into an overacting maniac) discovers his true family and inner superhero. As Billy's magical alter ego, Zachary Levi makes for a zippy, broadly comic man in lightning bolt

tights. He's both rock-solid and eternally jumpy, an adolescent goofball through and through — Deadpool's better-behaved younger brother. In close-up, Levi resembles a Men's Health version of Jimmy Fallon, both self-amused and amusing. The TV universe is ever-present in

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"Shazam!" since Mark Strong's antagonist, Dr. Sivana, looks oddly like Matt Lauer.

Sivana's wrecking crew consists of the Seven Deadly Sins in drooling, gray-schmutz monster form. They crave what Billy has been granted by the Wizard (Djimon Hounsou): extra-special powers of strength, speed, flight and high voltage. Primarily, in its everyday earthing scenes, "Shazam!" deals with Billy's search for his birth mother, from whom he was separated at a carnival as a young boy. This movie features two wrenching parent/child separations in its first 10 minutes, which means it's

twice the pathos machine than the new "Dumbo."

The movie piles it on, clumsily, for a while. Then screenwriter Henry Gayden settles into the everyday travails. Billy is placed in a spacious Philadelphia foster family group home. Cooper Andrews and Marta Milans exude easy-going warmth as Victor and Rosa Vasquez, Billy's guardians. The kids there are a stimulating bunch, led by wisecracking motormouth Freddy (Jack Dylan Grazer, bound to be an audience favorite). Eventually the kids shazam their way into spiffy alter-egos, just in time to save the movie from its own protracted action climax.

Judging from "Shazam!" and all movies, really, carnival midways are only good for wrenching parent/child separations and disastrous mayhem. The best of the movie lies in its hangout factor, when Levi and

Grazer are discovering what Billy can do with electricity, or when the young actors playing Billy's stepsiblings — Grace Fulton, Ian Chen, Jovan Armand and Faithe Herman — get a chance to establish a rapport. Director Sandberg came up through the realm of horror, and a lot of his scare instincts don't serve this narrative other than to lean, hard, into Greed, Sloth, etc. getting handsy with everybody, over and over. At this point in our movie generation of super-heroes, it's hard to care much about Rocks of Destiny and glowing orbs of eternal powers.

"Shazam!" manages at least to get both versions of Billy right. And then throw in the other stuff.

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'PET SEMATARY' ★★

Let sleeping dogs (and cats) lie

By KATIE WALSH
Tribune News Service

It's pretty ironic for a remake of an '80s horror classic to choose the tagline "sometimes dead is better," especially when "Pet Sematary" itself is a cautionary tale about the dangers of reviving the things you love. The story, and the tagline, practically beg one to apply the meta logic to the film itself. And just like the reanimated kitties, this remake of Mary Lambert's truly chilling 1989 adaptation of Steven King's novel just isn't the same after being dragged out of the grave.

Kevin Kolsch and Dennis Widmyer direct a script by Matt Greenberg and Jeff Buhler that hews closely to

the original until it diverges wildly, making a few choices that vastly change the tone and story. The film follows a young family who move to a new home outside of the city for a quieter life. That quiet life is never achieved, thanks to a backyard full of pet corpses and a meddling neighbor who shows them they never really have to say goodbye to the ones they love.

Lambert's film, adapted for the screen by King himself, is a weird, moving, weirdly moving rumination on the ways in which repressed trauma and grief can become so intense it mutates monstrously. The remake is more concerned with existential questions about the afterlife and whether or not it exists. It

pulls the thread on the question of who bears the responsibility for the deaths of loved ones, and it purports to explore how that guilt can corrupt the human psyche. Lambert and King's film is more purely emotional, where Kolsch and Widmyer's is analytical. And for that, it suffers.

However, where it excels is in casting — Jason Clarke, he of the wounded eyes and the Sad Dad energy, is the exact right actor for the role of Louis "Doc" Creed, a smart, steady doctor who slowly becomes unhinged as he suffers loss after loss. Filmmaker and actress Amy Seimetz brings a mental vulnerability to Louis' wife, Rachel, tormented by her memories of the gruesome death of her sister in



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Jete Laurence plays Ellie in the remake of "Pet Sematary."

childhood. Young Jete Laurence is a perfect creepy kid as their daughter Ellie, and it's eerie how much the twins cast as young baby Gage bear such a strong resemblance to the unforgettable Miko Hughes.

"Pet Sematary" finesses some of the bumpy narra-

tive moments from the original, but where it forges its own path is in rewriting Ellie's story. This is initially intriguing, but it ultimately reveals itself to be the less original choice, relying on horror archetypes and tropes we've seen before. It's just the same-old routine, but rendered without

MPAA rating: R (for horror violence, bloody images and some language)

Running time: 1:41

any actual scares or even a scrap of suspense. It inspires laughter instead of screams, which is disappointing when the original film remains so surprising, spooky and strange 30 years later.

In its attempt to breathe new life into the iconic title while respectfully paying homage to its legacy, the new iteration of "Pet Sematary" overpromises and underdelivers. For all its concern about the afterlife and what it might be like, the film teases something truly terrifying without ever offering a glimpse. This "Pet Sematary" is all bark and no bite.

IN PERFORMANCE 'Cruel Intentions: The 90s Musical' ★★

Going back to a time not very long ago

Musical adaptation of '90s movie also a deft parody of it

BY CHRIS JONES
Chicago Tribune

Weary of these moralistic times? Nostalgic for an emo-loving, pre-social-media-outrage era of acceptable decadence, amoral cinematic narratives and fanciful sensual depravity?

Say, the 1990s? If your answer is in the affirmative — at least for one retro and escapist night out, ideally with co-survivors — then “Cruel Intentions: The 90s Musical” is here to serve your needs.

Only to remind you of all your past mistakes in judgment.

This new comedic attraction at the Broadway Play-

house for the next two weeks has Los Angeles origins and a savvy new producer in Eva Price. It now lands somewhere between a parody of the 1999 Reese Witherspoon, Ryan Phillippe and Sarah Michelle Gellar movie and a jukebox adaptation of same.

A cast of 10 young persons perform much of the script of the awful movie (an update of the novel “Les Liaisons dangereuses”), all about a mercurial pair of sexual and emotional manipulators doing their things at a posh high school, only to eventually get hung on their own petards.

As the uniform-clad cast members recite the excruciating scenes of seduction and whatnot, they insert various anthems of that lost decade, as originally recorded by the likes of Jewel, Goo

Dolls, R.E.M., The Verve, Counting Crows and — wait for it — NSYNC. We're talking ditties such as “Every You, Every Me,” with such immortal lyrics as “Sucker love is heaven-sent / You pucker up our passion's spent.”

Or “Kiss Me” (“beneath the milky twilight”). Or “Bye Bye Bye” (“it might sound crazy, but it ain't no lie”). Or Deep Blue Something's poetic cri de coeur, “Breakfast at Tiffany's” (“it's plain to see we're over, and I hate when things are over”).

You get the idea. You may recall the movie as having a couple of songs; the show keeps 'em and adds a bunch more.

There is only one important question with shows like this — is it funny? And the answer is yes, surprisingly so. Great waves of



JENNY ANDERSON PHOTO/HANDOUT
Taylor Pearlstein sings a song during “Cruel Intentions: The 90s Musical,” now playing at the Broadway Playhouse.

laughter engulfed the audience Wednesday night. The core demographic, which would be women who were between about 12 and 24 in 1999, were having a blast — demonstrably.

With truly bravura vocals, this thing could really

hit, although there is something sweet about this earnest young cast taking all this nonsense just seriously enough and clearly having a blast.

And I thought the show was deftly toned — decadent enough to feel that

When: Through April 15

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way but sufficiently wry and smart enough not to be offensive. It helps that all the female characters in the show outwit the far dumber men, who are mostly there to look good and entertain for their suppers.

So no cruel intentions, really, just a fun parody of a long-gone era, resurrected for just long enough.

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Chi

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production house (at Cine-space in North Lawndale), we want to be close to that! And I'm like, 'No, we're going to take the trek to the South Side.' ”

And indeed, this year the show seems to go out of its way in the season premiere to spotlight South Side locations. (My colleague Will Lee and I will again be writing about each episode weekly and posting those recaps online every Sunday night.)

As new showrunner, Davis said there was a “very concerted effort to shoot on the South Side. We couldn't always do it just because of budget or logistics. But we wanted to hit certain landmarks and we really embraced the South Side. Two of our directors are from the South Side, Salli Richardson-Whitfield and Carl Seaton (whose credits also include ‘Chicago P.D.’). Carl and I actually went to Columbia together.”

Davis said she recruited from her alma mater, as well. “I called Columbia and said, ‘Send me all of your interns, graduates, whatever,’ so we had about eight Columbia College grads working on the show in the production office and on set.

“I just wanted to fill the show with that kind of flavor, because I do think it creeps into the creative process.” (The writers room however was based in LA, which is standard for most television shows.)

Though Davis has a co-writing credit on an episode in the first season, her initial involvement was limited. “I was part of the show very early on ... so I kind of knew how it was being built, but I had not been there the whole way through. When it got picked up, I was off doing other stuff. And then I got the call for Season 2.”

That meant rewatching the first season several times over to familiarize herself with it. “I was really trying to dig in, for me, what is this show really about? And what is the best version of this show? Because there's no engine — it's not a legal show, it's not a medical show, you don't have a case of the week. It's a huge challenge and excruciatingly hard. It's a slice-of-life about people on the South Side of Chicago and coming in as a new showrunner, I wanted to put my fingerprints on it and leave some DNA on it.”

So what's ahead for Season 2? A focus on the four stages of black manhood — from young Kevin, to teenage Emmett, to young adult Brandon, to adult Ronnie — and what role fatherhood plays in that.

“If we're really going to deep dive and get at what the heart of what the show is about,” Davis said, “we have to on some level address fatherhood, which is a major theme this season.”

None of the aforementioned characters had a biological father in their life last year.

“That's always the question,” Davis said. “When a



PARRISH LEWIS/SHOWTIME
Shamon Brown Jr., left, and Alex R. Hibbert in a scene from the second season of “The Chi.”

father is absent, how does one create a father figure? Because you can find father figures in other places. What happens when there's an absence and you go looking? How does that hole get filled? It doesn't always get filled in the most positive way. I mean, it can get filled by joining a gang. Or it can be filled by a teacher. There are good and bad ways to fill that void.”

For preteen Kevin, this season is also about coming to grips with some of the violence he committed and witnessed. That's something the show, for whatever reason, avoided last year and it's smart for Davis to circle back.

“One thing about Kevin that I felt so strongly about, I really wanted to explore this idea of black boy fragility,” she said. “Tahir Rice and other boys like that come to mind. I really wanted to deal with the trauma that I felt Kevin had been through in Season 1. Little black boys aren't made of Teflon. They're kids. They're children. And no child should shoot someone and move about like nothing happened — nor see someone shot and move about like nothing happened. So I wanted to take a pause and really deal with, what is going on in his little brain? And what goes on with little boys who are living in a certain environment? What goes on in their head? What are their hopes? Do they have fears?”

This year we also see more of Emmett's stop-start process of growing into a responsible adult with young children he's responsible for. It's one of the more delightfully knuckleheaded elements

of the new season as he reunites with his long-estranged father, who is now a very involved parent with his his new family. Some of the show's best moments of absurdist humor come from Emmett's storylines.

“Emmett's a bit of a screw-up and I kind of wanted to see why that is,” Davis said. “So I was like, let's follow the breadcrumbs and introduce Emmett's father — whose life looks exactly like Emmett's life is going to look soon but he's figured it out — maybe late! — but he's figured it out, or so we think. Sometimes men, you know, that's what happens: They kind of muck it up with the first kid, and then they remarry and they get it right with their new family. And that's growth, you can't penalize people for that — but I also wanted to see the consequences of that, when he wants to tell his son, ‘Father knows best,’ and Emmett is looking at him incredulously like, ‘No, you don't get to tell me that.’ It's also going to be a fun relationship and one where you root for them, because Emmett is really looking at himself in about 15 years.”

As for Ronnie, who is in jail awaiting his sentence

for the shooting death of Coogie: “His arc this season is redemption. That was a theme we attached to him. In a weird way I feel like Ronnie was a father to the neighborhood, so I wanted to see him kind of reclaim his hero status.”

This season also includes a humorous conversation between Brandon and Emmett about the difference between gym shoes (athletic shoes of any type) versus sneakers (limited editions and collectible).

“That was funny, I'm from Ohio so that's actually a conversation not just in Chicago but in the Midwest period,” Davis said. “Just like Midwest people say pop and other people say soda — I don't know how that came up but it ended up being an argument in the writers room! I've lived in California for 20 years and people always say, ‘What's pop?’

“So little stuff like that, that's why it helps to have people in Chicago in the room and those little nuances you can add to the show.”

“The Chi” airs at 9 p.m. Sundays on Showtime.

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the next. “Politics just ain't my thing,” Bigger says at one point. Elsewhere, urged by a friend into a robbery, he answers: “Sorry, I'm not interested in being part of some least-common-denominator stereotypical Negro s---.”

Novelist Wright wasn't interested in that, either, though many (including James Baldwin, who was once Parks' teacher) considered “Native Son” an inadvertent example of that very thing, despite its grim force. Bigger's a bike messenger in this new version, living with his siblings and his mother (Sanaa Lathan), avoiding the potholes of temptation and prejudice everywhere. The early close-up of Bigger's pistol laying atop a copy of the Ralph Ellison book “Invisible Man” portends what's to come.

Misery arrives disguised as opportunity. In this “Native Son,” as in the novel, Bigger goes to work as a driver for a wealthy man (Bill Camp) and his blind wife (Elizabeth Marvel). Their brazen, blissfully insulated daughter (Margaret Qualley, creating a character both funny and compellingly strange) flirts with radical leftist politics left over from Wright's novel. One significant change among many: Bigger and his girlfriend, Bessie (DePaul graduate KiKi Layne, lately of “If Beale Street Could Talk”), become friendly with Mary and her boyfriend, Jan (Nick Robinson), picnicking down at the lake, dropping in on a party at a Gold

Coast mansion.

Inevitably, we arrive at the accidental murder that sets up Bigger's smaller and smaller world. This is where the new “Native Son” stumbles, I think, and never fully regains its modern footing. Director Johnson hasn't found a way to make this key scene plausible, and while individual compositions are intriguing (one shot is dominated by one of Johnson's own paintings), Bigger's travails drift into a languid meditation on the novel's themes. Parks' writing would've responded very differently, I suspect, to a director like Boots Riley (“Sorry to Bother You”), able to turn the words into action.

Where you land on “Native Son” likely depends on whether you think this is exactly the right time to push Wright's story into the violence of the present, or whether the story's better off staying put in the violence of the past. The best of this half-and-half experiment, half success *d'estime*, half honorable disappointment, focuses on the one-to-one interactions between some very good actors. Shrewdly, screenwriter Parks finds an entirely new way to resolve the relationship between Bigger and Bessie, in a culminating scene set in a concrete warehouse. You feel something for these two here, even if the world around them doesn't.

“Native Son” premieres on HBO Go and HBO Now 9 p.m. Saturday.

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'Star Wars' ruled, but 'Between the Lines' a film gem from '77



MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Between the Lines

Returning this week to the Gene Siskel Film Center, in a digital restoration just sharp enough not to serrate the edges of a determinedly mellow picture, director Joan Micklin Silver's 1977 film "Between the Lines" has made no one's list of profoundly influential newspaper movies.

Until now.

From personal experience, I can tell you: It certainly was influential for me, no less so than "All the President's Men" the year before. It filled my head with dreams of working at an alternative weekly, which I did a few years later thanks to the Twin Cities-based City Pages. The movie made messy romance, low-paying work and hanging out in your 20s, wondering where the idealism went, look like the only way to go.

There's hardly any plot, and it's minor, I suppose. But I still love it.

It's interestingly conflicted about its characters. The writers and editors in "Between the Lines" are competitive, insecure weasels with occasional redeeming qualities, excellent hair being among them. The women are better, warmer friends with each other, though they live uneasily in the shadow of their own uncertain relationships with the men in the office.

It introduced movie audiences to a wonderful cast of relative newcomers, including Lindsay Crouse, John Heard, Jill Eikenberry, Bruno Kirby, Stephen Collins, Lane Smith and, as the stoner music columnist, Jeff Goldblum.

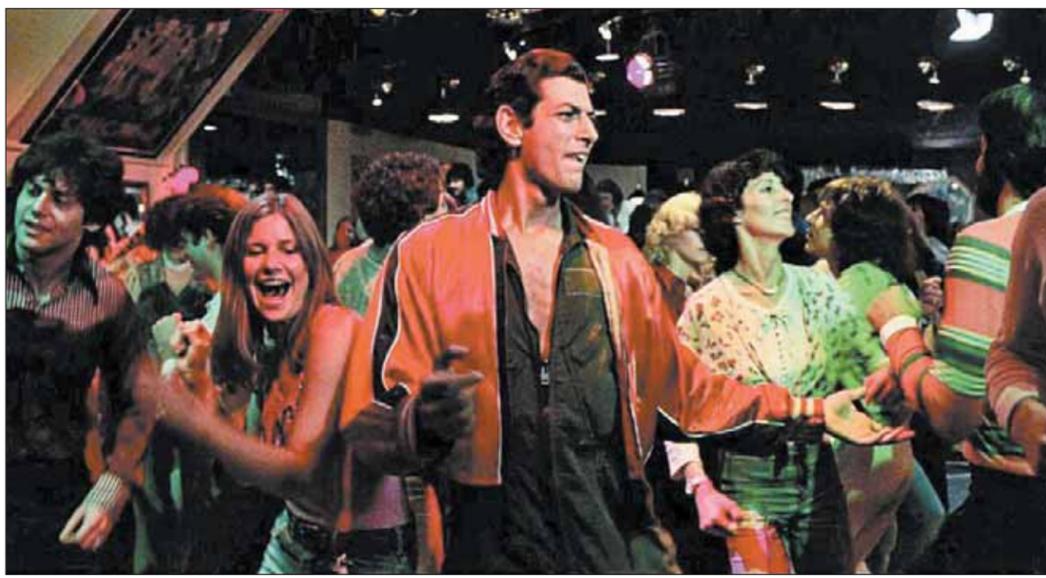
He remembers the experience of making it well.

"Well, jeez, oh man!" Goldblum says, brightly. And a funny thing: He sounds just like Jeff Goldblum when he says that.

We're speaking by phone. Goldblum's 3 1/2-year-old son, Charlie Ocean Goldblum, has just gotten out of day camp and can be heard in the background, kibbitzing.

Goldblum made "Between the Lines" 43 years ago, when he was 23. It was his first big part in the movies.

"So we made that in 1976," he said. "I'd been working for a few years — I did 'Death Wish' (as a rapist) in '73, and then 'California Split' and 'Nashville'



Jeff Goldblum, center, plays a freelancing music columnist for a Boston alternative weekly in the 1977 film "Between the Lines," directed by Joan Micklin Silver. It's back in a 2k digital restoration at the Gene Siskel Film Center.

for Robert Altman. Then (there was) 'Next Stop, Greenwich Village' with Paul Mazursky, 'The Sentinel' (and) a couple of other things.

"And then (came) 'Between the Lines,' with that lovely ensemble and Joan Micklin Silver, who'd just made her debut with 'Hester Street.' I auditioned for Joan and her great husband, Ray, who produced the movie. Their daughters were around the set too, I remember."

Seeing it today, "Between the Lines" is enough to flatten a journalist of a certain age with bitter-sweet nostalgia. The weaker, broader comic aspects of Fred Barron's screenplay (he wrote for both the Real Paper and the Boston Phoenix in the '70s) include the merciless depiction of the weekly's uptight, priggish advertising manager, played by Lewis J. Stadlen, subject of some unconscionable bullying by the editorial staff.

But a lot of the throwaway lines and casual interactions among the staff, at work or in bed, feel authentic and true to the period. Silver makes the very most of everything.

The shot I always remembered from my first encounter with "Between the Lines," at 16, was of the easily threatened staff writer, played by Heard, on assignment in a strip club with his sometime photographer lover, played by Crouse. He's watching the stripper he's about to interview; she's played by Mari-lu Henner, in her first movie role. Crouse watches him looking at her. The women may be sidelined by the men in the script, but Silver made sure they weren't marginalized on screen.

Along with Henner, three other "Between the



John Heard and Lindsay Crouse starred as a journalist and a photographer in "Between the Lines," a 1977 release. The digitally restored film is now at the Gene Siskel Film Center.

Lines" cast members made their big-screen debuts: Heard, Eikenberry and Joe Morton.

Many have died, beginning with Gwen Welles in 1993. Most recently: Heard, in 2017. In between, Smith (as the coldhearted, Michael Lacey-esque publisher buying the fictional Back Bay Mainline) died in 2005 and Kirby, a good friend of Goldblum's, did so the next year.

"He was 57," Goldblum says, his voice lowering a bit. "God, he was such a wonderful friend. We had a lot of laughs."

"I remember we saw a pay-per-view screening of the George Foreman/Muhammad Ali fight here in Hollywood. We were both wild fans of Ali. We were just floating afterwards."

The movie was filmed on location around Boston and in New York City.

"I remember Bruno saying, 'They have a store here that sells frozen yogurt. You've never heard of such a thing! They freeze it! And, you know, it was great!'" Goldblum says. "And it caught on."

Something big happened that movie year, 1977. "Between the Lines," made for \$830,000, opened in major cities just before "Star Wars" turned everybody into arcade-game, repeat-viewing, eternal-childhood addicts. Silver's film actually ended up back in theaters later that summer, after some of the would-be hits had already come and gone.

But "Star Wars," so aggressively pitched to simple fantasy wedded to sophisticated visual technology, made a casually adult, plot-averse project such as "Between the Lines" feel like a galaxy far, far away.

Earlier this year, the UCLA Film & Television Archive presented a '70s retrospective titled "Liberating Hollywood," featuring 15 films directed by eight women, all from that decade. That group comprises half of the 16 women allowed to direct Hollywood features in the '70s. "Between the Lines" was one of the films presented.

It's aging well, I think. I was 22 when I reviewed my first film for the alt-weekly City Pages, "The Big Chill," a far slicker and more suc-

cessful look at the aging counterculture movement. Goldblum stole that picture too as a People magazine journalist — the epitome of everything "Between the Lines" disdained.

Screenwriter Barron took a lot of heat from his former Boston colleagues for his script's jaundiced depiction of fading idealists, some on the way up, some on the way down, but all of them, in the end, "just passing through," as one character says.

As a time capsule of a specific moment in the alternative weekly lifespan, as a showcase of ripely promising talent, as a reminder of how good Silver's touch really was, it's good to have a fresh copy of "Between the Lines" back in circulation.

3 p.m. Saturday, 8 p.m. Monday and 6 p.m. Wednesday, Gene Siskel Film Center, 164 N. State St.; siskelfilmcenter.org.

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Enemies

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range of opinions and community members chosen to vote for or against resolutions.

Here's where the "made-to-be-a-movie" part comes in. Riddick solicited two radically opposed Durham leaders to co-chair the summit. One was Atwater, very big in the black neighborhood development movement and a string of boycotts and protests. The other was C.P. Ellis, president of the Durham chapter of United Klans of America and a card-carrying KKK member, just like his daddy.

Over the 10 days, the die-hard white supremacist and the die-hard integrationist found a precious commodity: common ground. On the final day of the charrette, Ellis astonished many, including himself, and voted his newfound convictions.

First-time feature filmmaker Robin Bissell, a producer by trade, wrote the script, which was "inspired by" the nonfiction account written by Osha Gray Davidson.

The movie streamlines the narrative, cuts corners and has its share of routine, on-the-nose confrontations. But it does this too: It sees this time and these people as reasonably complex individuals, all along the spectrum of extreme left and extreme right.

Rockwell's Ellis enjoys the narrative advantage of the story's most notable character arc. The movie version of Ellis, pumping gas (he was actually a Duke University maintenance worker at the time of the charrette), rolling around town like a baby Huey Long, works as a characterization because Rockwell does all this with unexpected subtlety.

Henson seizes on every opportunity to boss her scenes, but there are also moments when she gives a look or a line reading exactly as much as is needed, as opposed to slightly more than that. I like this movie, especially now, because it puts a premium on finding compromise and resolution the hard way: by getting to know your ideological adversary, and then doing something about what needs doing. Bissell has a few things to learn, both as a writer and a director, but already he has a knack for drawing honest performances from excellent actors. And that's a fine place to start a directing career.

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'ASH IS THE PUREST WHITE' ★★★★★

When an underworld couple run afoul of a nation's progress

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Chicago Tribune

The exquisite "Ash Is Purest White" owes some of its richness to the movies, particularly crime and gangster movies in various languages. The rest of it comes from the poetic eye of writer-director Jia Zhangke, who shows us what he feels about the real world as represented by contemporary China — its telling details, creased faces and panoramic visions of progress bulldozing its way into the future, at a great many people's expense.

This is one of Zhangke's peak achievements: pure cinema, and a story of the underworld unlike anything you've seen before.

For much of his career, Zhangke has collaborated with the actress (and, since 2012, the director's wife) Zhao Tao. "Ash Is Purest White" hands Tao one of the very best screen opportunities. As Qiao, the clear-eyed lover of a provincial gangster played to steely perfection by Liao Fan, she makes the simple act of listening — to heart-breaking news, or to her most con-



Zhao Tao stars as a provincial underworld figure who goes to prison for her gangster lover in "Ash Is Purest White."

flicted inner thoughts — a riveting series of micro-revelations.

Set between 2001 and 2018, Zhangke's drama takes its narrative lead from Qiao, surrounded by various unreliable, unscrupulous men. The early scenes are marvels of concentrated atmosphere. Qiao and her man live large in Datong,

near Mongolian. The local coal industry's on the ropes, but in their cafe, where men smoke and smack their mahjong tiles, Qiao's lover, Bin, comports himself as an honorable big shot, settling a dispute between two men over money the *jiang hu* way. Meaning: There's a code of behavior and ethics to be followed.

But Bin has enemies. "Ash Is Purest White" caps its first third with remarkably efficient staging and some sharply plotted violence. Here's where it starts sounding like a '40s Hollywood gangster movie: After a rival gang attacks Bin, Qiao takes the fall; a few warning shots from an illegally owned firearm, and

No MPAA rating
(violence)

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suddenly she's in the slammer, lying to save her man from a long prison sentence.

Five years later, she's out of prison and goes searching for Bin, who has been mysteriously silent during that time. What she finds, and where Zhangke takes the story from there to the present day, becomes a plaintive rumination on time and the human heart's often misleading sense of direction.

The ferry ride Qiao takes down the Yangtze, after she's released from prison, takes place around the time the Three Gorges Dam was being built and changing the landscape forever. The filmmaker made an entire (and truly special) film, "Still Life," about that same region. "Ash Is Purest White" concerns more than Qiao's story, but the character — as played by Tao — is so quietly spellbinding, the movie doesn't need much else.

On "Ash Is Purest White"

Zhangke worked with cinematographer Eric Gautier using a variety of formats, ranging from lo-fi video to 16- and 35-millimeter film and high-definition digital. Zhangke's previous film, "Mountains May Depart," was a three-part saga covering 26 years and taking wilder chronological leaps into the future. The design, execution and human element of "Ash Is Purest White" feels less showy and more, well, pure. The movie's often weirdly funny, too, as when Qiao, talking to a corporate factotum through a sliding glass door, stops the door from closing with her plastic water bottle.

Some films present a feast for the eye with great flourish and extravagance. This one is a different kind of feast. If there's a director alive whose compositions breathe more easily and move a story forward with a more stimulating variety of visual strategies, let me know.

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (April 5): Set off for the territory ahead this year. Your career grows with disciplined efforts. Reap unplanned bounty. Summer family fun inspires you to shift professional directions. Your career flowers next winter, motivating domestic re-organization. Widen your view, and expand your perspective.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. A new personal phase dawns with this new moon in your sign. Take charge. Take your talents, capacities and skills to new levels.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Insights, breakthroughs and revelations sparkle under this Aries new moon. Dreams seem within reach during a two-week philosophical, spiritual and mindful phase. Make long-term plans.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Take a group endeavor to new heights. Breakthroughs in friendship, social networks and community provide cause for celebration under the new moon.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Professional opportunities shine under this new moon. Accept new responsibilities as you prepare. Develop your project from idea to reality over the next few weeks.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Study with a master. Education, travel and exploration provide exciting discoveries over the next two weeks. Try new cultural views, ideas and flavors.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Find creative ways to grow your family's nest egg. A lucrative two-week phase dawns with this new moon. Launch a profitable initiative together.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. A partnership blossoms under this Aries new moon. Discover and create new collaborative possibilities. It could get romantic. Start a new chapter together.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Fresh new moon energy floods your work, health and vitality. Power into physical routines and practice your moves.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. This new moon sparks a family, fun and passion phase. A romantic relationship blossoms. Enjoy each other. It's all for love and love for all.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Wrap your love around home and family. A new two-week domestic phase arises with this new moon. Seeds planted long ago flower.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Breakthroughs arise in conversation under this new moon. Creative ventures flourish. Network and share opportunities, resources and possibilities. Profit through communications. Express your appreciation.

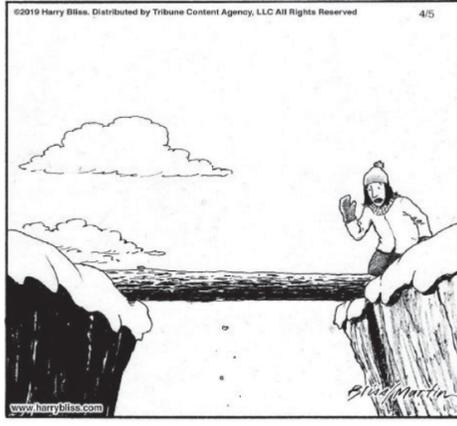
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Rake in a fat harvest under this new moon. Rising prosperity beckons. Begin a profitable two-week phase. Keep your promises and deadlines.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

Neither vulnerable, South deals

North
 ♠ AKJ86
 ♥ 942
 ♦ 10
 ♣ KJ96

West
 ♠ Q5
 ♥ AQ7
 ♦ K9875
 ♣ 542

East
 ♠ 10973
 ♥ 105
 ♦ J43
 ♣ Q1083

South
 ♠ 42
 ♥ KJ863
 ♦ AQ62
 ♣ A7

North-South in today's deal was a World Champion pair from Italy. They were having their way with the less experienced East-West pair until this deal, where the defense came up with a way to take four trump tricks to defeat the contract.

South went up with dummy's king on the opening club lead to play a diamond to his ace and then ruff a diamond in dummy. He crossed back to his hand with the ace of clubs and ruffed another diamond. South could have made his contract at this point by cashing the ace

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	4♥	All pass

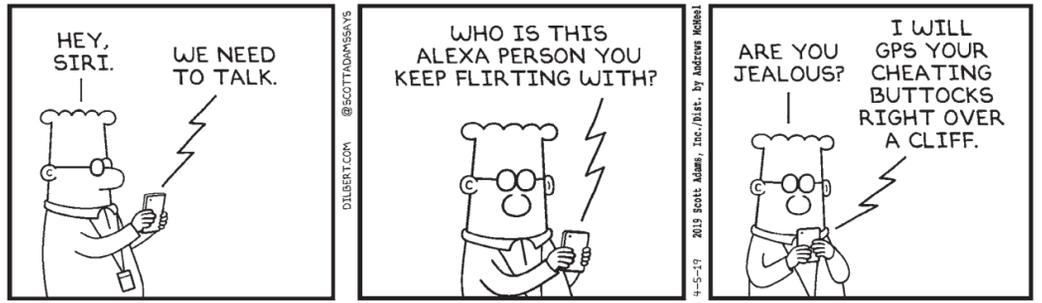
Opening lead: Two of ♣

and king of spades, then discarding his last diamond on the jack of spades after the queen falls.

When declarer cashed dummy's ace of spades, West casually followed suit with the queen! South had no reason to doubt the honesty of this card, so he led a club from dummy. East continued the defensive deception by playing his queen of clubs! South ruffed and led his last diamond, ruffing with dummy's nine of hearts. East overruffed with the 10 and led the 10 of clubs, shocking South and delighting West. South ruffed with the eight of hearts, but West discarded a spade rather than overruffing. Declarer led the king of hearts, losing to West's ace. West got out with a diamond and claimed two more tricks with the queen-seven of hearts sitting over declarer's jack-six. Take that, champs!

— Bob Jones
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Dilbert By Scott Adams



Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



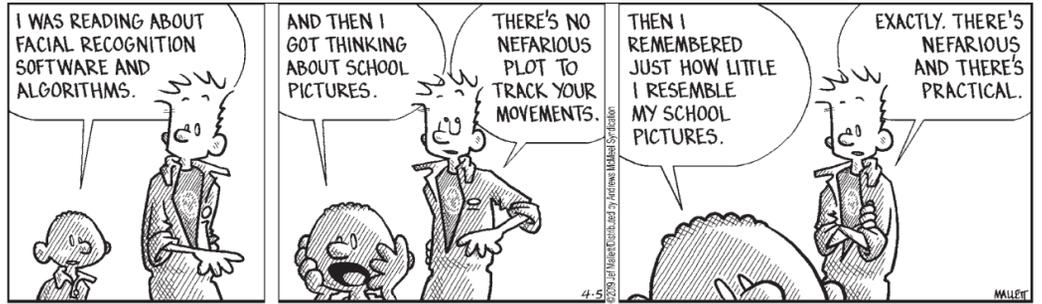
Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



Mr. Boffo By Joe Martin



Frazz By Jef Mallett



Classic Peanuts By Charles Schulz



Pickles By Brian Crane



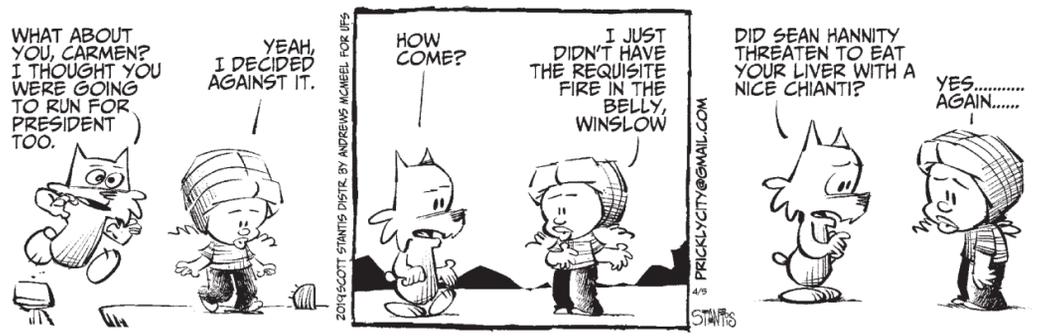
Dick Tracy By Joe Staton and Mike Curtis



Animal Crackers By Mike Osburn



Prickly City By Scott Stantis



CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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FRIDAY, APRIL 5 NORMAL HIGH: 55° NORMAL LOW: 35° RECORD HIGH: 85° (1988) RECORD LOW: 18° (1995)

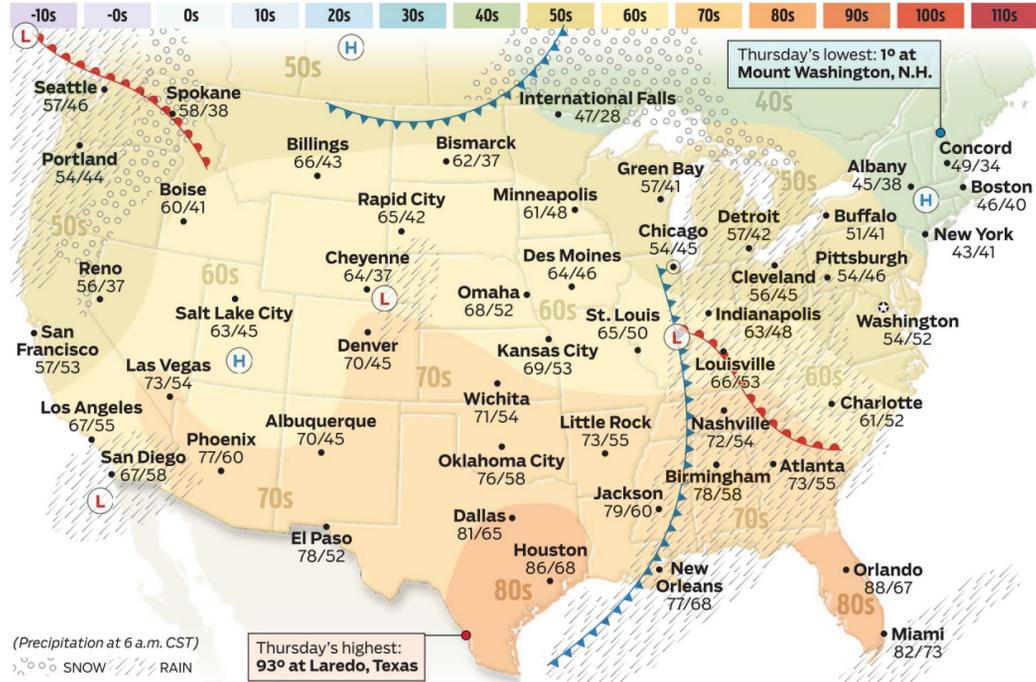
A warming trend with temps cooler near lake

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 54 **LOW** 45

- Low pressure moves off to the east and weak high pressure follows.
- Overnight clouds persist with remnant light showers likely early in the morning.
- TWe could see a few breaks in the clouds in the afternoon, especially areas away from the lake.
- High temperatures will range from the upper 40s at the lakefront to upper 50s far west.
- Conditions improve overnight.
- Light easterly winds become light and variable late in the day.

NATIONAL FORECAST



As rain moves off to the east, clouds will persist over our area Friday with a few peeks of sun especially in locations well away from Lake Michigan during the afternoon. The sun will be out Saturday with temperatures warming well into the 60s except a southeasterly wind will keep readings closer to 50 degrees along the Illinois Lake Michigan shoreline.

Strengthening southerly winds will push warmer and more moist air into our area Sunday with showers and t-storms — high temps hovering around the 70 degree mark except again a little cooler along the lake front. The passage of a cold front Sunday night will mark the beginning of a slow cooling trend next week. The middle 60s on Monday may just be the warmest we will see for the coming work week with 40s projected the latter half of the week.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

HIGH 67 **LOW** 63

High pressure shifts east allowing high/mid-level clouds to increase. Mild except near the lake— highs near 65-70 away from the lake; 50s at the beaches. Increasing cloudiness with a chance of showers overnight.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

HIGH 71 **LOW** 55

SE/S winds increase to 20-30 mph as a storm system approaches. Mostly cloudy skies bring periodic showers/t-storms. Temps rise to the highest level in nearly 6 months — highs 70-75 except 50s right along the lakefront.

MONDAY, APRIL 8

HIGH 66 **LOW** 49

Low pressure departs the Great Lakes region leaving scattered clouds in its wake. Continued mild, though temps dip a bit. Highs mainly in the middle 60s. Winds diminish to light westerly.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

HIGH 60 **LOW** 38

High pressure builds north of Lake Superior, sending a cold front through the area. Winds turn NE 10-20 mph. Highs near 60 away from the lake with 40s at the beaches. Partly cloudy overnight.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

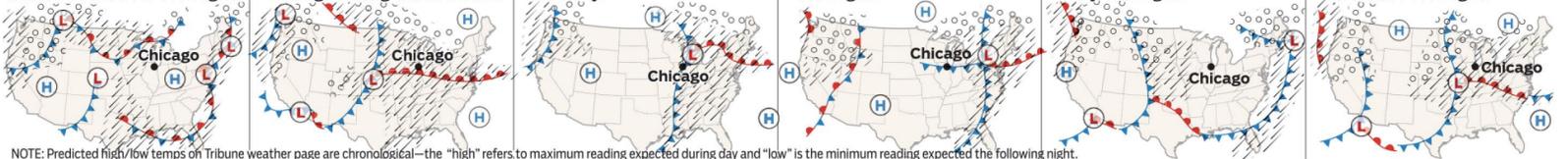
HIGH 49 **LOW** 40

Peeks of sun early, then clouds thicken and lower. Chilly E/SE winds develop with rain possible by afternoon. Highs in the 50s far south to 40s north and along the lakefront. Rain likely overnight.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

HIGH 48 **LOW** 34

Cloudy and cool with rain. Highs in the 40s. Colder overnight with rain possibly mixed with or changing over to wet snow. Southeast winds shift to the southwest and eventually to the northeast overnight.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
Chicago's temperatures rise quickly from March through April, but has April ever been colder than March?

Joanie Collar, Berwyn

Dear Joanie,
Chicago's average March temperature is 37.9 degrees and for April it is 48.9 degrees at O'Hare International Airport; at Midway Airport, 38.8 degrees and 50.4 degrees, respectively. March is colder than April in practically all years, but in two—years — 1907 and 2012 — in the city's official temperature records dating from 1871. April was actually chillier than March. In 1907, the average for March was 42.6 degrees (4.7 degrees above the long-term March average) and in April it was 39.8 degrees (9.1 degrees below the April average); April was 2.8 degrees colder per day, on average, than March. In 2012, the March average was 53.5 degrees, and 50.7 degrees in April.

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Hear Tom Skilling's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.



Warm-up this weekend! Forecast temps in the 70s Sunday

BALLGAME POSTPONED
Good call!—Conditions behind Thursday's postponed White Sox game
Northeast winds off cool
Lake Michigan and steady rain

FRIDAY'S IMPROVED WEATHER CONDITIONS
Light winds, warmer temps and peeks of sunshine
FRIDAY'S FORECAST
Temps warming to low 50s; upper 50s inland

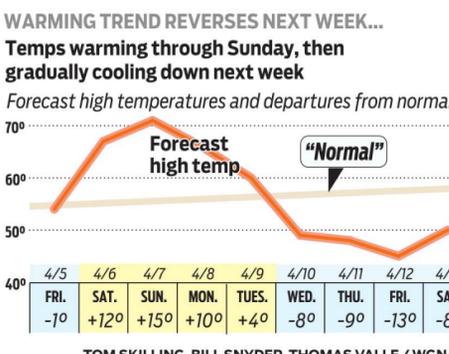
WARMEST WEEKEND IN 6 MONTHS
Predicted Chicago-O'Hare high temperatures

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
54°	67°	71°	68°	61°
48°	55°	Warmest of the coming 5 days!		



- NE winds 10-20 mph
- Overcast, hazy and foggy
- Steady rain
- Temps 41°-42°

- Light east winds 5 mph becoming variable
- Peeks of sun after morning clouds and drizzle



MIDWEST CITIES

FRI./SAT.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	sh	66	49	sh	72	57
Carbondale	sh	62	47	sh	69	54
Champaign	sh	63	48	sh	69	55
Decatur	sh	64	48	sh	72	55
Peoria	cl	49	34	sh	45	38
Quincy	cl	64	48	sh	72	56
Rockford	cl	61	43	sh	71	55
Springfield	sh	63	46	sh	71	55
Sterling	cl	62	43	sh	70	52
Indiana	sh	63	49	cl	69	55
Bloomington	sh	67	51	pc	71	57
Evansville	sh	59	44	cl	65	50
Fort Wayne	sh	63	48	cl	68	55
Madison	cl	60	41	sh	68	50
Lafayette	sh	61	45	cl	66	53
South Bend	cl	57	40	pc	66	49
Wisconsin	sh	63	49	cl	69	55
Green Bay	pc	57	41	sh	61	47
Kenosha	cl	55	42	sh	58	46
La Crosse	sh	60	46	sh	68	53
Madison	cl	60	41	sh	68	50
Milwaukee	sh	65	41	sh	69	46
Wausau	sh	53	39	sh	58	46
Michigan	sh	57	42	pc	60	42
Detroit	sh	57	42	pc	60	42
Grand Rapids	sh	57	39	pc	60	42
Marquette	cl	49	34	sh	45	38
St. Ste. Marie	sn	40	33	sh	48	37
Traverse City	sh	49	38	sh	59	46
Iowa	sh	64	45	sh	73	52
Ames	sh	64	45	sh	73	52
Cedar Rapids	sh	61	45	sh	70	52
Des Moines	pc	64	46	sh	73	53
Dubuque	sh	61	44	sh	69	53

OTHER U.S. CITIES

FRI./SAT.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Ablene	cl	82	57	pc	82	58
Albany	rn	45	38	sh	64	40
Albuquerque	pc	70	45	pc	65	43
Amarillo	pc	76	48	pc	65	43
Anchorage	pc	46	33	sh	49	33
Asheville	cl	62	48	pc	75	51
Aspen	pc	53	31	sh	47	28
Atlanta	sh	73	55	sh	76	62
Atlanta City	rn	49	47	sh	59	46
Austin	cl	82	67	ts	83	66
Baltimore	sh	51	50	pc	48	33
Billings	sh	66	43	sh	59	40
Birmingham	pc	78	58	ts	81	65
Bismarck	pc	62	37	sh	57	40
Boise	sh	60	41	pc	58	47
Boston	cl	46	40	pc	66	45
Brownsville	sh	83	72	pc	86	72
Buffalo	rn	51	41	pc	54	38
Burlington	cl	45	36	pc	56	37
Charlotte	cl	61	52	sh	77	56
Charlston SC	rn	69	60	sh	77	61
Charlston WV	sh	64	50	sh	72	51
Chattanooga	sh	73	53	pc	77	61
Cheyenne	pc	64	37	pc	60	37
Cincinnati	sh	63	47	pc	69	53
Cleveland	sh	56	45	pc	51	46
Colo. Spgs	pc	65	42	sh	63	39
Columbia MO	pc	65	49	sh	73	57
Columbia SC	rn	71	56	cl	78	59
Columbus	sh	58	45	pc	67	50
Duluth	sh	53	37	sh	40	36
Crps Christi	sh	78	69	pc	83	68
Dallas	pc	81	65	ts	77	64
Daytona Bch.	sh	84	63	cl	83	66
Denver	pc	70	45	sh	66	43
Des Moines	pc	68	52	sh	73	54
El Paso	pc	78	52	pc	73	54
Fairbanks	su	42	21	sh	43	24
Fargo	pc	48	36	sh	55	44
Flagstaff	pc	52	32	pc	56	29
Fort Myers	pc	86	68	sh	88	69
Fort Smith	pc	77	57	sh	68	61
Fresno	sh	67	49	sh	73	52
Grand Junc.	pc	68	45	sh	58	37
Great Falls	sh	58	40	sh	56	39
Harrisburg	sh	46	45	pc	67	47
Hartford	sh	46	38	sh	67	41
Helena	sh	56	36	pc	53	34
Honolulu	pc	84	66	pc	84	68
Houston	sh	86	68	sh	76	69
Int'l Falls	sh	47	28	sh	50	35
Jackson	pc	73	54	pc	77	57
Jacksonville	ts	82	67	cl	85	68
Janeau	sh	49	37	pc	53	36
Kansas City	pc	69	53	sh	67	50
Kiaomi	sh	82	73	pc	84	75
Las Vegas	cl	79	60	sh	81	67
Lexington	sh	65	52	pc	71	56
Lincoln	fg	70	52	ts	73	52
Little Rock	pc	73	55	ts	71	63
Los Angeles	cl	67	55	pc	70	56
Louisville	pc	66	53	sh	62	45
Macon	ts	77	58	ts	77	62
Memphis	cl	71	55	sh	78	65
Miami	sh	82	73	pc	84	75
Minneapolis	pc	61	48	pc	63	52
Mobile	ts	77	65	sh	79	67
Montgomery	sh	81	61	ts	81	64
Nashno	pc	72	54	sh	78	62
New Orleans	ts	79	68	sh	81	68
New York	rn	43	41	pc	66	48
Norfolk	rn	64	53	sh	67	53
Oklia. City	pc	76	58	sh	69	59
Omaha	fg	68	52	sh	73	54
Orlando	ts	88	67	ts	88	69
Palm Beach	ts	83	71	pc	84	73
Palm Springs	pc	78	57	pc	83	61
Philadelphia	rn	48	46	sh	68	50
Phoenix	pc	77	60	sh	80	60
Pittsburgh	sh	54	46	pc	67	47
Portland, ME	cl	41	36	pc	59	37
Portland, OR	rn	54	44	sh	56	48
Providence	sh	46	38	sh	66	42
Raleigh	rn	61	53	sh	74	56
Rapid City	cl	65	42	ts	65	43
Reno	sh	56	37	sh	69	44
Richmond	rn	59	52	pc	69	52
Rochester	rn	52	43	pc	57	37
Sacramento	rn	60	50	sh	65	52
Salerno, Ore.	rn	55	43	sh	66	52
Salt Lake City	cl	63	45	ts	55	42
San Antonio	sh	83	66	ts	86	66
San Diego	cl	67	58	sh	67	57
San Francisco	rn	57	53	sh	60	53
San Jose	pc	85	75	pc	85	74
San Juan	sh	63	38	pc	59	37
Savannah	ts	74	61	ts	77	62
Seattle	rn	57	46	sh	57	47
Shreveport	pc	78	62	ts	74	66
Sioux Falls	ts	65	51	sh	68	52
Spokane	sh	58	38	pc	56	44
St. Louis	sh	65	50	sh	72	58
Tucson	pc	73	53	pc	75	54
Tallahassee	ts	77	64	ts	83	63
Tampa	pc	85	68	cl	89	71
Topeka	pc	70	52	pc	72	55
Turkey	pc	73	53	pc	75	54
Tulsa	pc	75	55	pc	68	60
Washington	rn	54	52	pc	70	54
Wichita	pc	71	54	sh	65	55
Wilkes Barre	fg	60	41	sh	60	41
Yuma	pc	80	59	pc	83	67

WORLD CITIES

FRIDAY	FC	HI	LO	FRIDAY	FC	HI	LO
Acapulco	su	87	73	Kingston	sh	85	77
Algiers	pc	67	50	Lima	pc	78	67
Amsterdam	pc	55	43	London	sh	57	49
Ankara	cl	67	38	Madrid	cl	51	36
Athens	sh	62	55	Manila	pc	95	80
Auckland	sh	66	56	Mexico City	pc	79	54
Baghdad	pc	79	57	Monterrey	ts	84	66
Bangkok	pc	94	81	Montreal	sh	41	35
Barbados	sh	83	76	Moscow	sh	44	34
Barcelona	sh	61	48	Munich	su	50	37
Bogota	pc	72	41				

Chicago Tribune

ON THE TOWN

POP MUSIC PREVIEW

Jason Pierce and Spiritualized are back

JULIETTE LARTHE

BY ALLISON STEWART | Chicago Tribune

Spiritualized records tend to be big. The British group's 1997 release, "Ladies and Gentlemen We Are Floating in Space," was a space-rock-psychedelic-gospel landmark renowned for its spaciousness. There were horns and choirs and string quartets, and recording budgets to match.

Frontman Jason Pierce, Spiritualized's leader and sole mainstay, found himself in reduced circumstances when he began work on the outfit's first album in six years, "And Nothing Hurt."

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SWINGING FOR THE FENCES

Spiritualized is back, along with large amounts of uncertainty

TAKE 10

BY ADAM LUKACH
Chicago Tribune

1. Mmm, donuts: Get your waistband ready for Chicago Donut Fest, as some of the city's favorite bakers and donut-makers will be doling out everyone's favorite sweet, centerless rounds for you to taste. *10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Old Crow Smokehouse River North, 149 W. Kinzie St., \$40; chicagodonutfest.com*

2. In the Market for something: The Market for Makers brand hosts all kinds of pop-up markets, and will come to Chicago for the first time to host a shopping selection with creators offering all kinds of stuff, from art to wellness products to food. *Noon-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Artifact Event Center, 4325 N. Ravenswood Ave., \$7-10 GA, \$20-\$25 VIP; marketsformakers.com/pages/chicago-market-formakers*

3. Bunny on the verge: Chicago band Beach Bunny and its graceful pop craftsmanship has been on the move, and was recently announced as a performer for August's Lollapalooza Festival. See what the buzz is about without having to navigate huge crowds. *6:30 p.m. Sunday, Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave., \$15; subt.net*

4. Hair care: Nail down your hair regimen at the Natural Hair Festival, a consumer showcase devoted to taking care of natural hair. The festival includes a market, classes, demos, even entertainment. A variety of hair professionals will also be present for consultations. *10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, DoubleTree by Hilton Chicago, 300 E. Ohio St., \$10-\$35; eventbrite.com*

5. Latin cinema, Latin culture: This weekend marks the middle of the 35th annual Chicago Latino Film Festival, which features more than 100 shorts and feature-length films that tell many stories about Latino culture. Showtimes vary. See website for times and dates, *AMC River East, 322 E. Illinois St., \$10-\$13;*

chicagolatinofilmfestival.org

6. Earth's still life: One of the Field Museum's newest exhibits is Wildlife Photographer of the Year, which was produced in collaboration with the Museum of Natural History in London. The showcase features 100 of the best nature photos in the world, selected from more than 45,000. *Through Jan 12, 2020, Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive, \$23-\$38, requires All-Access or Discovery Pass; fieldmuseum.org/visit*

7. Pay to run: The weather might be nice this weekend, which would be a relief for the Chi Town Half Marathon and 10K participants. Registrations were still available, so fit folks can join the run and get a medal and some swag. *7 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Saturday, Montrose Harbor, 601 W. Montrose Drive, \$80-\$110; allcommunityevents.com/chitownhalf-marathon10k-register*

8. Go, Cubs, go: The Cubs will finally get a play a game at Wrigley Field on Monday, when the Pirates will pull up to Wrig-

leyville for the home opener. Hopefully it's baseball weather. *1:20 p.m. Monday, Wrigley Field, 1060 W. Addison St., \$59-\$277; mlb.com/cubs/tickets*

9. For my dogs: The Heartland Animal Shelter will host Snouts, Paws & Outlaws! this weekend, a benefit event for CRISP, the Chicagoland Rescue Intervention & Support Program. Live entertainment will be on hand, with food and drink available for purchase. *Noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave., \$10 suggested donation; eventbrite.com*

10. Beer imitates art: Local sudsmakers Revolution Brewing will become local art-showcasers, as the brewery hosts its spring Revolution Craft Show, with hand-made good from more than 40 local creators with all kinds of products. *Noon-6 p.m. Sunday, Revolution Tap Room, 3340 N. Kedzie Ave., free; revbrew.com/events/spring-craft-show*

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TURN IT UP

BY GREG KOT



How Delvon Lamarr went international

The Delvon Lamarr Organ Trio is a formidable jazz-soul combo that lately has been rocking clubs from the Pacific Northwest to Europe. But only a few years ago, Lamarr's career was stuck in a personal no-man's land.

Though an accomplished musician who had played hundreds of gigs since he was a teenager in the '90s, Lamarr was spinning his wheels. A local luminary in Seattle for decades, he was uncertain if he had what it took to assume not just the creative responsibility of taking a band on a more ambitious course, but the business savvy to make a living from it.

"I was definitely frustrated, playing the same venues over and over again and thinking this is going to be my life — just being a local Seattle cat," says Lamarr, who recently moved to Austin, Texas. "I had played in a bunch of bands with cats that didn't get along, cats fighting, and I saw what the band leader had to deal with to keep people in line. I just wanted to be a side dude and have nothing to do with that."

Lamarr's dilemma is one shared by countless musicians — how to turn musical talent into a business? How to find a modicum of infrastructure that would enable an artist to keep a band on the road and thriving? It's why artists in the past used to sign often unfavorable deals with record companies, because those seemingly mundane yet necessary tasks felt beyond their expertise. But now, what's left of the music industry has been reshaped as a homegrown affair, with independence and flexibility as cornerstones rather than corporate marketing and oversight. Enter Lamarr's wife, Amy Novo. Under Novo's management, Lamarr has become an international touring act.

"I think Amy just got tired of hearing me complain," Lamarr says with a laugh. "She got tired of me dragging around a B3 (Hammond organ) and driving 100 miles for 50-dollar gigs. She was like, 'Dude, you start your own band and I'll take care of all the rest.' It took me years to do that, but when I did, things turned around."

Since he was a kid, Lamarr had a knack for learning to play just about any instrument he picked up just by watching someone else do it for a little while. He dabbled in hip-hop production in his bedroom, and then developed a feel for drums, trumpet and organ. "When I heard jazz for the first time — John Coltrane's (version of) 'My Favorite Things' — something called me," he says. "My high school didn't have a band, so I had to sneak into 21-and-older clubs to jam with the top cats in Seattle."



JEAN-PAUL BUILES

Delvon Lamarr has become an international touring act with his Hammond B3 organ after spending decades as a local star in Seattle.

When: 8 p.m. April 20

Where: Martyrs, 3855 N. Lincoln Ave.

Tickets: \$20-\$22; jamusa.com

The young Lamarr would lug his drums home several miles after late-night gigs ended and the metro buses stopped running. He skipped college to focus on music, and worked countless jobs to help pay the bills in between gigs.

"At one point I was playing seven nights a week," he says. "At the same time I was a service technician for Comcast. I'd get off work, grab my gear, go back out the door till 2 in the morning, turn it around and do it all again the next day. I was burning candles at both ends every week."

Lamarr fell in love with the Hammond B3 organ when he first glimpsed local jazz titan Joe Doria playing one, and eventually began putting together a trio with a revolving door of drummers and guitarists. The latest lineup of the Delvon Lamarr Organ Trio includes guitarist Jimmy James and drummer Keith Laudieri. A previous incar-

nation of the trio released an album, "Close But No Cigar," in 2016 and re-released it last year on Coalmine Records to underpin an increasingly heavy touring schedule. The disc affirms the band's multi-faceted sound: loose arrangements that accommodate plenty of improvisation with a melodic and danceable edge. It translates to a sound that appeals to a cross-section of audiences: jam-band followers, soul aficionados, jazz heads.

"I never create a set list because I like to play the room, the mood of my bandmates," Lamarr says. "I start a tune and then we'll see what happens. We are quite proficient at bobbing and weaving — we'll play six, seven tunes inside of one song. Jimmy and my influences are pretty much identical, so he might quote something we both know and we can flip the whole thing in a second."

The high-wire act results in the occasional "mistake," but it's never cause for alarm. "We call those 'fives' in the band," Lamarr says, a reference to James Brown's method of firing band members who missed a cue during a show. "We're all

human, we all mess up, and we just roll with it."

That go-for-broke approach is starting to win over audiences in venues that Lamarr never thought he would possibly ever play only a few years ago. It can be a daunting task because the trio doesn't fit neatly into a genre pocket. "We're jazz but we're not," the organist says. "We're kind of a hybrid — soul jazz — but these small jazz clubs go for the straight-up be-bop, hard bop. We played a tiny club in Paris and we've got the B3, guitar and drums up there, and that's the stage. I call that close-quarters combat. I get nervous about volume — we are not a quiet band, and we invest in ear plugs for our fans out of respect. But I swear, we just go for it, and people love it."

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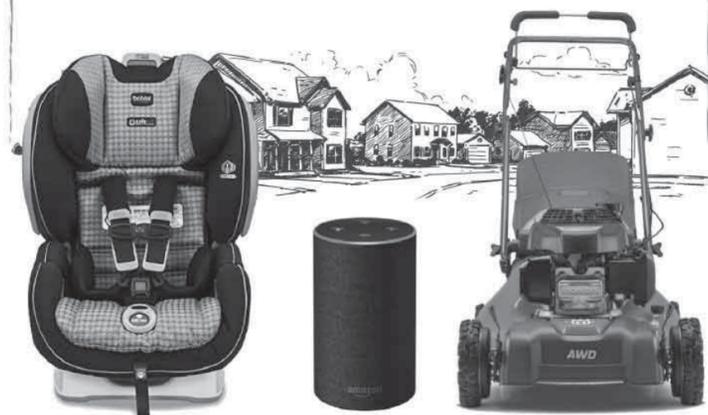
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LOCAL SOUNDS

'Finding that right sound was something akin to magic'

By BRITT JULIOUS

Chicago Tribune

"We really want people to feel comfortable with being outsiders, because that's kind of how we view ourselves a bit," said Jonathon Freund, one-third of the "goth-disco" group Pixel Grip. The group, which also includes Tyler Ommen and Rita Lukea, is set to release its debut album, "Heavy Handed," April 12th on Feeltrip Records.

The album was a work in progress for many years, according to the group, with hundreds of songs created and discarded along the way. But once a song "felt good," they kept it as is. Finding that right sound was something akin to magic, Lukea said.

"It's something that's really intuitive and psychic when three musicians are working together in a space, and you're honoring each other's energy," Lukea began. "When you start to play something, you kind of get this feeling in your chest or your gut that says, 'OK, this is amazing. We're in the right direction. We all like this.'"

Once they've perfected their sound they keep it as is except for live shows, where the band aims to switch things up. "We totally turn our songs on its head, and when we perform it, we totally bring a different energy than the recording can," said Lukea.

The live aspect is critical for the group, providing them with opportunities to flourish and experiment. "It gives us a great opportunity to explore with different sounds and textures and different instruments sonically," Freund said. For Lukea, live shows also give the group an opportunity to connect with audiences on a different level than on record.

"I don't know if we have a message, but I want our audience members to feel empowered, to feel sexy. I want them to feel angry. I want their emotions to feel empowered and important," Lukea began. "We really show our colors on stage, and I want people to see that honesty. I want them to feel like they can be themselves, be it gay or trans or non-binary or any type of person that's not allowed or doesn't feel welcome in different types of spaces."

In some ways, the recent personal transformations of the band members translate to the live shows. Freund said the group has come into its own within the last six months after reconciling different mental health issues, and learning how to open up about things that might have hindered them in the past. The results, especially for audiences who more often immerse themselves in the same ol', same ol' live rock performances from week to



ALEXA VISCIOUS

Pixel Grip is Tyler Ommen, from left, Jonathon Freund and Rita Lukea.

When: 9 p.m. April 13

Where: Sleeping Village, 3734 W. Belmont Ave.

Tickets: \$10-\$12 (21+); sleeping-village.com

week, are sure to please. "I feel like we've grown musically, in our ability to write and produce. We've grown in our stage presence and just kind of owning it and being on stage and not being afraid," Lukea began.

And just what does "owning it" mean for the band? Well, many things. It means being more adventurous in structure and sound. It means being more playful, more aggressive, and every other emotion and action in between. But most importantly, it means not being afraid to stand out when everyone else desires just to fit in.

"Owning it means being more comfortable with being weird. Not being afraid to take risks that are maybe drawn out or maybe repetitive or kind of quiet for a while. Taking these risks that we don't really see in other performers," Freund said. Lukea agreed, adding, "I kind of lose (it) and it's the one time where I can talk about how I feel and I can kind of flaunt it. I want that to be reflected in the audience. I want them to dance. I want them to feel it as well, and I want them to hear."

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Trumpeter Bobby Lewis still has a lot to say at 83



HOWARD REICH
On Music

Is there a more gently poetic sound in Chicago jazz than the tones issuing from Bobby Lewis' horn?

An unapologetic melodist who dares to understate his case in our rather noisy world, Lewis seduces listeners to lean in when he plays. And though not all his music is thoroughly introspective, there's no missing the long, silken lines at which he excels.

"I've had experiences playing with Peggy Lee and Tony Bennett and Mel Torme and Ella Fitzgerald and Sarah Vaughan and many more," says Lewis, who leads his quintet Saturday night at Winter's Jazz Club.

"I want to sound like that."

Each of those groundbreaking vocalists, of course, had a singular style, from Lee's whispered phrases to Bennett's operatic lines to Torme's supple tone to Fitzgerald's virtuosic flights to Vaughan's elastic phrasing. But the very fact that Lewis, 83, cites them as primary inspirations tells you a great deal about how he approaches the trumpet.

"I think of it more as the human voice, rather than a brassy instrument that can blow the walls down," explains Lewis.

Though his playing shows few — if any — concessions to the passage of

time, he has noticed at least one subtle shift in his art.

"I've been playing the trumpet for 73 years now," says Lewis. "The only change I can see is the aging of the lip muscle. You can't stop that."

"My embouchure isn't as strong as it was when I was 25. But I play within that. My playing is what I can do. I guess it's like the way I talk."

Which is in a softly disarming way, as anyone who has spoken with Lewis — or heard his onstage patter — knows. Beneath that veneer of gentle expression is a creative spirit that continues generating new ideas.

The latest evidence comes in the form of Lewis' album "Count Me In." He'll play much of that music at Winter's, and, as is usual with Lewis, the recording features several original compositions.

"I play my horns every day, and some tunes just come out, and I start writing them down, and soon I've got a bunch of them," says the trumpeter, in explaining his productivity.

"It's nice to keep creating. I just want to keep my mind going. I practice every day, just because I love to play the trumpet. I've got them sitting out. I just walk by and play them for a while. That's the fun I have in my life."

Lewis offers five originals on "Count Me In": the title track plus "Happiness," "A Waltz in the Park," "Pastels" and "Nice Drive." The titles alone speak to the warmly embracing character of Lewis' work.

But the album isn't built



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Trumpeter Bobby Lewis is an unapologetic melodist who produces elegant sounds with a profound undertow.

When: 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday

Where: Winter's Jazz Club, 465 N. McClurg Court

Tickets: \$20-\$25; 312-344-1270 or www.wintersjazzclub.com

entirely on Lewis originals, for it also includes historic repertoire.

"I wanted to pay tribute to Bobby Hackett, one of my early influences," says Lewis, referencing a cornetist-trumpeter often likened to Bix Beiderbecke.

"We do 'Autumn Nocturne,' which Hackett famously recorded."

"I played with Claude Thornhill's big band a long time ago. He was a lot of fun to play with, so I de-

cidated to do 'Snowfall,' his most famous tune. Only 37 notes in the whole piece.

"It's this very simple song. And a lot of times the most simple songs are the most difficult to play."

Meaning there's often a great deal of profundity tucked into a few well-chosen pitches. That contrast between surface simplicity and a deep musical undertow crystallizes the appeal of Lewis' music, which transcends ever-changing musical fashions.

As for his future, Lewis is making no plans to slow down.

"I don't take any meds," he says. "My body is still functioning pretty well. It's been five years since I had back surgery. That's going all pretty well. I'm even

playing golf."

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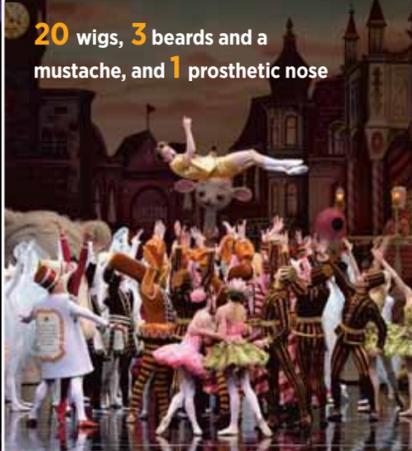
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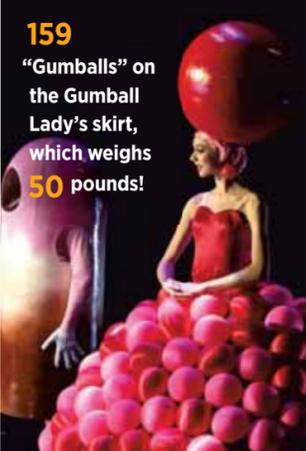
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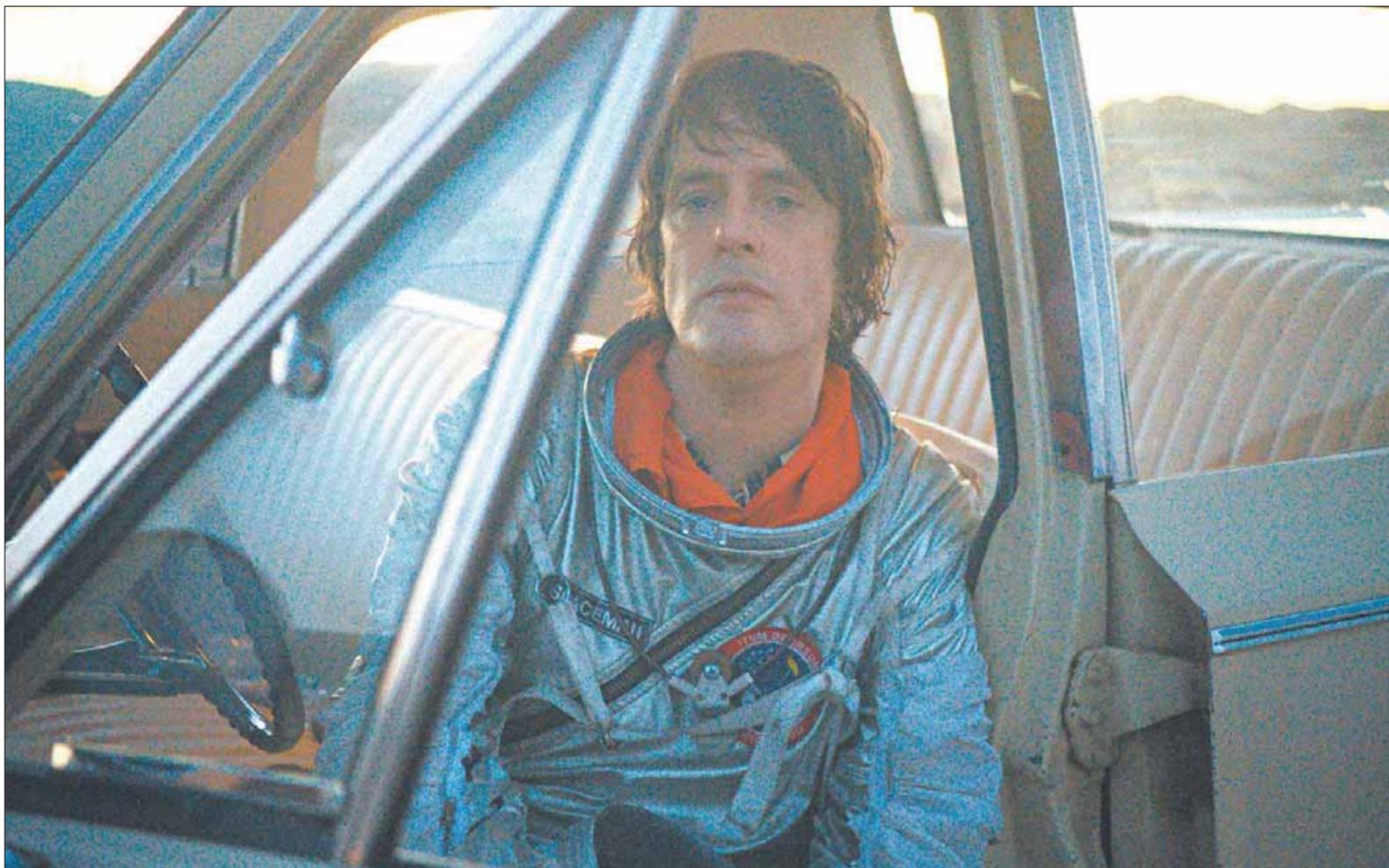
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JULIETTE LARTHE

Jason Pierce and Spiritualized are back after six years with a new album called "And Nothing Hurt" that they're not so sure about. Pierce is Spiritualized's leader and sole mainstay,

Spiritualized

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It was mostly him, alone in his London apartment with his laptop, poring over endless potential samples from his record collection, constantly trying to match the Bigness of the early days all by himself. He would enter the studio to record things like horn sections whenever he had the money.

"And Nothing Hurt" came out last fall, and Pierce still seems unsure how feels about it — he thinks maybe he likes it? In a phone interview, Pierce (who brings Spiritualized to the Vic Theatre on Tuesday, where he will play the new record in full) is warm and self-flagellating, in the very specific way of British rock stars.

The following is an edited version of that conversation:

Q: How are you?

A: How am I. Ooh, I don't know the answer to that just yet. Good, I guess? That's an easy one without thinking. How are you?

Q: Has performing the whole album in its entirety changed how you feel about it? In early interviews, you were like, "I'm not sure about this thing?"

A: I don't know. Sometimes you start out with good intentions — or I guess sometimes it's just good to have some intentions, (rather) than just roll along every day. ... I

When: 8:00 p.m. Tuesday

Where: Vic Theatre, 3145 N. Sheffield Ave.

Tickets: \$37.50-\$55 (18+); 773-549-4140 or www.ticketfly.com

felt like it's important to make a piece of music that was worth putting out there, that it wasn't just something you did. It's kind of early days, so it's hard to say anything about it, but people get really involved with it. They're not shouting out the name of old songs.

Q: In the middle of recording, you did anniversary shows for "Ladies and Gentlemen." Did that change how you approached recording when you went back home?

A: I was struggling with that record all the way through. It seemed like I just didn't have the funds to make the record I wanted to make, like I was battling against limitations that had gone in so early. I certainly wouldn't attempt to make a record like that again. It seems like the limitations had already fixed themselves to those songs in the way they were put together. There didn't seem to be any way out of that.

Q: How long did recording take you, from start to finish?

A: Oh, for years. Where I live in London, they took a huge building on the side of the block down and built a new office block in

less time than it took me to make my album.

Q: There's a metaphor in there, somewhere.

A: I think so too, yeah. By the time I finished my album the light had disappeared in the shadow of this great building. That's a further metaphor, I guess.

Q: Are you the kind of person who, when you're making an album, it's all consuming? Where you say, "Don't talk to me," and you go in your room and lock the door?

A: Kind of, but life goes on. You can't be like that. It's the most important thing, and you get one shot at it. I'm like that with everything I do that I think is worthwhile.

Q: How did you know when it was finished?

A: I ran out of tracks. There's something like 200 tracks (on Pro Tools software), and I just kind of ran out of room.

Q: You've said, "Disappointment hangs over this record." Do you still feel that way?

A: No, now it's gone. Playing it live is a completely different thing, and it really brings it together. ... You hold onto the good bits. (With conventional recording), you've got so little time-you go in and do a few takes, and you hold onto the take that works. But when you play live, you get this

endless kind of development. I can't say enough. It's amazing to be doing it again.

Q: Were you very isolated making the album? Does it feel weird to be around people again?

A: Yeah, yeah. Just doing anything other than that. I don't really know any way of doing that. I don't find it easy to say, "That'll do" in anything.

Q: You've flirted with the idea of this being your last record, but is that like right after a woman gives birth, where she swears she's never doing it again?

A: (Laughs) Who knows? I don't know. I feel like there's gotta be an easier way to do it. Maybe there's an album with an epidural coming down the line.

Q: You've always rejected the easy money — doing a Spacemen 3 reunion, or doing big festival shows. Do you ever sit there and say, "I should have taken that money. I could've recorded with that?"

A: No, I honestly don't think it works like that. I don't think you can kind of cash in, and then cash out. Once you've cashed in, you've gone that way and it's harder. I think it's about satisfying yourself.

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POP MUSIC PREVIEW

A one-off reunion that became something more

BY STEVE KNOPPER
Chicago Tribune

Before he used his fingers for scratching records on turntables, in high school, Eric Barrier carefully placed them on trumpet valves and guitar strings. And sometimes not so carefully.

"We had band — and I'm sorry that kids right now don't have music instruments and stuff at school — and I had a teacher by the name of Mr. Grillo," says the Queens, N.Y., rapper better known as Eric B., half of the old-school hip-hop duo Eric B. & Rakim. "I'll never forget that. He used to wear these glasses and scream, 'E! F! G! Push your fingers on the guitar till they bleed!'"

"He said music is something that you enjoy and you take in. It's like wine — but no, one day you guys will figure out what wine is. And it was hilarious," Barrier says, by phone from Las Vegas. "Next week, I'm going to take a guitar on the road and start playing it again."

Barrier credits his early music lessons for helping him understand "music and the notes and a feel," which informed the duo's '80s rap hits "Paid in Full," "Eric B. Is President," "Follow the Leader" and "I Know You Got Soul." Barrier was from Elmhurst, Queens, developed a passion for turntables at dance parties in parks, then became a mobile DJ for local station WBLS, where he met Rakim Allah of Wyandanch High School in Long Island. They teamed up as teenagers, Rakim contributing immortal lines like "thinking of a master plan/cause ain't nothin' but sweat inside my hand" while Eric B. dug for cru-

When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday

Where: House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn

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cial samples like the bassline from Dennis Edwards' 1984 Motown hit "Don't Look Any Further." For a brief period, roughly 1986 to 1990, they were the genre's gold standard, the group rappers looked to for inspiration and technical mastery — Chuck D was said to have changed Public Enemy's sound after hearing "I Know You Got Soul."

They came up with their first single, 1986's "Eric B. Is President," while in Rakim's mother's basement. Barrier played James Brown's "Funky President" then, needing a bassline, pulled out Fonda Rae's thudding 1982 disco hit "Over Like a Fat Rat." (They had access to these records, often for free, because Rakim's brother worked at a pressing plant and provided pristine copies: "Funky President" sounded like somebody was cooking bacon on it," Barrier says.) Brown had by then been widely sampled, but "Over Like a Fat Rat" was something new, and a little goofy.

"And Rakim laughed. He thought it was the funniest (stuff) he ever heard in his life," Barrier recalls. "But his brother, Stevie Blast, was like, 'Eric, this is brilliant.' And Stevie Blast always says: 'Don't abandon the plan.' What you're doing, blending these records, don't abandon the plan." After "Eric B. Is President" became an underground hit on an



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Eric B., left, & Rakim reunited in 2017, and are still going strong in their renewed creative partnership.

independent record label, a slightly bigger label called 4th & Broadway picked up the group, and Eric B. & Rakim spent the '80s as studio scientists, excerpting samples from R&B, soul and funk records by Barry White, Kool & the Gang, Baby Huey, Coke Escovedo and Nat Adderley, some widely known, some brilliantly obscure. The group was part of an anything-goes mentality in hip-hop, where rappers believed they could sample brief bits of other songs and get away without legal action — but even Brown approached the group to negotiate out-of-court settlements, and by 1991, rapper Biz Markie lost a key lawsuit to Gilbert O'Sullivan for using "Alone Again (Naturally)" without permission.

"We got over because, in the beginning, you were allowed to [sample] 15 to 20 seconds that you were able to loop," Barrier says.

"Our argument was, 'Hey, we're not using it, we're just looping it. It's the same sound looped over and over again.' But that got played out real quick."

As hip-hop began to evolve into a massive worldwide medium in the '90s, Eric B. & Rakim were winding down, putting out 1992's "Don't Sweat the Technique" before breaking up. Rakim has cited business reasons, a miscommunication over a record contract and solo albums. Barrier tells a different story. "To me, it wasn't business. It's like any relationship. Before we're musicians and a group, we're family. Sometimes family just gets tired of each other and you just need a mental break to do whatever you want," he says. "I wanted to do other things."

Barrier had known Mike Tyson from his childhood, and he worked with boxers Floyd Mayweather, Riddick Bowe and Ol-

iver McCall, and joined All American Communications, the production company that distributed "Baywatch" and other TV hits. "It was like I went back to college and learned all these different things," he says.

The duo came back together in 2017, for a 30th-anniversary "Paid In Full" show at Harlem's Apollo Theater, then reunited for a tour last year — in part to promote their vinyl box set "The Complete Collection 1987-1992," but also for broader reasons. "Time has escaped you so long, and you looked up and said, 'Man, I ain't seen my brothers in a while,'" Barrier says. "We're family for real. You can have an internal argument but we're still family. Nothing changes."

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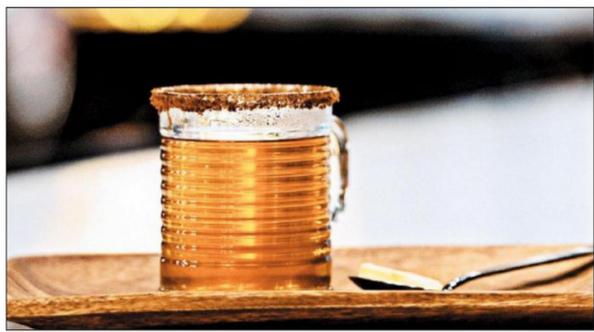
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Coffees, specialty teas, cocktails

BY PHIL VETTEL
Chicago Tribune

Fairgrounds, the cafe concept that offers a rotating selection of coffees and specialty teas from around the country, added full cocktail service to its latest location, which opened March 27 in the Fulton Market District.

The latest Fairgrounds (1330 W. Fulton Market) is on what's now the western fringe of the booming Fulton Market restaurant corridor. "We think it's an emerging market, similar to when we opened our first location in Bucktown, and everyone said we were on the wrong side of Damen Avenue," said founder Michael Schultz. "There's nothing around (the new location) as far as food and beverage goes, but things move so quickly in this city, it'll look very different a year from now. I'm certain the energy will continue to push



The You'd Better Rum is a variant on a hot buttered rum cocktail.

west, and I believe in our brand, and our hospitality, and especially our people."

Schultz and Fairgrounds aren't exactly in Siberia; the building the cafe occupies is home to Glassdoor, Dyson and Sterling Bay, which owns the building.

"If they (employees) don't

like to drink, we know they like caffeine," joked Schultz.

In addition to Fairgrounds' signature coffee and tea offerings (featured coffees will include Gaslight Coffee Roasters and Dark Matter Coffee in Chicago, Stumptown, Colectivo and more), there is a full bar program with craft cocktails, such

as Grandpa Irv's Old Fashioned and You'd Better Rum (the latter a hot buttered rum variant). Shake-Ups, made from vodka or gin, will arrive in mini-shakers for guests to agitate, one of several drinks that will encourage customer participation.

The cocktail menu includes an assortment of small bites, including naan flatbreads, tofu banh mi sandwiches and other pub food. The new location will continue to offer the breakfast menu common to the other Fairgrounds locations.

"We're taking our food-and-beverage philosophy and incorporating a bar element," Schultz said. "Whether it's caffeine or vodka, our goal and core philosophy — an environment welcoming to all — remain the same."

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— Adam Lukach

WHERE TO EAT NOW

Restaurant reviews and profiles from Tribune food critic Phil Vettel, staff reporters and freelance writers. Reviewers make every effort to remain anonymous. Meals are paid for by the Tribune.

Cochon Volant For a restaurant whose name translates to "flying pig," this boisterous brasserie in the Hyatt Centric Hotel is pleasingly down to earth. Can't-miss signatures include the silky chicken-liver mousse. Open: Dinner and breakfast daily; lunch Monday-Friday. Prices: Entrees \$14.95-\$24.95. 100 W. Monroe St., 312-754-6560. — Phil Vettel

Craft Urban Owner Bernie Laskowski worked at Everest, Marche, mk, Bin 36 and Park Grill before opening this restaurant. The compact menu features snacks like tempura-fried cheese curds, gourmet "breads and spreads," seafood, porchetta, beef and desserts. The restaurant also has cocktails, wine and a late-night ramen offering. Open: Lunch and dinner daily. Entrees: \$19-\$34. 211 James St., Geneva, 331-248-8161. — Phil Vettel

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The Delta Chicago abounds with tamales, but The Delta manages to set itself apart by serving Mississippi Delta tamales. They differ from ubiquitous Mexican tamales in that they are constructed from cornmeal instead of masa (nixtamalized corn), and cooked in a liquid instead of being steamed. Open dinner and late night daily. Prices: Entrees \$5 to \$18. 1745 W. North Ave., 773-360-1793. — Nick Kindelsperger

Dos Urban Cantina In a 100-

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Dutch and Doc's Boka Group's Dutch and Doc's, located next door to Wrigleyville's Hotel Zachary, offers incomparable views of Wrigley Field's iconic marquee, a postcard-worthy vista. Though there are plenty of TV screens, it would be wrong to characterize the neighborhood grill as a sports bar. Chef Chris Pandel's menu offers light bites, sandwiches and shareable snacks, bolstered by chef-y entrees and steaks. Note-perfect classic Buffalo-style chicken wings and sticky pork ribs with pho-inspired spices make up solid offerings, and Dutch and Doc's has a nice range of heartier dishes (see the pasta entrees). Give time to hunt for parking on game days. Lunch and dinner daily; brunch Saturday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$15-\$32; steaks \$34-\$60. 3600 N. Clark St., 773-360-0207. — Phil Vettel

Eden Husband-wife Devon Quinn and Jodi Fyfe carved a pretty double dining room from the headquarters of their catering company, where Quinn churns out a Mediterranean menu. The seafood and pasta are the best dishes, and Quinn's umami doughnuts, stuffed with pork or mushroom miso, are a must-order starter. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Sunday, brunch Sunday. Prices: Pastas and entrees \$18-\$38. 1748 W. Lake St., 312-366-2294. — Phil Vettel

El Che Bar The sequel to John Manion's La Sirena Clandestina is even better than the first. An



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Duck Duck Goat Reservations stretch months in advance for a shot at Stephanie Izard's sometimes playful, always balanced Chinese plates. Noodle dishes are a must, and the Peking duck is among the city's best. The dim sum menu includes shrimp toast, above, and a variety of bao. for Cocktails are excellent, which is fortunate, because you'll have one or two if you walk in without a reservation (not a bad strategy). Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$16-\$58. 857 W. Fulton Market, 312-902-3825. — Phil Vettel

open hearth is the visual and culinary focal point, from which come an array of grilled and roasted proteins, including superb steaks and surprises such as grilled oysters and fried cheese. Alexis Chabert's wine list has an apt, New World focus. Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Main courses \$14-\$45. 845 W. Washington Blvd., 312-265-1130. — Phil Vettel

Else Danish is more a state of mind than of menu at David and Anna Posey's West Loop restaurant, named for the Danish word for "love" and as warm as a lingering hug. Choose the tasting menu or order a la carte, save room for Anna Posey's desserts and prepare to be wowed. Open: Dinner Wednesday-Sunday. Prices: Tasting menu \$90; a la carte dishes \$15-\$25. 1350 W. Randolph St.,

312-733-1314. — Phil Vettel

Ena At this bright, summery spot, chef CJ Jacobson applies his veggie-focused California style to Mediterranean dishes. Use pieces of naan-like bread to scoop up hummus (especially the version with lamb ragu), then move on to such dishes as baked halloumi with stonefruit. Open: Dinner daily; lunch Monday-Friday. Prices: Entrees \$17-\$25. 74 W. Illinois St., 312-527-5586. — Phil Vettel

Entente Ty Fujimura (Arami) has another hit with this restaurant, which features the talents of chef Brian Fisher, previously at Schwa. It's recently reopened with a new location in River North. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. Prices: Main courses

\$15-\$39. 700 N. Sedgwick St., reservations via resy.com. — Phil Vettel

Etta Picking up from the hearth-grilled steaks at executive chef Danny Grant's Maple & Ash, his latest project, Etta, excels in flame-kissed cooking. We begin with the Pig Picnic, a shared entree of tender pork shoulder and crisped pork belly that perfectly embodies Grant's simple, flavor-forward ethos. Pizza preparations are impressive, and pastas range from the marvelously complex mafaldine with manila clams, king crab meat and 'nduja butter to the beautiful-in-its-simplicity bucatini cacio e pepe. For more substantial dishes, you'll find fork-tender lamb and lightly smoky wood-roasted chicken. As she does at Maple & Ash, Aya Fukai handles the pastry work, and does so brilliantly. Dinner daily, brunch Saturday-Sunday. Prices: Pastas and entrees \$14-\$39. 1840 W. North Ave., 312-757-4444. — Phil Vettel

Everest For 30 years, chef/partner Jean Joho has kept his food at the same lofty level as his 40th-floor dining room in One Financial Place. You won't find 23-course tasting menus here, but you will find a well-managed six-course degustation (\$165) of exquisite balance and substantial portion (no two-bite courses here, excepting the trio of "les preludes" that get the meal off to a lovely start). There are three- and four-course prix-fixe options (\$98 and \$130) as well, and an impressive wine list highlighted by a selection of bottles from Joho's native Alsace. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. 440 S. LaSalle St., 312-663-8920. — Phil Vettel

fourteensexteen Though it's a bit checklist-y in its decor (reclaimed wood, weathered brick, Edison bulbs) and scattershot on its menu, there's much to like about this restaurant. The rooftop bar is an attractive feature. Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$14-\$36. 14 W. Calendar Ave., La Grange, 708-469-7896. — Phil Vettel

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ICELANDIC MENU AT ELSKE | DINNER | COCKTAILS | APR. 11-14
Icelandic cuisine from Chef Gunnar Karl Gislason of Iceland and Chef David Posey of Elske, and custom cocktails from Icelandic Mixologist Tóta.

FILM

SHORTFISH AT THE LOGAN THEATRE | APR. 13 | DOORS AT 11AM, SCREENING AT 11:30AM
A screening of Iceland's premier short film festival by Stockfish.

COCKTAILS

TASTE OF ICELAND COCKTAIL CLASS AT LH ON 21 | APR. 11 | 6-8PM
Shake, stir, and sip Icelandic cocktails made with Reyka Vodka and Brennivín through a demonstration and hands-on tutorial by renowned Icelandic mixologist Tóta and LondonHouse Head of Mixology, Adam Peabody.

MUSIC

REYKJAVIK CALLING AT MARTYRS' | APR. 13 | DOORS AT 7PM, SHOW AT 8PM
Icelandic acts Hildur and Kælan Mikla join American band WINGTIPS onstage for a live performance at Martyrs'.

LITERATURE

THE ICELANDIC LITERATURE SCENE AT EVOLVEHER | APR. 14 | 11:30AM-1PM
Ambassador Stella Soffía Jóhannesdóttir and Susan Harris, the editorial director of Words Without Borders, lead a discussion on Iceland's fast-growing literary scene at evolveHer, a creative and collaborative co-working space in River North.

CULTURE

ICELAND AFTER DARK AT THE UNDERGROUND CHICAGO | APR. 12 | 10-11:30PM
Kick off Taste of Iceland in Chicago with an exclusive party, entitled "Iceland After Dark", at The Underground Chicago. Enjoy specialty craft cocktails featuring Icelandic spirits Reyka Vodka and Brennivín and a performance from Sólvieg Matthildur, the keyboardist and back-up singer of Kælan Mikla.

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THE THEATER LOOP

BY CHRIS JONES



A play about an album, not a band

Question. What do Harry Potter, the Ramones and the magician Jamie Allan all have in common?

Canada. And trash cans. If there's one common denominator to the marketing plan of the young Canadian producer Corey Ross, it's a love of garbage receptacles. Anyone who walked around downtown Chicago during one of the several runs of Ross' massively lucrative Potter parody, "Potted Potter," couldn't have missed Hogwarts as they hit the (likely dysfunctional) trash compactors on Michigan Avenue. I threw away a Diet Coke on a trip to Boston the other week — and there was that scarf again. Over the holidays, you surely saw Allan — the self-styled 'iMagician' — on Chicago cans. And, coming soon, the Ramones will be jockeying for attention with the Department of Streets and Sanitation, because Ross is bringing a new show, "Four Chords and a Gun," a play about the punk band's famous studio collaboration with Phil Spector to the mid-sized Broadway Playhouse, just behind the Water Tower mall.

"One of my rival producers in Toronto," Ross said in an interview this week, "described my marketing plan as, 'if a dog can pee on it, I'm there.'"

Still, Ross is becoming an important producer in Chicago, bringing to town a whole series of shows over the last few years, with more to come. (He was cagey about his next likely project, but it involves a soccer-playing girl of high



GETTY

The Ramones and the album *End of the Century*, produced by Phil Spector, are the subjects of "Four Chords and a Gun."

talent and ambition.) He's found a very interesting niche — the commercial show that has never been to Broadway.

"You could say I specialize in shows that don't have to pass through New York for people to know or understand them," Ross says.

In practical terms, what that means is a recognizable brand.

The Ramones would fit that category, because the Ramones have many rabid fans, many of whom live in Chicago. So would the Harry Potter books. So would another of Ross' past projects, a show about Sherlock Holmes, whose vaunted detective feats

conveniently lie in the public domain. Allan was a lesser name, but magic is a brand unto itself, especially since Allan allied it with technology.

The brand can be a movie (Ross also produced "The Evil Dead: The Musical," although I have repressed that one) or it can be a celebrity (Ross was behind the Christmas show at the Harris Theater featuring Mary Wilson and the Four Tops). But it's different from, say, "Hamilton" or "Dear Evan Hansen," both hit shows that needed buzz to be created on Broadway for them to sell tickets in Chicago. These are shows that can do that all by themselves.

Of course, the non-profit theaters in Chicago worry less about this stuff, mostly producing new work about which the general audience knows very little. These theaters are hoping that they themselves are the trusted brand. And on occasion, they can be right. But it's tough.

Ross also argues that he has found a sweet spot between Broadway and off-Broadway. "Four Chords" isn't a full-blown juke-box musical, like, say, "Jersey Boys" (which you can catch at the Auditorium Theatre this weekend), but a play followed by a concert. In Ross' mind at least — we will all have to see — the show thus is big

enough to satisfy fans of the Ramones and their interest in the famous story where Spector held the band hostage in order to get the album as good as it could possibly be, but not so big that the production budget makes it economically impossible.

There's another interesting issue here, too. Most major jukebox shows — like the new Broadway attraction themed around The Temptations — are authorized by the subject, or, if the subject is deceased, an estate. It's the only way to get permission to use the full catalog. That is true of "Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough," Broadway's new Michael Jack-

son musical (if that ever happens) and the upcoming Britney Spears musical headed to Chicago this fall, "Once Upon a One More Time." But Ross doesn't need so-called "grand rights," given that he's dealing with a specific news event (the recording of the iconic Ramones album, "End of the Century") that has been widely covered by journalists and is fair game for a show. The benefit for an audience is that the shows can be more independent. "Four Chords" was not run past anybody and did not need approval. Thus it does not have to be a hagiography.

Ross is not the only producer bringing shows to Chicago that have not needed New York to sell tickets. Upcoming at the Apollo Theater is "Djembe! The Show," an interactive percussive entertainment that is touting its popularity in London, and an endorsement from Oprah Winfrey. Chicago Shakespeare Theater soon will have "Six the Musical," also from London. And Second City is, of course about to produce a new show by a very famous Canadian brand, Margaret Trudeau.

But Toronto hits tend to do well here. "The two cities are so much alike," Ross says, speaking from his office there. "Just ask anybody who has spent a lot of time in both of them."

Chris Jones is a Tribune critic.

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CHRIS JONES RECOMMENDS

"Anastasia" ★★

The premise of the princess musical "Anastasia" is strikingly smart. What if the 17-year-old Grand Duchess Anastasia Nikolaevna somehow escaped Lenin's secret police in 1918 and became an orphan on the streets of Leningrad, a plucky girl whose memory could be coaxed back to life by being asked to depict Anastasia in a play? This likable (non-Disney) musical is scored by the great team of Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty. The national tour, I'm happy to report, has been done right; it's now in Chicago at the Nederlander Theatre. Especially notable in the cast are Joy Franz, who is very moving as the Dowager Empress, and the knockout Tari Kelly, who plays the comic lead and kills every darn moment. *Through April 7 at the James M. Nederlander Theatre, 24 W. Randolph St.; \$27-\$123 at 312-977-1710 or www.broadwayinchicago.com*

"Blue Man Group" ★★ 1/2

"Blue Man Group" has been playing at Briar Street since 1997, a remarkable run of 20-plus years. If you've never had the pleasure, go. *Open run at the Briar Street Theatre, 3133 N. Halsted St.; \$49-\$69 at www.ticketmaster.com*

"The Bridges of Madison County" ★★ 1/2

Few shows on Broadway have a performer more talented than the Chicago actress Kelli Harrington, the star of director Fred Anzevino's excellent production of "The Bridges of Madison County." Even if you've seen this Jason Robert Brown musical before, Harrington's deep, revealing take on Francesca, the Italian immigrant turned married Midwest housewife, makes it fully worth experiencing again, up close and personal in Theo Ubique's new Evanston space. *Through May 5 at Theo Ubique Cabaret Theater, 721 Howard St., Evanston; \$39-\$54 (dinner for an extra charge) at 773-347-1109 or www.theo-u.com*

"Dutch Masters" ★★ 1/2

It's 1992. A young white man named Steve meets a young African-American man named Eric on an empty D subway train in New York City. The white man is going home to his mother in Riverdale; the black man is going home to the South Bronx. This is a very taut and tight 80-minute play, staged by Jackalope Theatre for the first time in Chicago by Wardell Julius Clark, an unstinting director aided by two all-in actors, Patrick Agada and Sam Boeck. *Through April 6 at Broadway Armory Park, 5917 N. Broadway; \$5-\$30 at www.jackalopetheatre.org*

"Hamilton" ★★

This heartland "Hamilton" is more in touch with the fundamental scrappiness of the early years of a rebel colony turned into a spectacular democratic experiment. And in Chicago, a city where theater is founded on truth, it is more human and vulnerable. That Chicago-style sensibility is led by Miguel Cervantes, the superb actor in the title role. *Open run at CIBC Theatre, 18 W. Monroe St.; \$65-\$400 at www.broadwayinchicago.com*

"Mamma Mia!" ★★

By now, more people know "Mamma Mia!" than could name ABBA's hits. People love this show. It's back, this time at the Drury Lane — and opening night, there we all went again. Is this one any good? Yes, absolutely, it has Susie McMahon played Donna. McMahon did the national tour of this show in 2008 — I can still recall, as the ABBA song goes. She was fabulous then and we all get better with age. Director William Osetek's production features an all-Chicago cast and Jane Lanier's flipper-loving choreography actually manages to be funny. *Through April 14 at Drury Lane Theatre, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace; \$55-\$70; 630-530-0111 and www.drurylane.com*



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Angelica Katie, Leah Casey and Melanie Brezill in "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide / When the Rainbow is Enuf" at Court Theatre.

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"For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide" ★★

"Somebody / anybody sing a black girl's song," poet and playwright Ntozake Shange wrote some 45 years ago. Her "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide / When the Rainbow is Enuf" is now at Court Theatre, directed by Seret Scott, who isn't so much concerned with making the case for the work's relevance. The work makes such a case all by itself. Seret is holding back and letting the audience connect Shange's narratives to the current moment all by themselves. *Through April 14 at Court Theatre, 5535 S. Ellis Ave.; \$50-\$74 at 773-753-4472 or www.courttheatre.org*

"Noises Off" ★★

Now 37 years old, Michael Frayn's "Noises Off" is far and away the best comedy ever written about the perils of putting on a show. In the first act, you watch the dress rehearsal of a dreary bedroom farce. In Act Two, you watch part of a performance from a backstage perspective, only by now the fragile relationships between cast members has deteriorated. By Act Three, it's an all-out war. At the Windy City Playhouse, the audience heads to different seats backstage. *Through May 12 at Windy City Playhouse, 3014 W. Irving Park Road; \$45-\$85 at www.windycityplayhouse.com*

"A Number" ★★

Starry Churchill's masterfully written play is now at Writers Theatre in Glenview, directed by Robin Witt. When "A Number" was first produced in 2002, the famously cloned Scottish sheep Dolly was still alive

and there was much mishegoss over the idea of creating a copy of a human being. Churchill's play imagines what might happen if someone did. This play is mostly a confrontation between Salter (William Brown), a father, and Bernard (Nate Burger), his son, or sons. It struck me how much cloning is no longer on our dystopian list — I wanted the production to take more risks. But it is solid and skillfully acted. *Through June 9 at Writers Theatre, 325 Tudor Court, Glenview; \$35-\$80; 847-242-6000 and www.writerstheatre.org*

"Sweat" ★★ 1/2

Playwright Lynn Nottage's potent and powerful "Sweat," which won the Pulitzer Prize in 2017 and can now be seen in Chicago at the Goodman Theatre, comes closer than any recent play to attempt to voice the feelings of union workers in a Pennsylvania steel town in 2010, long-serving folk whose decent

contract is slowly whittled away by a greedy company. Can a play be sympathetic to the plight of the displaced white, working-class workers of America while also holding that same group accountable? Most writers pick a side. "Sweat" has only deepened since it played on Broadway, and of the two, director Ron OJ Parson's production is the superior piece of work. *Through April 21 at the Goodman Theatre, 170 N. Dearborn St.; \$20-\$80 at 312-443-3800 or www.goodmantheatre.org*

"Yen" ★★ 1/2

Playwright Anna Jordan's "Yen" is a British drama is about two half-brothers in a flat who live among the detritus of food, drink, video games and pornography. They have a filthy bed. They have points of view. What they do not have is meaningful adult supervision; their mother is a dysfunctional mess and their fathers may as well not exist. "Yen" (the title refer-

OPENING NIGHTS

SUNDAY

"**Pinocchio**": The classic story of a wooden boy who wishes to become real. Directed by company member Chris Mathews, with Molly Brennan as Geppetto and staged with Bunraku-inspired puppets from Chicago Puppet Studios. *House Theatre of Chicago at the Chopin Theatre, 1543 W. Division St.; 773-769-3832 and www.thehousetheatre.com*

TUESDAY

"**Utility**": As the story of a struggling mom with two jobs who is trying to plan her eight-year-old daughter's birthday party, a window into world of the working poor. *Interrobang Theatre Project at Rivendell Theatre, 5779 N. Ridge Ave.; www.interrobangtheatre.com*

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"**Djembe! The Show**": The new theater experience with audience-participation drumming, led by a cast including West African musicians and playing along to pop hits by artists such as Beyoncé. *Apollo Theater, 2540 N. Lincoln Ave.; 773-935-6100 and www.apollochicago.com*

ences a Britishism for craving) is currently getting an intense, Chicago-style production in the studio space at the Raven Theatre under the dynamic direction of Elly Green. For the piece to work, you have to feel sympathy for the two young guys, 13-year-old Bobbie (Jesse Aaronson) and 16-year-old Hench (Reed Lancaster), forced to assume this parody of adulthood as teenagers. But Jordan is also unstinting when she writes about the damage this situation can do, especially to the curious teenage girl, Jennifer (Netta Walker) who find herself embroiled in this toxic world of boy. *Through May 5 at Raven Theatre, 6157 N. Clark St.; \$43-\$46 at 773-338-2177 or www.raventheatre.com*



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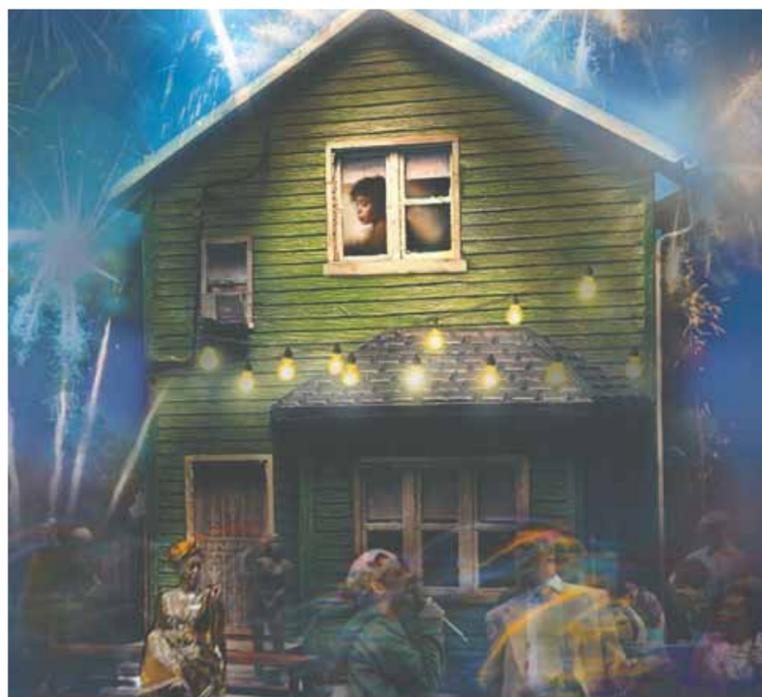
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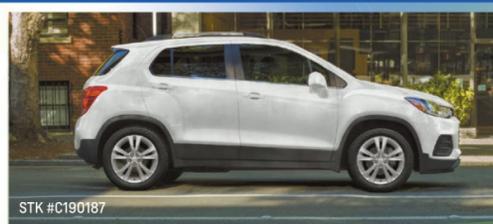
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ACROSS

- 1 Word after wine or baker's
- 5 Tiny particle
- 9 Part of the foot
- 13 Sir ___ Newton
- 15 Have a meal
- 16 Reign
- 17 One of the five senses
- 18 Surgery
- 20 Santa __, CA
- 21 Massage
- 23 Adheres
- 24 Light color
- 26 "For ___ a jolly good fellow..."
- 27 Sound heard near a pool
- 29 Kilt pattern
- 32 Fill with joy
- 33 19th-century U.S. president
- 35 Portable bed
- 37 Pantry stackables
- 38 ___ Ste. Marie
- 39 Threesome
- 40 ___-tac-toe
- 41 Glow
- 42 "___ Were the Days"
- 43 Become dim
- 45 Molded
- 46 Cake ingredient
- 47 Religion

- 48 Author Louisa May ___
- 51 This month: abbr.
- 52 One ___ kind; unique thing
- 55 Mentor
- 58 Not smashed
- 60 "Who Wants ___ a Millionaire"
- 61 Houston school
- 62 Contaminate
- 63 Remain
- 64 Collections
- 65 Passing crazes

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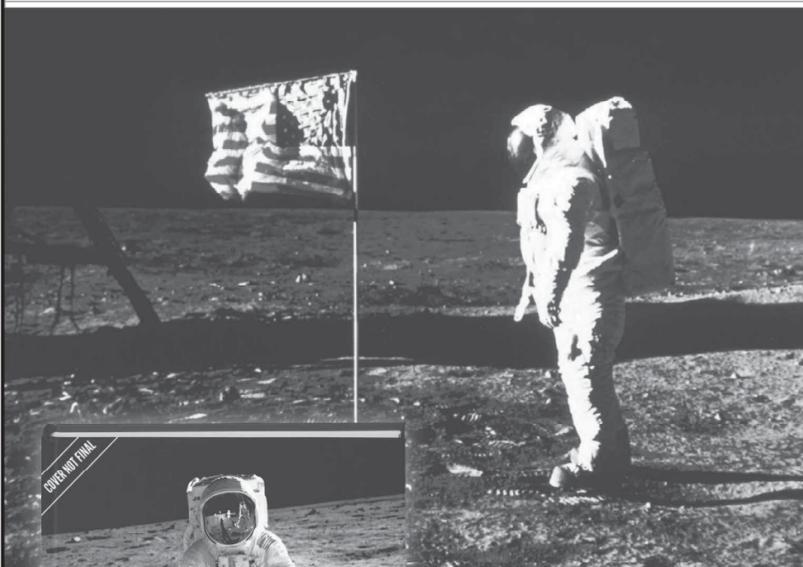
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- 2 As wise ___ owl
- 3 Classic Humphrey Bogart film
- 4 Actress Dennings
- 5 Clay brick
- 6 Money left for the waiter
- 7 Late bedtime
- 8 Storekeeper
- 9 Manet or Monet
- 10 Destroy
- 11 Wooden shoe
- 12 Chickens' moms
- 14 Shade of red
- 19 On the ball
- 22 Word of disgust

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- 25 Breaks a fast
- 27 Small religious group
- 28 School uniform skirt pattern
- 29 Story
- 30 Fear of heights
- 31 Clamor
- 33 Put on weight
- 34 Baseball score
- 36 ___ the line; obeyed
- 38 Dog ___; kennels
- 39 "Be ___ as it may..."
- 41 Short one-act plays
- 42 Need for water
- 44 Mickey or Andy
- 45 Gullible fellow
- 47 Airline prices
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- 49 Money, slangily
- 50 Havana's land
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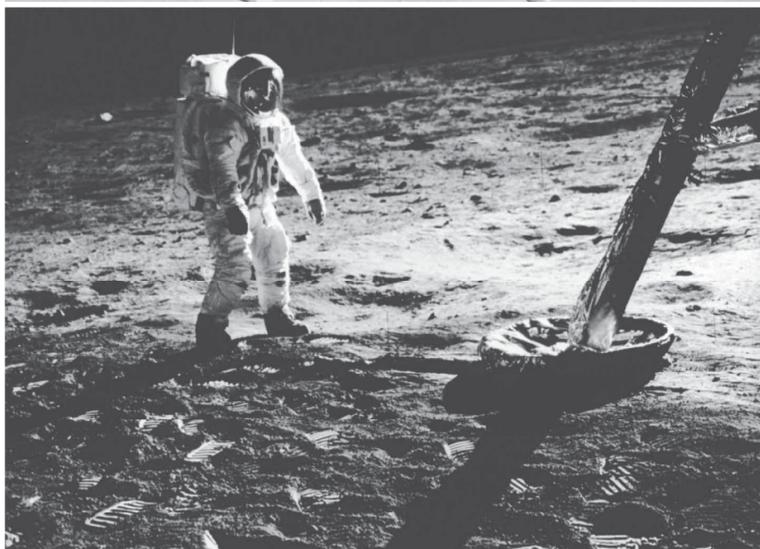
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Notice is given you, **Atrell Williams (Father)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **October 4, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Terrence Sharkey** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **04/18/2019** at **9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR **63 COURTROOM 13**.

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT April 5, 2019

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY: A. Brannon, J. Ruggiero ATTORNEY FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS ADDRESS: 1100 South Hamilton CITY/STATE: Chicago, Illinois 60612 TELEPHONE NUMBER: (312) 433-7000 ATTORNEY NO.: 33182

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Jeremiah Currie AKA Jerimah Currie AKA Se'Quan Currie
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Olivia Johnson (Mother)
JUVENILE NO.: 16JA00747

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Jeremaya Powell (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **March 7, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Kimberly Lewis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **04/25/2019**, at **09:30 AM** IN CALENDAR **8 COURTROOM H**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS April 5, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Kailani Silva
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Karina Cruz (Mother)
JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00799

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **David Arevalos (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 21, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Kimberly Lewis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **04/25/2019**, at **10:00 AM** IN CALENDAR **8 COURTROOM H**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS April 5, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Nikeia Johnson
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Latrice Harris (Mother)
JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00075

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Nick Johnson (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **January 29, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** 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 **04/25/2019**, at **1:30 PM** IN CALENDAR **10 COURTROOM H**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS April 5, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Sophia Shipman
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Melody Shipman (Mother)
JUVENILE NO.: 16JA00608

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, and any and all unknown fathers, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 9, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Peter Vilkelis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **04/25/2019**, at **10:00 AM** IN CALENDAR **13 COURTROOM M**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS April 5, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO DISADVANTAGED BUSINESSES

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AFFIDAVIT AND ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF Luis Fernando Velasco
Gen No.: 19 P 121
Now comes Edith Marquez, who on oath and under penalties of perjury as provided and by law states as follows:
1. That leave of court has been granted to petitioner to file a petition for guardianship of Luis Fernando Velasco, a minor.
2. That Azucena Velasco is the mother of Luis Fernando Velasco.
3. That Azucena Velasco cannot be found after diligent inquiry, therefore process cannot be served. That his or her current address cannot be ascertained after diligent inquiry, but his/her last known place of residence is as follows: Unknown - Chicago, IL.
4. That in order to proceed with this Action, it is necessary that service be had on the Azucena Velasco by publication pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/2-206
CERTIFICATION
Under penalties of perjury as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct.
Date: March 8, 2019
/s/ Edith Marquez

LEGAL NOTICES

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago will be accepting applications for the following classification(s):

Administrative Specialist (Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: April 5, 2019 through April 19, 2019. **Examination Date:** May 11, 2019 at Northside College Preparatory High School, 5501 North Kedzie Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of administrative specialist practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under supervision, performs clerical and administrative work such as composing and/or typing various correspondence, organizing and maintaining paper and electronic files, tracking completion of assignments, performing basic bookkeeping activities, distributing mail and answering phones. **Pay:** \$52,263.64 per year

Safety Manager (Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: April 12, 2019 through May 10, 2019. **Examination Date:** May 31, 2019 at MWRD Main Office Building Annex, 111 East Erie Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of safety manager practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under general direction, manages the safety programs for the District. **Pay:** \$109,991.70 per year

Senior Structural Engineer (Original)

Application Filing Period: April 12, 2019 through May 10, 2019. **Examination Date:** To be announced. **Location:** To be announced. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of senior structural engineer practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Performs supervisory professional structural engineering work in connection with the design, layout, preparation of plans and estimates and erection or alteration of structural steel, timber, concrete and reinforced concrete structures. **Pay:** \$97,995.04 per year

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