

**CHICAGO SPORTS**

## Cubs plan to option Russell to Triple-A

The team informed shortstop Addison Russell that he will be optioned to Triple-A Iowa on Thursday, one day before he is eligible to rejoin the team following his 40-game suspension.



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BREAKING NEWS AT CHICAGOTRIBUNE.CO

# Pain, charges follow fatal car crash

## Mom of woman killed grieves as a driver charged with reckless homicide, DUI

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS, ROSEMARY SOBOL AND MEGAN CREPEAU | Chicago Tribune

While Jamie Poulos, 23, was trapped inside a burning Uber car on the Stevenson Expressway, the driver who authorities say was drunk when he caused the crash fled in another ride-share vehicle but was arrested at his suburban home, according to authorities.

The Will County sheriff's office assisted Illinois State Police in

investigating the fatal crash after it became clear that the driver of the Infiniti sedan that crashed into the Hyundai sedan carrying Poulos and three friends had fled the scene on foot, according to police.

Rami Matariyeh, 22, of Homer Glen, has been charged with reckless homicide, failure to report an accident causing death,

aggravated driving under the influence, failure to report an accident causing injury and other violations, according to state police and Tandra Simonton, a spokeswoman for the Cook County state's attorney's office. Matariyeh fled the scene right after the crash early Sunday, according to police and prosecutors.

On Tuesday, Cook County Judge Sophia Atcherson ordered Matariyeh held on \$100,000 bond. If Matariyeh posts the necessary



Matariyeh

\$10,000, the judge ordered he be released from the county jail on electronic monitors and forbade him from driving or drinking alcohol while awaiting trial.

Meanwhile, Anastacio Morales, 23, of Lyons, who had been a passenger in the Uber, pulled its driver and one of his friends from the burning Hyundai. Morales told Poulos' mother he was on fire when he got out of the car, according to Poulos' mother, Andrea Poulos, but he still tried to

pull Jamie Poulos from the vehicle, unsuccessfully.

"He was a hero and I don't want him to ever feel bad that he couldn't save her, but I know he does," Andrea Poulos told the Tribune.

When she met with the Morales family Sunday night, Andrea Poulos was told the impact of the Infiniti into the Hyundai was closest to where Jamie Poulos was sitting in the rear seat, making her rescue impossible.

At Matariyeh's bond hearing

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## Before AJ died, DCFS was decried

### Prosecutor in McHenry Co. had raised concerns with agency in '18 letter

BY ROBERT MCCOPPIN  
Chicago Tribune

Nearly a year before 5-year-old Andrew "AJ" Freund was beaten to death in his Crystal Lake home, allegedly at the hands of his parents, the McHenry County state's attorney had raised concerns in a letter about three cases the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services was handling in that county, questioning the agency's investigations and its staff's effectiveness.

Obtained exclusively by the Tribune through a Freedom of Information Act request, the letter was written by State's Attorney Patrick Kenneally and detailed three investigations in which he alleged the agency's caseworkers failed to act or were uncooperative with prosecutors to the detriment of their cases.

Now with the death of AJ, whose parents had been under investigation by DCFS, Kenneally is decrying the child protection agency, saying it is not doing its job.

"DCFS in McHenry County is not adequately fulfilling its criti-

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- Foster family, grandmother remember AJ Freund's 'happy, fun-loving' times.
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Forces loyal to Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro scramble as fighting erupts Tuesday in front of an air base in Caracas, the capital.

# Bloody street clashes rock Caracas

## Opposition leader calls for a military uprising against Maduro's rule

BY SCOTT SMITH AND CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA  
Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — Opposition leader Juan Guaido took a bold step to revive his movement to seize power in Venezuela, taking to the streets Tuesday to call for a military uprising that drew quick support from the Trump administration and fierce resistance

from forces loyal to embattled socialist President Nicolas Maduro.

The violent street battles that erupted in parts of Caracas were the most serious challenge yet to Maduro's rule. Still, the rebellion, dubbed "Operation Freedom," seemed to have garnered only limited military support.

Meanwhile, national security adviser John Bolton said the Trump administration was waiting for three key officials, including Maduro's defense minister and head of the supreme court, to act on what he said were private pledges to remove

Maduro. He did not provide details.

President Donald Trump tweeted that the U.S. stands with the "People of Venezuela and their Freedom!"

The head of Venezuela's secret police admonished Maduro — the biggest break by a senior member of the security forces.

SEBIN leader Manuel Ricardo Cristopher Figuera wrote a letter to the Venezuelan people saying it is time to "rebuild the country."

A senior U.S. official confirmed the authenticity of the letter circulating on social me-

dia.

The U.S. and about 50 other nations take the position that Maduro's re-election last year was irrevocably marred by fraud and he is not the legitimate president of Venezuela, a once prosperous nation that has the world's largest proven oil reserves.

The dramatic events began early Tuesday when Guaido, flanked by a few dozen National Guardsmen and some armored crowd-control vehicles, released the three-minute video filmed

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## 'Emotions snuck up' on Duckworth

### Senator took her 1st trip to Iraq since being shot down in 2004

BY LISA DONOVAN  
Chicago Tribune

The last time she heard the whirring staccato of helicopter blades, took in the fumes from hydraulic fluid or felt the blowing dust — all at once — Tammy Duckworth was a soldier in Iraq.

As an Army pilot, Duckworth left there 15 years ago on a stretcher. She lost both legs after her Black Hawk helicopter was shot down by a rocket-propelled grenade.

Last week, Duckworth re-

turned for the first time to the place that forever altered her life — this time as the junior U.S. senator from Illinois leading a bipartisan delegation taking the temperature of government, military and ISIS operations. When there was time, Duckworth said, she took stock of her own life as the familiar sights, sounds and smells offered comfort and clocked her loss.

While her travel took her past the area where her Army helicopter was shot down, she said it was seeing the soldiers during the five days of travel there — reminders of her old life, of that camaraderie — that hurt a bit.

"The emotions snuck up on me," the Hoffman Estates Demo-

crat told the Tribune in a brief telephone interview.

"When I was around other soldiers, I wanted to be another soldier. Being there — the last time I saw those things, the last time I felt those things, I felt that dust, I heard those sounds, I was a soldier," Duckworth said in the interview. "To smell the hydraulic fluid and not be in a flight suit in the cockpit was ... very weird. I just felt wrong."

Duckworth said she at first felt disoriented, but her equilibrium eventually came. "It was almost a sense of comfort when I put my body armor on for the first time" during last week's trip.

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SEN. ANGUS KING

Sen. Tammy Duckworth looks on as her craft flies past where she was downed in 2004 in Taji, Iraq.

## Mueller: Barr memo didn't have 'context'

The special counsel wrote a letter to the attorney general complaining that a four-page memo to Congress "did not fully capture the context, nature, and substance" of Robert Mueller's work.

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## Zuckerberg details 'privacy-focused' plan

The Facebook CEO laid out his vision for the social network which includes a major redesign of its app and website built around letting people connect with small groups.

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### An Intimate Conversation with John Waters

**When:** Tuesday, May 28 from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. (Doors open at 6:15 p.m.), Studebaker Theater, 410 S. Michigan Ave.

■ Film critic Michael Phillips will talk to director and celebrity John Waters about his upcoming book, "Mr. Know-It-All!" As auteur of the transgressive movie classics "Pink Flamingos," "Polyester," the original "Hairspray," "Cry-Baby," and "A Dirty Shame," is one of the world's great sophisticates, and in his new book, he serves it up raw. Following their conversation, Waters will stay to sign copies of his book and take photos with fans.

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### An Intimate Conversation with Valerie Jarrett

**When:** Monday, June 3 from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. (Doors open at 6:15 p.m.), University Club of Chicago, 76 E. Monroe St.

■ Tribune publisher and editor-in-chief Bruce Dold will talk to Valerie Jarrett, former senior adviser to President Barack Obama, businesswoman, advocate for social justice about her upcoming book ("Finding My Voice: My Journey to the West Wing and the Path Forward"), her writing process and the stories that inspired her book. Following their conversation, Jarrett will stay to sign copies of her book.

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### An Intimate Conversation with Jennifer Weiner

**When:** Thursday, June 20 from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. (Doors open at 6:15 p.m.), Venue SIX10, 610 S. Michigan Ave.

■ Columnist Heidi Stevens will talk to New York Times bestselling author Jennifer Weiner about her newest book, "Mrs. Everything," women's rights, sexual freedom and the changing landscape of American politics. Following their conversation, Weiner will stay to sign copies of her book.

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■ A list in Sunday's Chicago Sports section of players with local ties who were selected in the NFL draft omitted Bowling Green wide receiver Scott Miller, a Barrington High School graduate whom the Tampa Bay Buccaneers picked in the sixth round. The Tribune regrets the error.

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PBS 2016

Then-President Barack Obama, thanks performers — including Jussie Smollett at right — at a PBS tribute to Ray Charles.



## JOHN KASS

# Where did Smollett get clout? Video is 'Exhibit A'

In Chicago we have a saying: We don't want nobody nobody sent.

But Jussie Smollett isn't a nobody, is he?

He's a somebody. And I've just seen an Obama White House video — in which Smollett gets a big shoutout from then-President Barack Obama — to prove it.

So, if it please the court, I'd like to have this video marked as "Exhibit A." "Has everybody had a good time tonight?" Obama asked the audience at a 2016 White House event. "... Jussie Smollett!"

Smollett smiled and clapped, beaming with excitement. Who wouldn't be beaming after performing for the president and the first lady?

It was obvious that he was having good time. Clearly, he was becoming somebody. A real Hollywood somebody, star of the TV show "Empire" with important connections.

Smollett became such a somebody that Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx's office inexplicably cut him loose from criminal charges, dropping 16 grand jury counts against him for allegedly fabricating a racial hate crime and blaming it all on supporters of President Donald Trump.

Well, it's almost inexplicable. Foxx did admit she had inappropriate contact with the Smollett family and with Tina Tchen, a top lawyer and former chief of staff for Michelle Obama.

Foxx said she recused herself from the case because of the questionable contacts. But in reality, she hadn't.

And then she dropped the whole thing.

Hate crime? What hate crime? Tuna sandwich? The one Smollett kept with him even after fighting those MAGA racists? What tuna sandwich?

What MAGA racists? Those body building brothers, the Osundairos? What Osundairos?

When Foxx mysteriously dropped all the charges, it smelled so badly that retired Illinois Appellate Judge Sheila O'Brien was compelled to petition the courts and ask for a special prosecutor.

O'Brien has asked Foxx to appear at a hearing Thursday before Judge

LeRoy Martin Jr., chief of the Criminal Division.

It's all so theatrical, like a courtroom drama turgid with Chicago Way politics. That's why I'm offering this video to Judge Martin, if he wants it.

In February 2016, the Obama White House held a musical tribute to one of the great American artists in our history, the one and only Ray Charles.

Just type "White House tribute," "Obama" and "Ray Charles" into a YouTube search and you'll see.

Top entertainers performed that night. Big stars like Usher. So did Smollett, who was by no means a big star like the others, but somebody up there must have liked him.

It was a fantastic show. The president and the first lady were cool, singing and dancing and having fun. Finally, President Obama said the goodbyes.

If I were directing, I'd have had the White House press corps — which loved Obama and still carries a torch for him — sing a few songs of farewell too.

They'd do a great job singing that Celine Dion love song "My Heart Will Go On," from Titanic.

They sang that one to him for eight years, and most are still singing it to this day, with tears.

But look, ah, here's the thing. Celine Dion is not Ray Charles. C'mon, man.

And on the night in question, in February 2016, as he was saying his farewells, President Obama had Ray Charles on his mind.

"Has everybody had a good time tonight?" Obama asks on the video. "Let's say, 'Thank you' to all our outstanding performers!"

"Yolanda Adams! Leon Bridges! Demi Lovato! Anthony Hamilton! The great Sam Moore! Usher! Britany Howard! I want to make sure I've got everybody here ... Andra Day! Can you give everybody a big round of applause for the band!"

But he'd skipped Smollett. And just then, Michelle Obama is standing next to her husband. She leans forward and whispers into his ear.

"The Band Perry! Jussie Smollett! Did I forget anybody? I got Sam Moore!"

You didn't forget anybody, Mr. President. And you got the important name on the record.

What does this video prove, if anything?

Oh, I'm no lawyer. I'm not a former appellate judge seeking answers to a strange case. And I'm not a state's attorney who'll never be anyone's wing man now.

But it is interesting. And it kinda, sorta answers the question: Where does Jussie Smollett's clout come from?

Judge O'Brien wants to know that, too, among other things.

"She is our lawyer. We are her clients. We should be able to rely upon our lawyer's word," O'Brien wrote in her petition. "To find that Foxx's clear statement of recusal was something other than a recusal would indicate that she was being less than truthful in her handling of the Smollett case and in her statements to the public."

Less than truthful? That's an understatement. Her pants are on fire.

Once word got out that Foxx had her private contacts with Michelle Obama's former chief of staff and others, Foxx's office kept saying she'd "recused" herself.

But when I asked Foxx if she'd really recused herself, her office said the state's attorney had meant it only in "the colloquial" sense.

In other words: Taxpayers sure are stupid, aren't they?

All this should be before Judge Martin on Thursday.

I hope he sees the video and notices the two excited people in the front row.

One was White House adviser Valerie Jarrett. And the other?

Tina Tchen, who would later contact Kim Foxx on Smollett's behalf.

They're smiling.

And they're not nobodies.

They're somebodies.

No further questions, your honor.

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# CBD oil is suddenly everywhere. Is it a cure-all?



MARY SCHMICH

One day in early April I passed a big sidewalk sign on Michigan Avenue hawking something I'd never seen publicly promoted in downtown Chicago. I looked at it for a moment. Huh.

It was lunchtime. I was hungry and cranky. I figured why not.

Walking into the store, I glanced around, feeling like I was about to do something illicit. I mean, clearly this must be legal, but did I really want to be seen doing it, and in the middle of the day?

"Can I get one of those berry shakes?" I said to the cashier. I felt a flicker of hesitation, then added, "With CBD."

CBD? Or CDB? Had I even said it right?

I had, and for an additional \$2.99, the clerk at the Protein Bar & Kitchen added a "boost" of CBD oil to my shake, after which I headed back onto the sidewalk eager to see whether this stuff lived up to the hype.

CBD, as you may have noticed, is suddenly everywhere. A friend tells me she just bought CBD cream she hopes will soothe her aching hip. Another friend touts the CBD gummies he says enhance his sleep.

On Facebook, various acquaintances discuss where they buy CBD products they believe relieve arthritis, migraines, anxiety, insomnia, acne, rosacea, thinning hair, pretty much everything except Chicago's grim spring weather.

I was recently in a Chicago coffeehouse that has started selling CBD-infused kombucha. At my neighborhood CVS, a rack of CBD-enhanced products now sits across from the pharmacy counter. At Bed Bath & Beyond, just a few steps from the pots and pans, is a CBD display that includes Spa-Room CBD Essential Oils.

CBD oil has become so ubiquitous so fast that a cautious person has to wonder: Is "CBD" just a new word for "snake?"

For some illumination on the topic, I called Richard Miller, a professor of pharmacology at Northwestern's Feinberg School of Medicine.



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Mishka Oil owner Stella Chalik injects CBD oil into a batch of chocolate chip cookies at her kitchen in December in Chicago.

**"Recently people have started to think: Maybe cannabidiol does something. A question becomes: Does cannabidiol really do anything, and if so, what?"**

— Richard Miller, a professor of pharmacology at Northwestern's Feinberg School of Medicine

"I'll give you the one-minute lecture," he said.

OK, professor. Go.

"So there's a plant called cannabis, which has been used for thousands of years for medical

purposes. Obviously there's something in the plant that does medical types of things. And since the 1960s we've known what the chemical probably is. It's THC or tetrahydrocannabinol. That, in fact, is the chemical in the plant that gets you high. It also has other beneficial effects. As scientists, we know how it works."

There's also another component of the plant, he went on, one that until recently was considered to be inert.

"It's called cannabidiol," he said. "Recently people have started to think: Maybe cannabidiol does something. A question becomes: Does cannabidiol really do anything, and if so, what?"

Miller said cannabidiol — aka CBD — has been scientifically shown to be useful in treating some childhood epilepsies and multiple sclerosis. But his verdict on the multitude of other claims: "The jury is still out."

The popularity of CBD coin-

cides with the growing movement to legalize marijuana, a drug Miller notes has been legal for most of human existence.

"I can't stress this too strongly," he said. "The whole idea that cannabis should be illegal, and we shouldn't take it, is an incredibly tiny blip in human history. It's something people have been taking for thousands of years. The idea that we shouldn't be taking it is the anomaly."

Nevertheless, scientific proof of CBD's wonders remains scant.

"In order to really know that something works you have to establish that through scientific investigation," he said. "With cannabidiol, that hasn't been done."

So far, he said, most claims for CBD fall into the category of "advertising" and "spin."

"That doesn't mean it doesn't do anything," he said. "We'll know sooner or later if it's really true. It's of extreme interest."

On the bright side, he added, there's little evidence that it causes harm, at least in its commonly used doses.

"It's really in the category of food additives rather than drugs," he said.

I asked if he ever used it.

"I was in San Francisco and had some CBD ice cream with bee pollen and fennel," he said.

And?

"It was delicious."

I remain hesitant about ingesting anything based on anecdotal evidence, but I will say that after I consumed my CBD berry shake, I felt very relaxed.

People seemed nice. The city looked beautiful. My worries could wait.

But maybe that's because it was 75 degrees that day, and the sun was out, and in Chicago in April that's a surefire pain reliever.

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## Ill. Dems float higher top income tax rate

Tweaks to Gov. Pritzker graduated plan eyed plus property tax freeze

BY DAN PETRELLA  
Chicago Tribune

Illinois Senate Democrats on Tuesday proposed tweaks to the graduated-rate income tax plan that is the cornerstone of Gov. J.B. Pritzker's ambitious agenda for the spring legislative session, increasing the top rate for the wealthiest taxpayers while dangling a potential freeze on school district property taxes.

In closed-door negotiations, some Democratic lawmakers have criticized Pritzker's plan for not doing more to address soaring property taxes. The proposal from Sen. Andy Manar, a Bunker Hill Democrat, would freeze local school districts' property tax rates if the state lives up to its education funding obligations.

"The concept here is to put a credible proposal on the table to ... turn off the spigot of property taxes and make the state budget the predominant source of how we fund public schools," he said.

In another effort to broaden

support for an income tax overhaul, and to counter arguments that the state's tax structure drives residents to leave, Senate President John Cullerton introduced a second companion measure that would eliminate the state's estate tax — a levy affecting family farms that Republicans have long decried as a death tax.

The measure would "send the message to the folks that are going to be paying more in Illinois income tax that we are at least willing to eliminate the estate tax because we're told that's one of the reasons why some people actually do leave" the state, the Chicago Democrat said.

Pritzker, who campaigned on shifting the state from its current flat-rate income tax to one in which higher earners pay higher rates, proposed a plan in March that he said would generate \$3.4 billion in new revenue by raising tax rates on those earning more than \$250,000 and giving a modest break to the other 97 percent of taxpayers. The governor's plan would raise most of its revenue — an estimated \$2.7 billion — by taxing those who earn more than \$1 million a year at 7.95 percent of their total income.

The Senate proposal on the income tax, filed by Sen. Toi Hutchinson, D-Olympia Fields, would set the top rate at 7.99 percent. That rate would apply to the entire income of single filers earning more than \$750,000 annually or joint filers earning more than \$1 million. Hutchinson's plan would generate an estimated \$3.3 billion annually. The current rate is 4.95 percent for all filers.

The Senate Executive Committee voted Tuesday to send all three measures to the full chamber.

The Democratic governor described his original proposal as the opening bid in negotiations. Even if the full Senate passes the measures introduced Tuesday as written, the package could undergo substantive changes in the House, where prospects for a graduated tax are murkier.

Pritzker spokeswoman Jordan Abudayyeh said the governor "has made clear that he prioritizes negotiations with the General Assembly on the fair income tax."

"Today represents another important step in the negotiations, and we look forward to continuing those conversations with stakeholders in the House as well," Abudayyeh said in an emailed

statement. "Governor Pritzker's focus on making our system more fair means that 97 percent of Illinois taxpayers will pay the same or less in income taxes, while only those making more than \$250,000 will pay more."

During the committee hearing Tuesday afternoon, Hutchinson said her proposal "retains that underlying principle."

Hutchinson said the lower income threshold for single filers was meant to address criticisms of the so-called marriage penalty Pritzker's proposal would have created.

Three-fifths majorities in the House and Senate must pass a measure seeking voter approval to eliminate the state constitution's flat tax requirement. The Senate could vote on the proposed amendment as soon as Wednesday, but it can't go before voters till November 2020 at the earliest.

While the property tax and the estate tax proposals may blunt criticisms from some Democrats and some pro-business groups, changing the rates from Pritzker's original plan will offer ammunition to opponents. Already, Republican lawmakers and other opponents are arguing that the

Democrats will eventually try to apply higher tax rates to lower incomes if voters approve constitutional amendment.

"They're already creeping down ... which is something we've been warning members of the General Assembly and the public about," Illinois Manufacturers' Association President and CEO Mark Denzler said Tuesday.

Under the Senate bill, single and joint filers would be taxed at 4.75 percent on the first \$10,000 of income, 4.9 percent on income between \$10,000 and \$100,000 and 4.95 percent on income between \$100,000 and \$250,000. After that, there are slight differences from Pritzker's plan.

For single filers, the rates would be 7.75 percent on income between \$250,000 and \$350,000, and 7.85 percent on income between \$350,000 and \$750,000. For those earning more than \$750,000, their total income would be taxed at 7.99 percent.

The corporate tax rate would increase to 7.99 percent from the current 7 percent. Pritzker proposed raising it to 7.95 percent.

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## CPD brass shaken up as summer shapes up

18 changes announced as police hone plan for seasonal violence rise

BY JEREMY GORNER  
Chicago Tribune

Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson on Tuesday announced more than a dozen changes to his command staff as the department prepares for the summer months when violence typically peaks.

The shake-up comes a day after Johnson met with Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot as well as other key figures in Cook County and federal law enforcement.

Lightfoot is scheduled to become mayor May 20, just days before the Memorial Day weekend and the unofficial start of the summer.

Johnson announced the command changes during a news conference at the Shakespeare District police station in the Logan Square community, where Lightfoot has lived for the last 15 years.

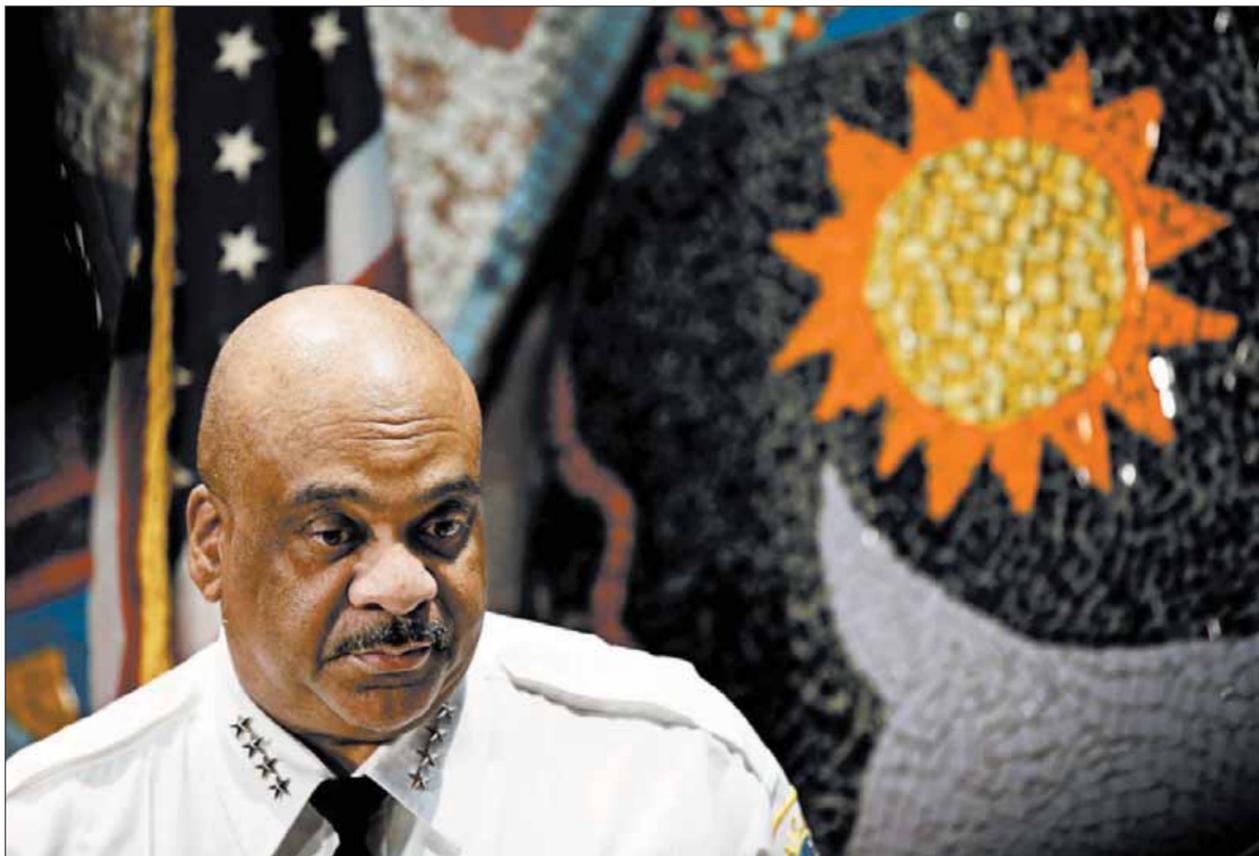
The superintendent offered no specifics about Monday's meeting with Lightfoot beyond saying "it was very encouraging."

Johnson said he would provide more details about the department's plans closer to Memorial Day weekend.

Lightfoot has indicated she wanted to keep Johnson in his post to deal with the inevitable uptick in violence as the days heat up. His longevity in the job could depend on whether the violence continues to decline over year-earlier levels.

Through April 21, the most current official department statistics show Chicago had 120 homicides, a drop of about 10 percent from 133 a year earlier.

However, violence has been picking up in recent weeks. For the most recent 28 days through April 21, homicides in the city



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Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson shares the Police Department's Summer Safety Plan during a news conference on Tuesday.

doubled to 54 from 27 last year, department statistics show.

A similar trend can be seen with shooting incidents. Through April 21, shooting incidents fell to 489, down 8 percent from 534 a year earlier. However, during that most recent 28-day period, shooting incidents rose to 182, up about 20 percent from 152, according to the department.

Johnson shrugged off a reporter's question about whether he feels under pressure with Lightfoot coming into office.

"I've been a cop for 31 years, so pressure really doesn't play into it at all," he said. "You know, at the end of the day you have to stay on the path that you think will help reduce crime in this city. You know, it's not (a) secret. ... You can't wave a magic wand to reduce crime. It just doesn't work like that."

Among the 18 changes to his

command staff, Johnson announced that Dana Alexander, a deputy chief, succeeded Keith Calloway, who is retiring as chief of the department's Bureau of Internal Affairs.

Johnson also promoted Area North patrol Cmdr. Salvador Avila to head the Bureau of Organized Crime, overseeing several specialized and covert citywide gang and narcotics units.

Near North District Capt. Mel Roman was promoted to commander of the Shakespeare District, overseeing neighborhoods such as Logan Square, Bucktown and Wicker Park. Last year Roman was second-in-command in Near North under Cmdr. Paul Bauer when Bauer was fatally shot while on duty.

Other key appointments include Karen Konow, as Alexander's second-in-command as a deputy chief of Internal Affairs.

Deering District Capt. Don Jerome was promoted to commander of the district, encompassing the Bridgeport, Back of the Yards, Brighton Park and Canaryville neighborhoods.

The department's plan through the summer isn't expected to be much different from previous years. Officials said that at times, police will beef up their visibility along the lakefront, in parks and at CTA train stations. Officers will be patrolling on bicycles in areas with large crowds.

The department's summer mobile unit will respond to any sudden eruptions in violence in various neighborhoods, particularly the most crime-plagued pockets on the South and West sides, while also assisting other units working downtown and along the lakefront, officials said.

At the news conference, Johnson was asked whether the police

had been prepared for the large groups of youths who traveled downtown in recent weeks, some of them causing disturbances and leading to dozens of arrests.

"You can never anticipate every little aspect of what might happen, but in terms of what happened, we knew those kids were coming down there," Johnson said. "... It was no accident that we had that large presence down there."

"As a city and as a police department, we can always do better," the superintendent said. "I think alternatively we need to figure out other ways to keep those kids busy so that they don't come down there with nefarious intentions. We welcome everybody downtown. But I can tell you this: We will not tolerate misbehavior down there."

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## Lightfoot to teens: You have a place in own neighborhoods

BY JOHN BYRNE  
Chicago Tribune

Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot held her second high-level crime fighting meeting of the week Tuesday, bringing together several city department heads at City Hall to prepare for summer violence.

"I want to make sure that every single city resource that we have is focused on keeping our communities safe this summer," Lightfoot told reporters after talking to officials from the Police Department, the Chicago Park District, the Department of Streets and Sanitation, Chicago Public Schools and other agencies.

Commenting on the arrests of young people who gathered in large numbers downtown over spring break earlier in April,



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The mayor-elect said teens need to know they can "engage in productive activities" where they live.

Lightfoot said teens need to know they can "engage in productive activities in the neighborhoods."

"I think that was a missed opportunity, but I think we're not going to make, we're not going to do that again," she said. "We're going to make sure we're thought-

ful and intentional, particularly around spring breaks. That's why I've been spending so much time talking to, not just law enforcement, but the various agencies to have a good plan for the summer."

"They're residents of the city, they have the absolute right to come downtown," Lightfoot said. "But we've got to make sure they're engaging in activities in the downtown area that is respectful of the other people that are there enjoying the city."

At a City Club luncheon earlier Tuesday, Fraternal Order of Police President Kevin Graham told the crowd the union rejects some of the disciplinary reforms Lightfoot has said she favors in the upcoming police contract.

Lightfoot said she wasn't surprised, but she wouldn't negotiate

the deal in the media.

"I know they have very specific ideas about what should be in and what shouldn't, and we're going to figure out the ways we can meet in the middle," Lightfoot said. "But there's a statement of values around accountability that we're going to press for. And I feel confident that we're going to see changes in those contracts so that we're consistent with the reforms that are already in place and that are anticipated by the (federal) consent decree."

Earlier Tuesday, police Superintendent Eddie Johnson announced 18 changes to the Police Department command staff as the department prepares for the summer uptick in violence.

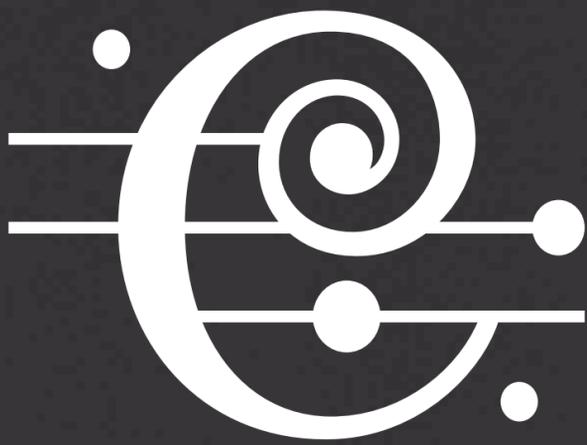
Lightfoot also met with public safety officials Monday at police

headquarters to discuss coordinating their anti-violence planning "this summer and beyond," according to spokeswoman Anel Ruiz.

The Monday meeting included Johnson, Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx, Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart and U.S. Attorney John Lausch.

"I wanted to make sure that our focus was comprehensive and that those gathered understood that we would be using all available city resources beyond the police department to keep our communities safe," Lightfoot said in a statement after the Monday meeting. "I expect to personally be part of these conversations on an ongoing basis."

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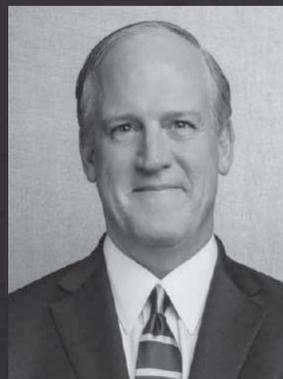
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# Undercover agent testifies in terror plot

Sentencing nears for Hillside teen lawyer called naive

By JASON MEISNER  
Chicago Tribune

Hillside teenager Adel Daoud first met with the purported terrorist in a park in the western suburb of Villa Park in July 2012.

Speaking rapidly and in a high-pitched tone, Daoud espoused his desire to wage violent jihad, peppering his conversation with typical teenage words like “dude” and “man” as he explained the “hypocrisy” of America and listed the “nonbelievers” he felt it was fair game to kill.

“Our blood is so cheap, you know?” Daoud told the man, who was actually an undercover FBI agent posing as a jihadi fighter. “Their blood is very valuable. But our blood is cheap.”

Near the end of the meeting, the agent asked Daoud to “write down” his ideas for an attack in Chicago. Two months later, Daoud, 18, was arrested in a Loop alley after pressing the detonator on what he thought was a 1,000-pound car bomb he’d parked outside the crowded Cactus Bar & Grill in the Loop.

The muffled recording of the two-hour meeting was played for the first time Tuesday in a federal courtroom without any spectators or reporters present as Daoud’s unusual sentencing hearing on terrorism and

other charges entered a second day.

U.S. District Judge Sharon Johnson Coleman ordered deputy U.S. marshals to clear her 14th-floor courtroom Tuesday in advance of the agent’s testimony — a rare move that brought objections by Daoud’s attorneys as well as lawyers for the Chicago Tribune.

Coleman said the safety of the agent, who still works undercover, trumped the public’s right to access. She also said she has been more than accommodating to the news media, setting up an overflow courtroom with an audio linkup for reporters to hear the agent’s testimony, although the video is aimed away from the witness stand.

The agent’s undercover work was the linchpin of the case and included constructing the inert bomb for Daoud using bags of fertilizer and containers of gasoline packed into a Jeep and rigged to a detonator. After Daoud was arrested, he was captured in conversations with a jailhouse informant attempting to arrange the agent’s murder.

“That alone causes the court concern about his safety,” the judge said Tuesday.

In objecting to booting the public from the courtroom, Daoud’s attorney, Thomas Anthony Durkin, said the public had a right to a full airing of the govern-



Daoud

ment’s investigation of Daoud, who Durkin has argued was a naive and “misguided” teen entrapped as part of the overzealous war on terror.

“It’s just becoming a default now in terrorism cases to grant the government whatever they want,” Durkin said.

When the agent’s long-anticipated testimony finally began, prosecutors referred to him not by his real name but by “Mudafar,” the name he used when dealing with Daoud.

Testifying in a gruff voice, the agent said he was introduced to Daoud in July 2012 as the cousin of a man who had been talking to Daoud online about jihad. The agent told Daoud he was a mujahed who fought in Afghanistan and belonged to a terrorist cell with loyalties to al-Qaida.

In their first meeting near a mosque in Villa Park, Daoud did “90 percent” of the talking, the agent said. Portions of the audio-recorded conversation played in court captured Daoud giggling and speaking excitedly as he identified himself as a “good terrorist.”

In often-rambling monologues, Daoud brought up the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden and the killing of Jewish men, women and children. He laughed at seemingly odd times, particularly when talking about the timidity of some in the

Islamic community about fighting against oppression.

“Like, woowow man! Hello! Are you serious right now?” Daoud exclaimed at one point on the recording.

Near the end of the conversation, the agent told Daoud that his group was interested in doing “something in Chicago” because of fewer security risks than in New York.

Daoud expressed interest but also seemed to have little grasp of how such an attack could be orchestrated. At one point, Daoud brought up the idea of using “flying cars” to bomb a location, saying he was sure they existed and were “less expensive than a plane.”

“You could get 20 of those. It would be much cheaper than getting, like, five airplanes,” Daoud said.

The agent threw cold water on the idea, saying that it would be “a thing that would take years and years to plan” and cost a lot of money.

The conversation ended with the agent suggesting Daoud write his ideas on targets and methods down in a notepad and give them to him at their next meeting.

Asked why he suggested that to Daoud, the agent testified it was important that Daoud had time to “cool off” and potentially walk away from the idea of an attack. The FBI also wanted any specific plan for an attack to be Daoud’s idea, the agent said.

“He would be doing it

away from me with no pressure from me,” the agent testified. “He would actually contemplate his ideas, think about them, write them down.”

At their next meeting on Aug. 12, 2012, Daoud brought his list scribbled on lined notebook paper. The potential targets on the list — displayed in court — included Navy Pier, the Music Box theater in Chicago’s Lakeview neighborhood, a busy movie theater in Streeterville and a handful of popular nightspots on the North Side.

Also on the list was the Woodfield Mall in Schaumburg, several suburban masonic halls as well as U.S. military and government offices.

During cross-examination, Durkin blasted the agent’s assertion that he never tried to guide Daoud into any attack plot. Durkin noted that the agent was 20 years older than Daoud and with far more experience. Daoud seemed at a loss as to how car bombs worked, at one point asking the agent whether he would have to be inside the vehicle when it exploded.

At one point in their conversation, Daoud told the agent his desires to carry out a terrorist attack were just “fantasies,” Durkin pointed out in his questioning. The agent acknowledged that he responded by saying his “ideas are good.”

Durkin also questioned the agent’s testimony that

Daoud could’ve carried out the bombing plot without the assistance of the FBI.

“Are you seriously telling this court and anybody else who wants to listen that Mr. Daoud could have walked away from you and built a 1,000-pound car bomb?” Durkin asked.

“He’d already said he’d researched it,” the agent said. “It’s not that far-fetched. ... Building a bomb is not as difficult as you might think.”

Daoud, now 25, was allowed to enter his guilty plea to terrorism charges without actually admitting he did anything wrong — an arrangement, unusual in federal court, known as an Alford plea. He also pleaded guilty in the same fashion to separate indictments accusing him of soliciting the murder of the undercover FBI agent and attacking a fellow inmate with a jailhouse shank.

As a result, the sentencing hearing before Coleman has played out more like a mini-trial.

The stakes couldn’t be higher for Daoud. Prosecutors are seeking a 40-year prison sentence followed by a lifetime of court supervision.

Daoud’s attorneys, meanwhile, want the Hillside native, who has been incarcerated since his arrest more than 6 1/2 years ago, to be released in time to enroll in college in the fall of 2021.

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## Crash

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Tuesday, Assistant State’s Attorney James Murphy said Matariyeh and a female friend had been drinking for hours before he got in the driver’s seat and started speeding and weaving down the Stevenson Expressway. His friend begged him to slow down, but he did not listen, Murphy said.

The Uber burst into flames when it was rear-ended by the Infiniti driven by Matariyeh, according to the prosecutor.

While Morales rescued the Uber driver and his other friend from the car, a good Samaritan stopped to pull Matariyeh’s friend out of the passenger seat of the Infiniti, carrying her over his shoulders, Murphy said. The man later told authorities that Matariyeh had walked up, admitted he was driving the car and tried to take his friend with him. He appeared drunk and he was slurring his words, Murphy said.

Matariyeh then got in the car of a Lyft driver who was not involved in the crash, saying he needed to leave since authorities were arriving, the prosecutor said. As they left the area, the Lyft driver overheard Matariyeh in the back seat muttering, “What the f--- did I do?” according to Murphy.

The Lyft driver dropped him off at gas station, where he hailed an Uber to take him home, Murphy said.

After running the plates on the Infiniti but not seeing the driver, investigators contacted the Will County sheriff’s office to head to the driver’s Homer Glen home, according to police. Deputies were at Matariyeh’s home when he arrived, passed out in the back of the Uber, Murphy said.

Andrea Poulos said troopers came to her home

late Monday to tell her charges would be filed.

“I don’t know his relationship to the woman in his car, but my God, the fact that he could leave her, hurt and injured, that really makes it worse, and the other car was on fire. Wouldn’t you try to go help? I think that’s another thing I’m wrestling with,” Andrea Poulos said when discussing Matariyeh’s arrest.

When he spoke to deputies, Matariyeh slurred his words and smelled of alcohol, according to police. He was taken to Stroger Hospital for treatment of his injuries.

At the hospital, Matariyeh declined a Breathalyzer test, but routine blood draws were taken as part of treatment for his injuries and police obtained a search warrant for a blood draw. Matariyeh was found to have a blood alcohol content almost three times the legal limit for driving, according to police and prosecutors.

Matariyeh was treated for his injuries and taken into police custody.

Matariyeh has a history of driving infractions, including several speeding tickets, texting while driving and being involved in a crash that caused injuries, Murphy said. He is currently on probation for a Will County felony marijuana conviction.

Morales’ sister, Guayni Quesada, left the courtroom Tuesday and burst into tears.

“Seriously guys, stop drinking and driving. What is the problem?” she said, sobbing. “My brother was almost killed and had to sacrifice his life for two people and then he tried to save Jamie.”

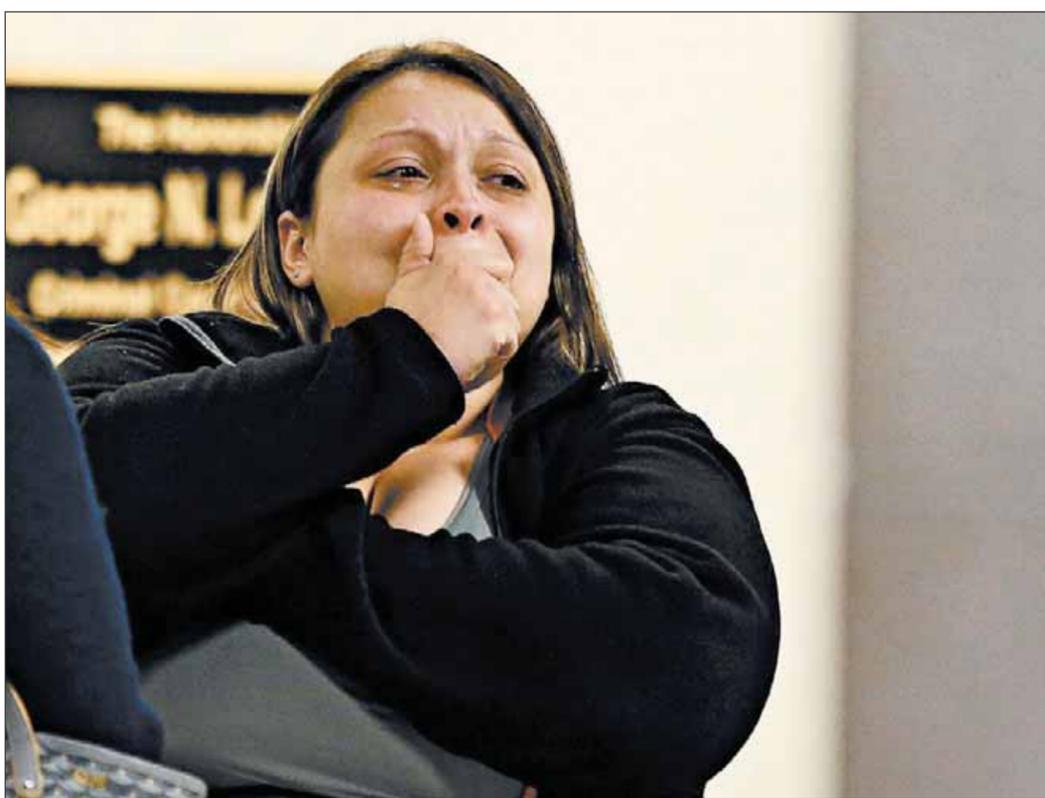
Jamie Poulos and her friends had been out celebrating her 23rd birthday, according to family. Andrea Poulos previously said how hurt she was that her daughter chose a sober ride

Her return visit also marked the passage of time.

The United States invaded Iraq in 2003, successfully overthrowing leader Saddam Hussein. The invasion plunged the country into a civil war, and more recently Iraq was locked in a bloody three-year battle with the Islamic State.

Following last year’s election, a new government is working to chart a course toward independence and diplomacy. But with all the hallmarks of peace seemingly in place and no armed conflict, the threat of it still persists. U.S. troops remain.

When the plane carrying



Guayni Quesada, the sister of injured crash victim Anastacio Morales, fights tears Tuesday following a court hearing.



Firefighters extinguish flames from a car crash on the Stevenson Expressway in which passenger Jamie Poulos was killed.

home but that it ultimately made no difference to her safety.

“Is it wrong to feel like you have a little bit of compassion for this person when they took away your

child? It’s just that I can see both sides, and I’m a mom and I have kids and they’re not perfect. But my child didn’t deserve to die and she was doing the right thing — he didn’t,” she said.

Her view of Matariyeh has shifted from minute to minute, she said, but right now she’s still “damn angry.”

“I don’t forgive him right now, hell no. He ruined not

only all of our lives, he ruined his life and his family’s life. I don’t forgive this child, I’m so angry — and yet I understand that when you’re young you do stupid (things), and the instinct when you do something stupid is to flee,” she said. “And yet he killed my child making stupid decisions.”

Poulos said funeral services for her daughter have been planned for Saturday at Suburban Family Funeral Home in Cicero, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

“A lot of people in my family are just so angry with him and I am angry with him, but I also know that he’s somebody else’s child,” Andrea Poulos said. “What I do know is I’m glad he didn’t get away with it, even if he tried.”

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## Iraq

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“I put it on and thought, ‘Oh, there it is, there it is.’”

Flying over the area where the helicopter was shot down was a painful place to revisit, Duckworth said.

“I had a moment on that first flight where it was pretty emotional,” she said in response to a follow-up question about the experience. “I did tear up on that, looking out of the aircraft windows and seeing the scenery.”

Duckworth, U.S. Sen. Johnny Isakson, a Georgia Republican, and Independent Sen. Angus King of Maine and the rest of the delegation landed in Baghdad, they boarded a Chinook helicopter and, for security purposes, put on body armor and helmets. Their five-day trip also took them to Taji, the once-volatile area north of Baghdad where Duckworth’s helicopter was shot down, and Irbil.

Duckworth said she accepted that the trip would stir up old emotions, but she compartmentalized and stayed on mission: “I wanted to see what’s hap-

pening on the ground with the new Iraqi leadership and Iraqi military, but also the other nations’ forces that are still there and what level of engagement needs to be maintained to help Iraq be independent and not beholden to Russia or Iran or the U.S.

“It’s on the precipice of a downward slide backwards if we’re not careful,” Duckworth said. “ISIS is very much present. They hear they have been defeated, but there are 30,000 women and children who are hardcore ISIS supporters they (Iraqi leaders and military) have to deal with.”

The combat veteran also said she felt — and still feels — a sense of duty to those soldiers who saved her life and the thousands of U.S. service members who remain there. Being a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, which has jurisdiction over the nation’s common defense, military operations, service member pay and retirement, military family benefits and the selective service system, allows her to keep a close watch on their welfare. So did the trip. When she was a “wounded warrior, my buddies helped in bringing me back to my

family,” Duckworth said. “When I went this time, I had the ability to help our troops now and make sure they’re doing OK.”

“I’ve been waiting to leave Iraq on my terms for a long time,” she said. “It bugged me I didn’t leave under my own power. It was carried out of there. This time, I left on my own. I was glad I got to do that. It felt empowering, like I took back the narrative.”

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Hundreds of Homewood-Flossmoor students spilled out of their school just after noon Tuesday to protest the school's handling of a blackface incident involving white students.

# Homewood-Flossmoor students stage walkout

Hundreds protest school response to blackface incident

By ZAK KOESKE  
Daily Southtown

Hundreds of Homewood-Flossmoor High School students spilled out of their school just after noon Tuesday to protest the school's handling of a blackface incident involving white students.

The sea of protesters, which students estimated to include most of the predominantly black student body of nearly 2,800, marched across the school's front lawn and down Kedzie Avenue toward Flossmoor Road before turning around and staging on the sidewalk outside of a CVS Pharmacy.

The energized students, who were joined by dozens of parents and activists, raised signs and chanted for justice in what many said was their first act of civil disobedience.

The primary complaint aired both by students and parents was what they considered the school's failure to be transparent and fair in disciplining the four white students who went into the community with their faces painted black and broadcast their exploits, including a trip to McDonald's, on social media.

"It's just unfair," said one junior student, who is black. "We're not treated equally

in the school, punishment-wise. If we were to do something like that then we'd probably get expelled."

School administrators have said that confidentiality laws prevent them from disclosing what actions they plan to take against the students, but said in a statement that their behavior was "being addressed quickly and appropriately and will not be tolerated."

Black students and parents said they felt the school has long meted out disproportionate punishment for black students and given white students a "slap on the wrist" for similar or more troubling behavior.

As a result, some parents said, they believed white students were growing emboldened to behave badly with impunity and cited the blackface incident as an example.

"If we continue to give passes for things like this, for certain kids and not others, then it's allowing them to just keep doing what they're doing," said Tyfeni Gerring, the mother of a Homewood-Flossmoor senior.

Gerring said that as a proud Homewood-Flossmoor parent she wanted the school to take decisive action against the students who painted their faces black.

"I want to be able to walk around and people see H-F and think of positive things, not that some kids were running around with black-

face," she said. "Despite of all the good things that happen here, that's what's overshadowing all of the great things that happen at this school."

School administrators released a statement in advance of Tuesday's walkout saying they supported the students' right to express themselves and would work to ensure that all students felt safe and respected.

"Our administrators addressed all students via the school TV news channel this morning, sharing with them the importance of their voice, participation and plan to move forward as a school community," Superintendent Von Mansfield said in a statement.

Mansfield's statement said Homewood-Flossmoor would be having a school-wide conversation with all students during English classes Wednesday, where he and the principal would join in an interactive discussion with the student body.

The Homewood-Flossmoor High School District 233 Board of Education also released a statement Tuesday condemning the white students' "highly offensive social media posts" and said they were unacceptable and did not meet the expectations the board has for students.

The board's statement said it would be revisiting aspects of its new strategic plan as relates to cultural awareness and cultural competency training as a result of the blackface incident.

"We are proud of the diversity of our community, and we will continue to work with our students, staff, administration and community to protect the values we have worked so hard to establish and instill in our children," the statement concludes.

Mansfield said the school's new strategic plan, developed last fall, would involve diversity and cultural competency training for all staff and students.

Nearly 69 percent of Homewood-Flossmoor's student body is black, but 80 percent of its teachers are white, state data show.

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# Police union's head renews his criticisms of Kim Foxx

By ELYSSA CHERNEY  
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The head of the Chicago police union doubled down on his criticism of Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx during a speech Tuesday, once again showcasing the frayed relationship between some police officers and the top prosecutor's office.

Several weeks after calling for Foxx's resignation over the Jussie Smollett scandal, Kevin Graham, president of the Chicago Fraternal Order of Police, renewed his complaints during an address at an event held by the City Club of Chicago.

"I do recognize that the FOP has been outspoken in our criticisms of the state's attorney's office," Graham said. "I do believe that those are justified. We asked for an investigation. We did so because we felt there were some improprieties going on, and we did that long before charges were dropped against the actor in that well-known case."

In early April, Graham joined some 30 suburban police leaders from across Cook County in giving Foxx a vote of no confidence. The union held a news conference at its headquarters to announce that development and members also rallied outside the Cook County Administration Building downtown.

As part of his remarks Tuesday, Graham also railed against Foxx for failing to take enough cases to

court. He specifically mentioned that in shoplifting cases, "it's almost impossible to get convicted" after Foxx enhanced the criteria for bringing felony charges. In one of her first policy changes after taking office in 2016, Foxx told prosecutors that retail theft should remain a misdemeanor in most cases unless the value of stolen goods exceeds \$1,000.

"What we've asked from Kim Foxx and her office is to prosecute," Graham said. "I hope that she suddenly realizes that this is what her job is, and she needs to do it. If she can't, she needs to step down and let someone else do it. She's not the defense attorney."

A spokeswoman for Foxx's office disputed that characterization, saying the office has charged the overwhelming majority of the felony cases brought by local law enforcement.

"From day one our focus is and always has been to ensure that the most violent offenders are off the streets and brought to justice," Tandra Simonton said.

Graham's wide-ranging talk also touched on other issues, including:

**On the mayor-elect:** Graham said the union is trying to schedule a meeting with Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot, but those efforts have not been successful yet. A meeting that was previously on the books fell through and has not been rescheduled, Graham said. He noted that Lightfoot

assembled a public safety committee during her transition but did not include the union on it, which Graham said the FOP "does not think is the best way to go forward."

A spokeswoman for Lightfoot's transition did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

**On the consent decree:** Graham continued to push back against a federal consent decree for police reform and oversight that was approved earlier this year. The plan stemmed from a lawsuit that former Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan filed against the city after a scathing Department of Justice report into the Police Department. Of the legally binding agreement, Graham said, "We don't need additional police oversight. What we need is to have collaborative efforts... simply checking off boxes in a consent decree does not make the community safer. It does not make police officers safer."

**On the gang database:** Despite a recent inspector general's report faulting a gang database used by police as unreliable, Graham defended the use of the measure, calling it a helpful tool. The Police Department has pledged to create a new and more accurate gang database that is regularly audited, which Graham said he supports.

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# Foxx fights naming special prosecutor in Smollett case

By MEGAN CREPEAU  
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Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx's office opposes appointing a special prosecutor to investigate the dismissal of charges against "Empire" actor Jussie Smollett.

Foxx had recused herself from the case after saying she communicated with a relative of Smollett's in the early phases of the investigation but a filing by prosecutors Tuesday argued Foxx did not have an actual conflict of interest.

Prosecutors also echoed Smollett's attorneys in arguing that the appointment is unnecessary, since the county inspector general's office — at Foxx's request — is already investigating the controversy.

Foxx's office also sought to quash subpoenas seeking her appearance at a hearing Thursday on the proposed appointment.

Sheila O'Brien, a retired state appellate judge, sought the special prosecutor the week after Foxx's office dropped all 16 felony charges against Smollett in March. The decision sparked outrage and drew headlines nationwide.

In her petition, O'Brien highlighted how Foxx said she recused herself early in

the investigation — only to claim recently that it was not a recusal "in the legal sense" that would have required the entire office to withdraw from the prosecution.

O'Brien alleged that Foxx's actions created "a perception that justice was not served here, that Mr. Smollett received special treatment."

A statement from a Foxx aide in February said she recused herself out of an "abundance of caution" since she communicated with a relative of Smollett's early on in the investigation. Communications later released to the Tribune showed Foxx had asked police Superintendent Eddie Johnson to turn over the investigation to the FBI after she was approached by Tina Tchen, former chief of staff to first lady Michelle Obama.

But in Tuesday's filing, prosecutors said that Foxx's recusal amounted to a subjective judgment on her part and that no evidence existed of a real conflict of interest requiring the appointment of a special prosecutor.

Even the appearance of impropriety would not necessarily be enough to assign a special prosecutor, they argued.

LeRoy Martin Jr., the presiding judge of the Circuit Court's Criminal Division, is scheduled to take up the request for a special prosecutor at a hearing Thursday at the Leighton Criminal Court Building.

O'Brien has subpoenaed Foxx and her top deputy, Joseph Magats, to appear at the hearing, but prosecutors moved to block that effort, calling it improper and premature. Besides, prosecutors said, the files that O'Brien wants them to produce in court have been sealed from public view by the judge who oversaw the Smollett case.

Smollett, who is African-American and openly gay, found himself at the center of an international media firestorm after he reported in late January being attacked by two people shouting racist and homophobic slurs.

But after Chicago police investigated, Smollett was charged with 16 felony counts of disorderly conduct alleging he staged the attack. Foxx faced a firestorm of criticism after her office dismissed the charges against Smollett less than a month after he was indicted.

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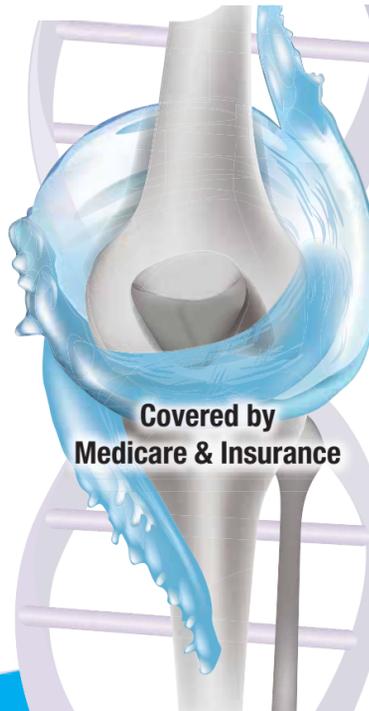
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A memorial filled with balloons, stuffed animals, signs and crosses surrounds the Crystal Lake home of Andrew "AJ" Freund.

## Family members remember AJ Freund's happier times

BY ROBERT MCCOPPIN  
Chicago Tribune

Family members of a 5-year-old boy from Crystal Lake who authorities said was beaten to death by his parents issued a statement Tuesday describing Andrew "AJ" Freund's "happy, fun-loving life" before their contact with him was "abruptly" cut off by the parents.

And they said AJ's "ultimate sacrifice" helped save his younger brother and an unborn sibling.

The statement was made by AJ's former foster family and his grandmother, according to their attorney and spokesman Peter Flowers. They declined to give their names.

But Flowers said the message was not sent on behalf of AJ's biological parents, Andrew Freund and JoAnn Cunningham. They are charged with murder and other crimes in the boy's death.

The parents initially reported AJ was missing on April 18, but police said

their investigation found that the parents had beaten the boy to death, then buried him in a shallow grave in a remote area of Woodstock.

Police said that after they confronted the parents with cellphone evidence, the parents shared information that led them to the boy's body. The parents are being held in jail on \$5 million bail, and are awaiting trial.

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services placed AJ with a foster family for about a year and a half, beginning shortly after his birth because he was born with narcotics in his system, but then a judge ruled that he should return to his mother.

The family's statement reads:

"We, the family that lovingly cared for Andrew (AJ) during the first 18 months of his life and were then allowed to be in his life for another 26 months until the parents abruptly prevented us from having any further contact with him, want ev-

eryone to know that AJ was loved by us with all our hearts.

"While we had him in our lives, he had a happy, fun-loving life. This smart little boy loved having books read to him, doing puzzles, his Thomas the Train, playing with his firetrucks, bulldozers, cement mixer and Ninja Turtles. He was very curious and always wanted to learn about everything.

"He was, and will always be, our loving and caring little boy. With his brave short life, AJ made the ultimate sacrifice to save his younger brother and unborn sibling. His life shall not be in vain. AJ will always be our little superhero.

"We want to thank the Crystal Lake Police and surrounding police departments, the FBI, all other first responders, and our community at large. We appreciate all of the kindness, prayers, love, and compassion shown by all."

Flowers explained that AJ indirectly saved his

brother's life because after AJ was reported missing, his brother was taken into emergency protective custody by DCFS. Cunningham is about seven months pregnant, and DCFS said it will be coordinating a plan for custody once her baby is born.

Flowers added that the family has been touched by the outpouring of support from the public.

"This is one of the most tragic things you could ever imagine happening," Flowers said. "You lose faith in humanity. Then you see the good part of humanity come out in people who don't know you at all, reaching out and trying to help."

He said the family hopes that attention to the case and others like it will help ensure that nothing similar happens to any other child.

Visitation is set for 1 to 8 p.m. Friday at Davenport Family Funeral Home in Crystal Lake. The funeral will be private.

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## DCFS

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cally important responsibilities," Kenneally told the Tribune. "The ... office requires drastic reform in terms of its management and the quality of its personnel."

On May 24, 2018, Kenneally wrote to Carole Ruzicka, the DCFS administrator in Aurora, raising concerns.

"I am writing to express my concern over shortcomings we have encountered while working with DCFS in McHenry County. While normally reticent to write letters of this type, our Office has attempted over the last several months to express our concerns directly to DCFS staff," he wrote last year. "These efforts have been unsuccessful as we believe DCFS administration has not been sufficiently responsive."

Kenneally went on to describe the cases, some details of which were redacted before being released to the Tribune.

A DCFS official would not publicly address the specifics raised in the letter but said the agency has been meeting with prosecutors to address the issues and continues to fulfill its mission of protecting children from abuse.

"I have no question about the ability of our staff to do their job," agency spokesman Jassen Strokosch said. "Where there are specific concerns, we welcome criticisms that help us do a better job."

In the first case, Kenneally wrote that a DCFS worker in 2016 reported that an 11-year-old had provided a "credible" statement that someone was using heroin in his home. But still, "nothing was done," Kenneally wrote.

In another report from that home, two children found heroin and needles in the home, but again nobody from DCFS notified the prosecutor's office, he wrote. Then, in 2018, an infant overdosed on heroin he found in the home while in the presence of his father, and had to be revived with four shots of the opioid reversal agent Narcan and taken to the hospital.

In the second case, a father was charged with aggravated assault and child endangerment after a road rage incident while his son was in the car. A DCFS report indicated that the child said that his father pulled out a gun and pointed it at the car next to them. But when a prosecutor contacted the DCFS investigator who reported the child's statement, she said she never spoke to the child but was covering for someone else on that day. Kenneally paraphrased the investigator in his letter, saying she said, "this is what she gets for doing someone a favor."

When prosecutors asked the DCFS worker to testify, Kenneally wrote, she said she wouldn't be available because she would be "washing her hair." After prosecutors were forced to get a court order for the DCFS worker to testify, the letter stated, the DCFS worker had a "hostile attitude" and could not answer simple questions about the case, including what the child said, where the conversation occurred or who else was present. It was

unclear what happened to the criminal case, and Kenneally wouldn't comment further on it.

In the final example, after a 3-year-old died, DCFS took custody of the surviving siblings. But agency workers obtained no diapers or clothing for any of the kids, refused to change a 1-year-old's diaper and refused to sign consent forms to have the children be interviewed for evidence in the case. They also did not report the facts required to justify taking the children from the home, according to the letter. And when prosecutors reached out to ask more questions about the "insufficient report," Kenneally wrote, the caseworker responded that he didn't work over the weekend.

Kenneally confirmed that DCFS has been meeting with his office to address the issues raised but said he could not comment on what was discussed.

Ed Yohnka, spokesman for the ACLU of Illinois, said that if the allegations were true, it's concerning that DCFS workers would try to shirk their duties.

Bruce Boyer, a professor of law at Loyola University Chicago who specializes in child welfare and is the social justice

**"The ... office requires drastic reform in terms of its management and the quality of its personnel."**

— McHenry County State's Attorney Patrick Kenneally

director of the Civitas Childlaw Clinic, said it is difficult to judge the examples given without more information. Boyer was not involved in the cases mentioned.

Substance abuse by itself, he said, is not necessarily grounds to take a child from a home, depending on the circumstances and if treatment can solve the problem.

A worker lying about filling out a co-worker's report, or not providing required information, are problems that can interfere with handling cases properly, Boyer said.

Boyer has worked with DCFS for 30 years and said he is well aware of its systemic problems, including with funding, training, high caseloads and worker turnover.

But even when a child dies, as in the case of AJ Freund, he said, hindsight doesn't explain whether agency workers did the right thing given what they knew at the time. He said it's important to ensure that caseworkers follow the agency's own child endangerment risk assessment protocol.

"We're asking these investigators to make life-changing and very difficult decisions, frequently without giving them adequate training or paying them enough," he said. "We don't seem to care enough to construct a system that works and give people the tools and resources to make these decisions as accurately as possible."

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## Public worries about slain boy's dog

BY AMANDA MARRAZZO  
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Amid the news accounts of events surrounding the death of 5-year-old Andrew "AJ" Freund of Crystal Lake were mentions made of a dog belonging to AJ and his family.

In the wake of the tragic story, many people in the community have expressed concern about the well-being of the dog, a brown boxer named Lucy, who lived with the family in a now-vacant home on Dole Avenue.

"We have been inundated with a number of calls (about Lucy). People want to do something, somehow," said Keri Zaleski, community information coordinator for the McHenry County Health Department.

Zaleski, a spokeswoman for the county's animal control division, on Tuesday reported that Lucy is healthy and in a safe foster home.

She said there have been "dozens" of calls about the dog, believed to be about 8 years old. Many callers are asking to adopt or help in



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After the arrest of Andrew Freund and JoAnn Cunningham, the family's dog Lucy was removed from the home.

caring for her.

The dog was examined by a veterinarian and was said to be in good health with no illness or bruising, Zaleski said. She is not yet available for adoption.

Lucy is a "good-spirited dog and happy with her foster family," Zaleski said.

Authorities allege AJ's parents beat their 5-year-old son to death inside the home. The parents, Andrew Freund, 60, and JoAnn Cunningham, 36, are charged with murder and other crimes in the death of

the boy, whose body was found in a shallow grave last week near Woodstock. They are being held on \$5 million bail each.

The dog was heard barking from inside the house during the days authorities searched for AJ, who had been reported missing by his parents. Upon the arrest of AJ's parents, animal control workers were alerted to Lucy's presence and they removed the dog.

According to McHenry County documents, Cunningham was charged in

February with ordinance violations for allegedly not having the dog licensed and for failing to vaccinate the animal. The charges are still pending.

Court records also show Cunningham was found guilty in 2015 of failing to vaccinate the dog.

"Unfortunately, we cannot take donations for a specific animal, but we can take donations to a shelter fund, which helps dogs and cats who need services above and beyond those that we are able to provide," said Howell, manager of the county's veterinary public health division. Donations may be made to McHenry County Animal Control, 100 N. Virginia Ave., Crystal Lake 60014.

A hearing is set for May 30 in family court related to a younger child removed from the home and placed in foster care. Freund has a court hearing scheduled for Friday, and both parents are scheduled to appear in criminal court May 10.

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## Hoosier State Amtrak train to Indianapolis to end July 1

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI  
Chicago Tribune

The Hoosier State Amtrak passenger train that runs between Chicago and Indianapolis will end after June 30 due to a lack of state funding, an Indiana official confirmed.

Described on the Amtrak website as "the savvy traveler's favorite way to go between Chicago and Indianapolis," the train runs four days a week on Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb, a Republican, did not include funding for the train in his two-year budget,

which was approved last week.

The budget cut \$3 million in annual funding for the train. In the same budget, Indiana decided to contribute an additional \$205 million to upgrading and expanding service on the South Shore Railroad, which runs between north-west Indiana and downtown Chicago.

Amtrak has another train that goes between Chicago and Indianapolis on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays — the Cardinal, a long-distance run between Chicago and New York City.

Amtrak officials have said they want to increase city-

to-city, short-haul trips. But those trains depend on state funding to subsidize service, and that money is not always easy to get.

Scott Manning, Indiana Department of Transportation spokesman, said Indiana and local governments had been providing the "lion's share" of the funding for the Hoosier for five years. Indiana and local governments provide 75 percent of the cost per rider, with ticket sales making up the rest. The goal was to increase ridership to decrease the subsidy, Manning said.

Instead, annual ridership fell 18 percent, from 33,930 rides in fiscal year 2014 to

27,876 in 2018, though it has risen a bit in the current fiscal year, Manning said.

Anticipating the budget shortfall, Amtrak earlier this month stopped selling tickets on the Hoosier route for after June 30.

One problem with the train is that it is too slow, taking almost five hours from point to point, said Rick Harnish, director of the Midwest High Speed Rail Association. But Harnish said the potential market for the service is "fantastic," and that there should be a minimum of five trains a day. He called the decision to end the service "disappointing."

A spokesperson for Amtrak was not immediately available for comment.

Regarding South Shore service, Indiana is planning a double track for the South Shore from Gary to Michigan City, along with a line extension from Hammond south to Dyer. The state, along with northwest Indiana counties and municipalities, has pledged more than half of the money for the project, anticipated at about \$1.2 billion.

Michael Noland, president of the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District, which runs the South Shore, said the additional state money should

help the project be more competitive for federal grants. NICTD The transportation district is currently going through the "very detailed" Federal Transit Administration process to get funds, Noland said.

Noland said the transportation district hopes to start building the line extension in the spring of next year, and double-tracking in 2021. It anticipates that once the second track is built, it will cut travel time from Michigan City to downtown Chicago from about 95 minutes to just over an hour.

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## NATION & WORLD

### Dems: Trump agrees to \$2T infrastructure

Funding lofty program is next hurdle parties face

By KEVIN FREKING AND LISA MASCARO  
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WASHINGTON — In a rare moment of bipartisanship in polarized Washington, President Donald Trump and Democratic congressional leaders agreed Tuesday to work toward a \$2 trillion infrastructure plan to rebuild roads and bridges, provide clean water and extend broadband coverage — but they put off the thorny matter of how to pay for it.

Both sides seemed determined to show a willingness to work with the other, even as tensions between the White House and congressional Democrats have only intensified with the release of special counsel Robert Mueller's redacted report on Russia meddling in the 2016 elections. Democrats have multiple investigations of the Trump administration underway, and Trump's White House is strongly resisting them.

But Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said there was "good will in the meeting" — a marked departure from the last White House encounter between Trump, Schumer and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, which ended with Trump walking out. At Tuesday's meeting, by contrast, Trump at one point offered to share his Tic Tacs with Pelosi and she accepted, a Democratic aide recounted.

"We did come to one



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi talks with reporters after a White House meeting Tuesday with President Donald Trump.

agreement: that the agreement would be big and bold," Pelosi said.

Schumer added that: "In previous meetings, the president has said, 'If these investigations continue, I can't work with you.'" But this time, Schumer said, "He didn't bring it up."

Schumer said the two sides agreed that infrastructure investments create jobs and make the United States more competitive economically with the rest of the world. Most important, Schumer said, "we agreed on a number."

"Originally, we had started a little lower. Even the president was eager to push it up to \$2 trillion, and that is a very good thing," Schumer said.

White House press secretary Sarah Sanders, for her part, described the meeting as "excellent and productive."

Pelosi and Democrats had asked for the meeting with Trump to discuss launching an ambitious building program that's a top priority for the party and has been a rare area of potential bipartisan accord

with Republicans. Trump, too, has long promised a big infrastructure plan.

When Democratic lawmakers emerged, they said Trump agreed that infrastructure investments should go beyond roads and bridges and water systems to also include broadband.

Democrats also put the onus on Trump to come up with a plan for how to pay for the package, and said they would meet again in three weeks, when the president will present his ideas.

An administration official said paying for infra-

structure is something both sides have to work on.

Trump, at one point, said he liked the number \$2 trillion because it sounded better than \$1.9 trillion, according to a Democrat who spoke about the meeting on condition of anonymity to discuss details of the private session.

The meeting tenor was decidedly more low-key than the last Trump session with the Democratic leaders. During one exchange, when Pelosi tried to get the president's attention as he and Schumer were having a

side conversation, the speaker prodded, "If I may have your attention Mr. President Chuck Kids." That was according to the Democrat who described the meeting on condition of anonymity.

The nation's top business groups and labor unions support increasing the federal gasoline tax, currently 18.3 cents a gallon. It was last raised in 1993.

Schumer said the president didn't rule out tax increases to pay for infrastructure. Sanders' statement did not address the tax issue. Instead, it described the U.S., without elaborating, as "foolishly prioritizing the interests of other countries over our own."

The meeting included a dozen congressional Democrats and numerous administration officials.

Before the meeting, senior aides seemed intent on setting low expectations. Asked whether Trump supports raising the gas tax, White House adviser Kellyanne Conway said "this president is the guy who lowers taxes."

"I think a deal can be had if everybody is willing to put their battle axes away for a period," said former Republican Rep. Bill Shuster of Pennsylvania, who served as chairman of the House transportation committee for six years.

Democrats insisted that they will proceed with their "oversight responsibilities" at the same time they're pushing for an infrastructure deal. "The two are not mutually exclusive, and we were glad he didn't make it that way," Schumer said.

### Dems dig in against Trump amid battle over subpoenas

By LISA MASCARO AND MARY CLARE JALONICK  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats are steeling for a no-holds-barred fight with President Donald Trump as the White House ignores subpoenas, denies access to witnesses and otherwise stonewalls congressional oversight in the aftermath of special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation.

In the latest case, Trump, his family and the Trump Organization have filed a lawsuit against Deutsche Bank and Capital One attempting to thwart congressional subpoenas into his financial and business dealings, asserting the requests are out of bounds.

That comes as Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin is declining to produce Trump's tax returns, Attorney General William Barr is threatening to back out of his agreement to appear this week before the Judiciary Committee and former White House Counsel Don McGahn and other officials are being told not to testify before Congress.

The standoff pits the legislative and executive branches in a constitutional showdown not seen since the Watergate era. Neither side is expected to back down. Trump says since

Mueller finished his report of Russian interference into the election, there's no further need to investigate. And while Democrats say it's their duty to conduct oversight and are adamant that they will win in the end, they are also confronting the limits of their own enforcement powers.

"He's prepared to fight us tooth and nail. And we're prepared to fight him back," said Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Cal., chairwoman of the Financial Services Committee. "He obviously has something to hide."

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is urging the committee chairmen to push forward with their oversight agendas, shelving for now calls from the left flank to launch impeachment hearings against Trump.

Congress has a range of tools available to try to force compliance from the White House, either through lawsuits compelling administration officials to testify or produce documents, or by holding others in contempt of Congress with fines or even, in rare cases, jail time.

On Tuesday, a federal judge ruled that Democrats in Congress can move ahead with their lawsuit against Trump alleging that his private business violates the Constitution's ban on gifts or payments from for-

eign governments.

The decision in Washington from District Judge Emmet Sullivan adopted a broad definition of the anti-corruption ban and could set the stage for Democratic lawmakers to begin seeking information from the Trump Organization.

The Justice Department can try to delay or block the process by asking an appeals court to intervene.

Also on Tuesday, the chairman of the House intelligence committee, Adam Schiff, made a criminal referral to the Justice Department about Erik Prince, the founder of the security firm Blackwater, alleging he lied to the committee in 2017.

Schiff said there is strong evidence that Prince, a prominent supporter of Trump, "willingly misled" the intelligence committee as it probed connections between Trump's campaign and Russia. (Prince is the brother of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos.)

Congress is buckling in for several actions in the aftermath of Mueller's report, which did not find that Trump or his campaign knowingly conspired with Russia in the 2016 election. But the report pointedly did not clear the president of obstruction of justice and recounted 10 instances where Trump tried to inter-



Rep. Adam Schiff had made a criminal referral to the Justice Department about Erik Prince, a Trump supporter and brother of Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos.

fere with the investigation.

For lawmakers, their ability to conduct oversight of the White House is a core responsibility.

"If the executive branch can deny the legislative branch the ability to bring witnesses to testify under oath and for the production of documents, the executive branch will have essentially eliminated the oversight function of Congress," said Rep. David Cicilline, D-R.I., a member of the Judiciary Committee.

Yet while Democrats have vowed to go to court, those proceedings could last years, possibly past Trump's tenure. And if they chose to hold officials in

criminal contempt, which would take a vote of the full House, it would be referred to Department of Justice officials unlikely to side with the Democrats.

Despite drawbacks, Democrats say they will have to fight on multiple fronts to get the witnesses and documents they need.

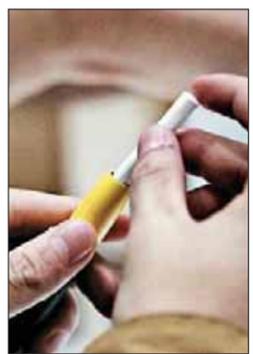
"If you let them get away with this, then what do you have?" said House Oversight and Reform Committee Chairman Elijah Cummings on Monday. "If the president can get away with blocking any information and anybody from testifying before the Congress, what road are we going down?" Schiff and Waters, whose

committees subpoenaed Deutsche Bank and others in April over the president's finances, said in a joint statement that Trump's "unprecedented stonewalling will not work."

Schiff said he wants to know whether Russians used laundered money for transactions with the Trump Organization. Trump's businesses have benefited from Russian investment over the years.

Eric Trump, executive vice president of the Trump Organization, called the subpoenas a form of "presidential harassment."

The Washington Post contributed.



EUGENE HOSHIKO/AP 2018 The IQOS device consists of a tube that gently heats up sticks of tobacco instead of burning them.

### FDA clears Philip Morris' alternative cigarette device

By LAURIE MCGINLEY AND WILLIAM WAN  
The Washington Post

The Food and Drug Administration cleared Philip Morris International's iQOS — a heat-not-burn tobacco device designed as an alternative to conventional cigarettes — for sale in the United States.

The product consists of a tube that gently heats up sticks of tobacco instead of burning them, making what's inhaled less harmful. Philip Morris has made the device a key part of its

future growth. It is already sold in dozens of other countries with varying success, but it has triggered debate among U.S. health experts over whether iQOS would help or hurt overall public health.

The FDA said clearing the sale of the devices was "appropriate" for public health because "the products produce fewer or lower levels of some toxins than combustible cigarettes." The agency also said it has placed stringent marketing restrictions on the products

in an effort to prevent minors from using the device.

Health experts worry the device could attract minors and people who did not previously smoke, or that current smokers may adopt the device without giving up their smoking, exacerbating their health risks from tobacco without improving them.

An estimated 14 percent of adults in the U.S., or 34 million adults, smoke cigarettes. And it remains the country's leading cause of preventable disease and

death, accounting for about 1 in 5 deaths every year. Companies and some experts have pushed forward devices like iQOS as possible alternatives to help bring down those rates. At the same time, the country's tobacco use rates are at historic lows, and health experts worry new nicotine and tobacco product could harm the downward trend and even reverse it.

FDA experts pointed out that while iQOS is cleared for sale, it has not been officially "approved." That's

because all tobacco products are potentially harmful and addictive, and people who do not use tobacco products should continue not to, the agency said.

Philip Morris CEO Andre Calantzopoulos called Tuesday's announcement "an important step," especially for those who have struggled to quit smoking.

Philip Morris is the manufacturer of the device and heat sticks, but Altria will sell and market it in the United States.

# Mueller: Barr memo did not capture 'context'

Special counsel laid out complaints in letter to Justice

BY DEVLIN BARRETT AND MATT ZAPOTOSKY  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Special counsel Robert Mueller wrote a letter in late March complaining to Attorney General William Barr that a four-page memo to Congress describing the principal conclusions of the investigation into President Donald Trump “did not fully capture the context, nature, and substance” of Mueller’s work, according to a copy of the letter reviewed Tuesday by The Washington Post.

At the time the letter was sent March 27, Barr had announced that Mueller had not found a conspiracy between the Trump campaign and Russian officials seeking to interfere in the 2016 presidential election.

Barr also said Mueller had not reached a conclusion about whether Trump had tried to obstruct justice, but Barr reviewed the evidence and found it insufficient to support such a charge.

Days after Barr’s announcement, Mueller

wrote a previously unknown private letter to the Justice Department, which revealed a degree of dissatisfaction with the public discussion of Mueller’s work that shocked senior Justice Department officials, according to people familiar with the discussions.

“The summary letter the Department sent to Congress and released to the public late in the afternoon of March 24 did not fully capture the context, nature, and substance of this office’s work and conclusions,” Mueller wrote. “There is now public confusion about critical aspects of the results of our investigation. This threatens to undermine a central purpose for which the Department appointed the Special Counsel: to assure full public confidence in the outcome of the investigations.”

The letter made a key request: that Barr release the 448-page report’s introductions and executive summaries, and made some initial suggested redactions for doing so, according to Justice Department officials.

Justice Department officials said Tuesday they were taken aback by the

tone of Mueller’s letter, and it came as a surprise to them that he had such concerns. Until they received the letter, they believed Mueller was in agreement with them on the process of reviewing the report and redacting certain types of information, a process that took several weeks. Barr has testified to Congress previously that Mueller declined the opportunity to review his four-page letter to lawmakers that distilled the essence of the special counsel’s findings.

In his letter, Mueller wrote that the redaction process “need not delay release of the enclosed materials. Release at this time would alleviate the misunderstandings that have arisen and would answer congressional and public questions about the nature and outcome of our investigation.”

Barr is scheduled to appear Wednesday morning before the Senate Judiciary Committee — a much-anticipated public confrontation between the nation’s top law enforcement official and Democratic lawmakers, where he is likely to be questioned at length about his interactions with Mueller.



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Robert Mueller wrote a letter to Attorney General William Barr criticizing the memo.

A day after the letter was sent, Barr and Mueller spoke by phone for about 15 minutes, according to law enforcement officials.

In that call, Mueller said he was concerned that news coverage of the obstruction investigation was misguided and creating public misunderstandings about the office’s work, according to Justice Department officials.

When Barr pressed him whether he thought Barr’s letter was inaccurate, Mueller said he did not, but felt that the media coverage

of the letter was misinterpreting the investigation, officials said.

In their call, Barr also took issue with Mueller calling his letter a “summary,” saying he had never meant his letter to summarize the voluminous report, but instead provide an account of the top conclusions, officials said.

Justice Department officials said in some ways, the phone conversation was more cordial than the letter that preceded it, but they did express some differences of opinion about how to

proceed.

Barr said he did not want to put out pieces of the report, but rather issue it all at once with redactions, and didn’t want to change course now, according to officials.

Throughout the conversation, Mueller’s main worry was that the public was not getting an accurate understanding of the obstruction investigation, officials said.

Democrats have accused Barr of downplaying the seriousness of the evidence against the president.

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# Minneapolis officer convicted of murder in 911 caller's death

BY AMY FORLITI  
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — A Minneapolis police officer was convicted of murder Tuesday in the fatal shooting of an unarmed woman who approached his squad car minutes after calling 911 to report a possible rape behind her home.

Mohamed Noor was convicted of third-degree murder as well as manslaughter in the July 2017 death of Justine Ruszczyk Damond, a 40-year-old dual citizen of the U.S. and Australia. He wasn't convicted of the most serious charge of intentional second-degree murder.

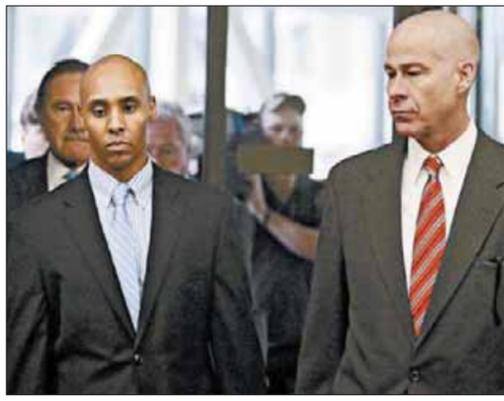
Noor was handcuffed and taken into custody immediately despite his attorney's request that he be free on bond pending sentencing June 7. He showed no visible emotion, but his wife was crying.

Jurors deliberated about five hours Monday and 6½ hours Tuesday before reaching a decision.

Minnesota's third-degree murder charge means causing the death of another through a dangerous act "without regard for human life but without intent to cause" death. The presumptive sentence is about 12½ years. Second-degree manslaughter, defined as creating unreasonable risk of causing death or great bodily harm to another through culpable negligence, has a presumptive sentence of about 4½ years.

Noor and his partner were rolling down the alley behind Damond's home, checking out the 911 call just before the shooting. Noor testified that a loud bang on the squad car scared his partner and that he saw a woman raising her arm appear at his partner's window. He said he fired to protect his partner's life.

Prosecutors attacked Noor for shooting without seeing a weapon or Da-



Former Minneapolis police Officer Mohamed Noor, left and attorney Thomas Plunkett head to court Tuesday.

mond's hands. They also questioned whether the loud bang was real. Neither Noor nor his partner, Matthew Harrity, mentioned it to investigators at the scene, with Harrity first mentioning it three days later in an interview with state investigators. Noor refused to talk to investigators.

The death of Damond, a life coach who was engaged to be married a month after the shooting, sparked outrage in both the U.S. and Australia. It also cost Minneapolis' police chief her job and contributed to the electoral defeat of the city's mayor a few months later.

Damond was white. Noor, 33, is a Somali American who became a police officer with a mid-career switch from jobs in the business world. He testified that he became a police officer because he "wanted to serve," and his hiring two years before the shooting was celebrated by Minneapolis leaders eager for a more diversified police force in a city with a large population of Somali immigrants.

He was fired after being charged.

Neither officer had a body camera running when Damond was shot, something Harrity blamed on what he called a vague

policy that didn't require it. Both men switched on their cameras in time to capture the aftermath, which included their attempts to save Damond with CPR.

Prosecutors sought to raise questions about the way police and state investigators handled the aftermath. They played excerpts from body cameras worn by responding officers that revealed many officers turning them on and off at will; one officer could be heard on his camera at one point telling Noor to "keep your mouth shut until you have to say anything to anybody." They also highlighted the lack of forensic evidence proving Damond touched the squad car.

But the case still came down to jurors' assessment of whether Noor was justified in shooting, and they had only the officers' testimony for a picture of the key moments. During his closing argument Monday, defense attorney Thomas Plunkett told jurors all that mattered was the "precise moment" in which Noor fired his gun and that they needed to consider whether Noor acted as a reasonable officer would act in the same circumstances. Prosecutor Amy Sweasy argued the shooting was not justified.

# Emperor Akihito steps down as Japan embraces a new era

BY MARI YAMAGUCHI  
Associated Press

TOKYO — Japanese Emperor Akihito announced his abdication at a palace ceremony Tuesday in his final address, as the nation embraced the end of his reign with reminiscence and hope for a new era.

"Today, I am concluding my duties as the emperor," Akihito said as he stood in front of the throne, as other members of the royal family and top government officials watched.

"Since ascending the throne 30 years ago, I have performed my duties as the emperor with a deep sense of trust in and respect for the people, and I consider myself most fortunate to have been able to do so. I sincerely thank the people who accepted and supported me in my role as the symbol of the state," Akihito said in his last official duty as emperor.

His reign ran through midnight, when his son Crown Prince Naruhito, who observed Akihito's abdication ceremony, became the new emperor and his era began.

Naruhito will formally ascend the Chrysanthemum throne Wednesday.

In a separate ceremony he will receive the imperial regalia of sword and jewel as well as the imperial seals as proof of his succession as the nation's 126th emperor, according to official palace count.

Naruhito's wife, Masako, and daughter Aiko are barred from the ceremony because they are female members of the royal family, a palace tradition that the government upheld despite criticism that it is out of step with modern values.

The emperor is defined as a symbol of the state and the people's unity and has no political power under



Emperor Akihito abdicates the throne Tuesday at a ceremony in Tokyo. His son ascends to the post Wednesday.

Japan's postwar constitution. His official duties are largely managed by a highly controlling Imperial Household Agency. But Akihito's dedication in reaching out to the people made him more popular than any politician.

Many people gathered outside the palace compound hours before Tuesday's ceremony despite unseasonably wet and cold weather, and even though they were not allowed to look inside.

"We came because today is the last day of (the emperor's era of) Heisei, and we feel nostalgic," said Akemi Yamauchi, 55, standing outside the palace with her husband.

Messages poured in from global leaders, including President Donald Trump, who expressed appreciation for Akihito's contribution to the two countries' close relations. Trump had a courtesy meeting with Akihito during his 2017 Japan visit and will be the first foreign

leader in May to meet the new emperor.

Japanese talk shows displayed a countdown to the midnight transition, and programming was dominated by the abdication and looking back at major events in Akihito's era, including a 2011 tsunami, a deadly earthquake in Kobe in 1995 and the Tokyo subway nerve gas attack in 1995.

Akihito, 85, took the throne in 1989 and devoted his career to making amends for a war fought in his father's name while bringing the aloof monarchy closer to the people. With his commoner-born wife, Empress Michiko, he reached out to the people, especially those who faced handicaps and discrimination, as well as those hit by disasters.

Akihito was the first modern emperor to marry a commoner. The couple also chose to raise their three children instead of leaving them with palace staff, and decided to be cremated upon their deaths in a smaller tomb side by side, also a tradition-breaking step.

# Caracas

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near a Caracas air base.

In a surprise, Leopoldo Lopez, his political mentor and the nation's most prominent opposition activist, stood alongside him. Detained in 2014 for leading a previous round of anti-government unrest.

Lopez said he had been released from house arrest by security forces adhering to an order from Guaido.

"I want to tell the Venezuelan people: This is the moment to take to the streets and accompany these patriotic soldiers," Lopez declared.

As the two opposition leaders coordinated actions from vehicles parked on a highway overpass, troops loyal to Maduro sporadically fired tear gas from inside the adjacent Carlota air base.

A crowd that quickly swelled to a few thousand scurried for cover, reappearing later with Guaido at a nearby plaza away from the disturbances.

A smaller group of masked youths stayed behind on the highway, lobbing rocks and Molotov cocktails toward the air base, and setting a government bus on fire.

Amid the mayhem, several armored utility vehicles careened over a berm and drove at full speed into the crowd. Two demonstrators, lying on the ground with



Opposition leader Juan Guaido urges supporters to oust Nicolas Maduro in an uprising called "Operation Freedom."

their heads and legs bloodied, were rushed away on a motorcycle as the vehicles sped away dodging fireballs thrown by the demonstrators.

"It's now or never," said one of the rebellious soldiers, his face covered in the blue bandanna worn by the few dozen insurgent soldiers.

The head of a medical center near the site of the street battles said doctors were treating 50 people,

about half of them with injuries suffered from rubber bullets.

At least one person had been shot with live ammunition. Venezuelan human rights group Provea said a 24-year-old man was shot and killed during an anti-government protest in the city of La Victoria.

Later Tuesday, Lopez and his family sought refuge in the Chilean ambassador's residence in Caracas, where another political ally has

been holed up for over a year.

Amid the confusion, Maduro tried to project an image of strength, saying he had spoken to several regional military commanders who reaffirmed their loyalty.

"Nerves of steel!" he posted on Twitter.

Flanked by top military commanders, Defense Minister Vladimir Padrino Lopez condemned Guaido's move as a "terrorist" act and

"coup attempt" that was bound to fail like past uprisings. He called Tuesday's uprising "a mediocre coup."

Small groups of protesters threw up blockades of debris at several downtown intersections about 10 blocks from the presidential palace.

But police in riot gear moved in quickly to clear the roads.

Most businesses were closed as people huddled at home to await the outcome.

**"I want to tell the Venezuelan people: This is the moment to take to the streets and accompany these patriotic soldiers."**

— Leopoldo Lopez, opposition activist

Guaido said he called for the uprising to restore Venezuela's constitutional order, broken when Maduro was sworn in earlier this year for a second term following elections boycotted by the opposition and considered illegitimate by dozens of countries.

For weeks, Guaido had been promising a final push against Maduro to coincide with planned protests Wednesday.

But few observers gave it much chance of success as a stalemate emerged that left regular Venezuelans, already struggling from hyperinflation and blackouts, in the middle of a political battle between Guaido and Maduro, who has managed to preserve the backing of his military as well as allies like Russia and Cuba.

Bloomberg News contributed.



NELVIN C. CEPEDA/GETTY John T. Earnest faces charges of murder and attempted murder in the synagogue shooting.

# Prosecutors: Synagogue attacker had 50 unfired bullets

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT  
AND JULIE WATSON  
Associated Press

POWAY, Calif. — The man accused of attacking a Southern California synagogue fired only eight to 10 of the roughly 60 bullets he had before his weapon jammed, prosecutors said Tuesday.

John T. Earnest, 19, pleaded not guilty to charges of murder and attempted murder in the shooting that happened Saturday during a Passover

service at the Chabad of Poway synagogue. One woman was killed and three people wounded, including the rabbi.

Earnest surrendered to police and was arrested shortly after the attack with 50 unfired bullets, a tactical vest and helmet, prosecutors said during his arraignment.

At the hearing, Earnest stood behind a glass panel, wearing blue jail clothes and showing no apparent emotion. He uttered only one word — "yes" — to

waive his right to a speedy preliminary hearing.

The judge scheduled a status hearing for May 30 and denied bail, calling Earnest an extreme threat to public safety.

Earnest was an accomplished student, athlete and musician whose embrace of white supremacy and anti-Semitism has dumbfounded his family and others who thought they knew him well.

He made the dean's list both semesters last year as a nursing student at Cali-

fornia State University, San Marcos.

Earnest apparently became radicalized over the last two years. He is also charged with arson in connection with an attack last month on a mosque in nearby Escondido.

Owen Cruise, 20, saw Earnest every day during senior year at Mt. Carmel High School in San Diego when the two were in calculus and physics together. They were also both in the school's amateur radio club.

His father, John A. Earnest, is a popular physics teacher at Mt. Carmel, where he has worked for 31 years.

"The way John T. acted is not representative at all of the way he was raised," Cruise said. "They are an outstanding family. Some of the finest people I've ever met."

The suspect's parents said their son and five siblings were raised in a family that "rejected hate and taught that love must be the motive for everything we do."

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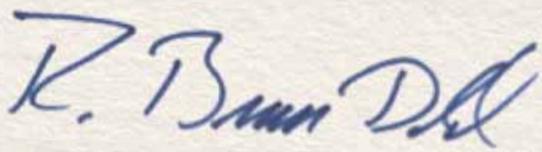
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ANALYSIS

# Farage is back as biggest threat to Tories

BY ROBERT HUTTON  
Bloomberg News

Nigel Farage is back, doing what he does best: Terrifying Conservative members of Parliament.

Theresa May's deeply divided Conservative Party can't agree on how to tackle the threat posed by the veteran anti-EU campaigner and founder of the new Brexit Party — a threat one Cabinet minister described as existential.

As long as the Tories fail to deliver Brexit, the minister said, Farage will strip them of votes. The first test of that will be on May 23, when the country is likely to take part in an election to the European Union's parliament — even though Britain voted to leave the bloc three years ago.

Polls put Farage's Brexit Party, which wants an immediate, clean break from the EU, on course to win the most votes. And as he travels the country drumming up support with beer and open-topped buses, the Tories aren't even trying to fight him.

May's team doesn't want to publicly admit that the elections will take place, so they haven't yet launched a campaign. The government is still trying — against all odds — to get a Brexit deal



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Nigel Farage says the British government has no interest in leaving the European Union.

agreed by Parliament in time to allow it to cancel the vote and leave the bloc next month.

Farage, a skilled political operator known for his pint swilling and man-of-the-people rhetoric, has made the most of the void. He's announced a series of high-profile candidates, including former Tory minister Ann Widdecombe, who enjoyed celebrity in her retirement as a reality TV star.

While the established parties are mired in the

detail of leaving the EU, arguing about what's achievable and whether it constitutes Brexit or not, he's unencumbered by the responsibilities of power and has a simple message: Politicians aren't listening to the public.

It's this kind of campaign the Tories fear they would face if they held a general election while Britain is still in the EU.

"It would be a big mistake to have an election until we've left the EU," Foreign

Secretary Jeremy Hunt told reporters at a lunch Thursday. Leaving the bloc "is what we promised people we would do last time, they are expecting us to do that and frankly I think they're very perplexed that we haven't done it yet," he said.

Farage argues that delays to Britain's departure — it is now off until October — show the government isn't really interested in delivering Brexit at all. It's a measure of the splits in the Conservative Party that

some of its lawmakers agree with him.

Though he's failed for decades to get elected to the U.K. Parliament, the proportional representation voting system at EU elections has worked well for Farage before. In 2014, when Brexit was also a key topic, his U.K. Independence Party came first, winning 27% of the vote and 24 out of Britain's 73 seats.

While most Tory MPs are united in the belief Farage will trounce them this time, they can't agree on what it means or how to tackle it. Steve Baker, a hard line Brexiteer who thinks May's approach to the divorce leaves too much power with the EU, is confident Farage can't become a long-term threat.

He points to the Brexit Party's broad candidate list, which includes a former member of the Revolutionary Communist Party alongside former Tory minister Widdecombe.

"I'm sure we face a thorough drubbing. But we mustn't panic," Baker said. "I see no possibility of them forming a coherent party of government, so I conclude that they're a single-issue protest party, albeit one that looks likely to enjoy considerable success in these elections."

Philip Lee, a Conservative who resigned as a minister in May's government to campaign for a second Brexit referendum, takes a different lesson from Farage's high poll ratings.

"There's no future for the Conservatives as the Brexit party, because there will always be someone offering a purer Brexit," he said. "Being solely a Brexit party doesn't deliver a majority in Westminster."

But Farage may not have things all his own way. He could, for example, find it hard to keep his high-profile candidates in line.

In his time as UKIP leader, he struggled to deal with the fallout from comments by colleagues who were less politically deft than him. The 2014 success led to problems as party members fell out, and five years later, just three of the 24 MEPs elected that year are still in UKIP.

Farage has already had to remove the Brexit Party's first leader and its treasurer as a result of social media attacks on Muslims and Jews.

Combating extremism could offer a way forward, according to Health Secretary Matt Hancock, who has been seen as a possible successor when May stands down as party leader.

## Ruling in Hash Brown v. Phone: Driver was chewing, not chatting

BY MICHAEL BRICE-SADDLER  
The Washington Post

Justice never tasted so good.

A Connecticut judge's decision has resolved a legal quandary that stupefied some and left others flat-out hungry: Could a police officer mistake a McDonald's hash brown for a cellphone?

In Jason Stiber's case, the answer is "yes." He was found not guilty Friday after successfully contesting the \$300 distracted driving ci-

tation he received last year.

"It was the case of the century," Stiber's attorney, John Thygerson, said with a laugh. "He was quite pleased. Obviously, he was quite pleased."

Stiber's victory comes nearly 13 months after he was pulled over by a Westport police officer who claimed to have seen the 45-year-old using his cellphone on the morning of April 11, 2018. Stiber, representing himself in court, lost his case last year but refused to give up — telling The

Washington Post recently that he doled out a "significant" amount of money to hire Thygerson to prove he wasn't talking on his phone at all.

His willingness to take on the legal fees — which exceeded the cost of the ticket — was a matter of principle, he added.

"Distracted driving violations go on your record and they never come off," Stiber said.

In February, Westport Police Cpl. Shawn Wong testified that he

"clearly" saw Stiber speaking into a black cellphone while driving that morning, the Hour reported at the time. Wong Won said in court that he saw Stiber holding an illuminated object the size of a cellphone up to his face while moving his lips.

Thygerson rebutted that claim, explaining that Stiber's lip movement was "consistent with chewing" the hash brown he'd ordered at McDonald's moments earlier. Phone records show that Stiber was

not having a conversation at the time he was pulled over, Thygerson said. His client's car also has Bluetooth capabilities that allow him to talk without holding his phone.

To bolster his defense, Stiber said he made a Freedom of Information Act request to obtain records showing Wong Won was on the 15th hour of a 16-hour double shift when he pulled Stiber over; offering another reason why the officer may have been confused.

Ultimately, the judge

concluded Friday that the state was unable to meet its burden of proof, citing a lack of evidence that shows Stiber was actually on his phone at the time he was pulled over.

Stiber is relieved about the verdict, but said the lengths he went to defend himself illustrate a greater problem in the justice system. He had to sit through two trials, miss four days of work and pay a lawyer to get the right outcome — painstaking steps he says others shouldn't be forced to take.

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# Pushing for new nuclear arms pacts

Trump looking to forge deals with Russia, China

BY PAUL SONNE AND JOHN HUDSON  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump has ordered his administration to prepare a push for new arms-control agreements with Russia and China after bristling at the cost of a 21st-century nuclear arms race, according to administration officials.

The aim of the nascent effort, a senior administration official said, is to bring Russian nuclear weapons unregulated by treaties under new limits and persuade China to join an arms-control pact limiting or verifying its capabilities for the first time.

The initiative is still in its earliest stages, with officials preparing options for how to implement Trump's order. It is unclear whether it will yield results in an administration that has locked horns with Moscow and Beijing and has less than two years left in its first term.

"The president's direction is that we need to look at more-ambitious arms control that will deal with more weapons, and more than just us and Russia," said the senior administration official, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal policy deliberations. "What you're going to see is more from the administration on how do we get to arms control that doesn't just reflect a Cold War mentality?"

A trilateral nuclear arms-control agreement among the United States, Russia and China would be a watershed diplomatic achievement; separate treaties alone would be significant. But normally such pacts require years of negotiation and diplomatic outreach, a challenge for an administration that has withdrawn



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Secretary of State Mike Pompeo believes having China be part of a new nuclear arms pact with Russia would be difficult.

from arms-control treaties but has not brokered any new ones.

Trump mentioned the goal ahead of trade talks at the White House this month with Chinese Vice Premier Liu He. The president said that Washington, after making a trade deal with Beijing, should strike agreements to reduce military spending.

"Between Russia and China and us, we're all making hundreds of billions of dollars' worth of weapons, including nuclear, which is ridiculous," Trump said. "And I would say that China will come along, and I would say Russia will come along. It doesn't really make sense that we're doing this."

The initiative comes as Russia, China and the United States all enhance their nuclear weaponry — and as the clock ticks on the New START accord, the last big arms-control pact remaining between Washington and Moscow, which

expires in 2021.

Negotiated by President Barack Obama, the treaty places limits on strategic nuclear platforms such as bombers, submarines and intercontinental ballistic missiles. It can be extended for five years if the presidents of both nations agree.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, in testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on April 10, said Trump has made clear that if the United States can achieve a "good, solid" arms-control agreement with Russia to follow up on New START, then Washington should agree. Pompeo said China should be included in the next version of the treaty, but he signaled how difficult that could be.

"It may be that we can't get there," Pompeo said. "It may be we just end up working with the Russians on this."

This is not the first time Trump has expressed con-

cern about the costs of an arms race. He said in March 2018 that he wanted to negotiate with Russian President Vladimir Putin because it was "getting out of control." In a December tweet, he said that "at some time in the future" he would hold talks with Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping about "a meaningful halt to what has become a major and uncontrollable Arms Race."

The White House is now looking to lay the groundwork for such talks, prompting skepticism among some arms-control advocates who watched with dismay as the president withdrew from a hard-won nuclear accord with Iran and the 3-decade-old Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty with Russia. The Trump administration cited shortcomings in the Iran agreement and Russia's violations of the INF Treaty as rationales for pulling out of both pacts.

China has long resisted involvement in arms-control pacts, in part because its suite of nuclear weapons is not as vast as the U.S. or Russian arsenals. Russia has also resisted any limits on its smaller nuclear weapons that fall outside current agreements.

For a commander in chief who prides himself on his negotiating skills, nuclear talks have long appealed to his enthusiasm for deal-making. In the 1980s, he expressed an interest in negotiating arms-control agreements with the Soviets on behalf of the Reagan administration.

But as president, Trump has surrounded himself with proponents of U.S. unilateralism, including White House national security adviser John Bolton, a disarmament skeptic.

Bolton led the charge to withdraw the United States from the INF Treaty — a pact signed by President Ronald Reagan and USSR

leader Mikhail Gorbachev in 1987 that led to both countries eliminating their ground-launch midrange missiles. Because of the U.S. withdrawal, the treaty will end formally in August. Bolton also took the lead in dismantling the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty with Russia during the George W. Bush administration.

Like their predecessors in the Obama administration, officials in the Trump administration have raised concerns about the wide range of small and highly maneuverable nuclear weapons that Russia possesses or is developing — arms the United States lacks in such numbers.

Those weapons, sometimes called tactical or battlefield nuclear weapons, fall outside the parameters of New START and therefore face no regulation. There are also questions about whether New START's provisions would cover other Russian weaponry under development, including a nuclear torpedo that Putin has touted as impervious to American defenses.

Trump has previously called the New START accord one-sided and would probably prefer to cut his own deal with Moscow rather than extend the pact negotiated by Obama. For months, top U.S. officials have suggested that the administration should pursue an expanded New START that encompasses a wider array of Russian nuclear weapons.

Some disarmament advocates worry that Trump's more hawkish advisers are floating a broader arms-control discussion with Russia as a way to kill the New START accord. Those advocates express concern that the initiative will set an impossibly high standard for a new agreement, essentially creating a pretext for Trump to walk away from New START when Moscow does not agree to expanded limits.

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## 2 killed, 4 others injured in shooting at UNC Charlotte

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — A shooting on a North Carolina university campus left two people dead and four wounded Tuesday, prompting a lockdown and causing panic across campus on the last day of classes. UNC Charlotte issued a campus lockdown late Tuesday afternoon, saying shots had been fired. Later in the evening, the campus was declared secure after a suspect was taken into custody.

Mecklenburg Emergency Medical Services Agency said on Twitter that two people were killed, two others had life-threatening injuries and another two people were treated for less serious injuries. They said the numbers could change. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police later said that the campus had been secured and that officers were going through buildings to let people know that it was safe.

## Judge: Confederate statues in Charlottesville are protected

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — A Virginia judge has ruled that Charlottesville's Confederate statues are war monuments protected by state law. Judge Richard Moore's ruling came in a lawsuit filed by the Monument Fund against Charlottesville City Council members who voted in 2017 to remove a statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee. Moore cited how statues of Lee and Thomas

"Stonewall" Jackson depict the men in military uniforms and on horses associated with them during the Civil War. Virginia law makes it illegal for local municipalities to remove war monuments without permission from the state. Moore said his ruling doesn't guarantee that the plaintiffs will win if the lawsuit goes to trial. The statues have not been taken down.

## EPA reaffirms glyphosate safe for users as court cases grow

WASHINGTON — The Environmental Protection Agency reaffirmed Tuesday that a popular weed killer is safe for people, as legal claims mount from Americans who blame the herbicide for their cancer. The EPA's draft conclusion Tuesday came in a periodic review of glyphosate, the active ingredient in Roundup. The agency found that it posed "no risks of concern" for people exposed to it by

any means — on farms, in yards and along roadsides, or as residue on food crops. Two U.S. court verdicts have awarded multimillion-dollar claims to men who blame glyphosate for their lymphoma. Bayer, which acquired Roundup-maker Monsanto last year, advised investors in mid-April that it faced U.S. lawsuits from 13,400 people over exposure to the weed killer.



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Rescue workers help residents ferry salvaged items from their flooded home in Ste-Marthe-sur-la-Lac near Montreal to dry ground Tuesday. Several days of heavy rains have swollen rivers and reservoirs in eastern Canada, driving thousands from their homes.

## Judge throws out conviction of former Penn State president

HARRISBURG, Pa. — A federal judge threw out former Penn State President Graham Spanier's misdemeanor child-endangerment conviction on Tuesday, less than a day before he was due to turn himself in to begin serving a two-month jail sentence. The decision by U.S. Magistrate Judge Karoline Mehalchick gave prosecutors three months to retry Spanier under the state's 1995 child endangerment law, the version in place in 2001. Mehalchick agreed with Spanier that he was improperly charged under a

2007 law for actions that occurred in 2001, when he was responding to a complaint about former assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky showering with a boy on campus. Spanier, 70, was convicted for how he and two of his top aides, former athletic director Tim Curley and former Vice President Gary Schultz, decided to respond to a report from graduate assistant coach Mike McQueary that he had seen Sandusky abusing the boy late on a Friday night in a team shower. Spanier has said the abuse of the boy was char-

acterized to him as horseplay. He and his lieutenants agreed to notify the charity for at-risk youth where Sandusky met many of his victims, but not to call police. Curley and Schultz were also charged criminally for their actions regarding Sandusky, but on the eve of trial they both pleaded guilty to misdemeanor child endangerment and testified for the prosecution. Both served similar jail sentences. Sandusky is serving 30 to 60 years in state prison and recently won an order for a new sentence.

## Trump wants asylum-seekers to pay fee to apply

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is proposing charging asylum-seekers a fee to process their applications as he continues to try to crack down on the surge of Central American migrants seeking to cross into the U.S. In a presidential memo-

randum signed Monday, Trump directed his attorney general and acting homeland security secretary to take additional measures to overhaul the asylum system, which he insists "is in crisis" and plagued by "rampant abuse." And he is directing offi-

cials to begin charging a fee to process asylum and employment authorization applications, which do not currently require payment. The White House and Department of Homeland Security did not immediately respond to questions about how much applicants might be charged.

## Suspect in Calif. bomb plot kicked out of military

LOS ANGELES — An Army veteran who converted to Islam and is accused of plotting terrorist attacks in California in retaliation for killings at New Zealand mosques was demoted and discharged from the military for a serious offense, a U.S. official said Tuesday. Mark Domingo violated the Uniform Code of Military Justice and was kicked out of the service before completing his enlistment contract, according to the official, who was not authorized to speak publicly about personnel issues. Officials would not provide details on his offense. Domingo, 26, was arrested Friday as he planned to plant bombs before a scheduled white supremacist rally in Long Beach, authorities say. He was charged with providing material support to terrorists and held without bail.

**In space:** A major power shortage at the International Space Station has delayed this week's SpaceX supply run. SpaceX was supposed to launch a shipment Wednesday. But an old power-switching unit malfunctioned at the space station Monday and knocked two power channels offline. The six remaining power channels are working normally, according to NASA. NASA emphasized Tuesday that the station and its six astronauts are safe. But because of the hobbled solar-power grid, the SpaceX launch is off until at least Friday. NASA wants to replace the failed unit to restore full power, before sending up the SpaceX Dragon cargo capsule.

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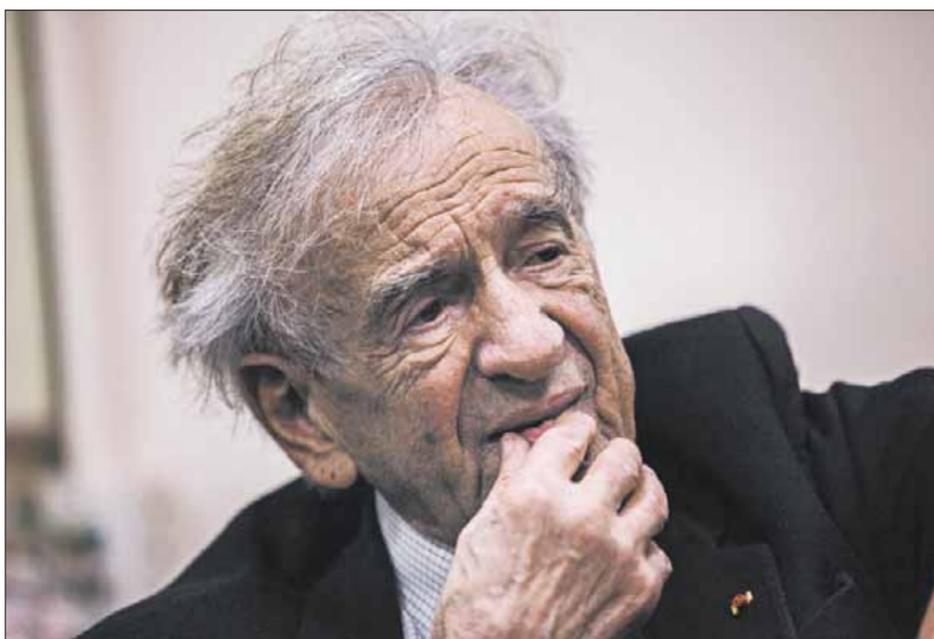
# The Holocaust and 'Why?' Elie Wiesel's provocative answer.

There's a passage in a new book about Holocaust scholar and survivor Elie Wiesel that is at once frustrating and satisfying in its ambiguity and anger. It happens when the author, Howard Reich, amid many conversations with Wiesel, asks Wiesel the inevitable suite of questions: *Why? Why is human history in part a story of anti-Semitism? Why did the Holocaust happen? Why are Jewish houses of worship targeted for violence today?*

### "Why do they hate us? Why?"

**Wiesel replies.** "So I know all the answers. In the beginning it was religious reasons. Other times, it was social reasons. They hate us either because we are too rich or too poor, either because we are too ignorant or too learned, too successful or too failing. All the contradictions merge in the anti-Semite. And yet, one thing he knows: He hates Jews. He doesn't even know who Jews are. In general, I say, the anti-Semite — let him tell me why he hates me. Why should I answer for him?"

Wiesel's answer glides quickly past the obvious historical and cultural antecedents, and avoids the pat, poetic explanations a lay reader craves, to make a point the lay reader must confront: There is no rational reason for hating the Jewish people, or any people, because they exist. And no justification for the Holocaust or countless other acts of violence and bigotry against Jews, stretching from enslavement in ancient Egypt to Saturday's mass shooting



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The late Elie Wiesel wrote more than 60 books, including his memoir about the Holocaust, "Night."

at a synagogue in Poway, Calif. In short, Wiesel provides both no answer and the right answer: "Let him tell me why he hates me. Why should I answer for him?"

Reich, a Tribune critic whose parents survived the Holocaust, wrote "The Art of Inventing Hope: Intimate Conversations with Elie Wiesel" as part of his own exploration of a dark past he didn't experience personally. Reich's parents were deeply scarred by their suffering under

Nazi persecution yet sought to shield him from the details. They couldn't, of course. Reich's paranoid mother would spend nights in their Skokie home peering out the living room window, scouting for enemies who weren't there. His father would his share happy, violent nightmares of revenge. "I was killing Nazis good," he told young Howard. "I was shooting them down."

Reich interviewed Wiesel for a 2012 Tribune event, which led to

hours and hours of taped conversations over four years. As Reich says, the book is about two generations of Holocaust survivors speaking to each other from opposite perspectives of this cataclysmic event.

One experienced the horror, the second was raised amid the active memory of its terror. The significance is that, even if there are no easy explanations to genocide, or solutions, the topic of the Holocaust must be broached,

studied and passed down or it risks being forgotten, or refuted. For example, Holocaust Remembrance Day, known as Yom Hashoah, begins at sundown Wednesday. Its themes are "Never forget," and "Never again."

Wiesel, who died in 2016, wrote more than 60 books, including the acclaimed memoir "Night." He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986. Reich tells us that Wiesel's interest in cooperating with Reich — Wiesel was an eager interviewee — reflected his commitment to keeping the memory of the Holocaust alive. Wiesel said the Holocaust was about the Nazi desire to kill the past and future. "What they really wanted to kill was the children because they carry the Jewish identity forward," Reich tells us.

### Wiesel's life is a testament to his defiance of the Nazi aim.

He wrote about the Holocaust so future generations will understand what happened. In Wiesel's words, "To hear a witness is to become a witness."

Anyone who reads Reich's book will become a witness too.

*Howard Reich will discuss "The Art of Inventing Hope" with journalist Regine Schlesinger at 6:30 p.m. May 9 at the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie; 847-967-4800. Reich also will speak about the book at 11:45 a.m. May 16 at the Standard Club, 320 S. Plymouth Court; 312-427-9100 or www.eventbrite.com. The book will be published May 7.*

# Give Chicagoans more details about the planned Tiger Woods golf course

Overcoming personal difficulties and a decade without a major championship, Tiger Woods resurrected his career in April by winning the Masters. Can Tiger add to his legacy a PGA-caliber public golf course he wants to design in Jackson Park?

The idea surfaced more than two years ago: Overhaul and combine the existing Jackson Park and South Shore courses into a single, 18-hole course designed by Woods, a project that together with the proposed Obama Presidential Center would serve as economic engines for the South Side.

This will be a Chicago Park District course. The nonprofit Chicago Parks Golf Alliance was formed to raise 80 percent of the

course's \$30 million price tag. Taxpayers would pay the remaining 20 percent and pitch in another \$30 million to pay for infrastructure improvements, including three pedestrian underpasses. Alliance members and Woods himself pledged that the new course would still be accessible and affordable to local golfers. "We want to design a course that everyone will enjoy," Woods said when the idea was first announced.

### Since then, the project's gone awry — straight into a bunker.

The alliance has struggled to secure private funding for the project. Neighbors are far from unified in their feelings about the idea. Many embrace it, others

oppose it — they worry it will price out locals and become an elitist playground for corporate clients and golf tourists flush with cash.

At a recent public forum on the project, alliance officials tried to tackle community concerns. They failed. Residents asked how much money the alliance had raised. The alliance's answer: "Seven figures." Is that \$1 million? Or \$9,999,999? Why the vagueness? One thing's certain. "Seven figures" doesn't come close to the project's \$30 million price tag.

Alliance officials also told residents at the meeting that, when built, the course will economically benefit Chicago to the tune of \$150 million annually. What's missing from that projec-

tion is any supporting data. Does it reflect added jobs? Economic activity for local businesses?

So far, Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot has reacted coolly to the project. "It feels like it's not a well-thought-out plan," she told the Sun-Times in early April. "It's not a plan that's been respectful of the community. ... I've got some concerns and some red flags."

### As a Chicago Park District course, it should be accessible to the whole city, not just duffers with deep pockets. Yet locals still don't have specifics on what their greens fees would be, other than the pledge that they will be \$50 or lower for 18 holes. How much lower? And when will those dis-

counted greens fees be in effect?

Right now, 18 holes at Jackson Park costs \$32 on weekdays and \$35 on weekends. At the nine-hole South Shore course, fees are \$19 on weekdays and \$21 on weekends. For local golfers, a tournament-caliber course won't matter much if they can't afford to play on it.

The Jackson Park and South Shore courses need a revamp. A top-shelf course that draws PGA tournaments would benefit the South Side. But the course the Park District envisions will be public. That requires the people behind the Jackson Park course revamp to be much more transparent about their project than they are right now.

## WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

The U.S. Tax Cuts and Jobs Act enacted at the very end of 2017, which limited the deduction of state and local taxes to \$10,000, has focused attention on the vast differences among municipal levies. It also provided an incentive for high earners to leave high-tax states such as New York for lower-tax climes including Florida and New Mexico in a trend that will only intensify. ...

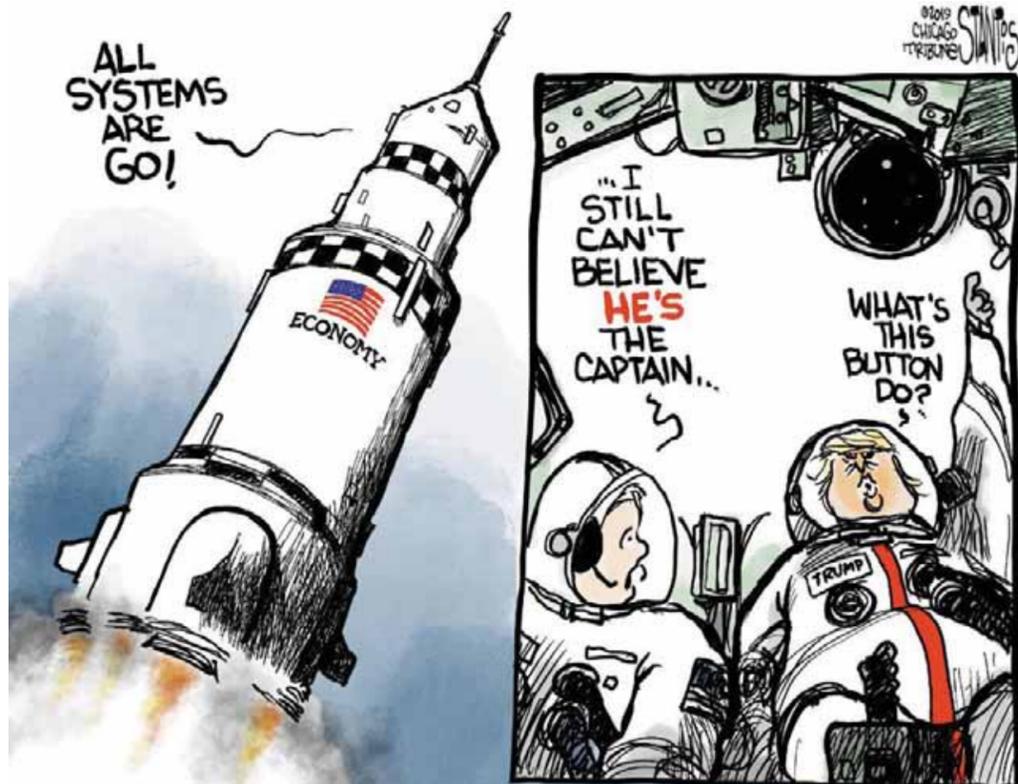
This strategy of tax increases that encourage taxpayers to leave is the government equivalent of a private-sector firm raising prices when its products are already overpriced. ... In government, there is no bottom line watched by shareholders, so there is no incentive to run efficient organizations — as long as voters don't revolt and the disgruntled taxpayers simply leave for lower-tax venues. Former Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith said famously that politicians can go to jail for stealing money, but not for wasting it. ...

To be sure, state government leaders claim they strive for efficiency, but if they did, wealthy states with high incomes per capita would have low tax rates. Those tax rates — when applied to large incomes, property values and retail sales — would generate ample revenue to cover the costs of efficient operations. ...

Even if those very blue states where tax and spending is endemic suddenly turned red, taxes will continue to rise because of the tremendous albatross of pension fund obligations.

**A. Gary Shilling, Bloomberg Opinion**

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## PERSPECTIVE



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At the Capitol in Springfield this month, Illinois lawmakers will try to produce an allegedly balanced budget before the end-of-the-month deadline.

## Fair or foul? Retailers' sales-tax benefit is again under the budget microscope



ERIC ZORN

Legalizing recreational marijuana, expanding gambling and advancing the idea of a progressive income tax will be the marquee issues this month in Springfield as state lawmakers try to craft an allegedly balanced budget before the end-of-the-month deadline.

But some of the less sexy ideas also involve real money and are worth talking about — for instance, the \$80 million in extra revenue Gov. J.B. Pritzker's administration plans to get by capping the service fee that merchants charge the state for processing sales taxes.

You might not know it if you're not a store owner, but retailers now get to keep a portion of the sales taxes we pay — 1.75 percent — in order to compensate them for the expense of calculating, collecting and remitting those taxes to the state.

It makes sense in some ways — business owners are in effect provid-

ing a service to the government by performing a task that would otherwise be unthinkable burdensome to downright impossible. Imagine the revenue agencies having to dog individual consumers for the tax on every purchase!

And that service isn't free. It certainly wasn't some 60 years ago when Illinois began paying this dividend, commonly known to finance nerds as a "vendor discount" or "collection allowance." Retailers needed big ledger books and smart people wearing green eyeshades to get right with the tax man, and each new transaction added to the chore.

Computerization has since made it all much easier, of course. At nearly every business now, software not only keeps track of every transaction, it remits taxes electronically to the state. And while there's a cost for purchasing, programming and regularly updating such technology — which also tracks inventory and other details — advocates for limiting the reimbursement point out that each new sale doesn't impose extra new compliance costs, making the flat percentage model a windfall for big-box and high-volume sellers such as Walmart and Home Depot.

There's an argument that collecting

sales taxes is simply a cost of doing business, like the cost of collecting payroll taxes or following health, safety and other regulations. Seventeen of the 45 states that charge sales taxes don't reimburse merchants for collecting them, according to a Federation of Tax Administrators survey published in January.

The FTA tables show that among our neighboring states, Iowa pays no reimbursement, Wisconsin and Kentucky cap their reimbursements and Indiana pays .73 percent, less than half of Illinois' 1.75 percent rate. Only Missouri's uncapped 2 percent rate is higher.

Illinois Democrats now want to cap the deduction at \$1,000 a month. Deputy Gov. Dan Hynes, the former state comptroller who serves as Pritzker's point man on the budget, estimates that 95 percent of businesses are too small to feel the impact of the proposed change because they collect less than \$57,143 a month in sales taxes (the point at which their deduction would begin to exceed \$1,000).

The result, Hynes said, will be \$75 million additional general state revenue and \$5 million earmarked for downstate public transportation, amounts similar to the projected benefits from increases in taxes on smok-

ing, on video gambling and on foreign income.

Big retail isn't rolling over. Business interests have successfully beaten back many similar proposals over the years, in part by arguing that even with the reimbursement, merchants are subsidizing the costs of sales tax collection.

And although advances in technology have lowered processing costs, Rob Karr, president and CEO of the Illinois Retail Merchants Association, says that increases in credit card transactions — for which stores have to pay an additional average fee of 2.25 percent on the total amount, including taxes — have added significantly to his members' sales tax costs.

Karr also says that the state skims an average processing fee of 2.17 percent for collecting local sales taxes and sending them back home, so what's good for the state ought to be good for retailers.

Yes. But what would be good for the rest of us would be to eliminate these discounts, rebates and processing fees across the board, and send all the tax money where most of us assumed it was going in the first place.

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## In gun debate, some Democrats are letting politics turn too personal



CLARENCE PAGE

Even before Saturday's mass shooting at a California synagogue added a new mind-numbing tragedy to the gun safety debate, the 2020 Democratic presidential candidates have been showing a historically high level of agreement about what needs to be done.

Yet, while that new unanimity leaves little for the candidates to debate on gun safety, some restless souls in the party's progressive wing have produced new litmus tests, not only about candidates' public positions on guns but their private ownership of firearms too.

An excellent example is offered by Sen. Kamala Harris, the first of the party's more than 20 announced candidates to stake out a major position on guns in the 2020 race. If she becomes president and Congress doesn't act within 100 days on gun safety, she said during a CNN town hall, she would sign an executive order to require background checks before every gun sale by anyone who sells five or more guns a year.

Background checks are often called a "common sense" reform, since polls show that most voters



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Presidential candidate Sen. Kamala Harris is among the gun owners in the Democratic field of contenders.

tend to like that proposal, even if the politically powerful National Rifle Association doesn't.

Among other reforms, the California senator's campaign said she would repeal a law that prevents victims from holding gunmakers and firearms dealers liable for their losses, reverse a Trump administration rule change that allows fugitives with arrest warrants to buy guns, and close the so-called boyfriend loophole that allows gun purchases by those convicted of domestic violence charges.

Yet, as much as the other candidates tend to agree, some progressive voices complain that she has not gone far enough, including in her personal life.

An op-ed published in Mon-

day's USA Today kicked over a beehive of commenters in social media by arguing that Harris' ownership of a gun is a "disqualifying" issue for a Democratic presidential nominee.

The piece was written by Peter Funt, who is best known for hosting a revival of his late father Allen Funt's popular "Candid Camera" TV show. He lambastes gun ownership itself as a "position held by the NRA, not progressive Democrats."

Disqualifying? If that were true, Harris wouldn't be the only Democrat who would have to leave the field. Six of 18 Democratic presidential contenders who declared before former Vice President Joe Biden entered the race own firearms, a Washington

Post survey reported last month.

Biden would be another gun owner, according to his 2013 interview with Field & Stream magazine. Arguing against military-style weapons like the AR-15 used by some mass shooters, he said his shotgun was better for both hunting and defending one's home. A lot of his Democrats didn't like that response, but it sounded honest, a big virtue for Biden as he casts himself as the best person to lure Trump-voting Democrats back.

Among other Democrats, Beto O'Rourke told the Post that he inherited several guns but they're not in operating condition. Pete Buttigieg, the mayor of South Bend, Ind., similarly said he owns two antique guns that he doesn't use. Rep. Tim Ryan of Ohio said he doesn't use the shotgun that he won in a raffle either. Former Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper and former Rep. John Delaney of Maryland also reported owning firearms.

By contrast, when Republicans had their own platoon of presidential contenders on the debate stage, the Post found that 15 of the 17 candidates owned at least 40 guns among them.

In the past, Harris has said that her own gun ownership began when she was a career prosecutor who dealt with "dangerous criminals" and she "felt compelled to have a gun." That may not sit well with Funt, but it sounds like common sense to me.

By arguing with themselves over an issue on which they mostly agree, Democrats only create the "circular firing squad" that former President Barack Obama has warned them about.

In fact, a better reason to worry about guns in anybody's house is the disproportionate amount of gun violence that occurs in such homes, including accidents and suicides.

Although gun-related homicides get a lot more attention, guns are used even more frequently in suicides. For example, a study in 2016 by the Boston University School of Public Health found that states with higher rates of gun ownership also have higher rates of gun-related suicides. Three years earlier, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported 21,175 firearm suicides, compared with 11,208 firearm homicides.

Many of these suicides would not have occurred, experts say, if the victim did not have a gun handy. The NRA agrees that mental health care needs to be made more widely available, especially when that argument helps the group change the subject from gun control. We can do better. We can do both.

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# PERSPECTIVE



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Chicago police work a crime scene after shots were exchanged with officers in the Austin neighborhood in July 2018.

## How Lightfoot can address Chicago's gun violence problem

BY CIERA WALKER

In the coming weeks, Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot has a unique opportunity to build an administration that goes beyond what recent predecessors have accomplished when it comes to combating the gun violence epidemic in our city.

As Lightfoot hires experts as city officials and constructs her departments, she ought to make room for an office of gun violence prevention that would be created through city ordinance to ensure longevity and efficacy.

Chicago neighborhoods such as Englewood, where I grew up, feel a disproportionate impact of violence, of a legacy of segregation and of a criminal justice system that seems stacked against us, rather than fighting for us.

Past mayors worked on initiatives that failed to take into account the needs of the very people most affected by those initiatives. City and national leaders often have used the stories of those affected by violence in Chicago as tokens rather than real, integrated assets to programs.

If Lightfoot wants to do more than anyone before her to tackle this crisis, she must seriously pursue a citywide strategy to significantly reduce gun violence in partnership with community leaders and members. Leading with the ideology that Chicago's gun violence epidemic is a public health crisis, the office must use

community-based strategies and trauma-informed models to foster a healing environment that will produce safe and peaceful communities.

As a native of the South Side of Chicago, I have felt the devastating impact that gun violence has had on the communities I love. My generation and the generations that follow me are growing up in a world where it is normal to hear shots in our neighborhood streets and to feel the lasting impact of lifelong trauma.

I love this city and will forever be committed to working for its betterment, yet I would be kidding myself if I said it didn't sometimes feel like a war zone for so many of our young people, living in communities devastated by economic disenfranchisement. A Chicago Reporter analysis of a new study on gangs and violence from the University of Illinois at Chicago's Great Cities Institute argues "Chicago needs a change in anti-violence strategies" because distressed communities, not gangs, drive violence in the city.

While mayors and their administrations turn over — as they should, per the democratic process — we need and deserve a holistic investment in this type of work that will transcend elected officials. By establishing an office of gun violence prevention under the office of the mayor, we can protect the longevity and effectiveness of the office. The funding for such an office would support not only

essential staff personnel but also community-based programs, focused on areas with the highest risk for gun violence, to implement scientifically proven intervention and prevention strategies.

Local activists, community and faith-based leaders and organizations including the one I lead, Live Free Chicago, have been calling for the creation of such an office for years, as it will ensure that community advisers would be partners in developing systems of accountability and transparency.

For so many Chicagoans, this type of initiative would provide an opportunity to regain trust and collaboration with the city's leaders.

We've been meeting with aldermen and city officials and developing models to advocate for an office of gun violence prevention because we know this is a real solution that would show true investment in communities that feel forgotten, left behind and pitied in our city. It's time to hold our leaders to a higher standard if we are serious about saving lives from gun violence and turning the tide of this crisis in our neighborhoods.

As she seeks input from Chicagoans before her swearing-in, Lightfoot should not turn her back on the idea of an office of gun violence prevention.

Ciera Walker is director of Live Free Chicago.

## Trump and Barr vs. Congress can only end in a stalemate

BY NOAH FELDMAN

The brewing conflict between the House Judiciary Committee and Attorney General William Barr — over whether he will testify this week as scheduled, and under what ground rules — is a symptom of a much bigger emerging clash between Congress and the president. The most probable outcome is a stalemate: because the framers designed the Constitution that way.

We have entered a new phase of the constitutional stress test that began with President Donald Trump's election and shows no signs of winding down. In the first phases, Trump pushed the limits of executive power on immigration, and went after the criminal justice system in the hopes of delegitimizing it.

This time, the initiative comes not from the president, but from a different branch of government.

The Democratic House intends to exercise its oversight and investigation powers to hound Trump right up until the 2020 presidential election. To do so, it must either get cooperation from executive branch witnesses or compel them to appear using the power of subpoena.

Trump is welcoming the challenge. He's reportedly told dozens of current and former executive branch officials to refuse to testify before Congress, setting the stage for a battle royale with Congress.

This fight will be different from the government shutdown. That conflict, too, pitted Democratic congressional leadership against the president. But the shutdown fight, although unusually long, was an ordinary political struggle, carried out for the most part under the auspices of mutually accepted constitutional rules: Congress had the power to pass the budget. Trump had the power to sign or veto. There was no dispute about these basic powers.

To be sure, Trump threatened to act in a potentially unconstitutional manner by using funds not designated by Congress to pay for the border wall. But the threat wasn't the determining element in the struggle. (Trump made good on the threat

even after Congress approved some border funding, and the question of whether he can spend that extra, unallocated money is now before the courts.)

In contrast, if House Democrats actually use their subpoena power to force executive branch officials to appear under threat of arrest, and if current or former Trump administration officials refuse to appear or to testify, that will amount to a genuine constitutional conflict.

Neither side agrees on where the line should be drawn between the power of the legislative branch and the privilege of the executive.

And the courts are extremely unlikely to intervene. The classic situation in which the judiciary refuses to adjudicate a conflict is where the relevant powers have been assigned by the Constitution to the legislative and the executive branches.

In 1975, the U.S. Supreme Court held that the judiciary would not intervene to quash a Senate subpoena — even though the lower federal courts had said the subpoena violated the First Amendment. Issuing subpoenas, the court held, was "essential to legislating." It therefore fell within the provision of the Constitution that protects members of Congress from being "questioned in any other place" (like a court) for their activities of "speech and debate" in Congress.

No justice on the current Supreme Court would relish getting in the middle of an interbranch conflict that doesn't require the court to take a stand — the liberals because they might lose the fight, and the conservatives because victory would have the pyrrhic effect of making them look like a political body, potentially emboldening Democrats on the eve of the 2020 election. So what happens next?

There is no express provision in the Constitution giving Congress the power to investigate, issue subpoenas or question cabinet officials. That's in contrast to constitutional arrangements in a number of parliamentary democracies, which provide a specific right to the legislature to question cabinet or other executive officials, a right known as "interpellation." But members of Congress from early in

the history of the Republic acted as though they had investigative and subpoena powers similar to those of the British Parliament. Early Congresses found several witnesses in contempt, and in 1821, the Supreme Court ratified the practice by saying that holding people in contempt was part of Congress' implicit constitutional authority, necessary so that Congress could fulfill its function in a democratic government.

There's also no provision in the Constitution saying that the president or the other executive branch officials enjoy any special privilege of exemption from subpoena. Like Congress' subpoena and contempt powers, executive privilege is the product of constitutional inference, custom and raw assertion of power.

George Washington refused to give Congress his correspondence with U.S. ambassadors, reasoning that his constitutional authority to conduct foreign policy included the capacity to do so effectively — including by keeping some matters private from Congress.

The framers provided no remedy for a struggle between Congress and the president over congressional subpoenas — because they didn't specify either the right of investigation or executive privilege in the document. In this conflict between constitutional powers, there's no express constitutional answer.

And without the judiciary, there's no referee.

The upshot is that you can expect stalemate. Congress can keep harassing and embarrassing the president. The president can keep resisting. Ultimately the check on both branches is public opinion — in the form of the voters who will go to the polls in 2020 and (maybe) resolve the conflict by picking a winner.

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### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### Do more to protect kids

The recent deaths of two children, Andrew "AJ" Freund and Ja'hir Gibbons, have rocked everyone's world, and they always should. Our hearts go out to all Department of Children and Family Services workers because, as child abuse doctors, we know that an error in decision-making in either direction can result in a child's death or a child being taken away from a loving home.

Injuries are common in childhood. But when do we worry that a bruise is a warning sign that a child is being abused and at risk of being killed?

Discerning the manner of an injury requires child abuse medical expertise. Child abuse pediatrics is a relatively new subspecialty. There are about 350 child abuse pediatricians in our country, with 14 in our state, and only four programs have formalized relationships with Illinois DCFS.

Discerning manner of injury must be a real-time process involving multiple agencies. For 18 years, this process has been in place for children in Chicago through the Multidisciplinary Pediatric Education and Evaluation Consortium, a partnership among the Chicago police, DCFS, and Stroger and Comer Children's hospitals. All children younger than 3, reported for serious harms, are mandated to have a MPEEC response. This process ... works. It needs to be expanded.

Here are recommendations that we believe will reduce errors in decision-making in serious-harms investigations:

- Reconstitute a division at DCFS dedicated to serious harms and medically based allegations.
- Legislate that hospitals and clinics must provide on-the-spot medical records to DCFS investigators; currently, this can take weeks to happen. Legislate a time window and, if need be, a fine.
- Medicalize the child welfare system. There must be medical experts involved in the development of investigational procedures and a full-time medical director with DCFS who is a child abuse pediatrician.

- Commission the four regional child abuse program leaders — Dr. Ray Davis, Rockford; Dr. Jill Glick, Chicago; Dr. Channing Petrak, Peoria; and Dr. Kathy Swafford, southern Illinois — to build a state model with a plan to implement and not put the blueprint on the shelf.
- Fund hospitals to have child abuse pediatrician-directed interdisciplinary teams.

Building the needed medical resources and bridges among child welfare, law enforcement and medical experts will save lives.

— Dr. Jill Glick, Comer Children's Hospital; Dr. Raymond A. Davis, University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford; and Dr. Kathy Swafford, Children's Medical and Mental Health Resource Network

#### Heartbroken over AJ

My heart is broken, and I am very angry. The system in place today for protecting children does not work. AJ Freund should be alive today. That poor little boy didn't stand a chance from day one being born an opiate baby. He *could* have had a chance if those around him didn't fail him. Now he is dead. Yes, memorials are nice, but I'm so tired of seeing them. And that's all the public is left to do. Shed tears, pray and have a memorial. Something needs to change!

Please, I don't want to hear about the Department of Children and Family Services being understaffed and overworked. It needs to change.

I'm willing to help in whatever way I can. Maybe we need to advertise for homes for these kids. Maybe older retired folks should be allowed to care for them. Even as a 63-year-old, I would have taken that little boy. I may be old, but he would have been loved and safe. He would have had a happy life.

— Madelyn Long, Lindenhurst

#### Become a foster parent

My late wife and I were foster parents for nearly 20 years. In that time, we shared our home with nine children for as short a time as 10 days to as long as four years. All our children suffered from some form of neglect, prenatal drug or alcohol use, mental health problems or economic factors. But each was a situation in which, to quote Kristen McQueary in her column "One way to prevent more AJ Freunds: Foster a child" (April 30), the kids should never "be kept in unsafe living conditions due to biology."

We became foster parents to provide sanctuary, not adoption. (We have four children and did not want to compete with couples trying to start or complete a family.) Our home was available 24/7. Often the first notice we had of a pending placement was the social worker's knock on the front door, child in hand. With only one exception, the relationship we shared continues to this day. Six of "our kids" served as pallbearers at my wife's funeral. The foster care experience continues to have an indelible impact on all our family.

— Donald Garfield, Evanston

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# Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

## Westlake owners can close hospital

State board votes to shutter facility after months of drama

By **LISA SCHENCKER**  
Chicago Tribune

The owners of Westlake Hospital can close the facility, a state review board voted Tuesday — a decision that dealt a significant setback to the community's efforts to keep it open.

After months of drama over the hospital's fate, the state Health Facilities and Services Review Board voted unanimously Tuesday to approve an application by Los Angeles-based Pipeline Health to shut down the 230-bed hospital in Melrose Park, which serves many minority and low-income patients.

The board cannot legally deny a completed application to close a hospital, though it can defer applications when litigation is pending. The board was closely divided on whether to defer the application, but ultimately lacked enough votes to do so.

Board member Julie Hamos said Tuesday that losing hospitals is tough for communities, but she expects to see more hospitals closing in coming years as advances in medicine make inpatient care less necessary.

"We are really on the cusp of a very significant change in our health care system," said Hamos, who was recently appointed to the board by Gov. J.B. Pritzker and is a

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## McDonald's mulls high stakes of meatless

Burger chain weighing plant-based U.S. options as rivals take gamble

By **ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ**  
Chicago Tribune

McDonald's is weighing whether to jump on the plant-based bandwagon, as Burger King prepares to roll out meatless Whoppers nationwide.

"Our menu teams are clearly paying close attention to it," McDonald's CEO Steve Easterbrook said Tuesday. "The key for us is to identify sustaining consumer trends."

The world's biggest burger chain, which has 14,000 U.S. restaurants and 38,000 worldwide, is considering whether the complexities associated with rolling out a plant-based burger are worth it, said Easterbrook, during a call with analysts to discuss the company's first-quarter earnings.

"There may be more to come but nothing much to say about it in the moment," Easterbrook said.

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## Zuckerberg details 'privacy focused' vision for social media network

Facebook redesign promotes smaller group connection

By **BARBARA ORTUTAY**  
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg kicked off the company's annual F8 developer conference Tuesday with more details about his new "privacy-focused" vision for the social network — including a major redesign of Facebook's app and website that is built around letting people connect with small groups.

The new features are part of Zuckerberg's strategy for battling away Facebook's growing array of critics, emboldened regulators and competitors. Zuckerberg acknowledged the skepticism of the

company during his keynote.

"Look, I get that a lot of people aren't sure that we are serious about this," he said. "We are committed to doing this well and to starting a new chapter for our products."

Zuckerberg and his lieutenant, Sheryl Sandberg, have apologized repeatedly over the past year for Facebook's mishaps over privacy, data misuse and security. Last week, the company said it is setting aside \$3 billion to cover a possible fine from the Federal Trade Commission over privacy violations. Facebook has suffered hacks, allowed hate speech and livestreamed mass-shooting horror.

Amid all that, Zuckerberg is focusing Facebook's future by emphasizing private messaging and Facebook's role in "communities."



TONY AVELAR/AP

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg makes the keynote speech Tuesday at F8, the company's developer conference.

A redesigned Facebook app and desktop version of the site puts private groups in the center of the page. More than 400 million users are in "meaningful

groups — Facebook pages meant to bring people with similar ideas together — according to the

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## Reviving news

NBC exec behind online site tackling local issues in state

By **DAVID BAUDER**  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Born and raised in Manhattan and a national news executive for much of his career, Andrew Lack would seem an unlikely figure behind an attempt to revive the ailing local news industry in Mississippi.

Quietly, NBC's news chairman has been the key person behind Mississippi Today, an online news site that has been operating for three years. It is one of several experimental approaches to journalism seeking traction during a painful time of retrenchment for local news.

Why Lack? And why Mississippi?

Although Lack never lived there, it's where his mother is from. His great-grandfather was the mayor of Greenville, Miss. When the 71-year-old executive considered some charitable endeavors, he was drawn south and considered buying a newspaper until becoming intrigued by the pioneering Texas Tribune's success.

"Nonprofit, digital-first journalism was beginning to fill a void as the newspaper structure that so many people depended on was starting to erode," he said.

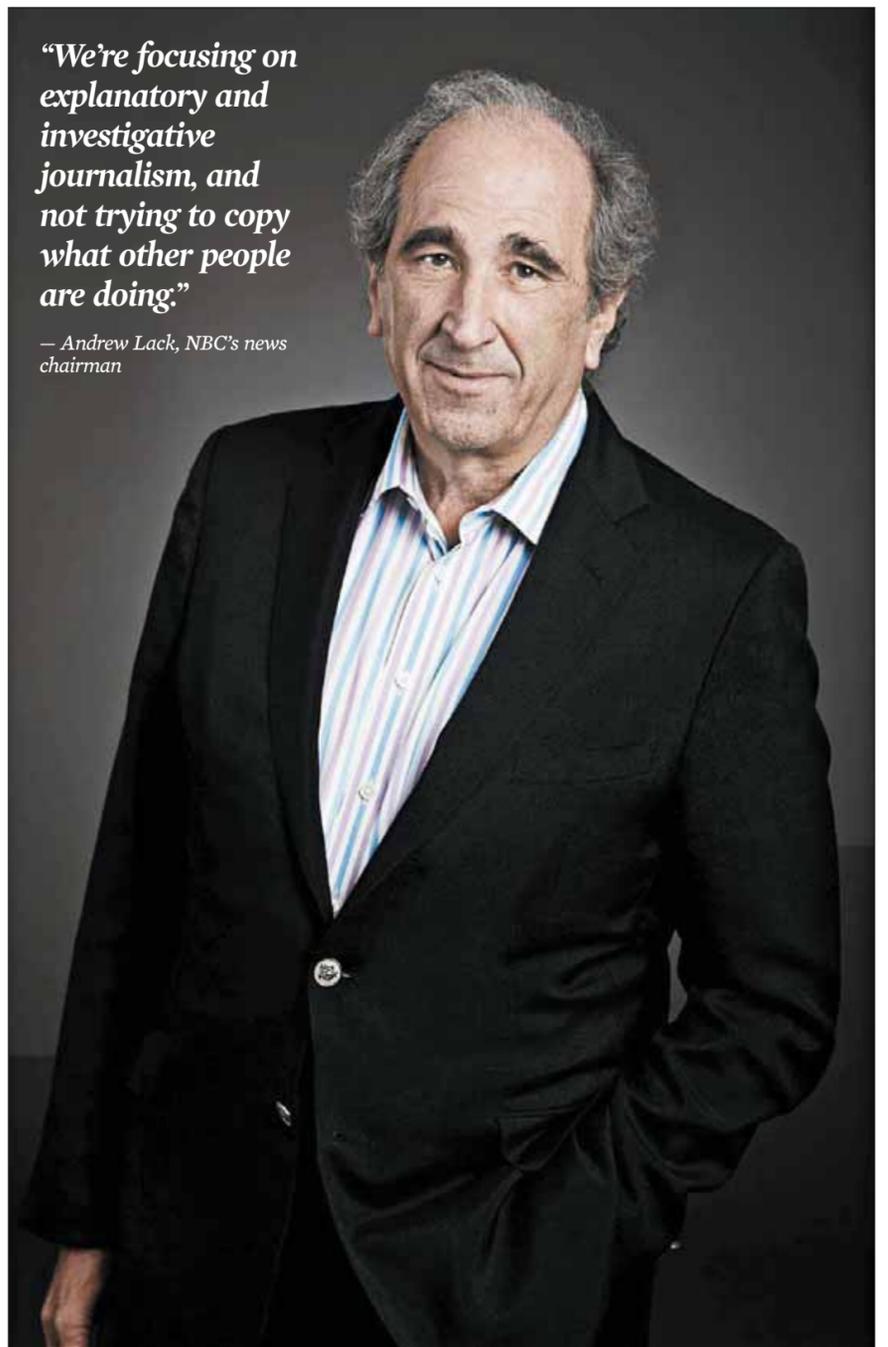
Lack is listed as Mississippi Today's founder and has sunk \$1 million into it. He helped secure a broader funding base before the site's 2016 launch; the Ford Foundation is the biggest backer with three grants totaling \$1.8 million, according to the Foundation Center. James Barksdale, former Netscape CEO and a Mississippi native, is also a major supporter.

Nineteen newspapers in Mississippi consider themselves dailies, yet only four publish seven days a week, said Ryan Nave, Mississippi Today's editor-in-chief. Seeing that the number

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*"We're focusing on explanatory and investigative journalism, and not trying to copy what other people are doing."*

— Andrew Lack, NBC's news chairman



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NBC's news chairman Andrew Lack, 71, is listed as Mississippi Today's founder.

## Lululemon to open store in Lincoln Park this summer



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Lululemon plans to open a store at 938 W. North Ave., whose renovated exterior is shown here in an artist's rendering.

20,000-square-foot retail space to include workout rooms, food, yoga classes and meditation area



**RYAN ORI**  
On Real Estate

Lululemon plans to open a first-of-its-kind flagship store in Chicago, offering food, drinks, yoga classes, a meditation room — and, yes, workout apparel for sale — when it opens in the Lincoln Park area in July.

The 20,000-square-foot "experi-

ential store" will become Lululemon's prototype for big stores offering an array of yoga classes and other activities. Such flagships eventually could make up 10 percent of the Canadian retailer's stores, CEO Calvin McDonald said during an April 24 event with retail analysts.

The huge store is planned in a three-story building at the corner of North and Sheffield avenues, which formerly had Restoration Hardware and Z Gallerie as tenants. The store has been mostly vacant, with a smaller Sephora store as its only tenant, in recent years.

Vancouver-based Lululemon did not specify the location to analysts, according to a transcript of the event, but the Tribune reported last May that Lululemon was planning a store at 938 W. North Ave., which is in the Lincoln Park community area and the Ranch Triangle neighborhood. A construction permit issued by the city at the time indicated the space would include a restaurant and workout space.

A Lululemon spokeswoman declined to comment on plans for the Chicago flagship.

Although Lululemon is best known for women's yoga apparel, the 21-year-old brand looks to expand its offerings, including plans to start selling shoes, and

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# Oreo-maker vows to link executive pay to performance

Company shareholders take step after CEO received \$42.4M package

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ  
Chicago Tribune

Nearly a year after Mondelez International shareholders took the unusual step of rejecting the snack giant's executive pay packages in an advisory vote, the maker of Oreo and Cadbury says it has implemented changes to more strongly tie compensation to business performance.

Mondelez, which is based in Deerfield and plans to move to Chicago next year, said in a regulatory filing Monday that it wanted to clarify the steps it is taking to address shareholder concerns about its pay practices, including the \$42.4 million package CEO Dirk Van de Put received in his first year with the company in 2017. Most of that compensation was one-time "make whole" payments reflecting what he would have

received had he stayed at his previous employer, McCain Foods.

Shareholders expressed their displeasure last year when only 45 percent approved the company's executive compensation in a nonbinding advisory vote called "say on pay." Historically such votes have been 90 percent favorable, the company said.

Shareholders will vote on 2018 executive pay at their annual meeting May 15. Van de Put's 2018 compensation totaled \$15 million, including \$1.5 million in salary and the rest in stock, option and incentive awards.

In Monday's filing, Mondelez repeated earlier promises to "emphasize performance-based recruitment compensation going forward" and added other commitments to performance-based vesting. It specified, as an example, that its chief financial officer's recent promotion grant was 100 percent based on performance.



AP

Nearly a year after Mondelez shareholders took the unusual step of rejecting the snack giant's executive pay packages.

The filing was in response to feedback the company has received through outreach efforts to investors since last year's annual meeting, as well as more feedback it received since it filed documents in late March outlining its compensation plans, said spokesman Thomas Armitage. One measure the company has taken to address concerns is to increase to 80 percent, from 60 percent, the amount of performance-based compensation that is tied to business performance rather than personal performance, he said.

Mondelez, which employs 80,000 people worldwide, reports first quarter earnings Tuesday afternoon.

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## Burger

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Many of McDonald's fast-food competitors have decided to take the gamble.

After launching a test run in St. Louis just last month, Burger King on Monday announced plans to offer Impossible Whoppers at all U.S. restaurants by the end of 2019. White Castle offers meatless sliders using burgers from Impossible Foods, and Carl's Jr. offers plant-based patties from Beyond Meat. Taco Bell in April started testing meatless versions of some of its classics, such as a Vegetarian Crunchwrap Supreme and a Vegetarian Quesarito.

Plant-based burgers are no longer just the purview of vegetarians and vegans as more consumers try to cut back on meat.

Still, it isn't surprising that Chicago-based McDonald's is waiting to ensure the plant-based trend has staying power before jumping in, given the chain's global scope and diverse customer base, said Zak Weston, food service analyst at the Good Food Institute, a nonprofit

think tank that promotes protein alternatives.

But "it would shock me if they don't have something on the menu in the next 18 months," Weston said.

Yet Bob Goldin, co-founder and partner at Chicago-based food industry consultancy Pentallact, said he wonders if the mania around plant-based proteins is a flash in the pan.

"This is 'monkey see, monkey do' right now," Goldin said. "I think this thing has a shorter shelf life than we think."

McDonald's is wise to wait and see, he said, especially given that its efforts to push healthier fare like salads and yogurt parfait have not resonated with customers.

"I think they should innovate around their core offerings," Goldin said.

Consumer trends have made it a business imperative for big food companies to at least consider adding plant-based options to their offerings, Weston said.

U.S. sales of plant-based meats jumped 42 percent over the past three years, to \$888 million, according to Nielsen, while traditional meat sales rose 1 percent, to

\$85 billion, during that time. Two-thirds of U.S. consumers say they are trying to reduce meat in their diets, according to a study by the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future.

McDonald's this week launched a vegan burger in Germany, made with Nestle's soy- and wheat-based Incredible Burger. It has vegetarian sandwiches in other international markets, including India's McAloo Tikki made of potatoes and peas, which is available in the restaurant at McDonald's West Loop headquarters.

But a broad U.S. rollout of a meatless burger would mark an inflection point that plant-based protein alternatives have arrived on Main Street, Weston said.

"It's understandable that they're being deliberate about it because if McDonald's puts a plant-based burger on the menu it's going to shake the world," he said.

Interest in plant-based burgers has grown rapidly as vegetarian burgers have evolved from overcooked tofu and mushy black bean burgers to meat-like substitutes that offer the same sensory experience as the

real thing, Weston said. Most plant-based protein alternatives are made of soy, wheat and increasingly peas, though companies are experimenting with other options such as mung bean, he said.

Improved quality combined with a health-focused consumer mindset has pushed demand so high that the only constraint to growth is that plant-based protein manufacturers can't produce enough to keep up, Weston said.

Big food companies like Cargill have been investing in plant-based startups to get a slice of the action. One such startup, 10-year-old Beyond Meat, is planning an initial public offering that would value the company at about \$1.5 billion.

Ninety-three percent of shoppers who purchase Beyond Meat also purchase animal meat, the company said in its regulatory filing. That suggests it's not a novelty but a mainstreaming of the trend as people incorporate more diverse proteins in their diets, Weston said.

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## Westlake

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former lawmaker. She said deferring the application would simply have shifted a decision on the matter to the courts.

Pipeline argued during the hearing that closing the hospital is the right thing to do. Pipeline leaders have said the hospital is losing about \$2 million a month, making its existence unsustainable.

Pipeline attorneys and leaders said Pipeline believed it could save the hospital when it first decided to buy it and two others last year. But they said that, given unexpected further losses, Pipeline, as a private company, should not be forced to keep the hospital open, especially when there aren't enough patients to support it.

"To maintain Westlake Hospital in its current form

is to maintain the past," said Dr. Eric Whitaker, a prominent Chicagoan and part-owner of Pipeline. He said that Westlake would need \$30 million in upgrades to its facilities, equipment and information technology. "We would rather invest in patients not buildings."

Hospital workers and community members, however, were disheartened by the decision. They've spent months fighting to keep Westlake open.

"There are so many in the community who need it," said Anna Marie Falcone, a unit secretary who's worked at the hospital for more than 35 years and had two of her kids there.

Maria Gomez, with community advocacy group PASO West Suburban Action Project, said, through a translator, that as a senior citizen without a car, she walks to most of her appointments at Westlake, relying on the hospi-

tal. And Dr. Neil Rosenberg, medical director of Westlake's intensive care unit and respiratory care services, said his patients are distraught.

"Almost every day my patients come in crying, 'What am I going to do when the hospital closes?'" Rosenberg said.

There are other hospitals in the area, but Westlake advocates say they don't provide all the same services and will mean more travel for patients.

It's still possible that Westlake's supporters might get some relief through the courts. Ari Scharg, an attorney for Melrose Park with law firm Edelson, said the village will continue to fight. He said it's possible the village could ask the courts to review the legality of the board's decision Tuesday.

A hearing is scheduled in Cook County Circuit Court for Wednesday, at which a

judge may decide whether to grant a preliminary injunction to temporarily keep Westlake open. Westlake was already operating under an injunction issued in the last couple weeks, but that injunction was meant to keep the hospital open just long enough for the state review board to make a decision.

Also, the Village of Melrose Park has sued Pipeline and its leaders, accusing them of lying to the state review board about their intention to close the hospital, so as not to face opposition while getting approval from the state to buy it. That lawsuit, however, does not seek to keep the hospital open, though it seeks declarations that Pipeline made fraudulent misrepresentations, violated municipal code and created a nuisance, and it seeks fines and damages.

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## Facebook

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company. The redesign is structured to make it as easy to connect with groups as with individual friends, Zuckerberg said.

Recommended groups will appear on users' homepages, and Facebook users will now be able to share a status to friends and a group from the same text box.

Groups have also caused controversy, especially as communities pop up around extremist topics. Facebook is working to remove groups that have "harmful content," Zuckerberg said, and de-empha-

size groups that share misleading information.

The redesigned mobile app is live for U.S. users today, and the desktop version is coming later this year.

A desktop app for Messenger is also coming later this year — and Messenger will eventually make end-to-end encryption the default setting for all messages, rather than an opt-in choice. Facebook executives mentioned that eventually users will be able to send Instagram and WhatsApp messages all from Messenger.

Inside WhatsApp — by far Facebook's most secure app — the company is making statuses more se-

cure. Only people in each other's contact books will be able to see statuses.

The privacy changes extend to Instagram as well. Facebook executives say the company is testing new features that hide "likes" from photos. Users will still be able to see how many likes their photos get, but the number won't appear at the bottom of each post.

Facebook also announced expansions to its hardware devices, including bringing WhatsApp to its video screen hub Portal and expanding sales of the device to Canada and Europe.

The company will begin selling the new version of its virtual reality headset on May 21. The \$399 Oculus

Quest was announced last year.

It will be accompanied by a new twist on Oculus' original Rift headset. The new version, called Rift S, also will cost \$399. It won't require being tethered to a high-priced personal computer, like the original Oculus Rift.

Zuckerberg said last week that Facebook's focus on private communications will be built out over the next five years or more. The model for this, he said, will be WhatsApp, a Facebook service that already offers end-to-end encrypted messaging — messages that can be opened by only the sender and the recipient and not by Facebook itself.

# Chase bank draws fire for tone-deaf tweet

BY DAVID MATTHEWS  
New York Daily News

Chase Bank's attempt at giving its Twitter followers some "Monday Motivation" went over like a lead balloon Monday.

The tweet, a mock conversation between an every-person customer and their bank account accuses the consumer of spending money frivolously. The conversation went like this:

"You: why is my balance so low

Bank account: make coffee at home

Bank account: eat the food that's already in the fridge

Bank account: you don't need a cab, it's only three blocks

You: I guess we'll never know

Bank account: seriously??"

The bank quickly deleted the tone-deaf tweet after it was roundly criticized, including by Presidential hopeful Elizabeth Warren who reminded the bank of its \$25 billion bailout during the 2008 recession. The bank later repaid the Treasury.

California freshman Democrat Katie Porter also slammed Chase.

"Hey @Chase, try paying your workers more," Porter tweeted Monday. "Families aren't spending frivolously; they're trying to pay rent."

Earlier in 2019, Chase reported \$32.5 billion in profit from the year prior.

The Chase account responded to the backlash, saying, "Our #MondayMotivation is to get better at #MondayMotivation tweets. Thanks for the feedback Twitter world."

## News

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of reporters covering state government was down to a handful, the site initially made that its main area of concentration.

"We just want to provide something that is unique and special, a little deeper and with a little more texture than other media that is just breaking news," Nave said. "We're focusing on explanatory and investigative journalism, and not trying to copy what other people are doing."

Mississippi Today wrote last week about an administrative error that left the state without enough money to give raises to public school teachers, and how some welfare money instead goes to a college scholarship program benefiting middle-class families. One article, done with the help of another nonprofit news site, ProPublica, was about how poor Delta residents are among the most likely to be targeted for a tax audit.

Health care coverage has been a strength, said Will Norton Jr., dean of the University of Mississippi's School of Journalism and New Media, and member of the Mississippi Today board of directors.

In an industry where diversity is often an issue, both Nave and his managing editor, Harvey Parson, are black. Four of the 12 listed reporters and photographers are minorities. Lack sees it as a teaching lab for young journalists.

Mississippi Today has broadened its base by hiring two of the state's best-known media figures: sports columnist Rick Cleveland and cartoonist Marshall Ramsey, who also hosts a public television show.

"They have in some ways supplanted the other, more established news entities," said Sid Salter, longtime editorial page editor at the Clarion Ledger who now works at Mississippi State University. "But because they're digital-only in the least-wired state in the Union, it limits their influence. There are still a lot of people who, when you say 'Mississippi Today,' they say 'who? What? I expect that to diminish.'"

Critics have sought to tar Mississippi Today with two words that are epithets to many, saying it is run by

liberals and outsiders. Some Republicans, including Gov. Phil Bryant, refuse to return calls from its reporters.

While Lack's involvement is known to insiders, the role of a New York-based chairman of a national news division isn't emphasized in Mississippi, Norton said. "He doesn't want to be seen as the major player," he said.

Lack describes his Mississippi Today role as "kibitzer-in-chief."

Nave said he's frequently calling with ideas; some are good, and with others Nave relies on his Mississippi expertise to direct Lack's enthusiasm elsewhere. He sees Lack's influence in invitations, like when Nave spoke at a summit run by the Paley Center for Media and the Columbia Journalism Review in New York.

"People who need access to Andy are a little bit more open to having a meeting with us," Nave said. "I know I've been in meetings I would not be in if Andy had not set it up."

While there are successes — the Texas Tribune and ProPublica spring to mind — there are still questions about the long-term viability of an operation based on financial contributions in an industry long dependent on advertising revenue. Norton said Mississippi Today needs to make itself a vital part of the community.

The site also publicizes its work by letting other news organizations use its stories.

"We're not competing with everyone," said Lack, who praised the Clarion Ledger for its local coverage. "I'm not competing with the Clarion Ledger. Maybe I can help them be better."

Lack's passion and investment have set up Mississippi Today for success, said Jennifer Preston, vice president of journalism for the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. Her organization has given it \$300,000 in grants, according to the Foundation Center. She said it would be important if more national news figures could show a similar leadership and commitment to local news.

Extra attention being paid to the financial problems decimating local news has given Lack reason for optimism.

"You're beginning to see an understanding that local news is a public responsibility that is central to a working democracy, and it's core to the good health and life of every community," he said.

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attract more male customers.

New store formats are part of the company's attempt to broaden its reach in North America, as well as its push into Europe and Asia. Lululemon also is trying new concepts in response to intense competition from rivals offering yoga and workout attire.

By 2023, 10 percent of all Lululemon stores will be "experiential," like the one under construction in Chicago, McDonald told analysts, according to a tran-

script of the event.

There will be two workout studios offering six to 10 classes per day, a meditation area and a "fuel space" selling coffee, juice, smoothies and breakfast bowls, Lululemon executive Celeste Burgoyne told analysts.

The North Avenue building is owned by Rye, N.Y.-based Acadia Realty Trust and New York-based Jenel Management Corp., which paid \$20 million for it in 2013. The owners last year completed renovations to the building's exterior. Interior construction is ongoing on Lululemon's store space.

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RICHARD DREW/AP

Occidental's CEO said the company is thrilled to have Berkshire Hathaway's involvement.

## Berkshire steps into fight for Anadarko on Occidental's side

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OMAHA, Neb. — Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway will finance a bid by Occidental Petroleum for Anadarko, potentially upending Chevron's \$33 billion offer for the energy company.

At stake are choice oil and gas fields spread across Texas and New Mexico, including a 75-mile-wide corridor across the Delaware Basin, a region bountiful with natural gas.

Anadarko Petroleum accepted a buyout bid from Chevron last month, but it's now considering Occidental's offer worth about \$57 billion in cash and stock, including debt and book value of non-controlling interest. Chevron's offer would be worth about \$50 billion by the same metric.

Chevron maintained Tuesday that its signed agreement with Anadarko is superior, but with Buffett stepping in many saw the advantage swing decidedly toward the much smaller Occidental and its CEO, Vicki Hollub.

When Chevron announced the deal for Anadarko on April 12, it came as a surprise to Hollub. She had been pursuing Anadarko for two years and

was in what she considered to be friendly negotiations, though she was aware there was interest in Anadarko from elsewhere.

"We are thrilled to have Berkshire Hathaway's financial support of this exciting opportunity," Hollub said Tuesday in a statement. "We look forward to engaging with Anadarko's board of directors to deliver this superior transaction to our respective shareholders."

Occidental announced its counter offer last week setting up something not seen for years in the oil patch — a potential bidding war.

"Even if we look back at two decades of history, this is virtually unprecedented," said Pavel Molchanov, senior vice president and equity research analyst at Raymond James & Associates.

If Anadarko does walk away from Chevron, it would have to pay a \$1 billion breakup fee under its agreement.

Yet the entry of Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway could lead to the exit of Chevron, which is more than five times the size of Occidental.

That was the perception of how things would play Tuesday on Wall Street.

Shares of Chevron rose 3

percent with many investors believing it would choose not to escalate the fight for Anadarko by raising its \$50 billion bid.

In his annual letter to shareholders this year, Buffett said he was having difficulty finding large-scale investments with which to plow a portion of his roughly \$130 billion pile of cash and short term investments.

It appeared Tuesday that he found at least partial solution.

Berkshire will invest \$10 billion in Occidental. It would receive 100,000 preferred shares plus a warrant to purchase up to 80 million shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$62.50 each. The preferred stock will accrue dividends at 8% per year.

The investment is contingent on Occidental's acquisition of Anadarko.

Berkshire Hathaway Inc., based in Omaha, owns businesses including insurance, railroads, jewelry stores as well as major investments in American Express, IBM and Wells Fargo & Co.

Berkshire holds interests in the energy sector, including several major utilities.

Berkshire helped Mars acquire Wrigley and Burger King to acquire Tim Hortons.

## Food poisoning cases remain a persistent bug, CDC says

BY CANDICE CHOI  
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NEW YORK — As recent illnesses tied to raw turkey, ground beef, cut melon and romaine lettuce suggest, U.S. food poisoning cases don't appear to be going away anytime soon.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in a report last week that the frequency of several types of food poisoning infections climbed last year, but that the increases could be the result of new diagnostic tools that help identify more cases.

Overall, the agency believes food poisoning rates have remained largely unchanged.

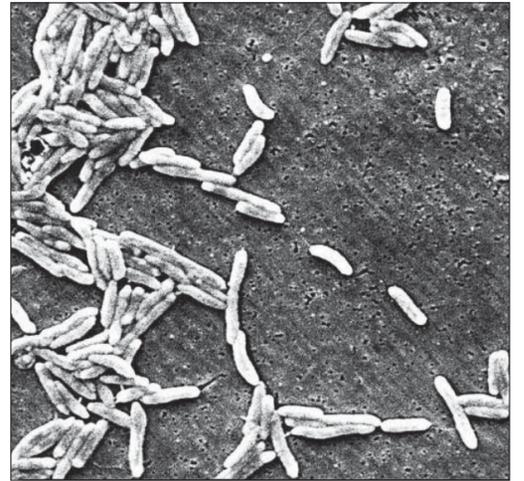
Dr. Robert Tauxe, director of the agency's foodborne illness division, said the figures show more needs to be done to make food safer. He noted the two most common causes of infection have been long-time problems.

One of the two, salmonella, can come from an array of foods including vegetables, chicken, eggs, beef and pork. The other germ, *campylobacter*, is commonly tied to chicken. People may not hear as much about it because health officials often can't group cases into outbreaks. Both bacteria are spread through animal feces.

"For some reason, *campylobacter* is making people sick with lots of different fingerprints," Tauxe said.

The report is based on monitoring in 10 states, but is seen as an indicator of national trends. It highlights the difficulty in understanding food poisoning when so many cases go unreported, diagnostic methods are inconsistent, and production practices and eating habits are constantly changing.

With chicken, for instance, companies have brought down *salmonella* rates in raw whole carcasses



JANICE HANEY CARR/CDC VIA AP 2004

*Campylobacter* bacteria, a common cause of food poisoning in the U.S., is often linked to chicken.

since the government began publishing test results of individual plants. But the U.S. Department of Agriculture only recently began posting similar data for raw chicken parts like breasts and legs, which Americans have gravitated toward over the years.

Last year, the agency said 22 percent of production plants did not meet its standard for limiting salmonella in chicken parts. The USDA said in a statement that it's working to improve its approach to fighting bacteria, including with the publication of such data.

Despite such efforts, *salmonella* and *campylobacter* are allowed in raw poultry sold in supermarkets, noted Tony Corbo of Food and Water Watch, an advocacy group that supports stricter food safety regulations. It's why health experts advise people to properly handle and cook poultry.

"There is very little the USDA can do besides posting the report card on salmonella," he said.

The National Chicken Council says the industry has been working to bring down contamination rates, including through germ-

killing solutions sprayed on raw chicken during processing, improved sanitation and increased use of vaccines. But the group says the bacteria are endemic in chickens and that eliminating them is difficult.

The CDC report also notes produce is a major source of food poisoning, citing recent *E. coli* outbreaks tied to romaine lettuce. It said outbreaks tied to produce also contributed to a big jump in infections from a parasite called cyclospora.

The Food and Drug Administration, which oversees fruits and vegetables, said in a statement that a recently developed test is helping it detect the parasite in produce. The agency is also implementing new regulations for produce, though food safety experts note the inherent risk with fruits and vegetables that are grown in open fields and eaten raw.

The CDC said is still working to confirm how much increases in food poisoning cases can be chalked up to new diagnostic methods. It noted some results of a newer, faster test could be false positives.

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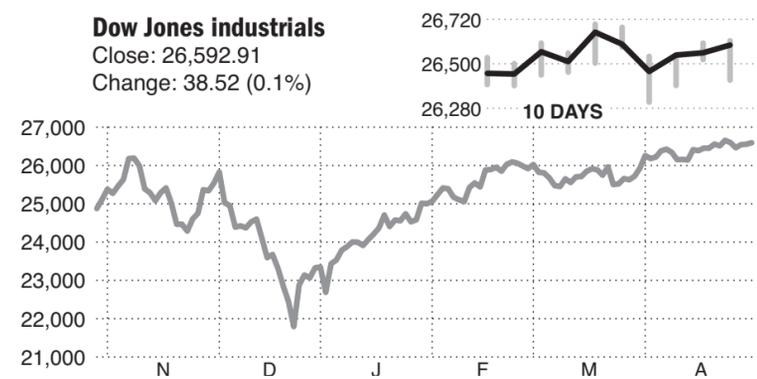


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## MARKET ROUNDUP

**Dow** High: 26,614.04 Low: 26,419.47 Previous: 26,554.39



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
<b>-66.46</b> (-.81%)	<b>+2.80</b> (+.10%)	<b>-7.15</b> (-.45%)
Close: 8,095.39	Close: 2,945.83	Close: 1,591.21
High: 8,124.61	High: 2,948.22	High: 1,600.29
Low: 8,050.55	Low: 2,924.11	Low: 1,580.90
Previous: 8,161.85	Previous: 2,943.03	Previous: 1,598.36

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
<b>-0.03</b> to 2.50%	<b>+4.20</b> to \$1,282.80	<b>-0.34</b> to 111.37/\$1	<b>-0.0030</b> to .8912/\$1	<b>+0.41</b> to \$63.91

### Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
-0.24	-0.31	+0.41	+1.58	+3.14	+2.74	+10.35	+13.53	+10.96

FUTURES							
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 19	424	426	416.25	418.50	-8.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 19	352.25	354	349.25	353.25	+1.25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 19	848	851	838.50	841.25	-6.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 19	27.87	28.02	27.56	27.58	-0.30
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 19	297.40	297.80	295.20	296.00	-1.20
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Jun 19	63.58	64.75	63.30	63.91	+0.41
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Jun 19	2.593	2.614	2.565	2.575	-0.018
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	May 19	2.0847	2.1305	2.0753	2.1149	+0.0321

### LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	79.56	+1.29	Equity Commonwith	N	31.80	-1.10	Mondelez Intl	O	50.85	+3.2
AbbVie Inc	N	79.39	-0.91	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	116.70	+1.40	Morningstar Inc	O	143.45	-0.97
Allstate Corp	N	99.06	+1.30	Equity Residential	N	76.42	+1.12	Motorola Solutions	N	144.91	-0.35
Aptargroup Inc	N	111.24	+1.28	Exelon Corp	N	50.95	+0.87	NISource Inc	N	27.78	-0.02
Arch Dan Mid	N	44.60	+1.33	First Indl RT	N	35.27	+2.3	Nthn Trust Co	O	98.56	-0.04
Baxter Intl	N	76.30	+0.79	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	52.78	+1.8	Old Republic	O	22.36	-0.04
Boeing Co	N	377.69	-1.36	Gallagher AJ	N	83.62	+0.67	Packaging Corp Am	N	99.16	+0.25
Brunswick Corp	N	51.21	+0.42	Grainger WW	N	282.00	-2.85	Paylocity Hldg	O	96.55	+0.84
CBOE Global Markets	N	101.61	+0.61	GrubHub Inc	N	66.79	+1.12	RL Corp	N	81.33	+1.77
CDK Global Inc	O	60.32	-1.27	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	101.42	-1.16	Stericycle Inc	O	58.39	+2.22
CDW Corp	O	105.60	+0.73	IDEX Corp	N	156.66	-0.64	TransUnion	N	69.65	-0.39
CF Industries	N	44.78	-1.14	ITW	N	155.63	+0.62	TreeHouse Foods	N	66.98	+1.20
CME Group	O	178.90	+1.37	Ingredion Inc	N	94.75	+2.10	Tribune Media Co A	N	46.20	+0.2
CNA Financial	N	46.33	+0.41	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	154.57	+1.14	UF Foods Holding	N	36.55	+0.24
Cabot Microelect	O	126.25	+2.17	Kemper Corp	N	89.88	+0.78	Uita Salon Cosmetics	O	348.98	-1.92
Caterpillar Inc	N	139.42	+0.40	Kraft Heinz Co	O	33.24	-0.03	United Contl Hldgs	O	88.86	-0.75
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	30.78	+0.42	LKQ Corporation	O	30.10	+0.02	Ventas Inc	N	61.11	+1.21
Deere Co	N	165.63	-0.66	Littelfuse Inc	O	201.05	+2.58	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	53.57	+0.1
Discover Fin Svcs	N	81.49	+0.05	McDonalds Corp	N	197.57	+4.5	Wintrust Financial	O	76.20	-0.98
Dover Corp	N	98.04	+0.29	Middleby Corp	O	132.13	-1.63	Zebra Tech	O	211.14	-15.77

### MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	10.17	+0.44
Bank of America	30.58	-0.19
EnCana Corp	6.93	-0.17
Ford Motor	10.45	+0.13
Coty Inc	10.82	-0.04
Chesapck Eny	2.91	-0.04
Transocean Ltd	7.86	-0.94
Pinterest Inc	30.98	-3.28
AT&T Inc	30.96	+0.08
Pfizer Inc	40.61	+1.02
Nokia Corp	5.28	-0.04
Aurora Cannabis Inc	9.08	+0.02
Ambev S.A.	4.71	+0.03
Occid Petl	58.88	-1.25
Twitter Inc	39.91	+1.13
Itau Unibanco Hldg	8.65	+0.12
Chevron Corp	120.06	+2.34
Freeport McMoRan	12.31	-1.12
Anadarko Petrol	72.85	-0.08
Kinder Morgan Inc	19.87	+0.01
Wells Fargo & Co	48.41	+1.14
Sthwstn Energy	3.95	-0.17
CocaCola Co	49.06	+0.64
Corning Inc	31.85	-1.88

### LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	185.57	-1.37
Alphabet Inc C	1188.48	-99.10
Alphabet Inc A	1198.96	-97.24
Amazon.com Inc	1926.52	-11.91
Apple Inc	200.67	-3.94
Bank of America	30.58	-0.19
Berkshire Hath B	216.71	+0.13
Exxon Mobil Corp	80.28	+0.31
Facebook Inc	193.40	-1.38
HSBC Holdings prA	25.90	-0.01
JPMorgan Chase	116.05	-0.07
Johnson & Johnson	141.20	+1.36
MasterCard Inc	254.24	+7.11
Microsoft Corp	130.60	+0.83
Procter & Gamble	106.48	+1.70
Royal Dutch Shell B	64.89	+0.48
Royal Dutch Shell A	63.53	+0.40
Visa Inc	164.43	+2.28
WalMart Strs	102.84	+1.28

### LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets				
FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR	%RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	32.48	-0.03	+9.5	
American Funds AmrcnBala m	27.32	+0.04	+8.1	
American Funds AmrcnMutA m	41.54	+0.17	+10.7	
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	49.11	+0.01	+1.7	
American Funds CptlncBldrA m	61.25	+0.21	+4.6	
American Funds FdmntInvnsA m	60.59	-0.04	+8.9	
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	50.53	-0.18	+9.9	
American Funds IncAmrcA m	22.50	+0.08	+6.3	
American Funds InvCAMrcA m	38.86	-0.04	+8.0	
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	44.49	-0.02	+8.2	
American Funds WAMTInvnsA m	46.68	+0.18	+11.3	
DFA EMktCorEq	21.16	-0.03	-7.0	
DFA IntlCorEqns	13.28	+0.02	-6.5	
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	42.21	+0.11	-5.5	
Dodge & Cox Stk	192.11	-0.42	+8.4	
Fidelity 500IdxPrrm	102.41	+0.10	+13.5	
Fidelity Contrafund	13.11	-0.06	+12.7	
Fidelity ContrafundK	13.11	-0.07	+12.8	
Fidelity GroCo	19.78	-0.10	+12.0	
Fidelity TlMktIdxPrrm	83.33	+0.04	+12.6	
Fidelity US8IdxPrrm	11.50	+0.01	+5.4	
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.35	+0.01	+7.7	
PIMCO Incnstl	12.04	-	+5.2	
Schwab SP500Idx	45.30	+0.05	+13.5	
T. Rowe Price BCGr	115.98	-0.46	+14.5	
T. Rowe Price CptlAprc	30.41	+0.12	+14.5	
T. Rowe Price GrStk	68.97	-0.32	+13.7	
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	272.15	+0.27	+13.5	
Vanguard BalIdxAdmrl	36.78	+0.04	+10.0	
Vanguard DivGrInv	28.71	+0.20	+17.4	
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	75.49	+0.51	+10.8	
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	84.33	-0.21	+16.6	
Vanguard HCAdmrl	79.84	+0.09	+7.4	
Vanguard InTrnGDAdm	9.69	+0.02	+6.6	
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	14.19	-	+5.8	
Vanguard InsdXAdmrl	266.74	+0.26	+13.5	
Vanguard InsdXAdmrlPlus	266.76	+0.26	+13.5	
Vanguard InstSMInPls	63.62	+0.03	+12.8	
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	95.13	-0.03	+1.8	
Vanguard MdCpldxAdmrl	206.51	+0.75	+10.1	
Vanguard PrrmCpAdmrl	138.94	-0.31	+11.4	
Vanguard STInvMGrdAdmrl	10.60	+0.01	+4.3	
Vanguard SmCpldxAdmrl	75.87	-0.17	+9.0	
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	31.44	+0.02	+5.7	
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.91	+0.02	+6.9	
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	34.57	+0.02	+6.9	
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	21.30	+0.02	+6.0	
Vanguard TrgtRtr2040Inv	36.90	+0.03	+6.0	
Vanguard TtBMIdxAdmrl	10.66	+0.02	+5.4	
Vanguard TtBMIdxAdmrl	10.66	+0.02	+5.4	
Vanguard TtInSidxAdmrl	28.65	+0.03	-3.4	
Vanguard TtInSidxAdmrl	114.57	+0.12	-3.3	
Vanguard TtInSidxAdmrlPlus	114.60	+0.12	-3.3	
Vanguard TtInSidxInv	17.13	+0.02	-3.4	
Vanguard TtSMIdxAdmrl	73.23	+0.04	+12.7	
Vanguard TtSMIdxAdmrl	73.25	+0.04	+12.7	
Vanguard TtSMIdxInv	73.21	+0.05	+12.6	
Vanguard WlmgntAdmrl	70.88	+0.18	+9.3	
Vanguard WlsglyncAdmrl	63.40	+0.24	+8.4	
Vanguard WndrllAdmrl	64.54	+0.14	+9.1	

### NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Adv Micro Dev	27.63	-0.06
Apple Inc	200.67	-3.94
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	5.81	-0.06
Intel Corp	51.04	-0.07
Microsoft Corp	130.60	+0.83
Zynga Inc	5.66	+0.13
Facebook Inc	193.40	-1.38
Caesars Entertain	9.36	-0.20
Cisco Syst	55.95	-0.18
FuelCell Energy	.26	+0.04
Genomic Medicine	.30	+0.06
Wstn Digital	51.12	+0.65
JD.com Inc	30.27	+0.41
Qualcomm Inc	86.13	-1.12
Marvell Tech Grp	25.02	-1.12
Novan Inc	1.49	+0.74
Micron Tech	42.06	-0.05
Comcast Corp A	43.53	+0.08
Huntgtn Bancshs	13.92	-0.01
Cancer Genetics Inc	.26	+0.03
NXP Semiconductors	105.62	+7.72
Applied Matis	44.07	-0.17
ContraVir Pharma	.13	+0.01
On Semiconductor	23.06	+0.86

### FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3078.34	+15.8/+5
Stoxx600	391.35	+0/+0
Nikkei	22258.73	-48.9/-2
MSCI-EAFE	1919.24	+1.7/+1
Bovespa	96353.32	+165.6/+2
FTSE 100	7403.77	-36.9/-5
CAC-40	5586.41	+5.4/+1

### TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.38	2.385
6-month disc	2.38	2.395
2-year	2.26	2.29
10-year	2.50	2.53
30-year	2.94	2.96

### SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1282.80	\$1278.60
Silver	\$14.900	\$14.844
Platinum	\$891.70	\$901.30

### INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.50
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**OBITUARIES**

**DOMINIC DIFRISCO** 1933-2019

# PR exec and advocate for Italian-Americans

By **BOB GOLDSBOROUGH**  
Chicago Tribune

Longtime Chicago public relations executive Dominic DiFrisco headed the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans and was a forceful public advocate for Chicago's Italian-American community.

"He not only cared from the bottom of his heart for the Italian-American community, he cared for all other ethnic groups," said Chicago funeral director Lou Rago, a longtime friend and lunch companion. "There was not another ethnic group or race that Dominic did not have a friend in, and he was a telephone call away from all of them, and you know what — he brought people together."

DiFrisco, 85, died of complications from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma on Sunday at Rush University Medical Center, said his daughter, Nina Mariano. He had been a Gold Coast resident.

The son of immigrants from Corleone, Italy, DiFrisco was born in Manhattan and grew up in the Bronx. He earned a bachelor's degree from Fordham University in New York in 1955.

DiFrisco worked in public relations for Alitalia in New York and was transferred to the airline's Chicago office in 1962. Alitalia closed its Chicago office in the early 1970s and DiFrisco was offered a job in New York. A single father at the time, he chose to stay in Chicago, where his daughter preferred to remain.

DiFrisco remained in public relations and in 1980 joined Burson-Marsteller as director of government and community relations. He joined Edelman as a senior consultant in 2002. The PR firm's president and CEO, Richard Edelman, said in a statement that DiFrisco helped the company stay prominent in Chicago after the deaths of Edelman's parents, Dan and Ruth Edelman.

DiFrisco was for many years president of the Joint



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Civic Committee of Italian Americans, an umbrella organization for about 100 Chicago-area groups. DiFrisco created the group's annual Dante Awards for members of the Chicago news media who follow Italian poet Dante Alighieri's call to be "no timid friend to truth." He also started the organization's annual Filippo Mazzei Public Affairs Awards for someone who shows extraordinary skills in public affairs.

"He was extremely proud of creating the Dante Award and the additional Filippo Mazzei Award," said Lissa Druss, the group's director of communications. "And he was an incredible teacher, mentor (and) adviser, and he would never be without an opinion on something, especially when it came to current issues."

DiFrisco objected to any perceived disrespect of Italian-Americans. He launched a full-throated objection to Capone's Chicago, a downtown mobster museum that closed in 1996.

"We greet the news (of the museum's closing) with a communal sigh of relief and exultation," DiFrisco told the Tribune in 1996. "It was an architectural monstrosity and a gross insult to the Italian-American community."

One of DiFrisco's final public works of advocacy

was his strenuous objection in 2017 to a proposal to rename Balbo Drive in Chicago — which was named for the Italian aviator Italo Balbo — after pioneering African-American investigative journalist Ida B. Wells. DiFrisco and his group ultimately prevailed, with the Chicago City Council agreeing to rename Congress Parkway after Wells.

"Balbo was never an enemy of the United States," DiFrisco wrote in a letter to the Tribune in August 2017. "He was an inspiration to Italian-Americans and to those in aviation. Balbo did the right thing: opposed (Benito) Mussolini during his darkest time. Why should the City Council bring Chicagoland Italian-Americans into a dark corner when our community shines so brightly with all ethnic groups?"

DiFrisco also was part of an effort in the 1990s to keep his church in Little Italy, the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii, from closing.

"He found a way to connect and keep track of everyone he came into contact with, and he genuinely cared about every aspect of people's lives," said criminal defense attorney Donna Rotunno, a family friend.

In 2005, DiFrisco set up a client of his, grocery-chain founder Bob Mariano of Mariano's Fresh Markets, with his daughter, Nina, and the two eventually married.

"He just wanted to connect with people on a genuine level, and wherever I was with him, whether in an Uber, in a restaurant or in an elevator, he found a way to connect with every single person he came into contact with," his daughter said.

DiFrisco, who was twice divorced, also is survived by his third wife, Carol; two sisters, Carmela Soricelli and Louisa Termini; and a grandson.

A funeral mass is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 1, at The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii, 1224 W. Lexington St., Chicago.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

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**Bacuros, Nick G**

Nick G. Bacuros, Navy Veteran Beloved Husband of Sophie, nee Kountis for 69 years. Loving Father of Jean (Mark) Sedory, Clarise Bacuros, Patricia (Paul Nicola) Bacuros, Dean Bacuros and Michele Bacuros. Proud Grandfather of Gregory and Michael Swan, Jean (Andrew) Pompei, Alphonso (Dominique) Linus, Nicki, Alexis and Michael Cacciato and Sophia Bacuros. Great Grandfather of Leonie and Dante Pompei and Hayley and Heavenly Linus. Dear Brother of the late Angela (John) Barkay, the late Helen Bacuros and the late Dorothy (John) Julius. Fond Brother-in-law of the late Christ Kountis, late Gus Kountis, late William (Delores) Kountis. Visitation Friday 3 PM to 9 PM at FORAN FUNERAL HOME, 7300 W. Archer Ave. (55th St. just west of Harlem). Visitation on Saturday 9 AM until time of Service at 10 AM. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. Nick was the owner of Centennial Limousine Company. Condolences may be sent to Nick's family on his personal tribute website at [www.foranfuneralhome.com](http://www.foranfuneralhome.com) 708-458-0208.  
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**Berkowitz, Eugene "Gene"**

Eugene "Gene" Berkowitz, age 80. Beloved husband, best friend and soulmate for over 55 years of Eileen nee Unterberger. Loving father of David (Andrea) Berkowitz, Michael Berkowitz and the late Audrey Berkowitz (Ken) Gradman. Proud popple of Joshua and Emma Gradman, Ally, Adam, Dylan, Skylar Berkowitz and the late Samuel Gradman. Dear brother of Richard Berkowitz and the late Paul Berkowitz. Beloved uncle to many nieces and nephews. Service Friday 10AM at Congregation B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim, 1201 Lake Cook Rd., Deerfield, IL 60015. Interment Shalom. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Congregation BJBE, [www.bjbe.org](http://www.bjbe.org) or the Kidney Cancer Association, 1234 Sherman Ave., Evanston, IL 60202, [www.kidneycancer.org](http://www.kidneycancer.org) would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com)

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**Berry, Thomas Michael**

Thomas Michael Berry, age 72, left this earth on April 27th. Silent Key W5LTR. Beloved husband for 42 years of Helen Jean Berry; loving father of Michael A. Berry and Amelia L. (Kenneth A. Graslje, Jr.) Berry; dear brother of Fred (the late Mary) Wacholz and caring uncle of many nieces, nephews and extended family. Thomas was an Electrical Radio Engineer for the City of Chicago and an Amateur Radio enthusiast. Visitation Friday, May 3, 2019 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday May 4, 2019 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Funeral 11:30 a.m. from **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077 to Saint Gertrude Catholic Church, 1420 West Granville Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60660. Mass 1:00 p.m. Interment Queen of Heaven, Hillside, IL. Info: (847) 675-1990 or [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com)



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**Bertolani, Ray P.**

Beloved husband of the late Elizabeth (nee Kosko) and the late Loretta Weber; loving father of Nancy (John) Blair, Roseann (Bob) Seablom, and the late Deacon Philip Bertolani, (Holly); cherished grandfather of Lisa (Spencer) Olson, Michael (Stephanie) Bertolani, Adam Seablom, and Eric Seablom; proud great grandfather of Aria, Kirsten and Charlotte; dear brother of the late Mario (Lolita); beloved uncle and great uncle to many; son of the late Angelo Bertolani and Zelinda Minucciani. Visitation will be held Thursday from 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** located at 3918 W. Irving Park Road in Chicago. Funeral Friday, lying in state at 8:15 a.m. till time of Mass of Christian Burial at 9:00 a.m. St. Joseph Village of Chicago, 4021 W. Belmont Avenue. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Joseph Village of Chicago will be appreciated. The Bertolani family would like to thank the Staff at St. Joseph Village of Chicago for their support and care for the past two years and to JourneyCare Hospice most recently. "See you later, alligator"...one of dad's favorite quotes. For information please call 773-588-5850 or visit [www.cooneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.cooneyfuneralhome.com)  
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**Bouman, Paul**

Paul B. Bouman, age 100, of Oak Park; beloved husband of the late Victoria nee Bartling; loving father of Stephen (Janet), John (Robin Schirmer), Helele (Charles) Debelak, Mark (Mary Jane Keitel) and Janet (Randy) Peterson; cherished grandfather of 11 and great-grandfather of 21. Paul was preceded in death by 10 brothers and sisters. For generations Paul was a Lutheran Church musician, teacher, and mentor. He composed and published over 100 choral and organ works. In 1971 he cofounded the Bach Cantata Vespers Series at Grace Lutheran Church, River Forest. He graduated from Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, and received his M.Mus. from Northwestern University. Paul also received Honorary Doctorates from Christ Seminary-Seminex in St. Louis, MO and Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN. Memorial visitation Friday 3 to 8 p.m. at **Drechsler, Brown & Williams Funeral Home**, 203 S. Marion St., Oak Park. Visitation also Saturday 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m., followed by Service at 11 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 7300 Division St., River Forest. In lieu of flowers, donations to Grace Lutheran Church and/or its Bach Cantata Vespers series ([gracelutheran.org/giving/](http://gracelutheran.org/giving/)) or Paul's other favorite charity: Jeremiah Community Renewal Corporation c/o Grace Lutheran Church. Funeral info: 708-383-3191 or [drechslerbrownwilliams.com](http://drechslerbrownwilliams.com).  
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ON MAY 1 ...

**In 1707**, a union between England and Scotland was formed, and it was named Britain.

**In 1786**, Mozart's opera "The Marriage of Figaro" premiered in Vienna.

**In 1893**, President Grover Cleveland opened the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago's Jackson Park.

**In 1898**, Commodore George Dewey gave the command, "You may fire when you are ready, Gridley," as an American naval force destroyed a Spanish fleet in Manila Bay during the Spanish-American War.

**In 1931**, the Empire State Building was dedicated in New York City.

**In 1945**, Nazi propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels killed himself as Russian troops stormed Berlin; he was 47.

**In 1948**, North Korea was proclaimed the People's Democratic Republic of Korea.

**In 1950**, Chicago poet Gwendolyn Brooks became the first black to win a Pulitzer Prize, honoring her book "Annie Allen."

**In 1951**, Minnie Minoso makes his White Sox debut, becoming the first black player to play for the South Siders.

**In 1971**, Amtrak, the national passenger rail service, began operation.

**In 1978**, Ernest Morial was inaugurated as the first black mayor of New Orleans.

**In 1987**, Pope John Paul II beatified Edith Stein, a Jewish-born Carmelite nun who was killed in the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz.

**In 1992**, on the third day of the Los Angeles riots, Rod-

ney King publicly appealed for calm, asking, "Can we all get along?"

**In 1997**, Britons went to the polls in a national election that gave the Labor Party a resounding victory over the ruling Conservatives. **Also in 1997** John and Patsy Ramsey, the parents of slain child beauty queen Jon-Benet Ramsey, publicly declared their innocence, and asked for the public's help in finding the killer of their 6-year-old daughter.

**In 1999**, Yugoslav leader Slobodan Milosevic agreed to hand over three captured U.S. soldiers to the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

**In 2003**, President George W. Bush, speaking from the deck of the USS Abraham Lincoln off the coast of San Diego, declared major combat in Iraq over.

**In 2006**, hundreds of thousands of mostly Hispanic immigrants in the U.S. skipped work and took to the streets, flexing their economic muscle in a nationwide boycott.

**In 2010**, an SUV rigged with a homemade bomb made from fireworks and fertilizer was parked in New York City's Times Square, where it was discovered smoking and reported to authorities.

**In 2013**, authorities charged Dias Kadyrbayev and Azamat Tazhayakov, college friends of Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, with conspiracy to obstruct justice. A third friend, Robel Phillipos, was charged with making false statements to federal agents.

**WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS**

<b>ILLINOIS</b>	
April 30	
Mega Millions	24 37 41 61 70
Mega Millions jackpot:	\$229M
Pick 3 midday	126/4
Pick 4 midday	5316/8
Lucky Day Lotto midday	02 07 32 33 44
Pick 3 evening	388/9
Pick 4 evening	6912/1
Lucky Day Lotto evening	03 08 12 21 30
May 1 Powerball:	\$181M
May 2 Lotto:	\$4M
<b>WISCONSIN</b>	
April 30	
Pick 3	700
Pick 4	0559
Badger 5	12 14 19 24 25
SuperCash	05 07 09 20 32 36

<b>INDIANA</b>	
April 30	
Daily 3 midday	879/3
Daily 4 midday	2829/3
Daily 3 evening	923/1
Daily 4 evening	8294/1
Cash 5	01 21 33 41 44
<b>MICHIGAN</b>	
April 30	
Daily 3 midday	728
Daily 4 midday	8406
Daily 3 evening	544
Daily 4 evening	1418
Fantasy 5	01 04 06 20 26
Keno	03 05 14 16 21 23
	26 29 31 37 44 50 51 55
	56 59 60 62 64 71 75 77

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## Eagle, Joan Myers

Joan Myers Eagle, age 79. Beloved wife of Warren E. Eagle. Loving mother of Amy E. (Joel) Neuman and Ross M. Eagle (Diana Kenworthy). Proud grandmother of Dr. Jeremy Neuman (Jennifer Johnson), Rebecca Neuman, and Noah, Jacob, and Rachel Eagle. Dear sister of the late Ellen (Dr. James) Adelman. Service Thursday, 12 Noon, at Congregation Solel, 1301 Clavey Rd., Highland Park, IL 60035. Interment Zion Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Congregation Solel, www.solel.org or The Michael J. Fox Foundation, Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 4777, New York, NY 10163-4777 would be appreciated. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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## Elliott, Sheldon E.

Sheldon E. Elliott, 92, longtime resident of Northbrook, passed away April 28, 2019. Beloved husband of Dorothy Elliott (née Batton); loving father of Nancy Medin and Gary (Carol) Elliott; cherished grandfather of Michael, Scott, Jeff and John Medin, Ryan Elliott and Sarah (Ryan) Kelley; proud great grandfather of David Medin, Carter Warren, Piper and Nolan Kelley; dear brother of the late Charles (Shirley) Elliott; fond uncle of several nieces and nephews. Mr. Elliott was a US Navy Veteran serving in World War II and Korea. He was a well respected former Scout Master of Boy Scout Troop 65. He enjoyed teaching Sunday School at Northbrook United Methodist Church. He was dedicated to his faith, his family and his job. He will be greatly missed. Visitation will be held Thursday, May 2 from 4 to 8 pm at **N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home**, 1240 Waukegan Road, Glenview. Funeral service will be held Friday, May 3 at 10 am at Northbrook United Methodist Church, 1190 Western Ave. (at Cherry Ln.), Northbrook. Interment Ridgewood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to United States Navy Memorial ([www.navy memorial.org](http://www.navy memorial.org)). Funeral information 847-998-1020

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## Golden, Anthony Patrick

Anthony Patrick Golden, 90, of Chicago, died peacefully at home April 24, 2019. Beloved husband of Kathleen nee Kelly. Loving father of Igor, Kevin, Terence (Delia McDonough) and Timothy. Adored papa of Myles Golden. Brother of the late Tom, and the late sisters Kay & Rita. Also many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday, May 3rd 2019, 9-10 AM, Old St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 700 West Adams, Chicago, IL 60661, followed by Memorial Mass at 10 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Misericordia Home, 6300 N Ridge Ave. Chicago, IL 60660 <https://www.misericordia.com>. Info: [www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com](http://www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com) (773)472-6300.

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## Gothberg Collins, E Laverne

E Laverne Gothberg Collins, age 92, at rest on Saturday, April 27, 2019, at Joliet Area Community Hospice Home, surrounded by her loving family. Beloved wife of the late Joseph A. Collins (2013); dear brother, Ken (Laverne) Faye; nephew, Michael Collins; niece, Joan Gothberg; cousins, Patrick (Michelle) O'Donovan, Sue (Rick) Rodriguez, Francis O'Donovan, Rev. Father Martin O'Donovan; and joining her friend, the late Peg O'Donovan. Family and friends may gather for a Graveside Service on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at Oak Hill Cemetery, 11900 S. Kedzie Ave., Chicago, IL. Fred C. Dames Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. For more information, please call 815-741-5500 or visit her Memorial Tribute at [www.fredcdames.com](http://www.fredcdames.com)

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## Haras, Susan M.

Susan M. Haras, age 65, at rest April 29, 2019; Beloved wife of 39 years to Larry Haras; Loving daughter of Dolores and the late Paul Pater; Cherished sister of Paul Ret. CPD (Karen) Pater, Donna (Dennis) Mark, Daniel (Bernadette) Pater and Martin (Colleen) Pater; Fond sister-in-law of Joseph (Suzanne) Haras and Raymond (Debbie) Haras; Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Friday 10:00 a.m. from Curley Funeral Home, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to St. Linus Church, 10300 Lawler Ave, Oak Lawn, IL 60453, Mass 11:00 a.m.; Entombment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Mulliganers 612 72nd Street, Downers Grove, IL 60516 [www.mulliganers.org](http://www.mulliganers.org) For Funeral info: 708-422-2700, or [www.curleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.curleyfuneralhome.com)

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## Hartog, Marcia

Marcia Hartog nee Role, 69, beloved wife of Jerry for 48 years; loving mother of Allan (Katie) Hartog; cherished Grandma of Alex; dear sister of Irwin (Bonnie) Role; devoted stepdaughter and friend of Diana Role. Chapel service, Friday 2:30 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Vitas Hospice. For information or to leave condolences, (847) 255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com).

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## Jellish, Dr. Walter S.

Dr. Walter S. Jellish, age 64, of Willow Springs. Beloved husband of the late Michelle for 36 years; loving father of Danielle A. (Donald) Nash, Amy A. (Antonio Ramirez) Jellish, & Zachary S. Jellish; dear grandfather of Lily A. and Isabelle R. Nash; Visitation 1 to 9 pm Thursday, May 2 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside.

Family and friends are asked to gather Friday, May 3 at St. Cletus Church, LaGrange for Mass at 10 am. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Alsip. In lieu of flowers, the family requests gifts be made in memory of Walter to Loyola University Medical Center in support of the Walter S. Jellish, MD, PhD, Anesthesiology Fund which will support the greatest needs of the Department of Anesthesiology. Funeral info: 708-352-6500. See the full obituary at [hfunerals.com](http://hfunerals.com)

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## Johnston, Katherine Ann

Katherine Ann Johnston died peacefully on Thursday, April 25th. Born on August 28, 1944, to Mary Jane and Tom Reardon, Kathy grew up in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She graduated from Mount Marty High School in 1962 and went on to attend Duschene College of the Sacred Heart in Omaha, NE, Class of 1966. For the next year she continued her studies at the University of Sioux Falls and remained an enthusiastic participant in adult education for the rest of her life.

In 1967, Kathy married Jay B. Johnston of Esterville, Iowa, and moved with him to Chicago where they gave birth to their four children: Kiki, Betsy, JT, and Brinker. Eventually the Johnstons packed their bags and moved with their children to Frankfurt, Germany, where the family continued to flourish under Kathy's home front direction, and Jay began his work as Head of Marketing for Abbott Labs in Western Europe. Kathy still meets every other year with her German Frauleins.

In 1986, the Johnstons were asked to pack their bags again and move to Tokyo, Japan. Jay admits to scheduling the family flight to Tokyo on a Super Bowl Sunday as the Chicago Bears kicked off to the New England Patriots. Jay recalls that Kathy and the children were not pleased with his scheduling. Kathy flourished in Japan as she had in Germany. Jay maintains that she was the consummate ex-pat, appreciating everything foreign, grateful for the adventure, and supporting her children in their challenges and endeavors.

In 1992, Kathy and family returned to the US where Kathy again assumed the role of "Endearing General", as coined by her patient sons-in-laws. She took up golf in Naples, resumed her volunteering activities and continued to harass her Sons-in-laws. She played golf with friends in Chicago and Naples. She shared her laughter and was content playing nine holes if lunch could follow afterwards. She and Jay enjoyed their travel with many friends who have remained important and close to them over the years.

Kathy's gratitude for life never deserted her. Her need to laugh and have those around her laugh remained intact until the end. "The General" organized, ordered, dictated and ruled as long as she lived, bringing laughter to her husband, her children, grandchildren, siblings and her multitude of wonderful friends. May she be forever at peace. Kathy is survived by her husband of 52 years, Jay Johnston. She is survived also by Kiki and Brad Hoener and Kailey and Max of Dallas, TX; by Betsy and Brett Olson and Brooks and Clay of London, England; by JT and Julie Johnston and Jack, Tommy and Reece of St. Paul, MN; and by Brinker and Michelle Johnston and Paige, Brier and Grace of Wilmette, IL.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Friday, May 3rd at 4:00PM at Saints Faith Hope & Charity Church: 191 Linden Street; Winnetka, IL 60093 with a reception to follow at Westmoreland Country Club: 2601 Old Glenview Road; Wilmette, IL 60091.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Avow Hospice Naples, 1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples, FL 34105 or Journey Care Center, 2050 Claire Ct., Glenview, IL 60025. Info: 847 675-1990 or [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com)

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## Kamikow-Goodman, Sheri

Sheri Kamikow-Goodman, nee Greenfield, 70, beloved wife of David Goodman, loving mother of Jeff (Debra) Kamikow and David (Katie) Kamikow; dear step-mother of Lisa and Eric Goodman; treasured grandmother of Claudia, Evan, Emmett, Max, Harrison and Mia; favorite sister of Joel (Susan) Greenfield; devoted daughter of the late Leo and Shir; dear aunt, cousin and friend of many. Sheri was a longtime Chicago real estate broker. Chapel service 2:30 PM Thursday at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation ([www.bcrf.org](http://www.bcrf.org)). For information or to leave condolences: 847-255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com)

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## Kaminsky, Renee E.

Renee E. Kaminsky nee Mirkin, age 73. Beloved wife of Alan Kaminsky. Loving mother of Jeffrey (Shari) Kaminsky, Marla (Paul) Brodsky and Brian Kaminsky. Proud grandmother of Adam, Lauren, Jared, Samantha, David and Ethan. Dear sister-in-law of Rayna (the late Max) Adler and sister of Harry (Carol) Mirkin. Service Thursday 12 noon at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Road (One block north of Lake Cook Road) Buffalo Grove. Interment Sunset Memorial Lawns. Memorials in memory of Renee may be made to the University of Chicago Medicine at University of Chicago Gift Administration and Business Data, Renee E. Kaminsky Memorial, 5235 S. Harper Ct., 4th Floor, Chicago, IL 60615 or Hillel at The University of Illinois, 503 E. John St., Champaign, IL 61820, [donate.illinihillel.org](mailto:donate.illinihillel.org). Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Buffalo Grove Chapel 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com)

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## Kerr, Walter Hughes

Walter Hughes Kerr passed peacefully at his home in Westmont, IL on April 28, 2019. A lifelong Chicagoan, Walter was the loving husband of his beloved wife, the late Dolores and proud father of his seven children and nine grandchildren. Walter loved his home and adored his family. He opened his home every Sunday and on holidays, birthdays, etc. for his entire family to share in festivities with love and warmth for all. Walter attended Mount Carmel High School. After serving in the US Navy during WWII, Walter graduated from DePaul University and began his career as a CPA. Walter later became the former President and Treasurer of Harper-Wyman, an Oak Industries subsidiary. After his retirement he was an Executive Service Corps consultant and later ESC's past Treasurer and board member. He also volunteered his time at Ascension of our Lord Church. Walter will be dearly missed by his children and their spouses Susan Gross, Dolores and Tony Chantos, Paula Kerr, Walter Kerr and Dora Pisano, Claudia and Matt Leon, Robert Kerr and Martha and Chris Payne and his grandchildren Danielle Gross, Anne Chantos, Bryan and Alyssa Kerr, Sam and Valerie Leon, Bobby Kerr and Diana and Lara Payne. Visitation will be held at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside, IL on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 from 4 to 8pm. A Catholic Mass will be held at Ascension of our Lord Church, Oakbrook Terrace, IL on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 10am after prayers at the funeral home at 9am, followed by a burial at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to Mount Carmel High School at [mchs.org](http://mchs.org). Funeral home phone 708/352-6500 or [www.hjfunerals.com](http://www.hjfunerals.com)

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## Kryl, Katherine S.

Katherine S. Kryl, nee Stevens, previously Hatzigiannis, changed from Andreas (after grandfather Dimitrios' pilgrimage to Jerusalem), changed to Stevens at Ellis Island 1917, daughter of the late John and Irene (Eriota); mother of John (Carolyn), Margaret (Gary), and Stephen (Joan); sister of the late Steve (the late Helen) and James; grandmother of precious grandchildren Michelle and David, Rebecca and John, Kelsey and Kimberly. Member of the first graduation class of Jones Commercial High School (Robert Burns Elementary, David Farragut H.S. first 2 years), employee of Quotron Systems, Inc., until retirement as secretary/stenotypist, officer manager; Worthy Matron (1963) of Lawndale Chapter No. 749 (later Bohemia Chapter No. 763) of the Order of the Eastern Star; member and supporter of the St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church Ladies Philoptochos Society. World traveler to Greece, Turkey, the Caribbean, the Amazon River/rain forest; the continental United States from Seattle through California to Phoenix, to Florida, and throughout the Midwest. Multi-year resident of The Breakers on Sheridan Road near Foster Avenue and at Hanover Place in Tinley Park. Generous donor to multiple organizations: from St. Labre Indian School, CARE, and St. Jude's Children's Hospital, to WTTW/PBS; for illness-focused organizations like Lupus Foundation, Parkinson Association, Alzheimer Association, and Susan G. Komen for the Cure; and to veterans' organizations like The USO and Paralyzed Veterans of America. She was a loyal, life-long friend to hundreds of people throughout her life—recently described as "a lovely lady." So lovely that she passed away peacefully into God's domain on His most sacred day, Greek Orthodox Easter Sunday, April 28, 2019. Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2019, from 4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. at Nelson Funeral Home, 820 Talcott Road, Park Ridge, IL 60068. Family and friends will meet on Friday morning, May 3, 2019, at St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church, 5649 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago. Funeral service at 11:00 A.M. Interment Elmwood Cemetery, River Grove, Illinois. Kindly omit flowers; instead donations may be made in her name to St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church, 5649 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL 60660 Arrangements made by John G. Adinamis Funeral Director, Ltd. For more information please call 847-375-0095.

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## Levin, Lester

Lester Levin, age 98. Beloved husband of the late Geraldine Levin for 73 years. Loving father of Robert (Ena) Levin, Laurie (Robert) Levin and Jill (the late Gabriel) Loewy. Proud grandfather of Elizabeth Levin, Sarah Levin (James Rowland), Jessica Levin (Peter Nopachinda), Andrew Levin, Daniel (Joy) Levin, Rachel Levin (Steven Markowitz), Andrew Loewy and Alexander Loewy. Proud great grandfather of Nate and Madeline Geraldine Rowland. Graveside service Thursday 11AM at Memorial Park Cemetery (Anshe Emet Section), 9900 Gross Point Road, Skokie. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Chicago Botanic Gardens, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, IL 60022, [www.chicagobotanic.org](http://www.chicagobotanic.org). Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com)

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## Lewis, Mildred 'Mitzi'

Mildred "Mitzi" Lewis, age 94. Cherished wife of Harvey for 73 years; loving mother of Debbie (Jonathan Geren) and Vicki; grandmother of Jason Geren. "Mitzi" really enjoyed life and was fun to be with. She loved to travel, especially to Acapulco, Mexico during the 70's. She was an excellent cook, an Ace Tennis Player at her country club, a good dancer and a pro shopper! We love you and will miss you!! Graveside Interment Service Friday, May 3 at 10:45 AM at Westlawn Cemetery, 7801 W. Montrose Ave, Norridge. Family requests memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Chicago, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or ALZ.org. **Lain-Sullivan Funeral Directors** (708) 748-3800.

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## Lowenthal, Blossom Grossman

Blossom Grossman Lowenthal, formerly of Chicago and Pontiac, age 94, peacefully passed away at home on April 28, 2019. Blossom was preceded in death by her former spouse Leslie Lowenthal and beloved partner of the late Maurice Gordoni; loving mother of Jan, Randi, Brian (Judy) and Jay (Debbie); adored grandmother of Nate (Melissa), Elissa and Maggie Lowenthal, and Dana Silberberg; treasured by her nieces and nephews. She will also be missed by Maurice's children Alan (Linda) and Stephen (Michele) Gordoni, Beth (Thomas) Joens; and their children Stacy, Amy, David and Sean Gordoni and Ellis Joens. Blossom's family sincerely thank her two caregivers, doctors and other members of the caregiving team for the wonderful attention and kindness she received during her 10 years at Sedgebrook Retirement Residence in Lincolnshire, IL. Graveside service Friday, 11:00 a.m. at Zion Gardens Cemetery, 6758 Addison Avenue, Chicago. Condolences: Friday, 1-3pm at Sedgebrook, 800 Audubon Way, Lincolnshire. Donations may be made in Blossom's name to ORT Chicago ([www.ortamerica.org](http://www.ortamerica.org)) or the American Red Cross of Chicago ([www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)). Info: **The Goldman Funeral Group**, [www.goldmanfuneral-group.com](http://www.goldmanfuneral-group.com) (847) 478-1600.

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## Ludwig, Lesley

Lesley Ludwig nee Schwartz, 82, beloved wife of the late Dr. Daniel C. Ludwig for 21 years; loving mother of Julie (Billy) Gold, Gregg (Natalie) Greenstein and Dr. Shari Ludwig (Eric Freibrun); cherished Nanie of Caleigh, Dylan, Nicole, Spencer and Matthew; adored friend and companion of Lewie Edelstein. Chapel service, Friday 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Scleroderma Foundation. For information or to leave condolences, (847) 255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com).

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## McWalter, Bridget Agnes

Bridget Agnes McWalter, age 69, Native of County Mayo, Ireland, at rest April 27, 2019; Beloved wife of 43 years to Michael; Loving mother of Michelle (Tim) Malone, Sharon (Kevin) Kuehn and Lenora (Nick) Munin; Cherished grandmother of Charlotte, Mikaela, Samantha, Matthew, Danny, Andrew and Emma; Dear sister of Patrick, John, Nancy, William, Gretta, Austin, Martin, the late James, the late Mary Rita and the late Thomas; loving daughter of the late Thomas and Annie Fergus; Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Funeral Friday 9:30 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th St. Chicago Ridge to St. Germaine Church 9711 S. Kolin, Oak Lawn; Mass 10:30 a.m.; Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; In lieu of flowers, please make donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105 [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org) For Funeral info: (708) 422-2700, or [www.curleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.curleyfuneralhome.com)

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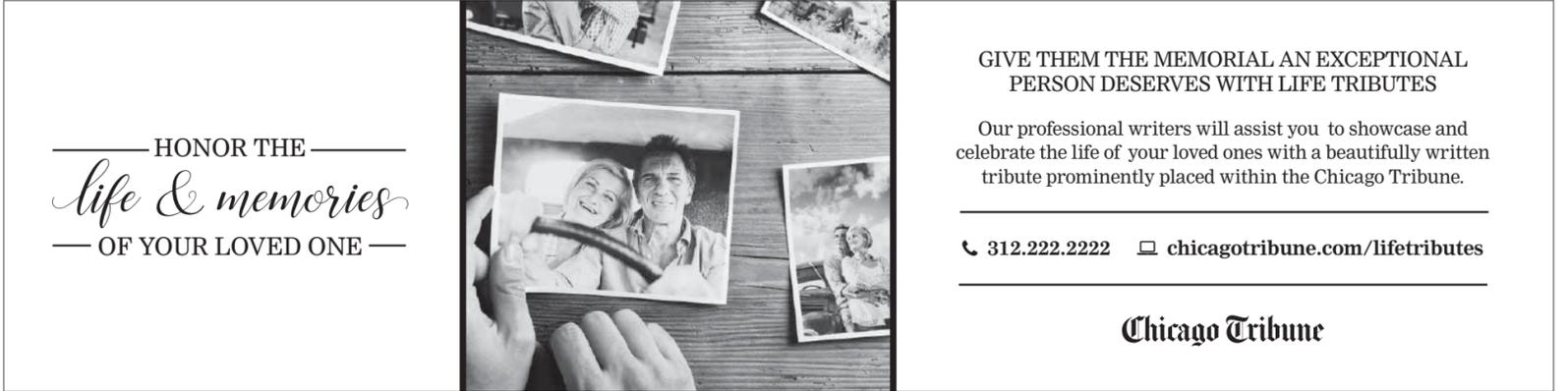
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## Meier, Dolores E.

age 93, Beloved daughter of the late Fred and Elizabeth nee Drexel. Loving sister of Charlene, the late Donald, Colette and Joseph (Rose Marie). Aunt of nieces and nephews. Mass of Christian Burial Thursday, May 2, 11:00 a.m. at St. Jane de Chantal Church, 53rd & McVicker Sts (1 block West of Austin Ave), Chicago. Visitation Thursday May 2, 9:30 a.m. until time of mass at church. Entombment St. Mary Garden Mausoleum. Info. 773-767-9788. Arrangements by Kowske-Wolowicz Funeral Directors, Inc. Online tributes [www.parksidechapels.com](http://www.parksidechapels.com)

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### Murphy, Margaret Louise 'Peggy'

Margaret Louise "Peggy" Murphy, nee O'Connor, 82. Beloved wife of the late Martin R. Murphy. Adored mother of Deirdre (Angelica Dawn) Murphy, Martin Jr. (Dale Pearsall) Murphy, Colleen (Christopher) Garlington and Siobhan (Douglas Killings) Murphy. Loving foster mother of Daniel (Bertha Arias) Alvarado and the late Ruben Alvarado. Dear grandmother to Marya, Sarah, Aislinn, Megan, Connor, Martin, and Liam. Sister of Patricia Loveless, Anne Williams, Kathleen Guyett and the late Jeri O'Connor. Former public health nurse for the City of Chicago and nurse with the Illinois Department of Crippled Children. Peggy never did a damn thing she didn't want to, except have cancer. Visitation 4 PM to 8 PM, Friday, May 3rd, **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N Cicero Avenue, Chicago. Interment Saturday, May 4th, 11 AM Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Info 773-736-3833 or [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com)

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### Naguy, Mary Ann

Mary Ann Naguy, age 92, passed away peacefully on April 27, 2019. Loving wife of Theodore, Cherished mother of Maria (Alan) Jaffe. Beloved grandmother of Giancarlo (Clementine) Plati and Nicole (Kevin) Ziolo. Fond sister of Josephine Holmgren, Jane Gray and the late Frank and Julio Abbate. Mary Ann was a member of the Carmelite sisterhood and Mother Cabrini League. Funeral Services and entombment will be held on Monday, May 6, 2019 at Maryhill Cemetery, 8600 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles, at 11:00 a.m., friends and family will meet at the office to go to the Chapel together. Arrangements entrusted to GREEN BURIALS OF LOVE, LTD, Marion Friel - Funeral Director. Info 847-721-0322 or [www.colonialfuneral.com](http://www.colonialfuneral.com)



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### Nowicki, William F.

William F. Nowicki. Devoted son of the late Lucille nee Balachowski & Edmund Nowicki. Loving father of Victoria King. Dear grandfather of Michael & Hannah King. Honorary grandfather of Nevaeh, Mary, Dayvon, Cherish, Michael, Jacob, Niyah, & Neriah. Fond brother of James Nowicki. Uncle of many nieces & nephews. Honorary uncle of Catherine (John) Smith, Roxanne Gonzales, Michael Gonzales, Maria Gonzales, & Dayvon Moore. Cousin of many. Cherished friend & companion of the late Victor V. Gonzales & Mary (Jack) Lamont. Funeral Saturday 10:30 am from **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**, 5570 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn to St. Gerald Church for Mass at 11:30 am. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Visitation Friday from 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm. [thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com](http://thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com) 708-425-0500

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### Panico, Joseph E.

Joseph E. Panico, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 28, 2019 surrounded by his loving family at the Golden age of 89. Beloved Husband of the late Emily A. Panico (nee Muzzulo). Devoted Father of Joseph J. (Debra), Michael A. (Michele), and Patrick C. Panico. Loving Son of the late Joseph and the late Theresa (Caparaly) Panico. Fond Grandfather of Daniel, Michael, Matthew, Lisa, Megan, Joseph, Michael, Anthony, Claudia and the late Robert. Fond Great Grandfather of Stuart Edyburn, Colin Edyburn, Joshua Edyburn, Ricky Moseley, Jacob and Nathan Zolo, Gianna, Michael and Emily Lynn. Dear Brother of Pat (the late Lil), Carmen (the late Yolanda), Dominic "Dan" (the late Marie), and the late Julia (the late John) Porreca. Dear Uncle and friend to many. Family and Friends are to gather for the visitation Thursday May 2, 2019 from 3:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at Russo's Hillside Chapels, 4500 Roosevelt Road, Hillside, IL 60162 (Located between Mannheim and Wolf Road) Funeral to follow Friday May 3, 2019 from Russo's Hillside Chapels at 9:00 A.M. Proceeding to Divine Infant Catholic Church, 1601 Newcastle Ave, Westchester, IL 60154, for a Mass of Christian burial celebrated promptly at 10:00 A.M. Entombment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery / Christ The King Garden Mausoleum. For additional info. Call (708) 449-5300. Please visit Joseph's personal tribute website at [www.russoshillsidechapels.com](http://www.russoshillsidechapels.com) and sign his guestbook.



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### Petty, Kathleen 'Kay'

Kathleen "Kay" (nee Keany) Petty. Beloved wife of the late Joseph "Cookie" Petty, loving mother of Diane (Frank) Pollina and Joey Petty; cherished grandmother of Anthony, Kaitlin (Doug Masek) and Kyle; fond sister of Martin (Sandy) Keany, Eugene (Teresa) Keany, late Rosie (late Gene) Beyak and late Michael (Candy) Keany; dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sat., May 4, 2019 from 9:00 AM until the time of funeral service at 11:00 AM at The Orchard Evangelical Free Church, 1330 N. Douglas Ave, Arlington Hts, IL 60004. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Special Olympics Illinois, 605 E. Willow St., Normal, IL 61761. Funeral info. & condolences [www.GlueckertFH.com](http://www.GlueckertFH.com) or (847) 253-0168.

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### Presti, Barbara Joan

Barbara Joan Presti our beloved free spirit passed away peacefully February 12 2019. Always ready for adventure. Barbara loved singing, dancing, art, and traveling. Generous with her family, friends and strangers she is loved for her joyous spark. Proceeded in death by her husband John A. Presti survived by her sister Betty Jane Hamill also by her children Carolyn Becker, Cybelle Presti, RobertPresti, Barbara Frances Presti, grandchildren Jaclyn Becker, Danielle Becker and much loved son in law Mike Becker. A celebration of life of Barbara's life will be held May 18th 2019 at Chicago Botanic Garden 1000 Lake Cook rd. Glencoe IL 60022 at McGinley Pavilion 11 am - 2 pm please RSVP by May 7 th if you plan to attend at [barbcelebrate@yahoo.com](mailto:barbcelebrate@yahoo.com) if you wish to make a donation make it to Alzheimer's Foundation [www.alzdn.org/](http://www.alzdn.org/) or to Chicago Botanic Garden thank you. We request no flowers be sent to the Garden. Sign Guestbook at [chicagotribune.com/obituaries](http://chicagotribune.com/obituaries)

### Ridgway, Mark E.

Mark E. Ridgway, age 63, resident of Dixon, member Lost Nation Fishing Club, loving father of Phillip (Debbie) and Michael; dear brother of Thomas (Nancy) Ridgway, Joan Sullivan and the late Gail DeBlasio; proud uncle and great-uncle of many nieces and nephews. Funeral services and Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 225 N Michigan Ave., Ste 1200, Chicago, IL 60601. For information please call 630-832-0018 or [www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com)

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### Scheunemann, Donald F.

Donald F. Scheunemann. Age 93 of Park Ridge. WWII and Korean War Veteran. Former Park Ridge Police Officer. Beloved father of Kristie (Steve) Pater, Lisa (James) O'Grady, Daniel (Kerry) and Stephen (Nathlie) Scheunemann. Loving grandfather of 15. Dear brother of the late Marcia Gunderson, Warren, Beverly Herman and Barbara Scheunemann. Memorial Visitation Thursday, May 2, 4-8 p.m. at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Memorial Service Friday, 11 a.m. at St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Interment Town of Maine Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Funeral Information, [www.ryan-parke.com](http://www.ryan-parke.com).

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### Stryczek, Helen M.

Helen M. Stryczek nee Cirus, age 98, beloved wife of the late Frank, Sr.; loving mother of Frank, Jr. (the late Sue), Allen (Suzanne), Mike (Kathy), Paul (Diane), Ken (Sonya), and May Beth (Russell) Corgolongo; cherished grandmother of 15; dear great-grandmother of 16. Lying -in-State, Friday, May 3, from 10 am until time of Mass 11 am at Immaculate Conception Church, 7211 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105. Entombment St. Adalbert Cemetery. For more info [www.kolbusmayfh.com](http://www.kolbusmayfh.com) or 773-774-3232.

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## LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Francisco E Cancel

A MINOR NO. 2019JD00310

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Francisco Cancel (Father)**, respondents, and **TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **February 25, 2019**, 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 **05/07/2019 at 9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR 63 COURTROOM 13 .

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT May 1, 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 Jayla Jones

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Katrice Rayford (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 15JA00096

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Jayson Jones (Father)**, **AKA Jason Jones**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 28, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Bernard Sarley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **05/21/2019 at 10:00 AM** IN CALENDAR 9 COURTROOM 1, 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.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS May 1, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF **Jonah Sims**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Latrice Sims (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00304

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Kevin Angeles AKA Kevin Angeles Brianna Angeles AKA Brianna Angeles

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Thelma Angeles (Mother) AKA Thelma Angeles-Patino AKA Thelma Angeles**

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01119 18JA01118

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Edward Martinez (Father)**, **AKA Edward Martinez Any And All Unknown Fathers Any**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **November 28, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **05/21/2019 at 10:00 AM** IN CALENDAR 12 COURTROOM L, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS May 1, 2019

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## Baseball never as good as it was

Ex-Cub Grace latest to lament analytics, calls game 'boring'



**PAUL SULLIVAN**  
On baseball

Former baseball players have been lamenting the state of the game forever, just as every generation believes things always were better "back in the day."

So it was no surprise to hear former Cubs first baseman Mark Grace chime in last week, giving a blunt assessment of the game he's spent most of his life playing, coaching or analyzing.

Grace played 13 of his 16 major-league seasons for the Cubs. He finished second in voting for National League Rookie of the Year in 1988, made three NL All-Star teams, had more hits in the 1990s than any other player (1,754), then won a World Series with the Diamondbacks in 2001 before retiring in 2003.

Grace, currently a pregame and postgame analyst for the Diamondbacks, told Tribune reporter Mark Gonzales the game has become "boring" in the modern era thanks to the proliferation of home runs and strikeouts.

"Spin rate and launch angle and all that stuff has taken over," Grace said in an interview on the Deep Dish podcast. "I remember there was always three or four bunts and a couple hit-and-runs every game. You don't even see three or four bunts or a couple hit-and-runs in a month. You just don't."

"The beauty of baseball ... honestly, in a lot of ways baseball has become boring. This launch-angle era we're in now has brought record-breaking home

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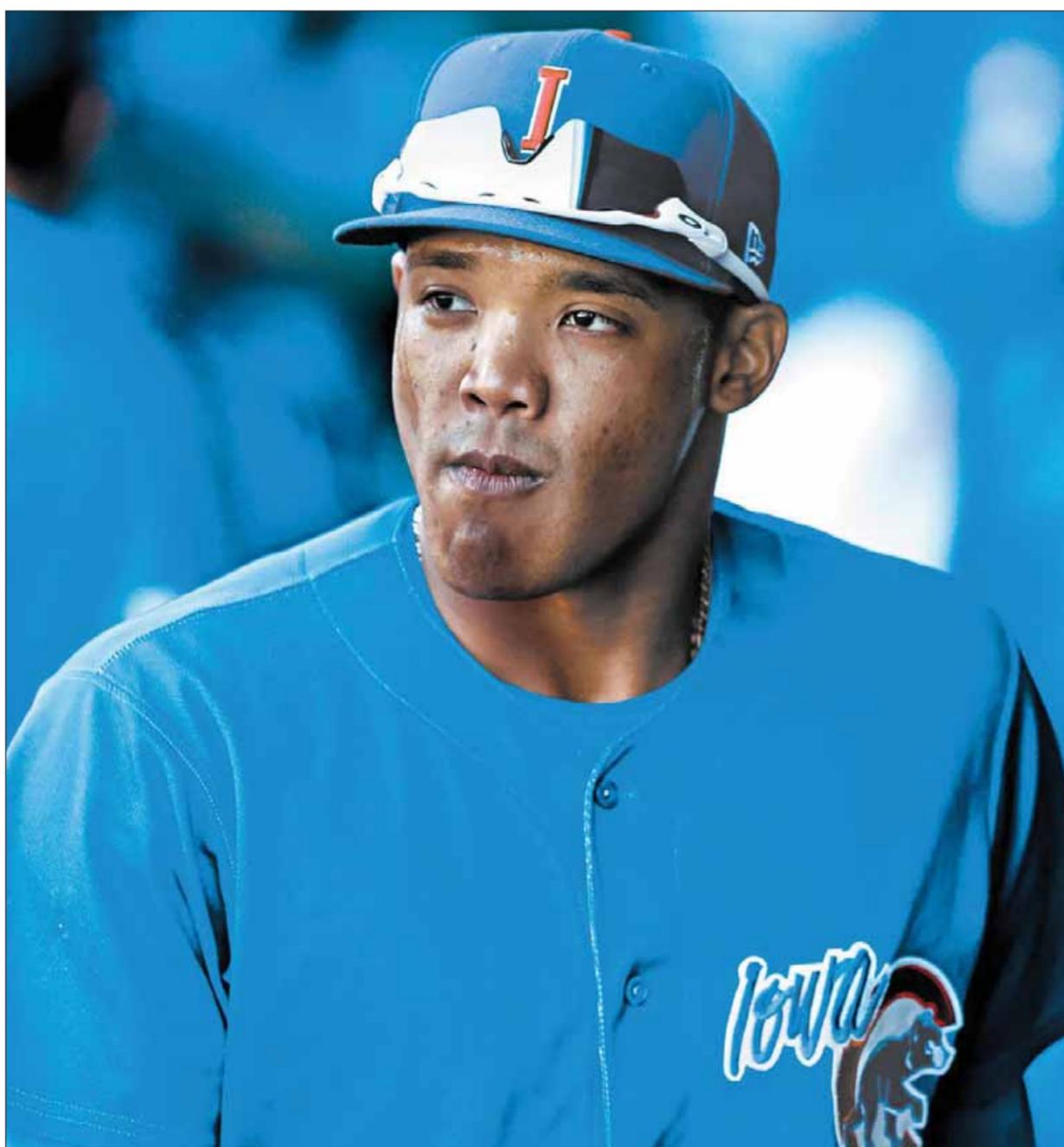
Mark Grace said baseball has become boring because of the increased amount of home runs and strikeouts.

### WHITE SOX

#### Tuesday a washout, will play 2 Wednesday

The White Sox's game with the Orioles was rained out Tuesday. It will be made up Wednesday as part of a straight doubleheader, with the first game starting at 3:10 and the second about 30 minutes after the first one ends.

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CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP

The Cubs will option Addison Russell to Triple-A Iowa, one day before he is eligible to rejoin the major-league team following a suspension.

### CUBS

# Iowa 1st option

#### Russell heading to Triple A on eve of suspension ending

BY MARK GONZALES  
Chicago Tribune

SEATTLE — The Cubs informed shortstop Addison Russell that he will be optioned to Triple-A Iowa on Thursday, one

day before he is eligible to rejoin the team following his 40-game suspension.

Cubs President Theo Epstein emphasized the team isn't overlooking Russell's rehabilitation as he nears the end of his punishment for violating Major League Baseball's domestic violence policy.

"The decision to option him is clearly a baseball decision," Epstein said Tuesday night before

the Cubs played the Mariners. "I don't want that to be misconstrued. Of course, there are other considerations. Indicating a willingness to bring him back to the big leagues when he's ready from a baseball standpoint, that doesn't mean he's at the finish line off the field."

"I stand by it. There's no finish line. It's a long-term process of the work he's putting in to grow as a person."

For now, the Cubs believe Russell, 25, needs more time to be ready to compete at the major-league level five weeks after his teammates departed spring training.

Russell is batting .250 in six games on a minor-league assignment with Iowa. The Cubs believe he needs more time to simulate a normal spring training.

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## Lefty-heavy rotation works

#### Lester, Hamels, Quintana present different challenges

BY MARK GONZALES  
Chicago Tribune

SEATTLE — Competing in a predominately right-handed-hitting division hasn't discouraged the Cubs from stacking their starting rotation with three quality left-handers — even sometimes pitching them in succession.

"I don't think there's an issue," pitching coach Tommy Hottovy said. "There are rotations with five right-handers, and nobody

says anything about them."

The Cubs planned to start left-handers Cole Hamels and Jon Lester in a two-game series against the Mariners. The lean left became pronounced during the final two months of the 2018 season with

the acquisition of Hamels and the insertion of Mike Montgomery into the rotation.

Each of this season's three main left-handed starters — Lester, Hamels and Jose Quintana — present different looks so opponents can't get too comfortable.

"We can face a team three days in a row with three lefties and do different things every day," Hottovy said.

Hottovy cited the career statistics of Lester (179-99, 3.49 ERA, 2,385 innings) and Hamels (159-114, 3.40 ERA, 2,584 1/3) and how they mirror each other, "but they're unique in their own way."

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ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

Cubs starter Cole Hamels lets loose with a pitch in the first inning of Tuesday night's game against the Mariners in Seattle.

## Adding more legs to the competition

#### Number of candidates for Bears' kicking job keeps on expanding

Forgive me for a second. I'm trying to get the list together of all the kickers the Bears have invited to the next phase of Kicker Search 2019.

There's Redford Jones and Chris Blewitt. Check. Plus Elliott Fry and John Baron II. OK.

Those four are under contract. Casey Bendarski from Minnesota State has an invitation to rookie camp in Lake Forest this week as a tryout player. Same



**DAN WIEDERER**  
On the Bears

apparently goes for Minnesota's Emmitt Carpenter, Purdue's Spencer Evans and McNeese State's Alex Kjellsten.

Are we missing anyone? The lost Gramatica brother? Karl-Heinz Granitzka? Charlie Brown? Come one, come all.

"Maybe it's a little unorthodox to have four kickers out there," Bears general manager Ryan Pace said after last weekend's draft. "We don't care. Let's increase the competition and let the whole thing battle out."

"We're unbiased on it. Our eyes are wide open."

Coach Matt Nagy's eyes were not only wide open but had an energized glint Saturday night, accompanied by an almost diabolical smirk. Nagy's creative mind and competitive juices seemed to be tangling as he thought of the kicking competition.

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GREGORY BULL/AP

San Diego State's John Baron II is the fourth kicker with a Bears contract and will join a growing line of competitors seeking the job for 2019.

# TOP OF THE SECOND



BY PHIL ROSENTHAL

## Ratings take hit everywhere

The NBA really needs Zion Williamson to wind up with the Bulls. Or the Knicks.

Anything to stir up lagging interest in two of the top three TV markets would be helpful.

That's among the findings as we dive into the shallow pond of ratings for the Bulls, Blackhawks, White Sox and Cubs.

### 1. The Bulls and Knicks are pulling down the NBA.

Local household cable ratings for NBA teams sank 4 percent this season, according to figures Sports Business Daily compiled (not counting the Grizzlies and Raptors, whose numbers weren't available).

Fifteen of 28 reporting teams improved their numbers. One team was flat, and a dozen reported declines, including the LeBron James-less Cavaliers (down 58 percent), Spurs (down 28 percent) and Timberwolves (down 23 percent).

In the nation's No. 1 market — home of the NBA's No. 30 team — the Knicks (17-65) suffered a 38 percent year-over-year household rating decline.

In Chicago, the No. 3 market, Bulls games on NBC Sports Chicago were down 26 percent from 2017-18, falling from 1.78 to 1.31 (or 1.31 percent of the TV households in the market).

Demographic information would be helpful, as that's the audience advertisers pay to reach, but households is a measure of reach and general interest.

The ratings decline for the Bulls (22-60) translates to a loss of more than 16,100 Chicago-area households per cable game, a slide that can't be offset by a 1 percent increase in unique streaming visitors.

Besides, over the last two seasons, the TV bleeding has been closer to 26,600 homes per game.

The Bulls' average household ratings have declined by close to 35 percent since 2016-17, the last season in which they earned a playoff berth.

Maybe it's time to wish upon a star, and maybe that star is Zion.

### 2. Losing games equals losing viewers for the Blackhawks.

The Hawks have lost more than half of their viewership — 51.6 percent of the TV households they once attracted, to be precise — since their last Stanley Cup title four



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

Zion Williamson landing with the Bulls could provide the shot in the arm the NBA needs.

years ago.

As the Hawks failed to make the playoffs for a second successive season, the slide continued with their average household TV rating down 12 percent from 2017-18 for telecasts on NBC Sports Chicago.

That drop, from 2.36 to 2.08, is nothing compared with the slide from a 4.3 rating in 2014-15. Again, a 2 percent boost in unique streaming visitors this season doesn't offset that.

For the sake of comparison, Pittsburgh is the nation's 24th-biggest TV market, a little more than one-third of the size of Chicago. Penguins games on local cable are watched in roughly 3,100 more homes than Hawks games are in this city.

### 3. The White Sox have nowhere to go but up, and up they go.

It's very early in the season, but the trend for the Sox is positive.

Through 16 NBC Sports Chicago telecasts, Sox household ratings are up about 10 percent — from 1.01 to 1.11 — from the same point last season.

Streaming numbers, meanwhile, have

surged 63 percent, perhaps owing to the number of day games the Sox have had, requiring fans to watch at work.

A lot of baseball is still to be played — and watched. Given last season's paltry final average of 0.75, however, this is promising, especially considering the Sox are still below .500.

### 4. The Cubs bounced back from a terrible start on the field, and maybe they'll recover on TV too.

Through 15 telecasts on NBC Sports Chicago, Cubs local household ratings are down about 14 percent, from 4.23 in 2018 to 3.63.

On a positive note, the team's streaming numbers are up 4 percent.

Unlike the Sox, whose TV ratings cratered by season's end, the Cubs wound up averaging a 4.38 household rating last season.

So there's more climbing to be done ahead of the team launching its own channel with Sinclair next season.

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	<b>5:30 p.m.</b> Cubs at Mariners	WGN-9 WSCR-AM 670
	<b>7 p.m.</b> Astros at Twins	ESPN
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<b>SOCCER</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b> Barcelona vs. Liverpool	TNT
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- 1 Baby bear
- 4 Rob or Will
- 9 Annapolis acad.
- 13 Area; district
- 14 Commandment verb
- 15 The Bee \_\_\_
- 16 \_\_\_ tea
- 17 Cash register operator
- 19 Actress Dawber
- 20 First Lady before Jackie
- 21 Watermelon casings
- 22 Theatrical dramas
- 24 Bakery purchase
- 25 WA's Mount St. \_\_\_
- 27 Force
- 30 Declares positively
- 31 Long-eared critters
- 33 Actor Linden
- 35 Sunbeams
- 36 Lhasa's location
- 37 Long tale
- 38 Ike's monogram
- 39 India's dollar
- 40 Murders
- 41 Fisher & Murphy
- 43 Small hairpiece
- 44 Vacation vehicles, for short
- 45 Hidden supply
- 46 See eye to eye

### DOWN

- 1 Comic actress Imogene
- 2 Not working
- 3 Cot or crib
- 4 Prose pieces
- 5 Pillow covers
- 6 Anklebones
- 7 Civil War Gen. Robert \_\_\_
- 8 Nov. 1 honorees
- 9 More hideous
- 10 "Have You Ever \_\_\_ the Rain?"; 1970s song
- 11 Bookish fellow
- 12 Invites
- 13 Fasten a parka
- 18 Bawls
- 20 No-\_\_\_land; area between trenches
- 23 Actor Ayres & others
- 24 Keats or Kilmer

### Solutions

- 25 Difficult
- 26 Escape
- 27 Actress Summer
- 28 Ill-fated space shuttle
- 29 Bird of prey
- 31 Joints nearest the waist
- 32 Lincoln, for one
- 34 Go on and on
- 36 Part of every wk.
- 37 Exhale in relief
- 39 Headed metal bolt
- 40 Get a \_\_\_ out of; enjoy
- 42 Dismal
- 43 Poland's capital
- 45 Indian social class
- 46 Competent
- 47 Somber; gloomy
- 48 Package of paper
- 49 \_\_\_ machines; casino attractions
- 50 Frau's hubby
- 52 Bird's bill
- 53 Promos
- 55 "Elvis \_\_\_ left the building!"
- 56 As pretty \_\_\_ picture

## Grace calls baseball 'boring'

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runs and record-breaking strikeouts. So the beauty of hitting behind the runner, or moving runners over, the skill of the stolen base. ... You don't see much stolen bases anymore. I remember when Rickey Henderson would get on or Vince Coleman, not only where they going to steal second, they were going to steal second and third.

"You don't really have to worry about it. Now it's like 'Let's get eight or nine guys that are DHs out there and let's play arena baseball.' And for me, that's not the game I grew up with, and it's not the game that I came to love and appreciate. But that's where we're at."

Grace isn't alone, of course. I've run into several former players the last few years who say they no longer watch games now that they're retired. "Too long" is the common complaint.

The game has indeed changed so much in the last 10 years it's sometimes hard to recognize. Many fellow dinosaurs long for the days when trying to scratch across a run was a common strategy, and hitting behind a runner was considered part of the game.

But it's probably never coming back, thanks in part to the money that rewards home runs over sacrificing an at-bat, so you either have to adapt to the new age or find something else to watch between the Super Bowl and the next NFL season.

Major League Baseball constantly is trying to tinker with the game to make it more action-packed, but we're finishing a first month when home runs and strikeouts dominated again. Fewer balls in play mean fewer opportunities to see a great defensive play or a player flying around the bases, but there are many additional reasons to flip the channel.

"We do everything possible to make our entertainment product as competitive as possible," Commissioner Rob Manfred said in Glendale, Ariz., during spring training. "There are two distinct trends we watch very carefully. One is pace of play and the other is the amount of action. ... We think we can make small changes in what is still the greatest game in the world in order to make our entertainment product more competitive."

Those small changes, like fewer mound visits, haven't really done much. The games seem even longer, with all the fresh power pitchers in the bullpens and managers eager to have the best possible matchup.

Playing the percentages is the only option managers have in the analytical era. There is little by-the-gut managing such as the style Don Zimmer perfected with the Cubs in 1989, when he boasted: "Some people say I'm an old grump, I don't know what I'm doing. I just let them play."

It's now to the point that Cubs manager Joe Maddon has his lineups written and dispensed to players three days in ad-

**"Spin rate and launch angle and all that stuff has taken over ... baseball has become boring."**

— Mark Grace

vance, as they requested. Ben Zobrist had Maddon call an audible Sunday in Arizona, telling his manager he should be replaced in the lineup by the hot-hitting David Bote, who'd hit two home runs the night before.

"It was the right team thing to do," Zobrist said. "You don't want that guy sitting on the bench after a game like that."

Maddon acceded, and Zobrist came off the bench and wound up with the key hit in the 15th inning.

The chess match between managers was once one of the most intriguing things about the game. Now many moves are pre-scripted, so it's really more of a chess match staged between analytics departments.

Now in his 14th season, the 37-year-old Zobrist is two years younger than Grace was when he retired. What's the biggest change in baseball since Zobrist came into the league?

"Probably matchups," he replied. "When I came into the league, it was if you earned your spot it was against everybody. And now it doesn't matter; if they deem you don't match up well against this guy you probably won't play. The analytic side of the game has changed that."

Is it for the better or worse? "It depends," he said. "Obviously it makes sense a lot of times. But there are some times when the numbers are overlooking the human aspect, and not realizing a guy needs to be able to see those pitchers in order to see those pitches."

"It kind of undervalues the human aspect of development even after you get to the big leagues, because it does take time to learn new skills when you have pitchers that are that skilled in their craft as well."

"As a hitter you're definitely not going to have good numbers early on. It's going to take a while to work into knowing how to hit those particular kinds of pitchers that are hard on you. That's the matchup hole. The matchup thing is one of the most contentious issues with players for sure."

For better or worse, baseball will survive all the changes. It always does.

And there's no doubt that by 2039, the Bryce Harpers of the world will be ruing the way the game has changed since back in the day.

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## CUBS



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Jon Lester has made 197 starts since 2013, ranking only behind teammate Jose Quintana for left-handers.

# Lefties dominant

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"And you add Quintana, and their pitch characteristics play off each other."

Hamels was scheduled Tuesday night to make his 400th career start, fifth most among active pitchers. Quintana (198), Lester (197) and Hamels (making his 189th start) rank 1-2-3 in games started by active left-handers since 2013.

Neither Hamels nor Lester is scheduled to pitch this weekend when the Cubs play host to the rival Cardinals at Wrigley Field. But the Cubs aren't fretting because the Cardinals have a predominantly right-handed-hitting lineup.

Having six days already this season has allowed the Cubs to juggle their rotation to set up the most favorable matchups. For instance, Tyler Chatwood was inserted into the rotation to pitch April 21 against the Diamondbacks before a day off so that

Quintana could face the Dodgers on April 23, with Lester coming off the injured list to pitch the series finale.

"We try to look as far ahead as we can, and with the days off we have a little room to move things around," Hottovy said. "But ideally, when you face a team like the Dodgers, with their power hitting-lefties on the bench, we'll take our shots with the righties."

"It matched up well for us for a while."

Quintana, Hamels and Lester limited the Dodgers to six runs in 17 1/3 innings as the Cubs took two of three games.

"There's going to be a time where we're going to want to move things around," Hottovy said. "We try to stay on top of it and make sure we like the matchup and everything lines up and don't do anything that throws our guys out of whack."

Preserving the starters' strength for more daunting stretches could pay dividends.

Quintana blanked the Pirates for seven innings on April 11 with an extra day of rest, and on April 23 he allowed two runs in seven innings against the Dodgers on six days' rest.

"We're always game planning and giving them the biggest road map to success," Hottovy said. "But these guys are professionals with plus-plus stuff. So it's a combination of that. We can attack one hitter in the lineup the same way for three days, and another guy we can mix it up."

"That's the beauty of having guys who can do different things."

■ Closer Brandon Morrow received an injection in his right elbow and will not throw for two to three weeks. Adbert Alzolay, one of the team's top pitching prospects, resumed throwing in extended spring training and could join Triple-A Iowa shortly.

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# Cubs will be optioning Russell to Iowa

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ing, which means he could spend an additional two to three weeks with Iowa.

He will continue to split time at Iowa between second base and shortstop, his natural position that Javier Baez has handled deftly since Russell was placed on administrative leave Sept. 21. Russell's former wife, Melisa Reidy, said she was physically harmed by Russell, who was investigated immediately and suspended less than two weeks later.

Epstein informed Russell of the team's plans.

"Every player wants to be in the big leagues," Epstein said. "There might have been some disappointment that wasn't happening immediately, but I think he understands where we're coming from. Six games (are) a lot less than what most guys have to get ready for the season."

"As far as the position goes, he wants to be ready to help the team whenever he can."

Russell reached the majors in mid-April of 2015 as a second baseman before taking over at shortstop less than four months later. He played his first game at second for Iowa on Monday and

did not commit an error.

"He's more than capable of playing over there (at second)," said Epstein, stating that Russell's range and versatility can enhance the defense and aid a pitching staff that relies heavily on inducing ground balls.

Manager Joe Maddon said the Cubs still need to monitor Russell's work at second and shortstop and talk to Baez before making a firm decision, but all signs point to Baez remaining the full-time shortstop.

"We have not concluded anything 100 percent, but for right now you'd look to see Javy play more at shortstop," Maddon said.

The Cubs will continue to monitor Russell's work off the field.

"I do think it's appropriate to note there has been progress, even as there's a tremendous amount of work ahead for him," Epstein said. "He's put a lot of work in, as he's needed to, talking to him and more important, talking to the people in his life."

"They notice improvements, the way he's handled himself in important situations and improvements in the relationships and the way he's functioning as a father and partner. Those are all good signs."

Epstein also was bewildered by reports Sunday that a media member was told by a team employee to portray Russell in a positive light.

"We believe in the freedom of the press, and this is certainly an issue where we expect to be strong opinions and people have the right to have those opinions and express however they want," Epstein said. "We support that. We would never, ever, try to stifle freedom of the press or that type of free expression."

"I'm not calling that (report) into question, other than to say the threat of reprisal to a media member about any topic, especially one of this nature, is totally unacceptable. And I'd be really surprised if that happened with the Cubs. And if it did, I'd want to know who it was because they wouldn't work for the Cubs much longer."

"That's a fireable offense to try to threaten a media member because of unfavorable coverage, especially on a topic of this nature. If anyone wants to mention, by name, the person who did that, there would obviously be repercussions right away."

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## WHITE SOX

# Baseball bridges generation gap

Kusinski's podcast with son looks at their relationship

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The cutest moment from Episode 1 of "The Sportscaster and Her Son" podcast came near the end.

In an effort to understand the music her 16-year-old son Jason Kinander listens to, Peggy Kusinski revealed that she downloaded songs by artists Chance the Rapper, Kodak Black, Lil Baby and Gunna.

As Jason described it: "You were looking up all these rappers and I remember praying to God: Please do not listen to some of these songs."

Kusinski laughed. "As my musical tastes have progressed," he said on the podcast, "some of the lyrics have gotten a little more edgy."

"Oh God!" Kusinski shrieked. At the end of the 37-minute episode, Kusinski said: "He's a typical teenager, I'm a typical mom."

Maybe, but typical moms don't win 12 Emmys and the Ring Lardner Award for excellence in sports journalism. Kusinski's shelves are full, and she still does investigative sports pieces for NBC-5. But she longed to enter the podcast game and wanted her son to get some reps.

Jason writes about the White Sox, his favorite team, for Fansided.com. He's a junior at St. Ignatius.

She has the career he should envy, and yet it took Kusinski a year to convince him to collaborate. Podcasts, he told her, are what old people listen to.

Maybe. But after two episodes, Kusinski said Jason is all in.

"Role models" was the theme of the first episode, and Jason's is Hawk Harrelson. So they interviewed him, with Jason asking: Who was your biggest role model growing up?

"My mama," Harrelson replied.

There's a 39-year age difference between mother and son, but sports bridges that gap. They both love baseball, with Jason saying on the pod: "Some of the best days of my childhood came from the White Sox winning and some of the worst times were when the White Sox were losing. Baseball was the first sport that I watched ... there's a deep bond

## WHITE SOX RAINED OUT

The White Sox and Orioles were postponed by rain Tuesday night and will play a straight double-header Wednesday with Game 1 starting at 3:10 p.m. at Guaranteed Rate Field.

Carlos Rodon (3-2, 4.94) will start the first game for the Sox against the Orioles' David Hess (1-4, 5.88). Ivan Nova (0-3, 8.42) will start against Andrew Cashner (4-1, 4.18) in Game 2, which will start about 30 minutes after the first game ends.

The Sox defeated the Orioles 5-3 in Monday night's series opener behind two-run home runs from Yonder Alonso and Tim Anderson.

you have with (your) team?"

They chatted about the infamous Charles Barkley "I am not a role model" Nike ad from 1993 — a decade before Jason was born.

In addition to Harrelson, Jason's role models included NFL quarterback Andy Dalton (from his TCU days), former Sox third baseman Todd Frazier and NBA player Carmelo Anthony ("I think I liked him because not a lot of people liked him").

Jason wasn't overly talkative in the first episode, letting his mom drive the bus.

"He'll loosen up," she said. "He's still a little afraid of saying things in front of his mom. I say: 'you're 16, don't try to sound like you're 26 or 36. Talk as if you're with your friends at the cafeteria.'"

Good luck with that.

Former NBA player Antoine Walker was a guest on the second episode. A future show will focus on White Sox shortstop Tim Anderson and his suspension for reportedly using the N-word during a scum with the Royals.

"This is perfect," Kusinski said of a topic that adults and teens seem to approach from different galaxies. "I'm confused as a parent. Am I supposed to let him sing the lyrics to the songs he's downloading?"

She's ready for Jason to roll his eyes, just as she did in the '70s when her parents couldn't grasp the appeal one of her favorite songs — the Beatles' "Lucy in the Sky With Diamonds."

"I tried to get my parents to understand," she said, "it doesn't mean I'm doing LSD."

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HANDOUT

Jason Kinander and his mother, NBC-5 sports reporter Peggy Kusinski, host a new podcast called "The Sportscaster and Her Son."

# Sox promote sizzling Robert to Double A

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Chicago Tribune

Luis Robert will no longer be the talk of the Carolina League.

The White Sox on Tuesday promoted their wildly talented outfielder from high Class A Winston-Salem to Double-A Birmingham.

Robert's stats at Winston-Salem looked like fake news: He hit .453 with eight homers, five doubles and three triples and drove in 24 runs in 19 games. He did strike out 20 times, though.

Robert, 21, is ranked as the No. 4 prospect in the Sox's system behind Eloy Jimenez, Michael Kopech and Dylan Cease. The Sox shelled out \$26 million to sign him out of Cuba in 2017.

He is a physical specimen, a muscular 6-foot-3 with eye-popping tools. His best asset, according to scouts, is his arm. But

because of his speed, Jimenez calls him "La Pantera," aka "The Panther."

"He is super fast," Jimenez said in spring training.

Robert hit .313 in the spring, going 5-for-16 with four extra-base hits. He did not take a walk and whiffed three times.

After playing alongside Jimenez in a spring game, Robert said: "The young guys have talent and everybody is talking about us. For us, it's always good to have good games and just to think about what we can do when we reach the majors all together. It will be very special for us."

Joining the 21-year-old Robert in the climb is right-hander Zack Burdi, a 24-year-old reliever from Downers Grove and the Sox's first-round pick in 2016. Burdi was 1-1 with a 9.00 ERA in three outings for low Class A Kannapolis.

# BASEBALL

## American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Tampa Bay	19	9	.679	—	—	5-5	W-3	9-7	10-2
New York	17	12	.586	2½	—	8-2	L-1	8-7	9-5
Toronto	14	15	.483	5½	2½	7-3	L-1	7-8	7-7
Boston	13	17	.433	7	4	6-4	W-2	7-7	6-10
Baltimore	10	20	.333	10	7	2-8	L-4	3-10	7-10
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	17	10	.630	—	—	7-3	L-1	9-5	8-5
Cleveland	16	12	.571	1½	—	5-5	W-1	7-4	9-8
Detroit	13	14	.481	4	2½	5-5	W-1	6-5	7-9
Chicago	12	14	.462	4½	3	5-5	W-3	6-6	6-8
Kansas City	9	20	.310	9	7½	2-8	L-2	6-10	3-10
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	18	12	.600	—	—	5-5	W-1	10-3	8-9
Seattle	18	14	.563	1	—	4-6	L-3	7-10	11-4
Texas	14	14	.500	3	2	4-6	L-1	10-5	4-9
Oakland	14	18	.438	5	4	3-7	L-5	10-8	4-10
Los Angeles	13	17	.433	5	4	5-5	W-2	9-7	4-10

Late games noted below

### WEDNESDAY'S PROBABLE PITCHERS

NATIONAL LEAGUE	2019	2018 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
<b>STL</b> Mikolas (R)	2-2 5.29 4-2	1-0 13.2 5.27	1-1 18.0 4.50
<b>Was</b> Scherzer (R)	6:05p 1-3 4.12 1-5	0-0 7.0 3.86	0-1 20.1 4.87
<b>Cin</b> DeSclafani (R)	1-1 4.26 2-3	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-0 16.0 2.81
<b>NY</b> deGrom (R)	6:10p 2-3 4.85 2-3	1-0 6.0 0.00	0-3 13.0 9.69
<b>SD</b> Strahm (L)	0-2 3.04 2-3	0-0 6.0 1.50	0-0 19.0 1.42
<b>All</b> Fried (L)	3-1 2.30 3-2	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-1 17.2 4.08
<b>Col</b> Sonzatela (R)	2-1 3.93 2-1	0-0 5.0 3.60	2-1 18.1 3.93
<b>ML</b> Anderson (R)	6:40p 2-0 3.20 2-0	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-0 9.2 1.86
<b>Lia</b> Ryu (L)	3-1 2.96 3-2	1-0 17.2 1.53	1-1 14.1 3.77
<b>SF</b> Bumgarner (L)	8:45p 1-4 4.30 1-5	0-2 18.0 4.00	1-2 18.2 5.30
AMERICAN LEAGUE	2019	2018 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
<b>Oak</b> Fiers (R)	2-2 7.03 3-4	1-0 6.1 0.00	0-1 15.1 8.22
<b>Bos</b> Velazquez (R)	12:05p 0-2 3.86 1-2	1-0 3.0 0.00	0-2 9.1 3.86
<b>Bal</b> Hess (R)	1-4 5.88 1-4	0-0 4.1 6.23	0-3 12.2 9.24
<b>Chi</b> Rodon (L)	3:10p 3-2 4.94 4-2	0-0 0.0 0.00	2-0 15.0 6.60
<b>Bal</b> Cashner (R)	4-1 4.18 5-1	1-0 5.0 3.60	2-0 17.0 3.18
<b>Chi</b> Nova (R)	7:10p 0-3 8.42 0-5	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-2 16.1 8.82
<b>Hou</b> McHugh (R)	3-0 4.78 3-3	0-0 4.0 0.00	1-1 15.0 7.20
<b>Min</b> Perez (L)	7:10p 3-0 4.44 2-1	0-0 0.0 0.00	2-0 18.0 3.00
<b>TB</b> TBD	— — —	— — —	— — —
<b>KC</b> Duffy (L)	7:15p 0-1 5.40 0-1	0-0 5.0 3.60	0-1 5.0 5.40
<b>Lor</b> Stroman (R)	1-3 14.3 2-4	0-0 5.0 0.00	1-1 19.0 4.47
<b>LA</b> Pena (R)	9:07p 0-1 3.63 2-2	0-0 5.0 5.40	0-0 13.2 2.63
INTERLEAGUE	2019	2018 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
<b>Pit</b> Taillon (R)	1-3 4.06 2-4	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-1 16.0 5.06
<b>Tex</b> Miller (R)	1:05p 1-1 7.52 3-2	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-0 14.2 6.75
<b>NY</b> Tanaka (R)	2-2 3.60 2-4	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-2 16.2 5.94
<b>Ari</b> Kelly (R)	2:40p 2-2 3.94 2-3	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-1 15.2 5.17
<b>ChC</b> Lester (L)	1-1 2.37 2-2	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-1 13.0 2.08
<b>Sea</b> Gonzales (L)	5:40p 5-0 2.80 6-1	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-0 19.1 2.33
<b>Det</b> Norris (L)	1-0 3.93 1-1	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-0 10.0 3.60
<b>Phi</b> Nola (R)	6:05p 2-0 5.68 2-4	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-0 16.1 4.96
<b>Cle</b> Kluber (R)	2-2 5.81 3-3	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-0 14.2 7.98
<b>Mia</b> Smith (L)	6:10p 2-0 2.17 3-2	0-0 0.0 0.00	2-0 18.0 1.00

TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher.

### RESULTS, SCHEDULE

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

**TUESDAY'S RESULTS**  
 Boston 5, Oakland 1  
 Detroit 3, Philadelphia 1  
 Cleveland 7, Miami 4  
 Houston 11, Minnesota 0  
 Pittsburgh 6, Texas 4 (11)  
 Arizona 3, N.Y. Yankees 1  
 L.A. Angels 4, Toronto 3  
 Chicago Cubs 6, Seattle 5  
 Baltimore at Chicago White Sox, p.pd.  
 Tampa Bay at Kansas City, p.pd.  
**THURSDAY'S GAMES**  
 Houston at Minnesota, 12:10 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay at Kansas City, 1:15 p.m.  
 Boston at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m.  
 Toronto at L.A. Angels, 9:07 p.m.

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

**TUESDAY'S RESULTS**  
 San Diego 4, Atlanta 3  
 Milwaukee 4, Colorado 3  
 Detroit 3, Philadelphia 1  
 St. Louis 2, Washington 1  
 N.Y. Mets 4, Cincinnati 3 (10)  
 Cleveland 7, Miami 4  
 Pittsburgh 6, Texas 4 (11)  
 Arizona 3, N.Y. Yankees 1  
 L.A. Dodgers 10, San Francisco 3  
 Chicago Cubs 6, Seattle 5  
**THURSDAY'S GAMES**  
 Cincinnati at N.Y. Mets, 11:10 a.m.  
 San Diego at Atlanta, 11:10 a.m.  
 Colorado at Milwaukee, 12:10 p.m.  
 St. Louis at Washington, 3:05 p.m.

### BOX SCORES

**RED SOX 5, ATHLETICS 1**

OAKLAND	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Semien ss	4	0	0	0	1	.211
Gossman lf	3	1	1	0	0	.321
Chapman 3b	4	0	0	0	1	.282
Davis dh	3	0	0	0	1	.218
Piscotty rf	3	0	0	0	1	.256
DeSclafani 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.162
Laureano cf	3	0	0	0	2	.194
Hundley c	3	0	1	0	1	.230
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	

**BOSTON** AB R H BI SO AVG  
 Benintendi lf 4 0 0 0 0 0 .265  
 Betts rf 4 1 2 0 0 2 .298  
 Martinez dh 4 1 0 0 0 0 .271  
 Bogaerts ss 3 0 0 0 0 2 .271  
 Devers 3b 4 0 1 1 1 2 .294  
 Guerra p 4 2 2 0 2 .313  
 Moreland 1b 3 1 1 0 2 .238  
 Bradley Jr. cf 4 0 0 0 2 .148  
 Leon c 2 0 1 1 0 .154  
**TOTALS** **32** **5** **7** **5** **7**

**BREWERS 4, ROCKIES 3**

COLORADO	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Dahl rf	3	0	0	0	1	.321
Story ss	4	0	0	0	0	.280
Murphy 1b	2	1	1	0	0	.242
Arenado 3b	3	1	1	1	0	.271
McMahon 2b	4	0	0	0	2	.224
Desmond cf	4	2	3	1	1	.196
Tapia lf	3	0	1	0	1	.265
c-Reynolds ph	1	0	0	0	1	.189
Wolters c	3	0	0	0	1	.267
Marquez p	2	0	0	0	1	.077
b-Hampson ph	1	0	0	0	0	—
B.Shaw p	0	0	0	0	0	—
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	

**MILWAUKEE** AB R H BI SO AVG  
 Cain cf 4 0 1 0 0 0 .273  
 Thames rf 3 0 0 0 0 0 .273  
 Guerra p 1 0 0 0 0 1 .000  
 Hader p 2 0 0 0 0 0 .000  
 Moustakas 2b 3 0 0 0 0 0 .267  
 Grandal c 3 1 1 0 1 .283  
 T.Shaw 3b 3 1 1 0 2 .194  
 Apolunov 1b 3 1 1 0 2 .196  
 Gamel lf-rf 3 1 1 0 0 .273  
 Arca ss 3 1 0 1 0 .235  
 Chacin p 1 0 0 0 1 .375  
 a-Braun ph-f 2 0 0 0 0 .196  
**TOTALS** **29** **4** **6** **3** **7**

**TIGERS 3, PHILLIES 1**

DETROIT	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Candelario 3b	4	0	0	0	1	.222
Castellanos rf	5	1	2	0	2	.273
Cabrera 1b	4	1	1	1	1	.282
Goodrum lf	3	1	1	2	1	.238
Rodriguez 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.276
Greiner c	1	0	0	0	0	.222
Mercer ss	4	0	1	0	0	.234
Jones cf	3	0	0	0	3	.137
Turnbull p	3	0	0	0	3	.000
Williams lf	3	0	0	0	1	.167
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	

**PHILADELPHIA** AB R H BI SO AVG  
 McCutchen cf 3 1 1 0 0 0 .241  
 Segura ss 4 0 0 0 0 0 .329  
 Harper rf 4 0 0 0 0 2 .240  
 Hoskins 1b 3 0 0 1 1 1 .279  
 Realmuto c 3 0 1 0 1 .280  
 b-Williams ph 1 0 0 0 0 0 .000  
 Hernandez 2b 4 0 1 0 1 .266  
 Franco 3b 4 0 0 0 0 3 .252  
 Velasquez p 1 0 0 0 0 0 .143  
 a-Posellunov ph 1 0 0 0 0 0 .000  
 b-Knapp ph 1 0 0 0 0 0 .174  
**TOTALS** **31** **1** **4** **1** **10**

**METS 4, REDS 3 (10)**

CINCINNATI	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Peraza 2b	4	0	1	1	1	.202
Votto 1b	4	0	2	0	1	.245
Suarez 3b	5	1	1	2	2	.230
Puig rf	4	0	0	0	2	.192
Casali c	2	0	0	0	0	.289
Barnhart ph-c	2	0	0	0	2	.009
Ervin cf	2	0	1	0	1	.200
Dietrich ph-f	1	0	0	0	1	.204
Winker lf-c	4	1	0	0	1	.228
Iglesias ss	1	0	0	0	0	.304
Castillo p	3	0	0	0	2	.071
Farmer ph	1	0	1	0	0	.200
Lorenzen pr	0	0	0	0	0	.143
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	

**NEW YORK** AB R H BI SO AVG  
 McNeil 2b 5 1 4 1 0 0 .370  
 Alonso 1b 4 0 0 1 2 .292  
 Nimmo lf 3 0 0 0 2 .233  
 Broxton lf 4 0 0 0 0 .146  
 Conforto rf 4 0 1 1 3 .269  
 Frazier 3b 4 1 1 1 0 .207  
 Gagnon 3b 4 0 0 0 0 .000  
 Ramos c 4 0 0 0 2 .247  
 Rosario ss 3 0 2 0 1 .274  
 Lagares cf 4 1 0 0 1 .218  
 Smith ph 1 0 0 0 0 .370  
 Davis 3b 1 1 1 0 0 .302  
**TOTALS** **33** **4** **9** **4** **12**

**ASTROS 11, TWINS 0**

HOUSTON	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Springer rf	5	2	2	2	2	.274
Altuve 2b	4	1	1	0	0	.248
White 1b	2	1	1	0	1	.261
Bregman 3b	5	1	1	1	2	.271
Brantley lf	5	2	3	0	0	.331
Rosario lf	4	0	0	0	2	.238
1-Kemp pr-2b	1	1	0	0	0	.179
Reddick dh	5	0	3	1	0	.352
Diaz 1b-2b-ss	4	0	0	1	0	.205
Castro 3b	3	0	0	0	2	.194
Marisnick cf	4	1	2	2	2	.267
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	

**MINNESOTA** AB R H BI SO AVG  
 Kepler rf 3 0 2 0 2 1 .278  
 Polanco ss 2 0 0 0 2 .320  
 Cruz dh 2 0 0 0 2 .295  
 a-Cave ph-dh 1 0 0 0 1 .206  
 Rosario lf 4 0 0 0 0 .238  
 Cron 1b 4 0 0 0 3 .232  
 Schoop 2b 4 0 1 0 1 .267  
 Adrians 3b 2 0 0 0 0 .176  
 Gassman 1b 3 0 0 0 1 .298  
 Buxton cf 3 0 0 0 1 .250  
**TOTALS** **29** **0** **3** **0** **12**

**Oakland** 000 000 001-1 3 1  
**Boston** 110 210 00x-5 7 0  
 E: Laureano (2), LOB: Oakland 5, Boston 6. **HR:** Hundley (1), Devers (8), HR: Grossman (3), off Thornburg; Betts (6), off Brooks; Moreland (8), off Brooks; Grossman (8), Betts (15), Devers (8), Moreland (21), Leon (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** Oakland 2 (Semien, Chapman); Boston 3 (Benintendi, Moreland 2). **RISP:** Oakland 0 for 2; Boston 2 for 6.

**Oakland** IP H R ER BB SO ERA  
 Brooks, L 2-3 2½ 6 5 4 3 2 5.74  
 Hendrix 4½ 1 0 0 2 2.98  
 Buchner 2 0 0 0 0 6.23  
 Soría 1 0 0 0 0 2 6.28  
**BOSTON** IP H R ER BB SO ERA  
 Porcello, W 2-3 8 2 0 0 2 8 5.52  
 Thornburg 1 1 1 1 1 1 7.71  
**Inherited runners-scored:** Hendrix 2, 2-0, Buchner 1-0. **Umpires:** H, Tom Hallion; 1B, Adam Hamari; 2B, Todd Tichenor; 3B, Phil Cuzzi. **Time:** 2:34. **A:** 31,754 (37,731).

**Colorado** 000 000 003-4 0 4  
**Milwaukee** 000 001 30x-4 6 0  
 a-grounded out for Chacin in the 6th. b-struck out for Marquez in the 8th. c-struck out for Tapia in the 9th. **LOB:** Colorado 4, Milwaukee 1. **HR:** Murphy (3), Arenado (7), Gamel (5). **HR:** Desmond (3), off Hader; Aguilar (3), off Marquez. **RBI:** Arenado (2), Desmond (2), Aguilar (3). **Runners left in scoring position:** Colorado 2 (Aronado, McMahon). **RISP:** Colorado 1 for 4; Milwaukee 2 for 3. **Runners moved up:** Braun. **GIDP:** Wolters, Braun. **DP:** Colorado 1 (Story, McMahon, Murphy); Milwaukee 1 (Chacin, Arca, Aguilar).

**Philadelphia** 003 000 000-3 7 1  
**Detroit** 100 000 000-1 4 1  
 a-struck out for Ramos in the 4th.

## SCOREBOARD

## ODDS

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE	WEDNESDAY
at Washington -164	St. Louis +154
at NY Mets -172	Cincinnati +160
at Atlanta -158	San Diego +148
at Milwaukee -130	Colorado +120
LA Dodgers -133	at San Fran. +123

AMERICAN LEAGUE	WEDNESDAY
at Boston -135	Oakland +125
Houston -143	at Minnesota +133
at Chi Sox (G1)	-164 Baltimore +154
at Chi Sox (G2)	Off Baltimore +154
at KC (G1)	Off Tampa Bay
at KC (G2)	Off Tampa Bay
at LA Angels -110	Toronto +100

INTERLEAGUE	WEDNESDAY
Pittsburgh -120	at Texas +110
NY Yankees -115	at Arizona +105
Chi Cubs -114	at Seattle +104
at Philadelphia -200	Detroit +180
Cleveland -162	at Miami +152

## NBA PLAYOFFS

pregame.com	WEDNESDAY
at Denver	3½ Portland
	THURSDAY
at Philadelphia	Pk Toronto

## NHL PLAYOFFS

at Carolina	WEDNESDAY
-117	NY Islanders +107
at Dallas	-119 St. Louis +109

## GOLF

## LPGA ROLEX RANKINGS

PLAYER	COUNTRY	AVG
Jin-Young Ko	S. Korea	7.38
Minjee Lee	Australia	6.86
Sung Hyun Park	S. Korea	6.60
Ariya Jutanugarn	Thailand	6.14
Nasas Hataoka	Japan	5.49
Inbee Park	S. Korea	5.22
Brooke M. Henderson	Canada	5.11
Lexi Thompson	U.S.	4.94
So Yeon Ryu	S. Korea	4.75
Carlaota Ciganda	N. Zealand	4.73
Nelly Korda	U.S.	4.72
Jessica Korda	U.S.	4.36
Danielle Kang	U.S.	4.18
Amy Yang	S. Korea	4.11
Sei Young Kim	S. Korea	4.00
Eun-Hee Ji	S. Korea	3.98
Lydia Ko	N. Zealand	3.71
Jiyai Shin	S. Korea	3.62
Georgia Hall	England	3.56
Jeongeun Lee	S. Korea	3.54
I.K. Kim	S. Korea	3.46
Moriya Jutanugarn	Thailand	3.36
Shanshan Feng	China	3.35
Hye Jin Choi	S. Korea	3.04
Ing Gee Chun	S. Korea	2.98
Charley Hull	England	2.97
Ai Suzuki	Japan	2.89
Sun Ju Ahn	S. Korea	2.80
Lizette Salas	U.S.	2.75
Marina Alex	U.S.	2.64
Hyo-Joo Kim	S. Korea	2.57
Mi Hyang Lee	S. Korea	2.55
Azahara Munoz	Spain	2.47
Austin Ernst	U.S.	2.45
Angela Stanford	U.S.	2.32
Cristie Kerr	U.S.	2.24
Anna Nordqvist	Sweden	2.18
Brittany Lincicome	U.S.	2.18
Angel Yin	U.S.	2.18
Seon Woo Bae	S. Korea	2.15
Michelle Wie	U.S.	2.09
Amy Olson	U.S.	2.06
Annie Park	U.S.	2.05
Mamiko Higa	Japan	2.00
Jenny Shin	S. Korea	1.92
Ji Hyun Oh	S. Korea	1.91
Brittany Altomare	U.S.	1.89
Yu Liu	China	1.86
Gaby Lopez	Mexico	1.86
Caroline Masson	Germany	1.78

## LPGA MONEY LEADERS

RK. GOLFER	EV	EARN
1. Jin Young Ko	8	1,070,933
2. Minjee Lee	9	703,472
3. Nelly Korda	8	530,799
4. Brooke Henderson	8	526,660
5. Eun-Hee Ji	8	523,408
6. Carlaota Ciganda	8	411,430
7. Mi Hyang Lee	9	377,023
8. Sung Hyun Park	6	374,927
9. Amy Yang	7	365,176
10. Azahara Munoz	9	336,112
11. Danielle Kang	7	335,585
12. Nasa Hataoka	6	335,570
13. Lexi Thompson	6	257,866
14. Moriya Jutanugarn	9	247,235
15. Gaby Lopez	9	246,956
16. Ariya Jutanugarn	9	246,256
17. Hyo Joo Kim	6	241,741
18. Celine Boutier	9	222,170
19. Sei Young Kim	7	219,346
20. Inbee Park	6	206,423
21. Mirim Lee	7	202,932
22. Jeongeun Lee	7	201,088
23. Yu Liu	9	198,846
24. Shanshan Feng	8	193,792
25. Jenny Shin	7	183,527
26. In-Kyung Kim	4	170,588
27. Haru Nomura	7	168,794
28. Lydia Ko	8	168,150
29. Jessica Korda	3	166,789
30. Katherine Kirk	3	158,640
31. Jodi Ewart Shadoff	7	149,054
32. Stacy Lewis	6	147,123
33. Annie Park	8	145,794
34. Charlotte Thomas	7	134,827
35. Amy Olson	8	130,349
36. Kristen Gillman	7	126,839
37. Chella Choi	8	126,099
38. Angel Yin	7	122,496
39. Megan Khang	7	120,570
40. Wei-Ling Hsu	8	118,437
41. Cristie Kerr	8	112,604
42. Ally McDonald	8	112,553
43. Morgan Pressel	6	111,415
44. Lizette Salas	8	110,363
45. Brittany Altomare	8	109,312
46. Mi Jung Hur	5	106,256
47. Jing Yan	5	104,055
48. Jasmine Suwannapura	10	101,975
49. Su Oh	8	101,297
50. Alena Sharp	7	100,783

## SOLHEIM CUP STANDINGS

Nelly Korda, 398; Danielle Kang, 374
Lexi Thompson, 340; Jessica Korda, 310
Lizette Salas, 247; Megan Khang, 213.5
Marina Alex, 208; Cristie Kerr, 205
Austin Ernst, 187; Brit. Altomare, 185.5
Brit. Lincicome, 172; Amy Olson, 164.5

## LPGA PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Jin Young Ko, 129; Minjee Lee, 63
Nelly Korda, 59; Eun-Hee Ji, 52
Brooke M. Henderson, 44.
Sung Hyun Park, 42; Amy Yang, 36
Carlaota Ciganda, 35; Azahara Munoz, 32
Danielle Kang, 31; Celine Boutier, 30
Nasa Hataoka, 30; Mi Hyang Lee, 25
Jessica Korda, 22; Hyo Joo Kim, 21

## AUTO RACING

Driver	W	PD	PP	LED	PT
Josef Newgarden	1	3	0	62	166
Alexander Rossi	1	1	1	85	138
Scott Dixon	0	3	0	2	133
Takuma Sato	1	1	1	75	116
Ryan Hunter-Reay	0	1	0	0	96
Will Power	0	1	2	64	93
James Hinchcliffe	0	0	0	2	93
Sebastien Bourdais	0	0	0	0	91
Graham Rahal	0	1	0	1	90
Colton Herta	1	1	0	15	88
Simon Pagenaud	0	0	0	0	87
Felix Rosenqvist	0	0	0	31	80
Marco Andretti	0	0	0	0	78
Jack Harvey	0	0	0	0	65
Spencer Pigot	0	0	0	0	63
Marcus Ericsson	0	0	0	0	61
Santino Ferrucci	0	0	0	0	56
Tony Kanaan	0	0	0	0	56
Patricio O'Ward	0	0	0	0	56

## INDYCAR UPCOMING SCHEDULE

May 11: IndyCar Grand Prix, Indianapolis  
May 26: Indianapolis 500

## FORMULA ONE DRIVER POINTS

Driver	W	PD	PP	LED	PT
Valtteri Bottas	2	4	2	87	87
Lewis Hamilton	2	4	1	67	86
Sebastian Vettel	2	2	0	6	82
Max Verstappen	0	1	0	2	51
Charles Leclerc	0	1	0	60	47
Pierre Gasly	0	0	0	0	13
Kimi Raikkonen	0	0	0	0	13
Sergio Perez	0	0	0	0	13
Lando Norris	0	0	0	0	12
Kevin Magnussen	0	0	0	0	8
Nico Hulkenberg	0	0	0	0	6
Carlos Sainz, Jr.	0	0	0	0	6
Daniel Ricciardo	0	0	0	0	6
Lance Stroll	0	0	0	0	4
Alexander Albon	0	0	0	0	3
Daniil Kvyat	0	0	0	0	1

W-victories; PD-podium; PP-pole position; LED-laps led

## F1 UPCOMING SCHEDULE

May 12: Spanish Grand Prix, Barcelona  
May 26: Monaco Grand Prix, Monte Carlo

## TENNIS

## ATP MILLENIUM ESTORIL OPEN

<b>R1 at Clube de Tennis do Estoril; Estoril, Portugal; outdoors-clay</b>
Leonardo Mayer d. #5 Dusan Lajovic, 7-6 (3), 6-4.
Jeremy Chardy d. #7 Pablo Carreno Busta, 5-7, 6-1, 6-2.
Malek Jaziri d. Nicolas Jarry, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.
Alejandro Davidovich Fokina d. Taylor Fritz, 7-6 (3), 6-4.
John Millman d. Bernard Tomic, 6-3, 6-0.
Joao Sousa d. Alexei Popyrin, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2.
Pablo Cuevas d. Salvatore Caruso, 6-2, 6-2.

## ATP BMW OPEN

<b>R1 at MTTC Iphitos; Munich, Germany; outdoors-clay</b>
Denis Kudla d. #5 Kyle Edmund, 6-4, 6-3.
#6 Diego Schwartzman d. Benoit Paire, 6-4, 1-6, 6-1.
#7 Guido Pella d. Mischa Zverev, 6-2, 6-1
Juan Ignacio Londero d. Maximilian Marterer, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2.
Thiago Monteiro d. Jan-Lennard Struff, 6-1, 6-1.
Cristian Garin d. Yannick Maden, 6-4, 6-2.
Martin Klizan d. Ernests Gulbis, 6-3, 7-5.
Philipp Kohlschreiber d. Andreas Seppi, 6-2, 7-5.
Matteo Berrettini d. Denis Istomin, 7-6 (5), 6-3.
Rudolf Molleker d. Marius Copil, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 6-4.

## WTA GRAND PRIX SAR LA PRINCESSE LALLA MERYEM

<b>R1 at Royal Club de Tennis; Rabat, Morocco; outdoors-clay</b>
#1 Elise Mertens d. Kirsten Flipkens, 6-3, 6-1.
#2 Hsieh Su-wei d. Daria Gavrilova, 6-1, 3-6, 6-2.
#4 Ajla Tomljanovic d. Fiona Ferro, 6-4, 6-4.
Polona Hercog d. #5 Petra Martic, 7-6 (1), 6-4.
#6 Maria Sakkaris d. Olga Danilovic, 6-0, 6-2.
#7 Johanna Konta d. Wang Yafan, 4-6, 7-6 (0), 6-4.
Timea Bacinszky d. Johanna Larsson, 6-3, 6-1.
Lara Arruabarrena d. Vera Zvonareva, 7-6 (8), 7-5.
Varvara Lepchenko, d. Sara Sorribes Tormo, 6-3, 6-3.
Ysaline Bonaventure d. Magdalena Rybarikova, 2-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7).

## WTA J&amp;T BANKA PRAGUE OPEN

<b>R1 at TK Sparta Praha; Prague, Czech Republic; outdoors-clay</b>
Anastasia Potapova d. #2 Anastasiya Sevastova, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.
#3 Wang Qiang d. Margarita Gasparyan, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.
Svetlana Kuznetsov d. #4 Mihaela Buzarescu, 6-4, 6-2.
Jennifer Brady d. #5 Danielle Collins, 5-7, 6-3, 6-0.
#6 Katerina Siniakova d. Dalila Jakupovic, 6-0, 6-2.
Anna Karolína Schmiedlová d. #7 Viktoria Kuzmova, 6-3, 6-3.
#9 Barbora Strýcová d. Mona Barthel, 6-4, 6-2.
Jil Teichmann d. Ekaterina Alexandrova, 6-3, 6-4.
Bernarda Pera d. Barbara Haas, 6-4, 6-2.
Tamara Korpatich d. Aleksandra Krunic, 6-3, 6-2.
Mandy Minella d. Jasmine Paolini, 6-3, 6-1.
Jana Cepelova d. Stefanie Vogele, 6-1, 6-2.
Jessica Pegula d. Andrea Petkovic, 6-4, 6-7 (6), 6-3.
Antonia Lottner d. Marie Bouzkova, 6-1, 6-4.
Karolina Muchova d. Iga Swiatek, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.
Natalia Vikhlyantseva d. Kristyna Pliskova, 6-3, 6-4.

## ATP MONEY LEADERS

1. Novak Djokovic	3,377,474
2. Roger Federer	2,793,157
3. Rafael Nadal	2,279,694
4. Dominic Thiem	2,191,016
5. Stefanos Tsitsipas	1,481,995
6. Fabio Fognini	1,397,243
7. Daniil Medvedev	1,223,092
8. John Isner	1,037,110
9. Gael Monfils	914,720
10. Roberto Bautista Agut	852,831
11. Kei Nishikori	848,930
12. Milos Raonic	811,702
13. Lucas Pouille	795,137
14. Dusan Lajovic	769,735
15. Denis Shapovalov	740,972
16. Borna Coric	712,853
17. Felix Auger-Aliassime	709,716
18. Pierre-Hugues Herbert	695,217
19. Alexander Zverev	632,838
20. Guido Pella	617,262
21. Frances Tiafoe	604,179
22. Nick Kyrgios	592,502
23. Laslo Djere	584,612
24. Stan Wawrinka	534,632
25. Nikola Pietrangeli	492,820
26. Nikoloz Basilashvili	476,716
27. Karen Khachanov	473,530
28. Jan-Lennard Struff	451,868
29. Marco Cecchinato	450,516
30. Marton Fucsovics	449,538
31. Diego Schwartzman	447,012
32. Tomas Berdych	437,724
33. Hubert Hurkacz	422,800
34. David Goffin	413,665
35. Radu Albot	411,555
36. Grigor Dimitrov	394,911
37. Joao Sousa	380,812
38. Horacio Zeballos	375,255
39. Kevin Anderson	375,146
40. Jeremy Chardy	373,477
41. Robin Haase	372,436
42. Cameron Norrie	371,928
43. Gilles Simon	354,015
44. Benoit Paire	343,779
45. Taylor Fritz	341,927
46. Filip Krajinovic	340,757
47. Nicolas Jarry	340,531
48. Philipp Kohlschreiber	333,946
49. Reilly Opelka	333,741
50. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	332,193

## WTA MONEY LEADERS

1. Naomi Osaka	3,303,051
2. Petra Kvitova	2,323,521
3. Ashleigh Barty	1,934,818
4. Karolina Pliskova	1,830,208
5. Bianca Andreescu	1,580,236
6. Belinda Bencic	1,109,093
7. Angelique Kerber	1,059,693
8. Aryna Sabalenka	

## HORSE RACING

## KENTUCKY DERBY

## Omaha Beach gets what he needs

Favorite in good position at No. 12 post; 2nd choice Game Winner at No. 16

BY CHILDS WALKER  
The Baltimore Sun

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Omaha Beach, undefeated in two major prep races this year, is the 4-to-1 morning-line favorite for Saturday's \$3 million Kentucky Derby.

Hall of Fame trainer Richard Mandella will try to win his first Triple Crown race with the streaking colt, who made his case to be the favorite with a decisive win April 13 in the Arkansas Derby. Omaha Beach will try to become the seventh straight favorite to win the first jewel of the Triple Crown. He'll be ridden by Mike Smith, who guided Justify to the Triple Crown last year and chose to ride Omaha Beach over another top contender, Roadster.

"Perfect, I love it," Smith said after watching Omaha Beach draw the No. 12 post Tuesday morning at Churchill Downs. "Didn't want to be down inside."

"He's happy," Mandella said, nodding at Smith.

"So you know I'm happy."

The next three horses in the morning-line odds have all been prepared by Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert, who's seeking his record-tying sixth Derby victory. He won with Justify last year and American Pharoah in 2015, and both went on to capture the Triple Crown.

Despite two close defeats in two starts this year, 2018 2-year-old champion Game Winner is the 5-1 second choice in the morning line. He's never run a bad race in his career and will start from the No. 16 post with jockey Joel Rosario aboard.

Right next to him in the No. 17 post will be another Baffert-trained colt, Roadster, the 6-1 co-third choice in the morning line. Where Game Winner has remained near the top of this 3-year-old class for his entire career, Roadster was forced to take a long break because of throat surgery. He needed a big performance in the Santa Anita Derby on April 6 just to qualify for the Derby field, and he answered by winning the signature California prep race. He's on a rapid upward trajectory, much as Justify was at this time last year, but he'll be ridden by a new jockey in Florent Geroux.

No horse has ever won from post No. 17, but Baffert seemed unperturbed. "At the end of the day, you have to have the horse," he said. "If your horse shows up, that's more important."

Baffert's other top contender, Improbable, is also a 6-1 choice in the morning line, despite finishing second in his past two starts. He has struggled to close races with ideal focus, and he also lost his rider, Jose Ortiz, to fellow contender Tacitus. But few doubt he has the talent to win on Saturday if he runs his best race. He'll start from the No. 5 post under jockey Irad Ortiz Jr.

Other than Omaha Beach, no top contender has produced a better 2019 campaign than Tacitus, who won the Wood Memorial on April 6 for trainer Bill Mott.

He's a 10-1 co-fourth choice in the morning line. Though the Wood has not been a springboard to Derby success in recent years, Tacitus has improved with each race, and Jose Ortiz made a strong statement by picking him over Improbable. He'll start from the No. 8 post as Mott, one of the most successful trainers in North America for years, looks for his first Derby victory.

"I was hoping for the middle, and that's what we got," Mott said.

The other 10-1 choice, Maximum Security, arrives with one of the most interesting stories in the field of 20 horses. He was available for a \$16,000 claim less than five months ago, but no one took him from owners Gary and Mary West. And now some handicappers think he has more upside than the Wests' other top contender, Game Winner. Maximum Security dominated the Florida Derby on March 30 for up-and-coming trainer Jason Servis, and he'll start from the No. 7 post on Saturday.

Maryland-based Win Win Win needed a desperate rally to finish second in the Blue Grass Stakes and earn enough qualifying points to make the Derby field. But trainer Mike Trombetta thinks his colt, a 15-1 choice, has the requisite versatility to hang with this deep, talented field. He'll start from the No. 14 post.

Trainer Todd Pletcher usually arrives at Churchill Downs with at least one top contender. But if he's to capture his third Derby, he'll have to do it with a pair of 30-1 choices, Cutting Humor and Spinoff. Cutting Humor, the Sunland Derby champion, will start from the No. 10 post. Spinoff, the Louisiana Derby runner-up, will start from the No. 19 post.

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## The field

145th Run for the Roses  
Churchill Downs  
Post time: 5:50 p.m. Saturday, NBC-5

**1. WAR OF WILL**  
Jockey: Tyler Gaffalione  
Trainer: Mark E. Casse  
Prep: 9th, Louisiana Derby  
Last 3 races: 9th, 1st, 1st  
Career starts, W-P-S: 8, 3-1-1

**2. TAX**  
Jockey: Junior Alvarado  
Trainer: Danny Gargan  
Prep: 2nd, Wood Memorial  
Last 3 races: 2nd, 1st, 3rd  
Career starts, W-P-S: 5, 2-2-1

**3. BY MY STANDARDS**  
Jockey: Gabriel Saez  
Trainer: W. Bret Calhoun  
Prep: 1st, Louisiana Derby  
Last 3 races: 1st, 1st, 3rd  
Career starts, W-P-S: 5, 2-2-1

**4. GRAY MAGICIAN**  
Jockey: Drayden Van Dyke  
Trainer: Peter Miller  
Prep: 2nd, UAE Derby  
Last 3 races: 2nd, 2nd, 5th  
Career starts, W-P-S: 8, 1-3-2

**5. IMPROBABLE**  
Jockey: Irad Ortiz Jr.  
Trainer: Bob Baffert  
Prep: 2nd, Arkansas Derby  
Last 3 races: 2nd, 2nd, 1st  
Career starts, W-P-S: 5, 3-2-0

**6. VEKOMA**  
Jockey: Javier Castellano  
Trainer: George Weaver  
Prep: 1st, Blue Grass  
Last 3 races: 1st, 3rd, 1st  
Career starts, W-P-S: 4, 3-0-1

**7. MAXIMUM SECURITY**  
Jockey: Luis Saez  
Trainer: Jason Servis  
Prep: 1st, Florida Derby  
Last 3 races: 1st, 1st, 1st  
Career starts, W-P-S: 4, 4-0-0

**8. TACITUS**  
Jockey: Jose Ortiz  
Trainer: Bill Mott  
Prep: 1st, Wood Memorial  
Last 3 races: 1st, 1st, 1st  
Career starts, W-P-S: 4, 3-0-0

**9. PLUS QUE PARFAIT**  
Jockey: Ricardo Santana Jr.  
Trainer: Brendan P. Walsh  
Prep: 1st, UAE Derby  
Last 3 races: 1st, 13th, 5th  
Career starts, W-P-S: 7, 2-1-2

**10. CUTTING HUMOR**  
Jockey: Corey Lanerie  
Trainer: Todd A. Pletcher  
Prep: 1st, Sunland Derby  
Last 3 races: 1st, 7th, 2nd  
Career starts, W-P-S: 6, 2-2-1

**11. HAIKAL**  
Jockey: Rajiv Maragh  
Trainer: Kiaran P. McLaughlin  
Prep: 3rd, Wood Memorial  
Last 3 races: 3rd, 1st, 1st  
Career starts, W-P-S: 5, 3-1-1

**12. OMAHA BEACH**  
Jockey: Mike Smith  
Trainer: Richard E. Mandella  
Prep: 1st, Arkansas Derby  
Last 3 races: 1st, 1st, 1st  
Career starts, W-P-S: 7, 3-3-1

**13. CODE OF HONOR**  
Jockey: John Velazquez  
Trainer: Claude McGaughey III  
Prep: 3rd, Florida Derby  
Last 3 races: 3rd, 1st, 4th  
Career starts, W-P-S: 5, 2-1-1

**14. WIN WIN WIN**  
Jockey: Julian Pimentel  
Trainer: Michael J. Trombetta  
Prep: 2nd, Blue Grass  
Last 3 races: 2nd, 3rd, 1st  
Career starts, W-P-S: 6, 3-2-1

**15. MASTER FENCER**  
Jockey: Julien Leparoux  
Trainer: Koichi Tsunoda  
Prep: 2nd, Fukuryu Stakes  
Last 3 races: 2nd, 4th, 1st  
Career starts, W-P-S: 6, 2-2-0

**16. GAME WINNER**  
Jockey: Joel Rosario  
Trainer: Bob Baffert  
Prep: 2nd, Santa Anita Derby  
Last 3 races: 2nd, 2nd, 1st  
Career starts, W-P-S: 6, 4-2-0

**17. ROADSTER**  
Jockey: Florent Geroux  
Trainer: Bob Baffert  
Prep: 1st, Santa Anita Derby  
Last 3 races: 1st, 1st, 3rd  
Career starts, W-P-S: 4, 3-0-1

**18. LONG RANGE TODDY**  
Jockey: Jon Court  
Trainer: Steven M. Asmussen  
Prep: 6th, Arkansas Derby  
Last 3 races: 6th, 1st, 3rd  
Career starts, W-P-S: 8, 4-1-1

**19. SPINOFF**  
Jockey: Manny Franco  
Trainer: Todd A. Pletcher  
Prep: 2nd, Louisiana Derby  
Last 3 races: 2nd, 1st, 3rd  
Career starts, W-P-S: 4, 2-1-1

**20. COUNTRY HOUSE**  
Jockey: Flavien Prat  
Trainer: Bill Mott  
Prep: 3rd, Arkansas Derby  
Last 3 races: 3rd, 4th, 2nd  
Career starts, W-P-S: 6, 1-2-1

Note: Morning-line odds  
GRAPHIC: Tribune News Service  
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## ESPN magazine to stop printing

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL  
Chicago Tribune

On paper, it's over for ESPN The Magazine.

ESPN announced Tuesday it will cease publication of the biweekly it launched in 1998 with a forward-looking format that had little use for just-occurred games and events commonly covered by rivals such as Sports Illustrated.

The Disney-owned sports media outlet plans to redirect the magazine's features and reporting efforts to digital platforms, where it said "the vast majority of readers already consume our print journalism."

"Our journalists will continue to create the same exceptional content," ESPN said in a statement. "Consumer habits are evolving rapidly, and this requires ESPN to evolve as well. The only change here is that we are moving away from printing it on paper and sending it in the mail, following September's release of The Body Issue."

ESPN left open the idea of "releasing

tentpole collections such as Body in special, differentiated print formats" but made no commitments.

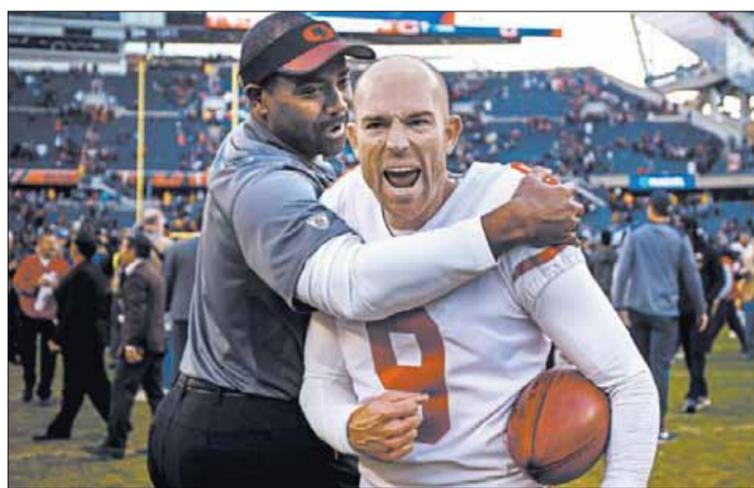
James A. Miller, co-author of "Those Guys Have All the Fun: Inside the World of ESPN," reported on Twitter that the publication had become unprofitable and its future had "been in jeopardy for years."

John Ourand, breaking the news of the magazine's demise in Sports Business Daily, reported there were no immediate layoffs but "a handful of print/publishing/circulation employees" likely will be dismissed later this year.

Meanwhile, Sports Illustrated owner Meredith is in the process of trying to sell that magazine.

The Wall Street Journal reported last week that licensing company Authentic Brands Group — owner of Nautica, Juicy Couture and Nine West — has emerged as a leading contender to acquire the magazine.

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BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Robbie Gould does not want to return to the 49ers after being given the franchise tag.

## Bears expanding kicker search

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The good people of Chicago are entitled to know how this is going to unfold in the immediate future. So what will the kicker battle look like in May and June?

"Don't worry," Nagy said. "I already have a plan and I'll let you know when it comes out. These guys have to compete. Get them out there and let them compete."

## What in the world is next?

The NFL Coach of the Year has his imaginative ideas no doubt. And as Nagy continues to talk about enlivening the competition, he hints that he will come up with a variety of ways to test these kickers under pressure — no matter how he has to manufacture it.

At some point, Nagy said, reporters could become part of the equation.

"You can think about that for a little," he threatened.

The message, though, was clear: Every kicker who walks onto the practice field at Halas Hall in the coming months is going to be tested. Just about every kick they try will have stakes.

"It's not going to be an easy competition," Nagy reiterated. "It's about making your kicks under pressure. And it's as simple as that. Either you make it or you don't. We're going to test them out."

Again, there was that look in his eye. One couldn't help but think he might be considering some sort of "Ellen's Game of Games" dynamic.

Push a field goal wide right? Get swung around in a roller-coaster chair and blasted in the face with tomato sauce.

Miss an extra point? Right through a trapdoor on the field grass.

Hit the goalpost with that metal vibration sound creating a new wave of PTSD at Halas Hall? Get strapped to a catapult and immediately launched to Waukesha, Wis.

## Gould rush

It's crazy to think about how the Bears got here. Thirty-two months ago, Pace made the surprising decision to cut Robbie Gould, the franchise's all-time leading scorer. There were performance factors, financial ramifications and egos involved. It has been a mess ever since.

Four kickers have suited up for the Bears on game day. That doesn't include Roberto Aguayo, who was claimed off waivers in August 2017 and cut 19 days later.

In the post-Gould era, Bears kickers have missed 19 field goals and six extra points.

Cody Parkey was the worst of the bunch, collecting \$9 million of guaranteed money in free agency and then missing 11 kicks in 17 games. A half-dozen of Parkey's misses hit a catapult. His final kick as a Bear double-dinked Nagy's upstart team out of the playoffs.

And then Parkey got invited to appear on the "Today" show for being a chin-up good sport about his incompetence. As if the headache for Pace and Nagy needed to get any more intense.

Now here we are four months later, with an unorthodox kicking competition about to ramp up and — oh, yeah — Gould openly pining to return to the Bears.

His initial hints about wanting to continue his career in Chicago, where he and his wife are raising three boys, weren't strong enough. So last week, he publicly demanded a trade.

This soap opera just got a little juicier.

The 49ers placed the franchise tag on Gould for 2019, which, for now, gives them control of the situation. GM John Lynch and coach Kyle Shanahan have dug in their heels, shooting away Gould's high-maintenance demands with a fly swatter.

Lynch was adamant last week that he has no plans to trade Gould. Added Shanahan: "We love having Robbie here. We understand that he doesn't want to live here long term. He's made that clear to us. ... No hard feelings about that. I understand his reasons. But I'm pretty excited to have a good kicker this year."

Still, those words alone aren't strong enough to kill the possibility of a Gould exit from San Francisco and a reunion with the Bears. And while league tampering rules prohibit Pace from offering a recruiting pitch, he did entertain a well-constructed hypothetical Saturday night.

Since you haven't ruled out signing a veteran kicker, would you reconsider somebody who is demanding a trade, whose family lives nearby and who has made it very clear he would like to come to Chicago?

"We wouldn't rule it out as far as bringing in a veteran kicker," Pace said. "We just want to create the best competition. So however that unfolds, it unfolds."

Stay tuned.

## 'It's going to be a process'

In the meantime, the Bears are searching everywhere else to find a reliable kicker and not restricting the guest list.

"Thorough' is the word I want to use," Pace emphasized. "Looking under every stone and being thorough with this whole evaluation."

Pace also has to make sure he can keep his grip on the leash, knowing when to keep an open mind and when to say "no thanks" to every candidate who comes through. That's not easy when the assessments are being made through nervous eyes, the anxiety inevitable after so many failed attempts to solve the problem.

"We've just got to let it play out," Pace said. "Every one of these guys, we'll be locked into. And you'll be trying to feel not just their physical skill set but the mental fortitude they have. You're analyzing these guys every single day, so it's going to be a process."

Rookie camp begins Friday. Organized team activities and full-team minicamp will follow in the subsequent six weeks. Who knows how wacky things might get?

Still, as much as the Bears try to add a level of fun and competition and thoroughness to this kicker search, they'll have to make sure it doesn't become a circus.

More than anything, with this "American Idol"-like quest to turn a nobody into a star, the Bears must remember the most important goal: By Labor Day weekend, Pace and Nagy must identify someone they can trust to make kicks in January.

For now, let the competition begin.

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As the debate over the use of Lasix swirls, Kentucky Derby hopeful Plus Que Parfait is ridden during a workout Tuesday at Churchill Downs in advance of Saturday's race in Louisville, Ky.

## Racing seeks effective Rx

### In light of multiple horses' deaths, ban on race-day Lasix spurs intense debate

BY BETH HARRIS  
Associated Press

The deaths of 23 horses over three months at Santa Anita in California have roiled the racing industry and prompted abrupt changes in race-day medication rules that would alter the Triple Crown series beginning in 2021.

With interest among the public at its highest starting with Saturday's Kentucky Derby, the sport — and the drug Lasix — is under intense scrutiny.

"We're focused on survival," Madeline Auerbach, vice chair of the California Horse Racing Board, said at a recent meeting. "We want to keep all of us safe, and we want to keep all of us in business."

The high number of deaths at Santa Anita has stoked palpable fear in California about the possibility of a statewide ballot initiative in 2020 asking voters whether horse racing should continue. It would require about 620,000 signatures to get on the ballot.

Investigators from the racing board are working with those assigned by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office to try to figure out the cause of the fatalities, with over 70 subpoenas issued. Most of the necropsies involving the dead horses have been completed, although results have yet to be made public.

Lasix has become a central issue in reform discussions. Though it has not been linked to any horse deaths, Lasix is the only medication allowed on race day.

The drug formally known as furosemide has been used for decades in U.S. racing. It's given as an injection about four hours before a race to help prevent pulmonary bleeding. Lasix also works as a diuretic that causes horses to urinate and lose 20 to 30 pounds of fluid, which can increase their ability to run faster.

In humans, furosemide is used to treat high blood pressure and help reduce excess fluid in the body.

Whether all the discussions about race-day medication and the use of whips are just knee-jerk reactions to placate critics or represent meaningful change in the sport is an ongoing debate within the U.S. racing industry.

The Association of Racing Commissioners International's Scientific Advisory Group reported in April there is no current science linking Lasix treatments to muscular skeletal issues that may be a contributing cause of horse breakdowns.

Nonetheless, under pressure after the spike in deaths, Santa Anita and Golden Gate Fields in



Kentucky Derby hopeful Code of Honor shakes off water during his bath after a workout Tuesday at Churchill Downs, which will host the Derby on Saturday. Lasix could be banned from the Derby as early as 2021.

Northern California — both owned by the Stronach Group — announced plans to phase out Lasix use in stages. Now it's allowed at half of previous levels. In 2020, 2-year-old horses won't be allowed to be treated with it within 24 hours of racing.

Eric Hamelback, CEO of the National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, recently said he is "disturbed and mystified" by plans to phase out Lasix use.

"Horses will continue to have injuries without race-day administration of Lasix," Hamelback said. "However, what also will happen is more horses will experience exercise-induced pulmonary hemorrhaging, which is systemic not only in thoroughbreds but equines in general. Lasix has been

proven to be effective at preventing or reducing the severity of EIPH for well over 30 years."

Some of the country's other biggest tracks have joined Santa Anita and Golden Gate Fields in phasing out Lasix, including Churchill Downs, Pimlico and Belmont, hosts of the Triple Crown series. The newly formed coalition includes Saratoga in upstate New York and Del Mar near San Diego, which stage the summer's highest-profile races.

They all agreed to phase out the use of the drug starting next year.

In 2021, the ban would extend to all horses competing in any stakes races — the highest-level events — at tracks in the coalition. That's when the Triple Crown would be run for the first time under the new medication rules.

The ban must be approved by regulators in each state, and it figures to draw opposition from trainers and owners concerned that an immediate ban on Lasix — rather than a gradual weaning off it — could be problematic and cause potential health risks.

Similar rules were tried in 2011, but the American Graded Stakes Committee and the Breeders' Cup were forced to abandon them two years later after pressure from horsemen.

An industry veterinary group supports the use of Lasix on race day to manage the effects of EIPH.

At the same time, Dr. Jeff Berk, president of the American Association of Equine Practitioners, said there is an "urgent need" for continued research into finding alternative methods to Lasix.

Alan Foreman, chairman and CEO of the Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, said Lasix is "being demonized" and isn't the cause of the deaths at Santa Anita.

"Lasix has nothing to do with it because if that was the case, then why aren't horses breaking down left and right like they were there?" he said. "Those who are opposed to Lasix have seized on this situation as an opportunity for them. It's a total misdirection, and for some reason the Stronach Group bought into that."

Belinda Stronach, TSG chairman and president, said, "We are taking a stand and fully recognize just how disruptive this might be."

Animal-rights activists say some medications mask symptoms they allege can lead to catastrophic injuries and they point out that outside North America most countries ban race-day medication.

The move to phase out the use of Lasix has been welcomed by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

"It took 23 dead horses on one track," said Kathy Guillermo, senior vice president of PETA, "but we were sure that the racing industry could change if it wanted to, and phasing out Lasix for stakes races and 2-year-olds is an excellent first step in what must be an ongoing overhaul of racing rules nationwide."

The regulated use of Lasix is voluntary, and any horse racing on it is noted in a track's program to provide transparency for bettors.

"It would be fine with me if we run without Lasix," said Rick Porter, who owns Kentucky Derby favorite Omaha Beach.

U.S. lawmakers introduced a bill in March that would establish a uniform anti-doping and medication-control program for the sport. However, getting racing's track operators, thoroughbred owners, breeders, trainers and jockeys to function under the auspices of a national governing body has been arduous.

Four of the 20 horses expected to run in the Kentucky Derby are based at Santa Anita: Omaha Beach and the Bob Baffert trio of Game Winner, Improbable and Roadster. Derby entry Gray Magician works out of a training center near San Diego. A victory by any of them would give the state's beleaguered industry a boost.

"It's a beautiful sport," said Baffert, who believes the rare winter rains that inundated Santa Anita after years of drought were the main culprit in the deaths. "We want to make it as safe as possible on these horses. They're not our livelihood. They are our way of life."

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# Roar of crowd was a key source of info for Woods

BY DOUG FERGUSON  
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Tiger Woods knew he was back in the game at the Masters when Francesco Molinari hit into the water on the 12th hole and made double bogey. From there, Woods relied on his vast experience at Augusta National.

That meant using his sight to understand the sounds.

In an interview last week with GOLFTV, Woods said one key to the back nine at the Masters is knowing where the leaderboards are located.

“When I got down to 13, I got a chance to look at the board and see where everyone stood,” he said. “I’m like, ‘OK, the next board I see is not until 15, because there’s no board on 14.’ So I get a good understanding, see where they all are, look at what holes they’re on in case I hear any roars who that might be.

“Obviously, there’s significance to certain roars,” he said. “But I want to know what players are in what position, so after I played 14 and headed to 15, I have a pretty good understanding of what’s going on.”

Woods and Molinari made birdie on the 13th to reach 12 under, tied with Xander Schauffele, who had birdied the 14th. He didn’t hear a big roar ahead on the 15th for either Schauffele, who made par, or Brooks Koepka, who narrowly missed a 20-foot eagle putt that would have given him the lead.

Woods made birdie on the 15th to take the lead, and his 8-iron to 2 feet on the 16th gave him a two-shot lead.

“I end up taking the lead at 15 — they posted the number there,” Woods said. “I hit it close on 16, so as I’m leaving 16 tee box, I take one last look at 15, because that’s last time we see the board until 17 green. And so trying to get an understanding who is ahead of me, what their scenarios are, where they might make birdies. If I make birdie here and get to 14 (under), how many guys have a chance to get to 14 under par? I’m just trying to figure all that out.

“And meanwhile thinking, ‘OK, let’s just focus on my game.’ But also, I’ve got to know the scenarios. It’s like any other sport. You want to know time and distance, you want to know what’s going on so you can play the appropriate shots.”

He played enough right shots to win a fifth green jacket.

**Back to Washington:** The PGA Tour left Washington again last year when Quicken Loans did not renew its title sponsorship of the event run by the Tiger Woods Foundation.

The nation’s capital will get another taste of the best in golf.

Wells Fargo announced a five-year extension of its title sponsorship through 2024, which includes a trip to the TPC Potomac at Avenel Farms in 2021 when its normal host course, Quail Hollow, prepares for the Presidents Cup that year.

When Quail Hollow hosted the 2017 PGA Championship, the Wells Fargo Championship moved to Eagle Point in Wilmington that year.

Kendall Alley, the regional president for Wells Fargo, said the tour recommended TPC Potomac and officials liked what they saw.

“We listened to the players who told us they enjoy playing the golf course,” Alley said. “It’s historically been in the summer, so we’ll have it in the first part of May, which is the bloom season in D.C. So I think it will be a great time for us to be there.”

In some respects, the tournament is going back in time.

The Kemper Open was held at Quail Hollow from 1969 until it moved to Washington in 1980, held at Congressional. But after seven years at Congressional, it moved to the new TPC Avenel, which did not open to rave reviews. The field suffered until the course was redesigned and renamed in 2007.

Quail Hollow will host the Wells Fargo Championship next year and in 2022 through 2024. It also is expected to get another PGA Championship.

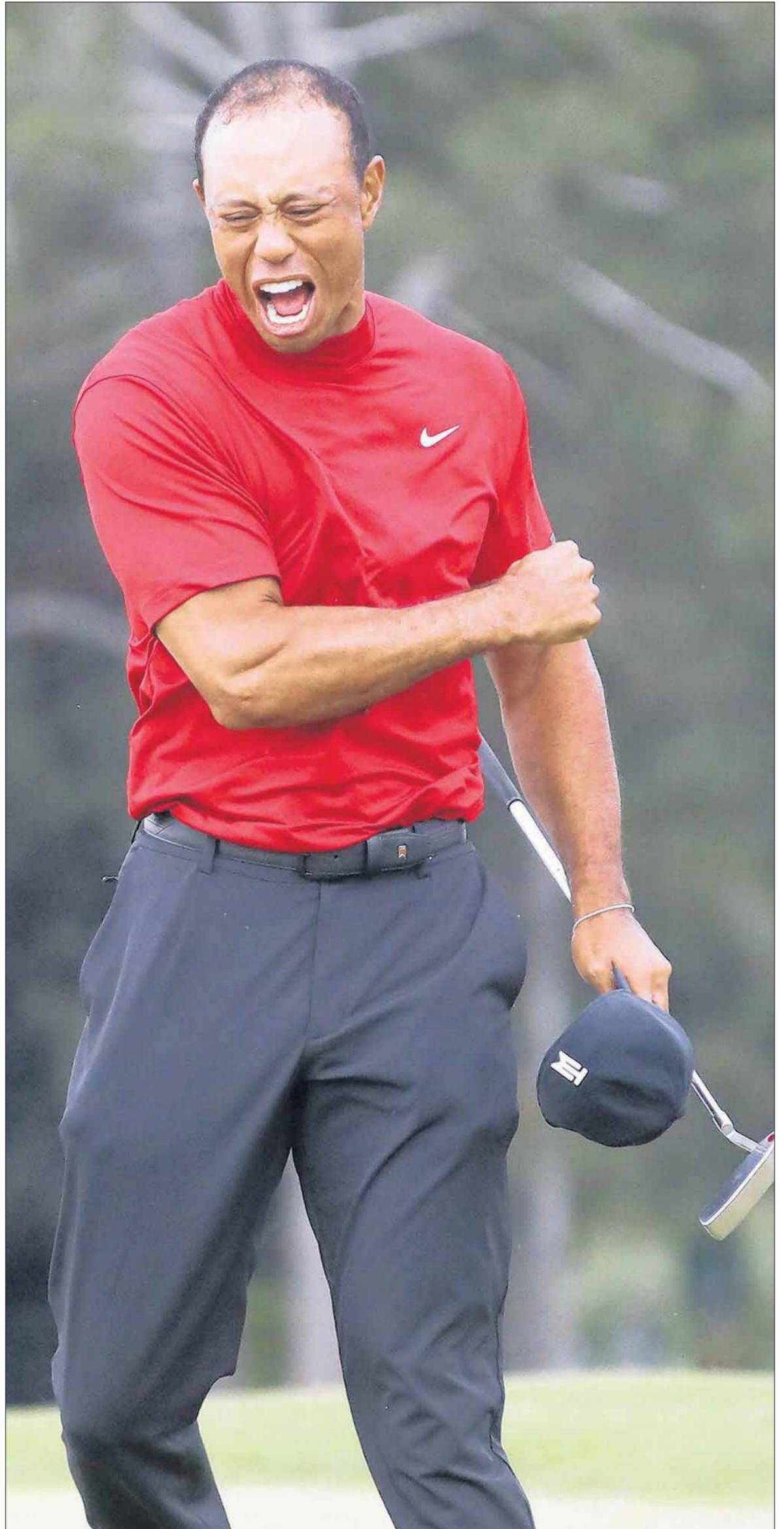
**Chipping away:** One week might be enough for Chip McDaniel to shorten his road to the PGA Tour.

McDaniel graduated from Kentucky last year and didn’t get out of the second stage of Q-school, leaving him no status anywhere. He spent the next three months working on his game, tried a few mini-tour events and signed up for a qualifying tournament with hopes of playing the Mackenzie Tour in Canada this summer.

And then he made it through a Monday qualifier in Florida for the PGA Tour event in the Dominican Republic. And in the final, blustery round at Puntacana, McDaniel closed with a 63 to tie for fifth.

“That changed my schedule,” he said. McDaniel got into the Texas Open, where he shot 69 in the second round to make the cut before failing to make the 54-hole cut.

FedEx Cup points are valuable, no matter how few, and McDaniel now is the equivalent of No. 192 in the FedEx Cup standings. He withdrew from Mackenzie Tour qualifying and hopes to earn enough



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Tiger Woods lets out a roar of his own after winning the Masters last month in Augusta, Ga., for his 14th major title.

points to finish equal to Nos. 126-200 to get into the Web.com Tour Finals.

The top 25 from that four-tournament series earn PGA Tour cards.

He gets another chance this week. McDaniel was among four players who qualified Monday for the Wells Fargo Championship. If he doesn’t finish among the top 10 at Quail Hollow, he’s off to Dallas for another Monday qualifier at the AT&T Byron Nelson.

He also is hopeful for sponsor exemptions to help him along the way.

“It’s all about making the most of whatever opportunities you get,” he said.

**Peterson perspective:** Former NCAA champion John Peterson has decided to

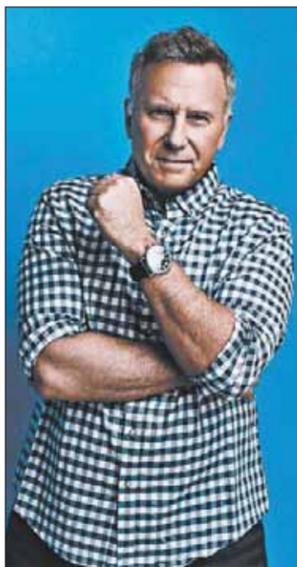
come out of retirement, this after it took two tries to retire. He told a Louisiana radio show that he was inspired by Tiger Woods winning the Masters, and he also cited Patrick Cantlay, who briefly had the lead on the back nine at Augusta National until bogeys on the 16th and 17th dropped him into a tie for ninth.

“I’m watching this kid Patrick Cantlay, who in 2011 finished second to me in the national championship when he was at UCLA, and he finished ninth in the Masters,” Peterson told ESPN Radio Baton Rouge. “And I beat him, and I beat him a lot. And I’m just like, ‘Man, that could be me.’ And then Tiger wins, and his story was just too inspiring honestly. I quit my job seriously the next day after the Masters.”

Peterson apparently wasn’t inspired by Patrick Reed winning the Masters the year before. Reed tied for third in the 2011 NCAA tournament. Reed was among 12 players who finished behind Peterson at the NCAAs and went on to win on the PGA Tour.

**Stat of the week:** Since her rookie season on the LPGA Tour in 2015, Minjee Lee has had sub-70 scores in 43% of her rounds.

**Final word:** “We were very excited about the May change before Tiger made his fireworks in Georgia.” — Seth Waugh, CEO of the PGA of America, on the PGA Championship moving to May in a year Tiger Woods won the Masters.



DMITRY BOCHAROV/CTMG

Actor and comedian Paul Reiser comes to the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts on Friday.

**MY WORST MOMENT**

## Paul Reiser and the case of mistaken identity

By NINA METZ  
 Chicago Tribune

Paul Reiser was never interested in a “Mad About You” reunion. “Helen Hunt and I were always very clear about never wanting to go back and do a nostalgia thing,” he said of their hit 1990s sitcom. “And then with all these reboots, we started talking about it and thought, the only reason to do it would be to revisit them now, 25 years later, when the kids are leaving the nest — which is what I’ve been going through — and you realize it’s a very interesting moment in a relationship.”

Picked up by the Charter Communications’ premium content platform Spectrum Originals, Reiser is in the process of creating a revival of the show that he and Hunt will star in. “It will parallel where the original ‘Mad About You’ started, when they were just married and then all the excitement and hoopla dies down and the premise was: It’s the two of you in a room and you go, ‘Oh, it’s just us — how is this going to work?’”

“And then you have a kid, all that energy goes into the kid. When you take that person out of the equation because they’ve grown up and they’re out of the house, you’re right back where you started: Oh, it’s just us. But it’s not exactly us because we’re older and a little more battle-worn and you try to get back to what you used to have — but you can’t because you’re not the same people anymore. So we realized this was a fun and interesting place to dig into for the comedy and the emotional stuff. So for us it’s not a reboot or trying to be nostalgic, but more about, how did these two people fare? And what would they be going through 25 years later?”

“And that’s sort of what my act is too, when I’m out on the tour doing stand-up,” he said. (Reiser brings his act to the North Shore Center for Performing Arts in Skokie Friday.) “I always tell people I’m not smart enough to make anything up so I can only talk about what just happened (laughs).”

When asked to share a worst moment in his career, he prefaced his story with a disclaimer: “This is not a horrible moment, but it’s an awkward moment.”

**My worst moment ...**

“OK, this is what happened: I’m in a doctor’s office and it was actually one of these medical — before you start a movie, you have to be approved by a doctor for insurance. So they have these doctors that are not, uh, top notch. But anyway, you go in an it’s a very perfunctory thing. They just see if you have a heartbeat and then you’re good. It’s one of these pro forma things that you have to do so that for purposes, yes, you’re healthy enough to work.”

“This was probably five years ago, pretty recent. So I go in, and it’s one of these places where,

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MICHAEL BROSILOW PHOTO

Janet Ulrich Brooks (Hazel) and Yasen Peyankov (Robin) in “The Children” at Steppenwolf Theatre.

**IN PERFORMANCE** ‘The Children’ ★★ 1/2

# End of the world

Play at Steppenwolf looks at the dynamic of relationships during crises

By CHRIS JONES | Chicago Tribune

If — strike that, *when* — the Earth suffers some sort of horrific ecological disaster of our own making, humanity probably won’t disintegrate into dust overnight. More likely, some of us will go and some of us will remain. Part of our Earth will be rendered barren and dangerous, yet other areas of our precious planet will still be fit for human habitation. If you think about it, and the new show at the Steppenwolf Theatre Company absolutely forces this difficult subject inside your skull, the immediate necessity will be for choices.

Life-and-death choices. Such as the kind that are under discussion in Lucy Kirkwood’s “The Children,” a dystopian, post-nuclear drama that certainly won’t put a spring in your step during these last gasps of climatic Chicago misery, but, given how things are going, may turn out to be one of the first of many such 21st century plays to worry about what happens when, say, a good chunk of an island nation is afflicted by an earthquake, a tsunami and a subsequent nuclear meltdown.

The other cool thing about “The Children,” a hit in London and New York and far and away the best Kirkwood play I’ve seen, is that the play wrestles with the certain truth that marriages, friendships, jealousies, resentments and rivalries

won’t suddenly dissipate in the face of one of these crises. History teaches us that disaster tends to bring people together across the usual fault lines but that the phenomenon is temporary. We all get back in our self-serving lanes pretty fast. And think about how we behave now. When we think about the possibility of such crises, we tend to do so at a level of abstraction. Is it not logical that, when something happens, we all will be a lot busier ascribing blame? After all, some of us will have done a lot more than others to precipitate whatever it is that takes us down. And there will not be agreement on the consequences.

Whee! What fun, right? Not really. But Steppenwolf, like all non-profit artistic enterprises, has an obligation to present

work that is the most salient to our state of humanity, and “The Children” absolutely fits into that category. It is an excellent piece of writing — complex where similar works are binary, both human and humane where other shows are predictably judgmental and, given its clever internal structure, a piece of writing that keeps you guessing.

Here’s the scenario. We’re in a farmhouse on the coast of Britain. We meet three characters. Hazel (Janet Ulrich Brooks) and Robin (Yasen Peyankov) are retired nuclear physicists from a plant that suffered a terrible disaster, following the aforementioned extremities of climate. In their living room at the start of the play is Rose (Ora Jones), an old friend. The conversations start out cordially, although it rapidly becomes clear that everyone is processing catastrophe in their own kind of way and that this triangle of 60-somethings has some unfinished personal business from back before exclusion zones starting popping up down the road. In time, you also start to wonder why Rose is here. What, exactly, is her agenda? And what is the true nature of this three-cornered relation-

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## ‘Tootsie,’ ‘Hadestown’ top Tony noms

By CHRIS JONES  
 Chicago Tribune

As Broadway looks for a safe landing between changing times and the traditional makeup of its audience, this year’s Tony Award nominations, announced Tuesday, reflected fevered competition between mostly traditional productions and radical reimagnations of what constitutes a Broadway show.

In the best new musical category, favorites “Tootsie” and “Hadestown” will go head-to-head, with “Ain’t Too Proud — The Life and Times of the Temptations” and “The Prom” positioned to spoil the party. Surprisingly, “Beetlejuice” also appeared in the category at the expense of the high school favorite, “Be More Chill,” which had to be chill with best score.

Under musical revivals, Scott Ellis’ mostly traditional and warm-centered restaging of “Kiss Me, Kate” will match up against Daniel Fish’s radical deconstruction of “Oklahoma!,” a dark, shocking production that removed the show’s traditional optimistic belief in romantic love.

In a very strong year for plays, the favorite is “The Ferryman,” the Jez Butterworth epic about



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Eva Noblezada, Andre De Shields and Reeve Carney star in “Hadestown” on Broadway at the Walter Kerr Theatre.

the Irish Troubles. Also in that competitive category: Taylor Mac’s “Gary: A Sequel to Titus Andronicus,” James Graham’s “Ink,” Tarell Alvin McCraney’s “Choir Boy” and Heidi Schreck’s intensely personal “What the

Constitution Means to Me.” There was no spot for Aaron Sorkin’s radical retelling of Harper Lee’s “To Kill a Mockingbird,” although it was eligible. Among revivals, the main competition is likely to be between

“All My Sons” and “The Waverly Gallery,” with “Torch Song,” “The Boys in the Band” and “Burn This” filling out the slate. There was no spot for “King

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Michelle and Barack Obama are now TV producers.

## Obamas unveil projects for Netflix

Barack and Michelle Obama's Higher Ground Productions, which the couple launched last year, has partnered with Netflix for a slate of projects that include scripted and unscripted shows as well as full-length features and documentaries.

"We created Higher Ground to harness the power of storytelling," the former president said. "Touching on issues of race and class, democracy and civil rights, and much more, we believe each of these productions won't just entertain, but will educate, connect and inspire us all."

Some of the projects are:

"American Factory," about a Chinese-owned factory in post-industrial Ohio; "Bloom," an upstairs/downstairs drama series set in the world of fashion in post-WWII New York that depicts barriers faced by women and by people of color; a feature film adaptation of author David W. Blight's "Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom," for which he won the 2019 Pulitzer Prize in History; "Overlooked," an adaptation of The New York Times "Overlooked" obituary column, about deaths unreported by the paper; "Listen to Your Vegetables & Eat Your Parents," a half-hour preschool series; "The Fifth Risk: Undoing Democracy," a nonfiction series that will portray the importance of unheralded work done by everyday heroes guiding our government; "Crip Camp," a documentary about a 1970s summer camp for teenagers with disabilities.

Higher Ground has made a point of focusing on stories that reflect a range of "interests and experiences" but are "relevant to our daily lives," Michelle Obama said. "We think there's something here for everyone — moms and dads, curious kids, and anyone simply looking for an engaging, uplifting watch at the end of a busy day."

— Variety



JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION

**Women unite:** Typically, female country artists only get one or two slots on a tour or festival. But on Carrie Underwood's Cry Pretty Tour 360, six women will be behind the mic throughout the show. Underwood picked duo Maddie & Tae and trio Runaway June to open for her arena tour that starts Wednesday in Greensboro, N.C. The seven-time Grammy winner says it's a great time for women to come together and support each other.

**Cave boys:** Netflix announced it will join with the "Crazy Rich Asians" production company (SK Global Entertainment) to make a film about last July's dramatic rescue of 12 village boys in northern Thailand who were trapped with their soccer coach in a flooded cave for more than two weeks.

**Wango Taylor:** Taylor Swift has been added to the lineup of the iHeartRadio Wango Tango concert June 1 in Carson, Calif. She will also open Wednesday's Billboard Music Awards with a performance of her new single, "ME!" Ryan Seacrest hosts Wango Tango, which will also feature the Jonas Brothers, Halsey, 5 Seconds of Summer, Zedd, Ally Brooke, Tyga, Ava Max, Fletcher and TOMORROW X TOGETHER. Tickets go on sale Friday.

**May 1 birthdays:** Singer Judy Collins is 80. Singer Rita Coolidge is 74. Actor Dann Florek is 69. Singer Wayne Hancock is 54. Actor Charlie Schlatter is 53. Singer Tim McGraw is 52. Director Wes Anderson is 50. Actor Darius McCrary is 43. Actor Jamie Dornan is 37. Actress Lizzy Greene is 16.



## ASK AMY

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## New mother's anxiety consuming her

**Dear Amy:** I've always been an anxious person, but ever since I had a baby, my anxiety has skyrocketed. I am terrified all of the time. I see everything as a threat to my daughter's health and safety, and I am always envisioning the worst-case scenario where I end up losing her.

Every news story devastates and consumes me, especially if it involves children. I feel helpless because I can't protect her from everything. I question what kind of mother I am to bring a child into this world. I have everything I've ever wanted — a beautiful, healthy daughter; a wonderful husband; a great dog; a good job; a nice house, etc. — and I'm petrified of losing it all.

As a mother, do you have any advice on how I can manage these new-mom nerves?

— Nervous Nelly

**Dear Nelly:** My first suggestion is that you see your doctor immediately, describe your symptoms and ask for medical advice on how to handle your postpartum anxiety.

There is no question that parenthood sensitizes adults to all the risks surrounding their children. It also cracks the heart wide open to injustice, danger, and — most important — deep and abiding joy.

My experience as a new mom might have been similar to yours. I became somewhat agoraphobic and was afraid of leaving the house with my baby. My concerned partner saw this happening and gently guided me and our infant to a park across the street, where I sat on a bench and cried. I repeated this pat-

tern every day for a week. And then, our perambulations gradually widened as my fears subsided. Positive experiences built me up and bolstered my bravery.

For now, you should do your best to avoid specific external triggers to your anxiety. You should also work hard to introduce your baby to the world in small steps. The more times you cross the street with her in a stroller, the more adept and confident you should become. The more times you strap her safely into her car seat and navigate a trip to the store, the easier it will be.

It would also be valuable for you to connect with other parents; many will identify with your fears. Seasoned parents will show you that you and your child are resilient and capable. Understand that, untreated, your anxiety will influence your child in a negative way. You want her to be brave in the world, and so you will have to learn to be brave, too.

**Dear Amy:** In the early years of our marriage, my husband and I had a small collection of pornography magazines. We have not looked at these magazines in years, and I want to get rid of them. I don't want to put them in the trash or recycling, and I'm at a loss for the best way to do this.

— Delicate

**Dear Delicate:** You should recycle these magazines. I cannot imagine being so conflicted about this, but because you are, I suggest bundling your porn between two copies of Highlights magazine (or some boring catalogs) and placing the bundle in a

brown paper bag, cut side up (so the spine doesn't show). Cut off any mailing labels before you do.

And then, in a daring pre-dawn raid, stash them in front of your neighbor's house. Or time your curbside placement to minimize the time these magazines spend out in the wild.

Or you could shred these magazines and recycle the shreds by containing them in a sealed cardboard box to keep them from blowing throughout the neighborhood.

I assume some readers will suggest that you drop off these magazines at their house, college campus, assisted-living home, etc. So let's get THAT out of the way. But I do welcome feedback and suggestions from readers.

**Dear Amy:** "Mrs. Maybe Not" was wrestling with a premarital issue. Her fiancée wouldn't "let" her purchase half-ownership and put her name on the deed of the house he had bought. You suggested that she should buy him out of his share of the house and then show him the door.

I'm afraid that this business deal would keep her connected to him in some way. I do agree with your basic advice, however. This marriage is a non-starter.

— Been There

**Dear Been There:** I've heard from many people who felt cut out of a full partnership in their marriage. This problem is avoidable.

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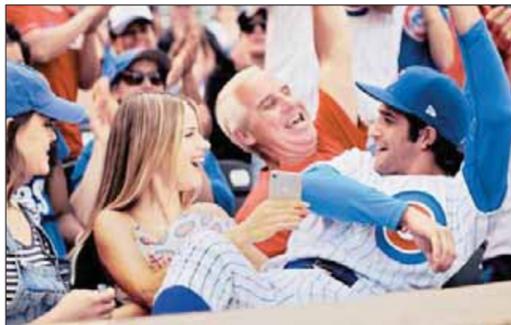
## Netflix gives an intimate look at Wrigley Field

BY TRACY SWARTZ  
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Netflix's "The Last Summer" — a breezy tale about a group of teenagers trying to relish their final summer before heading to college — is one of those films that makes Chicagoans do a double take because while the movie is set here, most of the filming took place in Cleveland.

Shots of Reckless Records, Millennium Park and North Avenue Beach are intermixed with those taken at the Great Lakes Brewing Co., U.S. Bank Plaza in downtown Cleveland and Goodman's Corner Cupboard in Chippewa Lake. The scenes inside Wrigley Field are authentic, though, and the result of several hours of shooting as a summer storm loomed.

Halston Sage ("The Orville") plays an incoming Northwestern University



NETFLIX

Tyler Posey plays a Cubs player, while Sosie Bacon, left, and Halston Sage, center, are Cubs fans in "The Last Summer," a Netflix film due out Friday.

freshman who meets a Cubs rookie ("Teen Wolf" alum Tyler Posey) as he dives into the stands to catch a foul ball. The meet-cute leads to a nighttime picnic date at an empty Wrigley. The two even get to poke their heads through the iconic center-field scoreboard.

It's an unusually intimate look at the ballpark. Most films with Wrigley scenes — such as "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" and "The Break-Up" — stick to action in the stands or on the field. Cameras did follow lifelong Cubs fan Ben Higgins and contestant JoJo Fletcher on their offseason Wrigley

date for Season 20 of "The Bachelor." They hit balls, kissed in the rain and put their names up on the scoreboard.

"We've done some media opportunities up there too, especially during the 100th anniversary" of Wrigley, Cubs public relations manager Alyson Cohen said about behind-the-scoreboard filming. "It's not something that happens a lot, but we do get requests for it and sometimes we're able to accommodate."

Lauren Fritts, Cubs vice president of marketing, said "The Last Summer" crew spent about 20 hours filming at Wrigley one day last June. They began at 8:30 a.m. and left the ballpark at about 4 a.m. the next morning, Fritts said. About 120 people — including crew members, actors and extras — worked to get the shots.

"If I recall, there was also a major storm system that

moved through in the wee hours of the morning as they were finishing the filming, so that added an interesting wrinkle to the experience," said Fritts, who added that a film crew returned in September to get crowd shots at an actual game.

Fritts said six to eight projects are filmed at Wrigley each year, and filming requests are vetted by Major League Baseball. She declined to say how much it cost to film "The Last Summer" at Wrigley and said costs vary depending on the scope of the project.

The movie — which also stars KJ Apa, Maia Mitchell, Jacob Latimore and Sosie Bacon — is set to drop Friday. William Bindley, who directed, co-wrote and served as a producer of the project, is a Northwestern alum himself.

The Cubs plan to capitalize on their cameo role.

A few cast members are slated to be at Wrigley on Friday to meet some of the players, throw out the first pitch and sing the seventh-inning stretch. A private screening of the movie is set to be held this week at the Music Box Theatre.

"We're incredibly excited about this film," Fritts said. "Over the course of the last year, we've really tried to make a concerted effort to identify ways that we can really connect the Cubs brand to popular culture to reach the next generation of fans. The idea of entertainment storytelling with a cast that is this hot and relevant, that uses the Cubs and Wrigley Field as a backdrop for part of that storytelling on a platform like Netflix is hugely appealing to us from a marketing standpoint."

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## Moment

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that's all they do: It's just actors in the waiting room. So I walk in and there's an actor, a distinguished older actor — and I won't say his name because I don't want to embarrass him — but I really admired him. I said hello and we're chatting.

"And then he said, 'I have to say congratulations, I loved you in 'Selma.'"

"Now, I wasn't in 'Selma.' But in those two seconds I was like: You know what, my memory really isn't as sharp as it used to be — it's possible I was in 'Selma' and why would this guy lie? So I said, 'Thank you.'"

"And then I thought, now I'm being a jerk because I'm lying to this guy. So eventually I said, 'Forgive, I wasn't in that movie,' and he goes, 'Sure you were!' And I go, 'OK, I'll have to watch it — maybe I

was.' Finally he goes, 'Were you not? Did you not play George Wallace?'

"And I said, 'No, that I would remember. And then I looked it up and it was Tim Roth. And I went, alright, I can see how maybe I look a little like Tim Roth (laughs)."

"I really admired this guy and I didn't want to correct him and disrespect him that way. If it had been anyone else I would have said, 'No, you've got the wrong guy.' But it's interesting, what is the proper thing to do in that situation?"

"But also, it made me question my own sanity because I was like, it's not impossible — I've done stuff that I've forgotten about! So maybe he's right! Why should I dismiss him? I had sort of been very happily home for a few years (not working on camera as much), so when of came out of my cave (laughs) people would go, 'Yeah, you sort of look like

... ' Usually I got: 'You sort of look like that guy from 'Mad About You' if he had gotten old and let himself go' (laughs).

"I'll you what's always fun: When somebody recognizes you but they're not sure where from. Someone will say, 'Oh, you look familiar! What's your name?' and I'll say, 'Paul Reiser.' And they'll go, 'Hmm no, that's not it.' And I'll say, 'That's all I've got, I can't help you!'"

"In fact, I'm always surprised when someone does know who I am. That would be pretty presumptuous (dramatically): Do you not know who I am? (laughs) No, I have kids who make sure I never, ever feel good about myself in that way. If somebody ever came over and said they were a big fan, my kids would be like: Really? This guy?"

"A few years back, I had a small part in this movie 'Concussion,' with Will Smith about the NFL con-

cussion crisis. And we're at the premiere and a guy came over to me and said, 'I just have to tell you, I'm such a big fan.' And I said, 'Thank you very much.' And he said, 'I'm from San Francisco so believe me, we really love you up there.' And I said, 'Well, that's awfully nice' — and I'm thinking, yeah, sure, I always draw a nice crowd in San Francisco. And then he said, 'My son plays football because of you.' And I'm still thinking: Well, maybe his kid was watching me and decided this guy's such a good actor — I couldn't never do that, so I'll be a football player instead.

"It didn't dawn on me until I walked away and I went, 'Oh, he thinks I'm Joe Montana, the quarterback. No, no, no (laughs)! I took all those compliments! But it was too late, I was already in the car! I didn't like to lie, but also, why ruin it? Why should I take that away from him?'"

**Meeting someone famous — even when you're famous yourself — can be exciting but also fraught.**

"Yoko Ono did an episode of 'Mad About You' which was a great thrill for all of us. I've always been a passionate John Lennon and Yoko Ono fan, so everybody knew how excited I was. And I was tripping over myself telling everybody, 'Don't do this, don't do that' — basically, whatever you do, don't make a Beatles joke. No matter what you say, do not do a I-broke-up-the-Beatles joke!"

"And of course Yoko was absolutely cool and fine and she started suggesting all those things that I said not to do, so that actually became the story. We didn't have a script and I was really self-conscious — here we have Yoko, someone I have admired for so long, and we don't even have a story! So the story was

based on my own nervousness and it became: Paul Buchman telling Jamie, 'Do not say that,' and of course Yoko would go, 'You know, people always say I broke up The Beatles.'

"So it was actually making lemonade out of lemons, because I was so uptight and cautious and everybody said, 'That's the story!' She had a real sense of humor about it."

**The takeaway ...**

"Those five seconds in that waiting room when I thought he might have been right — that I had been in 'Selma' — and I had no memory of it? That was a frightening. It's easy for someone to make a mistake but I was like, who am I to correct this guy? I was willing to think: It's very possible I was in that movie and I just don't remember!"

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# Social media is the real superpower

Internet has hand in record box office for 'Avengers: Endgame'

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The unprecedented global box office success of "Avengers: Endgame" was a \$1.22-billion boon for Walt Disney Co. and movie theaters around the world.

But it also, in a single weekend, encapsulated sweeping long-term changes in the movie business — one that is increasingly driven by global audiences, the rising power of social media, and multi-part movie franchises that act almost like TV shows for the big screen.

The Marvel Studios film delivered a record-shattering \$1.22 billion in worldwide ticket sales during its opening weekend, including \$356 million in the U.S. and Canada, according to studio estimates reported Monday. That's well above what some analysts thought would be impossible because of the logistical restrictions posed by the film's three-hour run time (longer films limit the number of screenings theater owners can have each day).

Coming off the box-office success of their latest blockbuster, "Endgame" co-directors Joe and Anthony Russo credited social media conversations with creating an intense fear of missing out among global audiences for "Endgame," driving more people to want to see it in theaters as



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Robert Downey Jr. in "Avengers: Endgame."

soon as possible. If people wanted to talk about the movie with friends and avoid the risk of spoilers, they pretty much had to see it by Sunday.

The gargantuan performance was a "testament to serialized storytelling, [and] something that can only be made possible through social media and the collective global conversation about content," Joe Russo said Monday at a panel discussion at the Milken Institute Global Conference in Beverly Hills.

"There's a very clear ratio between social conversations and success with these movies," he added at the annual event held at the Beverly Hilton. "Social media is driving a different kind of consumption."

Trailers showing the surviving Avengers dealing with the aftermath of villain Thanos' deadly finger-snap were viewed by millions of people online within the first hours of

their release. The trailers released online raised the stakes for the characters without disclosing plot points. Disney even started using a hashtag, #DontSpoiltheEndgame, on social media.

"Endgame" is the culmination of 11 years of story lines in the Marvel Cinematic Universe and 21 prior movies featuring many of the world's most popular heroes. The highly lucrative franchise has benefited from more than a decade of intense loyalty for the franchise among people who have gotten to know Iron Man/Tony Stark, Captain America/Steve Rogers, Thor and other characters over the course of the previous movies.

Fans were already eager to see the resolution of last year's "Avengers: Infinity War," which ended with a cliffhanger in which half of the people in the universe were wiped out, including some beloved characters.

The baked-in interest in the series has allowed Disney to promote each new movie while giving away virtually nothing about the plot.

The film's extraordinary success further validates the enduring appeal of cinema even in the age of streaming, the brothers said. People want to see the Marvel movies in theaters and experience the collective feeling they get from cheering for their favorite characters, the directors said. "It can feel a little like a rock concert," Anthony Russo said.

"Endgame's" \$356-million domestic debut exceeded the previous record, held by "Infinity War," by about \$100 million and helped to give the industry a much-needed boost at the box office after a sluggish start earlier this year. The Marvel Studios films have grossed \$19.9 billion worldwide to date.

The latest film also benefited from a global release strategy that made sure the film opened in nearly every country during the same week, including China, the world's second-largest box office market.

That's key for highly anticipated big-budget movies that rely on a worldwide wave of interest to propel sales, a strategy that studios call "eventizing," because they want to turn their movies into can't-miss events at a time when films face more competition than ever from premium television and streaming. "Endgame" collected a record-breaking \$330.5 million in China

alone.

"There's a dialogue happening on a global scale about these movies," Anthony Russo said. "When you can actually figure it out when you're literally releasing everywhere at the same time, it's difficult to pull off, but it's critical."

The runaway success of "Endgame" comes at a time when other movies are struggling to get attention at the multiplex. Even after the launch of "Endgame," the U.S.-Canada box office is down more than 11% from a year ago because of a paucity of hits. Though social media worked in favor of "Endgame," bad buzz online has helped destroy the prospects of films such as the Lionsgate release "Hellboy."

"Avengers: Endgame" is also a prime example of a trend in which the box office is concentrating in a handful of giant films. Franchises such as "Avengers" are the rare types of movies that draw the masses out of their houses with a see-it-now appeal, even on a weekend that saw a key episode of HBO's "Game of Thrones."

To compete with the small screen, movies have started to emulate TV in many ways, illustrated by "Endgame" and the entire Marvel series of interconnecting characters and stories. "Endgame" is a kind of season finale.

The Russo brothers, who honed their skills working on shows such as "Arrested Development" and "Community," were the ideal directors to tackle the

formidable task of bringing together a massive cast of characters with their own histories and relationships. The strategy also depended on Marvel Studios President Kevin Feige's ability to chart out the superhero films' trajectory, consistently producing hits since 2008's "Iron Man." The brothers have made four Marvel films together.

The movie industry, Joe Russo pointed out, is no longer a business of making "two-hour, closed-end" movies. Although the business of making stand-alone films had a good run, he said, "this generation is craving a different kind of storytelling."

Franchises such as Marvel will be a key weapon in Disney's battle to attract streaming audiences to Disney+, its \$6.99-a-month platform that launches in November. Disney is planning multiple shows starring characters and actors from the Marvel feature films.

Joe Russo said the competition between Netflix and Disney will be an important test of the company's strategies and execution. Netflix has a head start with nearly 150 million subscribers and is trying to create more quality content, while Disney is relying on the quality of its existing intellectual property to drive subscriptions.

"It's going to be interesting to see who achieves their goals first, because that's going to determine dominance," he said.

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Jade Bird's self-titled album blurs the lines between folk, country and soul.

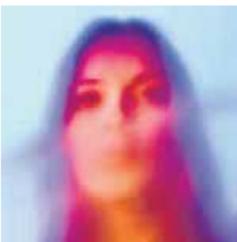
## RECORDINGS

# Jade Bird powers through on debut with a trill and a snarl

BY GREG KOT  
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It takes a couple of songs for Jade Bird's self-titled debut album to reveal its reason for being. The low-key "Ruins" boasts a pleasant chorus and "Lottery" underlines this British singer-songwriter's debt to Nashville, even as it settles for the kind of corn that passes for cleverness in some country-pop hits. But Bird hits a nerve with "I Get No Joy," a live-in-the-moment declaration delivered with raspy ferocity.

When Bird gives cuteness and craftsmanship a swift kick in the shins, "Jade Bird" (Glassnote) takes off. The 21-year-old singer carries a dash of Dolly Parton's trill, pledges allegiance to the let-it-all-hang-out '90s creations of Alanis Morissette, and blurs the boundaries of soul, country and folk. As a songwriter, she sometimes succumbs to clichés — "Going Gone" sounds as



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tossed off as the lover she's discarding.

Yet most of the time she powers through even the slightest of songs and turns them into something more. There's not a great deal of nuance in "Uh Huh," a tale of an ex getting his come-uppance at the hands of a three-timing femme fatale, but there's no denying the snarl in Bird's vocal. On "Love Has All Been Done Before," she ratchets up her discontent with ro-

mance as usual until she sounds like she's shouting for survival.

With relatively strain-free production that sprinkles orchestral textures across folk-rock arrangements, Bird also shows an affinity for lifting the emotional temperature at lower volume levels, as in the spare near-whisper of "Does Anybody Know" or alone at the piano for the plaintive "If I Die."

A poetic expressiveness emerges on "Good as It," in which she uses a repeated question — "Is she good at it?" — to subtly shift the mood, by turns accusatory, resigned, bittersweet. On "17," a plea for forgiveness exudes dam-busting power without resorting to histrionics, the strongest hint yet of the type of transcendent artist she could become, no gimmicky songs required.

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# Soul singer Green has no plans to slow down

BY DAN HYMAN  
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The Reverend Al Green has been around the music industry long enough to know it doesn't hurt to be honest.

So when the iconic soul singer called on a recent afternoon from his long-time home in Memphis, and was promptly asked why he's embarking on his first tour in seven years — an eight-show trek that kicked off last week in Austin, Texas, and touches down at The Chicago Theatre on May 7 — he came clean.

"Honestly, I'm not sure who decided I should tour," he said with a hearty chuckle. "I don't know whether it was me or the weather."

Truthfully, Green went on to admit it was in fact his agent, Brad Goodman at William Morris Endeavor, who'd seen the public's overwhelmingly positive reaction to Green releasing a cover last year of Freddy Fender's "Before the Next Teardrop Falls" for Amazon Music's "Produced By" series, and felt then the timing for a tour was right.

"So Brad goes and books 28 shows," Green recalled. "And I said, 'Man, are you out of your mind?' So then he took 20 shows off and we kept it at eight."

The reality of his current situation, Green said, is that despite not having released a proper album since 2008's "Lay It Down," he's still constantly singing. That it typically occurs every Sunday at his Full Gospel Tabernacle Church in Memphis is beside the point.

"That's the homegrown part of it," Green said. "That's the down-to-earth part of it. That's the heartbeat of the whole thing."

Best known as the suave and sensual R&B voice behind timeless smooth-classics as "Let's Stay Together" and "Tired of Being Alone," or a banger such as "Love and Happiness," Green said his being a minister is simply an extension of his younger days, when he regularly performed for adoring crowds and amassed a reputation and discography worthy enough to have Rolling Stone name him as one of the "100



CHRISTIAN LANTRY

Soul singer Al Green is on the road again, for reasons he still can't fully identify.

**When:** 8 p.m., May 7

**Where:** Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St.

**Tickets:** \$39-\$149; 312-462-6300 or www.thechicagotheatre.com

Greatest Artists of All Time" earlier this decade.

"And therefore I'm doing really what I have always done," said Green, who has identified as a born-again Christian ever since he had a religious epiphany in a dream in 1973. "It's like my pastor says, Just ease into it and rock steady."

Green said his voice has never left him — "Some people's voice changes as they get older, but mine is still about the same. I can hit higher notes now," he noted in a recent "CBS This Morning" interview — though at 73 he admitted gearing up for a tour like this one does require some physical preparation.

"We've been walking 3 1/2 miles so we won't get tired so fast onstage," he explained. "Because otherwise you start to get winded. You have to prepare for it because it's an hour-and-20-minute show. And we've got 26 songs — that's a lot of songs. And it's a lot of songs for me to remember each word verbatim."

Green recalled that time during a concert when he forgot the lyrics to "Take Me to the River," the now-classic song he first released on his eighth solo album, 1974's "Al Green Explores Your Mind."

"I had forgotten onstage what the words were, so I was just going, 'Ba da dum, ba da dum.'" he said with a laugh. "But those things

happen. I just had a mind freeze there for a second."

Still, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member made clear he isn't about to slow down anytime soon simply because of the occasional sign of aging. In fact, Green plans to record a new album of country songs, in addition to an album of American standards, following the completion of his tour.

When asked what inspired his country turn, Green said it was something both old and new.

For one, he said, he referenced the success of his Freddy Fender cover, which led to his record label asking him if he might be so kind to "cut a full CD of country music?" And I said "Well, yah."

And then there's Green having recently listened to Ray Charles' 1962 chart-topping album, "Modern Sounds in Country and Western Music" and realizing one of the best soul singers of his lifetime made country music his own as well.

Plus, Green said, he's been fielding requests from his fans for years now to release new music.

"There are people saying, 'We grew up on your music and we're waiting for you to cut some more music,'" Green explained. "So I say, 'OK, I'll cut some when I get back home.'"

Given how ingrained his songs have become in our cultural fabric, it's easy to take Green's most famous tunes for granted. Tell him, say, that songs such as "Let's Stay Together" remain essential staples in the contemporary musical landscape and Green brushes it all off with a laugh.

"Well, maybe some of those people you're talking about got married to some of these songs," Green surmised of why his songs remain relevant. "You're not going to be able to get rid of it because there's always going to be people getting married and having children and the whole thing wrapped around those songs. And that's the music for it: love and happiness."

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# Lyanna Mormont's fight with the giant

'Game of Thrones' actor Ramsey talks about filming dramatic scene

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**Warning: Spoilers ahead.** Lyanna Mormont, the littlest badass in the Seven Kingdoms and a teenager who makes grown men cower with a withering glance, got the memorable death she deserved in Sunday's epic "Game of Thrones."

The 82-minute episode, appropriately titled "The Long Night," featured the long-anticipated battle between the living and the dead. While most of her peers hid out in the crypt — not exactly a safe move, it turns out — Lyanna, Lady of Bear Island, bravely fought against the Night King and his army as they set upon Winterfell.

In a moment straight out of the Old Testament, a giant wight (or "zombie" to you and me) stormed the gates of Winterfell, scooped up the pint-sized Lyanna, played by 15-year-old Bella Ramsey, and began to crush her in its hand. With her dying breath, the young head of House Mormont stabbed the giant in the eye and killed him — like, for good this time. It was a move replicated later in the episode by another teenage girl from the North, Arya Stark, who slayed the Night King and saved all of humanity in the process.

Little Lyanna was one of the relatively few named characters to die in the episode, which resulted in the mass extinction of the Unsullied and Dothraki — as well as a hero's death for her first cousin and loyal Daenerys protector Ser Jorah Mormont — but did not turn out to be the Red Wedding-style bloodbath of remaining favorites that many fans expected.

We spoke to Ramsey about playing her character's valiant send-off, as well as the memes it has inspired.

**How did you react when you read the script and found out what was going to happen to Lyanna?**

I was pretty excited. I think it's a great death. If

you're going to die on "Game of Thrones," at least die well. There's been so many deaths over the series, so I was very happy to be given the death that I did. It's heroic, which I'm very grateful for.

**Lyanna has become a real fan favorite. Did you expect that?**

I was definitely surprised. I didn't know what to expect. I didn't know if people were going to like her (or) hate her, so I'm very pleased that she's been received how she has. So yes, thank you to all the fans for getting behind her and supporting Lyanna and House Mormont.

**With Jorah also dead, the Mormont line is wiped out, isn't it?**

Yeah, that's the end of House Mormont.

**The scene with the giant obviously involved a lot of CG. How was it all filmed?**

Basically, I was in this massive claw machine; it was on green screen. I was sitting on this bicycle-seat thing and I was strapped in and I got raised in quite high in the air and this machine did this series of moves — like a simulation, which made it seem like I was being shaken by a giant. Then I had to grab the dragonglass dagger out of my belt and stab it into a green polystyrene ball, which was representing the giant's eye. It was surreal. There was lots of fake blood mixed into that, which was fun.

**So what is that like for you as a performer?**

There's so much discussion, and they showed me what the giant would look like, so I had an idea I was imagining in my head. I couldn't really see anyway because I was being shaken about.

**Did you have to do any night shoots?**

[The crew] did 55 days or something. I probably did about a week altogether, but that was enough. It was tough. It was very cold. It made it feel very real.

**So just to clarify, did Lyanna die when the giant crushed her, or**



HELEN SLOAN/HBO

Viewers have responded strongly to Bella Ramsey's character of Lyanna Mormont in HBO's "Game of Thrones."

**when he fell to the ground with her in his hand? It's not totally clear.**

If you listen, you can hear the bones crushing, which is a bit gross. But I think she was already battered before that because obviously he swiped her out of the way with his hand. I was in a harness for that and I got pulled sideways onto a crash mat. She was already beaten up.

When I was running toward the giant doing that battle cry, we imagined that I'd broken my ribs and had a broken leg as well. So she was already pretty bashed up, so I think that was the final straw. I think she did die getting crushed. I like

to imagine she took her last breath just after she stabbed him.

**What sort of direction did you get?**

I was talking to [director] Miguel [Sapochnik]. We talked about whether Lyanna would be scared or show her more vulnerable, childlike side. We decided it didn't really fit. He gave me a great bit of direction.

It's like someone removed her fear gene. It's like fear wasn't a word in her vocabulary, which was amazing. It gave me a clear picture in her head in how to play the death, just with absolute confidence and sheer determination. She knew that's what she had to do and she did it.

**Are you allowed to watch the show?**

I've been watching Season 8. And I've watched a bit of Season 7. I've not watched the rest of it. I'll probably watch it all when I'm 18, maybe. There's a few bits where my mom and dad just stand in front of me.

**Between Lyanna and Arya, teenage girls really saved the day.**

That was empowering. I hope people take from it to keep going and persist in the battle because she could have easily stayed on the floor and just died. She kept going, kept fighting till the end. She has a sheer courage and confidence.

Also Arya, she could

have easily retreated or gone to hide in the crypt, but she went out and fought as well. Everybody is as good as each other. Some people may be more physically fitter or stronger than others, (but) when it comes to a battle, everyone can fight.

**I don't know if you're on social media, but there's been a lot of love for Lyanna online.**

I have an official Instagram and Twitter on my mom's phone. I'm overwhelmed. I have had a quick look and I'm overwhelmed by the response.

There's a great meme, which is a lamb with this death stare. I like that one a lot.

## Children

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ship, fused in bitter experience?

That's all you need to know; Kirkwood tells an arresting story with several twists, turns and (no pun intended) dead ends.

I think "The Children" is an excellent play, here given a fair-to-middling production. Like several of the works at Steppenwolf of late, the casting seems strange, given all of the emotional firepower in this theater's ensemble, especially in this age range. Certainly, all three of these performances are the work of actors with great craft. But the show also has a chilliness and a remove that doesn't always serve the text. You see the resentments and the denials more clearly than you see the vulnerabilities of the aging characters, presented with a truly catastrophic set of circumstances and yet still retaining some of their capacity to love. The set doesn't help with the requisite intimacy — the farmhouse is set off from the audience by a moat of rocks, impairing our ability to connect. Generally, this director, Jonathan Berry, is masterful when it comes



MICHAEL BROSILOW PHOTO

Yasen Peyankov (Robin), Janet Ulrich Brooks (Hazel) and Ora Jones (Rose) in "The Children" at Steppenwolf Theatre.

**When:** Through June 9

**Where:** Steppenwolf Theatre Company, 1650 N. Halsted St.

**Running time:** 1 hour, 40 minutes

**Tickets:** \$20-\$99 at 312-335-1650 and [www.steppenwolf.org](http://www.steppenwolf.org)

to forging the most intimate connections and offering up moving revelations. This show, though, comes with a palpable

remove. And thus it does not always hold your attention.

That's not true of every scene — Jones, in particular, has the beginnings of real intensity. But on opening night, at least, the stakes in the show just didn't rise as much as this play really demands. There is a chilliness to the proceedings that don't belong; that may seem like a bizarre statement, given the topic, but it's true. This is a play about both the limitations and the resili-

ence of human generosity; these incredibly skilled actors could be digging into their emotions with far more depth.

By the time you go, maybe they will have found those feelings. Let us hope so. This really is a very fine piece of writing — good enough to overcome the limitations of this Chicago premiere.

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## Tony

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Lear."

Stephanie J. Block scored her expected nomination for playing Cher in "The Cher Show." In the category of best actress in a musical, she'll be up against Beth Leavel ("The Prom"), Kelli O'Hara ("Kiss Me, Kate"), Eva Noblezada ("Hadestown"), and Caitlin Kinnunen ("The Prom").

Santino Fontana is the favorite to win the Tony for best actor in a play for his work in "Tootsie," an adaptation of the beloved movie about an actor who pretends to be a woman to get more work. He'll compete with Damon Daunno ("Oklahoma!"), Brooks Ashmanskas ("The Prom"), Derrick Baskin ("Ain't Too Proud") and Alex Brightman for the much-maligned "Beetlejuice."

In the best actor in a play category, Bryan Cranston ("Network") is the favorite, with Jeff Daniels ("To Kill a Mockingbird") very strong competition. Among actresses in a play, Elaine May ("The Waverly Gallery") and Laurie Metcalf ("Hillary and Clinton") are especially strong competitors. Surprisingly, there was no nomination for Glenda Jackson ("King Lear").

## Nominees

**Best play:**

■ "Choir Boy" by Tarell Alvin McCraney

■ "The Ferryman" by Jez Butterworth

■ "Gary: A Sequel to Titus Andronicus" by Taylor Mac

■ "Ink" by James Graham

■ "What the Constitution Means to Me" by Heidi Schreck

**Best musical:**

■ "Ain't Too Proud — The Life and Times of the Temptations"

■ "Beetlejuice"

■ "Hadestown"

■ "The Prom"

■ "Tootsie"

**Best revival of a play:**

■ "Arthur Miller's All My Sons"

■ "The Boys in the Band"

■ "Burn This"

■ "Torch Song"

■ "The Waverly Gallery"

**Best revival of a musical:**

■ "Kiss Me, Kate"

■ "Rodgers & Hammerstein's Oklahoma!"

**For a full list of nominees in all categories, go to [www.tonyawards.com/nominees](http://www.tonyawards.com/nominees).**

The 73rd annual Tony Awards will be June 9 at Radio City Music Hall in New York, hosted by James Corden ("The Late Late Show") and broadcast on CBS at 8 p.m. Eastern.

## WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Kelly Clarkson

**"Billboard Music Awards"** (7 p.m., NBC): Kelly Clarkson returns to host this year's three-hour ceremonies from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas. Mariah Carey, the night's recipient of the prestigious Icon Award, also will perform a medley of some of her greatest hits. In addition to Carey and Clarkson, other artists scheduled to perform include Lauren Daigle, Khalid, Panic! at the Disco, and Sam Smith & Normani.

**"Liberation Heroes: The Last Eyewitnesses"** (6 p.m., 1:03 a.m., Discovery): Airing on Holocaust Remembrance Day as part of the USC Shoah Foundation's 25th anniversary commemoration, this new hour-long documentary features heroic veterans sharing memories of their World War II liberation experiences, which in many cases lead them to draw parallels between the past and present.

**"Empire"** (7 p.m., FOX): Assistant US Attorney Conway (guest star Alicia Coppola) picks up Cookie (Taraji P. Henson), and Lucious (Terrence Howard) gets a visit from out of his past in the new episode "My Fate Cries Out." Becky, Andre and Hakeem (Gabourey Sidibe, Trai Byers, Bryshere "Yazz" Gray) hatch a scheme to reverse Empire's losing streak by putting on a show featuring special guests "Sevyn" Streeter (guest starring as herself) and Ty Dolla \$ign.

**"Forged in Fire"** (8 p.m., 11:03 p.m., History): A smith sets a record for this series during the first round of competition, as four blacksmiths tasked with forging signature blades from different sizes of spring steel employ the canister Damascus technique with varying degrees of success. The two smiths who make it past that preliminary round then return home to begin work on recreating a weapon.

**"Single Parents"** (8:31 p.m., ABC): Will (Taran Killam) is horrified to realize he forgot to send in Sophie's (Marlow Barkley) deposit for space camp, so he knows he'll have to charm the company owner — former NSYNC member Lance Bass, guest starring as himself — to get his daughter's spot back in the new episode "Lance Bass Space Camp."

**"Best Room Wins"** (9 p.m., 11:31 p.m., Bravo): Interior design expert Genevieve Gorder hosts this new reality competition series in which two top interior designers are challenged in each episode to create luxury looks on a budget for couples in desperate need of a room makeover. The essential challenge: Create a multimillion-dollar look on a \$25,000 budget.

## TALK SHOWS

**"Conan"** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Celebrity guests, music acts and comics.\*

**"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Alexander Skarsgard; Fontaines D.C. performs.\*

**"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Mariska Hargitay; actor Thomas Middleditch; Hootie & the Blowfish perform.\*

**"Jimmy Kimmel Live"** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actress Emilia Clarke; actor Dennis Quaid; P!nk performs.\*

\* Subject to change

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		MOVIES								
		PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	
BROADCAST	<b>CBS</b>	2	Survivor: "Awkward." (N) © ㉔	The Amazing Race: "Here Fishy, Fishy, Fishy." (N) ©		SEAL Team: "Rock Bottom." (N) © ㉔		News (N) ♣		
	<b>NBC</b>	5	Billboard Music Awards (N) (Live) © ㉔						NBC 5 News (N) ♣	
	<b>ABC</b>	7	The Goldbergs (N)	Schooled (N) ©	Modern Family (N)	Single Parents (N)	Whiskey Cavalier: "Good Will Hunting." (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) ♣	
	<b>WGN</b>	9	♣ (5:30) MLB Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Seattle Mariners. (N) (Live) © ㉔			(8:45) 10th Inning (N)	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) © ㉔		WGN News at Ten (N)	
	<b>Antenna</b>	9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson ©		3's Comp.	
	<b>This TV</b>	9.3	Hotel Rwanda (PG-13,'04) *** Don Cheadle. ©						In the Heat of the Night ('67) **** ♣	
	<b>PBS</b>	11	Chicago Tonight (N)			Nature (Season Finale) (N) (Tape) © ㉔		NOVA: "Building the Great Cathedrals." ©		Break-through (N) ♣
	<b>The U</b>	26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)		The Game	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©	
	<b>MeTV</b>	26.3	Andy Griffith   Andy Griffith		Gomer Pyle	WKRP Cincinnati	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett	
	<b>H&amp;I</b>	26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♣	
	<b>Bounce</b>	26.5	The Game	The Game	Murder at 1600 (R,'97) **		Wesley Snipes. ©		Chaos *** ♣	
	<b>FOX</b>	32	Empire: "My Fate Cries Out." (N) © ㉔		Star: "Proud Mary Keep On." (N) © ㉔		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family ©	
	<b>Ion</b>	38	Blue Bloods © ㉔		Blue Bloods © ㉔		Blue Bloods © ㉔		Blue Blood ♣	
	<b>Telem</b>	44	♣ Exatión EE. UU. (N)		Betty en NY (N) ©		La reina del sur (N) ©		Chicago (N)	
	<b>CW</b>	50	Riverdale (N) © ㉔		Jane The Virgin (N) ©		Dateline: "Indiscretion."		Chicago ♣	
	<b>UniMas</b>	60	The Other Woman (PG-13,'14) **		Cameron Diaz.		Renta Renta		Hoy voy a ♣	
	<b>WJYS</b>	62	Salem Baptist Church		Joyce Meyer	Robison	Coach's Cor.	Paid Prog.	Monument	
	<b>Univ</b>	66	Jesus		Rosa de Guadalupe (N)		Por amar sin ley		Noticias (N)	
CABLE	<b>AE</b>	Live PD: Rewind (N) ©		Live PD ©				Live PD ♣		
	<b>AMC</b>	U.S. Marshals (PG-13,'98) ** Tommy Lee Jones, Wesley Snipes. ©						Punisher ♣		
	<b>ANIM</b>	Northwest Law: Uncuffed: "Relocate and Reunite." (N)						Northwest Law ©		
	<b>BBCA</b>	The Last of the Mohicans (R,'92) *** Daniel Day-Lewis. ©						Last Mohicans ♣		
	<b>BET</b>	♣ (5:30) Poetic Justice **		Movie ♣						
	<b>BIGTEN</b>	Big Ten Elite ©		Ten's Best		Michigan Football Classic ©		Big Ten ♣		
	<b>BRAVO</b>	Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC (N)		Best Room Wins (Series Premiere) (N) ©		Watch (N)		
	<b>CLTV</b>	News at 7   News (N)		News at 8   News (N)		SportsFeed ©		Politics		
	<b>CNBC</b>	Deal or No Deal ©		Deal or No Deal ©		Deal or No Deal ©		Beyond ♣		
	<b>CNN</b>	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♣		
	<b>COM</b>	South Park   South Park		South Park   South Park		South Park   South Park		Daily (N) ♣		
	<b>DISC</b>	Expedition Unknown (N)		Expedition Unknown (N)		Mummies Unwrapped (N)		Expedition ♣		
	<b>DISN</b>	Sydney-Max   Sydney-Max		Jessie ©		Jessie ©		Sydney-Max   Coop		
	<b>DI</b>	The Kardashians		The Kardashians		The Kardashians		Busy (N)		
	<b>ESPN</b>	MLB Baseball: Houston Astros at Minnesota Twins. (N) (Live)						SportCtr (N)		
	<b>ESPN2</b>	♣ (6) NFL Live! 30 for 30 ©						Best of PFL 2018 (N)		
	<b>FNC</b>	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News		
	<b>FOOD</b>	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games (N)		Guy's Grocery Games		Grocery ♣		
	<b>FREE</b>	Pretty Little Liars (N)		(8:01) Space Jam (PG,'96) **		Michael Jordan. ©		700 Club ♣		
	<b>FX</b>	♣ (6:30) Get Out (R,'17) ***		Daniel Kaluuya. ©		Shadows (N)		What We Do		
	<b>HALL</b>	Stranded in Paradise (NR,'14)		Vanessa Marcil. ©		Golden Girls		Golden Girls		
	<b>HGTV</b>	Property Brothers: Buying		Buying and Selling (N)		Hunters (N)		Hunt Intl (N)		
	<b>HISTV</b>	Forged in Fire ©		Forged in Fire (N)		Forged in Fire (N)		Forged ♣		
	<b>HLN</b>	Forensic		Forensic		Forensic		Forensic		
	<b>IFC</b>	♣ (6:45) The Hangover Part III (R,'13) ** ©						Brockmire   The Hangover Part III ♣		
	<b>LIFE</b>	Secretariat (PG,'10) *** Diane Lane. The story of the 1973 Triple Crown winner.						Steel ♣		
	<b>MSNBC</b>	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)		
	<b>MTV</b>	Ridiculous.   Ridiculous.		The Challenge (N) ©		Catfish: The TV Show ©		Catfish ♣		
	<b>NBCSCH</b>	MLB Baseball: Baltimore Orioles at Chicago White Sox. (N) (Live) ©						Postgame		
	<b>NICK</b>	The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie (PG,'04) ***						The Office   The Office		
	<b>OVATION</b>	Legally Blonde (PG-13,'01) ** Reese Witherspoon.						Made of Honor (PG-13,'08) ** © ♣		
	<b>OWN</b>	Say Yes: ATL		Say Yes: ATL		Say Yes: ATL		Say Yes ♣		
<b>OXY</b>	NCIS: "Kill the Messenger."   NCIS: "So It Goes."		NCIS: "Choke Hold."		NCIS: "Choke Hold."		NCIS ♣			
<b>PARMT</b>	21 Jump Street (R,'12) *** Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum. ©						21 Jump Street ('12) *** ♣			
<b>SYFY</b>	♣ (6:55) London Has Fallen (R,'16) **		Gerard Butler.		Happy! (N) ©		Doom *** ♣			
<b>TBS</b>	Big Bang   Big Bang		Big Bang   Big Bang		Big Bang		Full Frontal			
<b>TCM</b>	Somebody Up There Likes Me (NR,'56) ***				The Rack (NR,'56) ***		Paul Newman. ♣			
<b>TLC</b>	My 600-Lb. Life: "Mercedes' Story." (N)				Dr. Pimple Popper (N)		My 600-Lb ♣			
<b>TLN</b>	Camp Meeting		Diane		The Three		Life Today   Exalted			
<b>TNT</b>	♣ NBA Basketball (N Subject to Blackout)   NBA Basketball (N Subject to Blackout) ♣						Thrones ♣			
<b>TOON</b>	Samur. Jack   Amer. Dad		Amer. Dad		Burgers		Family Guy   Family Guy			
<b>TRAV</b>	Beyond the Unknown ©		In Search of Monsters (N)		Paranormal Ca. (N)		Paranorm. ♣			
<b>TVL</b>	Raymond   Raymond		Raymond   Raymond		Two Men   Two Men		King			
<b>USA</b>	♣ (6) NHL Hockey: Conference Quarterfinal: Teams TBA.						Law & Order: SVU   Law-SVU ♣			
<b>VH1</b>	Black Ink Crew ©		Black Ink Crew (N) ©		Dinner (N)		Black Ink Crew ©			
<b>WE</b>	Sister Act (PG,'92) ** Whoopi Goldberg, Maggie Smith. ©						Sister Act 2: Back ♣			
<b>WGN America</b>	Cops ©		Cops ©		Gone: "Secuestrado." (N)		Cops ©   Cops ©			
PREMIUM	<b>HBO</b>	On Tour (N)   On Tour (N)		Predators (R,'10) **		Adrien Brody. ©		Thrones ♣		
	<b>HBO2</b>	Game of Thrones ©				(8:25) Barry		Wyatt Cenac (9:35) Veep   Crazy Rich ♣		
	<b>MAX</b>	Van Helsing (PG-13,'04) ** Hugh Jackman. ©						(9:15) Resident Evil: Apocalypse ** ♣		
	<b>SHO</b>	♣ (5:25) The Firm ('93) ***						Eyes Wide Shut (R,'99) ***		
	<b>STARZ</b>	♣ (5:53) Fallen (R,'98) **		Brokeback Mountain (R,'05) ***		Heath Ledger. ©				
<b>STZENC</b>	The White Princess ©		The White Princess ©		(8:57) Goldfinger (PG,'64) **** © ♣					

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### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday (May 1):** Good financial fortune shines this year. Follow careful plans to advance. Communication breakthroughs this summer pave the way for a destination change. Winter explorations lead to wondrous discoveries, before a plot twist rearranges things. Collaboration with family and community builds strength and resilience.

**Aries (March 21-April 19):** Today is a 9. You're energized and getting stronger. Listen carefully to family. Go for what you want. Your words inspire others to act.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** 5. Settle into a two-day retrospective phase. Consider consequences before acting. Plan and refine the itinerary in detail. Nurture your own mind, body and spirit.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20):** 8. Collaborate with community actions on strong foundations. Strategize and coordinate your moves to pull together and get farther.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22):** 7. Make a professional move. A new assignment could disrupt the status quo. Advance to the next level by providing leadership. Grasp a fleeting opportunity.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):** 9. Spread your wings. Explore uncharted terrain with careful research and preparation. Expand your horizons with new cultural ideas, flavors and views.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** 8. Study ways to make and keep money. Handle family financial matters for a few days. Discuss priorities and responsibilities. Make agreements, and sign contracts.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** 8. Talk with your partner about dreams and desires. Make plans, and initiate action. Share promises and support. Discover valuable solutions in conversation. Collaborate.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** 9. Your physical performance benefits from a good coach who can help you refine your technique. Get the basics down before moving to more difficult tricks.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** 9. Take a romance to the next level with sweet words. Talk about your passions, goals and dreams. Find new common interest.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** 7. Family comes first for a few days. Home improvements satisfy. Determine priorities and who will do what. Physical action gets results.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** 8. Leap ahead with your communications and creative projects. Listening can go further than speaking. Carefully craft and share your statements with heart.

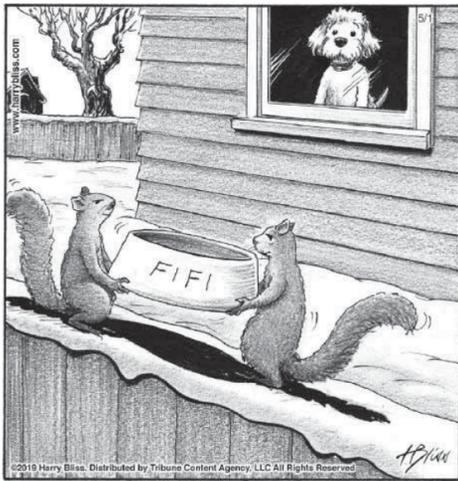
**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):** 8. Make lucrative bargains, deals and agreements. Do the homework for a profitable opportunity. Align words and actions for your goal.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater



### Bliss



### Bridge

Both vulnerable, North deals

<b>North</b>	♠ K J 9 2	♥ K 8 5 4	♦ A	♣ K 9 8 6
<b>West</b>	♠ 10 8 6 4	♥ Q 3	♦ K 9 7 6 5 3	♣ 2
<b>East</b>	♠ 7	♥ J 10 7 6 2	♦ Q J 10 8	♣ Q J 10
<b>South</b>	♠ A Q 5 3	♥ A 9	♦ 4 2	♣ A 7 5 4 3

South used a combination of cue bidding and Key-Card Blackwood to reach this excellent slam. The opening lead was an obvious singleton, but even with a club loser, the contract was cold if the missing trumps split 3-2. South gave some thought as to what he might do should West have four trumps.

Declarer's first good play was to play dummy's nine of clubs while winning the first trick with his ace. A trump to the king and a trump back to the ace confirmed the 4-1 split. South led a low heart to dummy's king and a heart back to his ace, then led a low club toward the dummy. West correctly discarded a diamond, as ruffing would have made the hand a breeze for declarer. Dummy's king won the trick, and South continued with dummy's eight of clubs.

East won this trick and led a low heart, but South ruffed with his queen of spades. He now led a spade to dummy's nine, taking the marked finesse against West's 10. South drew the last trump and claimed 12 tricks after a very well-played hand.

Note that unblocking the club spots was crucial to declarer's success. Failing to do so would have resulted in defeat. Also, it was essential to cash two high hearts before leading a second club, or West could have defeated the contract by discarding a heart.

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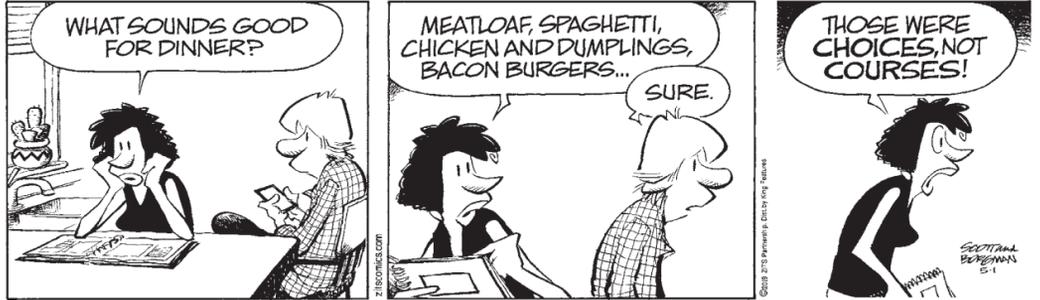
### Dilbert



### Baby Blues



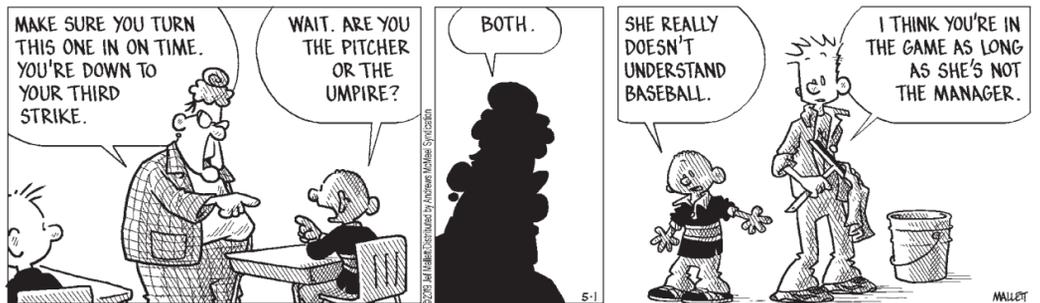
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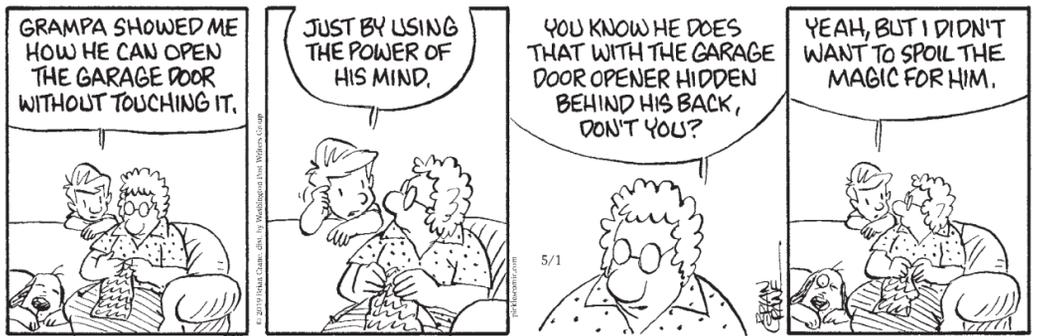
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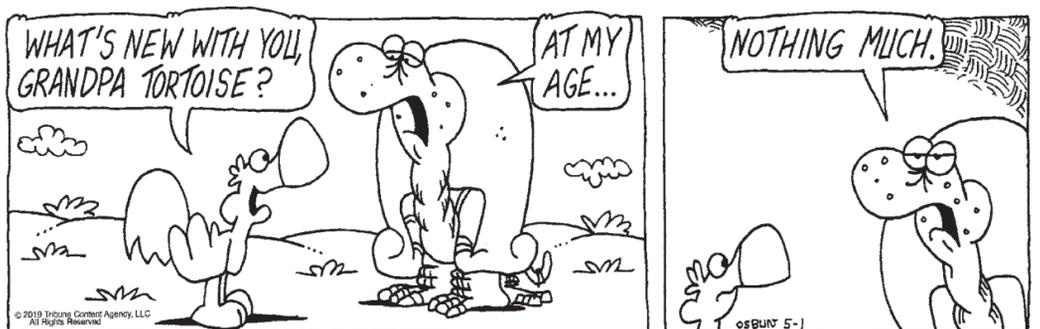
### Pickles



### Dick Tracy



### Animal Crackers



### Prickly City





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WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 NORMAL HIGH: 65° NORMAL LOW: 44° RECORD HIGH: 90° (1951) RECORD LOW: 30° (1943)

## Two more wet, cold days before dry warmup

### LOCAL FORECAST

**HIGH** 58 **LOW** 41

Flash Flood Watch in effect through Wednesday morning.

Cloudy skies with brief peeks of sun possible. Scattered showers and t-storms, especially in the morning.

Milder but temps will range from 50s in the north suburbs, near 60 at O'Hare and mid 60's in the south suburbs, turning sharply cooler late. Temps will fall to the 40's along the lake in the evening.

SW winds turn NE off the lake in the afternoon.

Cloudy, cold overnight with a low of 41. Foggy with drizzle and NE winds 6-12 mph.

### NATIONAL FORECAST



After prolonged periods of rain, much of the area will begin the day in a flash flood watch. April ended with well above normal precipitation. Rain chances and below normal temperatures continue today and Thursday before a significant warmup begins on Friday. Drier, warmer conditions are expected Friday through at least midday on Sunday. Saturday's high temperature should reach the low 70s for the first time since reaching 80 on April 21.

Portions of eight states, from Texas to Indiana were under Flash Flood Watches Tuesday night. With the center of the rain producing low pressure system near the Iowa-Illinois border this morning, a warm front stretching across far northern Illinois will bring significantly different temperatures today from north to south across northeast Illinois.

### THURSDAY, MAY 2

**HIGH** 52 **LOW** 42

Cloudy, damp, cool. Light rain or drizzle early, turning to rain in the afternoon. High near 50 but in the 40's lakeside. NE winds turn N at 6-12 mph. Skies begin to clear overnight. Low in the low 40's.

### FRIDAY, MAY 3

**HIGH** 61 **LOW** 41

Becoming mostly sunny in the afternoon. Warmer with a high in the low 60's but cooler lakeshore in the low 50's. Light north-northeast winds. Partly cloudy and cool overnight with a low of 41 and light NE winds.

### SATURDAY, MAY 4

**HIGH** 72 **LOW** 48

High pressure brings abundant sunshine; highs reaching the low 70's inland. Remaining cooler near the lake as NE winds turn E. Partly cloudy, milder overnight with a low in the upper 40's. Winds turn S in the evening.

### SUNDAY, MAY 5

**HIGH** 70 **LOW** 46

Morning starts partly cloudy but clouds increase, with a chance of showers by afternoon. SW winds 7-10 mph with gusts to 17 mph. Chance of rain diminishes overnight and skies clear. Low in the mid 40's.

### MONDAY, MAY 6

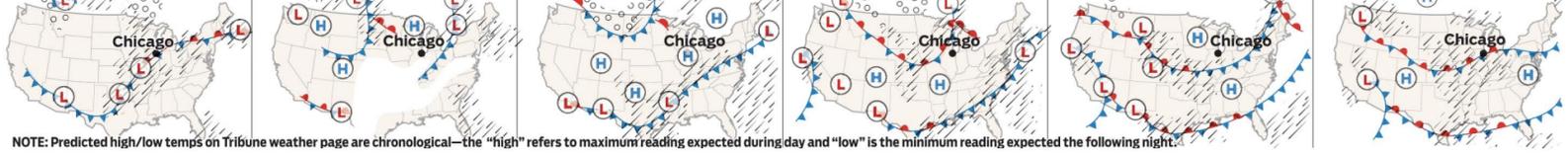
**HIGH** 66 **LOW** 47

Mix of sun and clouds with scattered showers possible. Clouds increase in the afternoon. Light north winds turn NE by afternoon producing cooler lakeshore temps. Mostly cloudy overnight with showers likely.

### TUESDAY, MAY 7

**HIGH** 65 **LOW** 49

South winds 6-10 mph help bring Gulf moisture and clouds. Seasonal with mostly cloudy skies and a chance for rain throughout the day. Winds turn NE overnight with light showers and a low near 50.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
What are the earliest and latest dates of Chicago's 90-degree temperatures of the season? Have there been any years without any?

Nick Recchia, River Grove

Dear Nick,  
In 148 years of official Chicago temperature records dating from 1871, only a single year failed to produce a temperature of 90 degrees: 1875. The highest temp that year was 89 degrees, on June 11. The observation station then was located in downtown Chicago, near Lake Michigan. It is likely that farther inland did record 90-degree readings, but nevertheless 89 degrees is the official measurement. The earliest 90-degree reading occurred in 1930, on April 10, at the University of Chicago, which was at the time the official observation station. The latest was on October 6, 1963, at Midway Airport, when the temperature jumped to 94 degrees.

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## May 2019 kicks off on a chilly, wet note; warmth on the way

### THE MONTH OF MAY IN CHICAGO

#### Days getting warmer

Normal max temp (red line) Normal min temp (blue line)



#### Days getting longer

DATE	SUNRISE	SUNSET	DAY LENGTH
May 1	5:47 a.m.	7:49 p.m.	14 hrs. 2 mins.
May 15	5:31 a.m.	8:04 p.m.	14 hrs. 33 mins.
May 31	5:19 a.m.	8:18 p.m.	14 hrs. 59 mins.

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, NWS archives

**Warmest AVERAGE TEMP**  
69.2° (1977)  
67.0° (1962)  
66.1° (2018)

**Coollest AVERAGE TEMP**  
54.4° (1882)  
51.6° (1907)  
52.0° (1935)

**Wettest**  
8.21" (2018)  
7.59" (1945)  
7.32" (1883)

**Driest**  
0.30" (1992)  
0.58" (1994)  
0.67" (1934)

**Snowiest**  
2.2" (1940)  
1.3" (1907)  
0.6" (1923)

### CHICAGO WEATHER HISTORY

It would be a rare May that fails to produce warmth!  
Number of occurrences in the past 91 years since 1928 (Midway Airport)

TEMP RANGE	HISTORICAL PROBABILITY
70°+	100% (91 years)
80°+	97% (88 years)
90°+	52% (47 years)

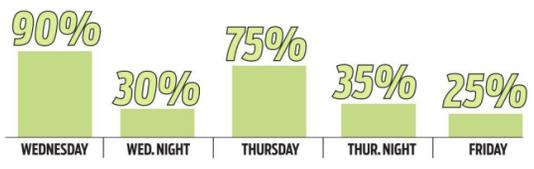
### RAINFALL TO COME IN THE CURRENT WET CYCLE

Through Thursday evening



### CHICAGO PRECIPITATION OUTLOOK

Forecast probabilities through Friday



### MIDWEST CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	ts	77	63	ts	71	60
Carbondale	ts	73	59	ts	71	47
Champaign	ts	74	60	ts	71	49
Decatur	ts	74	60	ts	71	49
Moline	ts	65	51	ts	61	44
Peoria	ts	71	55	ts	61	46
Quincy	ts	73	59	ts	63	50
Rockford	ts	62	45	ts	57	41
Springfield	ts	74	60	ts	67	48
Sterling	ts	62	48	ts	58	42
Indiana	ts	77	63	ts	77	60
Bloomington	ts	79	63	ts	77	61
Evansville	ts	73	60	ts	71	54
Fort Wayne	ts	76	62	ts	75	59
Indianapolis	ts	72	60	ts	71	46
Lafayette	ts	72	60	ts	71	46
South Bend	ts	70	47	ts	64	44
Wisconsin	rr	43	38	sh	51	39
Green Bay	rr	59	40	sh	49	40
Kenosha	sh	53	40	sh	59	40
La Crosse	sh	53	40	sh	54	39
Madison	sh	50	40	sh	52	39
Milwaukee	sh	55	40	sh	52	39
Wausau	sh	44	35	rr	53	36
Michigan	rr	74	56	ts	68	49
Detroit	rr	64	43	rr	61	45
Grand Rapids	rr	37	34	sh	43	34
Marquette	sh	40	35	sh	47	36
St. Ste. Marie	sh	40	35	sh	47	36
Traverse City	sh	48	39	sh	51	36
Iowa	sh	60	45	sh	64	41
Ames	sh	59	46	sh	63	41
Cedar Rapids	sh	61	48	sh	63	41
Des Moines	sh	57	46	sh	59	41
Dubuque	sh	57	46	sh	59	41

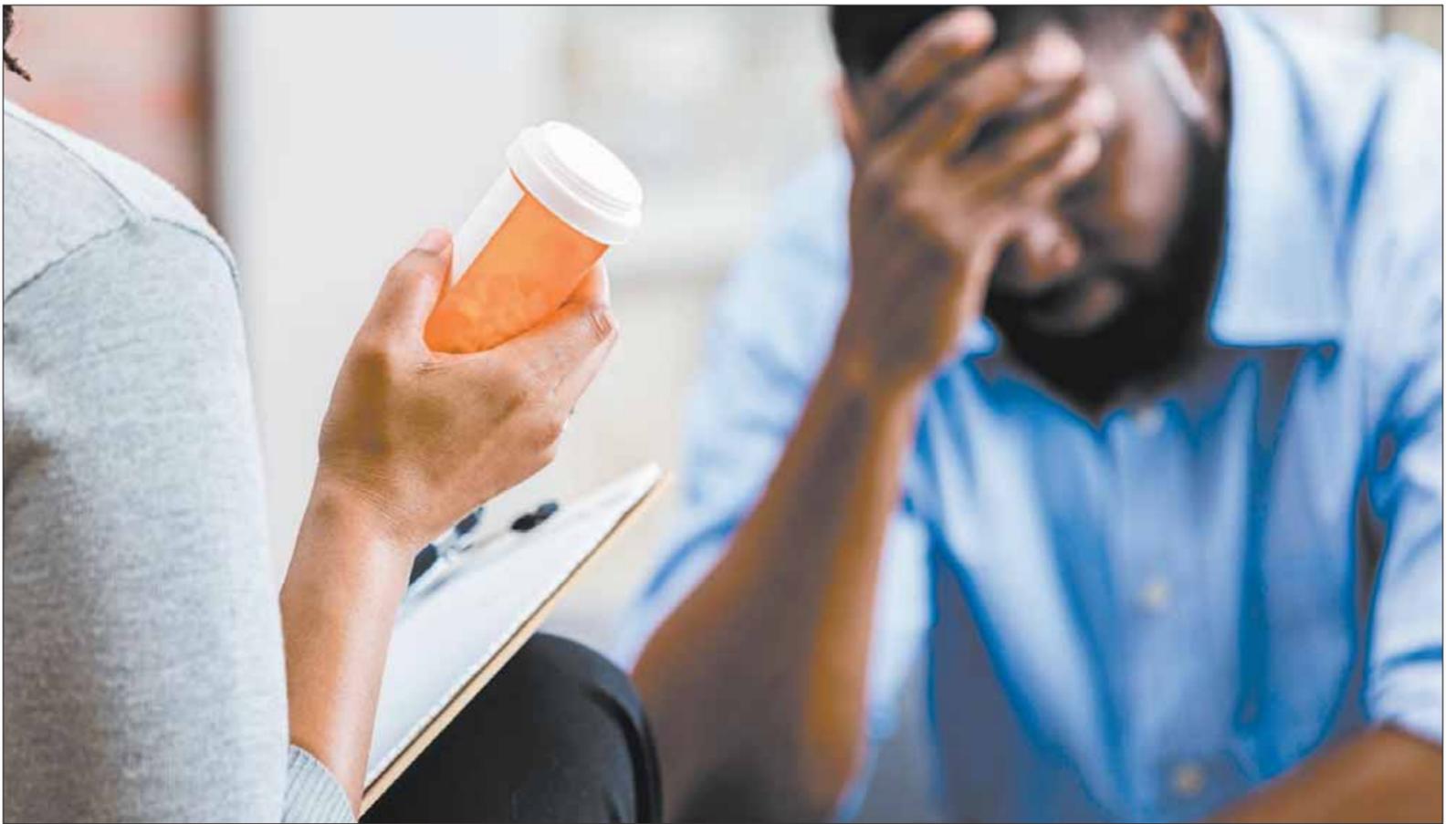
### OTHER U.S. CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	sh	82	65	pc	77	60
Albuquerque	su	75	49	pc	77	50
Amarillo	su	82	44	pc	64	49
Anchorage	pc	56	44	sh	50	42
Asheville	pc	83	59	pc	83	56
Aspen	pc	44	25	pc	51	27
Atlanta	sh	85	64	pc	86	65
Atlantic City	ts	58	56	cl	71	56
Austin	ts	77	70	ts	85	68
Baltimore	sh	69	61	ts	85	66
Billings	pc	52	37	cl	58	37
Birmingham	cl	87	66	pc	87	66
Bismarck	rs	46	29	su	60	37
Boise	su	61	40	pc	66	39
Boston	sh	53	46	sh	47	45
Brownsville	pc	89	74	pc	87	78
Buffalo	ts	67	50	sh	57	51
Burlington	sh	46	41	sh	53	45
Charlotte	pc	87	64	pc	86	65
Charlston SC	pc	87	64	pc	86	65
Charlston WV	pc	88	64	ts	83	63
Chattanooga	sh	86	65	cl	85	65
Cheyenne	pc	43	27	pc	55	34
Cincinnati	sh	83	62	pc	87	75
Cleveland	sh	75	63	ts	67	59
Colo. Spgs	sh	55	33	ts	57	38
Columbia MO	ts	76	61	ts	65	52
Columbia SC	pc	89	63	cl	88	66
Columbus	pc	82	62	ts	75	62
Concord	sh	53	40	sh	46	38
Corps Christi	pc	85	74	pc	84	74
Dallas	sh	77	66	ts	84	65
Daytona Bch.	pc	82	71	ts	82	69
Denver	sh	52	36	pc	63	40
Duluth	sh	36	32	sh	44	34
El Paso	su	86	58	cl	87	61

### WORLD CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Fairbanks	su	67	40	cl	54	33
Fargo	su	44	26	pc	56	39
Flagstaff	pc	61	30	su	65	33
Fort Myers	ts	88	70	ts	84	71
Fort Smith	ts	78	64	ts	75	62
Fresno	su	80	55	pc	85	57
Grand Junc.	pc	59	37	pc	69	41
Great Falls	pc	52	37	sh	55	36
Harrisburg	sh	64	56	ts	85	63
Hartford	sh	56	47	sh	63	46
Helena	pc	54	34	sh	55	33
Honolulu	pc	84	71	sh	83	71
Houston	pc	85	73	pc	87	72
Int'l Falls	ts	47	32	ss	46	31
Jackson	pc	66	56	pc	86	66
Jacksonville	pc	83	73	ts	81	73
Jamez	pc	61	41	sh	51	41
Kansas City	sh	71	54	sh	65	51
Las Vegas	su	76	56	su	83	61
Lexington	cl	83	65	ts	81	64
Lincoln	sh	59	44	pc	64	44
Little Rock	ts	81	66	ts	72	61
Los Angeles	pc	68	55	su	71	56
Louisville	sh	83	65	ts	80	64
Macon	pc	89	62	pc	88	66
Memphis	ts	82	69	ts	81	64
Miami	ts	81	75	ts	81	65
Minneapolis	sh	51	43	pc	58	40
Mobile	pc	83	66	pc	83	67
Montgomery	ts	87	64	pc	88	65
Nashlon	pc	87	67	cl	86	65
New Orleans	sh	84	70	pc	86	69
New York	sh	54	51	ts	74	50
Norfolk	pc	88	72	ts	89	64
Oklahoma City	ts	77	58	ts	63	56
Omaha	pc	60	47	pc	64	46
Orlando	pc	88	72	ts	84	71
Palm Beach	ts	82	74	ts	81	73
Palm Springs	pc	88	63	pc	84	55
Philadelphia	sh	60	55	cl	84	55
Phoenix	su	88	64	pc	91	66
Pittsburgh	ts	85	64	ts	80	64
Portland, ME	sh	52	41	ts	61	48
Portland, OR	su	69	42	pc	66	43
Providence	sh	58	46	sh	51	43
Raleigh	pc	86	63	pc	86	63
Rapid City	su	80	23	pc	61	38
Reno	pc	54	34	sh	55	33
Richmond	pc	89	66	pc	90	65
Rochester	rr	65	53	sh	59	48
Sacramento	su	79	49	su	80	50
Salem, Ore.	su	67	37	pc	63	47
Salt Lake City	pc	54	38	su	63	43
San Antonio	ts	83				

# HEALTH & FAMILY



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Opioids increase depressive symptoms, which can both increase the risk of suicide by any means and lead to intentional and unintentional overdose death, according to a recent study.

## Suicides linked to opioids?

Researchers say people with addiction are at a higher risk of taking their own lives

BY CHRISTINE VESTAL  
StateLine.org

WASHINGTON — It's long been suspected that the nation's unprecedented drug overdose epidemic and sharply rising suicide rates are linked.

Now health researchers are finding concrete evidence that the two preventable causes of death — which are among the top 10 in the U.S. — are intrinsically related: People with an opioid addiction are at much higher risk for suicide than the rest of the population; and opioid use was a contributing factor in more than 40 percent of all suicide and overdose deaths in 2017, according to data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Suicide prevention advocates have been pushing the addiction treatment community to address the substantial overlap by evaluating all patients for suicide risk and employing preventive techniques for those who need it.

In June, that's slated to happen.

New guidelines recommended by the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention will become facilities' minimum standard of care for patients in both inpatient and outpa-

tient addiction treatment, said Michael Johnson, managing director for the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, which oversees opioid treatment programs and other rehabilitation services.

"Right now, there's no real standards for suicide prevention in addiction treatment programs," he said. "We want to change that."

Some drug treatment programs already screen patients for suicide and offer suicide prevention therapies. Soon, all treatment programs will have to meet the standard to maintain their accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities.

According to the National Action Alliance, other health care organizations that have used its suicide prevention approach saw a 60 to 80 percent reduction in deaths.

Michael Hogan, a behavioral health consultant who has headed mental health agencies in Connecticut, New York and Ohio, said the guidelines have the potential to save thousands of lives. By his estimate, at least 7,000 people in the care of publicly funded behavioral health programs die by suicide each year.

Nationwide, more than 47,000 Americans died by suicide in 2017 and more than 70,000 died from a drug overdose, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"When people feel hopeless and in distress, they may resort to drugs. But they also may resort to suicide," Johnson said. "The more we can do to create hope for people and help them stay connected to others, the better they'll do overall. We need to address the root causes."

In fact, many of the therapeutic techniques used to prevent suicide in people deemed at risk of harming themselves are similar to treatments for people who are addicted to drugs and alcohol, Johnson said.

But with suicide, there's an additional need to develop a safety plan to help people avoid suicide when they experience powerful urges to end their pain, said Julie Goldstein Grumet, a clinical psychologist who helped develop the new guidelines and directs behavioral health initiatives for the Suicide Prevention Resource Center in Massachusetts.

Safety plans, which have been used for years in some hospital emergency departments, are typically developed in collaboration with a

patient's family, friends and caregivers. In most cases, the plans include both a list of contacts to call when suicidal urges occur and methods of preventing a patient's access to lethal means, such as locking up guns and giving the key to another person.

Until recently, there was little evidence that safety plans or any other suicide prevention methods worked.

But a study published in September, led by a researcher at Columbia University, showed that using safety plans for people who were discharged from Veterans Health Administration hospital emergency departments after attempting suicide, and following up with those patients through regular phone calls, cut future suicide attempts in half.

The new guidelines for opioid treatment programs will recommend the use of similar safety plans. In addition, treatment providers will be called on to screen incoming patients for suicide risk, using one of several evidence-based methods.

And to catch those who may not have exhibited suicidal tendencies on that particular day, treatment providers will be urged to reevaluate patients as often

as possible throughout their course of treatment.

Suicides and drug overdoses, combined, killed Americans at twice the rate in 2017 compared with 2000, and opioids, whether consumed for pain or used illicitly, were a major contributor, according to a statistical analysis published in January by researchers at the University of Michigan.

Using data from the CDC, the researchers found that combined deaths from suicides and unintentional overdoses jumped from about 41,000 in 2000 to nearly 111,000 in 2017.

When accounting for an increase in U.S. population during that time, the researcher found that the two causes of death had risen from roughly 15 per 100,000 people to nearly 34 per 100,000 in 17 years.

Opioids increase depressive symptoms, which can both increase the risk of suicide by any means and lead to intentional and unintentional overdose death, the study found.

In addition, opioid addiction has "a profound influence" on life factors such as social isolation, legal problems and unemployment that are also known to increase the likelihood of suicide, the study concluded.

"We know that if you have a substance use disorder, your risk of suicide is five to six times higher than the general population," said Brian Ahmedani, a suicide researcher at the Henry Ford Health System in Detroit.

More than 2 million Americans are addicted to opioid painkillers or heroin, and about a fifth of them have received treatment, according to the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

"It makes sense," Ahmedani said, "to provide high-intensity suicide care for everyone in this population."

"If we provided perfect suicide care to every person in behavioral health care," he said, "we'd touch about 30 percent of all people who die by suicide, and that would be enough to flatline suicide rates."

But that hasn't happened for a couple reasons, Hogan said.

"The treatment field has been so underresourced and so slammed and so focused on its own mission — keeping people from relapsing — that it hasn't focused on the suicide risk among people in its care."

If you or a loved one is in distress, you can call 1-800-273-TALK.

## School's dress code for parents needs feedback



HEIDI STEVENS  
Balancing Act

James Madison High School in Houston has enacted a dress code for parents.

It forbids the following from being worn inside the school or on school property:

"Leggings that are showing your bottom."

"Very low cut tops or revealing tops that you can see your busts (breasts)."

"Daisy Dukes and low rider shorts."

"Hair rollers."

"A satin cap or bonnet."

"A shower cap of any kind."

Principal Carlotta Outley Brown explains:

"To prepare our children and let them know daily, the appropriate attire they are supposed to wear when entering a building, going

somewhere, applying for a job or visiting someone outside of the home setting, I am going to enforce these guidelines on a daily basis at Madison High School," reads a letter on the school's website, signed by Outley Brown. "We are

preparing our children for the future and it begins here."

Parents and guardians who violate the dress code will be asked to leave and won't be allowed back on

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# Pot use worries tobacco foes

Some say legal marijuana may hinder the fight against smoking

By JENNIFER PELTZ  
Associated Press

As more states make it legal to smoke marijuana, some government officials, researchers and others worry what that might mean for one of the country's biggest public health successes: curbing cigarette smoking.

Though there are notable differences in health research findings on tobacco and marijuana, the juxtaposition strikes some as jarring after generations of Americans have gotten the message that smoking endangers their health.

"We're trying to stop people from smoking all kinds of things. Why do you want to legalize marijuana?" a New York City councilman, Republican Peter Koo, asked at a recent city hearing about the state's potential legalization of so-called recreational pot use.

Marijuana advocates say there's no comparison between joints and tobacco cigarettes. A sweeping federal assessment of marijuana research found the lung-health risks of smoking weed appear "relatively small" and "far lower than those of smoking tobacco," the top cause of preventable death in the U.S.

Unlike for cigarettes, there's evidence of certain health benefits from marijuana, such as easing chronic pain. And marijuana can be used without smoking it. Most states now have legal medical pot programs; 10 states and the District of Columbia have approved recreational use.

"They're different products, and they need to be treated differently," says Mason Tvert, a spokesman for the pro-legalization Marijuana Policy Project.

At the same time, studies have shown crossover between marijuana and

tobacco use. And while smoking cannabis may be less dangerous than tobacco to lung health, pot doesn't get an entirely clean slate.

Some health officials and anti-smoking activists also worry about inserting legal marijuana into the growing world of vaping, given uncertainties about the smoking alternative's long-term effects.

While cigarette smoking is the top risk factor for lung cancer, some scientific evidence suggests there's no link between marijuana smoking and lung cancer. That's according to a 2017 federal report that rounded up nearly two decades of studies on marijuana, research that's been limited by the federal government's classification of marijuana as a controlled substance like heroin.

While cigarette smoking is a major cause of heart disease, the report concluded it's unclear whether marijuana use is associated with heart attacks or strokes.

But there's strong evidence linking long-term cannabis smoking to worse coughs and more frequent bouts of chronic bronchitis, according to the report from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine.

The report also looked at other effects. For example, the report said marijuana can ease chemotherapy-related nausea and adults' chronic pain but also found evidence the drug is linked to developing schizophrenia and getting in traffic crashes.

In recent weeks, studies have echoed concerns about high-potency pot and psychosis and documented a rise in marijuana-related emergency room visits after legalization in Colorado.

Tobacco and marijuana use can also go together.



MARY ALTAFFER/AP

A man smokes marijuana in New York. As more states make it legal to smoke pot, some health advocates wonder how it'll affect efforts to curb cigarette smoking.

Blunts — marijuana in a cigar wrapper that includes tobacco leaves — have gained popularity. And studies have found more cigarette smokers have used pot, and the other way around, compared with nonsmokers. "One substance reinforces the use of the other, and vice versa, which can escalate a path to addiction," says Dr. Sterling McPherson, a Washington State University medical professor studying marijuana and tobacco use among teens.

The National Academies report found pot use likely increases the risk of dependence on other substances, including tobacco.

To some public health officials, it makes sense to legalize marijuana and put some guardrails around it.

"For tobacco, we know that it's inherently dangerous and that there is no safe amount of tobacco to use," says the New York City Health Department's acting

director of tobacco policy, Dr. Achala Talati. Whereas with marijuana, her colleague Rebecca Giglio added, "we see this as an opportunity to address the harms of criminalization while also regulating cannabis."

Vaping — heating a solution into a vapor and inhaling it — has been pitched as a safer alternative to smoking.

Experts have said vaping pot is probably less harmful to the lungs than smoking it, though there's little research on the health effects over time, and they worry about its potency when vaped.

The American Lung Association is concerned that vaping will ultimately prove damaging to lung health and is alarmed about a surge in underage e-cigarette use. And adding legal marijuana to the picture "only makes it a more complicated issue," says Erika Sward, an assistant vice

president.

Others, though, think policymakers should view vaping as a relatively safe way to use pot.

"I would say the risks are going to be less with that form of consumption," says Rebecca Haffajee, a University of Michigan health policy professor who co-wrote a 2017 piece calling for recreational marijuana programs to allow only nonsmokable forms of the drug.

Meanwhile, some local governments have adjusted public smoking bans to cover both vaping and pot.

As a former cigarette smoker, New Yorker Gary Smith is dismayed that his home state might OK smoking pot.

He knows research hasn't tied smoking marijuana to lung cancer, which killed three cigarette smokers in his family and struck him 20 years after he quit; he's been treated. But he fears the respiratory risks

of marijuana smoking aren't fully known.

"It's crazy that the government, in order to raise (revenue from) taxes, they're permitting people to suck this stuff into your lungs," says Smith, 78.

Hawaii physician and state Rep. Richard Creagan feels no less strongly about cigarettes. The ex-smoker and Democrat from Naalehu this year unsuccessfully proposed all but banning them by raising the legal age to 100.

Meanwhile, he'd like Hawaii to legalize recreational marijuana, an idea that fizzled in the state legislature this year.

Creagan, 73, thinks pot benefits people's well-being more than it risks their health, and he expects nonsmoking alternatives will reduce the risks. Plus, he figures legal marijuana could replace cigarette tax revenue someday.

"That coupling," he says, "was sort of in my head."



STOCKBYTE

Researchers found smokers' cigarette cravings declined after smelling aromas such as chocolate or peppermint.

## Good smells may lessen cravings for nicotine

HealthDay

Could quitting tobacco involve something as simple as a pleasant scent?

New research suggests it's possible.

U.S. smoking rates have fallen over the past 50 years, but about 40 million Americans still smoke, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

At least half of adult smokers report trying to quit in the past year, but half of those who try to quit relapse within two weeks.

"Even with nicotine replacement, relapse is common," said the study's lead author, Michael Sayette, of the University of Pittsburgh. "New interventions are urgently needed to help the millions who wish to quit but are unable."

The study included 232 smokers, aged 18 to 55, who were not trying to quit and were not using any nicotine replacement. In a series of experiments, the researchers found that the smokers' cigarette cravings declined after they smelled pleasant aromas, such as chocolate, apple, peppermint, lemon

or vanilla.

"Despite disappointing relapse rates, there have been few new approaches to smoking cessation, in general, and to craving relief in particular," Sayette said in a news release from the American Psychological Association.

"Using pleasant odors to disrupt smoking routines would offer a distinct and novel method for reducing cravings, and our results to this end are promising," he added.

Pleasant aromas may work by distracting smokers from thoughts of their nicotine craving to memories linked with the aromas, Sayette said. However, more research would need to be done to confirm this theory, he noted.

"Our research suggests that the use of pleasant odors shows promise for controlling nicotine cravings in individuals who are trying to quit smoking," he said.

Sayette added that more studies are required to determine if this approach could be useful alone or in combination with other methods.

## Stevens

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school property until they return appropriately dressed, she writes.

The dress code was added to the school website the day after a local TV station reported that a parent was turned away from enrolling her daughter at Madison High School because she was wearing a T-shirt dress and headscarf, according to the Houston Chronicle.

Refreshing? Overstepping? Racist?

It's being called all of the above, and then some.

"I'm sorry," Zeph Capo, president of the Houston Federation of Teachers, told the Chronicle. "This principal may have plenty of money and time to go to the hairdresser weekly and have her stuff done. Having a wrap on your head is not offensive. It should not be controversial."

Capo called dress codes that police women's hair "classist," "belittling" and "dismissive."

The Madison student body is 58 percent Hispanic and 40 percent African American, according to Houston Independent School District data. Seventy-four percent of students are eligible for free and reduced-priced lunch.

"I'm almost insulted," Tomiko Miller, the mother of a Madison High School student, told the newspaper. "I really think it was discriminatory, the language that was used. It was demeaning. And I'm African American — and if it's misty outside and I have a hair bonnet on, I don't see how that's anyone's business."

I don't either. Ashton P. Woods, the founder of Black Lives Matter Houston and a candidate for Houston City Council, tweeted that the principal, who is African American and a Madison High School graduate, should be fired.

"This is ELITISM and RESPECTABILITY POLI-



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A high school principal doesn't want parents on school property if they're wearing pajamas, leggings, hair rollers, shower caps or other attire deemed inappropriate.

TICS," Woods wrote.

On the other hand ...

"I think I'm actually a fan of this," another Twitter user wrote. "If the kids have a uniform, why shouldn't the parents have to dress and behave appropriately?"

Who gets to decide what's appropriate, though?

What if the leggings are Lululemon and the mom in question just finished Pilates before picking up her kid? Is that appropriate? What's offensive about a satin cap? Who determines what counts as "pajamas of any kind?"

The principal, obviously. At least in this case.

I admire her mission to make her school a place that prepares students for life, not just the stuff that shows up on a test. All principals should hope to do so.

I admire her desire to view any and all adults as potential role models, knowing kids absorb and learn from everyone around them — not just those in official teaching, coaching and mentoring roles.

But good parenting doesn't look one single way.

Kids, even high schoolers (especially high school-

ers) need our presence and our time and our guidance. They need rides and food and money and patience and help on that paper and advice about that boy and hope that the hard stuff will pass.

A lot of that happens in leggings. And shower caps. And pajamas of any kind.

Parenting is a job, sort of. But you don't excel at it by dressing appropriately and showing up at a certain hour and meeting your year-over-year goals. You excel at it by knowing it requires every fiber of your being, every hour of your life and, often, the willingness to drop everything and go get your kid.

I'm not sure what it teaches kids when their parents are mandated to look and dress a certain way within that process.

In 2017, Evanston Township High School revamped its dress code to better accommodate a student body that felt the old rules were discriminatory and unfairly applied.

With the support of Principal Marcus Campbell and other administrators, ETHS students surveyed classmates about what they'd like to see in a new dress code (a ban on clothing containing violent

language or images, hate speech, images depicting drug or alcohol use) and what they wanted to drop from the old code. The answers informed the new policies.

I wonder if a similar approach wouldn't work well in Houston — in any school, really, that finds itself embroiled in debates about what's appropriate attire.

Rather than policing parents' clothing and hair, maybe the principal could launch a dialogue with parents about her goals for their kids and why she thinks their attire affects those goals.

And then she could listen and absorb their feedback.

As it stands, it seems like the principal and parents are pitted against one another. That's unfortunate, especially since I have a feeling they all want the same thing: A bright, healthy, beautiful future for their kids.

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# Telemedicine linked to more antibiotics for kids

BY MIKE STOBBE  
Associated Press

Telemedicine may be leading to the overprescribing of antibiotics to sniffing children, a new study suggests.

Kids with cold symptoms seen via telemedicine visits were far more likely to be prescribed antibiotics than those who went to a doctor's office or clinic, researchers found. And a higher proportion of those prescriptions disregarded medical guidelines, raising the risk they could cause side effects or contribute to the rise of antibiotic-resistant germs.

"I understand the desire for care that's more convenient and timely," said the study's lead author, Dr. Kristin Ray of the University of Pittsburgh. "But we want to make sure that we don't sacrifice quality or safety or effectiveness in the process."

The study was published in April in the journal *Pediatrics*.

Ray and her colleagues looked at more than 340,000 insured children who had acute respiratory illness medical visits in 2015 and 2016.

Children received prescriptions for antibiotics more than half the time during telemedicine visits, compared with 42 percent at urgent care clinics and 31 percent at doctors' offices.

While overprescribing can help germs build resistance to antibiotics and mutate into untreatable superbugs, they also can add a needless cost to medical bills and even cause serious side effects, said Tim Landers, an Ohio State University expert on antibiotic-resistant infections.

"These are not harmless drugs," Landers said, who was not involved in the study.



RICH PEDRONCELLI/AP

The use of telemedicine may be leading to the overprescribing of antibiotics to kids, according to a new study.

The researchers also found that in looking at telemedicine doctors' decisions about whether to prescribe or not prescribe antibiotics, 4 out of 10 failed to meet medical guidelines on matching treatment to diagnosis. That mainly had to do with doctors prescribing bacteria-fighting drugs to treat viral illnesses, such as colds and flus, that are unaffected by antibiotics.

In comparison, 3 out of 10 urgent care clinic decisions were inappropriate, and about 2 out of 10 doctors' office decisions were.

The researchers also found telemedicine physicians appeared to be ignoring other guidelines. For example, doctors are supposed to take a throat swab and run a lab test before diagnosing strep throat. But that rarely happened in telemedicine visits, Ray said.

A large recent study on antibiotic prescribing patterns for adults found little difference between telemedicine and office visits. But there has been little study of the issue in children.

During telemedicine visits, patients interact with doctors and nurses through video or audio calls. They can be less

expensive and easier than trying to get in at a pediatrician's office or hauling kids to an urgent care center. Some doctors and hospital systems use the technology for consultations, but the study focused on direct-to-consumer telemedicine programs that someone can call up without talking to their regular doctor.

Only about 1 percent of the sick kids in the study were seen through such visits.

The American Academy of Pediatrics, which publishes the journal, encourages parents not to use such direct-to-consumer programs. Academy officials say limited physical examinations and lack of access to patient records can harm care.

But telemedicine seems to be catching on, especially among employers who believe it can save money, said Jason Doctor, a University of Southern California health policy and economics researcher.

Doctor is examining ways to improve antibiotic prescribing at telehealth firms. It's an important issue, he said, because "telemedicine is going to grow. It's going to become a more routine part of people's medical care."

## PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

# Honey may help heartburn, but more testing is needed

BY JOE GRAEDON  
AND TERESA GRAEDON  
King Features Syndicate

**Q: My mother has neck and back pain and sees a physical therapist for it. When her PT was unavailable for a few weeks, she was in considerable pain.**

**I suggested she take aspirin for pain relief, but it gives her terrible heartburn. All NSAIDs do. A few weeks ago, I read about a study in which rats with NSAID-induced ulcers were given honey. In two weeks, the honey had healed 83 percent of the ulcers and protected their stomachs from further damage. I decided to do an experiment: Mom agreed to try taking honey with her aspirin. The result: no heartburn.**

**A:** Your experiment is fascinating. A review of research suggests that honey can heal ulcers in rats (*Evidence Based Complementary and Alternative Medicine*, July 15, 2018). That said, until there is a clinical trial with human subjects, this approach is at best experimental.

**Q: I'm confused about tests for diabetes. I had some blood sugar measurements near 300. That means I have diabetes. However, my HbA1C blood test was always below 6, which I understand is considered normal. Then my physician ordered a test where you have to have your blood sugar measured three times in two hours after you drink some sugary stuff. This test confirmed that my body can't handle sugar well. The levels were out of whack. I started taking medication for diabetes**



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**and was able to get my blood sugar levels down. Why didn't the A1C test ever indicate any issue?**

**A:** A new study suggests that the oral glucose tolerance test you describe is far more accurate than the A1C blood test doctors often use. The researchers conducted both tests for 9,000 people who had not been diagnosed with diabetes (*Annual Meeting of the Endocrine Society*, March 2019). The OGTT revealed diabetes in many people whose levels of hemoglobin A1C were within the normal range.

**Q: You wrote that PPI drugs for acid reflux can put a person at risk for kidney disease. That happened to me.**

**I quit taking the PPI upon learning that I had stage 3 kidney disease, and my kidney function is holding steady now. Changing from the PPI was a fairly easy process. I went to Zantac, and it works well in controlling my GERD. Why does anyone take these PPI medicines?**

**A:** GERD, or gastroesophageal reflux disease, is not only unpleasant, it also can lead to changes in the lining of the esophagus. Before proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) such as esomeprazole (Nexium), lansoprazole (Prevacid)

and omeprazole (Prilosec), doctors prescribed H2 blockers such as cimetidine (Tagamet), famotidine (Pepcid) and ranitidine (Zantac). H2 blockers work reasonably well to control chronic heartburn without damaging the kidneys (*Scientific Reports*, online, Feb. 19, 2019).

**Q: My doctor prescribed an antibiotic (levofloxacin, or Lev-aquin) and a probiotic (Primadophilus) for an infection. I am to take one pill of each daily, but it seems to me like one cancels out the other.**

**A:** People often turn to probiotics to help the digestive tract recover from a course of antibiotic therapy. That is because antibacterial drugs can disrupt the ecology of the gut bacteria.

A study of probiotics following antibiotic treatment demonstrated that these "beneficial bacteria" can actually slow recovery of the normal microbiota (*Cell*, Sept. 6, 2018). What may work better is to restore the microbial ecology with a transplant of stool taken before the course of antibiotics.

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# Falling for scams may indicate risk of dementia

Aging's normal cognitive slowing can cause problems

BY LAURAN NEERGAARD  
Associated Press

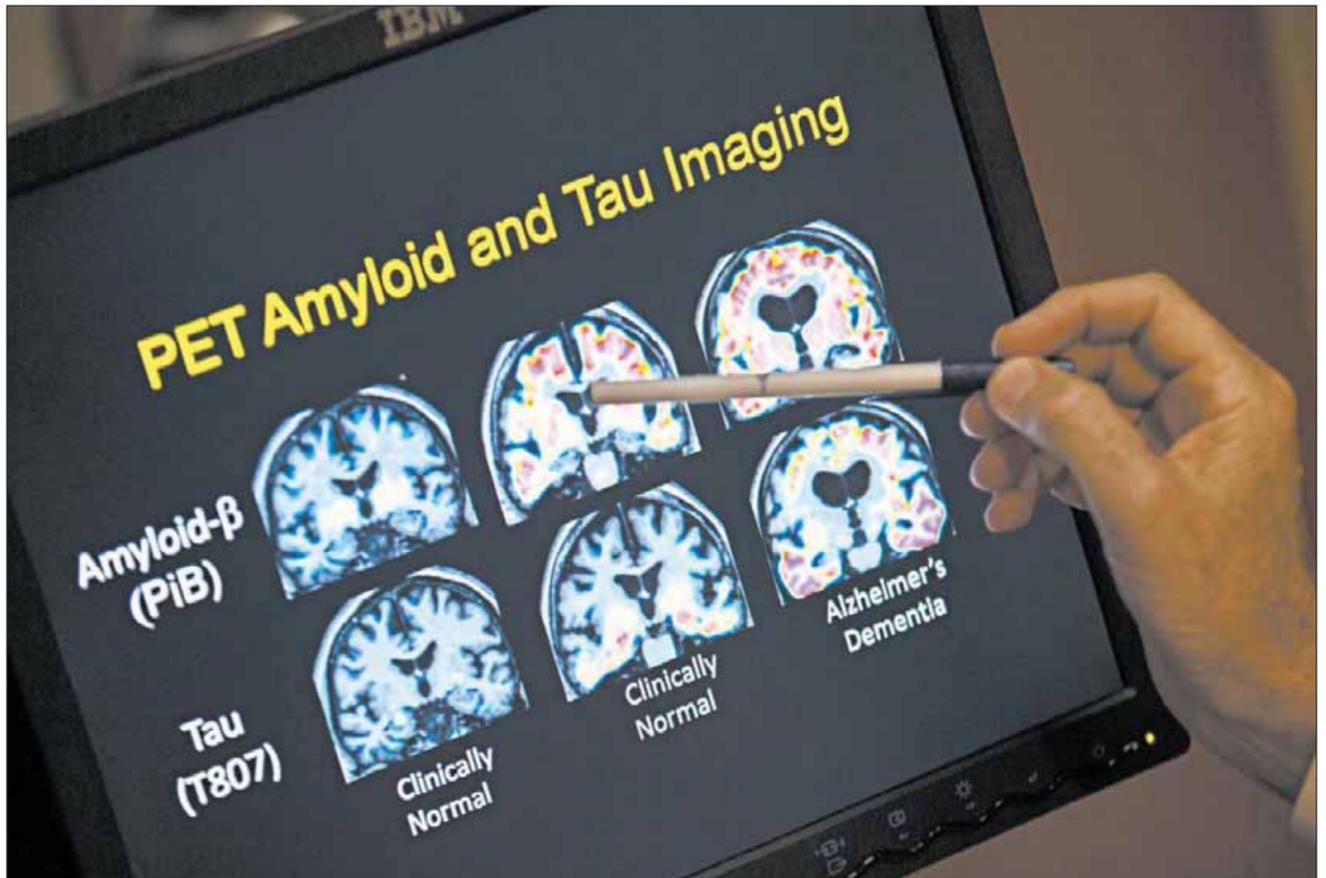
Does an older friend or relative have a hard time hanging up on telemarketers? Or get excited about a "You've won a prize" voicemail? New research suggests seniors who aren't on guard against scams also might be at risk for eventually developing Alzheimer's disease.

Elder fraud is a huge problem, and the recent study doesn't mean that people who fall prey to a con artist have some sort of dementia brewing.

But scientists know that long before the memory problems of Alzheimer's become obvious, people experience more subtle changes in their thinking and judgment. Neuropsychologist Patricia Boyle of Rush University's Alzheimer's disease center wondered if one of the warning signs might be the type of judgment missteps that can leave someone susceptible to scams.

"When a con artist approaches an older person, they're looking for a social vulnerability — someone who is open to having a conversation with a complete stranger," said Boyle. Then the older person must interpret that stranger's intentions and emotions, with little else to go on, in deciding whether to believe what they're peddling, she explained.

Boyle turned to data from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, which operates a fraud "risk meter," to determine behaviors that could signal scam vulnerability — things such as answering the phone when you don't recognize the number, listening to telemarketers, finding it difficult to end unsolicited calls, being open to potentially risky investments and not realiz-



EVAN VUCCI/AP

Long before the memory problems of Alzheimer's become obvious, people experience more subtle changes in their thinking and judgment.

ing that seniors often face financial exploitation.

Boyle studied 935 seniors, mostly in their 70s and 80s, with no known brain problems who were enrolled in a long-running memory and aging project in Chicago. They took a scam awareness questionnaire and then took yearly brain tests for an average of six years.

During the study, 151 seniors were diagnosed with Alzheimer's and another 255 with mild cognitive impairment, sometimes a precursor for Alzheimer's. The participants who'd had what Boyle calls low scam awareness at the study's start were more likely to have developed each of those conditions than seniors who were

more aware of scam vulnerability.

For a closer look, the 264 participants who died during the study underwent brain autopsies. Sure enough, the lower the scam awareness at the study's start, the more people had a buildup of sticky plaque in their brains that is a hallmark of Alzheimer's, Boyle reported in *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

The study can't prove a link between low scam awareness and impending decline in thinking and memory, cautioned Dr. Jason Karlawish of the University of Pennsylvania in an accompanying editorial.

Karlawish described one of his own patients who confessed to a grandson, "I

think I've been had" by a lottery scam that persuaded him to pay taxes upfront so he could receive his purported winnings. It was just too hard to hang up on the polite caller. Three years later, that patient showed no sign of cognitive impairment, said Karlawish, who said he's flummoxed by how the clever crooks managed to rob the man.

Still, the study results "should be a call to action to health care systems, the financial services industry and their regulators," Karlawish wrote, urging further research into what he called "notable findings."

The possible scam link isn't surprising, agreed Alzheimer's Association Vice President Beth

Kallmyer, who also said it needs more research. In fact, she said, seniors may be reluctant to report fraud for fear family members will suspect they were sucked in because of health problems.

She advises seniors simply to not answer unsolicited calls or emails from people they don't recognize, making it harder for them to be targeted.

Previous research has suggested that seniors can begin to have trouble managing their finances even with aging's normal cognitive slowing.

And the rise in elder fraud has reached such a level that investment firms now are supposed to ask customers for the contact information of a "trusted

person" they can alert if they suspect a case of financial exploitation. Federal agents recently broke up a Medicare scam that sold unneeded orthopedic braces to hundreds of thousands of seniors. And every tax season, the government warns people not to fall for phone calls from IRS impostors — that agency won't call for payment.

"As older people start making mistakes in financial, health care and other types of complex decisions, we do need to raise awareness and start asking, 'Do they need some help?'" Boyle said. "It doesn't necessarily mean someone is going to go on to develop dementia. But we should become more aware."

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## PHIL'S 50



### 13 new faces among Chicago's top restaurants

BY PHIL VETTEL  
Chicago Tribune

Welcome back to Phil's 50, my twice-yearly list of the most intriguing and interesting restaurants in Chicago. This newest iteration is a little tardy; my last Phil's 50 was in August.

Since then, a lot has changed in Chicago's dynamic dining scene, and this list reflects that. Thirteen restaurants are making the list for the first time, five of them in the top 25, led by Kyoten (debuting at No. 14), Avec (at No. 15, arguably long overdue), Jeong (No. 17), Bar Sotano (No. 24) and Brindille (No. 25). The other new arrivals are Les Nomades (No. 28), Virtue (No. 31), Temporis (No. 36), Boeufhaus (No. 42), Brass Heart (No. 43),

Twain (No. 47), Funkenhausen (No. 48) and Yugen (No. 49).

The trouble with a list like this is that it's a zero-sum game; for every name that's added, another name must come off, and those decisions are rarely easy — if I didn't think these restaurants were worthy, they wouldn't be on the list in the first place — except when a restaurant goes out of business.

But of all the restaurants in the August Phil's 50, only one restaurant — the luckless Salero, a restaurant I liked very much — is no longer with us.

Other factors include temporary closings, and so the exemplary George Trois — reopening in just a few days after a two-month remodel — isn't on this list. Chef



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Chef Otto Phan opened Kyoten, 2507 W. Armitage Ave., in Chicago in the fall. It debuts on the list at No. 14.

changes made me put a wait-and-see label on Nico Osteria, Roister, Band of Bohemia and Mordecai, and it's the reason that Le Sud isn't among this list's new additions. Others dropped off because I hadn't visited in a long time, or because I needed room for new faces.

And, at the risk of repeating myself, Phil's 50 isn't meant to reflect the absolute best 50 restaurants in town. I strive for balance

among various cuisines (one reason I've never had more than three steakhouses on the list, and only one on this list), price range (this isn't supposed to be Phil's Favorite Unaffordable Dining Experiences) and, when I can, geography (which the temporary hiatus by Winnetka's George Trois didn't help). The list definitely skews new, although four of my 13 added restaurants are 4 or more years old (and two are older

than 15).

As I've said before, this is the kind of list that makes 50 friends and 150 enemies, but I'll be back with another Phil's 50 before the year is out. Suggestions welcome.

For the complete list, and stories about each, go online to [chicagotribune.com/phils50](http://chicagotribune.com/phils50).

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French fries served on top of a Chicago dog at Mr. D's Shish Kabobs. The restaurant's large fries are dropped twice in vegetable fat and beef tallow.

## Chicago's best french fries under \$5

Our 20 top picks after trying 106 restaurants

BY LOUISA CHU AND NICK KINDELSPERGER | Chicago Tribune

Of the many ways to describe Chicago, a french fry paradise probably doesn't spring to mind first. A city stuffed with extra-thick pizza and political corruption? Sure. But a Shangri-La of freshly cut potatoes bubbling in hot oil? Not exactly.

Perhaps you should reconsider.

While you can find great fries all over the country, the sad fact is that even when you discount most fast-food chains, the majority of restaurants purchase frozen fries. It's cheaper and easier to do so. But for some stubborn reason, Chicago is a city dedicated to fresh-cut french fries, the kind that start with actual potatoes punched through a fry

cutter and then cooked twice in oil (first at a lower temperature, and then at a higher temperature). The fries that emerge from the oil sport crispier crusts and creamier insides than their frozen counterparts. Instead of tasting like oil, they capture pure potato flavor.

Restaurants at every price point and in all areas of the city serve fresh-cut fries, from fancy new West Loop spots to old-school hot dog stands. It's so common, most people here don't even realize how good we have it. That has to explain why most hot dog stands automatically toss in a bag of fries for free with every order.

So when someone suggested we find Chicago's best french fries (yes, the word "french" is lowercase in this usage, more on that later), we were initially dumbstruck by the impossibility of the task. There



John Antonopoulos slices potatoes for french fries at Mr. D's Shish Kabobs, which has been in Chicago's Montclare neighborhood for more than 40 years.

were too many options! Our whole department would have to stuff ourselves on nothing but fries for the whole year to find the city's best.

That's when someone suggested a \$5 price limit. Sure, it would exclude places like Hopleaf Bar and Boeufhaus, but what better way to prove Chicago's french fry supremacy than to set such a low limit?

We figured if we worked hard, we could find 40 or maybe 50 restaurants serving fresh-cut fries

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## Author talks new book, Gourmet, weed and food

By LOUISA CHU  
Chicago Tribune

In Ruth Reichl's new memoir, "Save Me the Plums," the author and journalist recounts her 10 years as editor-in-chief of Gourmet. The magazine closed suddenly in 2009 after 68 years, a casualty of the Great Recession. In advance of her appearance in Chicago last week to promote the book, Reichl shared behind-the-scenes stories — including the fight over recipes — and what happened the last time she smoked marijuana.

**Reporter's note:** Full disclosure, I was a Gourmet Chicago correspondent, plus a fixer and host on the magazine's television series "Gourmet's Diary of a Foodie" on PBS.

The following has been edited for length and clarity.

**Q: What is the meaning behind the title "Save Me the Plums"?**

A: The title is taken from a poem by William Carlos Williams called "This Is Just to Say," which is not only my favorite poem, but one that is very well known by many food people. You say the word "plum" to a food person, and instantly they'll go, "I have eaten the plums that were in the icebox." It's become a meme on Twitter, where people will often paraphrase it for other things.

But beyond that, William Carlos Williams really exemplifies, in so many ways, everything I was trying to do with Gourmet magazine. He was a physician who spent a lot of time working with poor people. He was also a very ahead-of-his-time poet who was friends with Ezra Pound, (Ernest) Hemingway and all those people who went to Europe to be artists. So for me, he really exemplifies practicality and avant-garde sensibility. He was really excited about the life of the mind in literature. All of those things, I was trying to put into Gourmet when I took it over.

My father was also a book designer, and he not only designed the autobiography of William Carlos Williams, he won an AIGA (American Institute of Graphic Arts) 50 Books | 50 Covers award for it, which I've only just found out.

And then the job at Gourmet. It was a plum job. That's the other meaning. I have a very hard time coming up with titles. Every book I've ever written has had about 20 titles before it got to the real one. This was no exception. When I thought of it, it was suddenly "that's it!"

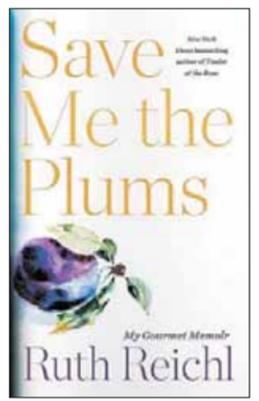
**Q: Why did they close Gourmet?**

A: Honestly, I don't understand it. At the point that they closed Gourmet, we had the highest circulation in the history of the magazine. But there's no question we were really desperate for ads in the last 18 months. Part of it was the strategy for advertising in Gourmet, which had always been luxury goods. As my former publisher explains in the book, "We're going to get hit harder than anyone else."

I knew from the first day that I went to Gourmet that I was going to write about it. From the first day there, I started printing out three or four emails every night before I left.

I was always certain it would all be over. Not that I thought they would close the magazine, but I really did I think I would get fired at some point, so I was trying very hard to keep a record. Every time I had a conversation with S.I. Newhouse (the late billionaire publisher of Gourmet), I went home and wrote it down.

**Q: Why are there so few recipes in the book? I miss them, but I'm happy to see you adding some of**



the ones that didn't make it on your website.

A: It was not my choice. Nobody has told me that they miss the recipes. I miss the recipes. It was a fierce fight with my editor. She said she thought that they stopped the flow, so we thought we would weave in the ones that we felt were absolutely necessary. I think she was right.

**Q: Will there be anywhere we can see you cooking online, maybe YouTube?**

A: Nope. I don't have the facilities to go and make that. I guess I could have my son shoot. He is a film director. I'd never thought about that. This is a very good idea. I may get Nick to make a little documentary of me cooking a recipe or two. (Mutual laughter ensued.)

**Q: Now that the book has been out, what's surprised you from readers?**

A: If you look at the comments on The New York Times book review, I am surprised that there are still so many people

who absolutely hated what I did with the magazine. I sort of thought they had gone away, but they are still very vocal. They are the people who loved the old Gourmet and absolutely hated what we did. I thought they'd gotten over it. They obviously haven't. They are still, 20 years later, furious about what we did to the magazine. It's fascinating to me. They must hate modern food media.

My editor just called to tell me I hit the Times' best-seller list, so I'm very chuffed about that.

**Q: Given your Berkeley background, I've always wondered about your experiences with marijuana and food, especially now with the legalization movement.**

A: Given my Berkeley background, it will probably shock you that I don't do well on marijuana. I freak out on it. I'm the only person I think I know who's my age, in my group, who never dropped acid. I was around a lot of people who did and saw a lot of bad trips. The few times I did smoke dope, I would eat until I was miserable, and that was when I had a good time with marijuana.

My husband, who has all kinds of chronic pain issues, smokes a lot of dope, does a lot of various CBD oils and stuff. When we were in California, he went to one of those MedMen places, where they have curated marijuana. They have ones they say will put you to sleep and mellow you out. They promised me "it will not freak you out in any way." I tell you, I took one toke of this thing, and I was completely freaked out. (More laughter ensued.)

**Q: Oh, boy. So, what's next in terms of books?**

A: I have two books left on this contract, but they are both novels. Then I have another nonfiction book that I want to write that has nothing to do with me; it's not a memoir. At this moment, I would say I'm probably not going to write any more memoirs. I mean, I am 71 years old. How far can I take this?



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# With wine, weird is the new normal



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Two telling things happened in spring 2008: In March, JP Morgan acquired Bear Stearns for \$2 per share, to stabilize a Wall Street giant, and about a month later, a cohort of wine collectors gathered at Cru restaurant in New York for an auction that marked those swaggy days.

Laurent Ponsot, proprietor of Domaine Ponsot, one of Burgundy's most important domaines, appeared at Cru and stopped the sale of bottles from his property, claiming among other things that a bottle of 1929 Clos de la Roche was fake, as the domaine didn't produce the wine until 1934.

Rudy Kurniawan, a then-wine collector accused of orchestrating this and other fraudulent wine sales, would go on to be convicted of the biggest wine fraud in history.

Both these events were flash-points of bigger storms on the horizon. Within months, the financial crisis had consumed a swath of the economy. And wine collectors reluctantly began to accept that their cosseted world had been punctured. What superseded their fancy, status-fix-

ated sphere was a new wine world, one far more democratic and diverse than what had come before.

A little more than 10 years later, it's clear 2008 provided catalysts for both shifts. It may be a matter of debate how much the Great Recession gave way to a stronger economy. But wine, I'd argue, would usher in its greatest transformation — for the better — since right after World War II.

In the late 2000s, we'd had nearly 20 years of big, score-grabbing wines with insane prices to match. That style was honed in the early 1990s, to service critics' preferences, none more than Robert Parker. By 2000, Parker was undisputedly, as Elin McCoy titled her 2006 biography, "The Emperor of Wine." By the time writer Alice Feiring published a book three years later purporting that she "saved the world from Parkerization," his ubiquity was almost a punchline.

In fairness to Parker, he also championed a lot of inexpensive wines and wanted to upend fusty old classifications. But if the changes weren't immediate — Parker's de facto retirement only came in 2016 — the stage for dramatic change was set at the same time the world economy

was tanking. While I like to think today's more inclusive (if not yet inclusive enough) wine world was a question of new aesthetics, and the more nuanced tastes of a new generation, it could not have gotten there without economics.

How? As 2009 arrived, a lot of Very Big Deal people suddenly found themselves a lot poorer — or had decided to at least temper their conspicuous spending. The loss of that top tranche of the market prompted an exodus of a lot of these expensive wines from the United States, at least initially to China and elsewhere in Asia.

But as the rich made markets for collectible names like Ponsot, Domaine de la Romanee Conti, Comte de Vogue and others it was inevitable the rest of us would have to shift our focus.

And thus appeared a generational opportunity. A new cohort of California winemakers, dissatisfied not only with cult cabernets but also the financial insanity they created, would sell 500 cases of wine at \$40 a bottle, not \$400. The same with French wine outside of Bordeaux and Burgundy; places like the Loire and Beaujolais spruced up their reputations to become a new must-have item for wine nerds.

Fine wines have hardly gone

away. But they're now on the fringe of the conversation. Until the 1990s, the prospect of drinking grand cru Burgundy or first-growth Bordeaux was a reasonable splurge, a part of middle-class aspiration. Now they're tokens of irrational exuberance.

Increasingly, our obsession with the "best" was replaced by contentment with the very good, wines from regions like those above, with a bit less cachet but also a lot less guilt. If you couldn't afford Burgundy, you started buying Beaujolais, because its quality today matches Burgundy in many cases. Grower Champagne, a curiosity at the turn of the century, became the new prestige choice.

These changes were dramatic and global. The styles of wine in nearly every region rapidly evolved. Not just the New California, but the New France, the New Australia, New Spain. Italy. Oregon. Greece. Austria. This shift was generational and aesthetic — children taking over estates and making wines they and their friends would drink. And, almost uniformly, these changes pushed wine toward the lighter and fresher. The French onomatopoeic "glou glou," a natural-wine totem for drinkabili-

ty, is manifest today.

Speaking of natural wine, the concept has boomed in a way impossible to predict 10 years ago. We discussed "natural" in terms of minimalist winemaking, and the notion had risen in France by the 1980s. But "natural" of today, nearly a fashion trend, with restaurants offering natural-only wines, was still protean in 2008.

Today it's obvious: These corners of the wine world have nothing to do with wine as it was a decade ago. Weird is the new normal: chilled reds, canned wine, orange wine, year-round pink wine. I remember being mocked by wine's more reactionary corners for all those things. Today? They're all trending.

This transformation came because 2008 and its aftermath reset the stage and paved a way for a diversity of tastes.

And is this sea change for the better? In a way, the question is irrelevant. It happened — and fast. In retrospect, those of us dissatisfied by the wine world in the 2000s have gotten nearly everything we wanted — in only a decade. As far as wine goes, we're on a better path. Let's hope we never go back.

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Pommés dauphinoise features thinly sliced potatoes cooked in cream or another dairy product, seasoned simply, and baked until creamy and nicely browned on top.

# Pommés dauphinoise, made without fear

## Mastering the French casserole of potatoes and cream



**JAMES P. DEWAN**  
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Remember the first time you needed to learn brain surgery? Yikes, what a mess, right?

As it turns out, poking 'round the coconut's not unlike making pommés dauphinoise, that creamy, stratified casserole of potatoey French crazitude. Sure, they're both daunting, but, once you get the hang, you'll be the belle of the gustatory ball. Watch.

### Why you need to learn this

Oh, sure. You didn't ask why you needed to learn brain surgery, but you're asking why you need to learn dauphinoise potatoes? Honestly, Madge, sometimes I just don't understand your priorities.

### The steps you take

Here are some things about dauphinoise potatoes (aka au gratin or scalloped potatoes) and food in general: First, you've probably noticed that, whether it's our dreamy potato side dish or chocolate chip cookies or a steaming rack of Spam, the internet's fairly rotten with recipes. Nine bajillion and three, to be exact.

You've also noticed the multitudes of hyperbolic scribes promising breathlessly "the best" recipe, "the best" restaurant, "the best" whatever. Feh. I hate to break it to you, kids, but there is no best. Ever. And that's because of The One Absolute Truth in the Universe. You remember: There's no accounting for taste.

In other words, I can help you make a perfectly palatable dauphinoise potatoes, but I can't predict how you'll like it because, well, there's just no accounting for taste.

Add to that the fact that anytime we go into the kitchen, the choice of ingredients, coupled with the method of preparation, can result in finished products as wildly different as consequentialism and deontology.

Our best (sic) option, then, is simply to give you the method for putting together a dauphinoise and then letting you take it from

there. The components are simple: thinly sliced potatoes baked in a liquid dairy product with a little garlic, and maybe some cheese. Let's take a gander.

### Potatoes

The world of potatoes exists on a spectrum between what we call "waxy" and "mealy" (aka "starchy"). Any potato will work, of course, because it's a potato. However, for dauphinoise, we like the starch because it thickens the sauce and inhibits curdling. Thus, the mighty russet, repository of starch galore, is the typical tater of choice.

Speaking of starch, usually we submerge cut potatoes in water to prevent browning. Not here, though, because soaking also dissolves starch, and as we said, with dauphinoise, starch is our pal.

Peel and slice about 2 pounds of taters into 1/8-inch thick rounds. If you've got a mandoline, use it. Unless you possess the knife skills of an assassin, it's easier, faster and it produces more consistent cuts.

### Garlic

As much as I love garlic, it's easy to overdo. Thus, one clove, minced, is usually enough. Two, if you're in a high-density vampire neighborhood.

### Dairy

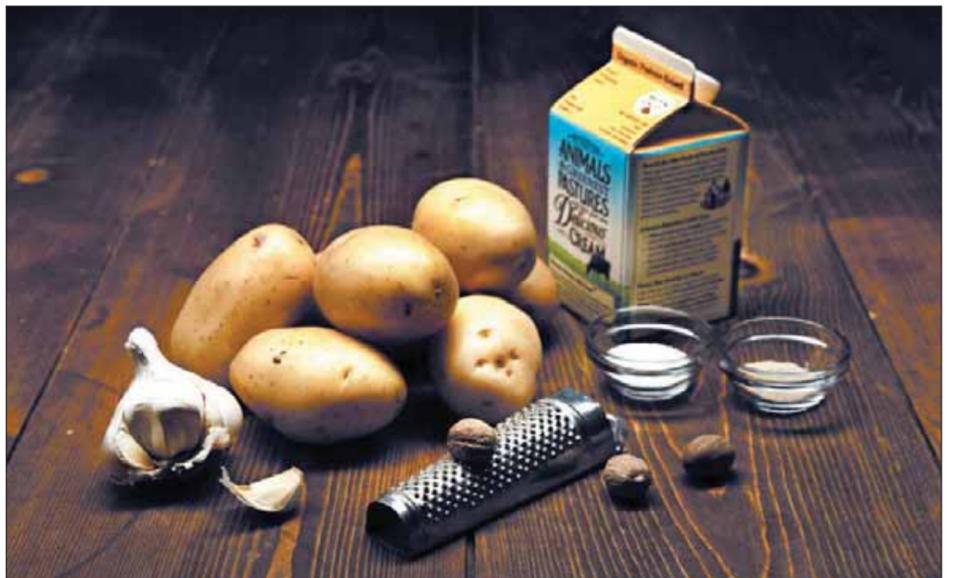
Normally, it's heavy cream, about 1 cup per pound of potatoes. If that's too rich, try half and half, or cut the cream with milk or stock. You could also use plain milk, or 2 percent, or even skim milk, if your goal is to have a body like Iggy Pop.

Now, low-fat dairy products curdle during cooking more easily than high-fat dairy products. Thus, if you're using milk, you can decrease the likelihood of curdling by stirring in 2 tablespoons of potato starch dissolved in an ounce or two of water.

Whatever you're using, to further inhibit curdling, bring the whole megillah to a boil before baking: Combine the dairy, sliced potatoes and garlic in a saute pan or skillet, season it and set it over medium-high heat.

### Cheese

A cheeseless dauphinoise never hurt anyone, but I love Gruyere. Cheddar, mozzarella or anything melty will work too. Shred roughly half a cup per pound of potatoes.



Pommés dauphinoise consists of six ingredients — cream, garlic, salt, white pepper, nutmeg and potatoes.

## Pommés dauphinoise

**Prep:** 15 minutes **Cook:** 45-50 minutes **Makes:** 8 servings

Our culinary students at Kendall College make this dish as part of their practical exam. It's delicious right out of the oven, but if you have time to make it in advance, refrigerate it overnight after baking. The next day — or up to three days later — cut it into squares or rounds before reheating and it will hold its shape for an elegant presentation.

**2 cups heavy cream or 1 cup each cream and milk or 2 cups half and half**

**1 clove garlic, minced**

**1 1/2 teaspoons salt, or to taste**

**1/2 teaspoon white pepper, or to taste**

**1 pinch nutmeg**

**2 pounds russet or Yukon gold potatoes, peeled**

**1. Heat** oven to 350 degrees. Place dairy product, garlic, salt, white pepper and nutmeg in a heavy-bottomed, ovenproof saute pan or skillet. Bring to a simmer over medium-high heat.

**2. While** mixture comes to a simmer, slice the potatoes into 1/8-inch thick rounds on a mandoline or with a very sharp knife. Do not store them in water as that will wash away some of the starch.

**3. Stir** the potatoes into the simmering liquid. The liquid should cover the potatoes by about 1/8 inch. This will lower the temperature a bit. When the liquid returns to a simmer, about 5 minutes, taste for seasoning. It's now ready to go into the oven; leave it in the skillet or pour the entire contents into a greased baking pan.

**4. Bake** uncovered until potatoes are tender and brown on top, 40 to 45 minutes. If the potatoes are tender but have no color, increase the oven temperature to 450 degrees and continue baking until browned on top, 5 to 10 minutes.

**5. Rest** dauphinoise 15 to 30 minutes before serving or refrigerate up to three days. To serve after refrigeration, cut potatoes into squares or rounds and place in a 500-degree oven until heated through, 5 to 10 minutes.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 297 calories, 22 g fat, 14 g saturated fat, 68 mg cholesterol, 68 g carbohydrates, 3 g sugar, 4 g protein, 458 mg sodium, 2 g fiber

### The method

Once its contents are all a-simmer, the skillet can go straight from the stovetop into the oven. If you're using cheese, scoop half your potatoes from the skillet into a greased baking dish. Sprinkle on half your cheese, cover with the remaining potatoes, then add the rest of the cheese and pour in the simmering dairy.

Bake the dauphinoise in a 350-degree oven for about 45 minutes to an hour, until the potatoes are tender as young love and golden brown as an amber

wave of Kansas grain. If they're tender but still pale, crank the heat to 450 and bake an additional five to 10 minutes.

Finally, when the dauphinoise emerges triumphant from the oven, let it rest for 15 to 30 minutes before serving.

Or, and this is what I like because I'm pfsancy with a silent "p," you can refrigerate it — up to several days — so it sets up nice and stiff, like the breeze off the Bosphorus.

To serve, use a knife or biscuit cutter to render it into individual portions of aesthetically pleasing

geometric shapes, like a circle, rhombus or a heptadecagon. Place the servings on a parchment-covered baking sheet and flash them in a hot oven for 5 to 10 minutes, just to warm them through, and, voila, a beautiful side dish that's as French as Edith Piaf eating a snail.

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Obadiah Poundage, a passion project of Goose Island's manager of research and development, Mike Siegel, is at various points darkly fruity, smoky, leathery and tart, all underscored by the familiar roast character expected in a porter.

# So how did English porter taste in 1840?

Goose Island brews answer with fascinating Obadiah Poundage

By JOSH NOEL | Chicago Tribune

Obadiah Poundage is a beer that began not as a recipe or even an idea, but a question: What did porter brewed in London in 1840 taste like?

The deeply layered and complex result is likely to baffle light beer drinkers and elicit shrugs from those mostly invested in chasing the latest hazy IPA or sugary imperial stout.

For everyone else, Obadiah Poundage offers a fascinating answer to a question few were probably asking. It will be released Monday at Goose Island's Fulton Street taproom (1800 W. Fulton St.), both in 500-milliliter bottles (\$7) and on draft. It will be available nowhere else in the U.S. A small amount will be sent to the U.K.

Goose Island's manager of research and development, Mike Siegel, who heralded the effort, knows exploring an arcane corner of brewing history isn't likely to become the next buzz-worthy beer industry sensation. Instead, he considers it "a passion project."

Siegel spends most of his time on more lucrative and mainstream projects — such as Goose Island's annual Bourbon County release. But over the course of two and a half years, he was able to carve out time and resources for Obadiah Poundage at Goose Island's expansive barrel warehouse, collaborating with two Brits: Derek Prentice, a veteran brewer who is brewmaster at London's Wimbledon Brewery, and Ron Pattinson, a computer programmer who moonlights as a beer historian. ("I normally describe myself as an obsessive rather than a historian," said Pattinson, who now lives in Amsterdam.)

Obadiah Poundage is beer as fascinating as it is unlikely, barely recognizable as a porter by modern standards.

"If it tastes like any other porter you've had, then I didn't do my job," Siegel said.

He succeeded. In the aroma and on the palate, Obadiah Poundage is at various points darkly fruity, smoky, leathery and tart, all underscored by the familiar roast character expected in a porter.

It is a blend of beer aged one year in an oak foeder ("keeping beer" in the historical parlance) and fresh beer ("running beer") that was brewed last month.

(Obadiah Poundage was purportedly the pen name of a London brewery employee whose letter, published in a British newspaper during the 18th century, detailed the then-approach to porter brewing, and which helped guide the product.)

Several factors make Obadiah Poundage a wholly unique porter: the time spent in the oak foeders, the blending of two different beers, a brown malt made expressly for the project and the presence of Brettanomyces yeast. It's yeast that would have been naturally occurring during the 19th century in the oak vessels in which the beer was aged. It has since been understood and tamed within breweries; in Obadiah Poundage, it was deliberately added.

Ahead of the release, we discussed the beer with Siegel and Pattinson (who previously collaborated on another beer) by phone. The conversation was edited for length and clarity.

**Q: How is 1840s-era London porter different than what we think of as porter in 2019?**

**Pattinson:** The porter you would have had in a pub in 1840 almost certainly would have been a blend of two beers — one aged and one fresh. Modern porters are almost never aged in that way; they're sold fresh. No one has aged a porter in this way probably since the 1870s or 1880s.

**Siegel:** And coming with age is Brettanomyces.

**Pattinson:** They didn't realize what Brettanomyces was doing to the beer, but that was what provided the "aged flavor." It would have been picking it up from the vats. The fresh beer was a way of smoothing the beer out. Porter has been many things over many years, and we're looking at this one as a snapshot of the early 19th century. This is quite a lively beer because of the young beer but has a nice aged flavor. We're going for the 1840s pub experience.

**Siegel:** For me, one of the underlying themes is trying to keep a little bit of historical praise on British brewing. Tons of American brewers have foeders and oak barrels to replicate Belgian brewing, but most people don't realize this kind of brewing started

with the British.

**Q: How did you arrive at such an arcane idea, of recreating an 1840s-era British porter?**

**Siegel:** When we did our last beer together, Ron came to brewery. We walked through the barrel house and he saw the foeders — what the British call vats — and he said, "If you want to do another beer, why don't we do a keeping porter?" He saw those vessels and thought "porter." It made me re-think the type of beer we could make in those vessels.

**Pattinson:** For me, this was a dream to be able to make porter in the old-fashioned way. It was nice to think that this was the one chance for me to try this stuff, a chance to get brewed one of the beers I've always wanted to drink. I'm hoping for a taste experience that's not slightly different, but quite different from modern beers, and that it changes people's ideas of what porter can be.

**"The most important thing about doing justice to history is not putting a modern twist on it."**

— Mike Siegel, Goose Island manager of research and development

**Siegel:** As Ron likes to say, he finally found someone gullible enough to make a beer like this. Ron pores over these records, interprets the past and tells us about it.

**Q: Ron, how were you able to figure out how London porter was made in 1840?**

**Pattinson:** Mostly by looking at the brewing records and other old texts. By the 1840s, there were fairly good brewing textbooks, and I use those. But also brewing records — I go to archives or breweries and take photographs. I have about 20,000 photos of brewing records.

**Q: Wow, you really are obsessive.**

**Pattinson:** Full-fledged — somewhere on the crazy spectrum. It makes no sense.

**Q: Explain the process of how this beer was made.**

**Siegel:** This is essentially two recipes — keep-

ing porter, which has a much higher ratio of hops and brown malt, and running porter. Brown malt is at the heart of this in terms of flavor contribution. You can get brown malt today, but it's not the same as brown malt from the 18th or 19th centuries. So we had one made. It contributes smoke flavor, and caramelized and nutty notes — it's a very complex malt.

**Pattinson:** One of the most exciting things about this project is we had the brown malt made. It's really the old way they made it, which is direct fired.

**Siegel:** The most important thing about doing justice to history is not putting a modern twist on it. It's easy to say that "This hopping is too much for modern tastes" or "The brown malt is too smoky for modern tastes," but we resisted those temptations.

**Q: Mike, it's interesting to me that the guy who has a prominent hand in the Bourbon County beers would also be behind this beer. Bourbon County is the pinnacle of buzz, and Obadiah Poundage is the antithesis of buzz.**

**Siegel:** I love history. I love what you can learn from how things were done in the past. All it takes is someone with Ron's history to provide the context.

**Q: But most breweries don't have the money, time or space to go down a rabbit hole like this. Is this an example of something Goose Island can do thanks to its deep-pocketed owner?**

**Siegel:** I can understand arriving at that conclusion. But there's a lot to be learned from an R&D perspective. There are takeaways we can apply to other beers we make with regard to aging and blending. And from a marketing vantage, which is not lost on me, there's a great story here. I know it's not a buzz beer, but I hope it captures people's interest.

**Q: Well, I appreciate you making this beer as a diversion from hearing about the latest hazy IPA. Speaking of which, Ron, what do you think of the hazy IPA phenomenon?**

**Pattinson:** Hazy IPA? I think I'm in agreement with most of the brewers I've talked with about it — most of it is a load of bollocks.

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# Best french fries

*French fries, from Page 1*

under the price limit, with no chain restaurants and only regular fries (no waffle, steak, curly, etc). Hours later, the list had swelled to over 100. (Pause for a moment to admire how incredible that number is.) These included options in both the city and suburbs, though we excluded national chains.

We divvied up the 106 restaurants among Food & Dining reporters and editors (with help from other Tribune staffers) and got to eating. After the first round, in which participants decided thumbs up or down on each spot, we had narrowed the list to 28. For the second round, Louisa Chu and Nick Kindelsperger revisited those semifinalists, selecting 20 we thought were worth celebrating. To declare a winner, we embarked on round three, revisiting our top eight picks in one potato-packed day.

Along the way, we debated what makes a great french fry. Is a crispy exterior always better, or can a heavy crust cover up the flavor of the potato? Should the interior have a texture similar to baked potatoes or mashed potatoes? Do you really need condiments?

We also uncovered another reason why many of Chicago's fries taste so good: animal fat. In a 2001 New Yorker piece titled "The Trouble With Fries," Malcolm Gladwell writes that Ray Kroc developed the most popular fries in human history thanks to a hot dog stand in Chicago. "Ray Kroc, in the early days of McDonald's, was a fan of a hot-dog stand on the North Side of Chicago called Sam's, which used what was then called the Chicago method of cooking fries. Sam's cooked its fries in animal fat, and Kroc followed suit."

While McDonald's eventually stopped using beef tallow, many places in Chicago still continue the practice, and our fries are tastier as a result.

Finally, are french fries actually French? According to the "Food Lover's Companion" by Sharon Tyler Herbst and Ron Herbst, "the name does not come from the fact that their origin is French, because the potatoes are 'frenched' — cut into lengthwise strips." That explains why the french in french fries has not been capitalized for the entirety of this article. However, according to "The Oxford Companion to Food" by Alan Davidson, there's a very real possibility that french fries may have first developed around Pont-Neuf in Paris in the late 18th century. But the book is quick to point out that many people disagree with this statement, and that the "Belgians are anxious to claim the honour of invention." In other words, who knows? Still, even with an obnoxious dalliance with calling them freedom fries earlier in the century, the name has stuck.

While french fries definitely weren't invented here, it's our humble opinion that Chicago should finally get the attention as an epicenter of the french fry arts that it so rightly deserves. Here are 20 reasons. (Our picks for the city and suburbs' best fries are listed in ascending order.)

## 20. Novi's Beef

Price: \$1.75

Don't be tempted by the curly fries on the menu. Those come from the freezer. Instead, make sure to order the fresh-cut fries, which have a delicate crunch and a soft interior. They are the ideal partner with the restaurant's thinly sliced Italian beef, which is made in-house. 6746 Ogden Ave., Berwyn, 708-749-0895, novisbeefetogo.com — N.K.

## 19. Mini Mott

Price: \$2.95

Shoestring fries with delightful dipping sauces. From the owners of Mott Street restaurant comes the cutest french fry experience I had in our quest. Don't let the pink tray fool you. The fries themselves were tiny but mightily tasty, crisp yet retaining a soft potato nature. Help yourself to ketchup, hot sauce and chipotle aioli. The "naked" fries are also available dressed with oil poached garlic, which they offered kindly as a convincing taster on the side. 3057 W. Logan Blvd., minimott.com — L.C.

## 18. Dave's Red Hots

Price: \$2.70

Old-school neighborhood fries.



The french fries at Redhot Ranch in the Logan Square neighborhood have a crust with an audible crunch.



Illinois Bar & Grill in the Archer Heights neighborhood serves crunchy, flavorful french fries in a bountiful basket.

This is the oldest hot dog restaurant in Chicago, with a history dating to 1938. The building may be boarded up upstairs, but that doesn't deter the steady stream of customers in Homan Square. I don't remember if owner Gina Fountain actually called me sweetheart, but it was understood. As is her family's thoughtful care with the fries. Fat and satisfying, they bear a burnish comparable to the original wooden booths, and a soul as true. 3422 W. Roosevelt Road, 773-722-9935 — L.C.

## 17. The Region

Price: \$2.95

The Region specializes in an ultra-smashed burger style that you'll encounter most often around Northwest Indiana at places like Schoop's. But unlike that south suburban chain, the Region makes its own fries instead of using frozen spuds. These are cooked until nearly brown, picking up a distinct roasted aroma along the way. 2057 W. Roscoe St., 773-857-2874, theregionburgers.com — N.K.

## 16. Johnny's Grill

Price: \$2.00

It's not exactly a rule, but you can usually expect delicious things if an establishment hangs a neon sign in the front window advertising its fresh-cut fries. Talk about good priorities. It's also nice to see some large boxes of potatoes stacked in the kitchen, just waiting to be cut and fried. Sure enough, these fries are incredibly satisfying, with a crust that stays crisp even after cooling down. 5313 Lincoln Ave., Skokie, 847-674-4067 — N.K.

## 15. Burger Moovment

Price: \$2.10

The Burger Moovment burger joint is all about keeping its food thin. The burgers feature beef patties that have been smashed on a hot griddle, and its fries are skinny, hovering in between the thickness of the kind you'd find at McDonald's and super thin shoestring fries. Even though they are crispy on the outside, they somehow stay soft within. 7512 W. North Ave., Elmwood Park, 708-452-7288, burgermoovment.com — N.K.

## 14. The Burger Social

Price: \$3

This trendy burger joint in Wheaton spends a lot of time on its website discussing its burger. As it should. It's a great big, juicy offering, which uses beef from local producers. But Burger Social should also highlight the fries, which come out of the kitchen with a gorgeous blond hue. Each one also has a remarkably crisp crust, with a pleasing baked potato-like interior. 108 N. Hale St., Wheaton, 630-480-0458, theburgersocial.com — N.K.

## 13. Brgrbelly

Price: \$2.45

Super crunchy fries ready to rock. If you're worried about the loud music played with Brgrbelly's rock 'n' roll theme, rest assured the baby at the next table slept in his carrier at this family-friendly restaurant. Husband-and-wife co-owners Steve and Nicole O'Brien opened in Portage Park six years ago, weathering the neighborhood's changes.

Through it all the burgers starred but the fries deserve a solo too. A nearly crazy potato-chip crunch breaks through to a soft and tender finish. Get mayo as a dip like you're back from a European tour. 5739 W. Irving Park Road, 773-283-7880, brgrbellyrestaurant.com — L.C.

## 12. Susie's Drive-Thru

Price: \$2.90

Susie's is probably best known for its creatively topped loaded fries. Cheese, chili, chicken, gyros, Polish sausages, bacon — you can get it all and then some on top of your fries. But it turns out that the fries underneath deserve attention, too. They have a remarkably thin crust, which gives way to a supremely soft interior. Instead of salt, they are given a shake of seasoning salt, which adds an unexpected flavor profile — a little spicy and weirdly savory — to each bite. 4126 W. Montrose Ave., 773-283-6544, susiesdrivein.com — N.K.

## 11. Lucky Burger And Grill

Price: \$2.50

This Vegas-themed shop in Mundelein serves textbook fresh-cut french fries, with a crunchy exterior and a fluffy interior. The restaurant cooks the fries in vegetable oil, but the owner let me know he changes that oil often, because old oil can lead to off flavors. Sometimes it's the simplest things, like making sure you're using fresh oil, that distinguish good fries from the truly memorable ones. 1408 Butterfield Road, Mundelein, 224-513-5624, luckyburgerandgrill.com — N.K.

## 10. Bob-O's Hot Dogs

Price: \$2.35

Clean-edged classic Northwest Side-style fast-food fries. A '50s diner vibe includes memorabilia showing namesake founder Bob-O and the converted bus that the shop once called home. Phyllis Bartell and her family took over in the '70s. Now fryer baskets filled with fries always stand ready in Irving Woods. Crisp and fluffy, these are textbook fresh-cut fries. You can help yourself to ketchup and celery salt if you like. Like all Chicago-style hot dog stands, paradoxically there are no condiment rules with fries. 8258 W. Irving Park Road, 773-625-9840, bobshotdogs.com — L.C.

## 9. Edzo's Burger Shop

Price: \$ 2.25

When I asked Eddie Lakin, owner of Edzo's, what made the fries at his Evanston burger shop so good, he exhaustively walked me through every step of the process. This was an excellent sign, because it proved how much he'd considered every step. Like most places, he fries the potatoes twice, once at a lower temperature to evenly cook the middle, and finally at a higher temperature to crisp the outside. But in between, he cools the fries down, which helps make the crust that much crisper when cooked the second time. 1571 Sherman Ave., Evanston, 847-864-3396, edzos.com — N.K.

## 8. Small Cheval

Price: \$2.95

These are listed on the menu as golden fries, and there's really no better way to describe them. Each pale yellow fry looks seriously ready for its Instagram close-up.



Jimmy's Red Hots in the West Humboldt Park neighborhood serves french fries that taste like a baked potato in fry form.



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At Rand Red Hots in Des Plaines, tallow gives the fries a meaty profile.

Fortunately, each one also has a delicate crunch, with a fluffy, baked-potato-like interior. Needless to say, they also pair exceptionally well with a big, juicy burger — the only other item on the restaurant's hilariously brief menu. 1732 N. Milwaukee Ave., smallcheval.com — N.K.

## 7. Top Notch Beefburgers

Price: \$2.85

Top Notch has been doing things the old-fashioned way since 1942. That means that all the beef for the burgers is ground at the restaurant, and, most relevant for this discussion, that the fries are cooked in oil laced with beef tallow. So even though the fries might appear like standard blond-hued diner fries, they have a meaty backbone that makes them far more satisfying. 2116 W. 95th St., 773-445-7218 — N.K.

## 6. Gene & Jude's

Price: \$2.34

This iconic River Grove stand is a finely oiled fast-food machine that kicks out hot dogs and fresh-cut french fries at an astonishing rate. It's mesmerizing to simply watch them dress the hot dogs with speed, before tossing on a mess of fries and wrapping up everything in paper. In fact, if you order fries separately, you throw a wrench in the machine, slowing down the process by a good minute or two. But regardless of whether you order just fries or get them piled on a hot dog, they'll be creamy in the middle, with a delicately crisp crust. While great on their own, they do reach their maximum potential when combined with one of the stand's hot dogs. 2720 N. River Road, River Grove, 708-452-7634, geneandjudes.com — N.K.

## 5. Rand Red Hots

Price: \$2.69

On my first visit to this retro hot dog stand in suburban Des Plaines, I watched a cook shovel a huge portion of white beef tallow into the fryer. That's the exact moment I knew the fries would be good. The tallow infuses the potato with a meaty profile, almost like the flavor of a baked potato when it mixes with juices from a steak. Of course, it helps that the potatoes are cut in-house and fried twice. But it's the flavor from the tallow that will linger after you've polished off the whole order. 1441 Rand Road, Des Plaines, 847-699-0606, randredhots.com — N.K.

## 4. Illinois Bar & Grill

Price: \$2.95

Crunchy batons with the fry connoisseur's coveted, crackling exploded ends. Illinois Bar & Grill is best known for the self-proclaimed best burger in Illinois, as well as one of Nick's picks as best burger in Chicago. I say the fries alone are worth a trip across town unless you're lucky enough to live or work in Archer Heights. Whether you're going Friday after work or Monday morning, both actual times I visited, you'll have to wait for your order. The reward is a gloriously bountiful basket presented with a cold squeeze bottle of ketchup. Not that you need any condiment with crunchy flavorful bits providing more than enough interest and complexity. 4135 W. 47th St., 773-847-2525 — L.C.

## 3. Jimmy's Red Hots

Price: \$2.27

Soft, irregular and irreverent, stuffed with baked potato flavor. This is the oldest Chicago hot dog stand in the same location, claimed "Hot Dog" Faruggia recently behind the counter at Grand Avenue and Pulaski Road. Open since 1954, Jimmy's Red Hots, named after Faruggia's father, Jimmy, used to fry in beef tallow but now uses a vegetable base. I grew up a block away in West Humboldt Park, and these were my first fries ever, imprinting Proustian memories of the tallow that leaves a telltale waxy feel in one's mouth. If your ideal fry is crisp or crunchy, these aren't that. They are, however, possibly the closest you can get molecularly to baked potato in fry form. No ketchup, but you can request hot dog condiments and make it a meal. 4000 W. Grand Ave., 773-384-9513, jimmysredhots.com — L.C.

## 2. Redhot Ranch

Price: \$2.04

Redhot Ranch's fresh-cut fries are dished out with a stunning lack of fanfare. As soon as they are pulled from the fryer, a cook salts them, wraps them up in paper, shoves them into a brown paper bag and slides them across the counter. So why are they so irresistible? The crust has an audible crunch, which breaks into an interior that's like the creamiest mashed potatoes you can imagine. Instead of rinsing the potatoes after cutting, a practice that removes some of the starch on the exterior, these go straight in the oil. This explains the fantastic crunch, and the curious fact that the fries sometimes latch on to each other in the oil and never let go. So don't be surprised if you reach down for one yet come out with three or four. Of course, Redhot Ranch also slings out an incredible double cheeseburger and a flawless minimalist-style hot dog, but you'd be silly to ignore the potatoes. 2072 N. Western Ave., 773-772-6020 — N.K.

## 1. Mr. D's Shish Kabobs

Price: \$1.85

Long, languorous golden bars filled seemingly with silken whipped potatoes. Mike and Ann Antonopoulos opened their one-room fast-food restaurant nearly 50 years ago as immigrants from Greece. Little has changed, except their son John joined the family business decades ago. He said his father is Mr. D but doesn't know why. A surprising mystery since it's just the trio who work so closely together, unless you've witnessed the way they work. Imagine a silent ceremony for Japanese tea, instead transforming the same potatoes that steakhouses use into edible kinetic art.

These biggest bakers, twice the size and price as those typically used for fries, are sliced then dropped twice in vegetable fat and beef tallow. Sheathed like taut tempura, the first fry you bite into will release a puff of pure potato essence. The warm glow inexplicably evokes for me such strong memories of lingering over fries and wine on the Mediterranean, that stepping out the door in Montclare I half expect to see the shimmering sea. 6656 W. Diversey Ave., 773-637-0042, bit.ly/2UvptSm — L.C.

DRINK

# Kombucha's excess alcohol becomes fine alpine liqueur

BY LISA FUTTERMAN  
Chicago Tribune

I've been looking high and low for an alpine liqueur to fill a mountainous hole in my heart.

I first tried the style in bars in Switzerland, where I noticed folks drinking a bitter called Appenzeller, a spirit that has been made with 42 native roots, herbs and flowers since 1902, I later learned. I began ordering it every time I went out. Old men stared. Who was this American tourist drinking their bitter booze? I brought home a souvenir-sized bottle and have pined for it ever since. An Oregon kombucha maker may have the answer.

Townshend Distillery in Portland, Ore., makes Bluebird Alpine Liqueur, named for the bright blue skies that typically appear in the Oregon high desert after a snowy day. Like all its spirits, Bluebird is made from kombucha, in this case the distiller's Spiced Apple variety, a ferment of oolong tea, dried apples and warm mulling spices. Fennel, ginger and angelica root are infused at the end, resulting in an autumnal, complex, herbal blend that tastes an awful lot like my memory of Appenzeller.

When Matt Thomas presented his graduation project idea for a teahouse in Portland as a student at the University of Oregon, he got a C. Now Townshend's teahouses have nine locations in four states. In 2008, they started playing around with fermenting kombucha in the basement, using their wide range of in-house tea blends as the base, thus spawning Brew Dr. Kombucha.

The successful line of beverages ferments in open tanks for three to four weeks, and a byproduct of this process is unwanted



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Bluebird Alpine Liqueur, by Townshend Distillery in Oregon, is created as a byproduct of kombucha production.

alcohol.

In 2011, the demands of the growing kombucha market meant Thomas had to figure out how to offset that alcohol while maintaining the raw fermented finished product. Says Ray Nagler, Townshend Distillery's director of operations, they had to "try to remove alcohol but keep the bacteria alive." Rather than diluting the product with tea or juice, they purchased a spinning cone column still, a large vacuum still that does its work at 90 degrees, half the temperature of the more typical stills used to distill ferments into spirits. They hoped this low-temperature still, typically used in the wine industry to de-alcoholize wine while maintaining flavor, would work fast and cold enough that the kombucha would still form a scoby (the acronym for "symbiotic culture of bacteria and yeast" that ferments the tea) and taste fresh.

The kombucha passed muster, and the distillates Townshend's produced, essentially byproducts of the alcohol reduction project, turned out to be deli-

ciously potable. Production of this "kombucha moonshine" was like closing the loop — they were creating a marketable distilled spirit without any outsourcing of grains — all the ingredients were already included in the tea and kombucha cycle.

Nagler and Seth O'Malley, the head distiller, who both started out drinking tea at Townshend's in high school and went on to work in the tearooms, are super proud of their process. They've created a diverse and unique line of botanical tea spirits (including, among others, a gin, an amaro and a smoked tea), each of which derives from a different flavor of Brew Dr. Kombucha.

"The vacuum still doesn't cook out the aroma of the botanicals in the teas, so each spirit smells and tastes very close to the original distillate," says Nagler.

Like my Swiss friends, he recommends the Bluebird be sipped neat.

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SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

# White chocolate, strawberries go together brilliantly in scones

BY DIANE ROSSEN WORTHINGTON  
Chicago Tribune

I first met Margarita Manzke some years ago in Carmel, Calif., where she was making incredibly creative desserts. She and her chef husband Walter opened Republique in Los Angeles a few years later. Her pastry repertoire continues to expand with mouthwatering offerings like fig-tahini cookies, condensed milk pound cake and chocolate budini. Lucky for us, Manzke has penned her first book, "Baking at Republique," so now we can try our hand at some of her favorites. This book is filled with so many delectable desserts and sweets that my suggestion is to make the scones and give mom the book as your gift. I am partial to the



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creamy white chocolate and spring sweet-tart strawberry combination. The flavors are made to go together. Make sure to select fresh strawberries that have a sweet fragrance to them.

Scones couldn't be easier to prepare. Resembling a rustic-looking biscuit, they are meant to be gold-

en brown on top and flaky in the center, and most include a bit of heavy cream for a buttery consistency. The turbinado sugar here adds a welcome crust on top.

Make the scones early in the day to accompany breakfast or brunch, or serve them with afternoon tea.

## Strawberry-white chocolate scones

**Prep:** 20 minutes **Chill:** 20 minutes **Bake:** 20-25 minutes **Makes:** 15 scones  
Recipe from "Baking at Republique" (Lorena Jones Books) by Margarita Manzke.

- 4 cups flour
  - 1 tablespoon plus 2 teaspoons baking powder
  - 1/2 cup granulated sugar
  - Scant 1 teaspoon fine sea salt
  - 1 pound 5 ounces strawberries, hulled, quartered
  - 1 pound 5 ounces white chocolate, chopped
  - 3 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon heavy cream
  - 1/3 cup honey
  - 1/2 cup turbinado sugar
- 1. Put** the flour, baking powder, granulated sugar and salt in a large bowl; thoroughly mix. Add the strawberries and chocolate; dredge with the dry mixture. Make a well in the center.
  - 2. In a separate bowl**, mix the cream and honey. Pour into the center of the well. With a plastic dough scraper, slowly cut the dry ingredients into the center, being careful to limit the number of times you do this so as not to overwork the dough.
  - 3. Divide** the dough into 4-ounce mounds, and place them, spaced evenly apart, on two parchment paper-lined baking sheets. Chill in the freezer, 20 minutes.
  - 4. Heat** the oven to 350. Sprinkle the tops of the scones generously with the turbinado sugar. Bake scones until golden brown and a toothpick or cake tester inserted into the center comes out clean, 20 to 25 minutes. (Rotate the pans after 12 minutes to ensure even baking.) Transfer scones to a cooling rack. These are best the day they are made.
- Nutrition information per serving:** 400 calories, 15 g fat, 9 g saturated fat, 10 mg cholesterol, 52 g carbohydrates, 21 g sugar, 6 g protein, 352 mg sodium, 3 g fiber

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# 'Flavor of my childhood'

Chicago's tortillas are better than ever, thanks to Masienda's heirloom corn from Oaxaca

By NICK KINDELSPERGER  
Chicago Tribune

Rick Bayless remembers the first time Frontera Grill got a delivery of Masienda's heirloom corn masa as one of the most "dramatic moments in the restaurant." As soon as his chefs started to make tortillas, the smell began to waft around the kitchen of Bayless' flagship restaurant in Chicago's River North.

"It didn't take more than 15 minutes for all the Mexican-born staff to drift over to the comal," Bayless says. "They were saying, 'Oh my, this is the flavor of my childhood.'"

That was exactly the kind of reaction Jorge Gaviria, the founder and CEO of Masienda, was hoping for. He had created the Los Angeles-based company in 2014 after becoming interested in sustainable agriculture while working at Dan Barber's Blue Hill at Stone Barns, a restaurant, farm and educational center in New York's Hudson Valley. He focused on corn, specifically heirloom varieties still available in Mexico.

"In Mexico there are about 3 million subsistence farmers producing heirloom corn," Gaviria says. "They are protecting the biodiversity of corn, but they can't compete with the prices of subsidized commodity corn from the U.S." (That number is backed up by the nonprofit International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center.)

Gaviria claims that after NAFTA was passed in 1994, Mexico was flooded with cheap corn from the United States. As a result, many corn farmers in Mexico stopped selling their excess corn in markets because they couldn't compete with the low prices. (A report by the Council on Foreign Relations notes that NAFTA put "almost two million small-scale Mexican farmers out of work.")

Gaviria wanted to figure out a way to "upgrade the food chain" and sell the unsold heirloom corn. Not only would it help the small farmers make money, but it also would showcase how flavorful heirloom corn can be. "It's not about how much can I get per acre, but how much flavor," Gaviria says. "Why not let the flavor guide the application?"

Gaviria started by reaching out to chefs like Enrique Olvera, the acclaimed Mexico City chef who had just opened up Cosme in New York City, and Bayless, chef and co-owner of several Mexican restaurants in Chicago, including Tortas Frontera, Lena Brava and Topolobampo.

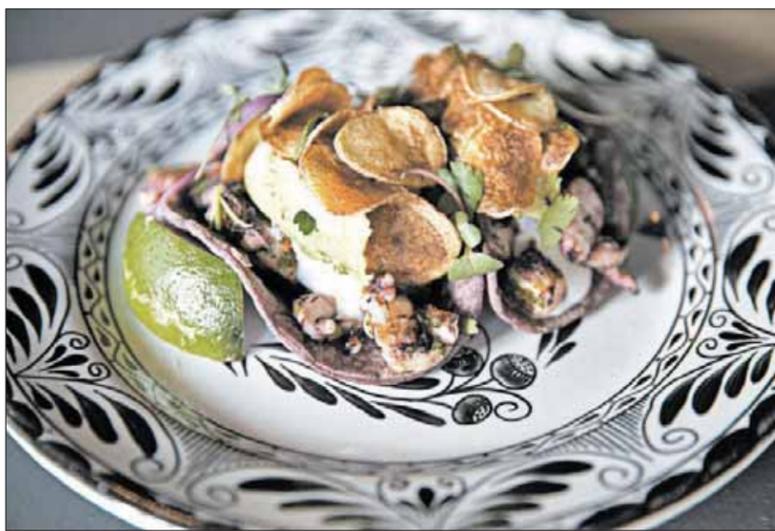
According to Bayless, Chicago already had some of the best corn tortillas in the United States, thanks to tortillerias like El Popocatepetl and El Milagro. "It's really hard to find fresh ground masa in the United States that's not made from masa harina," says Bayless, referring to the masa that has been dried and turned into flour.

But for some reason, most of the tortillerias in



At Barrio restaurant, Veronica Villa shapes tortillas made with heirloom corn from Mexico.

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Grilled octopus tacos at Barrio are prepared with hand-pressed heirloom corn tortillas.

Chicago practiced the more traditional time-consuming process of buying dried corn, boiling it with slaked lime (to make it softer and more nutritious) and then grinding it on a stone mill made from lava rock. He says that other kinds of stones or metal create a lot of heat, which can affect the masa. "But the temperature of the lava rock doesn't get that hot," Bayless says. "Walk into one of these tortillerias, and you'll still find a guy in the corner chiseling stone."

The only catch was that the companies were using the only corn available to them: dent corn produced in Illinois. "You have to admit (the tortillas made from dent corn) are delicious," says Bayless, noting that El Popocatepetl also makes sure its corn is non-GMO. "But it's very bland compared to the heirloom corn from Mexico."

Bayless had been trying to devise a way to get heirloom corn from Mexico for 10 to 15 years. "We couldn't



The tortillas are made from this masa produced at El Popocatepetl tortilleria from Masienda's heirloom corn.

figure out how to make it work," Bayless says. "We talked to farmers in Mexico, but then we'd have to get a truck to drive all the way to Chicago. We needed so much, but we didn't know how to store it all."

When Gaviria created Masienda, Bayless was so excited that he became an investor in the company, but it initially didn't make much sense at first to use the corn at his restaurants.

"(Jorge) was mostly selling small amounts of

corn to restaurants who were boiling the corn in the restaurant," Bayless says. "We didn't have the room. It was more than we could take on." His restaurants at the time were going through more than 400 pounds of masa a day, and he didn't have space in any of the locations for a machine that big.

Plus, Bayless had spent the past 32 years getting masa from El Popocatepetl, which first opened in Pilsen back in 1954. (The company

now has a second factory in the Archer Heights neighborhood, which produces the masa for Bayless' restaurants.) He wanted that relationship to continue, so he reached out to El Popocatepetl to see if the tortilleria would take the Masienda corn and produce the masa for his restaurants. El Popocatepetl was happy to oblige.

Until recently, El Popocatepetl only sold the Masienda corn to Bayless' restaurants, but that's slowly starting to change. Other restaurants around Chicago are now getting access.

Julian Rodriguez, the operations manager for El Popocatepetl, says the masa made from Masienda corn still only makes up a niche market of the business, but that he's noticed a growing number of restaurants starting to use it. Besides all of Bayless' restaurants, Rodriguez points to 5 Rabanitos, Barrio and Dos Urban Cantina.

Brian Enyart, chef and co-owner of Dos Urban Cantina, says that while the heirloom masa costs more, it's still not that much compared with how much he spends on other ingredients. Plus, the flavor is genuinely better.

"I know that saying it tastes more like corn doesn't make sense, but it really does," Enyart says. "It's subtle. You might not notice the difference at first, but you can create this magical experience that you can't quite put your finger on."

Katsuji Tanabe, the chef at Barrio, says the difference in flavor of a tortilla made from dent corn to one made from heirloom corn, is like the difference between "eating Wonder Bread and then going to a

local bakery."

But that's not the only advantage. He also thinks the texture of the tortillas made from heirloom corn is just as important. "It's stretchy and glossy," Tanabe says. "The tortillas are so smooth."

While everyone I talked to raved about the flavor, they also recognized how important it was to support local farmers.

"Clearly we are motivated by flavor, but I also am motivated by social justice," Bayless says. "When NAFTA went in, we pretty much wrecked the markets for heirloom corn in Mexico. Most of the people stopped growing it, except for local consumption, because the U.S. flooded (Mexico) with subsidized corn. Mexico is the land of corn, with hundreds of varieties that we don't want to lose."

"Anything we can do to stay away from a monoculture is everybody's best interest," Enyart says.

Tanabe believes that restaurants like his need to step up for farmers. "If you're not making the right choices ... by promoting something that's good for someone else, you're failing as a restaurateur," Tanabe says. "I think it's the right way. We have found a way to respect the corn and culture of Mexico in a beautiful way."

Currently, El Popocatepetl isn't producing any tortillas with the heirloom corn that consumers could buy at grocery stores, but if you're interested in making your own tortillas, you can buy the Masienda masa at El Popocatepetl's 47th Street location (4246 W. 47th St.).

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**\$1.79**

With This Coupon and a Separate \$10 Purchase Per Coupon.  
Limit One Of Each Coupon Per Family Per Visit.  
Limit One Per Coupon.  
Coupon Good 5/1/19 - 5/7/19.

10 **WALT'S COUPON** LU 5322

Butternut  
**Bread**  
•White  
•100% Wheat  
20 Oz.



**99¢**

With This Coupon and a Separate \$10 Purchase Per Coupon.  
Limit One Of Each Coupon Per Family Per Visit.  
Limit One Per Coupon.  
Coupon Good 5/1/19 - 5/7/19.

10 **WALT'S COUPON** LU 5323

Swaggerty's Breakfast  
**Pork Sausage**  
•Roll •Links •Patties  
Assorted Varieties  
12 - 16 Oz.



**\$1.79**

With This Coupon and a Separate \$10 Purchase Per Coupon.  
Limit One Of Each Coupon Per Family Per Visit.  
Limit One Per Coupon.  
Coupon Good 5/1/19 - 5/7/19.

10 **WALT'S COUPON** LU 5324

Indiana Kitchen  
**Sliced Bacon**  
•Regular •Thick  
16 Oz.



**\$2.79**

With This Coupon and a Separate \$10 Purchase Per Coupon.  
Limit One Of Each Coupon Per Family Per Visit.  
Limit One Per Coupon.  
Coupon Good 5/1/19 - 5/7/19.

10 **WALT'S COUPON** LU 5325

Dean's  
**Ice Cream**  
•Sandwiches 10 Pk.  
•Regular, Fudge, Toffee or Crunch Bars 12 Pk.



**\$2.79**

With This Coupon and a Separate \$10 Purchase Per Coupon.  
Limit One Of Each Coupon Per Family Per Visit.  
Limit One Per Coupon.  
Coupon Good 5/1/19 - 5/7/19.

10 **WALT'S COUPON** LU 5326

•Fritos  
•Cheetos  
7 - 9.25 Oz.



**\$1.79**

With This Coupon and a Separate \$10 Purchase Per Coupon.  
Limit One Of Each Coupon Per Family Per Visit.  
Limit One Per Coupon.  
Coupon Good 5/1/19 - 5/7/19.

10 **WALT'S COUPON** LU 5327

Prairie Farms  
Premium  
**Ice Cream**  
56 Oz.



**\$1.99**

With This Coupon and a Separate \$10 Purchase Per Coupon.  
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Limit One Per Coupon.  
Coupon Good 5/1/19 - 5/7/19.

10 **WALT'S COUPON** LU 5328

Best Choice/  
Pleasant View  
**Milk**  
•2% Reduced Fat  
•1% Lowfat  
•Skim Fat Free  
Gallon



**\$1.79**

With This Coupon and a Separate \$10 Purchase Per Coupon.  
Limit One Of Each Coupon Per Family Per Visit.  
Limit One Per Coupon.  
Coupon Good 5/1/19 - 5/7/19.

# BUY 8 SAVE \$8

**STOCK  
UP and  
SAVE!**

**Mix or  
Match**

Limit 2 Offers Per Customer Per Visit

Oscar Mayer  
**Sliced Bacon**  
Assorted Varieties  
12 - 16 Oz.  
**\$3.99**



When You Buy Any 8, Must Buy 8. Single Item Price \$4.99 Ea.

Brawny  
**Paper Towels**  
6 Pk. Rolls  
Quilted Northern  
**Bath Tissue**  
6 Pk. Mega Rolls or 12 Pk. Double Rolls  
**\$5.99**



When You Buy Any 8, Must Buy 8. Single Item Price \$6.99 Ea.

Post  
**Cereals**  
•Fruity Pebbles •Cocoa Pebbles  
•Honey Bunches of Oats  
13 - 14.5 Oz.  
**\$1.49**



When You Buy Any 8, Must Buy 8. Single Item Price \$2.49 Ea.

General Mills  
**Cereals**  
•Honey Nut Cheerios 10.8 Oz.  
•Multigrain Cheerios 9 Oz.  
•Trix 10.7 •Lucky Charms 10.5 Oz.  
•Cocoa Puffs 11.8 Oz.  
**\$1.69**



When You Buy Any 8, Must Buy 8. Single Item Price \$2.69 Ea.

Country Time or  
Kool-Aid  
**Drink Mix**  
6 - 8 Qt.  
**\$1.99**



When You Buy Any 8, Must Buy 8. Single Item Price \$2.99 Ea.

Country Time or  
Kool-Aid  
**On the Go**  
10 - 12 Ct.  
**99¢**



When You Buy Any 8, Must Buy 8. Single Item Price \$1.99 Ea.

McCafé, Gevalia or  
Maxwell House  
**Coffee**  
•6 - 12 Ct. K-Cups  
•12 Oz. Bag  
**\$4.99**



When You Buy Any 8, Must Buy 8. Single Item Price \$5.99 Ea.

Heinz  
**Ketchup**  
32 Oz.  
**\$1.99**



When You Buy Any 8, Must Buy 8. Single Item Price \$2.99 Ea.

Classico  
**Pasta Sauce**  
15 - 24 Oz.  
**\$1.49**



When You Buy Any 8, Must Buy 8. Single Item Price \$2.49 Ea.

Kraft  
**Deluxe Macaroni & Cheese**  
**Velveeta Shells & Cheese**  
3 Pk.  
**\$5.99**



When You Buy Any 8, Must Buy 8. Single Item Price \$6.99 Ea.

Kraft  
**Macaroni & Cheese**  
Deluxe or Regular  
**Velveeta Shells & Cheese**  
4 Pk. Cups  
**\$2.99**



When You Buy Any 8, Must Buy 8. Single Item Price \$3.99 Ea.

Nabisco  
**Snack Crackers**  
6.4 - 15 Oz. Family Size  
**Nilla Wafers**  
11 - 12 Oz.  
**\$2.49**



When You Buy Any 8, Must Buy 8. Single Item Price \$3.49 Ea.

Nabisco  
**Multipack**  
•Cookies  
•Crackers  
9 - 28.8 Oz.  
**\$3.49**



When You Buy Any 8, Must Buy 8. Single Item Price \$4.49 Ea.

Mrs. Butterworth's  
**Syrup**  
24 Oz.  
Nabisco  
**Fig Newtons**  
10 Oz.  
**\$1.99**



When You Buy Any 8, Must Buy 8. Single Item Price \$2.99 Ea.

Planters  
**Peanuts**  
•Dry Roasted  
•Cocktail  
16 Oz.  
**\$2.29**



When You Buy Any 8, Must Buy 8. Single Item Price \$3.29 Ea.

Planters  
**P3 Protein Packs**  
5.4 Oz.  
**\$3.99**



When You Buy Any 8, Must Buy 8. Single Item Price \$4.99 Ea.

Oscar Mayer  
**Wieners**  
(Excludes Beef, Cheese)  
Assorted Varieties  
14 - 16 Oz.  
**\$1.79**



When You Buy Any 8, Must Buy 8. Single Item Price \$2.79 Ea.

Oscar Mayer  
Funpack  
**Lunchables**  
Assorted Varieties  
8 - 10.7 Oz.  
**\$1.49**



When You Buy Any 8, Must Buy 8. Single Item Price \$2.49 Ea.

Oscar Mayer  
**Delifresh •Natural**  
**Carving Board**  
5.5 - 9 Oz.  
**\$2.49**



When You Buy Any 8, Must Buy 8. Single Item Price \$3.49 Ea.

Oscar Mayer  
Wallet Pak  
**Lunchmeat**  
16 Oz.  
**\$2.49**



When You Buy Any 8, Must Buy 8. Single Item Price \$3.49 Ea.

Hershey's  
**Pudding**  
4 Pk.  
Kraft Philadelphia  
**Cheesecake Cups**  
2 Pk.  
**\$1.49**



When You Buy Any 8, Must Buy 8. Single Item Price \$2.49 Ea.

Kraft Philadelphia  
**Soft Cream Cheese**  
Selected Varieties  
7.5 - 8 Oz. Tub  
**\$2.29**



When You Buy Any 8, Must Buy 8. Single Item Price \$3.29 Ea.

Kraft  
**Velveeta Cheese**  
2 Lb. Loaf  
**\$6.99**



When You Buy Any 8, Must Buy 8. Single Item Price \$7.99 Ea.

Jell-O  
**Pudding**  
**Gelatin**  
4 Pk.  
**\$1.29**



When You Buy Any 8, Must Buy 8. Single Item Price \$2.29 Ea.

Kraft Regular  
**American Cheese Singles**  
12 Oz.  
**\$2.29**



When You Buy Any 8, Must Buy 8. Single Item Price \$3.29 Ea.

Kraft  
**Cheese**  
•Shredded •Chunk •Crumbles  
Selected Varieties  
5 - 8 Oz.  
**\$1.69**



When You Buy Any 8, Must Buy 8. Single Item Price \$2.69 Ea.

**SALE DATES:**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1st THRU  
TUESDAY, MAY 7th, 2019

**WALT'S**  
FOOD CENTERS



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at [www.waltsfoods.com](http://www.waltsfoods.com)

**STORE HOURS:**

Mon.-Sat. 7 am to 9 pm  
Sun. 7 am to 7 pm

**From Our Deli Hut**

Walt's Signature Premium  
**Baked Ham**

**\$4.98**  
Lb.

\$2.49 1/2 Lb.

**Gluten Free**

Walt's Signature Premium  
Oven Roasted  
**Turkey Breast**

**\$6.98**  
Lb.

\$3.49 1/2 Lb.

**Gluten Free**

Extra Large Ripe Sweet  
**Roma Tomatoes**

**79¢**  
Lb.

"Hass"  
**Avocados**

**4/\$5**

**Extra Large!**

Ripe Sweet Premium  
**Strawberries**

**2/\$4**

**1 Lb. Pkgs.**

World Famous Sweet  
**Vidalia Onions**

**99¢**  
Lb.

**They're Back!**

Seedless  
**Watermelon**

**99¢**  
Lb.

**Premium Cuts!**

**Premium Slices!**

**From Our Country Bakery**

Walt's Own Fresh Baked  
**Buttercrust Bread**

**\$1.99**  
1 Lb. Loaf

Walt's Own White or Chocolate  
Buttercream Iced  
**Cake Slices**

**\$1.99**  
2 Pk. Pre-Packaged

Walt's Premium USDA Choice  
"Natural Beef"

**Boneless Round Steak**

**\$3.79**  
Lb.

Walt's Premium USDA Choice  
"Natural Beef"

**Boneless Sirloin Steak**

**\$5.99**  
Lb.

Walt's "All Natural" Fresh  
**Chicken**

•Drumsticks  
•Thighs

**88¢**  
Lb.

Tyson Bagged IQF  
Boneless Skinless  
**Chicken Breasts**

**\$4.99**  
2.5 Lb.

**No Added Hormones**

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork  
**Center Cut Pork Chops**

**\$2.49**  
Lb.

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork  
**Baby Back Pork Ribs**

**\$3.59**  
Lb.

Prince  
**Pasta**

Selected Varieties  
12 - 16 Oz.

**99¢**

Starkist  
**Chunk Light Tuna**

**10/\$10**  
5 Oz.

Best Choice  
**Whipped Topping**

**99¢**  
8 Oz.

Birdseye Polybag Regular  
**Vegetables**

•Regular •Rice •Steamfresh  
Selected Varieties  
10 - 16 Oz.

**10/\$10**

Dutch Farms  
**Bagels**

**99¢**  
14 Oz.

Chef Boyardee  
**Pasta Meal**

**10/\$10**  
7.5 - 15 Oz.

**Powerade**

**69¢**  
32 Oz.

Bush's  
**Baked Beans**

**10/\$10**  
16 Oz.

Simply  
**Orange Juice**

**2/\$6**  
52 Oz.

Hills Bros.  
**Coffee**

•High Yield  
30.5 Oz.  
•Other Selected Varieties  
23 - 26 Oz.

**\$4.99**

Dannon  
**Yogurt**

•Light & Fit  
•Fruit on the Bottom  
•Whole Milk  
Selected Varieties  
5.3 Oz.

**39¢**

Limit 12 Total

When You Buy 3 Regular, Diet  
•Pepsi •Crush

•Mtn. Dew  
•Schweppes

**Bubly Sparkling Water**

**3/\$10**  
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans

Must Buy 3. Single Item Price \$3.99 Ea.

Edy's Grand  
**Ice Cream**

•Yogurt  
•Sherbet

**2/\$5**  
48 Oz.

When You Buy 2  
Kellogg's  
**Cereals**

•Frosted Flakes 19.2 Oz.  
•Apple Jacks 14.7 Oz.  
•Froot Loops 14.7 Oz.  
•Corn Pops 14.6 Oz.

**2/\$5**

Must Buy 2. Single Item Price \$2.99 Ea.



**W Digital Rewards**  
**DEAL of the Week**



**99¢**  
Limit 1

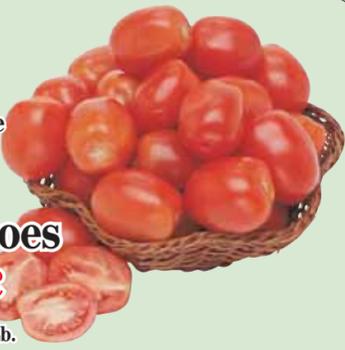
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Sweet  
**Jumbo Blueberries**

**Fresh Picked!**

# PRODUCE

Extra Large Ripe Sweet  
**Roma Tomatoes**

**79¢**  
Lb.



Premium Super Select  
**Cucumbers**

**3/\$1**



Large Fancy  
**Lemons**

**3/\$1**



Large Sweet  
**Kiwi Fruit**

**3/\$1**



"Hass"  
**Avocados**

**4/\$5**



**Extra Large!**

"Genuine"  
**Idaho Potatoes**

**\$2.39**



**U.S. No. 1**

**10 Lb. Bag**

Extra Large Sweet Tropical  
**Mangos**

**99¢**  
Ea.



Fresh  
**Spinach**

**99¢**



World Famous Sweet  
**Vidalia Onions**

**99¢**  
Lb.



**They're Back!**

Ripe Sweet Premium  
**Strawberries**

**1 Lb. Pkgs.**

**2/\$4**



Fresh Express  
**Baby Blends**

- Sweet & Crunchy
- Spinach & Arugula
- Veggie Spring
- Baby Kale
- Spring Mix
- Baby Spinach
- 50/50 Mix

**2/\$5**



Sweet Seedless  
**Halos**

3 Lb. Bag

**\$3.99**



Ripe Sweet  
**Grape Tomatoes**

Pkg.  
**\$1.39**



Fancy Solid  
**Green Cabbage**

**49¢**  
Lb.



Michigan  
**Honeycrisp Apples**

3 Lb. Bag  
**\$3.99**



MICHIGAN APPLES

Extra Large  
**Green Bell Peppers**

**\$1.39**  
Lb.



"Kid's Choice"  
**Navel Oranges**

**\$1.99**



**Sweet -N- Juicy!**

**3 Lb. Bag**

Extra Large Sweet  
**Red Seedless Grapes**

**\$1.99**  
Lb.



Premium Slices!

Seedless  
**Watermelon**

**99¢**  
Lb.



**Premium Cuts!**

Premium Sweet  
**Bell Peppers**

**\$2.99**  
Lb.



**Red • Yellow • Orange**

# COUNTRY BAKERY

Walt's Own  
Fresh Baked  
**Buttercrust Bread**

1 Lb. Loaf  
**\$1.99**



Walt's Own  
Homestyle  
**Cherry Pie**

8 Inch  
**\$5.99**



Walt's Own  
Fresh Baked  
**Kaiser Rolls**

8 Pk. Pre-Packaged  
**\$1.99**



Walt's Own  
**Cherry Almond Muffins**

4 Pk. Pre-Packaged  
**\$3.99**



Walt's Own Glazed  
**Cherry Donut Holes**

18 Pk. Pre-Packaged  
**\$2.49**



**Made Fresh in our Store**

**Best Donuts in Town**

Walt's Own Fresh  
**Zucchini Bread**

**\$3.99**



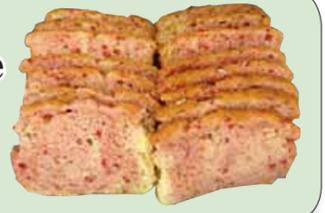
Walt's Own  
**Peach Cobbler**

**\$3.49**



Walt's Own Sliced  
**Cream Cake Loaf**

Assorted Varieties  
**\$3.99**



Walt's Own  
Pan Style  
**Strudel**

\*Apple • Cherry • Cheese  
**\$3.49**



Walt's Own  
White or Chocolate  
Buttercream Iced  
**Cake Slices**

2 Pk. Pre-Packaged  
**\$1.99**



# BUTCHER SHOP

Walt's "All Natural" Fresh Chicken  
**Chicken**  
 • Drumsticks • Thighs  
 3 Lb. Pkgs. or More  
**88¢** Lb.  
 No Added Hormones

Miller Amish Country "100% Natural"  
**Boneless Chicken Thighs**  
 2.5 Lb. Bag  
**\$3.29** Lb.  
 Gained Without Antibiotics, Hormones or Steroids

Tyson Bagged IQF  
**Boneless Skinless Chicken Breasts**  
 2.5 Lb. Bag  
**\$4.99**

Walt's Premium USDA Choice "Natural Beef"  
**Boneless Round Steak**  
 Sold As Steak Only  
**\$3.79** Lb.  
 Beef Cube Steaks Value Pack **\$3.99** Lb.

Kingsford Fully Cooked  
**Baby Back Pork Ribs with Sauce**  
 24 Oz.  
**\$8.99**

Nathan's Famous  
**Beef Franks**  
 Selected Varieties 10 - 14 Oz.  
**\$3.49**

Walt's "All Natural" Premium 85% Lean Fresh  
**Ground Round**  
 Any Size Package  
**\$3.39** Lb.  
 Ground fresh in store many times daily.

USDA Choice Certified Hereford "Natural Beef"  
**Beef Bottom Round Roast**  
 Sold As Roast Only  
**\$3.59** Lb.  
 Bottom Round Steaks Value Pack **\$3.79** Lb.

Indiana Kitchen  
**Sliced Bacon**  
 • Regular • Thick  
 16 Oz.  
**\$3.99**

Swaggerty's  
**Breakfast Pork Sausage**  
 • Roll • Links • Patties  
 Assorted Varieties 12 - 16 Oz.  
**\$2.69**

Jennie-O  
**Turkey Bacon**  
 12 Oz.  
**2/\$5**  
 Smoked Turkey Sausage 14 Oz. **2/\$5**

**When You Buy Any 8 and Save \$8** (Limit 2 Mix or Match Offers Per Customer Per Visit.)

Oscar Mayer  
**Sliced Bacon**  
 Assorted Varieties 12 - 16 Oz.  
**\$3.99**  
 When You Buy Any 8, Must Buy 8. Single Item Price **\$4.99** Ea.

Oscar Mayer Funpack  
**Lunchables**  
 Assorted Varieties 8 - 10.7 Oz.  
**\$1.49**  
 When You Buy Any 8, Must Buy 8. Single Item Price **\$2.49** Ea.

Oscar Mayer  
**Delifresh • Natural • Carving Board**  
 Assorted Varieties 5.5 - 9 Oz.  
**\$2.49**  
 When You Buy Any 8, Must Buy 8. Single Item Price **\$3.49** Ea.

Oscar Mayer  
**Wieners**  
 (Excludes Beef, Cheese)  
 Assorted Varieties 14 - 16 Oz.  
**\$1.79**  
 When You Buy Any 8, Must Buy 8. Single Item Price **\$2.79** Ea.

Oscar Mayer Wallet Pak  
**Lunchmeat**  
 Assorted Varieties 16 Oz.  
**\$2.49**  
 When You Buy Any 8, Must Buy 8. Single Item Price **\$3.49** Ea.

Scott Pete  
**Jumbo Franks**  
 16 Oz.  
**\$1.79**  
 Scott Pete Beef Franks 14 Oz. **\$3.49**

Carl Buddig  
**Lunchmeat Tubes**  
 Assorted Varieties 7 - 9 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

Scott Pete  
**Smoked Sausage**  
 Selected Varieties 20 Oz.  
**\$3.99**  
 Beef Smoked Sausage Selected Varieties 20 Oz. **\$4.99**

Armour  
**LunchMakers**  
 Assorted Varieties 2.4 - 2.9 Oz.  
**5/\$5**

Simply  
**Mashed Potatoes**  
 Selected Varieties 24 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

Cooked Perfect  
**Meatballs**  
 Assorted Varieties 20 - 32 Oz.  
**\$5.99**

Walt's Premium USDA Choice "Natural Beef"  
**Boneless Sirloin Steak**  
 Any Size Package  
**\$5.99** Lb.

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork  
**Baby Back Pork Ribs**  
 Sold in the Bag  
**\$3.59** Lb.

## Specialty Shoppe

**USDA PRIME BEEF**  
 The Highest Quality Grade of Beef  
 Now Available at WALT'S

The U.S. Department of Agriculture assigned the word "PRIME" to describe the highest quality of beef. The "Prime" Beef Grade is based on the amount of marbling within the meat. The marbling, flecks of fat within the meat, adds flavor and tenderness to the meat. USDA Prime Beef is known to be the most tender, flavorful, and juiciest of all grades of beef. Less than 2% of all beef produced in the United States will qualify for the "USDA PRIME" Grade. All our PRIME Steaks are aged and Hand Trimmed by our Master Meat Cutters.

USDA PRIME Black Angus Beef <b>Boneless Rib Eye Steak</b>	<b>\$14.99</b> Lb.
USDA PRIME Black Angus Beef <b>Boneless Strip Steak</b>	<b>\$13.99</b> Lb.
USDA PRIME Black Angus Beef <b>Porterhouse Steak</b>	<b>\$12.99</b> Lb.
USDA PRIME Black Angus Beef <b>Boneless Sirloin Steak</b>	<b>\$6.99</b> Lb.

## Seafood Specials

**CATCH! THE SAVINGS**

Fresh Farm Raised <b>Catfish Fillets</b>	<b>\$4.99</b> Lb.
Sea Best <b>Salmon Fillets</b>	<b>\$5.99</b> 16 Oz.
Sea Best <b>Flounder Fillets</b>	<b>\$4.99</b> 16 Oz.
Asian Classic 41/50 Ct. <b>Cooked Tail-On Shrimp</b>	<b>\$7.99</b> 16 Oz.
Asian Classic 31/40 Ct. <b>EZ Peel Raw Shrimp</b>	<b>\$5.99</b> 16 Oz.

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork  
**Center Cut Pork Chops**  
 Value Pack  
**\$2.49** Lb.

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork  
**Pork Country Ribs**  
 Value Pack  
**\$1.79** Lb.

Check Out Our **LOW PRICES** **DELI-HUT** Check Out Our **LOW PRICES** Everyday

**BUY OF THE WEEK!**

Walt's Signature Premium <b>Baked Ham</b>	<b>\$4.98</b> Lb. \$2.49 1/2 Lb.
Walt's Signature Premium Oven Roasted <b>Turkey Breast</b>	<b>\$6.98</b> Lb. \$3.49 1/2 Lb.

Gluten Free

Garden Fresh <b>Bacon Macaroni &amp; Cheddar Salad</b>	<b>\$5.99</b> Lb.
Garden Fresh <b>Red Cabbage Cole Slaw</b>	<b>\$5.29</b> Lb.
Garden Fresh <b>Steakhouse Potato Salad</b>	<b>\$4.29</b> Lb.
Garden Fresh <b>Vinegar &amp; Oil Cole Slaw</b>	<b>\$2.59</b> Lb.
Walt's Deli Hut <b>Strawberry Cheese Cake Delight</b>	<b>\$5.29</b> Lb.

**BUY OF THE WEEK!**

Eckrich <b>• Corned Beef • Roast Beef</b>	<b>\$8.98</b> Lb. \$4.49 1/2 Lb.
Eckrich <b>Deli Loaves</b> • Old Fashioned • Jalapeno • Olive • Pickle & Pimento	<b>\$4.98</b> Lb. \$2.49 1/2 Lb.

**BUY OF THE WEEK!**

Lorraine <b>Swiss Cheese</b>	<b>\$5.98</b> Lb. \$2.99 1/2 Lb.
Hoffmann's Super Sharp <b>Cheddar Cheese</b>	<b>\$6.98</b> Lb. \$3.49 1/2 Lb.

**BUY OF THE WEEK!**

Chuck & Dave's <b>Salsa</b> Assorted Varieties 16 Oz.	<b>\$3.29</b>
Haciendas de Oro <b>Tortilla Chips</b> 14 Oz.	<b>\$2.99</b>

Dietz & Watson <b>All Varieties Turkey Breast</b>	<b>\$7.98</b> Lb. \$3.99 1/2 Lb.
Dietz & Watson <b>Buffalo Style Chicken Breast</b>	<b>\$7.98</b> Lb. \$3.99 1/2 Lb.

Gluten Free

Walt's Deli Hut <b>Whole Rotisserie Chicken</b> Salt & Pepper Only	<b>\$4.99</b> Ea.
King's Command Homestyle <b>Beef Meatloaf</b> 18 Oz.	<b>\$7.99</b>

Dietz & Watson <b>Hard Salami</b>	<b>\$6.98</b> Lb. \$3.49 1/2 Lb.
Dietz & Watson <b>Yellow American Cheese</b>	<b>\$5.58</b> Lb. \$2.79 1/2 Lb.

Gluten Free

# DAIRY

Dannon  
**Yogurt**

•Light & Fit •Whole Milk  
•Fruit On The Bottom  
Selected Varieties 5.3 Oz.

**39¢**

Limit 12 Total Please



Ore Ida  
**Just Crack  
An Egg**

3 Oz.

**\$2.49**

Dutch Farms  
**Sour  
Cream**

16 Oz.

**2/\$3**

Dutch Farms  
**Cream Cheese**

•Regular •1/3 Less Fat  
•Fat Free  
8 Oz. Box

**2/\$3**

Dutch Farms  
**Cheese  
Spread**

8 Oz.

**\$2.29**

Dutch Farms  
**Cheese**

•Cracker Cuts 10 Oz.  
•Chunks 16 Oz.

**2/\$6**

Kraft  
**Natural  
Cheese Slices**

Selected Varieties  
7 - 8 Oz.

**2/\$4**

Florida's Natural  
**Premium  
Orange Juice**

89 Oz.  
Sale Price ~~\$5.79~~  
Digital Reward Coupon  
-25¢  
Final Price **\$5.54**

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I Can't Believe  
**It's Not Butter**

Selected Varieties  
8 - 16 Oz. ~~\$3.99~~  
**\$2.99**

Chobani  
**Yogurt**

•0% •2% •Flips •Drinks  
Selected Varieties  
4 - 7 Oz.

**10/\$10**

Dutch Farms  
**Premium  
Dips**

11.5 - 12 Oz.

**2/\$4**

Dutch Farms  
**Cheese**

•On The Go Snack Bars 7.5 Oz.  
•On The Go Snackers 3/Pk.  
•Curds 5 Oz.

**2/\$5**

Kraft  
**String  
Cheese**

9 - 12 Oz.

**\$2.99**

Dutch Farms  
**Organic  
Milk**

64 Oz.

**2/\$7**

Bays  
**English Muffins**

6 Pk.

**\$2.79**

Chobani  
**Yogurt**

•0% •2% •Flips •Drinks  
Selected Varieties  
4 - 7 Oz.

**10/\$10**

Dutch Farms  
**Premium  
Dips**

11.5 - 12 Oz.

**2/\$4**

Dutch Farms  
**Cheese**

•Regular, Thick Cut or Fancy Shredded/Selected Varieties 5-8 Oz.  
•Natural Slices Selected Varieties 6-7.6 Oz.  
•Bars Selected Varieties 8 Oz.

**3/\$6**

Dutch Farms  
**Cheese**

•On The Go Snack Bars 7.5 Oz.  
•On The Go Snackers 3/Pk.  
•Curds 5 Oz.

**2/\$5**

Dutch Farms  
**Organic  
Milk**

64 Oz.

**2/\$7**

Baileys,  
International Delight or  
Dunkin' Donuts  
**Flavored Creamers**

32 Oz.

**2/\$6**

Dean's or  
Daisy Brand  
**Cottage  
Cheese**

16 Oz.

**\$1.99**

Dutch Farms  
**•Pudding  
•Gelatin**

4 Pk.

**3/\$5**

Dutch Farms  
**Regular  
American  
Cheese Singles**

12 Oz.

**3/\$6**

Dutch Farms  
**Shredded  
Cheese**

2 Lb. Bag

**\$5.99**

Parkay  
**Soft  
Spread**

41 Oz.

**\$3.79**

Dean's  
Orchard Pure  
**Orange  
Juice**

64 Oz.

**2/\$6**

# FROZEN

Prairie Farms  
**Premium  
Ice Cream**

56 Oz.

**2/\$5**

Edy's Grand  
**•Ice Cream  
•Yogurt  
•Sherbet**

48 Oz.

**10/\$10**

Eggo  
**•Waffles  
•Pancakes**

9.8 - 16.4 Oz.

**2/\$5**

Bob Evans  
**Breakfast  
Sandwiches**

•Sausage/Egg/Cheese Croissant  
•Sausage/Egg/Cheese Biscuit  
3.65 - 4.5 Oz.

**10/\$10**

Good Humor  
**Ice Cream Bars**

•Strawberry Shortcake  
•Chocolate Eclair  
6 Pk.

**\$4.49**

Devour  
**Entree**

7.2 - 12 Oz.  
Sale Price ~~\$3.00~~  
Digital Reward Coupon  
-25¢  
Final Price **\$2.75**

Must use Walt's App to redeem

Delimex  
**Appetizers**

11.2 - 24 Oz.  
Sale Price ~~\$4.99~~  
Digital Reward Coupon  
-50¢  
Final Price **\$4.49**

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Palermo's  
**Primo Thin Crust  
Pizza**

12 Inch

**2/\$6.98**

Screamin' Sicilian Singles  
•Regular •Stromboli 9.10 - 10 Oz. ~~\$3.99~~

Mr. Dell's  
"All Natural"  
**Hash Browns**

24 - 32 Oz.

**\$2.99**

Dean's  
**Ice Cream  
Sandwiches**

10 Pk.

**\$3.99**

Frontera  
**Bowl**

10.75 - 11.3 Oz.

**\$3.29**

Simek's  
**Meatballs**

17 - 22 Oz.

**\$4.99**

Totino's  
**Party  
Pizza**

9.8 - 10.9 Oz.

**8/\$10**

Marie Callender's  
**•Cream Pies  
•Pot Pies**

Selected Varieties  
6 - 10 Oz.

**\$2.29**

Dean's  
**Bars**

•Ice Cream  
•Fudge •Tofffee  
•Crunch  
12 Pk.

**\$3.99**

Banquet  
**Meat  
Pot Pie**

7 Oz.

**99¢**

Banquet  
**Sliders**

•Chicken •Cheeseburger  
10 - 11.64 Oz.

**\$3.99**

Banquet  
**Chicken**

•Mega Strips  
•Jumbo Nuggets  
24 - 48 Oz.

**\$6.99**

Pepperidge Farm Regular  
**3-Layer  
Cake**

19 - 19.6 Oz.

**\$2.99**

Nestle  
**Drumsticks**

Selected Varieties  
4 Pk.

**\$3.99**

Ore Ida  
**•Potatoes  
•Onion Rings**

14 - 32 Oz.

**\$2.99**

Banquet  
**Chicken**

•Nuggets  
•Patties  
•Tenders  
12 - 15 Oz.

**2/\$5**

Banquet  
**Mega Meals  
Prime Cut**

13.4 - 14.6 Oz.

**\$3.29**

Best Choice  
**Whipped  
Topping**

8 Oz.

**99¢**

Birdseye  
Polybag Regular  
**Vegetables**

•Regular •Rice •Steamfresh  
Selected Varieties  
10 - 16 Oz.

**10/\$10**

Weight Watchers  
**Smart Ones  
Entrees**

Selected Varieties  
4.4 - 10.5 Oz.

**5/\$10**

Kid Cuisine  
**Dinner**

7.45 - 10.6 Oz.

**\$2.49**

Palermo's  
**Primo Thin Crust  
Pizza**

12 Inch

**2/\$6.98**

Champion  
Thin Crust  
**Pizza**

12 Inch

**2/\$11**

# GROCERY

Mix or Match

## 10/\$10 SALE!

Mix or Match



Rotel Tomatoes with Chiles  
10 Oz.  
**10/\$10**



Starkist Chunk Light Tuna  
5 Oz.  
**10/\$10**



Armour Chili with Beans  
14 Oz.  
**10/\$10**



Chef Boyardee Mini Ravioli  
7.5 - 15 Oz.  
**10/\$10**



Hunt's Snack Pack Pudding  
4 Pk.  
**10/\$10**



Act II Popcorn  
3 Pk.  
**10/\$10**



•Crunch 'n Munch  
3.5 Oz.  
•Slim Jim Meat Stick  
.97 Oz.  
**10/\$10**



•Kool-Aid Bursts  
•Country Time Lemonade  
6 Pk.  
**10/\$10**



Hills Bros. Coffee  
•High Yield 30.5 Oz.  
•Selected Varieties 23-26 Oz.  
**\$4.99**



Powerade  
32 Oz.  
**69¢**



Prince Pasta  
Selected Varieties  
12 - 16 Oz.  
**99¢**



Prego Pasta Sauce  
14.5 - 24 Oz.  
**2/\$4**



Red Gold  
•Tomatoes  
28 - 29 Oz.  
•Tomato Juice  
46 Oz.  
**2/\$3**



Bush's Baked Beans  
16 Oz.  
**10/\$10**



When You Buy 3 Bigelow Tea  
20 Ct.  
**3/\$5**  
Must Buy 3. Single Item Price \$2.49 Ea.



Betty Crocker Suddenly Pasta Salad  
6.5 - 8.3 Oz.  
**4/\$5**



Maruchan Instant Lunch Cup  
2.25 Oz.  
**3/\$1**



Bragg Organic Apple Cider Vinegar  
32 Oz.  
**\$3.99**



Wesson Vegetable Oil  
128 Oz.  
Sale Price **\$7.49**  
Digital Reward Coupon **-25¢**  
Final Price **\$7.24**  
Must use Wal-Mart's App to redeem



When You Buy 3 Regular, Diet  
•Pepsi •Crush  
•Mtn. Dew  
•Schweppes  
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans or  
8 Pk. 12 Oz. NR Btls.  
Bubly Sparkling Water  
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans  
**3/\$10**  
Must Buy 3. Single Item Price \$3.99 Ea.



Best Choice Yellow Cake Mix  
16.5 Oz.  
**79¢**



Best Choice Creamy Frosting  
16.5 Oz.  
**\$1.29**



Pam Spray  
Original Only  
6 Oz.  
**\$2.99**



Hershey's Candy  
5.7 - 9.9 Oz. Pouch  
**\$2.99**



Arm & Hammer Liquid Laundry Detergent  
122.5 - 150 Oz.  
**\$5.99**



When You Buy 2 Kellogg's Cereals  
•Frosted Flakes 19.2 Oz.  
•Apple Jacks 14.7 Oz.  
•Froot Loops 14.7 Oz.  
•Corn Pops 14.6 Oz.  
**2/\$5**  
Must Buy 2. Single Item Price \$2.99 Ea.



Kellogg's Bars  
(Excludes Protein)  
•Special K  
•Nutrigrain  
6 - 8 Ct.  
**\$2.99**



Quaker Cereals  
•Cap'n Crunch  
•Life  
17.1 - 20 Oz.  
**2/\$7**



Hungry Jack Complete Pancake Mix  
32 Oz.  
**2/\$5**  
Hungry Jack Regular Syrup  
27.6 Oz.  
**\$2.99**



•Bounty Paper Towels  
8 Pk. Giant Rolls  
•Charmin Bath Tissue  
9 Pk. Mega Rolls  
**\$10.99**  
Your Choice

### CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO SUNDAY MAY 5



La Preferida Taco Seasoning Mix  
1 - 1.4 Oz.  
**3/\$2**



La Preferida Authentic Refried Beans  
16 Oz.  
**99¢**



La Preferida  
•Spanish Rice  
5.25 Oz.  
•Nacho Cheese Sauce  
15 Oz.  
**2/\$3**



La Preferida Diced Green Chiles  
4 Oz.  
**69¢**



Taco Bell Crunchy & Soft Taco Dinner Kit  
8.85 - 16.8 Oz.  
**\$1.99**



Taco Bell Salsa  
16 Oz.  
**2/\$3**



•Taco Bell Restaurant Sauce  
7.5 - 8.5 Oz.  
•Tabasco Hot Sauce  
2 Oz.  
**4/\$5**



Mission Soft Taco Shells  
10 Ct.  
**2/\$4**



Best Choice Charcoal  
18.5 - 20 Lb.  
**\$4.99**  
Bonus Size!

# GROCERY GOLD VALUES

•7Up •Dr. Pepper  
•A&W •RC  
•Canada Dry  
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans or  
8 Pk. 12 Oz. NR Btl's  
**3/\$11**  
Must Buy 3. Single Item Price \$3.99 Ea.

Regular, Diet  
•Coke  
•Coke Zero Sugar  
•Sprite  
2 Ltr.  
**4/\$5**

Regular, Diet  
•Pepsi •Crush  
•Mtn. Dew  
•Schweppes  
10 Pk. 7.5 Oz. Cans  
**2/\$8**

Gatorade  
8 Pk. 20 Oz. Btl's  
**2/\$10**

Dasani  
Water  
24 Pk. 5 Ltr. Btl's.  
**\$3.99**

Nestle  
Pure Life  
Water  
24 Pk. 8 Oz. Btl's.  
**\$2.99**

Eternal  
Alkaline  
Spring  
Water  
600 ML  
**5/\$5**

Nestle  
Splash  
6 Pk. 5 Ltr. Btl's.  
**4/\$5**

•Bai  
Antioxidant Drinks  
18 Oz.  
•Evian  
Spring Water  
1 Ltr.  
**2/\$3**

Lipton  
Tea  
128 Oz.  
**2/\$6**

•Lipton Pure Leaf Tea  
18.5 Oz.  
•Mtn. Dew Kickstart  
12 - 16 Oz.  
•Sobe Lifewater  
20 Oz.  
**5/\$5**

V8 Juice  
•Fusion  
•Vegetable  
•Energy  
46 Oz. or 6 Pk.  
**2/\$6**

Lay's  
Potato  
Chips  
9.5 - 10 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

•Fritos  
•Cheetos  
7 - 9.25 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

•Krunchers  
Potato Chips  
8 - 8.5 Oz.  
•Snyder's  
Pretzels  
12 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

Mission  
Tortilla  
Chips  
9 - 13 Oz.  
**2/\$4**

Nabisco  
•Cheese Nips  
10 - 12 Oz.  
•Snak-Saks  
8 Oz.  
**\$1.99**

Planters  
Nuts  
•Cashew Halves •Mixed  
8 - 10.3 Oz.  
Sale Price **\$4.99**  
Digital Reward Coupon **-50¢**  
Final Price **\$4.49**  
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Butternut  
•Bread  
White or 100% Whole Wheat 20 Oz.  
•Hamburger Buns  
•Hot Dog Buns  
8 Ct.  
**2/\$3**

Sara Lee  
Bread  
•Butter  
•Whole Grain White  
•Italian  
20 Oz.  
**\$1.99**

Aunt Millie's  
•Giant Bread  
White, Wheat or Italian  
24 Oz.  
•Deluxe Buns  
Hamburger or Hot Dog  
8 Ct.  
**\$1.69**

Entenmann's  
•Little Bites  
•Mini Cakes  
6.85 - 13.8 Oz.  
**\$3.49**

Murray  
Sugar Free Cookies  
7.7 - 8.8 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

Keekler  
Ice Cream Cones  
3 - 4 Oz.  
Sale Price **\$2.49**  
Digital Reward Coupon **-25¢**  
Final Price **\$2.24**  
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## GM/HBC

O'Cedar  
Angler Broom  
with Dust Pan  
**\$7.99**

Energizer Max  
Batteries  
•AA •AAA  
8 Ct.  
**\$5.99**

Raid  
Ant Traps  
4 Ct.  
**\$2.99**

Q-tips  
Cotton  
Swabs ..... 500 Ct. **\$2.99**

Scope Mint  
Mouth  
Rinse..... 33.8 Oz. **\$3.49**  
•Outlast •Original

Soft Scrub  
Latex  
Gloves ..... 1 Pr. **89¢**  
•Medium •Large

10 mg  
Claritin..... 5 Ct. **\$5.99**

Aspercreme  
Lidocaine ..... 2.7 Oz. **\$5.99**

Pond's  
Towelettes..... 28 Ct. **\$3.99**

Raid  
Ant & Roach  
•Fragrance Free •Lemon  
•Outdoor Fresh •Lavender  
17.5 Oz.  
**\$3.99**

Dove Baby  
•Sensitive or Rich Body Wash  
•Sensitive or Rich Lotion  
13 Oz.  
**\$4.99**

Atkins Ready To Drink  
Shakes  
•Vanilla •Milk Chocolate  
•Dark Chocolate  
4 Pk.  
**\$5.99**

## FINE WINE, BREWS & SPIRITS

Available in Homewood, Tinley Park, Crete & Beecher stores only.

•Miller Lite  
•Miller Genuine Draft  
•Miller 64  
•Coors Light  
18 Pk. 12 Oz. Btl's.  
**\$9.99**

Leinenkugel's  
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btl's. or Cans  
**\$11.99**

•Blue Moon  
•Stella Artois  
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btl's. or Cans  
**\$13.99**

Apothic  
Wine  
•Red •White •Dark ..... 750 ML **\$8.99**

Jose Cuervo or  
Camarena  
Tequila ..... 750 ML **\$17.99**  
•Silver •Gold .....

Svedka  
Vodka ..... 1.75 Ltr. **\$21.99**

Chi Chi's  
Mixers  
•Margarita •Pina Colada 1.75 Ltr. **\$7.99**  
•Peach Margarita .....

Cape Line  
Sparkling  
Cocktails **New!**  
12 Pk. Cans..... **\$13.99**

•Corona •Corona Light  
•Corona Premier  
•Corona Familiar  
•Modelo •Negra  
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btl's. or Cans  
**\$13.99**

When You Buy 2  
•Miller High Life  
•Miller High Life Light  
•Icehouse  
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btl's. or Cans  
**\$5.99**  
Must Buy 2. Single Item Price \$6.99 Ea.

Goose  
Island  
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btl's. or  
15 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans  
**\$13.99**

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