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'Inept' DCFS failing 'at every level'

As audit highlights failures, Cook County guardian decries child welfare agency

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY
Chicago Tribune

A new report from the Illinois auditor general slammed the state's troubled child welfare agency for failing to follow its own policies when investigating cases of abuse and neglect, finding a

hotline used to report allegations cannot handle the call volume and caseloads for staff are too high.

The long-awaited audit was released Tuesday morning, hours before a group of state lawmakers announced plans to create a new caucus aimed at reforming the state Department of Children and

Family Services as it faces intense scrutiny after several young children under its watch have died in recent months.

Auditor General Frank Mautino's report concludes that timeliness for completing investigations declined significantly between 2015 and 2017, the years examined by the audit. Though investigators are supposed to complete their probes within 60 days, the audit found 16% of cases in 2016 re-

mained open after that deadline.

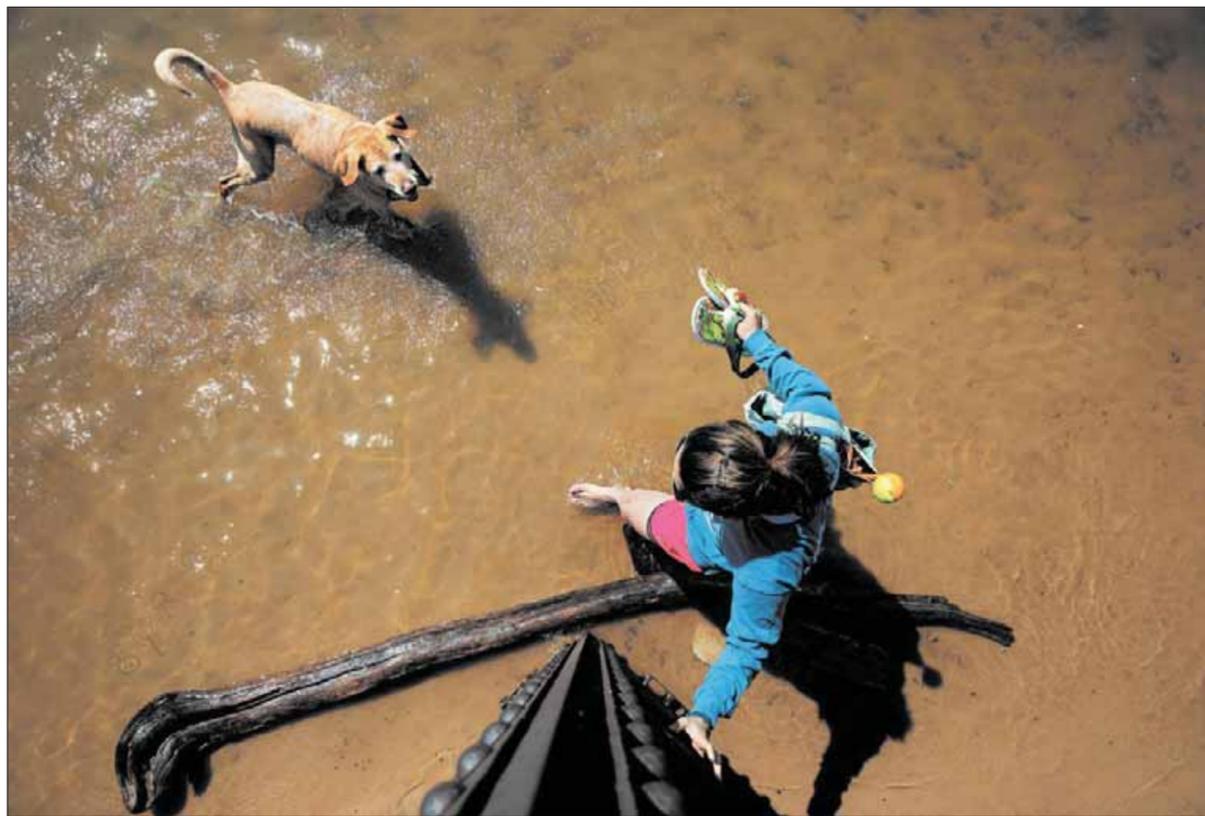
The report also found that, during those three years, 102 children died who been the subjects of previous investigations of abuse or neglect. In one case, DCFS had conducted nine investigations before the child died, and the child's family was receiving services from the agency at the time of the death.

Investigators were also slow to make contact with alleged victims

and perpetrators. The audit found that an alleged victim was not interviewed within 24 hours in 29% of cases — even though DCFS investigators must make a "good faith attempt" to see a child within that time frame. Alleged perpetrators were not interviewed within a week in nearly a quarter of all cases.

The audit is the latest blow to

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With Lake Michigan set to rise many inches this summer, sights like a flooded entrance to Montrose Dog Beach on Sunday won't be unusual.

Lakes rise to great heights

Superior, Erie levels set for May records even as Michigan swells

BY TONY BRISCOE
Chicago Tribune

After a snowy and soggy April, water levels on all five Great Lakes rose by more than a half-foot and are forecast to remain well above their average this summer, with two anticipated to break record highs, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Between April and May, each of the lakes rose at least 6 inches and stands more than a foot above its monthly average. Lakes Michigan and Huron, measured together because they are connected at the Straits of Mackinac, rose 9 inches in a month and are more than 2 feet above their monthly average.

But in a century of record-keeping, lakes Superior and Erie

are expected to tie or break their records for the month of May, and Superior is expected to continue to climb several more inches, increasing the likelihood it will eclipse monthly records for June and July. Even under the wettest scenario, Lake Michigan will still be about 3 inches shy of tying the monthly record for June.

Great Lakes water levels typi-

cally crest in the summer months, but they surpassed forecasts thanks, in part, to wet weather in April.

The region was slammed with late snowstorms and heavy rainfall last month. In particular, in the last week of April into early May, some areas of the basin south of Milwaukee and Port

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McGahn defies House subpoena

Former White House counsel follows orders, withholds documents

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK AND LISA MASCARO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A former White House lawyer defied a congressional subpoena Tuesday, setting the Trump administration on course for another collision with the Democratic-led House over its pursuit of documents related to the Russia investigation.

Don McGahn's refusal to provide the documents to the House Judiciary Committee came at the instruction of the White House, which suggested they could be subject to executive privilege. Such a claim can shield some presidential material from disclosure.

President Donald Trump has defied requests from House Democrats since the release of

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Lightfoot meets with Pelosi, Ivanka Trump

The mayor-elect spent her first day in Washington building relationships with powerful national figures. **Chicagoland, Page 4**

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'We don't want her to be just another statistic'

Stepdad of woman killed by stray bullet in store laments violence

BY JEREMY GORNER AND MEGAN CREPEAU
Chicago Tribune

The stepfather of a woman slain by a stray bullet while inside a Southwest Side cellphone store with two of her children lamented Tuesday the unceasing violence claiming so many lives in Chicago.

"We don't want her to be just another statistic," Dwight Hamblin Sr. said after a memorial honoring Candice Dickerson, 36, a mother of three boys. "We just want something to be done about it. This happens and then people move on ... and then it happens again. It's the same scenario over and over again."

Cook County prosecutors said Tuesday in court that Bryant Mitchell, 23, a reputed member of the Satan Disciples street

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Attorney General William Barr testifies during a Senate hearing on the Mueller report on May 1.



JOHN KASS

Barr mentions spying, and fear roils Democrats

The public faking of sincerity is an underappreciated, yet dark and uncouth art, practiced with great skill by Roman senators, French courtiers (just before the advent of the guillotine) and, yes, Washington politicians.

Fear is a different creature. There is no need to fake it. It shows itself on the faces of intriguers in Washington as it would have shown itself on the faces of macaques in a laboratory or on some 15th century jester in a painting. We are all primates.

The lips curl back, there is a witless acceptance of threat and the showing of teeth, of gums.

But in Washington, they don't call it fear. They pretend, rather, that it is the anger of the righteous. Yet it is fear just the same, that treacherous Washington bureaucratic and political fear.

It belongs to the intriguer, and is the fear of finally being found out, discovered, of losing one's place in the hive, at the salon, a fear not only of the loss of reputation, but of the loss of income and status and power. The fear of the loss of face, the fear of ridicule.

It is the same fear that was felt in Rome and later in pre-revolutionary France, and now they feel it in Washington.

And the man who is causing it all is Attorney General William Barr.

Because when Barr explained, almost casually and quite publicly just a few weeks ago, that he was looking into the origins of the inquisition of President Donald Trump and that discredited Russian collusion business, and into the "spying" on the Trump campaign, something happened.

The Washington establishment's fear rolled over him in waves.

He's the establishment's target now. And as a member of the Washington establishment himself, as the once and current attorney general, he knows the game. They must destroy his reputation to save theirs.

The Democrats are fearful, as are some current and former American spymasters, and former FBI chief

James Comey, and their handmaidens in journalism who took their leaks and promulgated the story that Trump was a willing and traitorous servant of Russian dictator Vladimir Putin.

They hoped so desperately that special counsel Robert Mueller's report would vindicate them, that Mueller would find conspiracy to collude with an adversary, that he would bring a case of obstruction of justice against the president.

But Mueller did not vindicate them. Mueller was tasked with making a call, to fish or cut bait. He did not fish. He did not cut bait. He made no call that a crime occurred. He just tossed the mess weakly into Congress' lap, something for both sides to jabber about and use as fundraising leverage.

This left many Democrats in politics and media in hysterics from which they have yet to recover. You can see evidence of this in the more emotional punditry, but also in the speechifying and histrionics of Democrats from House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on down that Barr is a criminal.

All because he dared use the "S" word: spy. It is a word the Democrats and the left in media loved using when applied to the Trump campaign. But when it is applied to them, they panic and shriek, with much showing of teeth.

"I think spying on a political campaign is a big deal," Barr testified in April to questions from New Hampshire Republican Sen. Jeanne Shaheen. "The generation I grew up in, which is the Vietnam War period, people were all concerned about spying on anti-war people by the government."

"I'm not talking about the FBI necessarily, but intelligence agencies more broadly."

Shaheen: "You're not suggesting, though, that spying occurred."
 Barr: "I think spying did occur. The question is whether it was predicated, adequately predicated, and I'm not suggesting that it wasn't adequately predicated, but I need to explore that."

I think it's my obligation. Congress is usually very concerned about intelligence agencies and law enforcement agencies staying in their proper lane, and I want to make sure that happened. We have a lot of rules about that. I've said I'm reviewing this."

And the roar that followed? It was borne of fear.

As Barr tasks his team to ferret out the origins of the Trump/Russia investigation, Justice Department Inspector General Michael Horowitz is putting his own report together, and I suspect that the intelligence chiefs of the Obama administration, and former FBI Director James Comey, won't like it, nor will the journalists who were fed so well.

Horowitz won't have access to a federal grand jury. But the attorney general has access to one.

This didn't start with George Papadopoulos. And we don't know how it began, exactly, weaving its way past Obama/Clinton political paranoia and FBI rogue agent Peter Strzok smelling Trump supporters at the Walmart, and Comey's odd musing about the eating of souls or sins, but we will.

"Well, we are going to see accountability," former Attorney General Michael Mukasey told Fox News Channel's Maria Bartiromo on "Sunday Morning Futures" the other day.

"We will find out who was responsible for what happened, which I think accounts for a lot of the reasons people are accusing him (Barr) falsely of making false statements to Congress," Mukasey said. "That's an attempt to discredit what he's about to do. But he's not a man easily deterred."

Which is why they're afraid. And why they must discredit him before we know for certain what they did.

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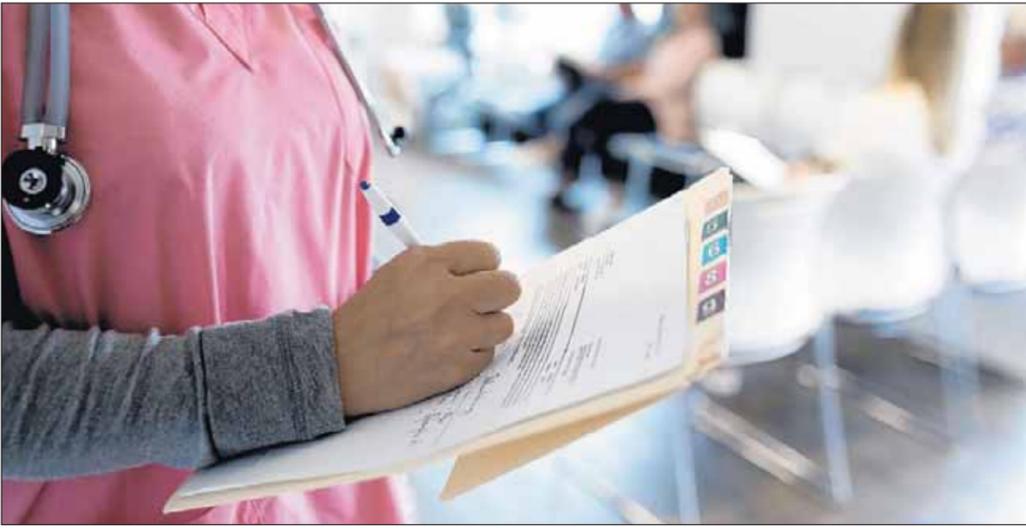
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Now's the time to thank our nurses



MARY SCHMICH

Hey, let's not forget the nurses.

With all the attention being given to Teacher Appreciation Week, you may have missed the fact that this first week in May is also National Nurses Week.

Unlike teachers, nurses haven't been trending on Twitter, though U.S. Rep. Lauren Underwood, a nurse, did send them a shout-out tweet.

I might not have known the double-duty nature of this week either if not for the nurses who replied to my recent column about teachers.

"Please take some time to recognize nurses," one wrote. "We work 24-7, holidays, weekends and summers!"

"An almost forgotten, sometimes almost invisible group of highly skilled, dedicated people," wrote another.

So, in the spirit of equal appreciation, here are a few words about these women and men who spend their lives dealing

with our hearts, blood, breath and bones.

If you're thinking, "But I don't know any nurses," don't worry. If not yet, you will.

You'll meet them when you get sick or when someone you love does, and when you meet a good one, you'll learn how much a good nurse can ease the pain.

"Nurses are a part of a life throughout the continuum," wrote one nurse, describing some people she'd cared for. "The family I guided through the death of their child. The patient I gave a manicure who passed away suddenly the next day. The nursing student who performed a procedure for the first time and was successful. My memories of my patients, my students and my peers is something I cherish."

When I was growing up, girls who wanted to work outside the house had only a few choices. Chief among them were secretary, teacher and nurse. I could imagine being a secretary or a teacher, but a nurse? That seemed a calling for a different kind of girl.

Those girls were more patient than I was. They had a higher tolerance for strangers' body fluids. They were also the kind of girls — competent but kind,

slow to panic — you'd want around when something went wrong.

Nurses specialize in what's gone wrong. (Quick fact: Not so long ago, almost no men went into nursing. Today, 13 percent of nurses are men and the number is growing as the demand for nurses grows.)

Did someone just raise a hand to say, "But what about the bad nurses?"

I'm sure someone did. After I wrote about teachers I heard a few people sniff, "But what about the bad teachers?"

To which I can only say there are bad teachers, bad doctors, bad journalists, bad lawyers, bad baristas, bad fill-in-the-blank. Every field comes with the good and the bad. Most of the nurses I've met have been good.

There was a time, not so long ago, that I hadn't had much direct experience with nurses. Then several people I loved got sick and I spent a lot of time sitting next to their beds, watching nurses bustle in and out, reading monitors, delivering medicines, asking questions, listening.

Listening to heartbeats, to complaints, to fears. Nurses spend a lot of time listening.

The best nurses I've met have a talent for making

patients feel heard and seen. Based on my experience, nurses also have an above-average sense of humor.

I don't remember the names of most of the nurses I've met sitting at the bedsides of people I love, but I do remember one. Nancy Diane. She cared for my mother with the personalized kindness we all hope our parents receive in their final time.

Nurses like Nancy Diane are summoned to witness details of living and dying that many of us work to avoid. They know how to comfort.

"Most of us go into the profession as a vocation," one nurse emailed me.

"Most of the time we are so busy there isn't any time for breaks, lunch or even a bathroom break. We are very protective of our patients and are their first and sometimes only advocate. We really do care."

Now that she's retired, she said, she's been "on the other side of the bed," where she has come to appreciate nurses even more.

Here's to having a nurse with that kind of dedication when we're on the receiving end of the bed.

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Metra Electric fare cuts floated to boost S. Side travel

By MARY WISNIEWSKI
Chicago Tribune

A Chicago lawmaker has proposed cutting Metra Electric District fares to CTA levels in order to increase affordable rail service on the city's South Side.

The bill, introduced by Illinois State Rep. Marcus Evans, Jr., a Democrat, would set fares for Metra Electric trips within the city as equal to CTA rail fares, which are \$2.50 at the regular rate. Metra Electric fares within the city currently range from \$4 to \$5.50 for a single ride.

South Side community activists have long discussed converting the Metra Electric line, which runs from downtown into the south suburbs, into a rapid-transit line with more frequent stops to make up for a lack of rapid transit options on the far South Side.

"It's a quality-of-life issue," said Linda Thisted, co-chair of the Coalition for a Modern Metra Electric, which supports the bill. "A lot of people can't afford Metra Electric fares so they take really slow buses. This could transform the South Side and the South Shore."

The coalition is made up of business, neighborhood and transit advocacy groups, including the Center for Neighborhood Technology, the Active Transportation Alliance and the Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce.

Expansion of South Side service through Metra could be less expensive than a parallel expansion of the CTA's Red Line south from 95th Street to 130th Street, which will cost about \$2.3 billion. The CTA is planning the extension, though it does not yet have the money to pay for it.

Metra said it was willing to discuss the proposal,

which also would allow Metra Electric riders to use the Ventra card to get on the train.

"We would look forward to working with Rep. Evans and others to determine whether doing this is feasible and affordable," said Metra spokesman Michael Gillis.

Metra has seen its ridership fall by 9 percent between 2014 and 2018, a period of time in which the railway raised fares four times to help pay for new equipment. Metra attributed the ridership drop to fare increases and other factors, such as low gas prices. The Metra Electric District saw the biggest drop in business, with rides down 18.1 percent over five years.

Thisted cited a Cook County study that found that applying CTA fares to both the Metra Electric and Rock Island lines would increase Metra ridership by about 84,400 riders per day. The study also found that a Metra fare reduction would cut into CTA, Pace and South Shore ridership, so the total transit rider increase would be 48,300.

"If Metra Electric could be lower and more affordable, I think people on the South Side of Chicago would ride it more and use it to connect with the CTA," said Evans.

Evans said he also supports the Red Line expansion. "I think Chicago is going to be a growing city in the future and we need a transit system to handle the population," Evans said.

Both Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot have expressed interest in increased use of the Metra Electric line to improve transit on the South Side.

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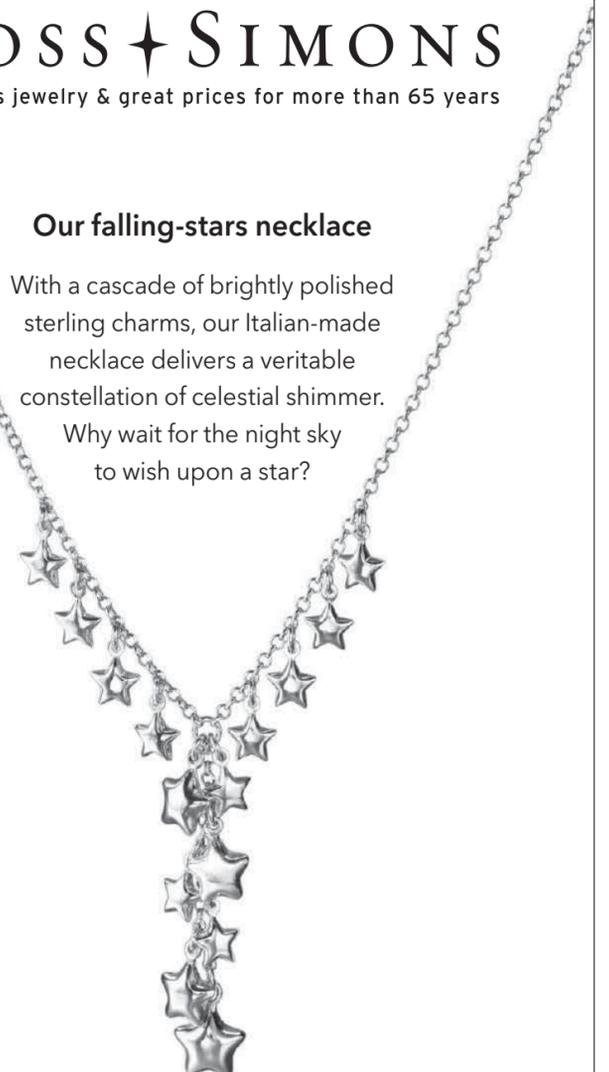
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Readers share their own family car farewells



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

Last week I wrote a farewell column to my car. She had, over our 11 years together, become a member of the family, seeing my kids and me through two moves, a divorce, remarriage, road trips and countless conversations to-and-from school/practices/errands. I traded her in on Saturday and welcomed a new family member into our home — a pre-owned Honda HR-V, which is adjusting quite well. Much easier than a puppy. Many of you responded with car stories of your own. I love them. Here are a few.

Your poignant farewell to your Honda reminded me of my own Odyssey van. How I fought getting that van! At the time, I was pregnant with my daughter and just didn't want to be the archetype of the suburban mom schlepping her kids everywhere in a minivan. Little did I know how much that van would play a part of our lives.

According to my family I'm not a very good driver. (Slander, defamation, assassination of character) My main problem is navigating tight spots or backing up; I, too, have hit a number of those cement posts. With two kids and a husband on the road all week my reactions to these mishaps were "ehh" too. Over time the van was dubbed the pinata.

Fast forward to 2017 and it was time to say farewell to the pinata. To give it a proper send off I threw my daughter a party, bought a bunch of spray paint and they created a rolling work of art. We also brought out a couple of baseball bats and let people have at it. Good therapy! And, yes, I did drive around town just to see people's reactions.

We've always donated our cars to the local fire department so they can practice using the jaws of life. It was fascinating to see how quickly they dismantled the van! So in its drawn-out farewell, the pinata gave us more memories we laugh about today.
— Deanna LaSusa-Hotchner

I traded in my 2005 Honda Element for a certified pre-owned 2016 Honda CR-V. Silver, just like yours in the picture! I was not at all prepared for how sad I would feel after leaving it that night when our negotiating was successful and driving home in my new car.

I knew I was supposed to just be happy, but I felt like I had abandoned my longtime pal at the dealership. Honestly, kind of like "Mom! Wait! You forgot me," which feels ridiculous, but as a therapist I always tell my clients that feelings are all just feelings and to accept them and then figure out how you want to respond.

So that is what I did, I sat and reminisced and remembered our beloved labs, Jake and Jilly, who took many trips in the perfect dog car with us. Now I am wishing my old car well and getting to know my new car and enjoying the very things I was looking for in a new car. Thanks for the validation!
— Barb Howard

My beloved Penelope (do you name your vehi-

cles?) is my third Honda, now 20 years young and limping along rather arthritically, yet optimistically, like her driver.

Honda No. 1 was a used Prelude and No. 2 was a new Civic — equally reliable, but never as cherished as my 1998 Honda Accord EX.

I remember when she was new, as was my cell phone, and both suffered from my leaving the moonroof open one stormy night.

I clearly recall reclining in the front passenger side as we zoomed to the hospital to await the birth of our son 14 hours later.

I remember her first scratch. Her first dent. The time a sleepy nurse rear-ended us after her long third shift, my infant in back. No human injuries, but Penelope required rear bumper repair.

A small take-out milk bottle that rolled under a seat and baked for weeks one summer ... then leaked. The muddy footprints everywhere after games. And the Goldfish, Cheerios and loose change. The auxiliary fridge she provided via her trunk lid on the Thanksgivings and Christmases where many a pie remained chilled. Many curbside treasures that remarkably somehow fit somewhere in some configuration in Penelope and came home with us for some TLC.

I share her with a son, and together she and I have taught him defensive driving, how to feed her fuel, care for an investment and, of course, why Mom presses an imaginary brake pedal on the passenger side and scolds him for looking at his phone.

It is my hope that Penelope's demise remains in the distant future. When her farewell comes though, I won't care if anyone finds my sadness ridiculous.
— Laura Boehmke

You're not alone in having "ridiculous" sentiment for a car. Last month, when the quote for yet another repair was higher than my mortgage payment, I made the decision to sell my car.

Even before the estimate, it had 116,000 miles on it. The fenders were rusted out from the inside. Both catalytic converters needed replacement before it would pass emissions. Maybe. It was turning in 17 miles per gallon on a good day, and was costing over \$200 per month in fuel.

Even my 20-year-old daughter, who cares not about automotive finances nor aesthetics said, "Dad, you need a new car."

So I contacted the dealer, arranged to get a cash offer and took the car in for inspection. The associate returned from the test drive and made me an offer that was more than I expected, so I took it.

The unexpected part? As I watched through the window as the mechanics were removing my license plates, I found myself holding back tears.

I thought to myself, "What is wrong with me? I am a 50-year-old man, crying over a car?"

I managed to regain my composure before anyone noticed how badly I needed a tissue. Or therapy.
— Andrew Eaton

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Chicago Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot speaks at a news conference inside the U.S. Capitol on Tuesday in Washington.

Lightfoot meets Pelosi, Ivanka Trump in D.C. visit

Incoming mayor is seeking to build ties to aid Chicago

BY GREGORY PRATT
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — Chicago Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot spent her first day in Washington seeking to build relationships with powerful national figures, including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and President Donald Trump's daughter Ivanka in hopes of getting help with solving the city's deepest problems.

Lightfoot first sat down with Ivanka Trump in the West Wing, where they discussed workforce development and criminal justice reform. Then Lightfoot headed to Capitol Hill, where she met with Pelosi, who gave her advice on being a big-city mayor gleaned from watching her own father and brother lead Baltimore. She closed out the afternoon with Democratic House leaders James Clyburn and Steny Hoyer, and a discussion about Chicago's need for an infrastructure bill and mass transit funding.

"We need to make sure we are in partnership with anybody who can help our city," Lightfoot said. "City of Chicago taxpayers pay a

significant amount to the federal government, but we're not getting nearly the return on the investment that we're entitled to."

Since winning the Chicago mayor's race over Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle last month, Lightfoot and her transition team have focused not only on setting a reform agenda into motion but also forging closer ties with political leaders who can help her cause.

Although Lightfoot has been a political appointee under Mayor Rahm Emanuel and former Mayor Richard M. Daley, she ran as an outsider and was not particularly well-known to the public or political elite before her landslide victory.

In the days after her win, Lightfoot traveled to the Illinois Capitol in Springfield, where she met with Gov. J.B. Pritzker and legislative leaders. Now she's in Washington, doing more or less the same.

U.S. Rep. Robin Kelly, a Lightfoot ally, praised her for building relationships within the federal government. "It's important that the mayor of Chicago knows the leadership in Washington, D.C.," Kelly said.

It's not clear whether Lightfoot will meet with the president this week, though

the mayor-elect said she would gladly do so. Both the president and his daughter called Lightfoot after she won the April 2 runoff election, and Lightfoot said it was clear they had followed the race carefully.

"Obviously his values are not my values on a range of different issues but ... Chicago has a lot of great needs," Lightfoot said.

Her meeting with Ivanka Trump was "a very good conversation," Lightfoot said, adding that she "clearly knows a lot about Chicago."

"She referenced a couple local institutions that are doing, I think, great work when it comes to workforce development but also criminal justice reform," Lightfoot said, noting that Trump referenced Hope Academy in Chicago and also the University of Chicago Crime Lab.

Their meeting was "productive and positive," and they covered other issues including vocational education, economic revitalization, parole reform and crime prevention, according to a statement from Trump's office. "They look forward to collaborating on these issues when the Mayor-Elect assumes office at the end of the month," the statement said.

During her meeting with

Pelosi, Lightfoot said, the speaker shared "some of the experiences she gleaned both watching her father and her brother" as mayors, including "the need to be present with constituents."

"People want to know who their mayor is," Lightfoot said. "They want to feel like there's a personal connection and that the mayor is present and visible in communities."

On her way to meet with Pelosi, Lightfoot stopped to admire a portrait of Shirley Chisholm, the first black woman elected to Congress, whose "Unbought and Unbossed" mantra the incoming mayor repeatedly invoked in her winning campaign. Lightfoot said she is a fan of Chisholm and reconnected with her story when her daughter had a school project focused on a biography of a remarkable person.

As part of the project, they acquired campaign memorabilia from the race, which Lightfoot kept at her campaign office and now at the transition headquarters. She stopped to admire the painting because it's "aesthetically beautiful" and "captures her essence of tough, a little salty, but also just a real leader."

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Cullerton proposes \$1-per-pack cigarette tax hike

Would be three times higher than Pritzker's plan

BY DAN PETRELLA
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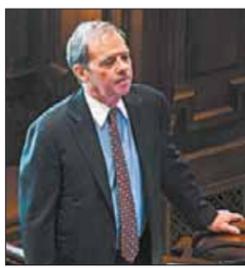
Illinois Senate President John Cullerton is backing a plan to raise the state's cigarette tax by \$1 per pack — three times higher than the 32-cent increase Gov. J.B. Pritzker proposed in his budget plan.

The state's cigarette tax is currently \$1.98 per pack and was last increased in 2012 when a \$1 per pack hike went through. Supporters say raising the tax by another dollar would generate an additional \$159 million in revenue for the state while also reducing smoking rates and saving money on health care costs.

It's also a tax increase that has broad public support, Kathy Drea, vice president of advocacy for the American Lung Association of the Upper Midwest, said Tuesday at a statehouse news conference.

"Raising tobacco taxes in Illinois is a win-win-win-win," Drea said.

Cullerton has yet to file legislation, but the proposal discussed Tuesday also calls for nearly doubling the state's wholesale tax on other tobacco products to 64 percent from 36 percent.



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Senate President John Cullerton, shown in 2017, is proposing a \$1-per-pack cigarette tax increase.

That change could bring in more than \$20 million in new revenue for the state.

"Many of the bills we vote on in Springfield deal with money," Cullerton, a Chicago Democrat, said Tuesday. "In fact, I would say most of them do. Since I've been here, the bills that I've been most interested in working on are bills that you can vote on where you actually save lives."

Pritzker's proposed spending plan for the budget year that begins July 1 counted on \$55 million in new revenue from his proposed 32-cent-per-pack increase in the cigarette tax and another \$10 million by applying the wholesale tobacco tax to e-cigarettes.

The Democratic governor's long-term plan for stabilizing the state's finances is largely dependent

on switching to a graduated-rate income tax, a move that requires amending the Illinois Constitution. The Senate approved the proposed constitutional amendment and new tax rates last week. Those measures await action in the House, and the amendment would require voter approval in November 2020.

In the meantime, Pritzker is seeking new revenue from legalized marijuana and sports betting and new or increased taxes on cigarettes, plastic shopping bags and other items. The governor's proposed cigarette tax increase is "actually pretty modest," Cullerton said.

"It's going to be tough to pass some of these bills that would raise revenue," he said. "But there's one revenue raiser — the cigarette tax and, for that matter, e-cigarette taxes — where the public actually supports a tax increase."

A spokeswoman for the governor said Pritzker "supports President Cullerton's proposal and looks forward to ongoing negotiations with lawmakers in the Senate and House." The governor's appointee to lead the Illinois Department of Public Health, Dr. Ngozi Ezike, attended Tuesday's news conference.

"Tobacco tax increases are a best practice plan to decrease the number of

young people who start using tobacco, and it reduces current tobacco use," Ezike said.

If the Senate approves a \$1-per-pack cigarette tax increase, the measure would still need to win approval from the House. House Speaker Michael Madigan has not had any discussions with Cullerton about the proposal, according to Steve Brown, a spokesman for the Chicago Democrat.

The plan will meet resistance from business groups, particularly retailers who are still bracing for the impact of a new state law banning tobacco sales to people under 21. The law, which Pritzker signed last month, takes effect July 1.

The higher legal purchasing age and proposed cigarette tax increase come after the state adopted a law that will increase the minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2025 and as lawmakers are discussing a possible gas tax increase to pay for roads, bridges and other infrastructure.

"It's devastating to small business," said Bill Fleischli, executive vice president of the Illinois Petroleum Marketers Association and Illinois Association of Convenience Stores. "I fear for this industry."

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Attorney: Ample evidence to try Bland cop

Video shows stop before Naperville woman's hanging

BY SARAH FREISHTAT
Naperville Sun

Sandra Bland's own cellphone video of the traffic stop that preceded her death in a Texas jail cell surfaced this week, raising new questions about the evidence in the Naperville native's case.

The 39-second clip, first aired Monday by Dallas TV station WFAA and the non-profit Investigative Network, shows an officer leaning into the open car door and ordering Bland out of the car. The July 10, 2015, confrontation becomes more heated and, at one point, the officer points a stun gun and screams at Bland that he will "light you

up." It ends with Bland and the officer standing outside the car as the officer orders her to stop recording.

Three days later, Bland was found hanging in her cell in a jail outside Houston. Authorities ruled her death a suicide.

The officer, Brian Encinia, was charged with perjury after a grand jury said he lied in an affidavit when he wrote he "removed her from her vehicle to further conduct a safer traffic investigation." He was fired and the charge was later dropped in exchange for Encinia agreeing to never work in law enforcement again.

Dashcam and other cellphone recordings were made public in the weeks after Bland's arrest and death, which became flashpoints in a national debate on police and racial ten-

sions. The newest video, though, raised concerns for the attorney who represented Bland's family in civil cases, he said Tuesday.

Cannon Lambert said he and other attorneys had not seen the video in evidence turned over as part of his civil cases, though he thought it could have been due to simple human error. Regardless, the new video would not have made much of a difference in his civil cases against the state of Texas and the county jail where Bland died, which he settled for a total of nearly \$2 million combined, because of legal limits on the amount of money the public agencies could pay, he said.

Rather, the new video raised questions about the special prosecutors' han-



Bland

dling of the criminal charge against Encinia, Lambert said.

"To me, what it really underscores is that the special prosecutors who apparently had the video before they dropped the charge against Encinia had ample evidence and opportunity to fully prosecute him like they told the family they were going to, but chose to cut bait and cut a deal," he said.

Texas Department of Public Safety officials said in a statement they complied with their evidence requirements as part of the civil lawsuit. The video was referenced in a Texas Ranger report, and the report was made available during the civil lawsuit filed by Bland's family, they said.

Department of Public

Safety officials said they provided the video in 2017 in response to a request from Brian Collister, who then worked for an Austin TV station and who was one of the reporters involved in the story aired Monday on a Dallas TV station that revealed the video.

"We reiterate that the video ... has in no way been concealed by the department," they said.

Collister, who is now with the Investigative Network, said he learned recently that Bland's family's attorney had not seen the video and ultimately decided to publish a news story about it.

Bland, who was from Naperville and previously lived in Aurora, had driven to Texas to accept a job at Prairie View A&M University. She graduated from the school in 2009.

Chip Lewis, Encinia's attorney, said the cellphone footage does not illuminate anything beyond what the dashcam video already showed.

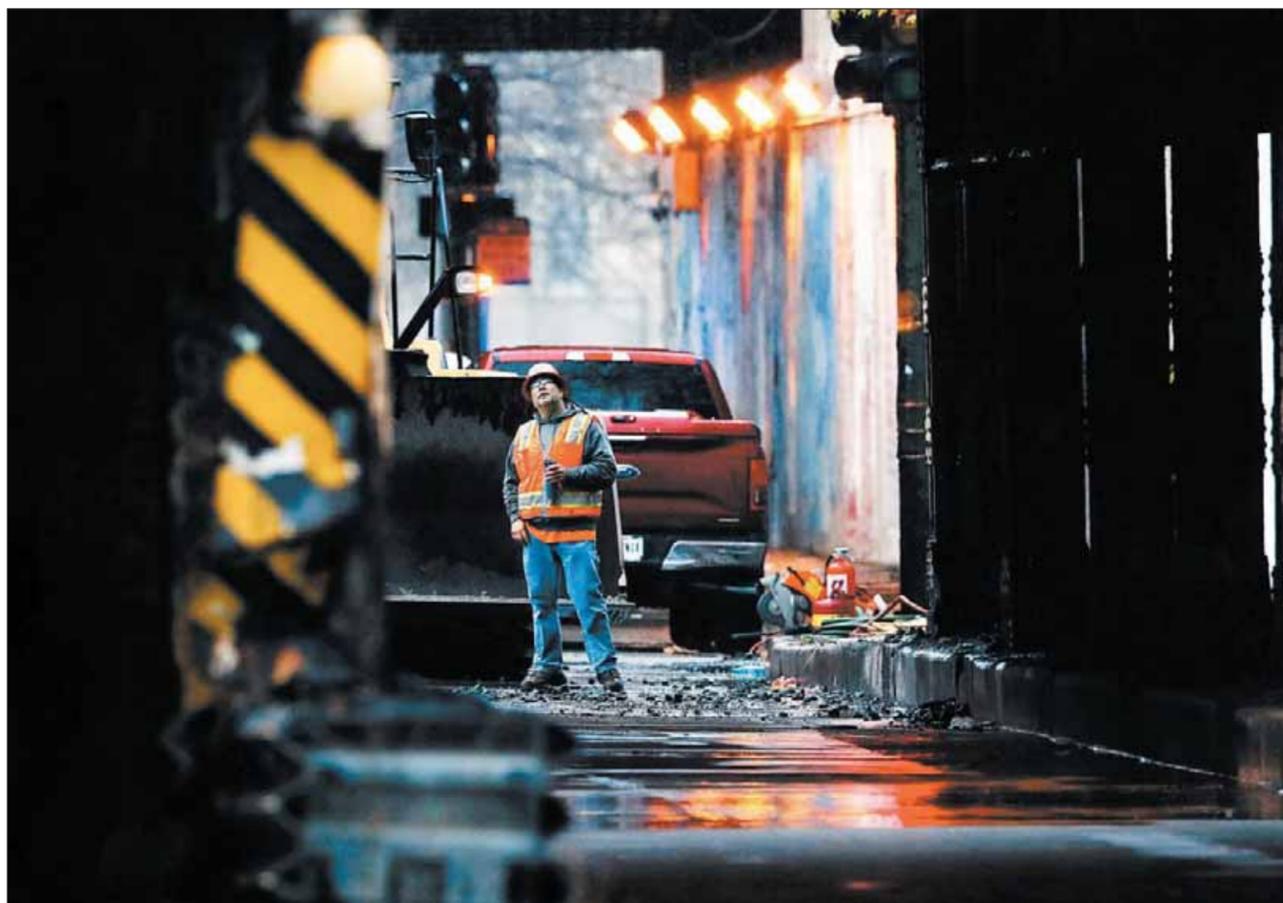
He said "furtive gestures" made by Bland from inside her car presented a risk and was the impetus for Encinia trying to remove her.

Lambert said the video shows there was "no basis" to the officer's claim he was concerned for his safety.

"The question is whether or not the special prosecutors had it," he said. "As I understand it, they did. And if they did and didn't prosecute with that video, then I think the (Bland) family's consternation is real and it's justified."

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Concrete lies on the ground at a railroad viaduct at East 87th Street and South Anthony Avenue in Chicago on Tuesday.

Chunks of concrete fall from railroad bridge

Knocked out traffic signal, closed 87th St. exit from Skyway

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS
Chicago Tribune

A railing and chunks of concrete fell from a railroad viaduct over East 87th Street early Tuesday, knocking out a traffic signal and closing an exit from the Chicago Skyway, officials said.

Debris was scattered across the road near Anthony Avenue, but trains

were still using the bridge above. No injuries were reported.

Crews were called to the scene about 3 a.m., according to Norfolk Southern Railway, which owns the viaduct.

"Personnel from Norfolk Southern's bridges and building group, part of the railroad's engineering department, stopped traffic and inspected the bridge following the incident. They determined that the bridge is structurally sound and safe to operate trains. Rail operations resumed over the

bridge before 4 a.m.," Rachel McDonnell Bradshaw, a spokeswoman for the company, wrote in an email.

The CTA said on its Twitter page that it was rerouting buses in the area. Closures remained in effect about 4 p.m., according to the CTA and the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Because the viaduct is owned by Norfolk Southern, the company will fix it, Chicago Department of Transportation spokeswoman Susan Hofer wrote in an email.

"We're monitoring the situation and have crews available if necessary," Hofer said.

The company said it expected repair work would be finished later Tuesday.

"Rail operations will continue over the bridge during the repair work, and safety measures are in place to ensure the safety of (company) personnel and the community," McDonnell Bradshaw said.

The company also was working to clean up the affected portion of 87th near Anthony and said the

street would remain closed to traffic until cleanup is done. Norfolk Southern also said it was working with local authorities to get the road reopened as soon as possible.

It also was investigating why the concrete fell from the bridge but didn't immediately know the cause, the company spokeswoman said.

"We apologize for any inconvenience caused by this incident," McDonnell Bradshaw said.

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Coroner IDs 2 more victims from Waukegan explosion

Search continues for 4th worker in 'awful tragedy'

BY FRANK ABDERHOLDEN
News-Sun

Two more victims, both from Wisconsin, were identified Tuesday afternoon by Lake County Coroner Dr. Howard Cooper from the AB Specialty Silicones factory explosion in Waukegan last week.

Autopsies were performed on Byron H. Biehn, 53, of Brighton Township and Jeff Cummings, 57, of Kenosha, but a cause of death is pending toxicology reports, Cooper said during a press conference at the site of Friday night's explosion at Sunset and Northwestern Avenues.

"We have been in close contact with both families and our deepest condolences go out to them during this difficult time," he said. "This is truly an awful tragedy of epic proportion."

The search for a third missing man continued Tuesday.

"We'll be out here as long as it takes to recover

the last victim and bring closure to the family," Cooper said. "I'm hoping we find him today or tomorrow, but of course there is no guarantee. The work has been slow and methodical, but we're doing it the right way."

Cooper added that searchers have gone through the entire building, and they were going through some of the debris again on Tuesday, "because with an explosion of that magnitude, nothing is where you thought it would be," he said, adding the work has been "extremely hard."

The explosion and fire Friday night sent four people to area hospitals, one of whom died Saturday morning after being transferred to Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood and was identified as Allen E. Stevens Jr., 29, of Salem, Wisconsin.

Three employees were missing that night and presumed dead. One body was recovered Saturday and another on Sunday. Waukegan Fire Chief George Bridges said those missing had helped other employees get out of the building before the explo-

sion. "They saved the lives of their coworkers. They were the ones who were trying to get everyone out," Bridges said.

Bridges said the investigation into the cause of the explosion will be a "collaborative effort" involving not only the Waukegan Fire Department but the Illinois Fire Marshal, representatives from the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration and investigators from the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

Waukegan Fire Marshal Steve Lenzi said the initial investigation showed that it appears to be accidental and there was no foul play involved.

As to how the explosion happened, Lenzi said officials are aware of things being posted on social media, but until they are further along in that investigation, he declined to comment.

Lenzi added officials have been interviewing some people while they had to wait for others to get out of the hospital. He said it could take as long as a month before they have some answers.

He noted that while people out west and south reported hearing the blast, a lot of people to the east did not, including himself in Waukegan.

"We need to get into that amount of detail" as to why it exploded the way it did, Lenzi added.

Both the coroner and fire chief report they have been meeting with employees of the company and the families of the missing people every day to keep them informed of their progress.

The family of Byron H. Biehn said he was a long-time employee of the factory, and his death has devastated them.

"We are heartbroken by this tragedy. Byron was a beloved husband, father, son (in-law), brother (in-law), Godfather, uncle, and friend to many," according to a family statement distributed by their attorney with the law firm of Taxman, Pollock, Murray & Bekkerman in Chicago.

"We are so very grateful for the outpouring of prayers and support for Byron and our family," it said. "We ask that you keep the victims, their families, and the first responders in your prayers. We kindly ask

that our privacy be respected during this difficult time."

Biehn is survived by his wife and three children, according to the family attorney.

On Tuesday, Mike and Peggy Armitage of Gurnee stopped at the site to place a bouquet of flowers in the fence surrounding what is left of the building. Someone else had placed three candles at the site not far from the flowers.

Mike Armitage said they stopped to put the flowers in the fence because they were driving past the plant when it exploded.

"It was raining rocks and debris, but it only caused minor damage to the car," he said.

His wife exclaimed, "What just happened," she said.

"It was snowing insulation," he said, "There were flames a couple hundred feet in the air and you could feel the shock wave."

"We were that close to all this destruction where people died," he said. "It's just a horrible tragedy," she said.

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Pritzker drops pension proposal

After tax windfall, plan to reduce payments is tabled

BY DAN PETRELLA
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Gov. J.B. Pritzker is setting aside a controversial proposal to reduce the state's payment to its severely underfunded pension plans for the coming budget year after tax revenue collected last month far exceeded expectations.

Due to a variety of factors, including changes that resulted from the recent federal tax overhaul, the state's individual and corporate income tax revenue in April was more than \$1 billion higher than what came in during the same month a year ago, according to a letter Illinois Department of Revenue Director David Harris and Pritzker budget director Alexis Sturm sent to legislative leaders.

The tax windfall, coupled with other revenue collected throughout the year, will be enough to cover most of the state's projected \$1.6 billion deficit for the current budget year, according to Harris' letter. While some of the extra revenue is likely from one-time sources, according to the letter, some will continue into next year. As a result, the department is increasing its revenue estimate for the next budget year by \$800 million and Pritzker is dropping his proposal to reduce pension payments by \$878 million.

"The governor remains committed to finding ways to fund our pension commitments in a sustainable manner," administration officials wrote. "Ensuring the state's pensions are sustainably funded continues to require significant effort, and will not happen overnight. Over the coming months, the administration will continue to work on a responsible approach to the state's unfunded pension liabilities, which continue to threaten to crowd out vital investments in education and public safety."

Facing nearly \$134 billion in unfunded pension liabilities and a \$9.1 billion bill for the coming budget year, Pritzker earlier this year proposed a multipronged plan that called for lowering pension payments in the near term by spreading them out over a longer period of time and selling state assets, such as the Thompson Center in the Loop, to inject cash into the pension system.

While Pritzker's fellow Democrats control both chambers of the General Assembly, the proposal to extend the state's deadline to meet pension funding requirements by seven years was receiving pushback from lawmakers on both sides of the aisle, as well as from public employee unions who helped elect him.

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Ex-cop charged in attack on man outside bar

Former officer with criminal history was IDed in 2018

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Chicago Tribune

It's been seven months since John Sherwood first learned that an off-duty Chicago police sergeant with a checkered past was allegedly among the attackers who viciously beat him and his partner outside a popular Andersonville neighborhood nightclub.

The attack put Sherwood, 54, in a wheelchair with a compound fracture of his leg and caused him to miss nearly two months of work. He's lost 25 pounds, endured multiple surgeries and months of physical therapy and still walks with a limp.

On top of the painful physical recovery, Sherwood has been left wondering why his alleged attackers had not been arrested, even though Sherwood and others at the scene that night identified them for detectives.

That finally changed Tuesday when police announced that former Sgt. Eric Elkins had been charged with two felony counts of aggravated battery for his role in the Sept. 29 attack outside the @mosphere club in the 5300 block of North Clark Street.

Also charged in the attack was Elkins' friend Giovanni Rodriguez, 34, of the 5700 block of North Sheridan Road in Chicago, police said. Rodriguez, a nurse-practitioner, faces three counts of felony aggravated battery.

The charges came in the wake of a front-page article in the Chicago Tribune last November highlighting Elkins' checkered past. The newspaper detailed Elkins' nearly three dozen citizen complaints and reported that he twice faced criminal charges involving alleged sexual encounters with teenage boys.



John Sherwood and his partner were viciously beaten outside a popular Andersonville nightclub in September.



Elkins



Rodriguez

After nearly 20 years on the force, Elkins, 45, resigned in January while under criminal investigation. Records show he has since moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, with his husband, an ex-Oak Park police officer who was with Elkins on the night of the attack but has not been charged.

Sherwood told the Tribune he had "mixed emotions" when he learned that Elkins was in custody.

"It's nerve-wracking, but on the other hand, I am so relieved that this is coming to fruition and (Elkins) is being prosecuted," Sherwood said in a telephone interview. "It's been a difficult seven months. I still

think about it every day."

At a bond hearing Tuesday afternoon at the Leighton Criminal Court Building, Judge John Lyke Jr. looked over at Elkins in astonishment when prosecutors said he was a former Chicago police officer with a previous criminal history.

"Due to the violent nature of this, (it) sort of shocks the conscience," said the judge, shaking his head. He set Elkins' bond at \$250,000. A person identifying herself as a friend of Elkins posted the necessary \$25,000 cash bail Tuesday evening, records show. He was slated for release on house arrest with an electronic monitor.

The incident in September kicked off when two groups of men started fighting in the bar and were asked to leave, Assistant State's Attorney Angel Essig said. Elkins and Rodriguez were in one group; Sherwood and his partner, Thomas Stacha, were part

of the other.

Once Sherwood and Stacha — identified in court by their initials — were outside, Elkins and Rodriguez attacked them, hitting them in the face and body and striking another man who tried to intervene, Essig said.

In an interview with the Tribune in October, Sherwood said Elkins came out of the bar in "an absolute rage," breaking past the bouncer trying to contain the crowd at the door. Within seconds, he said, he felt his leg snap and he crumpled to the sidewalk as blows rained down.

"I went instinctively into the fetal position, and they kept kicking and punching my head," he said. "Then they seemed to concentrate on Tom after that. The whole thing happened in about 30 seconds."

Stacha, who had followed Sherwood out the door, said the beating was over before he could even

think about defending himself.

"There were just punches and kicks coming from everywhere," said Stacha, who suffered broken cheekbones and a perforated trachea.

Elkins' lawyer, Joel Brodsky, said in court Tuesday his client "vehemently denies" being involved in the fight, noting that a lawsuit filed by the victims days after the incident gives them a financial motive to make accusations.

Elkins earned 140 citations, awards and other commendations during his time with the Police Department, according to Brodsky.

Rodriguez's attorney, Boris Djulabic, said the alleged victims had been yelling slurs at Rodriguez inside the bar, and someone in their group "physically manhandled" his husband. "This could be a self-defense, mutual combat situation," he said.

"I am so relieved that this is coming to fruition. ... It's been a difficult seven months. I still think about it every day."

— John Sherwood

Lyke set bond at \$50,000 for Rodriguez.

The assault charges were the latest in a long history of criminal allegations against Elkins. As a patrolman in 2003, he was charged with sexually abusing a male student while moonlighting as a security guard at a North Side high school, records show. He was acquitted in a bench trial by a Cook County judge who said there were too many holes in the victim's testimony. Elkins remained on the force and was promoted to sergeant in 2007.

A few years ago, Elkins was charged in Michigan with sexually abusing a teen at a family party a year earlier, records show. He pleaded guilty in August 2016 to misdemeanor charges, including battery and disorderly conduct, in exchange for a year of probation and a \$1,200 fine.

Sherwood, meanwhile, told the Tribune he's been on pins and needles since a detective informed him last week that an arrest warrant was being issued for Elkins. He said facing his alleged attackers in court will be a difficult but necessary step to putting the incident behind him.

"I'd be lying if I said it didn't give me a little trepidation," Sherwood said. "... We want them off the streets and to move forward in our lives."

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Violence

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gang, had opened fire at whom he thought were rivals in the city's Chicago Lawn neighborhood. But an errant shot struck Dickerson in the head inside a Metro PCS store in front of her two youngest children — 10 and 12. Other bullets struck an ambulance, but no one inside was injured.

Judge David Navarro ordered Mitchell, of the 3300 block of West 79th Street, held without bail in the county jail on one count of first-degree murder and three counts of attempted first-degree murder in the April 26 shooting.

At the memorial at Norwegian American Hospital in Chicago's Humboldt Park neighborhood, Dickerson was remembered by co-workers as friendly and determined. She first volunteered there 14 years ago, often spending four or five eight-hour days at the hospital before she was hired full-time four months later as a pharmacy technician, said Tina Spriggs, one of her bosses.

A collage of photos of Dickerson was displayed on a video projector at the



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Sandra Respress-Hamblin, center, and Dwight Hamblin Sr., the parents of Candice Dickerson, leave court on Tuesday.

memorial. One slide described her in three words: Beautiful. Talented. Smart.

At bond court Tuesday, Assistant State's Attorney James Murphy gave the following account of the shooting in the 5900 block of South Kedzie Avenue:

Mitchell "false-flagged" three occupants of a silver Chrysler sedan parked in a strip mall, flashing a gang sign as if he belonged to the Latin Kings, rivals of Mitchell's Satan Disciples gang. Moments earlier, one of the occupants of the Chrysler had made a sale of marijuana.

Prosecutors did not reveal how the occupants in the Chrysler responded to the false-flagging, but the

car drove from the parking lot and around the block.

Surveillance video captured Mitchell and two friends in an alley tracking the direction of the Chrysler.

As the Chrysler approached 59th and Troy streets, Mitchell and the friends were seen running southbound in the direction toward the car.

Some of the surveillance video captures Mitchell's face at times, prosecutors said, and he is seen cinching his hoodie tightly around his face as he approached the Chrysler. Mitchell then pointed a gun at Kedzie Avenue and fired four shots at the Chrysler, prosecutors said.

Surveillance video and audio from inside the Metro PCS store showed Dickerson standing near a counter with her sons sitting nearby.

The first three shots fired by Mitchell shattered the back window of the Chrysler and the ambulance, but no one was injured in either vehicle.

The fourth shot, though, crashed through the store's front window about 6: 30 p.m. and struck Dickerson in the head. She collapsed to the floor, and her two sons ran over to try to help. Two store employees also came to her aid, but she was pronounced dead after being rushed to Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn.

Detectives recovered four shell casings and were able to track Mitchell's movement before the shooting by piecing together surveillance videos, prosecutors said.

One occupant of the Chrysler contacted police the next day and cooperated in the investigation. He and the other two occupants of the Chrysler positively identified Mitchell in photo arrays, prosecutors said.

After his arrest Saturday, Mitchell admitted to shooting at the Chrysler with a 9mm handgun because he

thought those in the car were "opps," prosecutors said.

He said the female victim "was in the wrong place at the wrong time," prosecutors said.

Court records show Mitchell has five convictions — all misdemeanors — for battery, reckless conduct and drinking in the public way.

Mitchell's attorney, Assistant Public Defender Lisa Boughton, said Mitchell is a high school graduate who is studying for a commercial driver's license. Since 2012 he has been working as a general laborer and lives with his wife, child and brothers, she said.

At the memorial, Spriggs, one of Dickerson's bosses at the hospital, said Dickerson was voted a "role model" technician by her peers. She always arrived to work on time and was considered a "go-to" contact in the pharmacy department.

She also enjoyed dancing and singing karaoke — and had quite an appetite, noted Spriggs, drawing laughter from the audience.

"She was small, but Candice could eat," she said.

Aleem Aziz, the hospital's director of pharmacy, said Dickerson exuded hap-



Mitchell

piness. She was "always smiling, always positive," he said.

Nadiya Chaudhary, a pharmacist at the hospital, disagreed with all those who referred to

Dickerson as quiet.

"Candace was our light," she said. "She was loud. She talked to everyone. She made connections with everyone."

Chaudhary also mentioned Dickerson's maternal manner and "how appreciative she was of others."

Hamblin said his stepdaughter's two younger children were holding up the best they could with the support and love of numerous relatives. Dickerson also left behind a 17-year-old son.

"For something like that to happen in front of them, I mean what can you expect?" Hamblin said of the two youngest. "... To see something like that, I mean there's no words for it. It's not something that you even want to talk to them about right now."

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Lakes

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Huron, Mich., saw two to four times greater than normal rainfall, according to the Army Corps.

When analyzing water levels, experts consider the net supply of inputs and outflows, including precipitation, runoff and evaporation. In the past five to six years, they have exceeded expectations, according to Keith Kompoltowicz, chief of watershed hydrology with the Army Corps' district office in Detroit.

"We've had several winters where an extreme amount of snow accumulates on the ground and feeds the lakes," Kompoltowicz said. "We've seen very strong spring storms. You add in many cooler than average summer temperatures where the lakes don't warm as much as they have in the past and wet falls where lakes aren't declining as much, and that's keeping them higher."

Even though Lake Michigan is not expected to break any records this summer, that doesn't mean coastal communities will be spared from flooding and damaging waves, Kompoltowicz said.



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Dogs and people navigate their way through the flooded entrance to Montrose Dog Beach on Sunday.

"The forecast for Lake Michigan, even if it stays in the middle of our forecast band, those will be highest

levels experienced since the record highs of the 1980s. So, they've been higher than this before, but not by

much," Kompoltowicz said. "The high water impacts — coastal flooding and shoreline erosion when we get

large storms and heavy breaking waves — those will continue even though the levels don't break records."

The summer water marks may put a damper on beach season as well.

"Lake Michigan is expected to be anywhere from 7 to 10 inches higher than it was a year ago, and that means smaller beaches," Kompoltowicz said. "By how much? That depends on local characteristics and topography."

Lake Michigan's current lake level represents an amazing turnaround in the course of 6 1/2 years. In January 2013, it hit the lowest levels since federal agencies began monitoring water levels in 1918. Then, within two years, it experienced an unprecedented rise of more than 3 feet.

"What astounded a lot of the folks who are involved in water level analysis and forecasting is how quickly we went from record low on Lake Michigan to above average (July 2014) to now very high compared to average."

"Prior to that, we spent a decade-plus with lower-than-average water levels. We've been on the high end compared to the average in the last several years, and it's likely to stay that way with wet conditions forecast to continue."

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DCFS

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the beleaguered agency, which is reeling after the high-profile death of 5-year-old Andrew "AJ" Freund of Crystal Lake last month. AJ, whose parents had been involved with DCFS since he was born with opiates in his system, was fatally beaten and buried in a shallow grave near Woodstock, authorities said. AJ's parents have been charged with murder in his death.

DCFS has struggled after years of budget cuts and a rotating door of directors for more than a decade. Marc D. Smith, the current acting director, was appointed by Gov. J.B. Pritzker in March after a national search.

In a statement released later Tuesday, Smith said the agency has already started to implement the report's recommendations.

"Nothing is more important than getting this work right, and the findings show serious lapses and problems," Smith said. "While the report covers the period from 2015 to 2017, we believe that the problems plaguing DCFS are deep-seated and have existed for years."

Specifically, Smith said, the agency has provided more training to hotline staff and implemented new procedures for hotline callbacks and time frames. The department is also developing a model to track which services are recommended to families, and if the families complete them.

Though the report



Semaj Crosby



Andrew "AJ" Freund

"The hotline is unable to take calls as they are received, resulting in callbacks."

—Auditor General Frank Mautino's report

faulted DCFS for being sluggish to close cases, Smith noted that it also found that 99% of cases were initiated in a timely fashion.

Reacting to Tuesday's audit, Cook County Public Guardian Charles Golbert said the report confirms what many who work with the agency already know: "The investigations and intact family services program is inept, and not doing its job at every stage of a case and at every level."

Intact family services is a program that provides short-term services to families, aiming to allow children to remain in their homes safely.

Golbert also pointed to problems with the 24-hour child abuse hotline, where calls "increased significantly," according to the report, from 222,719 in 2015 to 252,568 in 2017.

"The hotline is unable to take calls as they are received, resulting in call-

backs," the report stated. That resulted in the number of callbacks increasing "substantially" from nearly 40 percent in 2015 to 56 percent in 2017. The audit could not assess the timeliness of callbacks because of a lack of data kept by DCFS.

"That's not much of a hotline — that's at best a lukewarm line or even a cold line," Golbert said. "If the hotline was truly a hotline, when you call it, somebody would actually talk to you right then and there."

During the three years the auditor general's office looked at, there were 221,341 investigations involving a total of 358,545 children. More than 96,500 children were confirmed to be victims of abuse and neglect.

The most common age of children who were the subject of an abuse or neglect allegation was younger than 1, accounting for 8 percent of all investigations, the report found. Such investigations were also the most likely to result in a finding that abuse or neglect did occur.

James McIntyre, a co-founder of Foster Care Alumni of America's Illinois chapter, attributed the rise in hotline calls to cuts to mental health services, drug and addiction placements and child care by then-Gov. Bruce Rauner during the state's budget impasse.

The audit also found that the number of investigations handled by the department has spiked in recent years, from 67,732 in fiscal year 2015 to 75,037 in 2017. During that period, caseloads for investigators were too high, violating a dec-

ades-old consent decree that says child protective services investigators cannot be assigned more than 12 new cases per month for most of the year. The auditor found that nearly 80% of investigators were assigned more than 15 new cases in at least one month of the time reviewed.

Heidi Dalenberg, general counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois, said that investigative caseloads have fluctuated since a 1998 federal consent decree initiated by the ACLU set the required levels.

"The noncompliance periods tend to track a lack of money," Dalenberg said. "When the department is not getting a lot of funding, that's when they start shrinking things back."

Despite the increased calls to the hotline, the number of child protective investigators dropped in 2016, the report found.

The audit's origins date back long before the AJ Freund case. The investigation was ordered by the Illinois House in June 2017 following another shocking death — that of 17-month-old Semaj Crosby, who was reported missing hours after a caseworker visited the squalid Joliet Township home where, days later, the girl was found dead under a couch.

The resolution calling for the audit also cites Laquan McDonald, the teenager fatally shot 16 times by a Chicago police officer in 2014 and who was a long-time state ward before his death. That case, the resolution said, shed light on inefficiencies plaguing the DCFS foster care program,

revealing "the instability and abuse Laquan McDonald experienced through his youth as he moved through the foster care system."

As part of the resolution, lawmakers directed the audit to examine abuse or neglect investigations conducted by the department in fiscal years 2015, 2016 and 2017. They said they wanted the audit to examine how long it took investigators to close the cases, final determinations that investigators made and demographic information about the children who were possible victims of abuse and neglect.

In the wake of AJ's death and the audit report, a group of lawmakers on Tuesday announced the creation of a new caucus to reform DCFS and improve the safety of children under its care.

State Rep. Sara Feigenholtz, a Chicago Democrat who chairs the Senate's Adoption & Child Welfare Committee, is helping spearhead the movement. Feigenholtz said the caucus will consist of bipartisan members from both chambers, but did not offer a full list, saying the process is still ongoing.

"This is an issue touching the state in every corner geographically, and it is not a partisan issue," she said. "I have people that are calling me from all over the state about cases that have come to their attention that they are very, very concerned about."

On Monday, Feigenholtz filed legislation to establish a review process for cases involving abuse or neglect. The measure, which was filed as an amendment to an

existing bill sitting in Feigenholtz's committee, would require the deputy director of child protection to create a system for checking 5 percent of cases where allegations were not substantiated and the child is younger than school age, meaning they may not have come into contact with teachers, social workers or other mandated reporters.

The legislation also requires the review of cases where allegations were confirmed for older children, but the family has declined services or there are other reasons why the department is not taking protective custody. Moreover, the department would have to file semiannual reports with the General Assembly summarizing the cases reviewed and providing recommendations for systemic reforms.

"It builds a review process that ensures that the administrative level of the department is aware and accountable for what's going on in the field," Feigenholtz said.

In 2017, the Tribune reported that DCFS employees were pushed to speed up their work, including child protection investigations. Under an initiative called "Blue Star," workers were offered overtime pay if they closed cases in two weeks instead of the 60 days allotted by state law. The Tribune also found that a Joliet office administrator created a contest for workers who closed the most abuse and neglect cases, offering \$100 and \$50 gift cards.

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Lawyers pay heed to R. Kelly record of payoffs

In sex abuse case, records of alleged payments shared

BY MEGAN CREPEAU
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R. Kelly's alleged history of making quiet cash payouts to women accusing him of inappropriate sexual conduct could play a role in the criminal sexual abuse charges pending against him.

During a brief and largely uneventful court hearing attended by Kelly on Tuesday, the R&B singer's attorney, Steven Greenberg, said prosecutors had turned over to him stacks of documents — including records on “supposed ... extortion efforts, settlement agreements and so forth.”

Kelly was charged in February with 10 counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse alleging he sexually abused three underage girls and a fourth woman over a period of about a dozen years.

The paperwork from prosecutors includes bank records and “lawyer’s documents” about two of Kelly’s alleged victims, identified in court as J.P. and H.W., Greenberg told Judge Lawrence Flood.

After the hearing, Greenberg said he believes the paperwork concerns what he characterized as attempts to obtain money from Kelly by women alleging inappropriate conduct on his part.

“As everybody knows, over the years people have approached people associ-



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R. Kelly appears at a hearing before Judge Lawrence Flood at the Leighton Criminal Court Building in Chicago on Tuesday.

ated with Mr. Kelly, made allegations and kept the allegations quiet in exchange for monetary payoffs,” Greenberg told reporters. “I don’t know that Mr. Kelly was ever involved in that or if other people were involved on his behalf.”

H.W., one of Kelly’s four alleged victims in the criminal case, sued Kelly in February in Cook County Circuit Court, alleging emotional stress from his alleged sexual contact with her when she was just 16.

Chicago-based journalist Jim DeRogatis first reported in 2017 that J.P. — Jerhonda Pace, who has gone public with her identity — received cash settlements from Kelly after signing a nondisclosure agreement about her own sexual relationship with him when she was underage.

Greenberg told reporters he did not know if Kelly has paid money to anyone who is alleged to be a victim in his pending criminal charges but noted that pre-

vious cash settlements were made without any admissions of wrongdoing on the singer’s part.

The defense could try to use the lawsuit or settlements at Kelly’s criminal trial to paint the victims as solely in it for the money. But prosecutors could attempt to use the same evidence of alleged hush money payments to show a long pattern of wrongdoing on the singer’s part.

According to Greenberg, county prosecutors are in the process of making the defense a copy of a videotape that allegedly shows Kelly sexually abusing a 14-year-old girl, another of the alleged victims in the criminal case.

Greenberg said in court Tuesday he still wants to view communications between the State’s Attorney Kim Foxx’s office and celebrity attorney Michael Avenatti, who said he unearthed the VHS tape and gave it to county prosecutors earlier this year. Avenatti has since been in-

dicted by federal prosecutors on both coasts on unrelated charges.

Flood urged Greenberg to work out an agreement with prosecutors about what communications he should be allowed to view. If that fails, the judge instructed Greenberg to come back with a more detailed request.

“I need to know specifics. In other words, what do you think that you hope to gain from that for the defense of Mr. Kelly?” the judge said.

Tuesday’s hearing kicked off a busy week for Kelly in Cook County courts.

On Wednesday he is expected to attend a hearing at the Daley Center courthouse on a dispute over child support payments with his former wife.

That same day, his attorneys will appear in another Daley Center courtroom on the lawsuit brought by H.W. The judge in that case was to award damages to H.W. after Kelly failed to fight the case with a lawyer. But the singer has since indicated

he didn’t recall ever receiving a summons to appear, and even if he had been served, he would not have understood its significance, since he is essentially illiterate.

The child-support fight has largely revolved around Kelly’s claims that he is

“People have approached people associated with Mr. Kelly, made allegations and kept the allegations quiet in exchange for monetary payoffs.”

—Steven Greenberg, attorney for the singer

financially unable to pay his ex-wife.

After Tuesday’s hearing, another of his attorneys said Kelly is in the process of again booking concerts and appearances.

Anton said some of the bookings are for concerts outside Illinois. That would require Flood’s permission, since Kelly cannot leave Illinois without court approval as a condition of his \$1 million bond.

Kelly’s lawyers withdrew a previous attempt to win permission for Kelly to perform in Dubai after the judge said he needed more details.

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Report: Iran to quit parts of nuclear deal

Terms of withdrawal unclear as U.S. raises presence in Persian Gulf

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TEHRAN, Iran — Iran on Wednesday will announce it is partially withdrawing from the nuclear deal it struck with world powers, its state-run news agency reported, a year to the day that President Donald Trump pulled America from the accord.

The terms of the withdrawal remain unclear, though the IRNA news agency said President Hassan Rouhani will explain Iran's decision in letters to leaders of Britain, France and Germany that will be handed to ambassadors in Tehran. Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammed Javad Zarif separately will write to the European Union, the agency said.

The semiofficial ISNA news agency reported late Tuesday that Zarif had left for Moscow to meet with Russian leader Vladimir Putin to discuss bilateral and international issues, without elaborating.

Details of the letters, all to signers of the 2015 accord, will not be publicly disclosed, it said.

The letters will come as officials in the Islamic Republic previously warned that Iran might increase its uranium enrichment, potentially pulling away from a deal it has sought to salvage for months. Already, the White House has announced the deployment of a U.S. aircraft carrier and a

bomber wing to the Persian Gulf over unspecified threats from Iran.

The United Nations' nuclear watchdog says Iran has continued to comply with the terms of the 2015 nuclear deal, which saw it limit its enrichment of uranium in exchange for the lifting of economic sanctions. But American sanctions have wreaked havoc on Iran's already-anemic economy, while promised help from European partners in the deal haven't alleviated the pain.

The U.S. last week stopped issuing waivers for countries importing Iranian crude oil, a crucial source of cash for Iran's government. It also halted waivers allowing Iran to store excess heavy water in Oman and to swap enriched uranium for raw yellowcake with Russia.

Trump campaigned on a promise to tear up the deal struck by his predecessor, Barack Obama. While Trump has sought to dismantle much of Obama's policies, he particularly criticized the Iran nuclear deal for failing to address Tehran's ballistic missile program and what he described as its malign influence across the rest of the Mideast.

A statement Sunday night from U.S. national security adviser John Bolton said the USS Abraham Lincoln, other ships in the carrier's strike group and a bomber wing would deploy to the Mideast.



Rouhani



ROB OSTERMAIER/AP

The amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge leads a group ships already in the Persian Gulf.

Bolton blamed "a number of troubling and escalatory indications and warnings," without elaborating.

"The United States is not seeking war with the Iranian regime, but we are fully prepared to respond to any attack, whether by proxy, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, or regular Iranian forces," Bolton said.

A spokesman for Iran's Supreme National Security Council, Keivan Khosravi, dismissed Bolton's comments as "psychological warfare."

Iran's hard-line Javan newspaper, associated with the Revolutionary Guard, said Wednesday would "ignite the matchstick for burning the deal." It suggested in its Tuesday edi-

tion that Iran may install advanced centrifuges at its Natanz facility and begin enrichment at its Fordo facility, activities prohibited under the nuclear deal.

The USS Abraham Lincoln had been in the Mediterranean Sea conducting operations alongside the USS John C. Stennis, another aircraft carrier that has twice been in the Persian Gulf in recent months.

However, American military officials have stopped the near-continuous presence of aircraft carriers in the Persian Gulf, a pattern set following the 1991 Gulf War. American air bases spanning the region can scramble fighter jets and drones, lessening the necessity of an aircraft carrier as

U.S. officials also worry about China and Russia.

Already in the Persian Gulf is a group of U.S. Navy warships led by the USS Kearsarge, an amphibious assault ship carrying troops from the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit. The Kearsarge also carries AV-8B Harrier fighter jets, MH-60 helicopters and MV-22 Osprey airplanes.

The Bahrain-based 5th Fleet declined to comment on the White House announcement when reached by the AP on Monday.

It also remains unclear where the bomber wing would be deployed to the region. Typically, the al-Udeid Air Base in Qatar, home to the forward headquarters of the U.S. mili-

tary's Central Command, hosts such bomber deployments.

The Trump administration, which abruptly announced in December that it was pulling out of Syria, still maintains 2,000 U.S. troops in the northern part of the war-torn country. Officials suggest they serve as a check on Iranian ambitions and help ensure that Islamic State fighters do not regroup. No significant U.S. forces have so far withdrawn from Syria.

Trump has also said he has no plans to withdraw the 5,200 troops stationed in Iraq as part of a security agreement to advise, assist and support the country's troops in the fight against IS.

Kushner offers broad plan on immigration, border security

BY JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump has signed off on a new immigration plan being spearheaded by senior adviser Jared Kushner that appeared to receive a positive reception from Republican senators briefed on it Tuesday.

A senior administration official told reporters after the meeting that the president had approved the effort to overhaul America's immigration system and increase border security last week and that it should now be considered "the President Trump plan."

Kushner, the president's son-in-law, is working to finalize a plan with two major components: Border security measures that would include efforts to secure ports of entry and a package of immigration proposals that would create a more "merit-based" system giving preference to those with job skills rather than relatives of immigrants already in the country. Under the plan, the same number of immigrants would be permitted to enter the country, but the composition would change.

The White House is also working with Sen. Lindsey Graham on additional legislation that would address the nation's asylum system in an effort to stem the flow of migrants across the border, according to the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to outline the plan.

Several GOP senators who attended complimented the effort, which the White House deemed "productive." Democrats were not in attendance.

"The president and senators discussed a potential plan that would secure the border, protect and raise wages for the American worker, and move toward a merit-based immigration system," White



RICHARD DREW/AP

Jared Kushner speaks last month. President Donald Trump has endorsed his plan to overhaul immigration.

House spokesman Hogan Gidley said in a written readout of the meeting.

Sen. Martha McSally of Arizona complimented Kushner and the White House.

"They have done substantial work," she told Fox News in an interview at the White House after the meeting.

After he returned to the Capitol, Sen. Tom Cotton of Arkansas described a "very good productive conversation. I heard large areas of agreement from everyone in the room." Cotton said he still needs to see the details but things are "moving in the right direction."

And Sen. Kevin Cramer of North Dakota called it a "good starting point" that could be appealing to Democrats in the right situation.

"I think the environment right now with the booming economy, workforce demands, a crisis at the border that's no longer deemed manufactured presents an opportunity for discussion," he said.

Any immigration plan will be an uphill challenge on Capitol Hill where lawmakers have struggled for decades to pass comprehensive immigration legislation. Conservative Republicans are likely to oppose a plan that does not cut rates of legal immigra-

tion, while Democrats have made clear they will not accept changes without new protections of "Dreamer" immigrants brought to the country as children and are here illegally. Some Republicans, especially those from election swing states, would like to see protections for Dreamers as well.

Some have also reacted skeptically to Kushner's involvement, given he has no previous background on the contentious subject.

White House counselor Kellyanne Conway on Tuesday described the plan as "fairly comprehensive" and said it could include changes to the diversity visa lottery, which Trump has long criticized.

She also told Fox News that Trump might be open to a deal that addresses the plight of hundreds of thousands of "Dreamer" immigrants.

A previous attempt by Trump to reach a comprehensive immigration deal with Congress collapsed last year.

Trump put immigration at the center of his 2016 campaign, including a promise to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. He is expected to hammer the issue in his re-election campaign as he tries to energize his base of supporters.

1 dead, 8 hurt in Colorado school shooting, 2 in custody

BY KATHLEEN FOODY
Associated Press

HIGHLANDS RANCH, Colo. — Two students opened fire Tuesday inside a charter school in an affluent suburban Denver community not far from Columbine High School, killing a teenager, wounding eight and spreading minutes of terror before they were taken into custody with no injuries, authorities said.

Douglas County Sheriff Tony Spurlock said the pair walked into the STEM School Highlands Ranch and began shooting students in two classrooms. Within minutes, deputies at a nearby sheriff's department substation entered the school and arrested the two suspects after a struggle.

"As officers were arriving at the school, they could still hear gunshots," Douglas County Undersheriff Holly Nicholson-Kluth said.

Authorities did not release the name of the student who died, but said he was 18.

"I have to believe that the quick response of the officers that got inside that school helped save lives," Spurlock said. He did not identify the suspects, but said they are an adult and a minor who were not previously known to authorities. Authorities planned to search their homes and a vehicle, he said.

The shooting comes nearly three weeks after neighboring Littleton marked the grim 20th anniversary of the Columbine school massacre that killed 13 people.

The two schools are separated by about 7 miles in adjacent communities south of Denver. It also comes exactly a week after a gunman killed two students and wounded four at the University of North Carolina Charlotte.

"Tragically, this commu-



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

An official guides a student off a bus and into a recreation center where students were reunited with their parents.

nity and those surrounding it know all too well these hateful and horrible acts of violence," White House spokesman Judd Deere said in a statement. President Donald Trump had been briefed on the shooting and was in touch with state and local officials, Deere said.

The STEM School Highlands Ranch is a public charter school with more than 1,850 students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Student Christian Paulson told television station KMGH that he was in study hall when he saw kids running and shouting, "School shooter!"

"And I'm like, what? Is this real or fake? And then I just went after them," Christian Paulson said. "And apparently, this is all real. And I tried to run with my life, but I'm out of breath."

Rocco DeChalk, who lives near the school, told

television station KUSA that he saw so many students running past his house that at first he thought it was a gym class. He went outside and saw a teenage boy who had been shot in the back being helped by a teacher and another student.

They brought the boy into his kitchen and alerted a police officer, who sent for an ambulance.

"He made a comment, 'Oh, I'm starting to feel it now,'" DeChalk said. "I told him that was probably the adrenaline kicking in and he was going into shock."

Three area hospitals reported treating eight people in connection with the attack. Two were listed in serious condition, two were listed as stable, one was in good condition and three were released.

The sheriff's office directed parents to a nearby recreational center to pick up their children.



ERIC GAY/AP

Migrants seek U.S. asylum near the international bridge in Matamoros, Mexico, last month.

Asylum screeners to take more confrontational approach

BY NICK MIROFF
The Washington Post

The Trump administration has sent new guidelines to U.S. asylum officers, directing them to take a more skeptical and confrontational approach during interviews with migrants seeking refuge. It is the latest measure aimed at tightening the nation's legal "loopholes" Homeland Security officials blame for a spike in border crossings.

According to internal documents and staff emails obtained Tuesday by The Washington Post, the asylum officers will more aggressively challenge applicants whose assertions of persecution contain discrepancies, and the officers will need to provide detailed justifications before concluding that an applicant has a well-founded fear of harm if deported to their home country.

The changes require officers to zero in on any gaps between what migrants say to U.S. border agents after they are taken into custody and testimony they provide during the interview process with a trained asylum officer.

"Officers conducting credible fear interviews should also be addressing any more detailed inconsistencies between the applicant's testimony during the credible fear interview and other testimony in sworn statement," John Lafferty,

the head of the asylum division at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, wrote to staffers in an email.

The new guidelines are among the most significant steps the administration has taken to limit access to the country for foreigners seeking asylum, whose right to apply for humanitarian protection is protected by U.S. law and rooted in post-World War II international treaties granting refuge to those fleeing persecution. The changes appear to signal that the administration wants to turn away asylum-seekers earlier in the legal process, aiming to cut down on the number of applicants who enter the court system and to deter others from attempting to cross into the United States to seek asylum.

Officials with the CIS and the White House did not immediately respond to requests for comment Tuesday.

With a record number of Central American families arriving at the border and inundating U.S. courts with asylum claims, Trump has repeatedly scoffed at the protections and has told crowds that dangerous criminals are using it to game the system and stay in the United States.

"The asylum program is a scam," Trump said last month in a speech. "Some of the roughest people

you've ever seen, people that look like they should be fighting for the UFC (Ultimate Fighting Championship) ... you look at this guy you say 'Wow, that's a tough cookie!'"

Homeland Security agencies already are struggling to comply with court orders limiting the amount of time families with children can be held in detention, and further processing delays could exacerbate dangerous overcrowding at Border Patrol stations and jails. Some areas along the border have been overwhelmed, at times seeing three times as many migrants as they have beds in detention facilities, leading many to be directly released into the United States after initial questioning.

Migrants taken into custody at the border who convey a fear of persecution in their homelands typically receive a cursory interview with an asylum officer, and it is up to that officer to evaluate whether the person's story is credible enough to be referred to immigration courts for a fuller assessment.

The initial screening is known as a "credible fear" assessment, and it has become a particular focus of frustration for the White House at a time when illegal border crossings have jumped to a 12-year high, exceeding 100,000 per month.

Release terms set for Coast Guard officer called terrorist

BY MICHAEL KUNZELMAN
Associated Press

GREENBELT, Md. — A Coast Guard lieutenant accused of stockpiling firearms and drafting a hit list of prominent Democrats and journalists can be released from custody and supervised by relatives in Virginia while awaiting trial, a federal magistrate judge said Tuesday.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Charles Day stopped short of ordering 50-year-old Christopher Hasson's immediate release after a hearing in Greenbelt, Maryland. The magistrate is giving prosecutors time to appeal his decision to a district court judge.

Day said Hasson must be subject to 24-hour home detention at one of two Virginia homes: either his mother-in-law's rental home or a house owned by his father-in-law. The magistrate also agreed to using global positioning equipment to monitor Hasson. Court officials in Virginia must inspect the two homes and set up the monitoring equipment before Hasson can be released.

Prosecutors have portrayed Hasson as a domestic terrorist and a racist extremist intent on carrying out massive killings. Hasson's attorney says prosecutors haven't filed terrorism-related charges since his Feb. 15 arrest because they haven't found any evidence to back up those allegations.

Day said during a hearing last month that Hasson is entitled to be freed pending trial on firearms and drug charges.

Defense attorney Liz Oyer proposed several pretrial release options for Day to consider during Hasson's detention hearing, the third since his arrest.

Federal prosecutors oppose Hasson's release under any conditions. Their appeal likely keeps Hasson detained pending a district



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Federal investigators say Christopher Hasson had a cache of guns stockpiled to launch a terrorist attack.

court judge's review of the matter.

"The Government continues to believe that the defendant poses a serious danger and must be detained pending trial," Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas Windom wrote in a court filing Sunday.

Hasson is a self-described white nationalist who espoused extremist views for years and "intends to murder innocent civilians on a scale rarely seen in this country," Windom wrote in a previous court filing.

Prosecutors said Hasson compiled what appeared to be a computer-spreadsheet hit list that included Democratic presidential hopefuls Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand, Elizabeth Warren, Cory Booker and Kamala Harris. Also mentioned were such figures as MSNBC's Chris Hayes and Joe Scarborough and CNN's Chris Cuomo and Van Jones. Prosecutors also say Hasson targeted two Supreme Court justices and two social media company executives and searched online for their home addresses in March 2018, within minutes before and after searching firearm sales websites.

During last month's hearing, Day said he still has "grave concerns" about Hasson based on informa-

tion prosecutors have presented. But the magistrate also took into account the defense's argument that he hasn't been charged with any terrorism-related offenses since his arrest.

Oyer, an assistant federal public defender, has said Hasson's mother-in-law and father-in-law in Virginia are willing to have him stay with them under their supervision.

Windom said none of those custodian options are viable or meet what Day said was the goal of ensuring that someone has "eyes and ears" on Hasson "like nobody's business."

"The only way to ensure that goal is met is to keep the defendant detained in the custody of the United States Marshals Service," the prosecutor wrote.

Oyer said conditions of Hasson's release should include home detention with electronic location monitoring, as well as no access to firearms, a computer or other internet-capable devices.

Oyer has said her client hadn't made any direct or specific threats to harm anyone. Prosecutors are seeking to punish Hasson for "private thoughts" that he never shared, she said.

Hasson has pleaded not guilty to drug and firearms charges.

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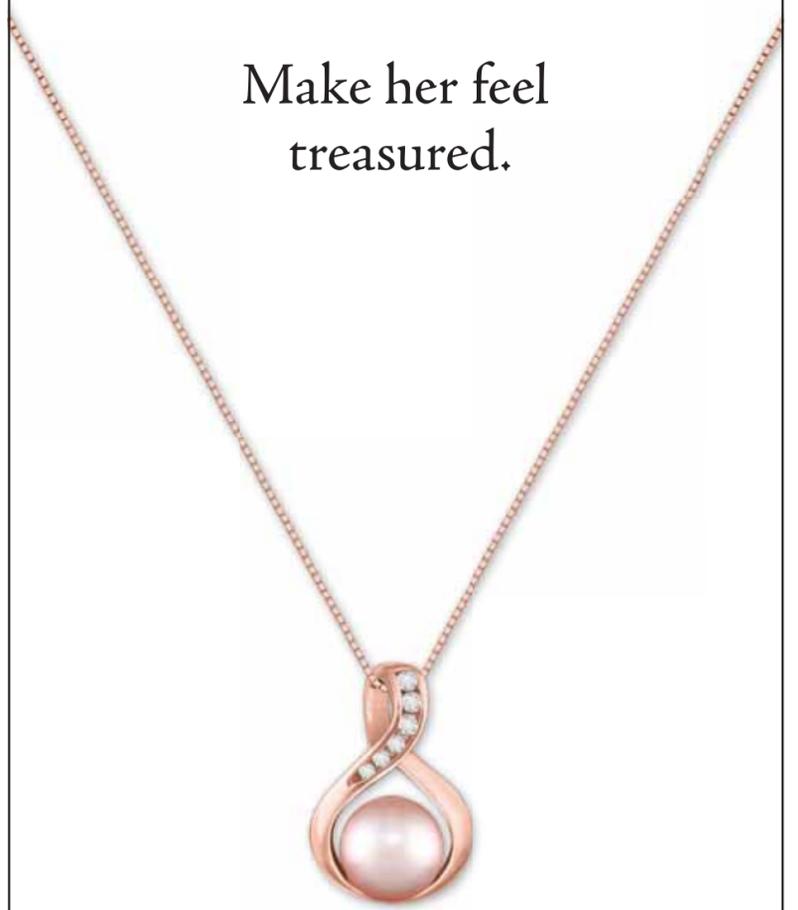
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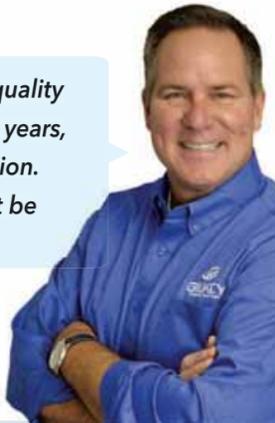


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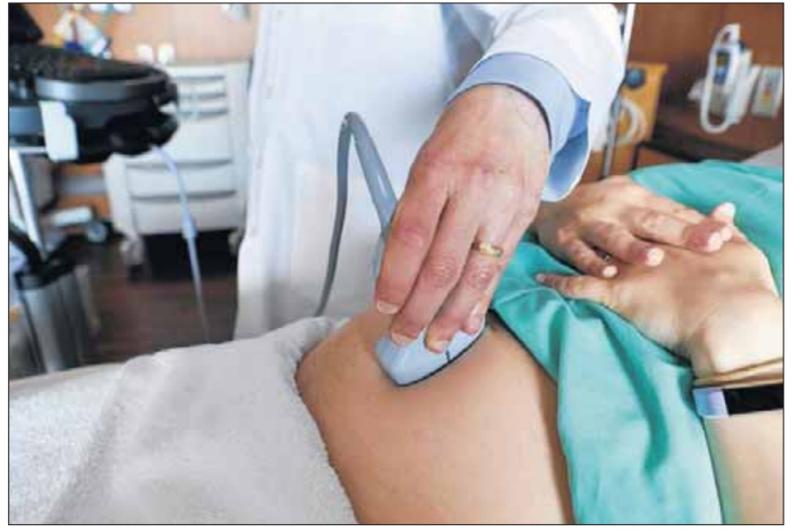
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A woman receives an ultrasound. A report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says pregnancy-related deaths in the U.S. have been rising for decades.

Report: US pregnancy deaths up, and most are preventable

BY MIKE STOBBE AND MARILYNN MARCHIONE
Associated Press

More U.S. women are dying from pregnancy-related causes, and more than half those deaths are preventable, government health officials said in a report Tuesday.

Although these deaths are rare — about 700 a year — they have been rising for decades, especially among black women.

"An American mom today is 50% more likely to die in childbirth than her own mother was," said Dr. Neel Shah, a Harvard Medical School obstetrician.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists has released new guidelines saying women should have a comprehensive heart-risk evaluation 12 weeks after delivery, but up to 40% of women don't return for that visit.

Bleeding and infections used to cause most pregnancy-related deaths, but heart-related problems do now.

"Pregnancy is really a stress test" because of the extra blood the heart is

moving for mom and child, said the head of the guidelines panel, Dr. James Martin. That can reveal previously unknown problems or lead to new ones.

Tuesday's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report found that about one-third of maternal deaths happened during pregnancy, a third were during or within a week of birth, and the rest were up to a year later.

Globally, maternal mortality fell about 44% from 1990 to 2015, according to the World Health Organization. But the U.S. is out of step: Moms die in about 17 out of every 100,000 U.S. births each year, up from 12 per 100,000 a quarter-century ago.

Possible factors include the high C-section rates in the U.S. and soaring rates of obesity, which raises the risk of heart disease, diabetes and other complications.

Black women in the U.S. are about three times as likely to die from a pregnancy-related cause as others, partly because of racial bias they may experience in getting care and doctors not recognizing risk factors

such as high blood pressure, said Dr. Lisa Hollier, the obstetrician group's president.

Stacy Ann Walker was 29, healthy and excited to be expecting her first child eight years ago "when the unimaginable happened and left both of us fighting for our life."

The Hartford, Connecticut, woman said her doctor brushed off her complaints of shortness of breath, exhaustion and swelling in her legs as normal aches and pains of pregnancy. Her baby developed life-threatening complications requiring an emergency cesarean section, and weighed less than 3 pounds at delivery.

After the birth, Walker developed heart valve problems and heart failure, requiring surgery.

"Never did I think my life would be in danger," said Walker, who is black.

The report shows the need to educate doctors and patients about risks for new moms, and to expand Medicaid in all states so that postpartum care is available for all moms up to a year after giving birth, said Dr. Alison Stuebe.

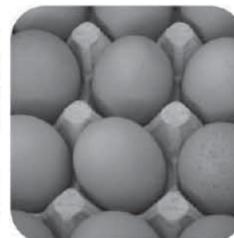
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special counsel Robert Mueller's report last month. Republicans have largely united behind the president, with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell on Tuesday declaring "case closed" on Mueller's Russia probe and potential obstruction by Trump. McConnell said Democrats are "grieving" the result.

Mueller said he could not establish a criminal conspiracy between the Trump campaign and Russia, but did not reach a conclusion on whether Trump obstructed justice. Mueller didn't charge Trump but wrote that he couldn't exonerate him, either.

Democrats say the case is anything but closed and are conducting their own review of Mueller's investigation of Russian election interference. The Judiciary panel wants to speak to McGahn and review certain documents, in part because he was a vital witness for Mueller, recounting the president's outrage over the investigation and his efforts to curtail it.

White House counsel Pat Cipollone said McGahn does not have any "legal right" to the materials because they are controlled by the White House. Cipollone did not invoke executive privilege in a letter to House Judiciary Chairman Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., but strongly signaled the option is on the table. He said the records Democrats are seeking "remain legally protected from disclosure under longstanding constitutional principles."

Executive privilege is the president's power to keep information from the courts, Congress and the public to protect the confidentiality of the Oval Office decision-making process. There is no reference to



JIM WATSON/GETTY-APF

Former White House lawyer Don McGahn defied a congressional subpoena Tuesday, refusing to provide documents to the House Judiciary Committee.

executive privilege in the Constitution, but the Supreme Court has held that it derives from the president's ability to carry out the duties the commander in chief holds under the Constitution.

Besides documents, the House Judiciary Committee's subpoena asked McGahn to testify later this month. Trump has signaled he will try to block McGahn from appearing. McGahn's lawyer said that he will "maintain the status quo" and wait for the White House and the committee to reach an agreement.

"As you will appreciate, Mr. McGahn, as a former assistant to the president and the most senior attorney for the president in his official capacity, continues to owe certain duties and obligations to the President which he is not free to disregard," wrote attorney William Burck.

The struggle over McGahn's testimony is playing out against the backdrop of a larger debate on Capitol

Hill about what action — if any — to take following the conclusion of Mueller's investigation.

McConnell, in his most significant public comments yet on the investigation, opened the Senate on Tuesday with a speech discussing how Mueller's "exhaustive" probe is now complete.

"It's finally over," the Kentucky Republican said. He called Mueller's findings "bad news for the outrage industrial complex but good news for the rest of the country."

The speech drew swift rebuttals from Democrats. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer issued a joint statement calling it "a stunning act of political cynicism and a brazen violation of the oath we all take."

After McConnell's speech, Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, a Democratic presidential candidate, made her own trip to the Senate floor to say the



MARK WILSON/GETTY

Mitch McConnell declared "case closed" Tuesday on the Russia investigation.

the case" for his impeachment by brazenly obstructing investigations.

"He's just trying to goad us into impeachment," Pelosi said in a talk at Cornell's Institute of Politics and Global Affairs.

The dispute with the White House over McGahn is among several requests being resisted by the administration. The Judiciary Committee is also negotiating with the Justice Department over obtaining a full,

unredacted version of Mueller's report. Attorney General William Barr released a redacted version to the public last month, but Democrats want to see the full document, plus underlying documents, and have scheduled a committee vote Wednesday to hold Barr in contempt for not providing it.

Staff members from the House Judiciary Committee were meeting with Justice Department officials Tuesday for final negotiations before the contempt vote. Nadler said late Monday that he hopes to make "concrete progress" toward resolving the dispute over gaining access to the report.

If the talks fail and the committee approves the contempt resolution against Barr, it would head to the full House for final approval. But that step is unlikely to lead to criminal charges. A House vote would send a criminal referral to the U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia, a Justice Department official who is likely to defend the attorney general.

Trump reported \$1.4 billion in losses to IRS, report says

BY DAVID A. FAHRENTHOLD
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump reported \$1.17 billion in financial losses to the IRS from 1985 to 1994, a massive run of red ink that kept him from paying income taxes during most of that period, according to a report published late Tuesday in The New York Times.

The Times said it had documented those losses by obtaining official IRS tax transcripts for those years, showing the figures Trump reported on his IRS Form 1040 returns. The scope of those losses was such that, "year after year, Mr. Trump appears to have lost more money than nearly any other individual American taxpayer," The Times said.

The Times report comes a day after Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said he would not comply with a request from a House committee to turn over copies of more recent Trump tax returns. A 1924 law gives Congress the explicit power to request such returns, but

Mnuchin said the request lacked a "legitimate legislative purpose," a stance that is expected to be challenged in court.

The White House and the Trump Organization did not immediately respond to requests for comment sent Tuesday. The Times said a private attorney for the president, Charles Harder, called its report "demonstrably false," but he had not cited any specific errors.

Until now, Trump's early career in real estate was believed to have reached a peak in the late 1980s, when Trump wrote "The Art of the Deal" — and then collapsed into loss and debt in 1990 and 1991.

The Times story shows, however, that Trump's losses began earlier. In 1985, the future president reported \$46.1 million in losses from his casinos, hotels and other businesses, according to the report.

Those losses got worse in 1990 and 1991, as Trump's big bets on casinos, hotels and an airline all went bad. Trump reported \$517.6

million in combined losses during those years, The Times said. Because of his losses, The Times said, that Trump had not been required to pay income taxes for eight of the 10 years it examined.

Trump's most profitable business during this period, The Times reported, was not in real estate but in the stock market. As The Times described it, Trump would buy a company's stock, then make public statements indicating he was contemplating a hostile takeover of that company. The publicity would make the stock price rise, and then Trump — rather than buying more shares to make good on his takeover threat — would sell his stocks at a profit.

That sort of faux takeover talk earned Trump \$57 million by 1988, The Times reported. But eventually, investors stopped falling for it: When Trump bought stock in American Airlines and talked about a takeover, the market didn't bite. Trump lost \$34.9 million on short-term stock trades that year, The Times said.

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Personal effects from the Holocaust

Aging survivors add to collection that will be displayed online

BY ARON HELLER
Associated Press

RAMAT GAN, Israel — Under a fluorescent light, an archivist from Israel's Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial snaps photos and scans into her mobile database the last remnant that a pair of elderly siblings have of their long-lost father — a 1943 postcard Samuel Akerman tossed in desperation out of the deportation train hurtling him toward his demise in the Majdanek death camp.

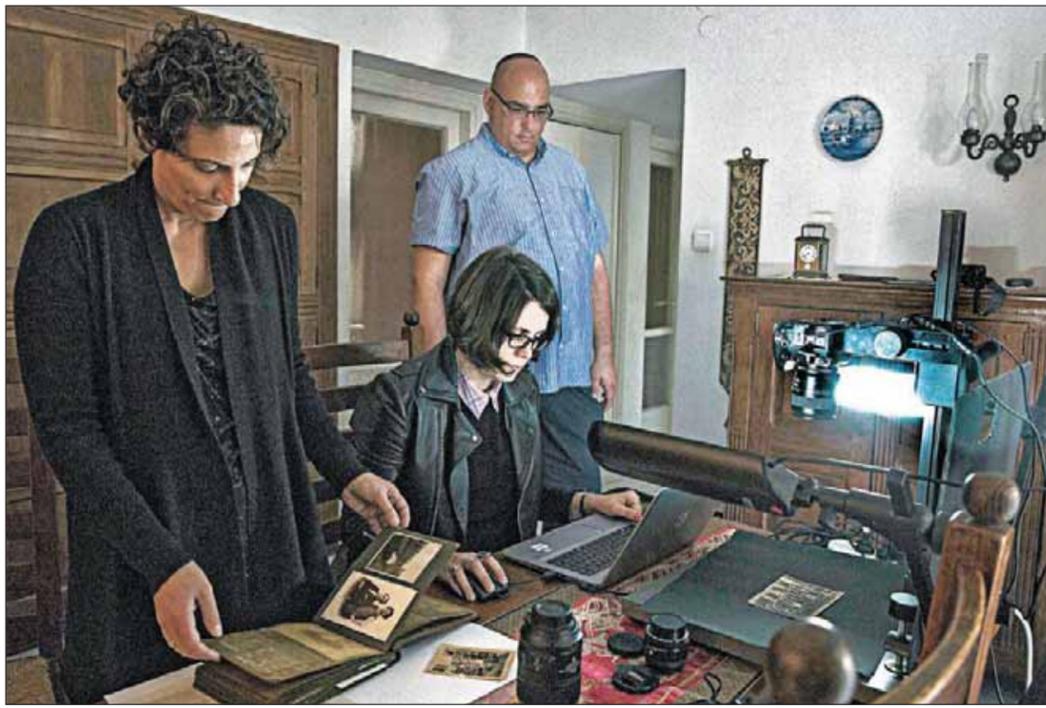
"It's what we have left from him," said Rachel Zeiger, his now 91-year-old daughter. "But this is not for the family. It is for the next generations."

With the world's community of aging Holocaust survivors rapidly shrinking, and their live testimonies soon to be a thing of the past, efforts such as these have become the forefront of preparing for a world without them.

Through its "Gathering the Fragments" program, Yad Vashem has collected about 250,000 items from survivors and their families in recent years to be stored for posterity and displayed online in hopes of preserving the memory of the 6 million Jews killed by the Nazis, even after the last of the survivors has passed away.

Copious video testimonies have been filmed and even holograms have been produced to try to recreate the powerful impact of a survivor's recollection, which has been the staple of Holocaust commemoration for decades. This year, an Instagram account was created based on the real-life journal of a teenage Jewish victim to make her story more accessible to a younger generation.

With the passing of time,



Yad Vashem officials Orit Noima, left, and Simmy Allen watch archivist Lena Shternberg scan items in Ramat Gan, Israel.



Holocaust survivors Rachel Zeiger 91, and her brother Moshe Akerman 84, at their home in Ramat Gan.

any physical links to the Holocaust and its victims have become valuable means of remembrance and evidence against the growing tide of denial and minimization of the genocide around the world.

As Israel marked its annual Holocaust Remembrance Day on Wednesday, Yad Vashem laid the cornerstone of its new campus for the Shoah Heritage Collections Center — the future

permanent home for its 210 million documents, 500,000 photographs, 131,000 survivor testimonies, 32,400 artifacts and 11,500 works of art related to the Holocaust.

"The German Nazis were determined not only to annihilate the Jewish people, but also to obliterate their identity, memory, culture and heritage," said Yad Vashem Chairman Avner Shalev. "By preserving these

precious items and revealing them to the public they will act as the voice of the victims and the survivors and serve as an everlasting memory."

Samuel Akerman's letter to his family will soon join the collected assortment.

"My heart is bitter. I unfortunately have to inform you that I, together with 950 other people, am headed toward an unknown destination," he scribbled in shaky handwriting to his two children on Feb. 27, 1943, from inside the packed transport. "I may not be able to write you again pray to God that we will joyfully see each other again. Don't give up hope and I am sure God will help us."

Akerman was never heard from again.

A bystander likely found the discarded postcard on the ground and mailed it to Zeiger and her younger brother, Moshe, in occupied France, where they had fled

from their home in Belgium after the Nazis invaded. After the father was deported, the rest — mother, grandmother and the two children — survived by assuming false, Christian identities.

Zeiger recalls several close encounters when their cover was nearly lost. Once, the Gestapo arrived in the early morning hours to seize a Jewish family hiding in the ground floor of their building. When the Nazis knocked on their third-floor door, a teenage Zeiger presented their fake papers in her fluent French to convince them they had nothing to look for there.

"I've never felt that way in my life," she recalled from her house in Ramat Gan, just outside Tel Aviv. "I had to vomit after they left. My whole body clenched."

After the war, they returned to Antwerp to find their home ravaged. They waited there several years, in the faint hope that their

father would somehow return, before giving up and moving to Israel.

The postcard remained stashed away as a vestige of their painful past for more than 75 years, until Moshe Akerman heard of the Yad Vashem campaign seeking personal effects of aging survivors.

"My kids are glad I did it so that this testimony will exist, because otherwise you don't talk about it," said Akerman, 84. "It's a small testimony to what happened, another drop in this sea of testimony. It doesn't uncover anything new. The facts are known. What happened happened, and this is another small proof of it."

Besides rounding up Jews and shipping them to death camps, the Nazis and their collaborators confiscated their possessions and stole their valuables, leaving little behind. Those who survived often had just an item or two they managed to keep. Many have clung to the objects ever since.

But with the next generation often showing little interest in maintaining the items, and their means of properly preserving them limited, Yad Vashem launched "Gathering the Fragments" in 2011 to collect as many artifacts as possible before the survivors — and their stories — were gone forever. Rather than exhibit them in its flagship museum, Yad Vashem stores most of the items in a specialized facility and uploads replicas online for a far wider global reach.

"These items complement other material we have and help us complete the puzzle of the victims' stories," explained Orit Noiman, head of Yad Vashem's collection and registration center. "The personal item becomes part of the collective national memory. With the clock ticking and the survivors leaving us, this is what we can make accessible to the public."

Women who joined IS beg to come home

After militants' loss, some in camps say they made mistake

BY MAYA ALLERUZZO,
PHILIP ISSA
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Associated Press

AL-HOL, Syria — They came from around the world, four women drawn to the Islamic State group's caliphate. They said it was out of misguided religious faith or naiveté or youthful rebellion, but whatever the reason, they tied their lives to a group that became notorious for its atrocities.

Now after the militants' defeat, they say they made a mistake and are pleading to come home. They are among tens of thousands of Syrian, Iraqi and foreign women and children who belonged to the caliphate now held in camps in northern Syria overseen by the U.S.-backed, Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces.

Many remain supporters of IS.

Inside the camps, they have tried to recreate the caliphate. Some women have re-formed units of the militants' feared religious police, the "Hisba," and enforce rules and punishments on other residents.

The four women interviewed at al-Hol and Roj

camps insisted they had not been active IS members, and they all said their husbands were not fighters. Those denials and much in their accounts could not be independently confirmed.

"How could I have been so stupid — and so blind?" Kimberly Polman, a 46-year-old Canadian woman, said of her decision to join the caliphate.

To many, their expressions of regret likely ring hollow or self-serving. Traveling to the caliphate, the women joined a group whose atrocities were well known, including sex enslavement of Yazidi women, mass killings and grotesque punishments of rule-breakers, ranging from public shootings to beheadings.

Their pleas to return home point to the question of what to do with the men and women who joined the caliphate. The SDF complains it is being forced to shoulder the burden of dealing with them.

Governments around the world are reluctant to take back their nationals. Some are focusing on repatriating children and not the parents.

Belgian policy, for example, is to bring back children

under 10.

Samira, a 31-year-old Belgian woman, is in the camp with her 2-year-old son after fleeing the caliphate in January 2018 along with her husband, a French citizen she met in Syria.

Samira said that back home when she was young, she drank alcohol and went dancing at clubs. Then "I wanted to change my life. I found Islam." She came to believe IS propaganda that the only place one could be a proper Muslim was in the caliphate, so she traveled there.

"It was very stupid," she said. She spoke on condition her full name not be used for fear of harassment of her family. She reached Syria in 2016 with her new husband, an Algerian she had met in Turkey. Soon after, they had a son. But they quickly realized their mistake and tried unsuccessfully to escape, she said. Finally in late 2017, IS allowed her and her son to leave — but not her husband. She believes he is now held by the SDF.

Her parents are trying to convince Indonesian officials to allow her home.

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Women line up for aid in al-Hol, Syria. They are among tens of thousands now in camps.

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Gailon Lawson, a 45-

year-old from Trinidad and Tobago, said she converted to Islam and married a man in her home Caribbean island. Only days after they married, he took her to Syria. "I just followed my husband," she said. She brought her son, who was 12 at the time.

She and her husband divorced not long after. She said her biggest concern over the next years was keeping her son from being enlisted as a fighter. He was arrested three times by IS for refusing conscription, she said.

During the fighting at IS' last pocket at Baghouz, she dressed her son as a woman in robes and a veil, and they escaped. The Kurdish

forces imprisoned her son and she hasn't heard from him in a month.

Polman, the Canadian, came to the caliphate to join her new husband, a man she knew only from online. They soon divorced.

She worked in a hospital in the town of Tabqa, helping treat children wounded in the fighting. "I saw an incredible number of children die," she said. She said she broke down after failing to revive a dying 4-month-old. She said she came to blame the bloodshed on the militants she had joined.

"When I think about my life," she wrote. "I feel so badly that I think I don't deserve a future. I shouldn't have trusted."

War munitions dumped in European seas endanger public

BY RICK NOACK
The Washington Post

BERLIN — After World War I and World War II, officials dumped hundreds of thousands of tons of munitions into the oceans around Europe, which at the time appeared to be the most easily accessible disposal ground. Some of those weapons, including mines containing mustard gas, were simply dropped into the Baltic and North seas in the heart of Europe rather than being taken to

faraway dump sites near the Arctic Circle.

But the hidden legacy of those world wars may come to haunt the continent for decades to come.

The Belgian newspaper Het Laatste Nieuws recently reported that officials have grown concerned that one of those dump sites — close to the Belgian coastal municipality of Knokke-Heist — has started to leak. At the site, two of 23 probed locations showed signs of contamination. The revelation followed months of

official inquiries into what authorities fear could be a mounting public safety threat.

Used as a potentially deadly chemical agent during World War I, mustard gas can burn victims' skin, respiratory tracts and eyes.

If confirmed, the leaks would hardly come as a surprise to other officials around Europe.

They see themselves in a race against time to prevent the leaking of deadly gases and other hazardous substances, but they have strug-

gled to have their concerns heard.

Officials also are expressing alarm over leaks of explosives such as TNT from dumped land mines or sea mines. While those substances have been contained inside metal cases for eight decades in the case of World War II, and about a century in the case of World War I munitions, the metal has rusted and become porous.

In recent years, such leaks have posed a growing environmental threat. Ac-

tivists have blamed the leaks in part for decreasing biodiversity in the Baltic Sea.

The problem extends far beyond the "weapons cemeteries" that are now making headlines.

In the Baltic Sea, more than 80,000 mines are believed to be lurking beneath the surface. Unlike the North Sea's mass dump sites, the locations of single mines are more difficult to track down.

European navies help with remote-controlled ve-

hicles and clearance divers within their own territorial waters. But in some areas, the density of explosives is believed to be so high that fishing is still prohibited there.

Pipeline construction companies often hire private mine-clearance contractors to do the job if there is no way around it and when the explosives are found far out at sea.

"It's unbelievable how many mines there still are," Cmdr. Peeter Ivask, head of Estonia's navy, said last year.

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NEWS BRIEFING

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Georgia's GOP governor signs 'heartbeat' abortion ban

ATLANTA — Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp on Tuesday signed into law one of the nation's most restrictive abortion laws, a measure that bans the procedure once a fetal heartbeat is detected, which can be as early as six weeks, before many women know they're pregnant. Kemp, a Republican, said he approved the bill "to ensure that all Georgians have the opportunity to live, grow, learn and prosper in our great state."

The signing caps weeks of tension and protests at the state Capitol and begins what could be a lengthy and costly legal battle over the law's constitutionality. Staci Fox, the president and CEO of Planned Parenthood Southeast, said the new law criminalizes doctors for providing life-saving care. Current law allows women in Georgia to seek an abortion in the first 20 weeks of pregnancy.

Debt collectors to use email, texts under proposed rules

NEW YORK — Debt collectors will be able to start contacting borrowers via text and email under new regulations proposed by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. The rules released Tuesday update debt collection regulations enacted in the 1970s, which never took into account changes in technology, like the use of cellphones, email or the internet. Under the new rules, third-party debt collectors will be able to call a delinquent borrower up to seven times a week, leaving voicemails if necessary. They will have to leave borrowers alone for at least a week after they reach them by phone. There's no cap on the number of texts or emails sent, but the rules would require an ability for a consumer to "opt-out" of texts and emails from bill collectors.

Venezuela's top court targets six opposition lawmakers

CARACAS, Venezuela — Venezuela's top court on Tuesday opened a criminal investigation against six opposition lawmakers following a failed attempt to spark a military uprising against President Nicolas Maduro. The lawmakers are suspected of "betraying the homeland" and "instigating an insurrection," among other charges, said the pro-government Supreme Court. Those facing accusations include prominent figures in the opposition such as Henry Ramos Allup and Luis German Florido. The action comes one week after opposition leader Juan Guaidó urged soldiers to oust Maduro, who has taken steps to reassert his authority in the aftermath of the failed uprising. Additionally, the government announced that it was taking control of three private airports.



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Wa Lone, left, and Kyaw Soe Oo pass through the gate of Insein Prison in Yangon on Monday after they were granted amnesty. Although the Myanmar government did not comment on why they were freed, there had been a global campaign for their release.

2 Pulitzer-winning reporters freed from Myanmar prison

YANGON, Myanmar — Two Pulitzer-winning Reuters journalists held in Myanmar for more than 500 days for their coverage of the crackdown on Rohingya Muslims were freed from jail Tuesday, ending a prolonged detention that has tainted Myanmar and its Nobel Peace laureate civilian leader, Aung San Suu Kyi. Wa Lone, 32, and Kyaw Soe Oo, 28, were released as part of an annual amnesty that has freed thousands of prisoners since last month. An additional 6,000 people were released Tuesday. Myanmar officials gave no immediate reason for the release of the two journalists, who had exhausted all their legal options after Myanmar's highest court rejected their appeal late last month. The two men walked out of Yangon's notorious Insein Prison at about 9:40 a.m. As they passed through the front gate, waving to the gathered crowd, they were mobbed like rock stars by fellow reporters who as professionals had covered their plight and as colleagues pushed for their release. The two reporters were arrested in December 2017

as they were working on a story about security forces involved in killing Rohingya and were accused of illegally possessing official documents, a violation of the colonial-era Official Secrets Act. At their trial the two contended they were framed because of official displeasure over their work, but they were convicted last September and sentenced to seven years in prison. Suu Kyi — who initially defended their detention — had been under significant pressure from Vice President Mike Pence and others to intervene in the case.

3rd parent pleads guilty in college entry scheme

BOSTON — A California executive has pleaded guilty to charges that he paid \$400,000 in bribes to get his son into Georgetown University. Stephen Semprevivo pleaded guilty Tuesday in Boston federal court. He is the third parent to plead guilty in the vast college admissions bribery scheme. Authorities say Semprevivo gave \$400,000 to an admissions consultant who paid off then-Georgetown tennis coach Gordon Ernst for pretending Semprevivo's son was a team recruit. Ernst has pleaded not

guilty to accepting \$2.7 million in bribes to designate at least 12 applicants as recruits. Semprevivo is an executive at Cydcor, which provides companies with outsourced sales teams. Actress Felicity Huffman is scheduled to plead guilty in the case Monday.

UK concedes it must hold EU vote amid Brexit delay

LONDON — The British government on Tuesday acknowledged for the first time that the country will definitely take part in the European Parliament elections this month because there's no chance that a Brexit deal can be approved in time to avoid them. Prime Minister Theresa May's Conservative government had been desperate to avoid U.K. participation in polls for U.K. seats in the 751-seat European Union legislature. The vote in Britain on May 23 is being held almost three years after U.K. voters chose to leave the EU. Britain's departure date has been postponed from March 29 until Oct. 31 while politicians scramble for a solution. The Conservative Party fears it will be trounced in the European election as pro-Brexit and pro-EU voters express anger at the nation's political impasse.

In Sri Lanka: Two bomb experts were among the nine suicide attackers who struck churches and hotels on Easter in Sri Lanka and all those directly involved in the bombings are either dead or under arrest, police said. Police have detained 73 suspects for investigation since the bombings that killed 257 people and have seized stocks of explosives, improvised explosive devices and hundreds of swords. They also found \$140,000 in cash in bank accounts connected to the group and an additional \$40 million worth of assets in land, houses, vehicles and jewelry, police said late Monday. Authorities have repeatedly said another attack from the extremist group is possible.



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EDITORIALS

Pritzker defers a bad idea thanks to a good economy

As a candidate, J.B. Pritzker repeatedly criticized Springfield's habit of putting off tough decisions. Once elected, he wanted to do just that. His proposed budget for the next fiscal year included extending by seven years the state's pension payment schedule. Doing that would push to 2052 the target date for a 90 percent-funded pension system, and reduce what the state would pay in the short term. For the budget that begins July 1, it would cut what the state owes from about \$9.1 billion to about \$8 billion.

Tuesday brought good news and bad news on this front. The good is that Pritzker is nixing the proposed seven-year extension and the partial pension holiday. The bad is that those terrible ideas could resurface: Pritzker's office told us Tuesday evening that the governor is "not taking any options off the table for future years."

Team Pritzker's stated reason for nixing the pension proposals for fiscal 2020 is a surprise April windfall of income tax revenue: The reported total of \$4.1 billion is \$1.5 billion more than anticipated. Credit ripple effects of the booming national economy — more people working, wages rising, stock prices increasing. Each of those factors translates to more revenue for state governments, many of which have reported higher revenues in early 2019.

Who knows, maybe an appreciative Pritzker will send a note of thanks to President Donald Trump for federal tax and regulatory changes that helped raise economic growth to 3.2 percent and drop unemployment to 3.6 percent.

This windfall cancels most of



YOUNGRAE KIM/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Gov. J.B. Pritzker, shown in April with Mayor Rahm Emanuel, left, and Senate President John Cullerton, wanted to extend the state's target date for a 90 percent-funded public pension system by seven years.

the \$1.6 billion shortfall in the current fiscal year's budget. The Illinois Department of Revenue also is raising by \$800 million its income tax revenue projection for fiscal 2020, which starts in eight weeks. That expectation allows Pritzker to set aside his proposal to short the pensions.

We're grateful that economic growth is putting more money in workers' pockets, and in state coffers, too. We're also wary of one-month blips. Illinois still has policies, laws and regulations that drive employers elsewhere. And the next recession always looms; the only question is when it'll

arrive.

We're also grateful that Pritzker is devoting some of the windfall to pensions. He has said he would like to bolster the pension system from proceeds of a graduated-rate income tax. But adoption of that structure is uncertain. Even if approved by voters, graduated rates wouldn't generate new money until after the November 2020 election. And who knows what lawmakers would do with the billions of new dollars they would collect?

So let's focus on Pritzker's still-on-the-table notion of a

partial pension holiday and extension of the payment schedule. Those ideas demonstrate exactly how Illinois taxpayers became victims of a pension crisis. The mere mention of options that have proved so damaging to Illinois taxpayers should aggravate them — especially members of public employee unions who count on retirement checks.

Taking shortcuts has driven Illinois' unfunded pension liabilities to \$133.5 billion, up from \$111 billion when Gov. Bruce Rauner took office in 2015. Rauner made required payments into the pension funds, and a roaring stock

market brought good investment returns. But the liabilities cannot be tamed. By constructing benefits as they did and then not properly funding the pensions, lawmakers made this debacle.

After Pritzker's February call for shortcuts, House Republican leader Jim Durkin offered a reality check that we hope sticks with the governor: "The largest obligation we have hanging over taxpayers are public pension systems, and there's been no effort to revisit changing the constitution or going back to the courts to reform our system. So to suggest we should extend out the ramp and short the system ... sounds like what created the problem in the first place."

Set aside politics. Can anyone argue that Durkin is wrong? That it's ever acceptable to shove today's costs of doing business onto our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren?

Departing Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel has urged the state's Democratic leaders to support moderating the Illinois Constitution's rigid language on pensions. Another option: passing mild pension reforms to test their constitutionality. But since the Illinois Supreme Court's May 2015 decision tossing pension reform, legislators have done almost nothing. One month's revenue bump doesn't eliminate their need to act.

Governor Pritzker, you know that pension holidays and ramp extensions would do further serious damage. Take credit for setting aside those notions. Then reassure Illinois taxpayers by abandoning them for good.

A pregnant postal worker vanished. Step up, Chicagoans.

The U.S. Postal Service has long helped get out the word on missing children by displaying posters on its bulletin boards and on its website. Right now, it's also searching for one of its own, a letter carrier from Chicago.

Kierra Coles, then 26, headed out of her South Side home on Oct. 2 and hasn't been heard from since. Coles was three months pregnant, with a due date of April 23. As that date passed recently, her family members sought to keep her case in the spotlight — their best hope for eliciting tips that might help find her.

Coles didn't disappear while serving her route, but postal

workers, 40 percent of whom are women, walk Chicago's streets on behalf of all citizens. They are easy to spot, with their uniforms and mail bags, and keep predictable hours. They become expected, friendly sights in neighborhoods. Reports say Coles was active on social media and talked to family daily, and fellow postal workers rang doorbells on her behalf in earlier searches.



Coles

Leads on Coles are drying up. There's now more than \$45,000 in reward money on offer for information leading to her from the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the Chicago branch of the National Association for Letter Carriers and private donors.

"We need the community to remain involved. The call volume has started to be low," says community activist Andrew Holmes. "We've been searching, but now we need anyone who has been holding onto information — no matter how small of a clue they have — we need them to call in."

Coles' purse, lunch bag and cellphone were found in her car,

which remained parked outside her home. She was described as 5 feet 4 and about 125 pounds, black, with brown eyes, black hair and a medium brown complexion, Chicago police say.

Her family joined with that of another missing pregnant woman to draw attention to their cases over the weekend. Marlen Ochoa-Uriostegui, 19, of Pilsen, was last seen leaving her high school two weeks ago. Her due date was last Sunday, relatives have said. She is married and has a 3-year-old son.

A third woman, Chaunti Bryla, who has an 11-year-old son, has been missing for about three weeks, police say.

There's no evidence these cases are connected by anything but the shared distress of their families. But in each of them, the public has a role to play. Neighbors or witnesses can help find closure for loved ones or bring justice in the event of foul play.

In the case of Coles, this is a chance for all of us to support the familiar neighborhood figures who brave blizzards, barking dogs and other hazards every day to reach their mailboxes. Those who serve the public good play a special role in our communities. Step up, Chicagoans, if you can help find her or the other missing women.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

NATO was founded in 1949 to contain the Soviets, preventing them from dominating Western Europe and thus accruing power to directly threaten the United States. ... The Soviet Union is dead, however, and Russia possesses only a fraction of the Soviet Union's power and reach.

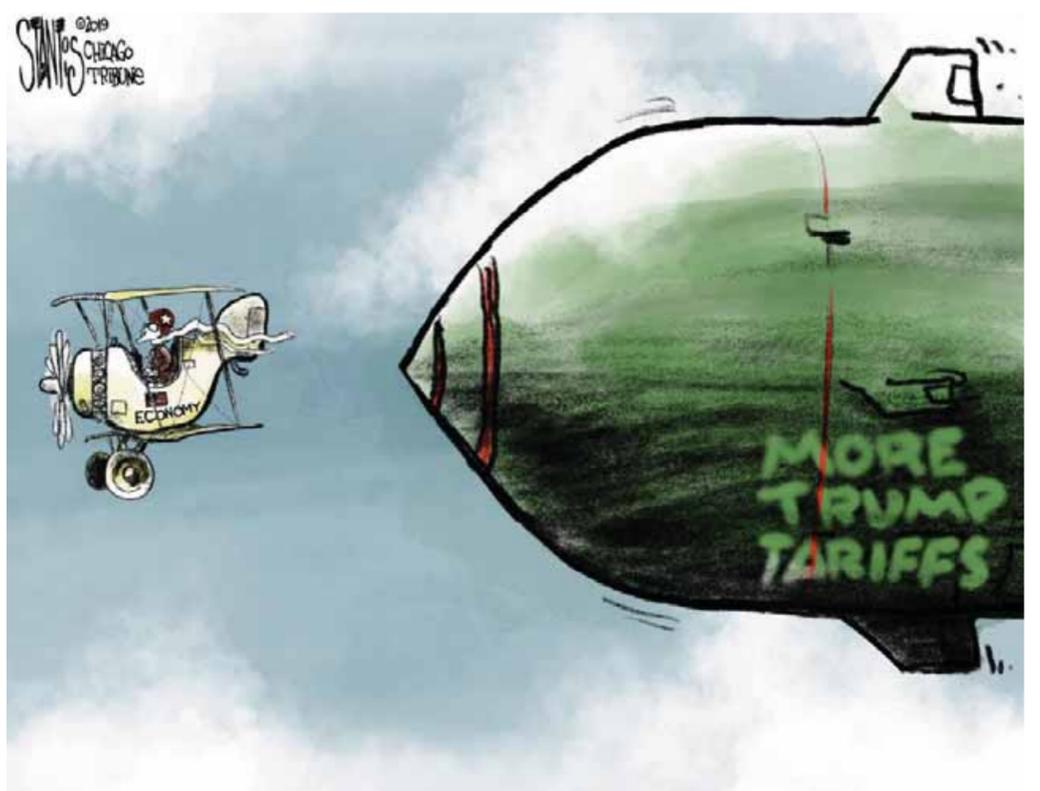
NATO was also supposed to have an expiry date — at least for American ground troops in Europe. General Dwight Eisenhower, upon assuming command of all NATO forces in Europe in 1951, proclaimed that if "in 10 years, all American troops stationed in Europe for national-defense purposes have not been returned to the United States, then this whole project will have failed."

Nearly 60 years after Eisenhower spoke those words, and 30 years after the fall of the Berlin Wall, over 60,000 U.S. troops remain in Europe. As MIT's Barry Posen recently noted, those troops not only enable Europeans the luxury of not paying for their own defense, they also enable America's worst interventionist impulses by providing a network of bases and logistical hubs to project power into the Middle East and Africa, regions of diminishing strategic importance. It is appropriate to judge post-Cold War NATO a failure. The alliance is a paper tiger, beset with slashed European defense budgets and hollow forces.

It has become a social club and an appetizer, a prelude to European Union membership for the formerly communist states of eastern and southern Europe. What it is not is a credible military alliance. Nor is it making America more secure.

Gil Barndollar, The National Interest

SCOTT STANTIS



Chicago Tribune

PERSPECTIVE



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Is a graduated income tax a Trojan horse to soak the middle class? Neigh!



ERIC ZORN

Illinois is just one of nine states with a flat income tax rate (it's 11 states if you count New Hampshire and Tennessee, which impose a flat tax on dividend and interest income only), and Republicans here tend to like it that way.

Illinois Senate Republican leader Bill Brady, R-Bloomington, recently argued that our one-size-fits-all rate — now 4.95 percent — provides protection against “overzealous” legislators who would find it easier to raise rates on segments of the population rather than everyone all at once.

“The crafters of our current Constitution, which included a flat tax ... designed it specifically to protect middle-income families from politicians,” Brady said. He was speaking in opposition to Gov. J.B. Pritzker’s signature proposal to advance a constitu-

tional amendment allowing for graduated income tax rates like those imposed in more than 30 states, the District of Columbia and the federal government.

There’s a certain logic to the claim. Raising rates on all taxpayers is a bigger political lift than raising them on just those in one income bracket.

But that logic leads to the more plausible conclusion that flat taxes actually provide protection to the very rich — a far smaller segment of the population than the middle class, one that can more easily pay higher tax rates without negative lifestyle impacts.

But is the claim even accurate? Do lawmakers in graduated tax-rate states divide and conquer in order to stealthily raise taxes on everyone?

I compared state rates in the year 2000 with rates for 2019 in Tax Policy Center tables and in the 29 states plus the District of Columbia that had graduated rates in both years. I found:

■ Rates in seven states were unchanged.

■ Rates for top earners went down in or stayed the same in 13 states, 11 of which also saw rate decreases or no change in the rates for the lowest

earners.

■ Rates for top earners went up in 10 states, only three of which saw drops in rates for the lowest earners.

And in the five states with flat tax rates in 2000 and 2019, rates dropped in three states and rose in two (including Illinois).

The Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, a Chicago-based liberal think tank, did an even deeper dive into similar Tax Foundation data going back to 2002 and concluded in an analysis posted online Tuesday that “states with graduated income taxes are more than twice as likely to cut taxes on the middle class as to raise them, (and have) cut taxes nearly two and a half times more often than they have raised them on the middle class.”

“The Impact of Enacting a Progressive Income Tax in Illinois,” a 39-page report published last month by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the Illinois Economic Policy Institute, looked at a narrower window — 2016 through 2018 — and found “13 states with graduated-rate income taxes lowered their rates (and) only two states ... raised rates.”

Co-author Robert Bruno at the U. of

I. said conservatives are “cherry picking” when they use examples of graduated-tax states where rates have gone up and the economy has suffered — Connecticut is a favorite — to make the general argument that introducing such structures are necessarily or even likely a Trojan horse for hiking rates on average people.

“There’s a reason that a majority of states — many of them doing better economically than Illinois — use graduated rates,” Bruno said. “They know that flat rates end up hurting middle income earners more. It’s just math.”

And anyway, graduated or flat, it’s never going to be easy for lawmakers to hike taxes.

“Just look at the fight we’re having now over a proposal to raise rates on just 3 percent of taxpayers,” said Cameron Mock, chief of staff at the Governor’s Office of Management and Budget, in reference to the rate structure Pritzker has proposed. “Opponents are spending millions to fight it.”

To defend average taxpayers against bracket creep? I don’t buy it, and the evidence backs me up.

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What if President Trump loses in 2020, but doesn’t leave?



CLARENCE PAGE

In a historic change of mind, President Donald Trump has found a reason to support reparations — for President Donald Trump.

The president retweeted this bright and, oh, yes, unconstitutional idea Sunday after Jerry Falwell Jr., president of Liberty University, proposed that Trump deserved an additional two years in office to make up for the time allegedly lost in the Russia investigation.

I have a counterproposal. I think the president should leave office two years early — as in, right now — to make up for the “executive time” that he reportedly has spent golfing, visiting his personal properties and watching “Fox & Friends” instead of keeping up with his daily intelligence briefings.

Just kidding. Falwell was just kidding, too, I am told. Trump? I’m not so sure.

“Despite the tremendous success that I have had as President,” Trump tweeted Sunday (punctuation and ALL CAPS his), “including the greatest ECONOMY and most successful first two years of any President in history, they have stolen two years of my (our) presidency (Collusion Delusion) that we will never be able to get back....

“The Witch Hunt is over but



OLIVER CONTRERAS/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

President Donald Trump exits after delivering remarks in April at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building in Washington. Trump has casually dropped jokes about somehow extending his constitutional term in office.

we will never forget. MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!”

Could this be a sign that the president doesn’t expect to win four more years in office by the normal constitutional route?

As Trump and Falwell’s tweets went out, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi was warning in a weekend New York Times interview that, even if the president fails to be re-elected in 2020, he won’t want to leave — especially if he loses by a narrow margin.

The party needs to “inoculate against that,” she said, by not only winning but winning “big” enough to convince Trump to step aside voluntarily, as every

other sitting president has.

Pelosi didn’t sound like she was kidding at all. Similar fears that Trump would “poison the public mind” and “challenge each of the races” motivated her in last year’s midterms, she said. In the end, Democrats picked up a net gain of 40 seats, their biggest gain in the House since the historic post-Watergate wave election of 1974.

She’s not the first to speculate about a Trump who won’t go away. When comedian Bill Maher floated that notion last year on his HBO program, not as a joke but as a serious concern, my personal reaction was, hey, don’t give him

any ideas.

Yet Trump has said more than a little to feed the notion himself. In his final 2016 presidential debate with Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton, less than a month before Election Day, Trump promised to “totally accept” the election results, “if I win.”

Since he did win the Electoral College, Trump’s threat went away. But he went on to complain anyway, tweeting blame on some sort of a ghost-voting conspiracy for allegedly robbing him of the popular vote, “if you deduct the millions of people who voted illegally.”

“In many places the same

person in California votes many times,” Trump said at the official White House event in West Virginia on tax cuts in April 2018. “They always like to say, ‘Oh that’s a conspiracy theory.’ It’s not a conspiracy theory.” Again, he offered no evidence to back up that claim.

Speaking at a fundraiser for the National Republican Congressional Committee in April, Trump cast suspicion on the close elections that Democrats won in 2018. “There’s something going on,” he said, telling his audience that they needed to “be a little bit more paranoid than you are, OK?” Again, he offered no proof to back that up.

And, requiring no proof are the jokes Trump has casually dropped about somehow extending his constitutional term in office. “Well, this is really beautiful,” he said, accepting a gift from the Wounded Warrior Project in April. “This will find a permanent place, at least for six years, in the Oval Office. Is that OK? I was going to joke, General, and say at least for 10 or 14 years, but we would cause bedlam if I said that, so we’ll say six.”

Right. I, too, have an award for the president. It’s a copy of a fine old song by Dan Hicks and His Hot Licks: “How Can I Miss You When You Won’t Go Away?”

It’s got a good beat and he can dance to it.

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PERSPECTIVE



BEN CURTIS/AP

Giraffes and zebras in Mikumi National Park in Tanzania. More than half a million species on land have insufficient habitat for long-term survival and will probably go extinct, says a U.N. report on biodiversity. The report warns "grave impacts on people" are likely.

A biodiversity crisis burgeons. Here's why we should care.

BY HELAINE OLEN

The United Nations released a report this week declaring that upward of 1 million plant and animal forms of life are on track to become extinct within the next several decades, as a result of human activity.

"Grave impacts on people around the world are now likely," the report dryly summarized. As Robert Watson, the British scientist in charge of the report, explained, "We are indeed threatening the potential food security, water security, human health and social fabric" of our lives. Translation: We are killing off the life that makes human life possible. Unless we change our ways fast, our existence is going to become increasingly precarious. And not surprisingly, we're not approaching this fast-coming catastrophe with anything near the urgency it needs.

Biodiversity is all life on Earth, from blue whales to the flies that buzz about us. It's the fish and large mammals many of us eat, but also the flora that protects the streams and oceans, and the microorganisms we cannot see but are vital for health of the planet. Many species are in increased jeopardy as a result of human actions such as industrial agriculture and claiming wetlands for real estate development.

As a result, an ever-increasing number are likely to die off within a matter of decades. This is separate from the impact of climate change, though climate change does worsen the situation by causing even further damage to the ecosystem. As The Post's Darryl Fears put it, "The warming

climate is a major driver that is exacerbating the effects of overfishing, widespread pesticide use, pollution and urban expansion into the natural world." All that, in turn, also kills off unique forms of life.

Yet the report also makes it clear this predicted mass biodiversity extinction is not inevitable. We can still avoid much, if not all, of this. Current economic incentives often favor nature-destroying activities that make species extinctions more likely, but different government and financial policies could discourage the actions that are causing the biodiversity apocalypse, while promoting more life-sustaining undertakings.

The U.N. report makes clear this is a worldwide problem, and the United States is hardly the only country to blame. Still, we are the world's leading power, and it's incumbent on us to set the example. If we won't do the right thing, what hope is there anyone else will?

But good luck with that. The Trump administration is doing its darnedest to ensure the future is as horrifying as it possibly can be. President Donald Trump has repeatedly denied the reality of global warming, is yanking the United States from the Paris climate agreement and is attempting to roll back stringent auto emissions rules. The administration's stance on the threat facing living species is all too similar. It's looking to strip key provisions of the Endangered Species Act. At the same time, funding to enforce the act is a fraction of what it needs to be, and the Trump administration is proposing cutting it significantly further.

Many of these policies are cheered on

by big business, whose leaders detest any regulations that impede short-term profits. But voters are part of the problem, too. Americans agree that protecting and securing our environment is a high priority, but we also assert that we need to grow the economy. Many are also infected by a collective societal weariness. Even as many millennials rally around the concept of the Green New Deal, which would address some of the issues raised by the U.N. report, all too many of their elders who should know better refuse to recognize the urgency of the situation. Every time politicians of either political party make fun of the Green New Deal, call it unrealistic or make a know-nothing comment about it, they are making it more likely that our future will be dire indeed.

Yes, it's human nature to get obsessed by the trivial and the immediate. We live in the present and do not make sacrifices for our own future well-being easily, never mind the well-being of future generations. But if we do not attempt to save our planet's biodiversity, it will eventually take apart our economy as more and more of us are forced to struggle for survival. To refuse to take meaningful action to address that reality is an expression of contempt for the future. It's a giant insult to all of humanity, but especially our children and grandchildren who will be forced to live with the consequences of our current inaction.

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Hey, Hey, My, My. What Neil Young can teach us about Donald Trump

BY JONATHAN ZIMMERMAN

For the past several months, I've been playing a parlor game with my mostly liberal friends and family. If you had 15 minutes alone with Donald Trump, what would you say or do?

Some people reply that they'd try to persuade him to alter his political positions on immigration, abortion or the environment. Others would ask him about the Russia investigation, perhaps to catch him in some kind of admission of guilt. Still others would simply tell him to be fruitful, and multiply — just not in those words.

But I'd take a very different tack. "Mr. President," I'd ask, "who was your first childhood friend? And what did the two of you do together?"

That's because I want to confirm that he is a real human being, with real human emotions and experiences. When Donald Trump was a kid, did he climb on jungle gyms and seesaws? Did he play tag? And did he laugh and cry, just like the rest of us?

Of course he did. But it's hard to imagine, because Trump has suppressed or disguised his humanity. He rarely displays empathy or compassion. He won't show any vulnerability. And he never admits an error, which is why persuading him to change his mind would be a fool's errand.

That's precisely what so many of his supporters love about him, of course. He's not just another political phony, they say; he's the real deal. He won't pretend to be anything other than what he is.

But they're wrong. Nobody — really, nobody — is as grimly narcissistic and sadistic as Trump appears. There is decency and compassion inside all of us,

even Donald Trump. He just acts like there isn't.

And that brings to mind Richard Nixon, the only president in recent memory who has rivaled Trump in heartlessness and vindictiveness. Nixon kept a lot of that under wraps, but it was exposed when the Watergate tapes were released. There, in reel time, we heard the real Richard Nixon: bigoted, callous, paranoid and ruthless.

But there's always something more, and something good. Watching television in his hotel room in 1976, the rock star Neil Young saw a news bulletin that Nixon's wife, Pat, had suffered a stroke. Then Young saw footage of a visibly distraught Richard Nixon, moving through the revolving doors of the hospital where Pat was being treated.

Young went down to his tour bus in the hotel parking lot and composed "Campaigner," which he played in concert a few hours later:

*Hospitals have made him cry
But there's always a freeway in his eye
Though his beach got too crowded for a stroll*

*Roads stretch out like healthy veins
And wild gift horses strain the reins
Where even Richard Nixon has got soul*

Six years earlier, after National Guardsmen opened fire on antiwar protesters at Kent State University, Young had composed the most famous musical rebuke of Nixon:

*Tin soldiers and Nixon coming
We're finally on our own
This summer I hear the drumming
Four dead in Ohio*

But when he saw an ashen-faced Nixon on TV in 1976, Young told the legendary rock journalist Cameron Crowe, he felt

sorry for the disgraced ex-president. Everyone loves, and is loved. Everyone feels pain. Everyone has got soul. Even Richard Nixon.

And, we should add, even Donald Trump. His alleged authenticity is a sham, and not for the reasons that his critics usually assume. Yes, Trump has told lie after lie. But his biggest fabrication is his public persona of incessant spite, malice and cruelty. He is all that, but he is not only that. Nobody is.

So in my imaginary 15 minutes with Donald Trump, I will find ways to bring out something else. I'll ask him about his childhood, his family, his friends. I'll ask him about his favorite pop songs and movies and athletes. I'll ask him to tell me what made him happy and sad. I'll ask him about the first time he was scared.

I won't tell anyone what he says. Trump doesn't want you to know, because then his cover will be blown. He won't open up unless I promise to keep quiet.

But he's a human being, just like everyone else. Over the years, Neil Young has occasionally substituted Ronald Reagan and George W. Bush for Richard Nixon when he performs "Campaigner." Perhaps he'll brush off the song once more and add our current president:

*Though I campaigned all my life towards that goal
I hardly slept the night you wept
Our secret's safe and still well kept
Where even Donald Trump has got soul*

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Eye contact during Ramadan

A recent Pew study reveals that 8 in 10 American Muslims fast in Ramadan. While many know that Muslims abstain from food sunrise to sunset, few may know the effects this has on day-to-day social interactions. You might notice something: It appears you are not being met eye to eye.

Now in a society like ours, which values direct affirmative interactions, this may appear evasive and frankly odd. Are you being ignored? I assure you the answer is no. It is part of the art of restraining the eye, which is termed *ghadd-e-basr* in Arabic. It is averting one's glance from anything that interferes with the spiritual state of remembrance of God. It is meant to foster respect and privacy in the public space for others. But this facet of spiritual discipline can be a cause of cultural mis-connection. So next time you meet a genuine person who casts his or her eyes away after greeting you, know that he or she may simply be practicing the virtue of *ghadd-e-basr*.

— Sofia Qureshi, Appleton, Wis., formerly of Chicago

Obstacles for Palestinians

Letter writer Raffaella Tonani's praise of Project Rozana ("Uniting Israelis, Palestinians," May 4) deflects attention away from the true cause of the Palestinian health crisis: the Israeli occupation. Tonani states that "the lack of medical equipment and power cuts in the occupied territories force Palestinians to find care elsewhere. Since elsewhere is Israel, they must apply for a medical permit to go through the checkpoints at the Palestinian Authority, which refers them to an Israeli hospital. The health care is expensive. Palestinians earning less than \$40 a day can't afford it, and when the PA cannot finance it either, Project Rozana does."

Why do these restrictions exist? Who is requiring Palestinians to go through these checkpoints? Why is electricity in the West Bank so unreliable? Why is it so difficult to get medical equipment in? Why does the Palestinian Authority have such limited funding? These are not simply the result of natural disasters or unfortunate accidents, but of intentional Israeli policies. Project Rozana was established by Hadassah and Ameinu, two Zionist organizations with Israeli advocacy as a key part of their mission.

Project Rozana is yet another attempt to whitewash Israel's brutal and lethal suppression of Palestinians by pleading Israel's superior technology and alleged humanitarianism in an otherwise backward Middle East. The best way to save Palestinian children is not by supporting Project Rozana; it's by curtailing our \$3.8 billion support of Israel and ending the occupation.

— Lesley Williams, Member, coordinating committee, Jewish Voice for Peace Chicago, Evanston

Stop wasting time, Congress

If ever there was a prime example of how Congress wastes its time for purely political reasons, last week's questioning of Attorney General William Barr is it. The Senate committee Democrats had only one objective, and that was to further damage President Donald Trump. They had absolutely no interest in getting into the Mueller report's conclusions. So, enough with this charade and pompous behavior — get to work on the real issues and stop with these sideshows.

— Dan Schuchardt, Glen Ellyn

President a role model

It seems that our president has failed to be a role model for the citizens of the United States. He does not always tell the truth, he makes and pokes fun at people, he does not release his tax returns, he does not understand government and its three branches. He makes fun of previous presidents, he is not dignified, he does not respect the office of president. He defies protocol. If our president does not appear to be presidential, and use proper manners and language to guide his actions, how can we expect citizens to act? The president is our leader; he must lead, with dignity.

— Alene L. Fishbein, Glencoe

Fake it till you make it

Let's say I wanted to convince you that I used to be a member of the Spice Girls and my name was Old Spice. This is what I'd do:

- 1) Repeatedly say I was, no matter what;
- 2) Discredit all the sources that say I wasn't a Spice Girl by calling them fake news;
- 3) Create a meme, using a celebrity's picture, in which he or she seems to be confirming that I was a Spice Girl;
- 4) Get a blowhard radio host and an entire network to yell it every day and vilify everyone who says otherwise. And voila, 40 percent of the country believes I was a Spice Girl.

— Albert Sloan, Morris

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Tensions over trade rattle financial markets

U.S. and China to reopen talks under Trump's tariff threat

BY ALEX VEIGA
Associated Press

The Dow Jones industrial average tumbled more than 470 points Tuesday amid a broad sell-off on Wall Street as the U.S. and China moved closer to an escalation of their already costly trade war.

The U.S. was set to impose higher tariffs on China on Friday, a day after representatives from both nations are scheduled to re-

sume trade talks in Washington. Trump administration officials accused China of reneging on commitments made during weeks of negotiations.

China confirmed Tuesday its economy czar, Vice Premier Liu He, will lead its delegation, ending speculation that he would skip the talks or that the Chinese team would back out altogether.

The announcement suggests President Xi Jinping's government is putting its desire to end a conflict that has battered Chinese exporters ahead of the political need to look tough in the

face of U.S. pressure.

Both sides had signaled progress was being made toward a resolution in recent weeks. Buoyed by those signs, as well as a more dovish stance on interest rates by the Federal Reserve, investors had furiously bought stocks and pushed the S&P 500 and Nasdaq to all-time highs last week. All major indexes still have double-digit gains for the year.

Analysts said the market was vulnerable to any reversals in the trade talks. This week investors have dumped shares of companies that bring in significant

revenue from China, such as those in the technology and industrial sectors. Banks have also taken heavy losses.

"This is a game of poker and the U.S. is playing their hand," said Doug Cote, chief market strategist at Voya Investment Management. "Let's say the worst happens and they raise tariffs on Friday, well you're going to get another buying opportunity."

Every sector fell. Technology companies, which tend to do a lot of business with China and would suf-

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This week investors have dumped shares of companies that rely on China for a significant part of their revenue.



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Seasonal employees work on a landscaping project in Manchester, N.H. The Trump administration is making 30,000 more temporary visas available for seasonal work through the end of September.

US to add 30K guest worker visas

Needs of booming economy, hard-line policies collide on immigration efforts

BY COLLEEN LONG
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration plans to let an additional 30,000 foreigners return to the United States through September for seasonal work, a move that reflects how the booming economy has complicated President Donald Trump's hard-line efforts on immigration.

Details of the plan were in a draft rule obtained by The Associated Press. It would benefit oyster shucking companies, fisheries, loggers and seasonal hotels, including Trump's own Mar-a-Lago club in Florida. All use the visas to hire migrants for temporary work they say Americans won't do.

The visas, known as H-2Bs, will go only to returning foreign workers who have had the visa before, over the past three budget years. Many go back to the same employers year after year. Those workers have had background checks, are trusted and are not likely to stay past their visa, officials said.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will begin taking applications from employers on behalf of the workers once the temporary rule is published in the Federal Register. That is expected Wednesday.

The strong U.S. economy has made it increasingly difficult for employers to find labor. The number of seasonal visas has been capped at 66,000 per



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Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., and other senators have expressed concern about potential worker exploitation.

budget year. Some businesses and lawmakers say that limit is badly outdated, especially when the unemployment rate is the lowest it's been in 49 years.

Employers say they desperately need more labor, pitting businesses against people inside and outside

the White House who say the visas take away American jobs. Trump has benefited from both seasonal workers and people working in the country illegally at his golf clubs.

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Uber drivers to be MIA as firm launches its IPO

Lyfts will also be scarce as drivers strike for wages

BY ALLY MAROTTI
Chicago Tribune

Thousands of Uber and Lyft drivers are planning to turn off their apps and strike Wednesday, the same day ride-share giant Uber is set to go public.

Chicago-area participants will join ride-share drivers in several states and dozens of cities around the country and world asking Uber and Lyft for higher wages. Though organizers in Chicago aren't telling drivers to strike, thousands are expected to turn off their apps anyway with their colleagues in other cities.

Uber and Lyft have been in tight competition for years, and driver compensation has suffered because of it, said Barbara Lloyd, co-founder of Chicago Rideshare Advocates, the group organizing Wednesday's efforts. That means it's more difficult for Chicago-area drivers to pay for proper vehicle maintenance or make a living wage.

Now, weeks after Lyft went public and on the day Uber is set to debut on

"At this point, our only option is to get the cities and states involved in regulating."

— Barbara Lloyd, co-founder of Chicago Rideshare Advocates

the public markets, it's time to speak out, Lloyd said. She expects about 100 drivers to gather for a demonstration in the Loop at 3 p.m. Wednesday, then move toward City Hall to stage a protest.

"At this point, our only option is to get the cities and states involved in regulating," said Lloyd, who drives for Lyft. "The compensation will never give us back what we originally were promised. Not when they're making billions of dollars."

Chicago Rideshare Advocates wants the city to step in and help by capping the number of ride-share drivers, ensuring drivers receive surge charges and an increased

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Lawsuits: Conagra cooking sprays caused fires

Food giant accused of failing to warn consumers of risks

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ
Chicago Tribune

Six lawsuits filed Tuesday in Cook County Circuit Court allege some of Conagra Brands' cooking sprays, including leading brand Pam, have severely burned people due to a faulty can design.

The suits accuse Chicago-based Conagra of selling dangerous and defective products that catch fire during common cooking use. They also allege Conagra failed to adequately warn consumers of the risks.

At issue is a certain type of aerosol can with vents at the bottom that open to relieve pressure when overheated. The lawsuits allege the vents opened even when the cans were stored and used in a "reasonably foreseeable manner," and that the liquid that seeped out contained propellants such as propane and butane that ignited fires.

"I'm still shocked at the fact that something I use on a day-to-day basis just exploded and changed my life forever," Y'Tesia Tay-

lor, 23, one of the plaintiffs, said in an interview.

Conagra, whose broad portfolio of brands includes Healthy Choice and Slim Jim as well as Pam, declined to comment on pending litigation. But in a statement, spokesman Dan Hare said that "the safety of our products and our consumers is our top priority."

"Pam cooking sprays have been used safely by millions of Americans for more than 50 years for baking, grilling and cooking," Hare said. "This stands as a testament to both the effectiveness of the product and its safety with proper use."

Hare said Pam, which is used in 95 percent of U.S. households, carries warning labels about its flammability on the can advising consumers not to leave it on a stove or near a heat source and not store it at temperatures of more than 120 degrees. In response to a previous lawsuit filed last year by a woman in Cincinnati making similar allegations, Conagra in court filings denied liability and said the plaintiff failed to read or heed warnings on the canister. That case is pending.

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7 Chicago office towers, including part of Illinois Center, just went up for sale

Building package expected to fetch more than \$1B



RYAN ORI
On Real Estate

Seven downtown office towers are packaged together for sale in a deal expected to fetch much more than \$1 billion, which would be the largest such

deal in Chicago in more than a decade.

The seller is AmTrust Realty Corp., the real estate arm of New York-based insurer AmTrust Financial Services, which bought the buildings in a series of deals between 2004 and 2015.

The portfolio includes the first two skyscrapers built in the Illinois Center complex along North Michigan Avenue a half-century ago. The package is being marketed as the Chicago Legacy Collection by Eastdil Secured, which is representing AmTrust in the sale, according to people familiar with the offering.

It would be the largest office portfolio sale in Chicago, in terms of dollars and total square feet, since 2007.

It's unclear exactly how much AmTrust Realty is seeking for the portfolio, but real estate experts estimated the buildings could sell for \$1.3 billion or more. AmTrust Realty President Nathan Aber did not immediately respond to requests for comment Tuesday.

Properties in the portfolio were mostly built in the 1960s and '70s.

The firm paid just over \$1 billion in six total deals spanning 11 years. The

largest was a \$376 million acquisition of two Illinois Center towers in August 2015, the 30-story tower at 111 E. Wacker Drive, completed in 1969, and the 32-story tower at 233 N. Michigan Ave., completed in 1973.

Those Illinois Center buildings, constructed over Illinois Central Railroad tracks, were designed by the office of Mies van der Rohe, the architect who died in 1969.

The oldest tower, the 44-story building at 135 S. LaSalle St., opened in 1934. It was designed by Graham,

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Layoffs climb at Jeep plant in Belvidere

Displaced workers face decision on future move for jobs

BY ROBERT CHANNICK
Chicago Tribune

Add 32 more workers to the ranks of unemployed at the Belvidere Assembly Plant near Rockford.

Fiat Chrysler Automobiles upped the total number of layoffs to 1,403 Monday as the plant scaled back to a two-shift operation amid slowing demand for its only product — the Jeep Cherokee.

The automaker notified the affected employees — mostly administrative staffers — and the state Monday afternoon of the additional layoffs, accord-

ing to Fiat Chrysler spokeswoman Jodi Tinson.

“Following a full review of its operations at the Belvidere Assembly Plant, FCA has determined that additional staffing actions were needed to properly align with the plant’s return to a two shift operating pattern,” Fiat Chrysler said in a statement.

Fiat Chrysler notified the 1,371 least-tenured union assembly workers at the plant in February that their jobs would be eliminated in May, along with the third shift. The last day for the “C Crew” was Saturday.

In addition, hundreds of employees at nearby suppliers like Syncreon and Android have been permanently laid off as well, according to state filings.

The additional plant layoffs came as displaced Fiat Chrysler autoworkers face an agonizing choice: By Monday, they must decide if they want temporary positions at the Belvidere plant or if they would be willing to relocate to plants in Detroit or Toledo for possible full-time openings down the road.

Brian Pasch, 33, of Rockford, who lost his job after two years in the chassis department, decided to apply for temporary work at the Belvidere plant instead of full-time positions out of market.

“I signed up to go back as a temporary worker,” Pasch said Tuesday. “It’s kind of like a waiting game on the transfers to Toledo or Michigan — they don’t know



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Fiat Chrysler’s Belvidere plant is seen in early May.

The Belvidere plant opened in 1965, putting the bucolic city of 25,000 about 75 miles northwest of Chicago on the regional economic map. Over the years, the plant has built everything from the Chrysler New Yorker to the Dodge Neon.

It became the exclusive U.S. home of the Jeep Cherokee in 2017, which has had declining sales recently in the increasingly crowded SUV segment.

The plant, which employed 5,464 at the start of 2019, will most likely remain the region’s largest employer after the layoffs, although Fiat Chrysler declined to provide a post-layoff headcount.

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when that’s going to happen. I’d rather just get back to work.”

Pasch said he didn’t expect a lot of his displaced colleagues to apply for tem-

porary positions at the Belvidere plant, but he is hoping to get at least two days of steady work there each week beginning in June.

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But J. Craig Smith, a Connecticut attorney representing the plaintiffs in that case and the six lawsuits filed Tuesday, said the warnings are inadequate. “No one knows what the heck ‘near’ (a heat source) means,” Smith said.

The newly filed lawsuits — which involve plaintiffs living in Illinois, Texas, New York, Utah and Indiana — specifically target a can design with u-shaped vents at the bottom. Smith said the cans with vents are typically found in containers of at least 10 ounces and sold in packs of two.

Each suit claims that the cans were capable of venting at temperatures lower than Conagra’s standards allow and violate government regulations for aerosol cans. They also claim negligence as the product “was designed and advertised to be used around stoves/grills, and had no adequate warnings about possible dangers of doing so.”

Conagra removed the vented can from active production earlier this year, three years after introducing it, “as we sought to standardize our cans across the entire aerosols cooking spray product line,” Conagra’s Hare said in a statement. The vented design was used on a limited number of cans over the last several years, and has not been used in the vast majority of the product sold, he said, though the company “fully stands by the product.”

“To reiterate, the vented can design is no longer in production,” Hare said in a statement. “And, when PAM is used correctly, as instructed, it is a 100-percent safe and effective product.”

Lawsuits involving cooking spray cans have been filed against Conagra in the past, but the suits filed Tuesday are the first in Illinois and the first filed as a group, Smith said. Another suit was filed Monday in New York federal court by a different law firm.

A search on saferproducts.gov, the reporting tool run by the Consumer Products Safety Commission, did



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Y’Tesia Taylor, 23, is one of the plaintiffs suing Conagra Brands, alleging the can of Pam cooking spray she used caused a fire and serious burns due to a faulty design.

not reveal any incident reports involving cooking sprays. Smith said he plans to file complaints with the agency. He also wants Conagra to recall the vented cans that remain on store shelves.

“We are aware of the report and we are looking into it,” said Patty Davis, spokeswoman for Consumer Products Safety Commission.

Taylor said she was hosting family members at her home in Greenville, Texas, in July 2017, after the funeral of a family friend when she ran to Walmart to get Pam cooking spray for a peach cobbler.

She sprayed the baking dish and set the Pam canister on a rolling wooden cart adjacent to the stove, according to her suit. After placing the cobbler in the oven and closing the door, “she heard a loud noise as the canister suddenly and without warning began spraying its extremely flammable contents through the u-shaped vents on the bottom of the can and exploded into flames,” her lawsuit states.

In a 911 call that was submitted as evidence in the Cincinnati case, Taylor can be heard screaming in the background while a family friend explains to the dispatcher what happened.

“All I know is there was a big fireball that went up in the sky and she comes out running, says ‘I’m burning,’ laying on the floor; by the time she gets up her skin is peeling off of her arm and her face,” the caller says.



BRANDON BANKS PHOTO

Brandon Banks, of Mt. Carmel, Ill., alleges he suffered second-degree burns on his arms and hands after a can of Pam cooking spray exploded while he was cooking dinner.

Taylor’s suit states she sustained “burns, scarring, disfigurement, blindness in her right eye, and lung damage.” In an interview, Taylor said she suffered second and third-degree burns on 27 percent of her upper body and spent more than a week in a medically induced coma.

Taylor, who worked as an overnight manager and auditor at a hotel before the fire, said she was “let go because I didn’t fit the image anymore due to the scars I had.”

She is concerned about her eldest son, 5, who saw the whole thing happen and often talks about how his mother died in a fire.

“Now I’m having to figure out how to get my life back together and my kids back together after something so simple,” said Taylor, who now works as an inpatient clerk at a veterans hospital.

In addition to Pam, the suits also name Wellsley Farms and Sysco cooking sprays, private-label brands that court documents say are made by Conagra.

One of the plaintiffs was working as a cook at the Berryhill Baja Grill in Houston when he moved a can of Sysco spray on a shelf below the grill top from the left side to the right side of the shelf and was suddenly engulfed in flames, according to his suit. A video of the incident was filed as an exhibit in the Cincinnati case.

Brandon Banks, 37, said

he was cooking pasta sauce for his girlfriend, Andrea Bearden, at a family member’s house in Mt. Carmel, Ill., one May weekend last year when a can of Pam that sat on a shelf about 2½ feet above the stove suddenly hissed and fell onto the stove. The couple are plaintiffs in one of the new lawsuits.

“I heard a loud boom and the next thing I knew there were flames everywhere,” said Bearden, 36, who had been sitting on the arm of a love seat about five feet away from Banks. “I thought that the stove had exploded.”

Banks, who was airlifted to a burn center in Louisville, Ky., said he suffered second-degree burns on his arms and hands. He said he lost his factory job because it took several months before he could return to work.

Banks, who doesn’t have insurance, has yet to pay a \$64,000 bill for the airlift and worries about other hospital bills he has yet to see.

Bearden, who works as a waitress and also doesn’t have insurance, was burned on her face and shoulder. She said the medical bills are so intimidating she doesn’t look at them anymore.

“It’s an everyday routine, cooking for a significant other, and suddenly your face gets blown up,” she said.

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Also in the portfolio are towers at 1 E. Wacker, 30 N. LaSalle, 33 N. Dearborn St. and 33 W. Monroe St.

Although it’s being marketed as a package, AmTrust could consider offers for individual buildings, as well as the entire portfolio, real estate insiders said.

Years into a strong property sales market in downtown Chicago, the package could be a way for an investor to break into the market with a 6.3 million-square-foot presence.

Potential buyers will need not only the financial backing for a major portfolio purchase, but also deep pockets to upgrade the older-generation buildings and fill some big vacancies.

The portfolio has an overall vacancy of about 16 percent, according to Eastdil materials given to potential buyers. That does not include pending vacancies, including Bank of America’s plan to vacate about 827,000 square feet at 135 S. LaSalle and relocate to a new skyscraper under construction at 110 N. Wacker, starting in late

2020. Smaller moves in the works include ad agency Abelson Taylor’s upcoming exit from 33 W. Monroe for the redeveloped Old Post Office, and city of Chicago offices that will be leaving 30 N. LaSalle for a nearby building.

Remaining AmTrust tenants include government offices, law firms and other companies. Another tenant is the Chicago Architecture Center, formerly known as the Chicago Architecture Foundation, which opened a new office and showroom at 111 E. Wacker last August. The organization moved there from South Michigan Avenue.

If AmTrust’s buildings are sold as a portfolio, it would be the largest such deal in downtown Chicago since New York-based Tishman Speyer Properties paid more than \$1.7 billion for six office buildings at the height of the market in 2007. The seller was private-equity giant Blackstone Group.

The Chicago deal was a spinoff from Blackstone’s \$39 billion purchase of Equity Office Properties Trust, Sam Zell’s real estate investment trust, in 2007.

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fer greatly in a protracted trade war, led the decline, with Apple falling 2.7%.

Utilities, normally safe-play holdings for investors, fared better than the rest of the market. Bond prices also rose as investors sought other ways to reduce risk.

The S&P 500 index slumped 48.42 points, or 1.7%, to 2,884.05. The Dow lost 473.39 points, or 1.8%, to 25,965.09. The index had been down 648. The Nasdaq composite, which is heavily weighted with technology stocks, fell 159.53 points, or 2%, to 7,963.76.

The Russell 2000 index of small company stocks gave up 32.66 points, or 2%, to \$1,582.31. Major indexes in Europe also finished lower.

The rout is the first big jolt for stocks since the turn of the year, when fear began draining out of the market and the S&P 500 started its march back to record heights.

The U.S. and China have raised tariffs on tens of billions of dollars of each other’s goods in their dispute over

U.S. complaints about Chinese technology ambitions.

Washington has accused Beijing of reneging on its commitments and is preparing to raise import taxes on \$200 billion of Chinese goods to 25% from 10%, and to impose tariffs on another \$325 billion in imports, covering everything the country ships annually to the United States.

For months, the S&P 500 climbed steadily as worry after worry that had hounded investors late last year seemed to dissipate. Chiefly, the Federal Reserve promised to take a patient approach with interest rates. That calmed investors who had worried the Fed would push the economy into a recession by raising rates too aggressively. Economic data also improved in the U.S. and China, which encouraged investors.

The big rise in stocks since the beginning of the year partly reflects complacency among investors, said Mark Hackett, chief of investment research for Nationwide Investment Management.

“We’ve basically flipped from being too pessimistic to perhaps being too optimistic,” he said.

Visas

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adviser Stephen Miller and others want to restrict immigration, including reducing visas for high-skilled workers and suspending or limiting entry to the U.S. for individuals from countries with high rates of short-term visa overstays.

Trump’s son-in-law Jared Kushner has been working on his own overhaul for months, aiming for immigration and border security changes that Republicans can rally around heading into the 2020 election.

Trump had once railed against the flow of foreign workers and argued, despite conflicting evidence, that foreigners hurt American workers by competing for jobs and driving down wages. But Trump now says he favors more legal immigration because of economic gains on his watch.

Trump said in his State of the Union speech this

year that he wanted people “to come into our country in the largest numbers ever, but they have to come in legally.”

A spokeswoman for the Center for Immigration Studies, a think tank that supports restricting immigration, tweeted that Trump, with the temporary visa worker plan, was selling out to cheap foreign labor.

But the National Thoroughbred Racing Association of Lexington, Kentucky, which represents scores of racetrack operators, owners, breeders and trainers, said many trainers “will no doubt qualify for these visas because of the labor shortage that is now the norm on racetrack backstretches,” according to the group’s president, Alex Waldrop.

The debate has played out in Congress, too. Two bipartisan groups sending letters to the Homeland Security Department: one urged an increase in the number of temporary visas and one expressed concern

over a possible increase.

Officials from the departments of Homeland Security and Labor said the decision to allocate the visas was based in part on the fact some businesses could face irreparable harm if they can’t employ the workers. The departments have jointly decided to raise the cap during the past two budget years, but it was only 15,000 more in those years.

The acting Homeland Security secretary, Kevin McAleenan, said the additional visas were a temporary fix.

He said his department wants lawmakers “to pursue a long-term legislative fix that both meets employers’ temporary needs while fulfilling” Trump’s executive orders on American buying and hiring.

According to the most recent government data on visa approvals, half of the temporary visas went to horticultural and agricultural workers. Food service, forestry and logging work and fisheries, hunter trap-

pers made up the bulk of the rest of the 2017 visas.

Sens. Thom Tillis, R-N.C., and Angus King, I-Maine, along with Reps. Andy Harris, R-Md., and Chellie Pingree, D-Maine, and about 25 other bipartisan lawmakers sent a letter to Homeland Security this year saying they were working on a solution for the visa cap, but until then the increase was badly needed.

But a separate bipartisan group of senators, including Dick Durbin, D-Ill., and Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, wrote last month they were concerned the visas enabled worker exploitation and fostered human trafficking and debt bondage because of the fees associated with the visas. Combined travel and visa costs can run into the thousands of dollars.

“Americans working alongside H-2B visa holders can find it difficult to compel employers to abide by federal and state labor and employment laws,” the senators wrote.

Rides

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base fare, performing vehicle inspections and enforcing stricter rules regarding driver investigations, among other requests.

As of December, almost 109,000 ride-share drivers were registered with the city.

Uber and Lyft work to continually improve driver experience, representatives from both companies said.

Lyft drivers have seen their hourly earnings increase over the last two years, company spokesman Eric Smith said in a statement. He also said more than 75 percent of drivers use Lyft as a supplement and drive less than 10 hours a week.

Uber has taken steps to help drivers such as increasing per-minute rates, providing certain kinds of insurance coverage and entering a partnership with Arizona State University that covers some drivers’ tuition, spokeswoman Caroline Wellford said in a statement.

“Drivers are at the heart of our service — we can’t succeed without them — and thousands of people come into work at Uber every day focused on how to make their experience better, on and off the road,” Wellford said in the statement.

Representatives of incoming Mayor Lori Lightfoot did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

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Tomato prices could skyrocket with tariff on Mexican imports

BY LAURA REILEY
The Washington Post

The United States imposed a 17.5% tariff on Mexican tomato imports Tuesday — and economists say that could lead to shortages and price increases of up to 85% as soon as this winter.

The tariffs follow a breakdown of a 22-year-old agreement that had attempted to maintain the peace between American and Mexican tomato growers.

According to an analysis by economists at Arizona State University conducted in April, American consumers could soon be paying 40 to 85% more for vine-ripened fresh tomatoes.

Mexican imports account for approximately 54% of the U.S. tomato market.

The Arizona State study used statistical models that accounted for variation in demand and weather events, constructing scenarios that represent supply-shocks similar to removing Mexican imports from the U.S. market. The study found that American consumers will pay the lion's share of the tariff because the demand for fresh tomatoes is relatively steady.

On Feb. 7, the U.S. De-

partment of Commerce gave 90 days notice that it would withdraw from the 2013 Suspension Agreement on fresh tomatoes from Mexico unless a deal could be reached between Mexican and American growers.

Florida Tomato Exchange, a U.S. trade organization, argued that Mexican growers dumped artificially low-priced tomatoes on the U.S. market, undermining American farms.

The U.S. growers contended that as a result U.S. tomato production declined by 34%, from 4.4 billion pounds to 2.9 billion pounds between 2002 and 2017.

Mexican tomato imports to the United States skyrocketed 125%, from 1.6 billion pounds to 3.6 billion pounds during the same period.

Mexican growers denied dumping and instead insisted that Florida hadn't remained competitive in producing quality tomatoes at an affordable price.

For a bit, it looked as if negotiations would yield a compromise.

On April 8, Mexican growers offered concessions such as increasing some prices on their tomatoes and compelling Mexican growers to take back shipments with high rates of defective tomatoes

at their own expense.

In response, the U.S. tomato growers released a statement saying, "We welcome the Mexican proposal because, for the first time, it contains some useful suggestions on how to prevent circumvention of the suspension agreement by Mexican producers."

But Michael Schadler, executive vice president of the Florida Tomato Exchange, said Tuesday that negotiations would continue.

"There was a new proposal for a suspension agreement sent by the Commerce Department to the Mexican industry on Friday evening," Schadler said in a phone interview. "Maybe the Mexican growers will like what they see in the proposal. We are in a waiting game again. It behooves them to move fast because the clock is ticking, and the duty starts today."

Lance Jungmeyer, president of the Fresh Produce Association of the Americas in Nogales, Arizona, said he may not see shortages or higher prices immediately because moving into the summer months fresh tomatoes are grown many places in the U.S.

But, if domestic tomato growers experience hurricanes or frost this fall and winter, the lack of Mexican tomatoes will be stark.

No flat-pack furniture, please; Ikea seeks ideas by startups

BY ANNA MOLIN AND
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Sankarshan Murthy sinks into a sofa at Ikea's conference center in southern Sweden. The former Tesla and Apple engineer has jet lag after flying from San Francisco to make a pitch for his startup, BumbleBee Spaces, which has developed a robotic system to maximize space in small apartments by hoisting beds and other furniture to the ceiling when not in use.

BumbleBee was one of 18 companies invited by Ikea for a "startup boot camp" in late March, following a selection process that drew more than 1,100 entries worldwide. The program is part of an effort by the world's No. 1 furniture retailer to attract a new generation of shoppers.

Murthy's robotic furniture includes sensors that can help users locate items stashed in the back of a cupboard, or put a pair of running shoes near the front door for a morning jog — all at the touch of a button or a voice command.

"It's like having an AI butler," said Murthy, who said he drew inspiration from classic Disney cartoons.

That's a big leap from the no-frills, flat-pack furniture traditionally sold by Ikea. BumbleBee's bedroom system, installed in three apartment complexes in California and Washington, costs about \$6,000 per room.

Ikea, though, needs to freshen its appeal to under-30 customers, raised in the sharing economy, who often care less about ownership than about the experience that a product or service can deliver. And their limited living spaces mean they need less furniture.

"We're in the middle of a retail revolution, where people are moving seam-

lessly between the physical and digital world," said Per Krokstad, the manager of Ikea's boot camp.

Ikea isn't the only retailer joining forces with startups. Walmart has a Silicon Valley incubator that's backing ventures such as Jetblack, a concierge shopping service for upscale city dwellers, and Spatialand, which creates virtual-reality entertainment to plug merchandise sold in the U.S. company's stores.

The challenge is especially urgent for Ikea, which has a younger customer base than most other big-box retailers do.

"It's a generational difference," said Ray Gaul, senior vice president of research and analytics at Kantar Consulting. "Ikea has woken up to the fact they can't deny this anymore."

Ikea has already acquired TaskRabbit, a San Francisco-based startup that dispatches workers to assemble furniture in customers' homes. And it's about to finish a prototype for a high-tech table that can adjust room lighting with a sweep of the hand across a tabletop. The technology uses electrodes covered with an electrically conductive paint developed by Bare Conductive, a London-based startup that took part in Ikea's first boot camp in 2018.

This year's participants included Copenhagen-

based Freemi, whose co-founders Rasmus Thude and Jamie Neubert Pedersen have developed an app to help people give away their old furniture and other possessions. "People, especially the younger generation, are fed up with our throwaway culture," Thude said. The service, currently offered in Denmark and the Netherlands, ties into Ikea's goal of reducing waste.

Ikea has launched a furniture-leasing program it plans to expand to 30 markets in Europe in the next year. Customers who subscribe can get either new or used items that the retailer takes back at the end of the lease.

Other startups Ikea is considering include San Francisco-based Jido Maps, which makes augmented-reality software that lets users save and recover digital objects from one session to the next; and London-based Skipping Rocks Lab, which has developed edible food containers made from seaweed that could be used in Ikea's cafeterias.

For Murthy, a chance to partner with a company that sells \$44 billion worth of goods a year is worth jet lag. Ikea, in turn, wants startups to see the retailer as "a natural partner," Krokstad said. "When they have made an innovation they should come to Ikea and say 'Hey, look what we have done. Can we co-create with you?'"

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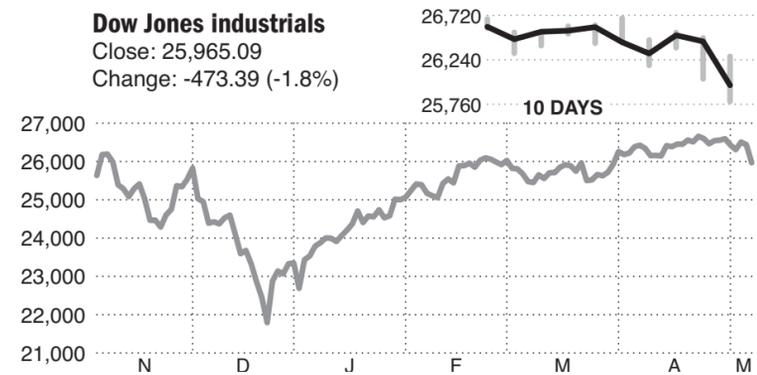
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MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 26,276.90 Low: 25,789.71 Previous: 26,438.48



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
-159.53 (-1.96%)	-48.42 (-1.65%)	-32.67 (-2.02%)
Close: 7,963.76	Close: 2,884.05	Close: 1,582.31
High: 8,070.97	High: 2,913.03	High: 1,611.46
Low: 7,899.02	Low: 2,862.60	Low: 1,571.49
Previous: 8,123.29	Previous: 2,932.47	Previous: 1,614.98

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.06 to 2.44%	+1.80 to \$1,283.50	-0.63 to 110.27/\$1	+0.0016 to .8942/\$1	-0.85 to \$61.40

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
-2.36	-1.63	-2.10	-0.71	+0.69	+0.20	+6.59	+9.59	+7.94

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 19	422.75	432	422.75	430.50	+2.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 19	357	359.25	355	358	+2.25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 19	815	821.75	815	817.75	+2.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 19	26.97	26.97	26.81	26.81	-0.03
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 19	291.50	291.90	288.30	288.40	-3.40
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Jul 19	62.17	62.49	60.66	61.40	-0.85
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Jun 19	2.515	2.556	2.514	2.537	+0.013
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Jun 19	1.9960	1.9995	1.9293	1.9487	-0.0479

Source: The Associated Press

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.
Abbott Labs	N	76.91	-2.16	Equity Commonwith	N	31.90	-0.30
AbbVie Inc	N	77.95	-1.31	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	116.00	-2.55
Allstate Corp	N	95.66	-2.02	Equity Residential	N	74.77	-1.44
Aptargroup Inc	N	113.97	-1.05	Exelon Corp	N	49.08	-0.31
Arch Dan Mid	N	42.71	-0.37	First Indl RT	N	34.36	-0.85
Baxter Intl	N	76.69	-0.63	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	54.43	-0.30
Boeing Co	N	357.23	-14.37	Gallagher AJ	N	82.23	-1.30
Brunswick Corp	N	51.25	-2.19	Grainger WW	N	276.46	-2.85
CBOE Global Markets	N	101.78	-1.29	GrubHub Inc	N	69.78	-1.32
CDK Global Inc	O	53.97	-1.44	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	100.26	-1.51
CDW Corp	O	106.77	-2.28	IDEX Corp	N	153.72	-2.28
CF Industries	N	41.52	-2.28	ITW	N	151.64	-3.69
CME Group	O	178.11	-0.04	Ingredion Inc	N	85.43	-0.82
CNA Financial	N	44.99	-0.73	John Bean Technol	N	112.82	-1.37
Cabot Microelect	O	122.56	-1.94	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	143.04	-7.84
Caterpillar Inc	N	133.67	-3.09	Kemper Corp	N	88.41	-1.49
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	29.20	-0.60	Kraft Heinz Co	O	32.50	-0.27
Deere Co	N	157.76	-2.42	LKQ Corporation	O	27.98	-0.52
Discover Fin Svcs	N	80.47	-1.56	Littelfuse Inc	O	184.15	-4.34
Dover Corp	N	97.24	-0.68	McDonalds Corp	N	198.04	-0.86
				Middleby Corp	O	136.83	-1.09
				Mondelez Intl	O	51.01	-0.59
				Morningstar Inc	O	138.26	-2.33
				Motorola Solutions	N	141.75	-5.33
				NISource Inc	N	27.74	-1.14
				Nthn Trust Cp	O	97.48	-1.32
				Old Republic	N	22.08	-0.86
				Packaging Corp Am	N	99.08	-0.86
				Paylocity Hldg	O	95.17	-0.94
				RLI Corp	N	82.26	-1.37
				Stericycle Inc	O	49.62	-2.18
				TransUnion	N	65.99	-1.31
				Tribune Media Co A	N	46.39	-0.01
				US Foods Holding	N	38.25	+1.46
				Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	342.36	-4.32
				United Contl Hldgs	O	85.68	-2.11
				Ventas Inc	N	60.97	-1.07
				Walgreen Boots Alli	O	52.94	-0.98
				Wintrust Financial	O	76.07	-1.03
				Zebra Tech	O	200.82	-5.54

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Chesapck Engy	2.78	-0.11
Bank of America	29.92	-0.55
Gen Electric	10.11	-0.32
Ambev S.A.	4.47	-0.08
Ford Motor	10.38	+0.01
Nokia Corp	5.04	-0.10
Weatherford Intl Ltd	4.6	-0.02
Coty Inc	12.25	+0.11
Am Intl Grp	50.30	+3.19
Itau Unibanco Hldg	8.24	-0.10
Sprint Corp	5.79	+0.05
AT&T Inc	30.53	-0.06
Pfizer Inc	40.83	-0.82
Dow DuPont Inc	32.14	-1.48
Wells Fargo & Co	47.17	-1.26
EnCana Corp	6.84	-0.01
Freepport McMoran	11.44	-0.28
Alibaba Group Hldg	181.43	-6.81
Annaly Capital Mgmt	9.65	+0.05
Occid Petl	59.69	+0.92
Snap Inc A	11.17	-0.60
IAMGold Corp	2.53	-0.38
Vale SA	12.49	-0.03
Citigroup	68.16	-2.25

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	181.43	-6.81
Alphabet Inc C	1174.10	-15.29
Alphabet Inc A	1178.86	-14.60
Amazon.com Inc	1921.00	-29.55
Apple Inc	202.86	-5.62
Bank of America	29.92	-0.55
Berkshire Hath B	209.43	-3.73
Exxon Mobil Corp	76.72	-1.41
Facebook Inc	189.77	-4.11
HSBC Holdings prA	26.04	+0.01
JPMorgan Chase	113.21	-1.88
Johnson & Johnson	139.97	-2.12
MasterCard Inc	245.06	-3.58
Microsoft Corp	125.52	-2.63
Procter & Gamble	104.70	-0.98
Royal Dutch Shell B	63.05	-2.20
Royal Dutch Shell A	62.23	-1.88
Visa Inc	160.21	-2.07
WalMart Strs	101.30	-1.16

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	31.78	-0.53	+6.0
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	26.92	-0.25	+6.1
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	48.18	-0.68	-4
American Funds CptIncBlldrA m	60.42	-0.46	+3.3
American Funds FdmTlInvsA m	59.17	-1.01	+5.3
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	49.49	-0.82	+6.3
American Funds IncAmrCA m	22.19	-0.20	+4.7
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	37.96	-0.55	+5.1
American Funds NwPrsptvA m	45.59	-0.74	+5.0
American Funds WAMTInvsA m	45.65	-0.72	+4.8
DFA EMKCorEqL	20.67	-0.24	-7.6
DFA IntlCorEqLns	12.93	-0.19	-9.4
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.73	+0.02	+5.5
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	40.89	-0.92	-8.4
Dodge & Cox Stk	188.66	-3.14	+6.1
DoubleLine TlRetBdl	10.53	+0.02	+5.0
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	100.29	-1.68	+10.1
Fidelity Contrafund	12.85	-0.24	+8.4
Fidelity TlMktIdxInsPrm	81.73	-1.41	+9.2
Fidelity US30IdxInsPrm	11.52	+0.02	+5.6
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.31	-0.02	+6.3
Metropolitan WldTlRetBdl	10.64	+0.02	+5.9
PIMCO IncI2	12.05	...	+5.5
PIMCO IntlInstl	12.05	...	+5.4
PIMCO TlRetIns	10.14	+0.02	+5.4
Schwab SP500Idx	44.36	-0.74	+10.1
T. Rowe Price BCGR	113.64	-2.17	+10.1
T. Rowe Price GrStk	67.42	-1.24	+10.1
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	266.51	-4.47	+10.1
Vanguard DivGrInV	28.13	-0.41	+15.8
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	74.06	-0.95	+8.4
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	82.56	-1.56	+11.5
Vanguard HCAmrl	78.80	-1.91	+6.8
Vanguard IntlTEAdmrl	14.23	+0.01	+5.7
Vanguard InsIdxIns	261.21	-4.38	+10.1
Vanguard InsIdxInsPlus	261.23	-4.38	+10.1
Vanguard InsTlSMInPls	62.39	-1.08	+9.4
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	92.84	-1.87	-1.9
Vanguard MCDIdxAdmrl	202.21	-3.40	+7.0
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	135.40	-2.91	+6.8
Vanguard STInvmGrAdmrl	10.59	...	+4.2
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	75.02	-1.44	+5.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	31.12	-0.24	+4.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.68	-0.17	+4.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	34.10	-0.35	+4.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	20.97	-0.25	+3.9
Vanguard TlBMDIdxAdmrl	10.68	+0.02	+5.7
Vanguard TlBMDIdxIns	10.68	+0.02	+5.7
Vanguard TlInBIdxAdmrl	22.33	+0.04	+5.5
Vanguard TlInBIdxIns	33.52	+0.07	+5.5
Vanguard TlInSIdxAdmrl	27.98	-0.40	-5.5
Vanguard TlInSIdxIns	111.88	-1.62	-5.5
Vanguard TlInSIdxInsPlus	111.90	-1.62	-5.5
Vanguard TlInSIdxInv	16.73	-0.24	-5.5
Vanguard TlISMIdxAdmrl	71.82	-1.23	+9.3
Vanguard TlISMIdxIns	71.83	-1.24	+9.3
Vanguard TlISMIdxInv	71.79	-1.23	+9.2
Vanguard WlmgInAdmrl	69.97	-0.63	+7.8
Vanguard WlsmInAdmrl	63.04	-0.19	+7.8
Vanguard WndsrInAdmrl	63.16	-0.95	+6.6

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.36	2.38
6-month disc	2.36	2.38
2-year	2.28	2.30
10-year	2.44	2.50
30-year	2.86	2.91

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1283.50	\$1281.70
Silver	\$14.860	\$14.857
Platinum	\$873.40	\$880.90

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.50
Discount Rate Primary	3.00
Fed Funds Target	2.25-2.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.66

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys ...

Argentina (Peso)	45.2714
Australia (Dollar)	1.4277
Brazil (Real)	3.9792
Britain (Pound)	0.7654
Canada (Dollar)	1.3481
China (Yuan)	6.7769
Euro	0.8942
India (Rupee)	69.618
Israel (Shekel)	3.5921
Japan (Yen)	110.27
Mexico (Peso)	19.0605
Poland (Zloty)	3.84
So. Korea (Won)	1172.91
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.95
Thailand (Baht)	31.92

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2926.39	+19.9/+7
Stoxx600	381.64	-5.3/-1.4
Nikkei	21923.72	-335.0/-1.5
MSCI-EAFE	1886.24	-18.2/-0.9
Bovespa	94388.75	-619.9/-0.7
FTSE 100	7260.47	-120.2/-1.6
CAC-40	5395.75	-87.8/-1.6

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OBITUARIES

NORMA MILLER 1919-2019

Lindy Hop dancer was dubbed 'Queen of Swing'

By HARRISON SMITH
The Washington Post

Norma Miller, a dancer, comedian and big-band singer whose acrobatic flips, slides, leaps and twists helped popularize the Lindy Hop dance craze of the 1930s and '40s, earning her the title "Queen of Swing," died Sunday at her home in Fort Myers, Florida. She was 99 and had continued performing with an Italian swing band until shortly before her death.

The cause was congestive heart failure, said her friend John Biffar, director of "Queen of Swing," a 2006 documentary about her life.

"She had just cut four new tracks," he said. "They were playing her music for her when she passed."

Miller was among the last links to the glory days of Harlem's Savoy Ballroom, a racially integrated dance hall where big bands led by Chick Webb and Benny Goodman dueled from opposing stages, fueling the steps of jitterbug dancers who bounded across the maple-and-mahogany hardwood under crystal chandeliers.

She was also considered the last surviving member of Whitey's Lindy Hoppers, a legendary Savoy troupe. The swing dance style — involving dancers who turned themselves into human propellers with their spinning and tossing — reportedly was named for trans-Atlantic aviator Charles Lindbergh.

Honed by performers including Frankie "Musclehead" Manning, Leon James, Al Minns and Billy and Willa Mae Ricker, the Lindy Hop was effectively "swing dance at lightning speed," said dancer and choreographer Debbie Allen, who is planning a feature film based on Miller's life.

"Think of 'Fast and Furious' on the dance floor, with women going over men's backs, down through their legs and up over their body," she said in a phone interview. "This is something you'd expect to see in Cirque du Soleil, but it started with her, Frankie Manning and all the other great dancers back in the day."

In a career that spanned more than eight decades, Miller shared the stage with singers Ethel Waters and Billie Holiday, befriended filmmaker Orson Welles in Brazil, smoked marijuana with Louis Armstrong,

helped integrate Miami Beach nightclubs with Cab Calloway, and launched a saucy and profane stand-up career with support from Redd Foxx and Richard Pryor.

Dressed in sequined jackets and sparkling glasses in old age, her nails still painted white and red as they were in her prime as a dancer, Miller never struggled to draw attention. As a young girl in Harlem, living across the street from the Savoy, she sat on her tenement's fire escape to watch the ballroom's windows, studying the shadows of dancers before replicating their steps in her living room.

Her big break came in 1932, when she was 12. The dance sensation Twist Mouth George Ganaway spotted her dancing on the sidewalk outside the Savoy dressed for Easter Sunday services and invited her to join him for a matinee performance. Because of age restrictions, it was the first time Miller had stepped inside the dance hall.

"He just threw me up; my feet never touched the ground," she said in Ken Burns' 2001 documentary "Jazz." "People were screaming and he put me on top of his shoulders, walked me around the ballroom . . . and put me back outside. Greatest moment in my life and I'm excited, excited, and I'm gonna go home and tell my mother and my sister — and then I said no, I better not say — nothin'!"

At 15, she was invited to join Whitey's Lindy Hoppers — which was formed by Herbert White, a bouncer turned promoter — as the troupe's youngest member. They toured Europe, the United States and South America, and were featured in Hollywood movies including the Marx Brothers comedy "A Day at the Races" (1937), which earned an Oscar nomination for best dance direction for the Lindy Hop routine to "All God's Chillun Got Rhythm." Miller also danced in Broadway musicals such as "Swingin' the Dream," a short-lived 1939 production headlined by Armstrong. But with the onset of World War II and the rise of bebop, the Lindy Hop began to vanish from the stage, leading Miller to reinvent herself while many of her fellow performers struggled to launch second careers.

She led a dance group on the chitlin circuit, traveling

across the segregated United States by bus, before turning to comedy in the 1960s at the suggestion of Foxx. "Look, you're not going to be able to dance any longer," she recalled him saying. "Your knees are knocking. You better learn to talk."

Between performances in Las Vegas, she presided over dance workshops and productions, and worked as a choreographer. She helped spur a Lindy Hop revival beginning in the 1980s, when she introduced the dance style to a new generation through shows at venues including Smalls' Paradise and the Village Gate in Manhattan; collaborated with Manning on a sequence for Alvin Ailey's "Opus McShann"; and watched as her old friends and fellow dancers died.

"When my last partner was put into the grave, I said, 'Well, I'm the only one left here,'" she told NPR in 2017. "And I promised Frankie I will keep going and keep doing what he gave to the world because he gave all the young kids the dance."

Norma Adele Miller was born in Manhattan on Dec. 2, 1919. Both her parents emigrated from Barbados: Her mother was a maid, and her father served in the Army and died of pneumonia shortly before she was born.

In 1992, amid the Lindy Hop revival, she danced in Spike Lee's "Malcolm X" and received an Emmy nomination for choreographing "Stompin' at the Savoy," a TV movie directed by Allen. Soon after, she met Biffar, a filmmaker, who cast her in his movie "Captiva Island."

They lived together for about a decade, and she helped raise his three children.

In 2018, at age 98, she presided over a dance camp in the Swedish countryside, shouting instructions from a chair — "No! It's BE-dop buh bop!" — as a group of mostly white students practiced the dance style she had nurtured in Harlem.

When she first heard about the camp, Miller told The New York Times, she said, "You've got to be kidding talking about some (expletive) Lindy Hop in Sweden. Who the hell's gonna come here?" About 200 dancers made the trip, and Miller had said she planned to return for her 100th birthday.

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Death Notices

Annes, George

George Annes, 79, beloved son of the late Paul and Ada Annes; devoted and loving husband of Sheryl Annes; proud father of Michael (Debbie) Annes, Linda White, Gary (Christa) Annes, Stephen (Cari) Gunde, Nicole (Joseph) DeBella, and

Allyson (Steven) Kushner; adored grandfather, "Pa," of Michelle, Lauren, Jamie, Carly, Julia, Mia, Joey, Archie, Olivia, Calvin, Laken, Levi, and Salvatore; cherished brother of the late Bobby Annes; dear friend to many. George was an attorney and active real estate investor. George loved life and lived it to the fullest. He was always very active and enjoyed skiing, fishing, traveling, sharing his amazing sense of humor, and having fun with his family and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The American Cancer Society, <https://donate3.cancer.org> or to The National Fragile X Foundation, <https://fragilex.org>. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, May 8th at 1:00 pm at Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home, 111 Skokie Blvd., Wilmette, IL. Interment to follow at Shalom Memorial Park, Arlington Heights, IL. For info: 847-256-5700.

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Anthony C. Massaro, Anthony C. 'Tony'

Age 88, passed away Monday May 6, 2019. Born and raised in Chicago, resided in West Lawn and a resident of Homer Glen since 1975. A United States Navy Veteran. Member of St. Michael Church, Orland Park. Tony was the West Lawn Little League president from 1963-1965. Above all else he was a cherished and devoted husband, father and grandfather, he was loved by many and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Theresa (Gushi) Massaro.

Survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Gloria (Malina) Massaro, three children, Anthony C. Jr. (Laura), Adrea (Ron Sr) Shell and Michael (Lea) Massaro; eight adored grandchildren, Nicki (Stan) Zolna, Erica (Muhammad) Alansari, Ronald Shell Jr., Marc (fiancé Kelley Chancellor) Massaro, Leslie (Nathan) Duff, Mia, Michael and Marissa Massaro; eight great-grandchildren, Isabella, Abraham, Anthony, Malina, Grace, Luke, Layla and Finnegan; one brother, Peter (late Mary Ann) Massaro and his faithful companion, his cat Squeaks aka "Moose". In lieu of flowers, memorials in Anthony's name to a charity of your choice would be greatly appreciated.

Services will be held Monday, May 13, 2019 at 8:30am in the O'Neil Funeral Home Chapel 1105 E. 9th(159th) St. Lockport, IL., 60441 to St. Michael Church, Orland Park for Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30am.

Interment Good Shepherd Cemetery, Orland Park. Visitation Sunday, May 12, 2019 from 3:00pm until 8:00pm.

Family and friends may sign the guestbook or attain directions at: oneilfuneralhome.com

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AND HERITAGE CREMATORYSign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries

Auslander, Louis

Louis Auslander, 94, of Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Beloved husband of the late Seme. Devoted father of Carter (Meryl) Auslander, Sindy (Charles) Schneider and the late Dori Auslander. Loving grandfather of Stewart (the late Fran); the late Leslie, Ross (Stacy), Lindsey (Danny) Hartman, Faith (Adam) Borland, Lee (Anna) Schneider, Sari (Matt) Rootberg and Andrew Goldfeder. Great-grandfather to ten. Funeral services Thursday 10AM at Chicago Jewish Funerals, 8851 Skokie Boulevard (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Entomment Rosehill. In lieu of flowers contributions in Louis' name to Take The Lead, <https://takethelead.org/product/donation/> would be appreciated. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfunfo.com

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Baczek, Frank M.

Frank M. Baczek, 87. Retired from Vapor Corporation after 25+ years of service. Beloved husband of Louise and the late Joan Helen; loving father of Frank Baczek, Paul (Maurya) Baczek and Susan (Scott) Vaughan; step-father of Glenn Sukys and Gail Yu; devoted grandfather of Erin, Joanna, Valerie, Steven, Meredith, Jenna, Erica and Olivia; step-grandfather of 3; great-grandfather of 4; dear brother of the late Anthony and the late Andrew. Visitation Friday, May 10, 2019 from 4:00-9:00 p.m. at Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home, 8025 W. Golf Road in Niles. Funeral Saturday, May 11, at 9:00 a.m. from the funeral home to St. Isaac Jogues Church. Mass 9:30 a.m. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery in Niles. Info 847-581-0536 or www.colonialfuneral.com

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Bedeker, Sally

Sally Jo Bedeker, 72, of Morris, IL and Cave Creek, AZ died peacefully at home on May 3, 2019.

She is survived by her husband, James, daughter, Cynthia "Cindi" (Patrick) Brankin of Western Springs, IL, Sister, Judith Stangland of Morris and three grandchildren, Courtney Bedeker, Tara Brankin and Michael Brankin. Sally was Aunt to many nieces and nephews.

Sally was preceded in death by her parents, Myron "Mike" and Mildred (Rapp) Stangland, her son, Michael Bedeker, Daughter in law, Brenda (Easton) Bedeker and sister, Patricia (Stangland) Varney and brother in law Steven Varney.

Sally had a love of horses and travel and was very active in the Arabian and Friesian horse communities which led to her to having friends around the world.

Special thanks to Sally's caregiver of many years, Charity McMullin.

In memory of Sally, the family asks that you perform a random act of kindness. Services are private. Arrangements have been entrusted with U.C. Davis-Callahan Funeral Home, 301 W. Washington Street, Morris, IL. For further information visit the website at www.ucdaviscallahan.com or contact the funeral home at 815-942-0084. Online condolences may be directed to the family by visiting the website.

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ON MAY 8 ...

In 1541, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto discovered the Mississippi River south of present-day Memphis, Tenn.

In 1886, Atlanta pharmacist John Styth Pemberton created the flavoring syrup for Coca-Cola.

In 1945, in a radio address, President Harry Truman declared V-E (Victory in Europe) Day, announcing the surrender of Germany and officially ending the European phase of World War II.

In 1958, Vice President Richard Nixon was stoned, shoved, booed and spat upon by anti-American demon-

strators in Lima, Peru.

In 1970, construction workers broke up a demonstration against the Vietnam War in New York's financial district, causing injury to 70 protesters.

In 1973, militant American Indians surrendered after holding the South Dakota hamlet of Wounded Knee for 71 days.

In 1978, David Berkowitz pleaded guilty in a Brooklyn courtroom to six murder charges in the "Son of Sam" shootings that had terrified New Yorkers.

In 1997 President Bill Clinton assured Central American leaders during a summit

in Costa Rica that they need not fear mass deportations of immigrants who had sought refuge in the United States during U.S.-backed conflicts.

In 1999, The Citadel, South Carolina's formerly all-male military school, graduated its first female cadet, Nancy Ruth Mace.

In 2002, FBI Director Robert Mueller told a Senate committee that an FBI memo from Phoenix warning that several Arabs were suspiciously training at a U.S. aviation school would not have led officials to the 9/11 hijackers even if they had followed up the warning with more vigor.

In 2003, the Michigan Wolverines were barred from the next postseason play and put on 31/2 years' probation by the NCAA for a booster's payments to players dating to the Fab Five era.

In 2006, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad wrote to President George W. Bush, proposing "new solutions" to their differences in the first letter from an Iranian head of state to an American president in 27 years.

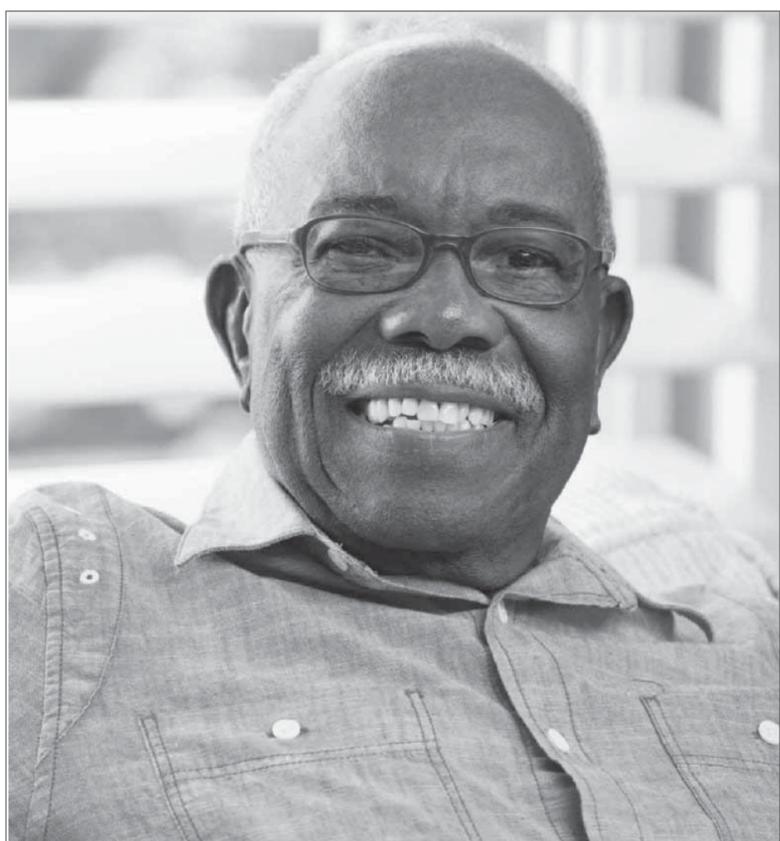
In 2013, census data showed that blacks voted in the 2012 election at a higher rate than whites for the first time in a presidential election.

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May 7
Mega Millions
03 06 34 54 63 / 19
Mega Millions jackpot: \$273M
Pick 3 midday 981 / 5
Pick 4 midday 1193 / 5
Lucky Day Lotto midday
05 19 24 26 44
Pick 3 evening 143 / 2
Pick 4 evening 5790 / 3
Lucky Day Lotto evening
02 14 26 31 41
May 8 Powerball: \$215M
May 9 Lotto: \$4.75M

INDIANA
May 7
Daily 3 midday 949 / 4
Daily 4 midday 5143 / 4
Daily 3 evening 661 / 1
Daily 4 evening 7907 / 1
Cash 5 03 07 20 21 42
MICHIGAN
May 7
Daily 3 midday 425
Daily 4 midday 5959
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Bruski, Richard A.

Richard A. Bruski, age 84, passed away on Monday, May 6, 2019. He was born November 13, 1934, the son of (the late) Alexander and Mary (nee Dziadula) Bruski. On May 4, 1957, he married the love of his life, Carole Lidbury. Richard worked for the Chicago Police Department and retired as a Sergeant after 33 years. Memorial visitation will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2019 from 3pm to 8pm at **Colonial Funeral Home**, 591 Ridgeview Dr., McHenry. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Richard's name to the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation, 1407 W. Washington St. Chicago, IL 60607 or Ronald McDonald House Charities, 1301 W. 22nd St., Suite 905, Oak Brook, IL 60523. For more information, visit www.colonialmchenry.com or call (815)385-0063.

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Carpenter, Kathleen Ann

Kathleen Ann Carpenter, nee Dulski, of Western Springs, formerly of Perrysburg, OH, age 44. Beloved wife of William Andrew "Andy" Carpenter Jr.; loving mother of William Andrew "Drew" Carpenter III and Kayla Rose Carpenter; cherished daughter of Christopher and Ann Dulski; dear sister of Christopher (Lisa) Dulski, Thomas (Sara) Dulski and Susan (Andy) Rennell; proud aunt of Jacob, Katelynn, John, Jane, Andrew, Ryan and Anna. Kathleen was a 1997 graduate of THE Ohio State University with a degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering. She loved the Buckeyes as well as the Detroit Tigers. For over 20 years Kathleen worked in information technology, most recently working for Mars Inc. as their Chief Information Security Officer. Kathy was a strong and generous spirit. Through a tireless quest for knowledge and understanding she leaves a sustaining legacy for her family in their greater ability to live happy and healthy lives. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Monday, May 13, 2019 from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Lying-in-State Tuesday at St. John of the Cross Church, 5005 Wolf Rd., Western Springs from 9:30 a.m. until time of funeral mass 11:00 a.m. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, donations to Bright Directions College Savings, c/o A. Carpenter, P. O. Box 114, Western Springs, IL 60558 appreciated. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

Conboy – Westchester Funeral Home

www.conboywestchesterfh.com

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Deegan, Dr. Marilyn J. 'Lynn'

Dr. Marilyn J. "Lynn" Deegan (nee McGuire), a resident of Naperville, IL, age 79, passed away on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at St. Patrick's Residence in Naperville, IL. She was born January 30, 1940 in Chicago, IL. Arrangements by **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL**. For service times and a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.



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Denton, Laura

Laura Denton, Age 56, Born into Eternal Life on April 29, 2019. Laura is survived by her loving sons, Daniel D. and Nicholas A. Kociak, and their father, Dan Kociak. Beloved daughter of the late Jack and Velia Denton. Dear sister of Mark (Luz) Denton. Fond niece of Martha Steele. Laura was also loved by her many cousins and friends. Loving Companion and Partner of Jeff Stanczak. Alumna of Evergreen Park H.S. Family and friends will meet at St. John Fisher Church, 10234 S. Washtenaw Ave. Chicago, IL 60655 on Saturday, May 11, 2019 for memorial visitation 9:00am-10:00am. Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00am. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. In memory of Laura, complete a crossword puzzle today, or make a donation to ASPCA, P.O. Box 96929, Washington D.C., 20090-6929 (or online at www.ASPCA.org/donate) are most appreciated. Info: **Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors**, 708-636-5500 or www.heeneyfh.com



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Fitzgerald, Florence I. "Flo"

(nee Adamek). Suddenly; beloved wife of Patrick W. "Bill" Fitzgerald. Loving mother of Jacki (Ken) Frederking, Pat (Stacy) Fitzgerald, and Tricia (James Haworth) Fitzgerald. Cherished grandmother of Cora, Kaylee, Jack, Sydney, Ryan, Macy, Jake, Brendan, Mickey, Zane, and Brody. Loving sister of Gerald (late Nancy) Adamek, Carol (Bill) Wedel, Tom (Noel) Adamek, and the late Louis (late Dolly) Adamek, late Richard (late Mildred) Adamek, and late Roberta. Kind aunt of many nieces and nephews and friend to many. Visitation Thursday 3-8 p.m. Funeral Friday 10:00 a.m. from the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to St. Michael Church, Mass 10:45 a.m. Entombment Good Shepherd Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

Robert J. Sheehy & Sons

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Geppert, James A. 'Jim'

James A. "Jim" Geppert, 86, of Glenview, magician and retired patent attorney, passed away at Glenbrook Hospital on March 19, 2019 in the presence of family. Born in Evanston on October 10, 1932 to Carl F. and Beatrice "Bee" (Emrick) Geppert, he grew up in Wilmette and graduated from New Trier High School in 1950, having participated in the annual Gilbert & Sullivan productions and diving on the swim team. He was a member of Men Off Campus (MOC) at Northwestern University, earning a Chemical Engineering degree. Jim worked in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office while attending law school at George Washington University in Washington D.C. where he met and married his wife of 61 years, Marian (Lory), at Foundry Methodist Church. Jim joined his father's Chicago patent law firm and settled in Glenview. He retired from Borg-Warner Corporation in 1988. Jim's other career in magic began at an early age. He brought enchanted moments to countless children and adults and enjoyed practicing, reading about, and attending lectures on magic. He was a Past President of Harlan E. Tarbell Ring 43 of the International Brotherhood of Magicians (IBM), was a member of Assembly 148 of the Society of American Magicians (SAM), the Mazda Mystic Ring, and The Magic Circle (London, UK), and spent many vacations attending magic conventions in the U.S. and Europe. Jim was dedicated to his community and church, volunteering as Cub Scout Pack Master (Glenview Pack 256), Little League Manager, high school sports and music booster, Bethel Bible study and confirmation instructor, liturgical assistant, and bass in the choir at Trinity Lutheran Church in Evanston. He received a Vision Keeper Award for years of service to Elijah's Pantry in Logan Square, serving on the board and delivering food from the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Beloved husband of Marian, father of Carl R. (Barbara) and Martha, grandfather of Carrie (Glen) Goodner, David (Kailey), and Annie (John) Hickerson, and great-grandfather of Reid, Cade, and Jalen. He was preceded in death by his parents and his older brother Carl L., who was killed in World War II. Jim made all of our lives more magical. Memorial service will be at 11 am on Saturday, May 18 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 3637 Golf Road, Evanston, IL 60203 with visitation at 10 am and a luncheon afterwards. Jim's ashes will be scattered in the Trinity Memorial Garden following the service. Memorial donations to Trinity Lutheran Church (TrinityEvanston.org) or to the Greater Chicago Food Depository, 4100 W Ann Lurie Place, Chicago, IL 60632 (chicagosfoodbank.org) would be appreciated.

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Gillis, Sean

Devoted son of Sheila (nee Rodgers) and Paul; loving brother of Paul (Lidia); cherished grandson of Hugh and Tessie Rodgers and Winfred and Veronica Gillis; dear nephew of Aunt Sally, Uncle Jim (Vera), Aunt Marilyn (Rudy), and Aunt Linda; fond cousin and friend of many. Sean was an avid sports fan especially for the Chicago Cubs and Bears, the San Antonio Spurs and the San Diego Chargers. A memorial Mass will be held Friday, 10 a.m. at St. Viator Church located at 4170 W. Addison in Chicago. Interment private. Arrangements by **Cooney Funeral Home** 773-588-5850 www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Hansen, Robert J. "Bob"

Passed away on April 24, 2019, at the age of 94. Beloved father of the late Michael Hansen, Robyn (Tom) Hansen, Tim (Gina) Hansen, Kevin (Emily) Hansen, Matthew (Lindsay) Hansen, and father-in-law of Joanne Hansen. Proud grandfather of Sarah, Michael, Samantha, Delia, and Helene; Aidan and Evelyn; and Anna and Jillian Hansen. Dear brother of the late Donald Hansen (Nephew Gary and Niece Tony, widow Juanita) and the late Gordon Hansen. Former husband of Mary Lynn Phillips and the late Beverley Bone.

Bob served his country during WWII in the Marine Corps at the Battle of Midway. From there he made his way back home to Chicago where he studied at the Art Institute. He maintained a lifelong passion for art, leaving many wonderful watercolors and drawings to his family and friends. For most of his career he was an executive recruiter in Denver and San Francisco. But in semi-retirement he was a proud "chef" at the Sigma Nu fraternity at the University of Iowa in Iowa City. The guys there loved him so much they made him an honorary member.

More than anything perhaps he will be remembered for his sense of humor. Voices, stories, jokes and sound effects flowed from him. He could recite long poems by memory flawlessly, such as Rudyard Kipling's Gunga Din and Hugh d'Arcy's The Face on the Barroom Floor.

He was a unique and fiercely independent individual who will never be forgotten by all those who knew and loved him.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate Bob's life on Saturday May 11th from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM at **Feerick Funeral Home**, 2025 E. Capitol Dr., Shorewood, WI 53211. Family will share remembrances at 4:00PM. Interment will be private. Memorials in Bob's name may be made to the Iowa City Public Library Friends Foundation at 123 S. Linn Street, Iowa City, IA 52240. **Feerick Funeral Home** is serving the family, (414)962-8383, www.feerickfuneralhome.com

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Hirshman, Dean

Beloved husband, father, grandfather and father-in-law, Dean Hirshman, passed away Saturday, May 4th surrounded by family. He is survived by his wife Saran (nee Axelrod); his 2 children: Scott Hirshman and Lori Petersen; daughter-in-law Sheri Hirshman (nee Spitz) and son-in-law Ken Petersen, and his two grandchildren: Grant Golata and Justine Golata. In lieu of flowers or gifts, send donations to the American Cancer Society. To leave messages of condolence please visit www.sunlandmemorial.com.

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Hoban, Elspeth 'Elsie'

Elspeth Hoban nee Maxwell, age 81, of Winnetka. Beloved wife of John Patrick Hoban; loving mother of James Maxwell (Barbara) Hoban, Anne Hoban (Jeffrey) Moore, and Michael Patrick Hoban; caring grandmother of Maxwell & Finn Hoban and Charles & Kara Moore; devoted sister of Cathy Cora and Sister Susan Maxwell; kind aunt & great aunt to countless Hobans and Coras. The eldest daughter of Mary Elizabeth Putnam Maxwell and John Morice Maxwell, Elsie was born in 1937 in Evanston, Illinois.

Elsie had a life long love of literature & learning. She graduated from Highland Park HS in 1955, Bradford College in 1957, and earned her BA in Literature from Skidmore College in 1959. After graduation she was a Classification Librarian at Cornell University. For most of her adult life she was a member of the same book club. She particularly loved fiction and easily plowed through dense and challenging works.

Elsie first met John, under the clock at the Biltmore Hotel in New York City in 1955. They were married in August 1960 and settled in Winnetka. While raising her three children, Elsie made time for the Girl Scouts, PTA and even chaired the popular Winnetka Children's Fair. Her love of cooking, music and laughter led to countless dinner parties and large family gatherings out in the backyard. She worked at Village Carpets of Winnetka for many years as the office manager and bookkeeper. If you were fortunate and became Elsie's friend, she was there for you always with kindness and support. Her lovely smile will be missed by all.

Special thanks to the caring staff from 3 Cross Home Care Corp.

A Celebration of Elspeth's life will take place Saturday May 11, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Room 101 at **Winnetka Community House**, 620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka, Illinois 60093. Interment private, Rose Ridge Cemetery, Naples, NY

In lieu of flowers, memorial may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014. Funeral Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990



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Hunt, Thomas Kevin

Thomas Kevin Hunt, 18, of Oak Park; beloved son of Carolynn and Phillip Hunt; loving brother of Amanda, Evelyn, and Lillian Hunt; cherished grandchild of Marjorie and William Hunt, Nancy and the late Gerald Petroskey; adored nephew, cousin, and friend of many. Visitation Friday, May 10th, 4 p.m. until 9 p.m., at **Drechsler, Brown, & Williams Funeral Home**, 203 S. Marion St., Oak Park. Family and friends are to meet at St. Giles Church, 1045 Columbian Ave., Oak Park, Saturday, May 11th for Mass at 11 a.m. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, donations to Rebecca's Dream in honor of Thomas Kevin Hunt and Mental Health Month (www.rebeccasdream.org - PO Box 616, Northbrook, IL 60065) are appreciated. For info: drechslerbrownwilliams.com or 708-383-3191.

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Isaksen, Sr., Roy R.

Age 79. Roy passed away at home, surrounded by his loving family on Sunday, May 5, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Dianne (nee Olsen). Loving father of Lisa Mansfield and Roy Jr. (Melanie). Former father-in-law of Jason Mansfield. Loving grandfather of Jason Jr. and Matthew Mansfield and Hagen Isaksen. Dear brother-in-law of Irene (the late Bud) Spranger. Preceded in death by his sister, Joan (the late Clarence) Urlaub and sister-in-law, Dolores Alongi. Further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Roy enjoyed spending time with his family, fishing and traveling. He was actively involved with the Marine Corps League Badger Detachment #348 Rifle Team and Toys for Tots. Visitation will be held on Friday, May 10, at PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 17651 West Small Rd., New Berlin, WI, from 4 PM until the Funeral Service at 6 PM. Interment will be held at 1 PM on Saturday, May 11, at Elmwood Cemetery, 2905 Thatcher Ave., River Grove, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Marine Corps League would be appreciated.

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Lettiere, Frank T.

Frank Thomas Lettiere, 88, US Air Force Korean War Veteran passed away peacefully on Monday May 6, 2019 surrounded by family. He was a beloved husband to Kathleen Jane Lettiere nee Flynn of 61 years. Loving father to Frank Thomas Jr. (Beth), Karen, Kathy (Bill) Hudek, Michael, Joan, Kelly and Joseph (Allison). Cherished grandfather to Frank Thomas III, Maryellen Danaher, Michael Steven, Michael Anthony, Kathleen Danaher, Gina, Jessica Esparza, John Esparza, Gaige Bentley, Jack, Max and Samantha. Great-grandfather to Rose, London, Frank IV and Jack. Loving Uncle of Michael Perry and many dear nieces and nephews. Frank lived a full and happy life with family and friends. Funeral Friday, 10:15 am at the **Vandenberg Funeral Home**, 17248 Harlem Avenue Tinley Park, IL. to St. Stephen Church, Mass 10:45 AM. Interment in St. Mary Cemetery. Visitation, Thursday 3:00-9:00 PM. For information on services 708-532-1635 or www.vandenbergfuneralhome.com.

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Memler, Jay D.

Jay D. Memler, age 78, a resident of Naperville, IL since 1972, formerly of Iowa City, IA, passed away Monday, May 6, 2019 at Edward Hospital in Naperville. He was born on January 11, 1941 in Iowa City, IA. Arrangements by **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL**. For service times and a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.



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Merel, Martin 'Marty'

Martin "Marty" Merel, 82. Beloved husband of 60 years to Laurie nee Levin. Loving father of Roger (Sharon) Merel and David (Lisa) Merel. Cherished grandfather of Josh (Grace), Ethan (Matthew), Zach and Jake. Dear brother of Richard (Ellen) Merel and brother-in-law of Victor (Ellen) Levin and Deborah (Jim) Gollin. Service Friday, 10:30 am at Beth Emet The Free Synagogue, 1224 West Dempster Street, Evanston. Interment Waldheim Jewish Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to your charity of choice would be appreciated. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Mueller, Elinor

Elinor K Mueller, nee Hortik, age 91, passed away May 6, 2019. Beloved wife of George Mueller. Loving mother of Patricia (Michael) Pfaller and Brian (Pam) Mueller. Devoted grandmother of Kevin, the late Sara, and Brendan Pfaller. Preceded in death by her parents Joseph and Katherine Hortik, and her brother Harvey Hortik. Fond aunt of many. Elinor is now

surround by her family and friends in Heaven. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Batten Disease Support and Research Association, 2780 Airport Drive, Suite 342, Columbus, Ohio 43219 Visitation Friday, May 10th, 9:00 A.M. until Funeral Service 12 noon at **Friedrichs Funeral Home**, 320 W Central Rd. at Northwest Highway, Mount Prospect. Interment St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery, Mount Prospect. Information call 847-255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com

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Newman, Dr. Paul

Dr. Paul Newman, 95, beloved husband for 60 years of the late Norene, nee Greenspahn; loving father of Ilene (Gene) Farb, Harry (Jackie), Wayne (Lauren) and Alan Newman; cherished grandpa of Lance, Michael, Nikki, Brett, Jamie, Carly and Skye. Dr. Newman was a longtime optometrist in Arlington Heights. 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 your favorite charity. For information or condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Nolan, Alice C.

Alice C. Nolan, nee Giroux, passed away April 18, 2019, beloved wife of the late Michael; loving mother of Michele (Don) Worth and Colleen Nolan; loving Grandma of Brianna, Miranda, and Noly; dear sister of Judy (late Tom) Depcik, Bill "Doc" Giroux, the late Mary (Jerry) Derk, and late Joyce (late Tony) Bruno; fond aunt and friend of many. Visitation Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 9-11:00 am at St. Barbara Church, 2859 S. Throop St, Chicago, followed by an 11:00 memorial mass. Interment private. (773)927-6424 www.pomierskifuneralhome.com

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Olson, Mary Catherine

(nee Warren)-Beloved wife of the late James Olson; loving mother of the late James Jr., Patricia (Steve Larson), Jean, Peggy (Tim) Rose, and Eileen (Patrick) Crosson; cherished grandmother of Matt, Chris (Claudia), Theresa, Shannon, Tom, Kelly, Emma, Brendan and Sean; proud great-grandmother of Vincent and Gabriella; devoted daughter of the late Ellen (nee Powers) and the late William Warren; dear sister to the late James, the late William, the late Jeannette (Ed) Lee, and the late Ray (Mary) Warren; caring aunt to many nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** located at 625 Busse Hwy. in Park Ridge. Funeral Thursday, prayers at 9:30 a.m. to St. Paul of the Cross Church located at 320 S. Washington Ave. in Park Ridge for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers a donation to help Charlene Olson's (Mary's niece) husband Tim Mulloy receive one of three prosthetics needed due to RSD (reflex sympathetic dystrophy). You can read his journey on <https://timmulloy.info/> or on go fund me Tim Mulloy New River, AZ. For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Paddor, Sidney M.

Sidney Maurice Paddor of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, born and raised in Chicago, IL died Monday May 6, 2019. Survived by Elizabeth Nelson and his beloved late wife Elayne (nee Levin) of 60 years. Loving father of Barry (Melissa), Robert (Carol) and Richard (Christopher), adored grandfather of Evan (Cindy), Brett (Marisol), Julie and May and adored

great grandfather of Gianna, Penelope and Audrey and dear brother of the late Carl (Marilyn). Past President of Ravnica Green Country Club and Handicap Chairman and Veterans Advocate at Ballen Isles Country Club. Started a chain of women's clothing stores called Paddor's with his dear late cousin Harold (late Lorraine), in the 1950's. Adored by many friends in Palm Beach and Chicago. Funeral services will be held in Florida on Wednesday, and a shiva call will be held at the Robert Paddor residence, on Wednesday, May 8th, at 7pm for one-night only, at 819 Red Bud Lane in Wilmette. For further details contact Robert Paddor at 847-651-6640.

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Peckenpaugh, Robert Earl

Robert Earl Peckenpaugh passed from this world and into the arms of our gracious and loving Lord on Saturday, May 4, 2019. He was born in Potomac, IL to Earl and Zella Peckenpaugh in 1926. His family moved to Hammond, IN where he met his future bride Margaret. After graduating from Hammond High School in 1944, he served as a Quartermaster in the U.S.

Navy during the conclusion of World War II. Bob and Marge were wed in California during the war and afterward returned to the Midwest to raise their family. They spent 67 cherished years of marriage together, raising six children in Munster, IN and Hinsdale, IL: Nancy (Ira), Carol (Dean), David (Marie), Daniel (Kimberly), Jeanne (Matt) and Douglas (Jennifer), who subsequently brought 19 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren into this world. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Margaret, his sister Carolyn Joanne "Jo," and his brother Royce. After the war, Bob studied Business and Finance at Northwestern University, earning his MBA and was one of the earliest holders of the Chartered Financial Analyst designation. He excelled as an investment advisor, going on to serve as president of Security Supervisors, vice president at Chicago Title and Trust, owner of Hotchkiss & Peckenpaugh, vice president at Morgan Stanley, owner of Peckenpaugh Asset Management, and senior vice president of Whitnell & Company. Bob loved the Lord and prayed steadfastly. He maintained an evangelical desire to testify to the Gospel truth throughout his life. The family will hold a visitation at Hinsdale Covenant Church, 412 S. Garfield Street, Hinsdale, IL, on Friday, May 10 from 6-8 pm. A memorial service will take place at the church on Saturday, May 11 at 10:30; lunch and a time of fellowship will follow. Bob will be interred at Bronswood Cemetery in a private family ceremony. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Camp Scholarship Fund of the Hinsdale Covenant Church. Arrangements by **Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale**. For information 630-703-9131 or www.powellfuneraldirectors.com.

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Piejko, Ann M.

Ann M. Piejko (nee Kunzendorf) May 4, 2019, age 66. Beloved wife of the late Patrick. Loving mother of Bridgette and Brian (Ann) Piejko. Fond grandmother of Erin and William. Dear sister of Kathleen (the late Richard) Borrelli, Teresa (Hugh) McGuire, Mark (Barbara), Timothy (Cynthia), Kirk and Neal Kunzendorf and Jean (Jerry) Medlin. Aunt and great-aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Friday 8:30 a.m. from **Donnellan Funeral Home** 1025 S. Western Ave. Chicago. to St. John Fisher Church 10235 S. Fairfield Ave, Chicago for Mass 9:30 a.m. Int. Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society P.O. Box 22718 Oklahoma City, OK. 73123-1718. Info (773) 238-0075 or sign guestbook at www.donnellanfuneralhome.com.

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Pierson, Fay H.

Fay H. Pierson (nee Vollrath) age 97, beloved wife of the late Kenneth W. Pierson; loving mother of Dale (the late Tom) Blackman and Scott (Susanne) Pierson; dearest grandmother of Nicole (Dennis) Anderson and Daniel (Gerry) Pierson; devoted great grandmother of Savannah, Graham, Evelyn, Isabel and Scotty. Visitation Friday 3-8 P.M. Funeral Service Saturday 10:00 A.M. at **Lawn Funeral Home** 17909 S 94th Ave Tinley Park II, 60487 Interment Skyline Cemetery Funeral info (708) 532-3100.

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Resnik, Susan

Susan Resnik nee Leblang, age 74. Beloved wife of the late Frank Resnik with whom she shared a love of travel, especially of cruising-and a host of friends. Dear sister of the late Lonnie (the late Irwin) Kosover. Cherished aunt of Carole Kosover and Amy (Stephen) Kane. Graveside services were Tuesday in Paramus, NJ. Memorials in her memory to the Art Institute of Chicago, 111 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603, www.artic.edu would be appreciated. For local service information, please call **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Schatte, Jean Nicole

Jean Nicole Schatte, Beloved daughter of Susan Schatte and Edwin Antczak. Loving granddaughter of Dolores Schatte. Adored niece of Richard Schatte, Jerry (Bev) Schatte, and Debbie Schatte. Cherished cousin of many. Visitation Friday 3 - 8 p.m. with service at 7:00 p.m. at the Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home, 4950 W. 79th Street, Burbank, IL. Interment private. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

Robert J.

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Schnabl, Marie B.

Marie B. Schnabl, nee Hevrdejs, formerly of Brookfield, age 97. Beloved wife of the late Joseph C.; loving mother of Barbara (late Eugene) Simpson, Thomas (late Meriam), Christine (Chris) Gilbertsen, Joseph and Patricia (Donald) Martinson; proud grandmother of 15; great-grandmother of 21; dear sister of the late Lillian, Mildred and Edward. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Friday, May 10, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. until time of Chapel Service 12:00 noon. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Memorials to Alzheimer's Association or CSA Scholarship appreciated. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Senno, M.D., Aref Ramez

Aref Ramez Senno, M.D., of Northfield, IL. Beloved husband of Pauline Senno nee Klessig. Loving father of Najah Senno, M.D. (Michael, M.D.) Musacchio, Ramsey Senno, J.D., Mouna Senno, D.V.M., and Aref T. Senno, M.D. Proud grandfather of Gia (11), Michael (9), and Anthony Musacchio (7). Dear brother of Marwan (Yesser) Sinno, Nour (Raifa) Sinno, Maiz

(Rosie) Sinno, Nafez Sinno, Dania Sinno, and the late Houda (the late Mohamed), Walid (the late Zuharia) Sinno, Amal (Mustafa) Khalid. Celebration of Life: Saturday, May 11, 2019, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Hanging Gardens Banquets, 8301 West Belmont, River Grove IL 60171. Visitation will begin at 12:30 p.m. & Memory Sharing will begin at 1:30 p.m. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.

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Smilanich, Sharon G.

Sharon G. Smilanich of LaGrange, IL; beloved wife of Dan for 45 years; devoted mother of Alice (Vladimir) Ilievski; proud grandmother of Kiril and Sephora; fond sister-in-law of Pat (Bob) Roach and Betty "Liz" (late Peter) DeRum; aunt and friend of many. Visitation Friday, May 10 from 8:30am until time of prayers, 9:30am at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Funeral Mass to follow, 10am at St. Cletus Church, LaGrange. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside. Funeral Info: 708-352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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Sobieszczyk, Ann Irene

Ann Irene Sobieszczyk, 84, (nee Chrisanthakis); beloved wife of the late Ronald; devoted mother of Lee (Jill), Maria (Lou) Koszewski, Frank (Charlene) and Francine (Glenn) Grimmenga; cherished grandmother of Katie Sobie, Kristi (Phillip) Arnold, Marissa Koszewski, Faith Koszewski, Michael Koszewski, Frank Sobie, Nicholas Sobie, Lucas Zielinski, Justin Zielinski, Arianna Zielinski, Alexa Sobie, Anna Sobie and the late Lee Sobie and great-grandmother of Riley and Cassidy; loving sister of Bill (Erika) Chrisos, Kathy (the late Dimitri) Papadimas, Joyce (Dimitri) Karvelas and the late Louis (Connie) Chrisos; dearest aunt, cousin and friend to many. Visitation Thursday, May 9, 2019, from 9:30 am until time of funeral service at 10:00 am at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church 2501 S. Wolf Rd., Westchester, IL 60154. Interment will follow to Elmwood Cemetery. Please omit flowers, donations in her memory to Holy Apostles Church appreciated. Arrangements by **Pedersen Ryberg Funeral Home**, www.PedersenRyberg.com or 630-834-1133.

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Srmek, Brian C.

Brian C. Srmek, beloved Husband of Veronica (nee Guajardo). Loving Son of Joan Srmek (nee Guidish) and the late George Srmek. Cherished Son-in-Law of Angel Guajardo and the late Erendida Guajardo. Dear Brother of Denice (Timothy) Gaffney and Bret (Darlene) Srmek. Brother-in-Law of Karla Guajardo. Fond Uncle of Cylia, Reese, Adrian, Emilee, Gavin, and Grant. Funeral Service will be held Friday May 10, 2019 at 10 AM at **FORAN FUNERAL HOME**, 7300 W. Archer Ave. (55th st. just west of Harlem). Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 3 PM to 9 PM. Condolences may be sent to Brian's family on his personal tribute website at www.foranfuneralhome.com. For information 708-458-0208

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Stamos-Logan, Diane

Diane S. Stamos-Logan, age 62, of Dyer, IN passed away on Sunday, May 5, 2019 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. Diane is survived by her husband: Anthony "Tony" Logan; children: Alexandra Logan and Nicholas Logan; parents: Spero and Angie Stamos; brother: Harry Stamos; mother-in-law: Vassilia Logan; godson: Nicholas Dimos; goddaughter: Alyssa Obradovich; Koumbaras: Grace Manous, George and Jeanie Buzvisis, Tom and Pam Dimos; and numerous nieces and nephews. Diane retired from Thornton Heights Terrace Convalescent Home in Chicago Heights, IL where she worked as an Administrative Assistant. She was a member of Ss. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral. Diane graduated from Munster High School. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Purdue University and a Master's Degree from Ball State. Diane was a loving mother and wife. Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2019, at Geisen Funeral & Cremation Services, 7905 Broadway Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410 from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM with a Trisagion Service to be held at 5:00 PM.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, May 10, 2019, at 10:00 AM DIRECTLY at Ss. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 8000 Madison St. Merrillville, IN 46410, with Fr. Ted Poteres and Fr. George Pappas officiating. Interment to follow at Calumet Park Cemetery in Merrillville, IN.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in Diane's name to Ss. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral. Sign Diane's online guestbook and view directions at www.GeisenFuneralHome.com - (219) 769-3322.

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Tatooles, M.D., Constantine John

Constantine John "Dino" Tatooles, M.D. entered Eternal Life on May 7, 2019, a loving father and healer of hearts. Born May 7, 1936 to the late John and Angela (nee Markoutsas) Tatooles. Survived by his wife, Betty Ann (nee Markos); his children Julie (Dr. John) Anastos, Dr. Antone (Laura), Jon (Harriet) and Alexandra; his grandchildren Elizabeth (Ethan) Holmes, Connor Tatooles, Keaton Tatooles, Todd Anastos, Dennis Anastos, Jonathan Anastos, Anne Tatooles, Kevin Tatooles, Julia Tatooles and William Tatooles; his brother James (Didi) Tatooles; his brother-in-law Dennis (Carol) Markos; and many other family members, colleagues and friends. He was a graduate of Saint George High School, Albion College and Loyola's Stritch School of Medicine. He was a pioneer in the field of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery. Family and friends will be received at **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Thursday, May 9, 2019 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Funeral Service Friday 10:00 a.m. at St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church, 733 S. Ashland, Chicago. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to thoracicsurgeryfoundation.org. Arrangements entrusted to Chris J. Balodimas, Director. For further info 708F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

Chris J. Balodimas

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Stauffer, Allen M.

Allen M. Stauffer, beloved husband of the late Lucy nee Pritscher. Loving father of HollyJo Schreck, Allen "Marty", Michael (Holly), Patrick (Maureen) Stauffer, Ann (the late Vince) Shimenetto and Paul (Stacey) Stauffer, devoted grandfather of 16 and great-grandfather of 9. Dear brother of James F. (the late Nora) Stauffer. Visitation, Thursday, May 9 from 3 to 9pm at the John E. Maloney Funeral Home, 1359 W. Devon Avenue, Chicago. Funeral Mass will be Friday, 10am at St. Margaret Mary Church, 2324 W. Chase, Chicago, interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions to Misericordia, 6300 N. Ridge, Chicago, 60660 appreciated, funeral info: (773)-764-1617

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Stech, Dorothy A.

Dorothy A. Stech, nee Wagner, age 89, of Aurora, IL, passed away on Monday, May 6, 2019. She was born April 7, 1930 in Chicago, IL. Loving wife of the late Donald Stech; beloved mother to; Don (Holly), David (Gail), Bill (Ann), the late Jeff, Rebecca Stech, and Mary (Gregg) Olson; cherished grandmother to; Greg, Ben, Carl, Timothy, Jeremy, Daniel, the late Josh, Daniella, Gabriella, and Ethan; great-grandchildren, Titus and Virginia. Fond sister to Jim, Irene, and the late Henry, the late Larry, the late Ed, the late Gladys, and the late Eleanor. Memorial visitation will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes and Crematory 24021 Royal Worlington Dr. Naperville, IL. Funeral Mass, Friday, May 10, 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, 701 S. Eola Road, Aurora, IL 60504. Private interment at St. Mary Cemetery in Evergreen Park, IL. Memorials in Dorothy's name can be made to Alzheimer's Association, Parkinson's Foundation, or American Heart Association. For info: 630-922-9630 or www.beidelmankunschfh.com

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Stuert, Carroll L.

Carroll L. Stuertz, age 87 of Plainfield, IL., passed away Saturday April 6, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Herbert Stuertz; loving mother of Gary (Donna) Stuertz, Linda Stuertz and Sue (James) Frieden; devoted grandmother of Eric (Natalie), Keith, Amy (John), Kimberly and Katherine and great-grandmother of Joseph. Memorial visitation will be held on Saturday May 11, 2019 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at **Anderson Memorial Chapel** 606 Townhall Dr. with memorial service beginning at 12:00 p.m. Service concludes at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorials to the American Heart Association would be appreciated. For information 815-886-2323. www.andersonmemorialhomes.com

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Swiatek, Henry P.

Henry P. Swiatek, 97, of Schaumburg passed away peacefully May 4, 2019, at home with his loving family by his side. Henry was a proud WWII Army Veteran and Purple Heart recipient. Adoring husband of 70 years to Dorothy (nee Jeczala); loving father of Dennis (Joyce) and Sandra (William) Norman; fond grandfather of Jeffrey (Jandaira) Norman and Michael D. (Lauren) Norman; proud great-grandfather of Michael H. Norman; dear brother of the late Harry and the late Marian Stevens; beloved uncle to many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thurs., May 9 3:00-8:00pm at Michaels Funeral Home, 800 S. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg. Funeral Services Fri., May 10 beginning with prayers at 9:15am at the funeral home to 10:00am Funeral Mass at St. Hubert Church, Hoffman Estates. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery, Niles. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Henry's name to the Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, www.mercyhome.org and click "Donate". For information 847-891-2900 or www.michaelsfh.com.

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Tanis, Ralph E.

Ralph Tanis was born in Chicago to Helen and Richard Tanis on January 2, 1931. Over the next 88 years he grew to be a dedicated son, loving husband to Joanne (nee Borgaard), outstanding provider and role model to three sons and a daughter; Rick (Claudia), Carlene (Ed McGill), Dan (Debbie), Roger (Cindy), eight grandchildren; Lauren, Mark, Lisa, Stacey, Jackie, Danny, Emily and Allie and three great-grandchildren; Jordan, Eva and Elizabeth. The biggest love of his life was his family and the ripples travel strongly through all of his family that he has left behind. His second love was aviation; as a teenager he saved all his money, paid for flying lessons and soloed in a Piper Vagabond at the age of 17. Forty years later, he had a chance to finish that dream, buy his own airplane and finally get his pilot's license. At the age of 88, he was re-licensed as the oldest FAA certified inspector (IA #1333040) in the country. He loved the relationships around the airport as much as he loved airplanes.

Along the way, he served proudly in the US Air Force during the Korean War, was a 50 year member of IBEW Local #134 and became an incredibly talented artist in stained glass and a variety of other mediums. His final flight left on Friday afternoon, May 3rd, surrounded by family, love, sacred music and the presence of God. The family gives their thanks to the "Dream Team" of compassionate caregivers and everyone else who selflessly made his last wishes true in the last few months. Anyone who was a family member or friend of Ralph's was fortunate to be part of this incredible man's life.

A celebration of life service will be held 11:00 am Saturday, May 11th at Zion Lutheran Church, 17100 S 69th Ave, Tinley Park.

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Tanis, Ralph E.

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Along the way, he served proudly in the US Air Force during the Korean War, was a 50 year member of IBEW Local #134 and became an incredibly talented artist in stained glass and a variety of other mediums. His final flight left on Friday afternoon, May 3rd, surrounded by family, love, sacred music and the presence of God. The family gives their thanks to the "Dream Team" of compassionate caregivers and everyone else who selflessly made his last wishes true in the last few months. Anyone who was a family member or friend of Ralph's was fortunate to be part of this incredible man's life.

A celebration of life service will be held 11:00 am Saturday, May 11th at Zion Lutheran Church, 17100 S 69th Ave, Tinley Park.

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Vitale, Dan M.

Dan M. Vitale age 80 of Bloomingdale, veteran of the U.S.M.C. and 40 year employee of Motorola; beloved husband and best friend of Elaine; devoted father of Louise (Rich) Michaels, Dan (Lisa) and Mark (Heather) Vitale; cherished grandfather of Richard (Kim), Erica (Griffin), Stephanie, Danny (Caley, July 2019), Tommy, Scott, Julia, Michael,

Matthew and Mitchell; dear brother of the late Matthew, the late Rosie, the late Angeline and the late Louise and dear uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Friday, family and friends are asked to gather 8:30 a.m. at **Salerno's Rosedale Chapels** 450 W. Lake St. Roselle, IL 60172 (3/4 mile west of Bloomingdale/ Roselle Rd.) to St. Philip the Apostle Church. Mass 9:30 a.m. Entombment Private. Visitation Thursday 3:00-8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. For info 630-889-1700 or www.salernofuneralhomes.com

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Wagner, Susan C.

(nee Barker). Loving mother of Matthew M. Wagner. Devoted daughter of Charles & Carol (nee Walker). Dear sister of Jane (Allen) Jung & the late Dennis (Kathi) Barker. Kind aunt of many nieces & nephews. Cherished friend of Julio Pimentel. Longtime employee of South Chicago & Palos Health Hospitals and dedicated volunteer for the Palos Health WAGS Therapy program with her beloved dog "Prince". Visitation Thursday, May 9th from 3 until 8 p.m. Chapel prayers Friday, May 10th, 9:15 a.m. at the **KERRY FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION CARE CENTER**, 7020 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights proceeding to Our Lady of the Ridge Church in Chicago Ridge, Mass 10:00 a.m. Entombment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Matthew M. Wagner Discretionary Supplemental Care Trust would be appreciated. www.kerryfh.com - (708) 361.4235 - www.facebook.com/kerryfuneral

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Watkinson, Patricia

Patricia "Poppy" Ruth (nee Besterfield) Watkinson 73, beloved wife of James, loving mother of Kenneth (Doreen), Jeffrey (Jordan), Laura (Giovanni) Restrepo, the late Valerie (Trevor) Dreyer, grandmother of Christopher, Jessica, Ryan, Parker, Alexander, Jonathan, Brianna, Brady, Evelyn, great grandmother of Theodore, niece of Kathryn Gersch, sister of Diane (Michael) Olson, aunt of Frank (Jade) Falcone and many nieces and nephews, daughter of the late Ruth Moresi, sister of the late Gerald and George (Lori) Besterfield. Visitation 10-11 AM Friday at St. Mary of the Annunciation Church 22333 West Erhardt Rd. Mundelevin. Mass is 11 AM. Memorials to Gift of Hope at <https://www.giftofhope.org/> monetary-donations/ For information visit www.kristanfuneralhome.com or call 847-566-8020.

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Whisler, Grace

Grace L. Whisler (nee Lange), 100, formerly of Deerfield, passed away peacefully May 7, 2019. She was born December 26, 2018 to Claude and Elsie Lange. Preceded in death by her beloved husband of 72 years, Charles, her son Gary (Sandy Blandford) and her daughter Gail (Roger Lee) O'Donnell; loving mother of William C. Whisler and Chuck

(Karen) Whisler; grandmother of William Whisler, Matthew (Gina) Whisler, Colin (Rachel) O'Donnell, Anne O'Donnell (Ben Schmidt), Patrick, Whisler, Colleen (Mark) Braternitz, Kenny, Luke, and Jack Whisler; great-grandmother of Skylar, Willow, Laynie, & Lilah Whisler; Francesca & Nicholas O'Donnell; Henry Schmidt. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2019 4:00 pm at Christ United Methodist Church of Deerfield, 600 Deerfield Rd, Deerfield, IL 60015. Donations can be made in her honor to Christ United Methodist Church of Deerfield. For info or directions please contact **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home** at 847-831-4260 or www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com

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NOTICE INVITATION TO BID TO METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO
 Sealed proposals, endorsed as below, will be deposited in the sealed bid depository located in the lobby of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Administration Building, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, from the date of the Invitation to Bid, up to 11:00 A.M. on the bid opening date, and will be opened publicly by the Director of Procurement and Materials Management or her designee at 11:00 A.M. on the stated bid opening date below for:

CONTRACT 17-842-3H
MODIFICATIONS TO TARP CONTROL STRUCTURES AND DROP SHAFTS, STICKNEY SERVICE AREA (SSA) AND CALUMET SERVICE AREA (CSA), COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 Document Fee: \$100.00 (Non-refundable, in the form of cashier's check, certified check or money order payable to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District)
 Estimated Cost: \$2,000,000.00 - \$2,400,000.00 Bid Deposit: \$120,000.00
 Mandatory Pre-Bid Site Walk-Through: Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at 9 AM CDT, Racine Avenue Pumping Station, 3838 So Racine Ave, Chicago
 Mandatory Technical Pre-Bid Conference: Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at 11 AM CDT, Stickney WRP, 6001 W Pershing Rd, Main Office Bldg #185, Bldg & Grounds Conference Rm #A266, Stickney, Illinois
 Any contract or contracts awarded under this invitation for bids are expected to be funded in part by a loan from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA). Neither the State of Illinois nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees is or will be a party to this invitation for bids or any resulting contract. The procurement is subject to regulations contained in the IEPA loan program rules, the Davis-Bacon Act (40 USC 276a through 276a-5), the Employment of Ill. Workers on Public Works Act and DBE Policy per 40 CFR Part 33, as amended, and the "Use of American Iron and Steel" requirements as contained in Section 436 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014. This procurement is also subject to the District's policy regarding the increased use of small, minority, and women's business. The District's policy requires all bidders to undertake specified affirmative efforts at least fifteen (15) days prior to the day of the bid opening. The policy is contained in the specifications. Bidders are also required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in 41 CFR 60-4. Federal Regulations regarding labor standards, the Copeland Anti-Kickback Act, equal employment opportunity and access to work shall be in effect. These regulations appear in Appendices B and I in the Contract Documents and form a part thereof. The Bidder must execute Grant Forms Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 in the appropriate place in Appendix B as part of the Proposal. **Any Proposal submitted without being accompanied by the executed Grant Forms Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be rejected as non-responsive.** The Bidder shall specifically take note of Section 7, "Certification," of Appendix I regarding non-collusion requirements, and shall comply with same.
Bid Opening: July 16, 2019
 Compliance with the District's Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D, Appendix C, Appendix V and the Multi-Project Labor Agreement are required on this Contract.

CONTRACT 19-601-11
FURNISHING AND DELIVERING CHAIN, SPROCKETS AND APPURTENANCES TO VARIOUS SERVICE AREAS
 Estimated Cost: Group A: \$207,270.00 Bid Deposit: Group A: \$10,300.00
 Estimated Cost: Group B: \$104,400.00 Bid Deposit: Group B: \$5,200.00
 Estimated Cost: Group C: \$311,670.00 Bid Deposit: Group C: \$15,500.00
Bid Opening: June 4, 2019

CONTRACT 19-654-11
FURNISH AND DELIVER PARTS AND REPAIR SERVICES FOR SLUICE GATE VALVE ACTUATORS
 Estimated Cost: \$444,000.00 Bid Deposit: \$22,000.00
 Mandatory Technical Pre-Bid Conference: Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at 11 AM CDT, Stickney WRP, 6001 W Pershing Rd, Office Building #185, Conference Room #A266, Cicero, Illinois
Bid Opening: June 4, 2019
 Compliance with the District's Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D, Appendix C and the Multi-Project Labor Agreement are required on this Contract.

The above is an abbreviated version of the Notice - Invitation to Bid. A full version which includes a brief description of the project and/or service can be found on the District's website, www.mwrd.org; click the Contracts and Proposals quick link on the District's Home page. Go to Contracts Being Currently Advertised and click for further information.
 Specifications, proposal forms and/or plans may be obtained from the Department of Procurement & Materials Management, Room 508, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, Monday - Friday, between 8:45 A.M. and 4:15 P.M. Documents, unless stated above to the contrary, will be mailed in response to a fax request (312/751-3042). The vendor may also download specifications, proposal forms and/or plans online from the District's website, www.mwrd.org. No fee is required for the contract documents unless stated above.
 All Contracts for the Construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1-et seq.), where it is stated in the Invitation to Bid Page.
The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals if deemed in the public's best interest.
 Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
 By Darlene A. LoCascio
 Director of Procurement and Materials Management
 Chicago, Illinois
 May 8, 2019

ASSUMED NAMES

Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in relation To the use of an Assumed Business Name in the State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County File No. **Y19001057** on the Date: **April 9, 2019** Under the Assumed Name of: **Jada Fashion & Wireless** with the business located at: **4545 W Division St Local E 5-6 Chicago, IL, 60651** The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **Liliana Mendez Sandoval 2242 S Drake Chicago, IL, 60623**

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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 Jemela Foots

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Etavia Aguirre (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA00284**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Javonte Oliphant (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom it May Concern**, that on **March 26, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Bernard Sarley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **05/29/2019** at **10:30 AM** in CALENDAR **9** COURTROOM **1**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS **May 8, 2019**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Mariah Goodall Timothy Butler

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Sade Goodall (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **16JA00947 17JA00052**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Sade Goodall (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom it May Concern**, that on **February 14, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Nicholas Geanopoulos** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **05/29/2019** at **11:00 AM** in CALENDAR **17** COURTROOM **K**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Tayvon Goodall

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Sade Goodall (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **16JA00946**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Timothy Butler, Sr (Father)**, AKA **Timothy Butler and Sade Goodall (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom it May Concern**, that on **February 14, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Nicholas Geanopoulos** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **05/29/2019**, at **11:00 AM** in CALENDAR **17** COURTROOM **K**, 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 8, 2019**

LEGAL NOTICES

BUDGET NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING IS HEREBY GIVEN

By the Governing Commission (the "Commission") of the Southwest Home Equity Assurance Program of Chicago, Illinois ("the Program") that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for the Program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 will be on file and conveniently available for public inspection at the Southwest Home Equity Assurance Program office, 5334 W. 65th St., Chicago, Illinois, from and after 12:00 noon on the 14th day of May 2019.

NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN That a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 6:30 P.M. on the 10th day of June, 2019 at the Southwest Home Equity Assurance Program office, 5334 W. 65th St., Chicago, Illinois within the program area. Dated the 14th day of May, 2019, Governing Commission of the Southwest Home Equity Program of the Southwest Side of Chicago, Illinois.

Ray Nice
 Chairman

NOTICE TO CMS CERTIFIED DISADVANTAGED BUSINESSES

Notice to CMS Certified Minority, Female, and Persons with Disabilities owned firms. Vessering Construction Company, 175 Benchmark Industrial Dr., Streator, IL 61364, Phone: (815)673-5511 Fax: (815)672-0573, is seeking qualified CMS certified minority, female & persons with disability owned firms for the various improvements - Illinois Department of Transportation, District 1 Naperville Maintenance Yard. Subcontracting opportunities are in the following areas: Demolition, Earthwork, Concrete, Misc. Metals, Man Doors, Overhead Doors, Drywall, Painting, Engineered Building and Trucking. All interested CMS certified Minority, Female and Persons with Disability owned firms should contact Tom Jones, IN WRITING (certified letter, return receipt requested) to discuss the subcontracting opportunities. All negotiations must be completed prior to the bid on Wednesday May 22, 2018 @ 9:30 AM. All bids received will be reviewed for compliance with the contract documents and awarded to the lowest responsive bidder meeting these requirements. A copy of the firms CMS Certification Approval Letter must accompany their bid.

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Engineering Draftsman II (Original)

Application Filing Period: April 12, 2019 through July 5, 2019. **Examination Date:** July 27, 2019 at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of Engineering Draftsman II practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under general supervision, prepares multi-discipline engineering drawings used for contract bidding and construction using computer aided drafting and design (CADD) tools. **Pay:** \$59,237.62 per year

Senior Environmental Research Technician (Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: April 26, 2019 through May 31, 2019. **Examination Date:** June 15, 2019 at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of senior environmental research technician practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under supervision, performs a variety of technical duties associated with the collection and analysis of field and laboratory data. Provides general oversight of field and lab activities related to wastewater, surface water monitoring, biosolids processing and soil science. **Pay:** \$67,032.16 per year

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Engineering Technician IV (Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: May 3, 2019 through May 31, 2019. **Examination Date:** June 22, 2019 at North Chicago College Preparatory High School, 5501 North Kedzie, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of Engineering Technician IV practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under supervision, performs beginning sub-professional engineering work in connection with surveys, design, maintenance, construction, inspection, and testing to ensure conformity to plans and specifications and the reliability and integrity of existing systems and structures. **Pay:** \$59,237.62 per year

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F18120088 PNC IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHANCERY DIVISION Deutsche Bank National Trust Company As trustee for Morgan Stanley Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-SAR Plaintiff, vs. Denise B. Sztuk aka Denise Sztuk; Gold Coast Galleria Condominium Association, Gold Coast Galleria Garage Condominium Association; John F. Cloutier aka John Francis Cloutier, as Trustee of the 111 W. Maple Trust dated 10/23/2013; Unknown Beneficiaries under the 111 W. Maple Trust dated 10/23/2013; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. CA# NO. 19 CH 10653111 West Maple Street, Unit 1309 and 6483 Chicago, Illinois 60610 Clearly Calendar 63 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Denise B. Sztuk aka Denise Sztuk, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: PARCEL 1: UNIT NO. 1309 IN THE GOLD COAST GALLERIA CONDOMINIUM AS DELINEATED ON A SURVEY OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE: PARTS OF LOTS IN FAY'S SUBDIVISION OF COOK COUNTY IN BUSHNELL'S ADDITION TO CHICAGO, IN THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; WHICH SURVEY IS ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT "A" TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 08139816; TOGETHER WITH ITS UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS, ALL IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PARCEL 2: UNIT NO. 683 IN THE GOLD COAST GALLERIA CONDOMINIUM AS DELINEATED ON A SURVEY OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE: PARTS OF LOTS IN FAY'S SUBDIVISION OF COOK COUNTY IN BUSHNELL'S ADDITION TO CHICAGO IN THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; WHICH SURVEY IS ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT "A" TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 08139817; TOGETHER WITH ITS UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS, ALL IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PARCEL 3: EASEMENTS FOR SUPPORT, ENTRY, INGRESS AND EGRESS, USE AND ENJOYMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF PARCELS 1 AND 2 AS TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM AS EASEMENTS RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 08139815. P.I.N.: 17-04-422-039-1256; 17-04-422-040-1018 Said property is commonly known as 111 West Maple Street, Unit 1309 and 6483, Chicago, Illinois 60610, and which said mortgages/was/were made by Denise B. Sztuk and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0515205179 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the law court against you as provided by above and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before May 20, 2019, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/fac/gethelp.asp. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Steven C. Lindberg, Annelise LINDBERG & ASSOCIATES LLC 11771 W. Diehl Rd., Ste 120 Naperville, IL 60563-4947 630-453-6960 / 866-402-8661 / 630-453-6960 FAX: 630-453-6960 CO. NO. 58852, DuPage 293191, Kane 031-26104, Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL 03126232 lpleading@annselmollindberg.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR. Pub: 4/19, 26, 5/3/2019 6243808

MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker, Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR LEHMAN MORTGAGE TRUST MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-1, Plaintiff v. CHRISTIE CAPELAYE, AKA CHRISTIE A. CAPELAYE, COUNTRYSIDE BANK AND STATE BANK COUNTRYSIDE, A BANKING CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF A CERTAIN TRUST AGREEMENT, DATED THE 20TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2008 AND KNOWN AS TRUST NUMBER 628-2059 COUNTRYSIDE BANK, FKA STATE BANK OF COUNTRYSIDE U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; DCF5 USA LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Case No. 2019CH03351 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Christie Capelaye, AKA Christie A. Capelaye, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: Lot 8 (excepting there from that part thereof described as follows: commencing at the northeast corner of said lot at a point of beginning; thence along the north line of said lot, a distance of 39.12 feet to a point on a curve to the right having a radius of 5604.58 feet, the tangent to said curve at the intersection with the north line forming an angle of 90 degrees, 37 minutes, 00 seconds in the north-east quadrant of their intersection; thence southeasterly along said Tangent line, a distance of 15.49 feet to a point on the south line of said lot, the last described line extended forming an angle of 90 degrees, 33 minutes, 00 seconds with the south line of said lot in the southeast quadrant of their intersection; thence 39.24 feet east along the south line of said lot to the southeast lot corner; thence north 130 feet along the east line of said lot to the point of beginning) in block 2 in the "WOODS OF HINSDALE, ILLINOIS, being a subdivision of the southwest 1/4 of section 7, township 38 north, range 12, east of the third principal meridian, in cook county, Illinois excepting therefrom the west 1312.4 feet of the north 718.2 feet of said southwest 1/4, in cook county, Illinois, 655 Harding Road, Hinsdale, IL 60521 18-07-301-008-0000 Now, therefore, unless you, Christie Capelaye, AKA Christie A. Capelaye, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before May 20, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/fac/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of the Court, Shanna L. Bacher, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 HOLE ACQUISITIONS, INC. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: April 30, 2019 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 5/6, 7, 8/2019 6267993

TAKE NOTICES

TO: YANLING P KANG; CHUN LUO; PHILIP KANG; EDWARD ZAHNE; OCCUPANT, 1110 DELL RD, NORTHBROOK, IL 60062; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk, Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000868 FILED: April 22, 2019 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 3, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S): 15-0001669 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 1110 DELL RD., NORTHBROOK, IL 60062 Legal Description or Property Index No(S): 04-11-222-047-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on October 22, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before October 22, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on October 30, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before October 22, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 HOLE ACQUISITIONS, INC. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: April 23, 2019 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 5/6, 7, 8/2019 6265579

TO: STEVEN ROTH; MARTIN S. LEVIN; LYNN M. LEVIN; ELIEZER M. KALMAN; HEIDI KALMAN; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (MERS) MIN N 10192638002194789, C/O GENPACT REGISTERED AGENT INC. (RA); GUARANTEED RATE, INC., C/O ILLINOIS CORPORATION SERVICE CO. (RA); GUARANTEED RATE, INC.; LOAN CARE, LLC, C/O C T CORPORATION SYSTEMS (RA); BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. SUSSORRO, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 HOLE ACQUISITIONS, INC. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 HOLE ACQUISITIONS, INC. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: April 23, 2019 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 5/6, 7, 8/2019 6265579

TO: MINNA PROPERTIES, LLC; MINNA PROPERTIES, LLC, C/O ARIE WEISSBERG (RA); HOMERARD RESIDENTIAL, INC. SUCCESSOR TO ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC, C/O C T CORPORATION SYSTEM (RA); GUILLERMO MARQUEZ A/K/A GUILLERMO MARQUEZ; CLARA MARQUEZ; ANGEL FLORES-MARQUEZ; A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK, Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000970 FILED: April 30, 2019 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 5, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S): 15-0006643 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 2146 N. MULLIGAN AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(S): 13-32-116-025-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on October 30, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before October 30, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on November 13, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before October 30, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 HOLE ACQUISITIONS, INC. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: April 30, 2019 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 5/6, 7, 8/2019 6267993

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TO: OLANDER INC; STANN ENTERPRISES, INC.; C/O THE PRENTICE-HALL CORPORATION SYSTEMS, INC.; STANN ENTERPRISES, INC.; STANN ENTERPRISES, INC., C/O SARA JEAN STANN (SEC); SARA JEAN STANN; CHRISTOPHER STANN; SUSAN STANN; MASUDA FUNAI; DAVE GOLDBERG; MAX KELLY; LYDIA KWON; JESSICA WINEKE; OCCUPANT, 1920 N SEDGWICK ST, FL 1, CHICAGO, IL 60614; OCCUPANT, 1920 N SEDGWICK ST, FL 2, CHICAGO, IL 60614; OCCUPANT, 1920 N SEDGWICK ST, FL 3, CHICAGO, IL 60614; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000942 FILED: April 26, 2019 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 6, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S): 15-0009072 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 1920 N. SEDGWICK ST., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(S): 14-33-307-038-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on October 25, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before October 25, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on November 6, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before October 25, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 HOLE ACQUISITIONS, INC. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: April 29, 2019 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 5/6, 7, 8/2019 6265537

TO: FASONTI HAMPTON, ILLINOIS HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES CHLD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT COLLECTION AND RECOVERY UNIT ILLINOIS HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES; ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL; STATE OF ILLINOIS, C/O DEPT OF REVENUE; ILLINOIS DEPT. OF REVENUE; LIEN UNIT; OCCUPANT, 511 S 6TH AVE, MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS 60153; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK, Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000964 FILED: April 30, 2019 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 4, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S): 15-0002155 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 511 S. 6TH AVE., MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(S): 15-11-327-004-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on October 30, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before October 30, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on November 13, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before October 30, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 HOLE ACQUISITIONS, INC. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: April 30, 2019 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 5/6, 7, 8/2019 6267993

TO: TING FONG CHOW; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO MELROSE PARK NATIONAL BANK, AS TRUSTEE U/T/A DATED 4/21/1983 AND KNOWN AS TRUST NO. 5485, C/O C T CORPORATION SYSTEM (RA); CHUK YEE CHONG (RA); JAMES S. DANIELLY; TIMOTHY WYSSOCKI; OCCUPANT, 1010 LATHROP AVE, APT 1, FOREST PARK, IL 60130; OCCUPANT, 1010 LATHROP AVE, APT 2, FOREST PARK, IL 60130; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK, Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000965 FILED: April 30, 2019 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 4, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S): 15-0002185 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 1010 LATHROP AVE., FOREST PARK, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(S): 15-13-416-047-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on October 30, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before October 30, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on November 13, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before October 30, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 HOLE ACQUISITIONS, INC. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: April 30, 2019 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 5/6, 7, 8/2019 6267943

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TO: ARLENE GRANDBERY; MICHAEL O'DONNELL; NIKITA BAILEY; ANIAH BLUNTSON; ISAMAH BLUNTSON; WYETTE BLUNTSON; LENORA DENNIS; KIMBERLY HARRIS; OCCUPANT, 2030 S 4TH AVE, MAYWOOD, IL 60153; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000967 FILED: April 30, 2019 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 4, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S): 15-0002205 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 2030 S. 4TH AVE., MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(S): 15-14-320-023-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on October 30, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before October 30, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on November 13, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before October 30, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 HOLE ACQUISITIONS, INC. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: April 29, 2019 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 5/6, 7, 8/2019 6267950

TO: VERGIA M. ANDERSON; GILAD ITZHAKI; VERTRESE ANDERSON; MAE YANK; PAAMELA BUTLER; JAVARYOUS HAPPER; OCCUPANT, 1204 S 16TH AVE, UNIT A, MAYWOOD, IL 60153; JAMESON REAL ESTATE LLC D/B/A JAMES SOTHEBY'S INTERNATIONAL REALTY, C/O MS REGISTERED AGENT SVS INC (RA); KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK, Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000966 FILED: April 30, 2019 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 1, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S): 15-0002225 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 1204 S. 16TH AVE., UNIT A, MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(S): 15-15-209-035-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on October 30, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before October 30, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on November 6, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before October 30, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 HOLE ACQUISITIONS, INC. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: April 30, 2019 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 5/6, 7, 8/2019 6267958

TO: CUAUHEMOC MENA ROMAN; OCCUPANT, 1201 S 17TH AVE, UNIT B, MAYWOOD, IL 60153; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK, Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000968 FILED: April 30, 2019 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 6, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S): 15-0002227 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 1201 S. 17TH AVE., UNIT B, MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(S): 15-15-209-056-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on October 30, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before October 30, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on November 13, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before October 30, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 HOLE ACQUISITIONS, INC. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: April 30, 2019 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 5/6, 7, 8/2019 6267963

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—Taylor Davis, Cubs backup catcher

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Cubs backup catcher Taylor Davis celebrates in the dugout after hitting a game-tying grand slam in the fourth inning of Saturday’s victory over the Cardinals at Wrigley Field.

CUBS

Lunch-bucket hero

Cubs starters putting to rest idea of needing great deal of it

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

With only one day off between now and May 30, the Cubs’ starting rotation is happy to provide more quantity to their quality work.

“We prefer pitching every five days,” said Kyle Hendricks, who will pitch on four days’ rest for the first time this season when he faces the Marlins on Wednesday night. “I think every guy on this staff would prefer that.”

“When you get an (extra) day, you can use it to your advantage. It’s definitely not bad, but when you get going on a weekly basis, that’s when it can get tougher. You can lose some feel, so I think I prefer pitching every fifth day.”

“We can also deal pitching

every sixth day.”

Hendricks is coming off a four-hit, complete-game shutout Friday against the National League Central rival Cardinals. But he has a 4.42 ERA when pitching on six days’ rest or more in three starts this season, compared to a 3.38 ERA on five days’ rest in three starts.

“From my experience, when I pitch every week, I do start to lose a little feel,” Hendricks said. “So I was surprised at my last start with my fastball command.”

“But we’ve done that a lot, so you learn how to use those extra days to your advantage, whether it’s an extra (bullpen session) or extra throwing to keep that feel. But pitching every fifth day is

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CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Cubs starter Jon Lester delivers a pitch to a Marlins batter Tuesday night at Wrigley Field.

WHITE SOX 2, INDIANS 0: Lucas Giolito throws eight shutout innings and strikes out eight. Catcher James McCann continues his hot streak with an RBI single. **Page 3**

Cubs everyman Taylor Davis looks like us but hits like them

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN
Chicago Tribune

Matt Davis answered the phone Monday at his office in Jupiter, Fla.

“Let me close the door,” he said. Yes, this could take a while. The topic of conversation: His son Taylor, an overnight sensation 20 years in the making.

Matt and wife Julia debated coming to Wrigley Field for Saturday’s game. Taylor had given them a one-day heads-up that he would be catching Yu Darvish for the Cubs against the Cardinals so Willson Contreras could rest. They decided to stay home, wanting to be in a room of two, not a ballpark of 39,601.

“We pulled the shades,” Matt said. “Turned the phones off.”

Matt knows the game, having

played outfield at Wright State in Ohio. With the Cubs down 5-1 in the fourth and two runners on, he predicted to Julia that Albert Almora would drag a bunt to try to load the bases. Almora did but got thrown out.

The Cardinals then intentionally walked Kyle Schwarber to set up a double play. It was the obvious move, right? Just look at the Cubs’ third-string catcher.

Amid a clubhouse of Under Armour mannequin physiques (Kris Bryant, Jason Heyward), Davis is built like a tree stump and looks like he just walked off a construction site. You could stash sunflower seeds in his beard.

Matt recalls the scouts who snickered at the “short, fat kid” and told Taylor, “With your body

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Post-Butler Bulls’ aim: Mimic Pacers

If LaVine, Markkanen step up, kids develop, title window could open

The Bulls know a little something about serious injuries torpedoing playoff runs.

That’s not all they have in common with the Pacers, who are watching the second round of the NBA playoffs after getting swept by the Celtics while playing without Victor Oladipo. The All-NBA guard suffered a ruptured right quadriceps tendon in January, and the Pacers have set no timetable for his return.

But this isn’t about Derrick Rose, without whom the Bulls futilely tried to navigate the 2012 and 2013 playoffs after Rose



K.C. JOHNSON
On the Bulls

suffered a torn left ACL and torn right meniscus. This is about Jimmy Butler.

In the 2017 offseason, the Bulls traded Butler two weeks before the Pacers traded their franchise superstar, Paul George. Monitoring the two rebuilds and the different routes the teams have taken is what constitutes a post-season sport now for Bulls fans.

Either that or watching Butler

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average 27 points and 10 rebounds in the last three games of the 76ers’ playoff series with the Raptors.

Butler, who forced his way out of Minnesota with a trade request 17 months after the Bulls dealt him to the Timberwolves, is chasing a championship with the 76ers. The Pacers and Bulls, who have rebuilt in different styles,

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Victor Oladipo (4) was playing like a star before his leg injury. Bulls Zach LaVine, center, and Lauri Markkanen (24) must make similar leaps.

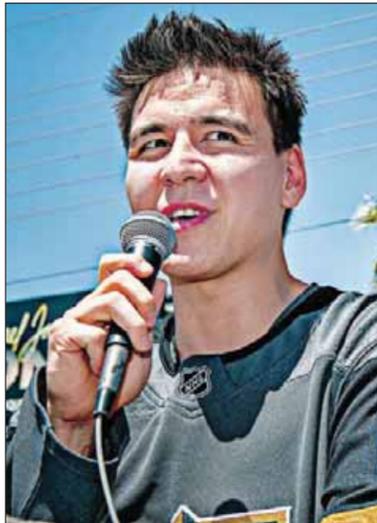
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PHIL ROSENTHAL

TV habits shaped Holzhauer

So “Jeopardy!” champion James Holzhauer is human after all. A Cubs trivia question flummoxed Holzhauer, a fan of the team who wore a replica jersey during his appearance Tuesday on MLB Network’s “MLB Now.” No other “Jeopardy!” player has won as much as fast as Holzhauer, 34, who has earned \$1,691,008 in 22 successive wins. Yet his run of victories — taped earlier this year — has been interrupted on air by the quiz show’s annual teachers tournament. A professional gambler who graduated from Naperville North and the University of Illinois, Holzhauer won’t be seen resuming his chase of record holder Ken Jennings’ mark of 74 straight victories on Chicago’s ABC-7 until May 20. He reflected during his “MLB Now” appearance on what his analytics-driven approach to “Jeopardy!” and baseball’s strategic embrace of sabermetrics have in common. He also plugged Naperville’s public library, where he said he checked out many children’s books to help broaden the general knowledge he has parlayed into the second-longest “Jeopardy!” winning streak. Here are five takeaways from his “MLB Now” appearance:

- 1. Holzhauer eventually got the trivia question that appeared to stump him, but it was a rough ride, so to speak.** Host Brian Kenny presented Holzhauer with two Cubs trivia kernels in “Jeopardy!” fashion for the quiz-show sensation to answer in the form of a question. The first, under the heading “Before & After,” he aced without a problem: Cubs player to lead Major League Baseball in slugging percentage in 2005 and Ryne Sandberg’s first Cubs manager. The correct question from Holzhauer: What is Derrek Lee Elia? (Although Holzhauer pronounced “Elia” closer to “Ellia.”) The second, under “Presidential Cubs,” proved trickier. The answer: One-time Cubs lefty named for the 26th president. “I would think the answer would be Grover Cleveland Alexander, but Grover



CAROLINE BREHMAN/AP

“Jeopardy!” champion and Naperville native James Holzhauer appeared Tuesday on MLB Network’s “MLB Now.”

- 2. Holzhauer owes baseball a debt. Not literally, of course.** Turns out bookmakers were slow to avail themselves of analytical data when calculating odds for MLB bets, so stat-heads like Holzhauer could crunch the numbers and make a killing for a time. “When I got started, baseball was really the best game in town,” Holzhauer said. “(Odds-makers) were making some big mistakes, especially in the futures markets,
- 3. Chicago TV made Holzhauer who he is today.** “I like to say my whole life path was shaped by when I came home from school as a kid,” he told Kenny. “I had a couple hours with the TV when my dad was still at work. “In Chicagoland they had afternoon ‘Jeopardy!’ and afternoon Cubs games when they were at home, so that was basically what I would watch and it’s what got me interested in ‘Jeopardy!’ and sports statistics at an early age.”
- 4. Here’s the quote for the U. of I. alumni magazine that should make the faculty feel good.** “I went to the University of Illinois and have a degree in math, but it’s really correct to say I majored in online poker there,” Holzhauer said. “I played a lot of online poker there and ran a poker strategy website, and that helped me build my initial bankroll to start sports betting with.”
- 5. His “Jeopardy!” strategy of going for high-value answers first to build a pile of cash and betting heavily on daily doubles is rooted in the same value-oriented approach Bill James first took to baseball.** “I owe a hat tip to Bill James,” Holzhauer said. “He really never accepted maxims like ‘Pitching is 75 percent of the game.’ He actually went and looked and said, ‘This is what helped teams win.’ “I kind of didn’t look at anyone else’s strategy for ‘Jeopardy!’ I thought, I’m going to build this from the ground up ... If I had never seen a ‘Jeopardy!’ game played before, what would I have to do to play it to maximize my winnings, maximize my chances of winning?”

pricing the long shots incorrectly — and that was how I got a big enough bankroll to play with.” Alas, the loopholes for baseball have closed since then, he said.

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LET’S PLAY 2

	Wednesday Marlins 7:05 p.m. WGN-9	Thursday Marlins 1:20 p.m. NBCSCH
	Wednesday @Indians 5:10 p.m. NBCSCH	Thursday @Indians 12:10 p.m. WGN-9
	Wednesday Revolution 7 p.m. ESPN+	Saturday Minnesota 7 p.m. ESPN+

WEDNESDAY ON TV/RADIO

MLB		
Noon Nationals at Brewers		MLBN
3 p.m. Mets at Padres		MLBN
5 p.m. White Sox at Indians		NBCSCH WGN-AM 720
6 p.m. Mariners at Yankees		ESPN
7 p.m. Marlins at Cubs		WGN-9 WSCR-AM 670
9 p.m. Braves at Dodgers		MLBN
COLLEGE BASEBALL		
5:30 p.m. Wright St. at Ohio St.		BTN
NBA		
7 p.m. Celtics at Bucks		TNT
9:30 p.m. Rockets at Warriors		TNT
GOLF		
5:30 a.m. (Thu.) British Masters		Golf
NHL		
8 p.m. Avalanche at Sharks		NBCSN
SOCCER		
2 p.m. Ajax vs. Tottenham		TNT
TENNIS		
5 a.m. (Thu.) Madrid Open		Tennis

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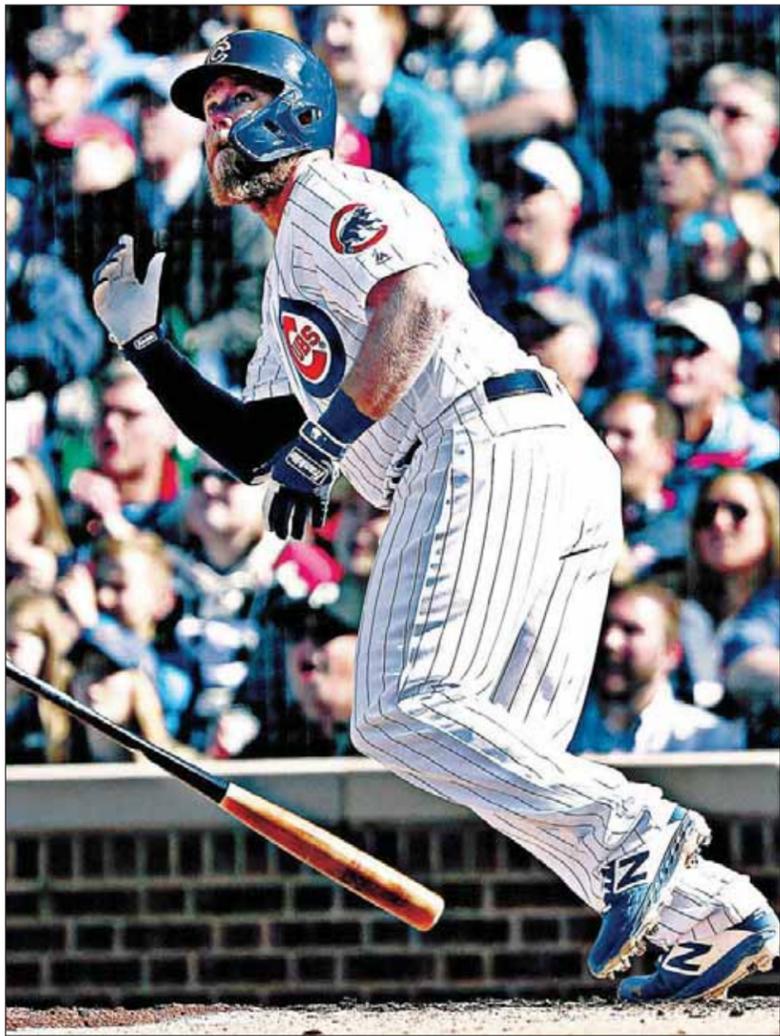
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type, you’re wasting your time.” Underestimated too many times to count, Davis stepped in Saturday against right-hander Michael Wacha. The battle pitted Wacha, a 6-foot-6 first-round draft pick in 2012 who signed for \$1.9 million, against Davis, a squat 5-10 who, at 29, had only five major-league hits and zero home runs. The hometown Marlins called his name in the 49th round in 2008. “Kind of a mercy pick,” Matt recalled. Wacha’s first pitch was a 90 mph fastball that cut right into the zone. Davis obliterated it. His father knew immediately. “I’ve seen that swing 10,000 times,” he said. “I started screaming. My wife would not get off the couch until she actually saw it land. She said, ‘He’s catching it.’ I said, ‘No way!’ “My wife went to her knees. We began to lose feeling.” As the ball sailed 416 feet, almost to the back of the left-field bleachers, Cubs play-by-play man Len Kasper hollered: “Davis in the air ... deep left ... it is GONE! That’s a grand slam to tie the game. Whoa, baby!” Davis celebrated with two-handed high fives from Javier Baez, David Bote and Schwarber. Heyward tapped him on the helmet. As Davis returned to the dugout, analyst Jim Deshaies asked wryly: “How many casual Cubs fans are going: Who’s Taylor Davis? Where’d we get him?”

The Cardinals Way?

Ben Zobrist knows what it’s like to be an unlikely major-leaguer. Undrafted, he nearly quit the game to attend Calvary Bible College. “I talked to Taylor a few years ago during his first big-league camp,” Zobrist said. “I heard it and was like: This is a pretty incredible story.” It starts with a father who worshipped Pete Rose and the Big Red Machine while growing up in Cincinnati, a self-described “baseball freak” who told his son that one of the great things about the game is “you don’t have to be 6-5. You can be whatever size you want.” The son could not get enough. On doubleheader days, he begged to catch both games. Julia believed that was too much, setting up a tug of war. “It was an argument in our house,” said Matt, who coached his son until age 12. “I either got it from Julia or Taylor.” Taylor hit nearly .500 as a high school senior, but five of his teammates got drafted higher. The Marlins offered no bonus, and their sales pitch went like this: Hey, we’re close enough so you can come to Instructional League and still sleep in your own bed. In another gut punch, only one four-year school offered scholarship money: Morehead State in Kentucky. So that’s where he went. Davis tore it up as a junior in 2011, hitting .414 with 17 homers on a team that went



NUCCIO DINUZZO/GETTY

When Taylor Davis hit his grand slam against the Cardinals on Saturday, “he did a subtle bat flip,” Cubs reliever Steve Cishek said. “I don’t know if anyone saw that.”

10-39. A Cardinals scout told Matt: “We really like your kid. What will it take to sign him?” Matt replied: “Market price. If you’re fair, we’re signing.” The scout told him to expect to be drafted in the 14th round. Done deal, he added. The Davises held a family party that turned into “a nightmare,” Matt said. “We watched our son sit by the computer for three days.” They never heard from the Cardinals. Taylor was so distraught, Matt worried he would quit. Instead he went to the Cape Cod League with these instructions from his father: “Go up there and shove it up their (butt).” And he did. Davis hit .375 with nine walks in 21 games. Julia and Matt visited in July, and during batting practice, Matt noticed an older gentleman in a floppy hat. He figured the man was a spectator. Day after day he came to observe.

“Are you Taylor’s dad?” the man finally asked. “I like the way he’s catching.” The man was Tim Wilken, then the Cubs’ director of amateur and professional scouting. The Davis family agreed to meet him the next day for breakfast. There he began to extol the virtues of the Cubs organization and new Chairman Tom Ricketts. “He slid a contract across, and we about fell out of our chairs,” Matt said. Taylor told Wilken: “I’m scheduled to catch tonight. I’d really like to.” “You can catch tonight,” Wilken replied, “but I’ll need that contract back.” Taylor and his dad broke out laughing. His professional career was about to begin.

Speechless

Looking for symbolism? Before Sunday night’s game against the Cardinals, Davis was drinking a cup of coffee. Iced coffee, to be specific. Davis’ time with the Cubs will expire once No. 2 catcher Victor Caratini recovers

from a broken bone in his left hand. Caratini already is taking batting practice and could return in less than two weeks. Davis caught only one pitch Sunday, and it was ceremonial, delivered by Army 1st Sgt. Christopher Grez. Yet no matter what happens from here, Davis hit a grand slam at Wrigley Field against the team he has every right to despise to help the Cubs win a key game. His manager respects him and his teammates love him. “The defensive side will keep him in the game for a while,” Joe Maddon said. “He has great hands, reminds me of (former major-league catcher Jose Molina). You talk to the analytical dudes, they just go nuts over the way he receives a baseball. He’s a good game caller, does great prep, is always studying and there to help everyone else.” Cubs reliever Steve Cishek texted Davis on Saturday night to say how happy he was for him. “I told him I’ve probably watched the video on Instagram 100 times,” Cishek said. “He crushed that thing. In fact when he hit it, he did a subtle bat flip. I don’t know if anyone saw that.” Davis earned a so-called “dig me” Sunday, with a reporter and reliever Brandon Kintzler kidding him about his newfound fame. “Yeah, we can’t even get him outside to catch bullpen (sessions) now,” Kintzler said with a grin. Maddon can appreciate Davis’ journey. “I was never the star of any of my baseball teams professionally,” he said. “I was an undrafted free agent. Signed for a doughnut.” Davis celebrated Saturday night with friends at Steak 48 over a slab of meat he described as “a butcher’s cut ... something unbelievable.” A few Cubs fans saluted him. “They said: ‘Hey, I don’t want to make a scene ...’” Davis said. “I don’t mind, it’s cool. It’s fun, man. We do it for the fans.” Davis’ look is everyman. Or, more accurately, *everyfan*. “The fact that I’m built like I am is fun,” he said. “Either I’m laughing, the fans are laughing or the other team is laughing. Somebody is smiling and having a good time. That’s the goal for me.” Davis’ goofy side was revealed in a 2017 video the Triple-A Iowa Cubs produced. Set to “Can’t Take My Eyes Off You,” Davis is shown repeatedly gazing into the camera, a staring contest he cannot win. “I got significantly more publicity for that,” he said, “than when I got called up.” The attention he received for the grand slam blew him away. Former coaches and teammates buzzed his phone all night and into Sunday, calling and texting the “Crash” Davis they adore. There was one man who didn’t call, though, at least not initially. He’s the one who witnessed those 10,000 swings. Matt Davis texted his son to explain his quandary: *I’m speechless*.

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CUBS RECAP

Kris Bryant hit a three-run, tiebreaking home run with two outs in the ninth inning to give the Cubs a 5-2 win over the Marlins on Tuesday night at Wrigley Field. With runners on first and third, Bryant nailed a 1-2 pitch from Adam Conley over the wall in left-center field. Jason Heyward led off the inning with a walk, and Conley hit Kyle Schwarber with a pitch. Daniel Descalso bunted the runners to second and third, but Albert Almora Jr. hit a ground ball to Marlins shortstop Miguel Rojas, who threw out Heyward at home for the second out before Bryant stepped up. Jon Lester allowed two unearned runs in six innings, allowing eight hits and no walks while striking out six. Almora hit a solo homer in the third, and Javier Baez went 2-for-3 with an RBI. For the full story from Tuesday's game, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

Pitchers stay busy

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ideal for everyone."

Since the 2016 season, manager Joe Maddon has advocated use of a six-man rotation to give the five regular starters extra rest or to skip a start. Maddon started using a sixth starter in 2011 in Tampa Bay, when Alex Cobb pitched his way into the Rays' rotation.

Left-hander Mike Montgomery appears ready to rejoin the Cubs staff, but Maddon all but ruled out use of a six-man rotation at this point.

"I don't think these guys really need it yet," Maddon said. "That's part of it — need. I think they'd

like to get into a regular slot without the extra days too.

"So I don't think the discussion is going to be based on (a) six-man (rotation) now. But if you have six guys you like, I think post-All-Star break is the right time to do something like that."

As for Montgomery, who pitched six innings of one-hit ball for Triple-A Iowa against Omaha in his fourth minor-league rehab appearance, the Cubs have "ideas" about how to use him.

"We're just not ready to put them in motion yet," Maddon said of Montgomery, who has been on the injured list since April 5 because of a left lat strain.

"Monty, if he's throwing well,

he's been a big part of our group. We got to try to figure this out soon, and we are. We're working on that. We're just not ready to unleash them yet."

For now, the rotation is lined up so that Yu Darvish will pitch Thursday's finale of the four-game series. Darvish has been the most inconsistent of the Cubs' five starters, but his career 3.27 ERA on four days' rest is lower than on five days' rest (4.05) or six days or more (3.50).

Since the third week of the season, Maddon has shown more of a willingness to let his starters pitch deeper into games, as evidenced by Hendricks' complete game, and Cole Hamels pitching

eight innings of four-hit ball at Miami on April 12 and seven shutout innings against the Angels five days later at Wrigley Field.

"When the feel is there, you'd rather stay on the five-day schedule," Hendricks said. "It helps build your arm strength too. It helps you stay in that rhythm."

"When you pitch later in the season, that's when you can start using an extra day of rest. But for now, especially early, those five days can help to build that arm strength and get you into that midseason form."

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CUBS NOTES

Refusing to panic, Cubs OK with crop of closers

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

Fans fretting over the Cubs' ninth-inning collapse Monday night that ended their seven-game winning streak will just have to trust the current cast of late-inning options.

"We really haven't had that conversation about a closer," manager Joe Maddon said Tuesday, one day after Pedro Strop walked three and left-hander Kyle Ryan suffered a lapse that led to a 6-5 loss to the Marlins.

Maddon described Strop's struggles as an "anomaly moment" and proclaimed his faith in Ryan, who threw to first on a comeback grounder as Neil Walker was halfway between third base and home. The decision allowed Walker to score a crucial insurance run.

"We've been eager to get (Brandon) Morrow back," said

Maddon, referring to the preferred closer who hasn't pitched since July 15 because of a bone bruise in his right pitching elbow and won't throw for at least another week after receiving a lubricating injection. "I know that's not gone great recently. We were more focused on that. In the meantime, getting Carl (Edwards Jr.) back in the mix with a good (Steve) Cishek, (Brad) Brach, and all the other guys.

"There's a nice mix among the righties I'm comfortable with."

Maddon used more than one closer when he managed the Rays to the 2008 American League title.

Itch for coaching: After observing and providing tips during pitchers' batting practice, Maddon explained his increased involvement in handling the batters after relying mostly on videotapes of opposing pitchers

provided by "Ivy," the team's database.

In the case of Kris Bryant, "I didn't know what I was seeing," Maddon said. "I needed a baseline."

Instead of looking at arm slots and angles of opposing pitchers, Maddon said he began concentrating more on his own batters' swings "so when I'm watching during the game, I have a key to go to."

Maddon said it's important not to follow the flight of the ball when he examines his hitters. "You end up being a fan," Maddon said. "You should watch anything but the ball from the pitcher's hand to the hitters' bat."

Bryant was 5 for his last 13 entering Tuesday's game.

Caratini's comeback: Victor Caratini's return from a left hamate bone fracture was described by Maddon as "incred-

ible," as Caratini caught his second game Tuesday night on a minor-league rehab assignment for Class A South Bend.

Maddon was particularly impressed with Caratini's batting practice session Sunday, when Caratini launched several home runs without discomfort.

"No grimace, no holding back," Maddon said. "It's pretty amazing how quickly he's come back. He said there was no reason to hold him back. 'The bone is out of there. I can't hurt anything else.'"

Maddon wasn't sure whether Caratini would be able to return by this weekend. Infielder Daniel Descalso was held out of the lineup due to left ankle soreness, and left fielder Ben Zobrist was scratched due to a personal matter.

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WHITE SOX

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Giolito stymies Indians in gem

Righty strikes out 8, takes shutout into 8th; McCann remains hot

BY TOM WITHERS
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Lucas Giolito carried a shutout into the eighth inning and James McCann stayed with hot with an RBI single, leading the White Sox to a 2-0 win over the light-hitting Indians on Tuesday night.

Giolito (3-1) struck out eight against the Indians, who came in batting an AL-low .213 — 13 points worse than the next closest team, and 62 behind the league-leading Astros.

The Indians wasted a strong outing by starter Jefry Rodriguez (0-2). They have been shut out twice in three games and scored one run in the past 27 innings.

Giolito, who allowed three hits and three walks, retired the leadoff hitter to start what became an eventful eighth.

The right-hander was lifted after 105 pitches for reliever Jace Fry, who got the second out before the Indians loaded the bases on a single, double and walk.

Closer Alex Colome came in and appeared to get two quick strikes on Carlos Santana. But third base umpire Marty Foster ruled Santana checked his swing on a 0-1 pitch and ejected manager Rick Renteria, who came out of the dugout and argued while waving his arms in disgust.

"There was no need for me to stay out there and argue the point," Renteria said. "I've got my closer in there ready to pitch. It would have been foolish for me to stay out there and let him cool down under the circumstances. I know I shared my disgust. They're human beings. They're doing the best that they can."

"They didn't see it that way. It's over. It's done."

Colome then struck out Santana, freezing him on a 3-2 pitch that appeared low. The right-hander then worked the ninth for his seventh save in seven tries.

The Indians managed just five hits — three by Francisco Lindor and two by Jason Kipnis.

McCann delivered a run-scoring single in the sixth off Rodriguez, who probably deserved a better outcome, but his teammates are showing no signs of emerging from lengthy slump.

McCann is batting .422 with nine RBIs in his past 11 games.

The Indians got a runner to third in the fourth and put two on in the sixth, but Giolito struck out Santana to keep the Indians off the scoreboard.

Giolito improved to 3-0 on the road and appears to have fully recovered from a pulled left hamstring that landed him on the injured list last month.

The Sox took a 1-0 lead in the second inning on Yoan Moncada's RBI single off Rodriguez, who worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the fourth to keep his team close.

The Sox were in position for a big inning, but Rodriguez got Tim Anderson to bounce into a forceout at the plate before striking out Yolmer Sanchez.

Reynaldo Lopez (2-4, 6.69) is scheduled to pitch for the Sox on Wednesday against Shane Bieber (2-1, 3.16).



RON SCHWANE/AP

Lucas Giolito delivers in the first inning of the White Sox's 2-0 victory over the Indians on Tuesday night in Cleveland.

BASEBALL

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Tampa Bay	23	12	.657	—	—	7-3	W-2	11-7	12-5
New York	21	14	.600	2	—	7-3	W-3	12-8	9-6
Boston	18	19	.486	6	1½	7-3	W-1	8-7	10-12
Toronto	15	21	.417	8½	4	3-7	L-4	7-10	8-11
Baltimore	13	23	.361	10½	6	3-7	L-1	5-12	8-11
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	22	12	.647	—	—	7-3	W-2	11-5	11-7
Cleveland	18	16	.529	4	—	4-6	L-3	9-7	9-9
Chicago	16	18	.471	6	2	6-4	W-2	8-10	8-8
Detroit	15	17	.469	6	2	3-7	L-1	8-7	7-10
Kansas City	13	24	.351	10½	6½	4-6	W-1	8-11	5-13
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	21	15	.583	—	—	6-4	L-1	11-4	10-11
Seattle	19	19	.500	3	1	2-8	L-2	7-11	12-8
Texas	16	17	.485	3½	1½	4-6	L-1	12-7	4-10
Los Angeles	16	19	.457	4½	2½	7-3	W-1	11-9	5-10
Oakland	15	21	.417	6	4	2-8	L-2	10-8	5-13

Late games noted below

WEDNESDAY'S PROBABLE PITCHERS

NATIONAL LEAGUE	2019	2018 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA TR	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
Was Hellickson (R)	2-0 5.33 3-2	0-0 5.0 5.40	0-0 13.1 8.10
Mil Woodruff (R)	12:10p 4-1 4.71 5-2	1-0 5.2 0.00	2-0 15.2 4.02
Phi Eickhoff (R)	1-1 2.05 2-1	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-1 18.0 2.50
StL Flaherty (R)	12:15p 3-2 4.17 4-3	1-0 7.2 1.17	2-1 18.2 3.38
NY TBD			
SD Strahm (L)	2:40p 1-2 3.03 3-3	0-0 1.0 0.00	1-0 20.0 2.25
Mia Urena (R)	1-5 5.45 1-6	0-1 9.1 7.71	1-0 19.0 4.26
Chi Hendricks (R)	7:05p 2-4 3.93 2-4	1-0 14.0 1.93	2-1 21.0 3.00
SF Holland (L)	1-4 5.34 1-5	1-1 17.2 4.58	0-3 16.0 7.31
Col Gray (R)	7:40p 3-3 4.22 4-3	0-1 11.0 11.45	2-0 16.1 5.51
Atl Foltyniewicz (R)	0-1 5.06 0-2	0-2 11.0 7.36	0-1 10.2 5.06
LA Kershaw (L)	9:10p 1-0 2.77 4-0	2-0 15.2 0.57	1-0 19.0 2.84
AMERICAN LEAGUE	2019	2018 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA TR	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
Chi Lopez (R)	2-1 6.69 3-4	0-2 7.0 14.14	1-2 17.0 4.24
Cle Bieber (R)	5:10p 2-1 3.16 4-2	1-0 12.2 0.00	0-1 16.0 5.06
Sea Kikuchi (L)	1-1 3.98 4-4	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-0 13.0 3.46
NY Loaisiga (R)	5:35p 1-0 7.70 0-2	0-0 3.2 7.36	0-0 7.0 3.86
Bos Sale (L)	1-5 5.25 1-6	2-0 20.2 2.18	1-1 18.0 2.00
Bal Cashner (R)	6:05p 4-1 4.71 5-2	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-0 16.0 3.94
Min Gibson (R)	2-1 4.68 4-2	0-0 5.0 3.60	2-1 18.0 2.50
Tor Thornton (R)	6:07p 0-3 4.08 2-5	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-1 17.0 2.65
LA Skaggs (L)	3-2 3.12 3-2	0-1 5.0 9.00	2-1 15.0 3.60
Det Boyd (L)	6:10p 3-2 3.05 4-3	1-1 10.1 3.48	2-1 20.0 3.15
KC Lopez (R)	0-3 5.09 1-6	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-1 17.2 6.11
Hou Peacock (R)	7:10p 2-2 5.28 3-2	0-0 3.0 0.00	0-2 14.2 6.75
INTERLEAGUE	2019	2018 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA TR	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
Tex Miller (R)	1-2 7.99 3-3	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-1 13.2 7.24
Pit Kingham (R)	11:35a 1-0 6.40 0-0	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-0 0.0 0.00
Ari Ray (L)	2-1 3.79 4-3	0-0 0.0 0.00	2-0 16.2 2.70
TB Morton (R)	12:10p 3-0 2.52 5-2	1-0 11.0 4.09	1-0 18.2 2.89
Cin Gray (R)	0-4 3.89 2-5	0-1 5.0 9.00	0-1 15.1 5.28
Oak Anderson (L)	9:07p 4-2 3.89 4-3	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-2 13.0 6.23

TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
 Chicago White Sox 2, Cleveland 0
 Minnesota 3, Toronto 0
 Texas 4, Pittsburgh 5
 N.Y. Yankees 5, Seattle 4
 Boston 8, Baltimore 5
 Tampa Bay 6, Arizona 3
 L.A. Angels 5, Detroit 2
 Kansas City 12, Houston 2
 Cincinnati at Oakland, late

THURSDAY'S GAMES
 Chicago White Sox at Cleveland, 12:10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at Detroit, 12:10 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Oakland, 2:37 p.m.
 Seattle at N.Y. Yankees, 5:35 p.m.
 Texas at Houston, 7:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
 Texas 4, Pittsburgh 5
 Tampa Bay 6, Arizona 3
 Milwaukee 6, Washington 0
 Philadelphia 11, St. Louis 1
 Chicago Cubs 5, Miami 2
 L.A. Dodgers 9, Atlanta 0
 San Francisco 14, Colorado 4
 Cincinnati at Oakland, late
 N.Y. Mets 7, San Diego 6

THURSDAY'S GAMES
 Miami at Chicago Cubs, 1:20 p.m.
 San Francisco at Colorado, 2:10 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Oakland, 2:37 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 6:45 p.m.
 Atlanta at Arizona, 8:40 p.m.
 Washington at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.

BOX SCORES

WHITE SOX 2, INDIANS 0

CHICAGO	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Moncada 3b	5	0	1	2	290	
Delmonico lf	3	0	0	0	219	
a-Rondon ph	1	0	0	0	236	
Garcia cf	0	0	0	0	299	
Abreu 1b	4	1	1	0	1.279	
Sanchez dh	3	0	0	0	1.170	
McCann c	4	0	2	1	3.59	
Tilson cf	3	0	1	0	2.429	
Anderson ss	3	0	0	0	1.331	
Gonzalez 2b	3	0	0	0	2.229	
Cordell rf	3	0	2	0	2.50	
TOTALS	33	2	8	2	10	

CLEVELAND AB R H BI SO AVG
 Lindor ss 4 0 3 0 1 .263
 Kipnis dh 4 0 2 0 1 .209
 Ramirez 3b 2 0 0 0 0 .197
 Santana 1b 4 0 0 0 0 .293
 Gonzalez rf 4 0 1 0 2 .206
 Batters lf 3 0 0 0 1 .240
 Martin cf 4 0 0 0 2 .202
 P.erez c 3 0 0 0 2 .205
 Freeman 2b 2 0 0 0 0 .176
TOTALS 30 0 5 0 11

TWINS 3, BLUE JAYS 0

MINNESOTA	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Kepler rf	5	1	2	0	248	
Polanco ss	3	0	1	0	317	
Cruz dh	4	0	0	0	2.292	
Rosario lf	4	1	1	0	1.225	
Garver c	3	1	3	2	3.367	
Drury 2b	3	0	1	0	1.246	
Schoop 2b	3	0	1	0	2.79	
Adriana 3b	4	0	0	0	1.130	
Buxton cf	4	0	0	0	2.252	
TOTALS	34	3	8	3	7	

TORONTO AB R H BI SO AVG
 Galvis ss 4 0 0 0 0 .270
 S.ano 1b 4 0 1 0 1 .246
 Grichuk cf 4 0 1 0 0 .255
 Tellez dh 4 0 0 0 2 .250
 Guerrero Jr. 3b 4 0 1 0 1 .162
 McKinney rf 4 0 1 0 1 .237
 Drury 2b 3 0 0 1 1 .213
 Hernandez lf 3 0 0 0 0 .195
 Maile c 3 0 1 0 0 .150
TOTALS 33 0 6 0 6

ANGELS 5, TIGERS 2

LOS ANGELES	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Fletcher 2b	5	1	2	1	1.301	
TROUT cf	3	1	1	0	0.291	
Ohtani dh	4	0	0	1	2.000	
Simmons ss	5	0	2	0	0.289	
Pujols 1b	5	0	0	0	0.214	
Yelich lf	4	0	0	0	1.170	
Lucroy c	3	0	1	0	0.267	
Calhoun rf	2	1	1	0	0.220	
Cozart 3b	4	1	1	0	0.118	
TOTALS	35	5	9	5	4	

DETROIT AB R H BI SO AVG
 Candelario 3b 4 0 0 0 0 .220
 Castellanos rf 4 0 1 1 1 .277
 Cabrera dh 4 0 2 0 2 .304
 Goodrum lf 4 0 0 1 2 .225
 Rodriguez 1b 4 0 0 0 1 .306
 Castro 2b 4 0 0 0 3 .167
 Mercey ss 3 0 0 0 0 .206
 Greiner c 2 0 0 0 1 .195
 Jones cf 3 1 1 0 1 .156
TOTALS 32 2 5 2 11

RED SOX 8, ORIOLES 5

BOSTON	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Benintendi lf	4	0	0	0	2.286	
Trout cf	2	2	1	0	0.291	
Martinez dh	2	2	1	3	1.323	
Morland 1b	5	1	1	3	2.215	
Bogaerts ss	5	1	1	1	2.254	
Chavis 2b	3	0	0	0	2.293	
Bradley Jr. cf	2	1	0	0	2.147	
Vazquez c	4	1	2	0	0.278	
TOTALS	30	8	13	8	11	

BALTIMORE AB R H BI SO AVG
 Villar ss 4 0 0 0 1 .265
 Mancini rf 4 1 1 0 0 .326
 Ruiz 3b 4 2 2 1 1 .295
 Ruiz 3b 4 1 1 2 0 .243
 Davis 1b 4 0 1 1 1 .179
 Wilkerson cf 4 0 0 0 1 .273
 Alberto 2b 4 1 1 1 0 .302
 Rickard lf 3 0 2 0 0 .198
 Wynns c 2 0 0 0 0 .1077
 a-Nunez ph 1 0 0 0 0 .242
TOTALS 34 5 8 5 5

PHILLIES 11, CARDINALS 1

PHILADELPHIA	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
McCutchen lf	3	1	0	0	0.242	
Segura ss	5	0	0	0	2.320	
Harper rf	3	2	2	4	0.236	
a-Williams ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0.163	
Hoskins 1b	5	3	4	1	1.302	
Reamuto c	4	1	2	0	0.280	
Knapp c	1	0	0	0	1.172	
Herrera cf	5	1	2	0	0.250	
Hernandez 2b	3	1	1	1	0.294	
Franco 3b	4	1	0	1	0.143	
Nicasio p	0	0	0	0	0.000	
Gosselin lf	0	0	0	0	0.276	
Nola p	3	1	1	0	1.083	
Rodriguez 3b	2	1	0	0	0.316	
TOTALS	38	11	12	5	11	

ST. LOUIS AB R H BI SO AVG
 Carpenter 3b 2 0 0 0 2 .212
 Munoz 3b 1 0 1 0 0 .333
 Goldschmidt 1b 4 0 0 0 2 .245
 Delong ss 3 0 1 0 0 .336
 Ozuna lf 3 0 0 0 1 .252
 b-Gyorko ph 1 0 0 0 0 .143
 Martinez rf-1f 4 0 1 0 1 .354
 Molina c 2 0 0 0 0 .273
 Bader cf 2 0 0 0 0 .215
 Fowler cf-1f 2 0 0 0 1 .248
 Web 3 0 0 0 0 .237
 Hudson p 1 0 0 0 1 .000
 Winters c 2 1 1 1 1 .353
TOTALS 30 1 4 1 12

Chicago 001 001 000 - 2 8 0
 Cleveland 000 000 000 - 5 8 0

a-grounded out for Delmonico in the 10th. **LOB:** Chicago 8, Cleveland 7. **2B:** Abreu (10), Sanchez (3), Cordell (3), Kipnis 2 (5). **RBI:** Moncada (25), McCann (10). **SB:** Tilson (1). **CS:** Freeman (1). **S:** Cordell. **Runners left in scoring position:** Chicago 5 (Abreu, Anderson, Sanchez 3); Cleveland 4 (Santana 3, Gonzalez). **RISP:** Chicago 7 for 10; Cleveland 0 for 5. **Runners moved up:** Alonso, Ramirez. **GDIP:** Kipnis. **DP:** Chicago 2 (Moncada, Anderson, Abreu), McCann, Anderson.

CHICAGO IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Giolito W, 3-1 7½ 3 0 0 3 8 4.06
 Fry, H, 5 2 0 0 0 1 3.48
 Colome, S, 7-7 1½ 0 0 0 0 3 1.50

CLEVELAND IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Rodriguez, L, 0-2 6 7 2 2 3 6 2.41
 O.Perez ½ 0 0 0 0 0 6.43
 Otero ½ 0 0 0 0 0 3.14
 Clippard 1 0 0 0 0 1 2.08
 Cimber 1 1 0 0 0 2 3.68

Twins 100 002 000 - 3 8 0
 Toronto 000 000 000 - 0 6 0

LOB: Minnesota 7, Toronto 6. **2B:** Kepler (7), McKinney (7). **HR:** Garver (6). **Runners left in scoring position:** Minnesota 4 (Cruz, Schoop 3); Toronto 2 (McKinney, Drury). **RISP:** Minnesota 0 for 6; Toronto 1 for 4. **GDIP:** Cruz. **DP:** Toronto 1 (Drury, Galvis, Smaok).

MINNESOTA IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Berrios, W, 6-1 7 4 0 0 0 5 2.53
 Hildenberger, H, 6½ 0 0 0 0 0 4.63
 May, H, C ½ 0 0 0 0 2 2.77
 Rong, S, 4-4 1 2 0 0 1 1.213

TORONTO IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Sanchez, L, 3-3 7 6 3 3 3 6 3.21
 Tepera 1 0 0 0 0 0 4.32
 Giles 1 0 0 0 0 1 1.65

WP: Pizzuti. **Umpires:** H, Todd Tichenor; H, Phil Cuzzi; 2B, Tom Hallion; 3B, Adam Hamari. **Time:** 2:30. A: 14,039 (53,506).

ANGELS 5, TIGERS 2

LOS ANGELES AB R H BI SO AVG
 Fletcher 2b 5 1 2 1 1 .301
 Trout cf 3 1 1 0 0 .291
 Ohtani dh 4 0 0 1 2 .000
 Simmons ss 5 0 2 2 0 .289
 Pujols 1b 5 0 0 0 0 .214
 Yelich lf 4 0 0 0 1 .170
 Lucroy c 3 0 1 0 0 .267
 Calhoun rf 2 1 1 1 0 .220
 Cozart 3b 4 1 1 0 0 .118
TOTALS 35 5 9 5 4

DETROIT AB R H BI SO AVG
 Candelario 3b 4 0 0 0 0 .220
 Castellanos rf 4 0 1 1 1 .277
 Cabrera dh 4 0 2 0 2 .304
 Goodrum lf 4 0 0 1 2 .225
 Rodriguez 1b 4 0 0 0 1 .306
 Castro 2b 4 0 0 0 3 .167
 Mercey ss 3 0 0 0 0

SCOREBOARD

ODDS

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE	WEDNESDAY
at Milwaukee	-177 Washington +165
at St. Louis	-136 Philadelphia +126
at San Diego	off NY Mets
at Chi Cubs	-225 Miami +205
at Colorado	-160 San Fran. +150
at LA Dodgers	-170 Atlanta +158

AMERICAN LEAGUE	WEDNESDAY
at Cleveland	-179 Chi White Sox +167
at NY Yankees	-138 Seattle +128
Boston	-245 at Baltimore +225
Minnesota	-117 at Toronto +107
LA Angels	-108 at Detroit -102
at Houston	-231 Kansas City +211

INTERLEAGUE	WEDNESDAY
at Pittsburgh	-138 Texas +128
at Tampa Bay	-147 Arizona +137
at Oakland	-121 Cincinnati +111

NBA PLAYOFFS	WEDNESDAY
pregame.com	
at Milwaukee	9 Boston
at Golden State	6 Houston

NHL PLAYOFFS	WEDNESDAY
at San Jose	-133 Colorado +123

ODDS TO WIN SERIES	THURSDAY
at Boston	-150 Carolina +140

ODDS TO WIN SERIES	THURSDAY
Boston	-153 Carolina +135

source: sportsbook.ag

EARLY BREAKNECK STAKES ODDS

May 18 at Pimlico Race Course, Baltimore.

Alwayswinning	12/1	+1200
Anotherwistafate	16/1	+1600
Code Of Honor	5/2	+250
Game Winner	5/1	+500
Improbable	15/2	+750
Laughing Fox	12/1	+1200
Owendale	14/1	+1400
Tacitus	4/1	+400
Vekoma	11/1	+1100
War Of Will	4/1	+400

source: usracing.com

WNBA

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

THURSDAY'S GAME

Chinese National Team at New York, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAME

Washington at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAME

Los Angeles at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES

Dallas at Atlanta, 4 p.m.
New York at Connecticut, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 14

Indiana at Chicago, 11 a.m.
New York at Atlanta, 4 p.m.
Dallas at Connecticut, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

Phoenix at Seattle, 9 p.m.

GOLF

PGA CHAMPIONS LEADERS

SCHWAB CUP MONEY

NAME	EV	EARN
1. Scott McCarron	9	\$996,868
2. Kirk Triplett	9	\$670,296
3. Bernhard Langer	6	\$635,877
4. Kevin Sutherland	9	\$594,092
5. Tom Lehman	7	\$504,876
6. Scott Parel	9	\$471,233
7. Marco Dawson	8	\$453,851
8. David Toms	8	\$434,845
9. Miguel A. Jimenez	8	\$401,694
10. Woody Austin	9	\$371,412
11. Colin Montgomerie	9	\$337,540
12. Mark O'Meara	8	\$333,898
13. Jerry Kelly	6	\$332,873
14. Lee Janzen	9	\$331,396
15. Jeff Maggert	8	\$326,448
16. Paul Goydos	9	\$312,496
17. Brandt Jobe	9	\$305,865
18. Ken Tanigawa	9	\$273,848
19. Joe Durant	9	\$262,873
20. Kent Jones	7	\$261,205
21. Tom Pernice Jr.	8	\$242,498
22. Vijay Singh	5	\$232,558
23. Billy Andrade	8	\$230,531
24. Stephen Ames	8	\$229,193
25. Paul Broadhurst	8	\$226,149
26. Olin Browne	8	\$221,092
27. Fred Couples	5	\$220,509
28. Kenny Perry	6	\$214,288
29. Darren Clarke	7	\$203,330
30. Bob Estes	4	\$195,470
31. Billy Mayfair	8	\$190,649
32. Gene Sauers	9	\$186,583
33. Scott Hoch	7	\$186,399
34. Steve Stricker	4	\$171,227
35. Jeff Sluman	8	\$165,287
36. Willie Wood	4	\$164,230
37. Steve Flesch	9	\$150,557
38. Rocco Mediate	9	\$150,208
39. Wes Short, Jr.	8	\$142,643
40. Jesper Parnevik	8	\$136,368
41. Retief Goosen	6	\$129,835
42. Tim Petrovic	7	\$126,474
43. John Daly	8	\$125,093
44. Carlos Franco	5	\$122,907
45. Duffy Waldorf	8	\$120,361
46. Tom Byrum	7	\$115,667
47. Fran Quinn	6	\$107,871
48. Corey Pavin	8	\$106,944
49. Glen Day	7	\$105,653
50. Michael Allen	7	\$101,412

PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS STAX

Scoring Average (Actual)

1. Bernhard Langer, 68.61	2. Scott McCarron, 69.08	3. Marco Dawson, 69.48	4. David Toms, 69.62	5. Kevin Sutherland, 69.63	6. Fred Couples, 69.73	7. (tie), Tom Lehman and Miguel Angel Jimenez, 69.81	8. Kirk Triplett, 69.91	10. Scott Parel, 69.92
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Victories

1. Scott McCarron, 2	2. (tie), Scott Hoch, Miguel Angel Jimenez, Bernhard Langer, Tom Lehman, Mark O'Meara, Tom Pernice Jr., Kevin Sutherland, Kirk Triplett,
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Top 10 finishes

1. Scott McCarron, 6	2. Kevin Sutherland, 5	3. (tie), Marco Dawson, Lee Janzen, Brandt Jobe, Bernhard Langer, Jeff Maggert, Colin Montgomerie, Kirk Triplett, 4.
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Driving Distance

1. John Daly, 294.0	2. Brandt Jobe, 291.5	3. Darren Clarke, 290.4	4. Kenny Perry, 287.4	5. Scott McCarron, 285.4	6. Fred Couples, 285.3	7. Kevin Sutherland, 284.5	8. Retief Goosen, 283.3	9. Scott Parel, 283.0	10. Vijay Singh, 282.3.
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Driving Accuracy Percentage

1. Bart Bryant, 82.61%	2. Joe Durant, 80.06%	3. David Toms, 79.93%	4. Colin Montgomerie, 79.87%	5. Bernhard Langer, 79.76%	6. Ken Duke, 79.52%	7. Paul Broadhurst, 78.23%	8. Gene Sauers, 77.98%	9. David Frost, 77.89%	10. Larry Mize, 77.62%
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Greens in Regulation Percentage

1. Fred Couples, 74.44%	2. Colin Montgomerie, 74.24%	3. Tom Lehman, 73.54%	4. Kenny Perry, 73.15%	5. David Toms, 73.02%	6. Lee Janzen, 72.92%	7. Scott McCarron, 72.45%	3. Tied With Bernhard Langer, 72.22%.
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Putting Average

1. Mark O'Meara, 1.696	2. Kirk Triplett, 1.713	3. Kent Jones, 1.733	4. (tie), Tom Lehman and Jose Maria Olazabal, 1.737	6. (tie), Esteban Toledo and Scott McCarron, 1.738	8. Kevin Sutherland, 1.740	9. (tie), Joey Sindelar and Stephen Ames, 1.741.
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Birdie Average

1. Kirk Triplett, 4.55	2. Marco Dawson, 4.48	3. Scott McCarron, 4.46	4. (tie), Fred Couples and Mark O'Meara, 4.40	6. Vijay Singh, 4.33	7. Jeff Maggert, Brandt Jobe and Kent Jones, 4.29	10. David Toms, 4.24.
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All-Around Ranking

1. Bernhard Langer, 96	2. David Toms, 109	3. Scott McCarron, 122	4. Marco Dawson, 138	5. Tom Lehman, 141	6. Kent Jones, 152	7. Kenny Perry, 154	8. Scott Parel, 155	9. Kevin Sutherland, 157	10. Colin Montgomerie, 158.
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CHAMPIONS UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Thursday-Sunday: Regions Tradition, Greystone G&CC, Birmingham, Ala. May 23-26: KitchinAid Senior PGA Championship, Oak Hill Club, Rochester, N.Y.

May 31-June 2: Principal Charity Classic, Wakonda Club, Des Moines, Iowa

June 7-9: Mastercard Japan Championship, Narita Golf Club-Accordia Golf, Narita-shi, Japan

TENNIS

ATP/WTA MUTUA MADRID OPEN

At Caja Magica; Madrid, Spain; outdoors-clay

MEN'S SECOND ROUND SINGLES

#1 Novak Djokovic d. Taylor Fritz, 6-4, 6-2.

#4 Roger Federer d. Richard Gasquet, 6-2, 6-3.

#5 Dominic Thiem d. Reilly Opelka, 6-7 (2), 6-3, 1-0 retired.

#9 Marin Cilic d. Jan-Lennard Struff, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

MEN'S FIRST ROUND SINGLES

#10 Fabio Fognini d. Kyle Edmund, 6-4, 6-3.

Guido Pella d. #12 Daniil Medvedev, 6-2, 1-6, 6-3.

Lucas Pouille d. #13 Borna Coric, 6-3, 7-5.

Diego Schwartzman d.

#16 Marco Cecchinato, 6-0, 4-6, 6-1.

Stan Wawrinka d.

Pierre-Hugues Herbert, 6-2, 6-3.

Marton Fucsovics d. David Goffin, 6-4, 7-5.

Hubert Hurkacz d. Alex de Minaur, 6-3, 6-4.

Hugo Dellien d. Gilles Simon, 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (4).

Adrian Panatta d. Joao Sousa, 7-5, 5-7, 6-1.

David Ferrer d. Roberto Bautista Agut, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

Jeremy Chardy d. Albert Ramos-Vinolas, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5.

John Millman d. Steve Johnson, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (5).

WOMEN'S SECOND ROUND SINGLES

#1 Naomi Osaka d. Sara Sorribes Tormo, 7-6 (5), 3-6, 6-0.

#3 Simona Halep d. Johanna Konta, 7-5, 6-1.

Petra Martic d. #4 Angelique Kerber, walkover.

Katerina Kozlova d.

#5 Karolina Pliskova, 7-5, 2-6, 6-4.

Aliaksandra Sasnovich d.

Anna Karolina Schmiedlova, 6-2, 6-2.

Zheng Saisai d. Alize Cornet, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.

Caroline Garcia d. Sorana Cirstea, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.

Donna Vekic d. Kristyna Pliskova, 6-4, 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	1,582,725
6. Fabio Fognini	1,397,243
7. Daniil Medvedev	1,223,092
8. John Isner	1,037,110
9. Gael Monfils	931,809
10. Roberto Bautista Agut	882,909
11. Kei Nishikori	848,930
12. Lucas Pouille	812,153
13. Milos Raonic	811,702
14. Dusan Lajovic	777,162
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	649,928
20. Guido Pella	635,890
21. Frances Tiafoe	621,269
22. Nick Kyrgios	592,502
23. Laslo Djere	584,612
24. Stan Wawrinka	534,632
25. Nikola Pietrangeli	492,820
26. Karen Khachanov	483,354
27. Marco Cecchinato	482,131
28. Nikoloz Basilashvili	476,716
29. Marton Fucsovics	466,627
30. Diego Schwartzman	458,373
31. Jan-Lennard Struff	457,757
32. David Goffin	443,743
33. Tomas Berdych	437,724
34. Hubert Hurkacz	422,800
35. Radu Albot	411,555
36. Jeremy Chardy	399,821
37. Cristian Garin	395,433
38. Grigor Dimitrov	394,911
39. Joao Sousa	393,259
40. Matteo Berrettini	385,843
41. Horacio Zeballos	375,255
42. Kevin Anderson	375,146
43. Robin Haase	372,436
44. Cameron Norrie	371,928
45. Gilles Simon	354,015
46. Philipp Kohlschreiber	351,036
47. Pablo Cuevas	350,826
48. Benoit Paire	349,669
49. Taylor Fritz	347,816
50. Nicolas Jarry	346,420

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	960,228
9. Elina Svitolina	920,726
10. Elise Mertens	906,851
11. Danielle Collins	836,453
12. Simona Halep	818,106
13. Anett Kontaveit	675,422
14. Su-Wei Hsieh	644,202
15. Shuai Zhang	595,944
16. Kiki Bertens	578,685
17. Marketa Vondrousova	556,992
18. Samantha Stosur	549,194
19. Garbine Muguruma	515,391
20. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova	489,190
21. Serena Williams	439,796
22. Qiang Wang	426,743
23. Venus Williams	394,427
24. Anastasija Sevastova	393,475
25. Madison Keys	387,723
26. Donna Vekic	361,693
27. Barbara Strycova	353,190
28. Katerina Siniakova	346,224
29. Kristina Mladenovic	334,305
30. Alison Riske	332,938
31. Sloane Stephens	319,469
32. Caroline Wozniacki	319,222
33. Amanda Anisimova	315,755
34. Tímea Babos	298,287
35. Yafan Yang	297,194
36. Lesia Tsurenko	294,659
37. Caroline Garcia	281,428
38. Petra Martic	278,493
39. Aliaksandra Sasnovich	278,185
40. Barbora Krejckikova	277,836
41. Julia Goerges	277,219
42. Viktoria Kuzmova	259,898
43. Sofia Kenin	253,938
44. Yulia Putintseva	253,591
45. Victoria Azarenka	253,023
46. Jelena Ostapenko	244,689
47. Maria Sakkari	242,615
48. Ajla Tomljanovic	238,438
49. Carla Suarez Navarro	229,536
50. Dayana Yastremska	228,742

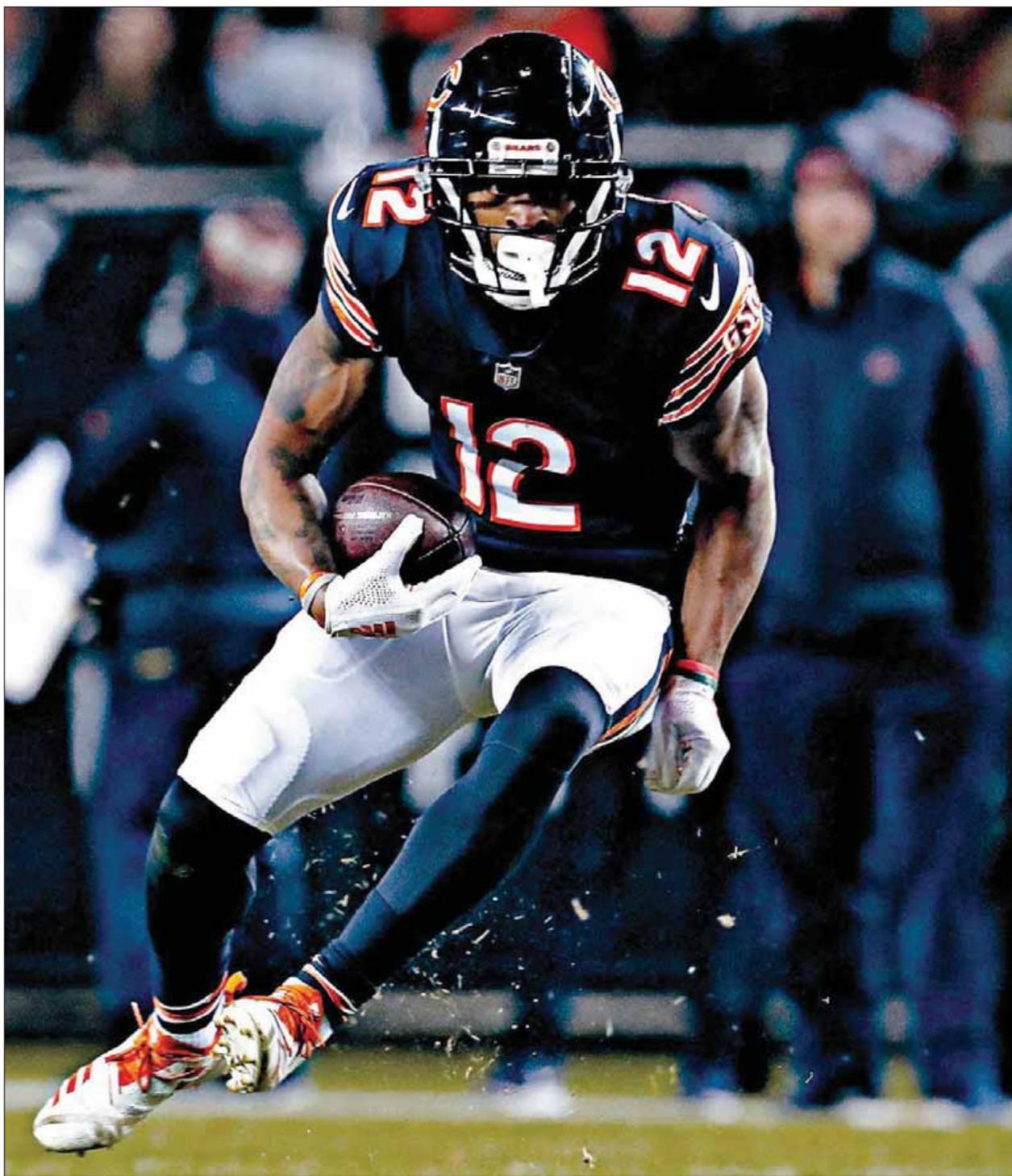
AUTO RACING

AVERAGE FINISH POSITION

NASCAR CUP

NAME	W	T5	T10	AvSt	AvFn
Kyle Busch	3	6	11	12.9	5.0
Joey Logano	1	6	8	8.1	8.4
Kurt Busch	0	3	7</		

BEARS



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears wide receiver Allen Robinson runs after making a catch against the Philadelphia Eagles in the NFC wild-card game in January.

Sharing his own story

Bears' Robinson tells kids to take school seriously

BY PHIL THOMPSON
Chicago Tribune

After Allen Robinson read "Curious George" to elementary school children, he shared a cautionary tale with them: Slacking off on his schoolwork almost cost him his football dream.

"Reading and just education wasn't something that I took very seriously early on in my childhood," said the Bears wide receiver, who dedicated a new reading room at the Linda and Bill Gantz Boys and Girls Club in West Lakeview on Monday.

"My senior year of high school, I actually found myself not clearinghouse-eligible, which for me meant that all the scholarships that I had to play football weren't going to be active. So then I really had to buckle down and it was almost too late."

Robinson credits his late grandmother Odessa, a teacher, for helping him raise his grades and test scores enough to play for Penn State.

"From that point on I figured if kids really understand how important school is ... it's going to really help you accomplish what you want to accomplish," he said.

Robinson talked about the new



PHIL THOMPSON/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Allen Robinson reads to students Monday in West Lakeview.

reading room, his health, expectations for the season and the topic that just won't go away: kicking.

On the reading room

Robinson checked out a wall with a freshly painted image of him hauling in a pass next to the words "REACH FOR A BOOK."

"It actually looks super cool," he said. "It's everything that we planned for. This being our inaugural room, it really makes it extra special."

Robinson's Within Reach Foundation plans to fund other reading rooms for low-income children in the city.

"To be able to be a bridge and a different influence, I hope that impacts them a lot," he said.

On his health

"For me a big difference (this year) is not being injured," he said. "Being able to come in and work on stuff that I want to work on."

Robinson dealt with hip and rib injuries late last season.

On his favorite book as a kid

"I believe 'Go, Dog. Go!' was the book," Robinson said.

On having the same Bears playbook two years in a row

"This is only the second time in my career that I went into another season with the offensive coordinator that I had the year before. ... I've been learning new offenses seems like every season," he said. "To be back in one that's very familiar is definitely a plus."

On the Bears losing in the playoffs after Cody Parkey's missed 43-yard field-goal attempt

"It stung all offseason," Robinson said. "I would say that I'm just now over it. I'd probably say (back then) that I wouldn't get over it until after the Super Bowl, which happened."

"Once we got to the new league year, it's new goals, new ambitions and stuff like that. The past is the past."

On whether he wants to join the Bears' ever-expanding kicking competition

"I don't know. That's funny," he said. "I don't have too much to say about that."

On the high expectations for the Bears

"I'd rather have a high hurdle than a low one," he said. "(If) you get used to jumping low hurdles, your ceiling is not too high. For us, the higher the better."

On mentoring the young receivers

"This is one of the most fun times when you get that roster to 90," Robinson said. "It's so many different bodies in the weight room, on the practice field, in the locker room, so you get to experience a lot. You get to talk to a lot of guys."

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ASK THE REPORTER BRAD BIGGS

I know it's too early to tell, but can you anticipate how many receivers are likely to break camp and who will/won't make the cut?

@tomandresen12

Generally, it's a safe bet to figure the team will keep six wide receivers on the 53-man roster. Currently, the Bears have 11 receivers, and a year after completely revamping the position, general manager Ryan Pace has continued to add depth and competition. That was a wise move because while the Bears were much better at the position in 2018, there is still room for improvement. Injuries, of course, could be a factor before we get to September, but right now you have to figure Allen Robinson, Anthony Miller, Taylor Gabriel, Cordarrelle Patterson and fourth-round pick Riley Ridley are pretty much locks to make the team. That leaves healthy competition for a sixth spot. Marvin Hall has elite speed and could be an asset on special teams. Javon Wims, a seventh-round pick a year ago, showed growth on the practice field as a rookie and will surely be in the battle. Undrafted free agent Emanuel Hall has strong traits for the position. That's a solid mix for a final spot. Keep in mind, they're unlikely to dress six receivers on game days, and special teams could factor into decisions near the bottom of the depth chart.

Which rookie will be this year's Bilal Nichols (surprise late-round pick who contributes in his rookie year but played in the wrong college system)? My pick is Kerrith Whyte. @euclidzoo

Whyte's speed was definitely on display last weekend during rookie minicamp, and he has some abilities that will put him in position to push for a roster spot. But he has an uphill battle to carve out a spot on offense when you consider the backfield includes Mike Davis, Tarik Cohen and third-round pick David Montgomery. Whyte could join the mix in the return game. Don't sleep on fellow seventh-round pick Stephen Denmark. The cornerback could also be a contributor on special teams. I don't know that the Bears have a late-round pick who will play in a rotation like Nichols did last season, but you can't rule it out.

Should the Bears pursue Ndamukong Suh? I think that would be a great addition.

@chiwest773

Teams can now sign free agents such as Suh without that transaction affecting the formula for compensatory draft picks, so we could begin to see some movement for some of the name players who remain on the street. Suh is in that category, as is offensive tackle Jared Veldheer, who is reported to be signing with the Patriots. I don't believe the Bears are planning to spend big money on any players not on the roster. It's possible offensive lineman Cody Whitehair, who's eligible for a contract extension, is the only player who will get a significant payday between now and the end of the season.

How come the Bears didn't try to sign Chase McLaughlin from Illinois as a UDFA? Big Ten kicker of the year and 79-for-79 in extra points for his career. Was also 4-for-6 in 50-plus-yard field goals his senior year. @Illini8208

The Bills signed McLaughlin as an undrafted free agent after the draft. The Bears went to Champaign to work out McLaughlin before the draft, so it's safe to say they have an evaluation of him. I imagine if the Bears had pursued McLaughlin, his preference would have been to sign with them based on their wide open and unsettled kicking situation.

Post-Butler Bulls hope to mimic Pacers after trading George

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are sitting at home with plenty of work left.

The Pacers have a slew of free agents to try to re-sign while also needing Oladipo to return fully healthy. The Bulls need at least one, if not both, of Zach LaVine and Lauri Markkanen to take an Oladipo-sized jump from solid starter to All-NBA player.

Oladipo earned third-team honors as well as first-team All-Defense after the 2017-18 season.

The Pacers have posted consecutive 48-34 seasons and first-round playoff exits since trading George to the Thunder for Oladipo and Domantas Sabonis, a Sixth Man of the Year candidate. Their relevancy and resiliency

have been impressive, which is why Nate McMillan will draw Coach of the Year consideration.

While their last two first-round picks, T.J. Leaf and Aaron Holiday, have made modest contributions, solid acquisitions of Cory Joseph, Bojan Bogdanovic, Darren Collison and Tyreke Evans have allowed the Pacers to remain competitive.

Only two players — Myles Turner and Thaddeus Young — remain from the Pacers team that went 42-40 and lost in the first round in George's last season in Indiana. Similarly, only three Bulls — Robin Lopez, Denzel Valentine and Cristiano Felicio — remain from the 41-41 team that also exited in the first round of the 2017 playoffs in Butler's final

season in Chicago.

The Bulls have bottomed out since, posting 27-55 and 22-60 records while adding Wendell Carter Jr. and Chandler Hutchison in the draft and Otto Porter Jr. via trade. The Porter trade salvaged their failed free-agency flier on Jabari Parker, although it also cost them Bobby Portis.

With another lottery pick that will land between Nos. 1 and 8, the Bulls are banking on improved health, internal improvement and the addition of one or two veteran free agents leading to a massive jump. The Bulls will have upwards of \$20 million of salary-cap space.

For the Pacers, Young, Evans, Bogdanovic, Collison and Joseph all are free agents. Coincidentally,

the Bulls might pursue Collison or Joseph depending on what happens in the draft lottery.

Of projected 2019-20 rotation players, only Lopez is a free agent for the Bulls, who certainly wish Felicio were instead. Alas, the Brazilian center has two years and \$15.7 million remaining on the lone bad contract on the Bulls' books.

So which franchise is better poised to open a championship window?

The Pacers project to have upward of \$40 million of salary-cap space this offseason but must balance trying to woo a major free agent with retaining some of their own. With an increased role projected for Holiday, one guard would seem expendable. Still, the

Pacers had ample cap space last summer and signed Evans and Doug McDermott, perhaps emblematic of the challenges small-market teams have in making big free-agent splashes.

If Oladipo returns to health and form, he has reached a level nobody on the Bulls has — yet. But there's potential for the Bulls to at least become relevant again, using one of executive vice president John Paxson's phrases. The Pacers, who reached two Eastern Conference finals with George, have remained so.

Neither team has looked back after trading its star. Both know rebuilds aren't easy.

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eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE

Derby uproar intensifies scrutiny on horse racing

Image problems, lack of uniformity on rules are pitfalls

By BETH HARRIS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — In a slow-to-evolve, tradition-laden sport, the Kentucky Derby might have set the standard for race officiating with the disqualification of first-place finisher Maximum Security.

The pressure was tremendous on the stewards at Churchill Downs to apply the same rules in the sport's showcase event that they would any other day of the week. Horses get their number taken down all the time in lesser races for various infractions.

The DQ on Saturday cost bettors backing Maximum Security \$9 million in losses. The colt's owners, Gary and Mary West, would have received \$1.8 million for first place. Jockey Luis Saez's share of the purse would have been \$180,000. Little-known trainer Jason Servis was dealt a devastating blow, too.

So perhaps it's the sign of a new era in racing when officiating will take some of the tactics out of the game, similar to what's happened in other pro sports.

Hockey has all but eliminated bench-clearing brawls, with fighting limited to each team's designated goon going one-on-one. The NFL tightened up the rules on pass interference to the point where contact causes referees to toss a penalty flag.

Why should racing be any different? Across sports, officiating has become more intrusive with advances in technology, and the games change as a result.

Horses get knocked around and lose position in the 20-horse stampede that defines the Derby. As five-time winner Bob Baffert said last week, "It's all about the trip."

Stewards could issue DQs in any given year for the Derby. It's a rough race by virtue of so many inexperienced horses charging 40 mph over a distance they've never attempted, in front of the biggest, noisiest crowd they'll ever see, and ridden by jockeys with a burning desire to win even if it means taking higher risks.

No one illustrated that derring-do better than three-time Derby winner Calvin Borel. He earned the nickname "Bo-rail" for his rail-skimming rides in contrast to most jockeys who prefer keeping their horses outside and potentially clear of trouble.

Maximum Security became the first Derby horse disqualified in 145 years for an infraction on the track. The stewards ruled the front-running colt interfered with War of Will traveling close behind as they approached the top of the stretch, beginning a chain of near-disastrous events.

War of Will almost clipped heels with Maximum Security before interfering with Long Range Toddy. Then Long Range Toddy bothered Bodexpress, causing him to bump slightly into Country House, who crossed the wire second behind Maximum Security.

Maximum Security led throughout the race, and 65-1 shot Country House rallied after racing ninth in the early going.

"Was Maximum Security the best horse in the race? Yes, but did he impede some horses? Yes," Terry Meyocks, CEO of The Jockeys' Guild, said Monday. "Are we lucky we didn't have some major catastrophe? Definitely."

If racing thought it had image problems with 23 dead horses at Santa Anita this winter, a potential multihorse spill in the final turn of the biggest race of the year watched by millions worldwide would have dealt a body blow to the already struggling industry.

Saez said Maximum Security shied away from the noise of 150,729 fans and "may have ducked out a little."

Video shows Maximum Security switched leads early on the final turn and in doing so shifted out. When the colt switched back to the correct lead, he shifted back in.

"This horse bolted, it reacted to something," Meyocks said. "Luis tried to correct it as soon as possible and maybe he overcorrected."



JULIO CORTEZ/AP

Maximum Security, the horse disqualified from the Kentucky Derby by racing stewards, is led to a grooming station by Edelberto Rivas.

"This horse bolted, it reacted to something. Luis tried to correct it as soon as possible and maybe he overcorrected."

— Terry Meyocks, Jockeys' Guild CEO, on Maximum Security's disqualification at the Kentucky Derby

Riders can't completely control a 1,000-pound racehorse, but what happens in the saddle is their ultimate responsibility. The same is true for trainers, who are charged with the care of their horses regardless of circumstance.

Gary Stevens, a three-time Derby winner during his Hall of Fame career, believes Saez should not be blamed.

"Horse appears to shy away from the glare off lights on water puddle on inside rail causing him to shift to right lead causing him to duck out," Stevens tweeted. "Not jocks fault."

The stewards themselves could have posted the inquiry sign, which lets bettors know that video gets reviewed for a possible infraction. That didn't happen.

Instead, it was jockeys Flavien Prat (Country House) and Jon

Court (Long Range Toddy) who filed objections, triggering the 22-minute review that resulted in the DQ.

Except for a brief statement read a few hours after the race by Kentucky chief steward Barbara Borden, who didn't take questions from the media, there has been no further explanation.

Unlike the major U.S. professional sports, horse racing lacks a league office or commissioner to oversee the game. The 38 racing states set their own rules involving medication and safety. Typically, a punishment handed down in one jurisdiction will be honored in another, but there is little that requires it.

"Our industry has never worked well together," Meyocks said. "We need to have consistent rules throughout the world."

The still unexplained horse deaths at Santa Anita have sparked a flurry of abrupt changes in medication and safety rules that are reverberating throughout the industry. A coalition of tracks is vowing to eliminate the use of the anti-bleeding race-day medication Lasix by 2021.

Prat and his fellow riders used a newly redesigned cushioned riding crop in the Derby, also the result of the fallout from Santa Anita.

"That's perception No. 1 against us: We whip horses and we don't," Meyocks said. "If anyone abuses a horse, they should be fined or suspended."

The Derby proved an education for the casual fan about the rules of racing.

The booing at Churchill Downs traveled quickly onto social media,

with opinions expressed all the way up to the White House.

President Donald Trump tweeted: "The Kentucky Derby decision was not a good one. Only in these days of political correctness could such an overturn occur. The best horse did NOT win the Kentucky Derby — not even close!"

The clear winner in the Derby mess was NBC Sports, which boasted 18 million TV-only viewers when the race ended before peaking at 18.5 million for the post-race coverage. The DQ controversy could provide a boost for the Preakness on May 18, even though Maximum Security and Country House will sit it out.

There's still a chance the horses could meet again June 8 in the Belmont, the final leg of the Triple Crown.

Even if they don't go head-to-head, the uproar from this Derby will continue to echo across racing.

"We're in a different era," Meyocks said, "and we need to look at the bigger picture."

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After 2 years in military, Bae can't find his game

BY DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — He was away from golf for two years, and his world ranking plummeted lower than it had been at any point in his career.

For Sangmoon Bae, the re-entry has not gone as well as he would have liked.

Bae started well enough at the Wells Fargo Championship until his five birdies were wasted by five bogeys, and he ended up missing the cut for the ninth time in 13 starts on the PGA Tour this year. He knows the game that took him to 13 wins worldwide, including two on the PGA Tour and a spot in the Presidents Cup, is still in there.

"I think my game is a lot better than before. My swing is better," Bae said. "I've kind of lost my feel how to play golf. Not how to swing — I forgot how to play golf."

Bae was in the final match at home in South Korea in 2015 at the Presidents Cup, and he flubbed a chip on the 18th hole that was the International team's last chance to win the trophy. That was his final competition before he faced two-year mandatory military service.

He was the second-best player from South Korea in the world ranking (No. 88) going into the Presidents Cup. When he returned, he was No. 1,869 in the world.

Bae, who lost an appeal to extend his work permit to play golf, was in the Army with kids some 10 years younger than him.

"I wasn't able to play there because I was a rifleman," he said. "I had a five- or six-day holiday every month, but Korea is really cold in the winter. Five days is not enough to play, and I was happy in that time to hang out with my family. I didn't have to think about the military."

He had never shot a rifle before he joined the Army.

"I learned. I was good at it," he said with a laugh. "We didn't shoot every day, it was more training. We had a lot of running, working out and military theory, so we studied. We wake at 6 a.m. every day, the same schedule."

The food?
"Not as good as it is here," he said with another laugh from the Quail Hollow Club locker room.

The world ranking wasn't a concern, it was keeping his job. Bae said he had 27 events to try to earn back his card. He played 17 times and made five cuts but did well enough to get into the Web.com Tour Finals. After a tie for sixth in the second event at Canterbury, he won the Boise Open to secure his card.

"I made an 8-foot putt on the last hole, and that meant a lot," he said. "That was a championship putt. That gave me a strong mind. It was like: 'Oh, the game is back. I'm ready to play on the PGA Tour next year.' I went to Napa — I had won that tournament — and had so much confidence. But I didn't play well that week."

Bae said his mistake was not going to the Web.com Tour Championship after his win at Boise for a chance to win the postseason money title, which would have made him fully exempt for the year. Now his priority depends on his performance, and his performance has been lacking.

One problem is seeing too many coaches. Bae says he saw five or six coaches last year, some for only one session on the range.

"Too many swing thoughts," he said. "I have better swing thoughts now — not millions, just a couple of them."

He moved from Dallas to Las Vegas, where he said it was easier to practice at the TPC Summerlin. He also has found more entertainment in Las Vegas, and he has a group of friends for practice. That includes Women's PGA champion Danielle Kang, her brother and Inbee Park and her husband.

He is in the field at the AT&T Byron Nelson this week, hopeful he can get it turned around. Bae has made only four cuts in 14 starts this year and is No. 212 in the FedEx Cup standings. He needs to be in the top 200 to at least return to the Web.com Tour Finals.

"I'm trying not to think of negative things. I'm trying to think of good golf," he said. "I hope to play well on tournament



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Sangmoon Bae of South Korea watches his tee shot on the third hole of the second round at the Wells Fargo Championship last week.



Rory McIlroy hits from a sand trap on the first hole of Round 1 at the Wells Fargo Championship. McIlroy says his big lead at the 2011 U.S. Open allowed him to savor the last hour of the tournament.

days, not practice rounds. I need to focus on how I play, not how I swing. Golf is a mental game. I need to work on my swing but do half and half. That balance is a little off right now."

Kirk recovery: Chris Kirk turns 34 Wednesday and feels as though he is starting over in what he calls a "new and better chapter in my life."

Kirk posted a message on Twitter revealing that he has dealt with alcohol abuse and depression and that he thought he could control it

on his own.

"But after multiple relapses, I have come to realize that I can't fix this on my own," Kirk said. "I will be taking an indefinite leave from the PGA Tour to deal with these issues. I don't know when I will be back, but for now I need my full focus on being the man my family deserves."

Kirk is a four-time winner on the PGA Tour, his most recent victory at Colonial in 2015. That was the year he holed a 15-foot birdie putt on the 18th in South Korea that was the most pivotal in

a one-point victory for the Americans.

"It takes a great deal of courage to talk publicly about issues such as mental health and substance abuse, and the entire PGA Tour family stands with Chris Kirk in taking this difficult first step toward his recovery and well-being," PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan said.

McIlroy perspective: Rory McIlroy won his first major at Congressional in the 2011 U.S. Open when he built a three-shot

lead after one round and went on to win by eight shots.

That would seem to give him better perspective than most when it comes to what Tiger Woods did at Pebble Beach in the 2000 U.S. Open, winning by nearly twice that many shots. Woods was the only player under par and won by 15.

"I wouldn't have given it a thought," McIlroy said.

McIlroy says the only comparison — he led by eight after 54 holes, Woods led by 10 — is that it allowed him to savor the last hour. McIlroy also won the PGA Championship by eight shots in 2012 at Kiawah Island.

"I remember at Kiawah the last few holes thinking, 'Geez, I'm about to become a multiple major champion,'" he said.

He also nearly lost a big lead. McIlroy recalls being six shots clear on the back nine in Dubai as he went after his first professional victory. He had to make a nervy 5-footer on the last hole to win by one shot. He says that served him well.

"If you're in that position, you know anything can happen," he said. "And if you're five or six behind with six to play, anything can happen and you have to stay positive."

Stat of the week: Max Homa (No. 417) became the fifth player in the last nine years to win the Wells Fargo Championship when ranked outside the top 100 in the world.

Final word: "He's smart, he knows how to play, he knows how to win. That's not going to leave you." — Jack Nicklaus on Tiger Woods.

JAMES BEARD AWARDS

Boka group, Parachute chefs win big

Parts and Labor Design, Publican Quality Bread's Greg Wade also honored

By **NICK KINDELSPERGER**
 Chicago Tribune

After picking up just one award last year, Chicago chefs and restaurateurs had a much better night at the James Beard Foundation Awards on Monday, picking up four awards, including a couple of the night's biggest honors. For the fifth year in a row, a collection of the best chefs and restaurateurs in America gathered at the Lyric Opera of Chicago for the awards, the largest culinary award show in the country.

It was an especially great night for Kevin Boehm and Rob Katz, who finally won Outstanding Restaurateur. (Indeed, Boehm had "JBF" stitched into his custom-made tuxedo jacket as a good luck charm.) Previously, they'd been nominated for the award four times in a row. Their Boka Restaurant Group runs Boka, Girl & the Goat, Momotaro, Bellemore, Swift & Sons, Somers

and GT Fish & Oyster, among many others. The two had to fight back tears for most of their acceptance speeches. They took most of their time to thank the many chefs who they work with, including Stephanie Izard, Giuseppe Tentori, Chris Pandel, Gene Kato, Jimmy Papadopoulos and Lee Wolen. Boehm added that he loved working with all of them. "Even when Lee Wolen is grumpy, which is a lot, I love him," he said.

It was also a hard-earned victory for Greg Wade, who nabbed Outstanding Baker for his work at Publican Quality Bread. Previously, he'd been nominated in the category twice. On stage, he gave a heartfelt speech about cultivating a "healthy food system for all."

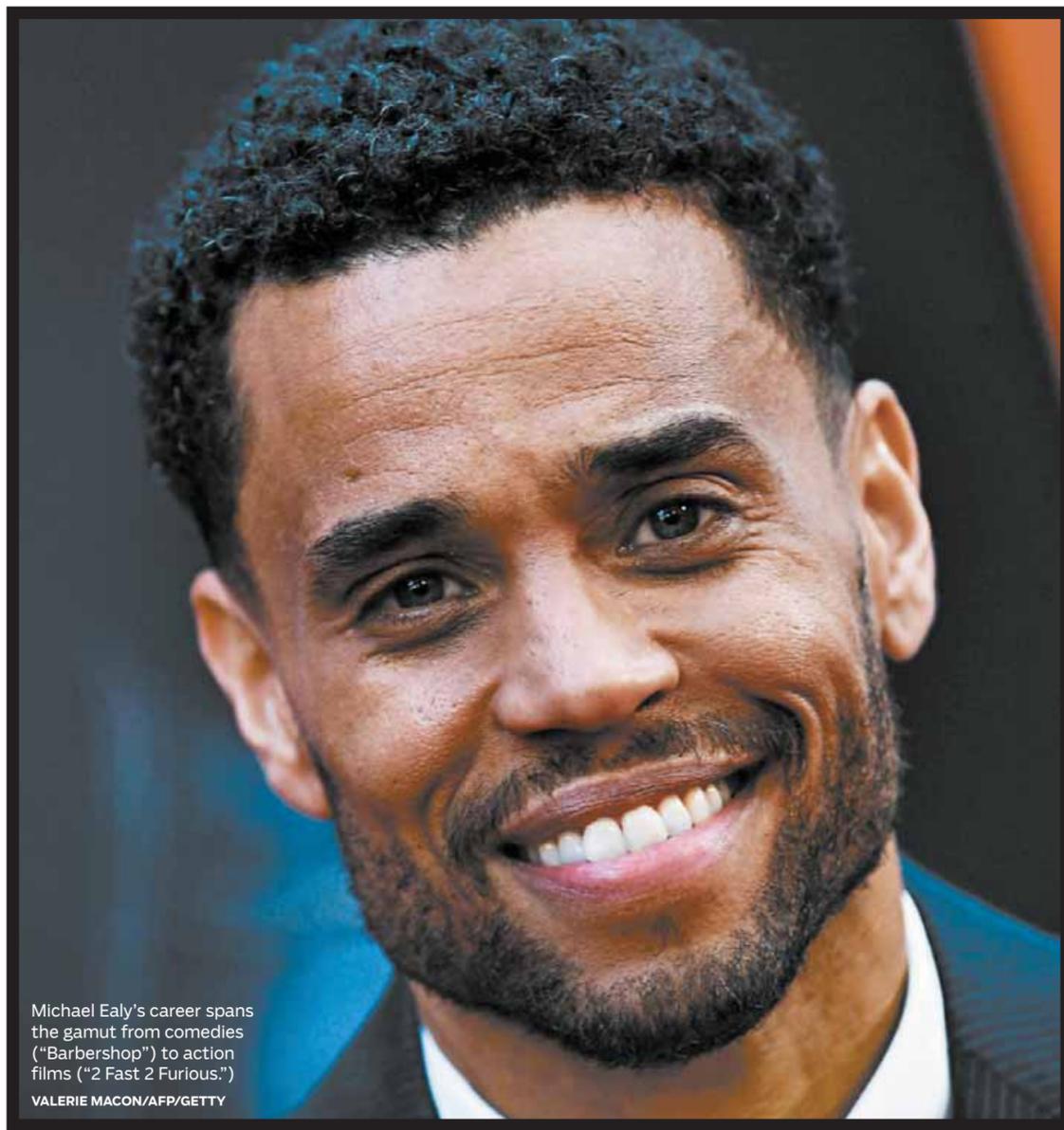
Considering only Chicago chefs were nominated for the Best Chef: Great Lakes category, there was less drama going into that announcement, but Beverly Kim and Johnny Clark won a well-deserved award for their acclaimed Avondale restaurant, Parachute. The couple had been nominated twice for the award, while Parachute

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Rob Katz, left, and Kevin Boehm, founders of Boka Restaurant Group, celebrate their win for Outstanding Restaurateur at the James Beard Foundation Awards on Monday.



Michael Ealy's career spans the gamut from comedies ("Barbershop") to action films ("2 Fast 2 Furious.")
 VALERIE MACON/AFP/GETTY

MY WORST MOMENT

Michael Ealy takes a dig

'The Intruder' star had an early, crushing experience with Chris Rock

By **NINA METZ** | Chicago Tribune

In the psychological thriller "The Intruder," Michael Ealy plays one half of a newlywed couple who recently bought their dream house. "And then everything starts to slowly fall apart because the previous owner (Dennis Quaid) does not go away," Ealy said. "There's a great scene where he comes over for Thanksgiving — my wife invited him, I didn't — and he realizes we've taken a tapestry off the wall and I'm like, 'Yeah, we got rid of your (stuff), and he's just steaming!' And you realize this guy still has some attachment to this place and he becomes more and more unhinged. It's funny, but then that humor turns into terror."

Even so, Ealy said Quaid kept things light on set. "Dennis is so good in this movie that he could literally go from deranged psychopath to, between takes, practicing his golf swing," Ealy said. Is the movie's central theme — of an older white man refusing to cede ground to a young black couple — a metaphor? "I think that's something an audience might deduce on their own, but there's not an ounce of that in the script," Ealy said.

Ealy's career spans the gamut from comedies such as "Barbershop" to action films such as "2 Fast 2 Furious" to TV dramas, including "The Good Wife" and "Being Mary Jane." When asked to share a worst moment in his career, it was an early movie role that came to Ealy's mind: "Somebody said something horrible to me — we're good now, but at the time it crushed me."

My worst moment ...
 "I was doing this movie with Anthony

Hopkins and Chris Rock called 'Bad Company' (from 2002). I was still waiting tables at the time, but I had just done a 'Law & Order' episode, which basically certifies you as a New York actor. I was so excited to audition for this movie and I didn't get the part, but (director) Joel Schumacher saw something in me and he wrote a part for me.

"It wasn't much; it was a bit part, but I was very grateful. The movie was shooting in New York and Chris Rock played a street hustler — like, he's that guy who's doing three-card monte in the park — and I played one of his best friends. I'm a young actor and I'm thrilled because this is my first movie, and it's a *big-budget* movie. And I'm going to do a scene with Anthony Hopkins! Kerry Washington was just starting out too and she played Chris' love interest. I guess Kerry and I were the local hires.

"Everything went well. Joel was fan-

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IN PERFORMANCE
 "The Undeniable Sound of Right Now" ★★½

A landlord walks into a Chicago rock club

By **CHRIS JONES**
 Chicago Tribune

For fans of Chicago's legendary indie music scene, Hank's Bar will feel like a fusion of The Hideout, Lounge Ax, Martyrs, the Double Door, and any number of other mission-based small music clubs on our city's fair streets. Famous for their passionate owners, bands and clientele, these fragile rock boutiques of past and present have become legendary combatants in a never-ending war against Live Nation, Sterling Bay, condominiums, city hall inspectors, gastropubs, streaming, Lollapalooza, party DJs and any number of other fountainheads, real and perceived, in the great war against gentrification.

And that's a battle many see as a fight for what might remain of this city's soul.

Writer Laura Eason's thick-with-nostalgia play, "The Undeniable Sound of Right Now" — now at the Raven Theatre under the direction of BJ Jones — is set in 1992, back when Thursday meant snagging the print edition of the Chicago Reader, its thicker-than-a-phone book music section filled with news and opinions of a different kind of gig economy. The cool kids, of course, preferred the secret shows — the chance to see The Clash in a clutch or Stevie Nicks with her guards down.

In Eason's fictional telling (although this writer has legit rock-band bonafides), 1992 marked the beginning of the end for the glory days of Chicago rock clubs. Hank (Jeff Mills) is growing tired and his loyal daughter Lena (Lindsay Stock) has two major antagonists in her face: the inevitably greedy landlord Joey (Casey Morris), the mercurial version of his kinder, now ailing father, and Nash (Henry Greenberg), a star DJ

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MICHAEL BROSILOW PHOTO

Lindsay Stock in "The Undeniable Sound of Right Now" at Raven Theatre.

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In a scene from Sunday's episode where Jon (Kit Harington) and Daenerys (Emilia Clarke) are celebrating, a takeout coffee cup was spotted on the table. HBO has since edited out the anachronistic error.

HBO wipes up 'GOT' coffee gaffe

HBO has quietly scrubbed the misplaced coffee cup out of the "Game of Thrones" episode that aired Sunday night.

The network acknowledged the gaffe Monday after fans spotted the takeout cup on a table in front of Daenerys Targaryen (Emilia Clarke) in a scene just before the 17:40 mark. It resembled a Starbucks cup but in fact came from the production's craft services — and someone left it behind in Winterfell.

"The latte that appeared in the episode was a mistake. Daenerys had ordered an herbal tea," HBO said in a statement.

As of Tuesday morning, the streaming version of the "GOT" episode available on HBO Now and HBO Go had removed the offending cup from the scene.

Hauke Richter, an art director on "Game of Thrones," on Monday told Variety that the brouhaha over the coffee cup was overwrought, pointing out that it's not uncommon for such anachronistic elements to accidentally make it into TV shows and movies on screen. The reaction to the error has been "so blown out of proportion (because) it has not happened with 'Thrones' so far."

Some "GOT" fans assumed the rogue cup that landed in Westeros was from Starbucks (leading the hashtag #Starbucks to trend on Twitter). Looking to capitalize on the moment, Starbucks tweeted: "TBH we're surprised she didn't order a Dragon Drink," its new tropical-inspired drink that the chain says includes "a scoop of real diced dragon fruit."

— Variety



FRAZER HARRISON/GETTY

It's a boy: Comedian Amy Schumer and husband Chris Fischer's son was born Sunday night according to Instagram, where she posted a photo with the caption: "Our royal baby was born." Schumer has joked about what it is like to be expecting at the same time as Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. She even speculated in her Netflix special that they were, to the day, the same amount of pregnant.

CMT noms: It's a wide-open field for this year's CMT Music Awards as five artists have three nominations each: Brothers Osborne, Luke Combs, Miranda Lambert, Maren Morris and Zac Brown Band. Nominations were announced Tuesday and fan voting is now open at vote.cmt.com. Little Big Town, who are nominated for two awards, are returning for a second year as hosts of live show, June 5 in Nashville.

Got his back: Former "Baywatch" star Pamela Anderson says Julian Assange "does not deserve to be in a supermax prison" after visiting the WikiLeaks founder behind bars. Assange is in London's Belmarsh Prison serving a 50-week sentence for jumping bail in 2012. The actress said he is innocent and being treated unfairly.

May 8 birthdays: Singer Toni Tennille is 79. Singer Gary Glitter is 75. Jazz pianist Keith Jarrett is 74. Drummer Chris Frantz is 68. Drummer Alex Van Halen is 66. Actor David Keith is 65. Actress Melissa Gilbert is 55. Singer Enrique Iglesias is 44. Singer Joe Bonamassa is 42. Actor Matt Davis is 41. Actor Domhnall Gleeson is 36. Actress Julia Whelan is 35.



ASK AMY

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Forget tidying up; try death cleaning

Dear Amy: Like many people my age, I have accumulated a lot of "stuff" I know that (as we say in the electric power business) it's time to "shed load."

The process is complicated by the fact that our spare bedroom and garage are so stuffed that I can barely move. I have considered moving some of the material to a rented storage facility, but my wife tells me, "The stuff will be out of sight and out of mind, and you'll never deal with it" (implying that she and our daughters will have to sort through it after I die).

I think it would speed up the process of sorting stuff to have more room to work. Should I just do the best I can under the circumstances, or is there some way I can convince her that having more elbow room would be useful?

— Pete the Packrat

Dear Pete: I'm with your wife on this one. If you transfer this "stuff" into a storage facility, it is likely you will be paying storage rental for the rest of your natural life, while those empty rooms will just fill right back up.

The way to create more room is to take this project in stages and get rid of/donate/sell the physically larger things first. Choose the easiest category (for instance, lawn mowers or gardening equipment). If you have five lawn mowers in various states of repair, keep the one that works and get rid of the rest.

A professional decluttering expert would be worth their weight in excess clutter. Professionals will sometimes organize a sale

and take a percentage of the profit. They are objective, neutral and work quickly.

I realize that Marie Kondo's book "The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing" is all the rage, but I far prefer the charming, empathetic technique of Margareta Magnusson, whose book, "The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning: How to Free Yourself and Your Family from a Lifetime of Clutter" is a game-changer. I highly recommend it for anyone wrestling with a lifetime of wonderful — and not-so-wonderful — stuff.

Dear Amy: My 37-year-old partner has a number of juvenile behaviors that are wearing on me after our seven years as a couple.

He has poor hygiene, which affects my physical attraction to him. He has never contributed fairly to our finances. He says he's just "bad with money" or "not conforming to capitalism," despite my efforts to convey how important it is to me. He rarely takes the initiative to do almost anything that would benefit our partnership without prompting.

Despite all my frustration with his regressive behaviors, I still love him for his other great qualities. I haven't been willing to let something petty and easily fixed destroy our relationship.

I've spoken with him about these things. I've been both gentle and angry. Nothing seems to improve in a lasting way. I also resent feeling it's my job to manage him and our household.

Is there any way to help a grown man grow up? Or am I naive to keep thinking I can teach this old dog any new tricks?

— Adulting

Dear Adulting: This man was 30 when you got together. Presumably, he was like this when you two met. Seven years later, you are still trying to figure out how to inspire (or incentivize) him to do something as simple, basic and self-affirming as bathe!

You sound like a high-functioning adult. At some point, you should question your judgment and motives for staying with someone who you believe needs so much fixing! Your guy might not be so easily "fixed." I suggest that you wrap your mind around the idea that he will always move through the world very much "as is."

Then, you have a big decision to make.

Dear Amy: I like it when you personally relate to your readers. You seem to have encountered so many different situations that I often wonder if it's possible. I guess I'm asking for an explanation for your Zelig-like life.

— Wondering

Dear Wondering: First of all, I'm ancient. I have a huge family, have worked in many different jobs, raised a child as a single parent, and am now a stepparent and grandparent. I've lived my life and have been paying attention.

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Latimore tackles two very different Chicago characters

By TRACY SWARTZ
Chicago Tribune

Jacob Latimore plays a Chicago teen struggling to break up with his girlfriend before they go to different colleges in the Netflix rom-com "The Last Summer," which dropped Friday.

It was also summer in Chicago on Sunday's episode of "The Chi," where Latimore's character worked on a taco truck to try to provide for the mothers of his children.

His dual performances "kind of shows the segregation (of the city) a little bit to be honest. North (Side) lives totally different than South Side of Chicago. Playing two different characters from Chicago that live different lifestyles: A young black kid who grew up in the suburbs, went to a predominantly white school, white girlfriend ..."

Latimore said about his role on "The Last Summer." "And then (on 'The Chi') this kid who has no real guidance and just like he loves shoes, he loves sneakers. Young kids in the 'hood, they love shoes. They die, kill each other over shoes. They're taught materialistic things rule everything."

Latimore talked to the press about his "Last Summer" character Friday at the Thompson Chicago, a hotel in the Gold Coast neighborhood. He had just come from Wrigley Field, where he sang the seventh-inning stretch with some of his "Last Summer" castmates.

The 22-year-old actor/R&B artist said the Netflix gig appealed to him because he didn't have the post-high school experience portrayed in the film, and he wanted a break from dramatic roles. Latimore grew up in Milwaukee and Atlanta and signed with Jive Records at the age of 13. His album, "Connection2," dropped last month. His first acting job



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Actor Jacob Latimore attends a screening of "Gully" at the Tribeca Film Festival on April 27 in New York.

was for a 2009 episode of the teen drama "One Tree Hill."

"The Last Summer" director William Bindley said he was impressed with Latimore's performance in the 2017 movie "Detroit."

"I've been a huge fan of Jacob's for a long time, but the movie that really drew me into him as an actor is 'Detroit.' And his performance in that movie was really moving. He's a super-talented guy. I mean, he sings, he performs, he can do comedy and drama. I'd seen him in 'Maze Runner' as well. I just thought he would be a great person in this ensemble," Bindley said.

Latimore has been a cast member of "The Chi" since the Showtime network drama premiered last year. He plays Emmett, a South Sider who struggles financially, more so lately because he has kids and his mom cut him loose.

Showtime last week renewed "The Chi" for a third season. Latimore said he has one major wish for

his character. "Well, hopefully, I would like a little facial hair, Showtime, because the shaver is irritating my skin a little bit."

"The Chi" films in Chicago from July until November. "The Last Summer" was mostly filmed in Cleveland because it was more cost-effective, though scenes were shot at Wrigley Field. Latimore has promoted both projects at our baseball parks.

"It's funny. 'The Last Summer' brought me to the Cubs stadium, but 'The Chi' brought me to the Sox stadium, so now I've got two jerseys and hopefully, no one's mad at me," he said with a laugh. Doesn't he know he has to choose a side?

"Honestly, I don't even watch baseball like that anyway, so I'm just neutral. I won't even tune in at this point. I just thank you for the jersey, and I'll just keep filming movies that represent Chicago."

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IN PERFORMANCE 'Miracle on South Division Street' ★★½

Comedy offers nostalgia and no surprises

By **KERRY REID**
Chicago Tribune

In the early years of this century, Tom Dudzick's meat-and-potatoes (or should that be "kiel-basa-and-cabbage?") nostalgic comedy "Over the Tavern," about a Polish-Catholic working-class family in 1950s Buffalo, got a long commercial run at the Mercury Theater. The show originated locally at Northlight, where it was the biggest non-musical hit in that theater's history at the time. Mercury subsequently produced Dudzick's 1960s sequel about the Pazinski clan, "King O' the Moon."

Now Buffalo has come home to ... Buffalo. Or at least the Buffalo Theatre Ensemble, the plucky longstanding professional company based out of the College of DuPage that had a three-year hiatus before coming back to the McAninch Arts Center in 2016. In "Miracle on South Division Street," Dudzick's 2009 comedy, a different — but no less outspoken — Polish-Catholic clan takes center stage. But the Buffalo of "Over the Tavern" has become a worn-out notch in the rust belt, with even the local bakery unable to withstand the economic decline.

The Nowak family, dominated by widowed matriarch Clara (Millie Hurlley), has long put their faith — and inspired the faith of others — with a shrine of the Blessed Mother, erected in the 1940s after Clara's father, a Polish immigrant and cobbler, claimed to have received a vision from the mother of Jesus in his shop. For years, they've told the story to visitors, and Clara has continued to run a soup kitchen two days a week, while collecting coins and notes from the faithful placed inside the shrine.



Rebecca Cox, Millie Hurlley and Nick DuFloth in "Miracle on South Division Street."

When daughter Ruth (Rebecca Cox), an aspiring actor, calls a family meeting to talk about a one-woman show she wants to create around the family legend, she inevitably opens a box more stuffed with secrets than a pierogi, calling into question the very foundation of the family's faith.

But despite some charming performances in director Steve Scott's production for BTE, Dudzick's play feels overly facile and predetermined. It's not hard to see the twists coming. More crucially, they don't carry the emotional impact that they should, because Dudzick seems more invested in the set-up than the pay-off. Dudzick's story spends a lot of time in the first 20 minutes or so spinning its wheels as Cox's Ruth struggles to get her family — which in addition to blunt Clara, includes easygoing

blue-collar brother Jimmy (Nick DuFloth) and beer-drinking, ex-priest-dating sister Beverly (Kelli Walker) — to stop squabbling long enough to hear her plans.

There's an insularity to this show that frankly would be easier to buy in a family in the 1950s than in the first decade of the 21st century. Beverly, for example, claims to have never known a Jewish person. Possible? Sure. But the trick is to make us believe that this contemporary family has little experience with life outside of the narrow confines of Clara's kitchen and the local parish. Even though Ruth has a good friend who has moved to New York. Even though Jimmy knows a Jewish girl well enough to want to marry her.

The economic downside in the neighborhood could also be played up for more dramatic

effect. What do prayers and visions mean in a place where windows are boarded up? How much more needed is Clara's soup kitchen in a place with chronic unemployment? Those are questions that are hinted at early on, then dropped by Dudzick in favor of warmed-over family jokes.

Which isn't to say that it's not well-crafted. At its best, "Miracle on South Division Street" might remind you of a throwback to another time — the Norman Lear era of "All in the Family," when Archie Bunker fulminated against the forces of social change. Dudzick has a gift for rat-a-tat one-liners, some of which are genuinely funny. (At one point, Beverly wonders why their grandfather couldn't have been visited "by some regular low-life patron saint of barbers." It's funny, but also reveals Beverly's own chronic low expectations of what life can be.)

When: Through June 2

Where: Buffalo Theatre Ensemble, McAninch Arts Center at College of DuPage, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn

Running time: 1 hour, 25 minutes

Tickets: \$40 at 630-942-4000 or btechicago.com

But jokes can't do all the heavy lifting for meaningful revelations. For the twists in the story to make sense, we must believe that the family has been transformed in multiple generations by both denying and facing unexpected truths. That's what doesn't happen here. Even the theological doubts of young Rudy Pazinski in "Over the Tavern" carried more heft than the quickly-resolved conflicts the Nowaks confront.

Fortunately, Hurlley's Clara rises above some of the limitations in the script with a warmth and verve woven through even her more biting observations. Cox isn't as convincing — her Ruth needs more presence to make us believe that, even as the artistic outsider in her family, she can still go toe-to-toe with them. DuFloth shines as the go-along-to-get-along lone man in the family of headstrong women, and Walker, despite a worldly demeanor at odds with Beverly's provincial worldviews, tears into her bowling-and-beer-drinking single woman with gusto.

It's an enjoyable show, and fans of Dudzick's earlier work probably won't be disappointed. But "Miracle on South Division Street" strikes a decidedly minor key.

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MPAA's ratings board gets new chief

Kelly McMahon brings fresh eyes to 50-year-old system

By **RYAN FAUGHNDER**
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The Motion Picture Association of America's new film-rating chief Kelly McMahon can relate to parents who have to figure out what's appropriate for their kids to watch: She has an 8-year-old son who loves scary movies.

The 46-year-old longtime corporate lawyer says she'll let her son watch a film such as "Jaws," which got a surprisingly low PG rating in 1975. But she knows other parents wouldn't allow their kids to see the intense classic shark movie.

"We're in the minority, I know," McMahon says with a smile at the MPAA's offices at the Sherman Oaks Galleria, where the nonprofit organization screens movies for its team of movie raters.

"I'm not going to turn on 'Jaws' when his friends are over."

Those kinds of judgment calls have recently taken on a much larger significance for McMahon, who now has one of the thorniest and least-understood jobs in Hollywood. On Monday, McMahon took over as head of the MPAA's ratings board, leading the small group of parents who anonymously assign ratings, ranging from G to NC-17, to hundreds of movies a year.

She replaces Joan Graves, 77, who recently retired after 18 years as head of the ratings body.

The MPAA, led by former U.S. ambassador Charles Rivkin, is looking to McMahon to bring a fresh perspective to the 50-year-old ratings system, which has sometimes taken heat from moviegoers, filmmakers and political groups. Some critics have accused the MPAA of permitting too much violence in PG-13 movies while being overly sensitive to sexual content. Many also see the group's language criteria, in which more than one F-word usually earns an R, as overly rigid.

McMahon, in her first interview since taking the helm, defended the ratings system, which she says has remained a reliable and essential tool for families navigating the multiplex. However, she says one of her first major goals is to reach out to parents, filmmakers and political groups — including LGBTQ and religious organizations — to hear their concerns.

She also wants to add more people to the rating board to ensure its decisions are representative of American consumers. The board currently employs only



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Kelly McMahon is the new head of the Motion Picture Association of America's often-controversial ratings board.

eight raters; McMahon wants to grow the board to 12. She also wants to address the once-common G (general audiences) rating, which has virtually disappeared from the industry.

"I think I'll be asking more questions of our raters and the process," she said. "As great as any system is, there's always room for improvement."

Late MPAA President Jack Valenti, who led the organization for decades, launched the rating administration in 1968 as an alternative to government censorship amid the decline of the dreaded Hays Code. The Classification and Rating Administration, as it is formally called, has doled out roughly 30,000 ratings, according to a report the association issued last year.

Counting F-bombs and dissecting sex scenes in movies can seem quaint at a time when questionable material is widely available online. Yet ratings remain highly influential. They are critical for studios' business because they can influence a film's commercial performance, experts said.

An R rating can shrink the audience for a movie that was designed as a broad-based summer blockbuster. An NC-17 designation can destroy a movie's box-office prospects by making it off-limits to anyone 17 and under.

"It's a real matter of commercial significance," said Alan Friedman, an entertainment industry attorney at Fox Rothschild who

has helped studios appeal ratings and previously served as general counsel to Miramax. "Many dollars flow from getting the rating that you're trying to get."

McMahon, a UCLA School of Law alum who grew up frequenting the local drive-in theater in Long Island, N.Y., is a relative newcomer to the ratings.

Her predecessor Graves first joined the MPAA as a part-time rater in 1988 before ascending to the chair position in 2000. McMahon, by contrast, previously served as corporate counsel at the MPAA for nearly 12 years, spending much of her tenure reviewing contracts, employment issues and other business matters. Before that, she was an associate at a Century City law firm.

For an avid movie watcher, whose favorite films are "Braveheart" and "The Princess Bride," the rating chair job was attractive to McMahon.

"It's so unique and so interesting," she said of her new role. "You grow up with the ratings. ... That was a part of me growing up."

McMahon started sitting in on screening sessions in January to get accustomed to her new role.

"It was nerve-racking at first," she said. "You don't want to be the sole PG when everyone else is PG-13."

However, she's no stranger to the controversies ratings cause. For the last year-and-a-half, she has overseen the rating appeals process, in which studios and

filmmakers try to get ratings changed. That experience gave her insight into the process and concerns of filmmakers and studios.

The first appeal she faced was for the 2018 Warner Bros. release "15:17 to Paris," which the MPAA had rated R for violence. Director Clint Eastwood, who wanted the rating changed to PG-13 to get the widest possible audience, made his pitch to the MPAA in person.

"He was very persuasive," McMahon said. "Joan's funny. Going in, she was like, 'I always lose to Clint Eastwood.'"

Sure enough, Eastwood prevailed and got his PG-13. Following Eastwood's presentation, McMahon walked the famed actor-director to his car and helped him retrieve a parking slip that he'd dropped in his vehicle.

The changing of the guard at the MPAA comes during a broader evolution of the lobbying group amid major industry upheaval, including the consolidation of the studios and the rise of digital players that compete with the traditional movie companies. One of its members, 20th Century Fox, was recently absorbed by Walt Disney Co. The MPAA recently welcomed streaming giant Netflix Inc. into its membership, which consists of Disney, Universal Pictures, Warner Bros., Sony Pictures and Paramount Pictures.

As for the ratings, a key challenge for McMahon and her team is to keep up with the times and

figure out what most parents will find suitable for kids. Finding common ground can be tricky in an increasingly polarized nation in which cultural values are vastly divided by geography and political preference.

"The hardest part of that job is having to adjust to all of those changes and remain relevant," said Ethan Noble, head of New York-based Motion Picture Consulting, which helps studios, including Netflix, navigate the ratings. "You have to keep Middle America happy, and you have to keep the coasts happy. It's a tightrope to walk, for sure."

The system is sure to remain an occasional political flashpoint. Now-disgraced producer Harvey Weinstein in 2017 challenged the R-rating for the transgender-themed drama "3 Generations," arguing that the rating would keep the film from reaching vulnerable young people. GLAAD accused the MPAA of bias against transgender story lines. The MPAA lowered the rating to PG-13 after the studio made cuts.

But the job has yielded unexpected personal benefits for McMahon, who lives in Sherman Oaks. For one thing, her son is now curious about what she does for a living and asks what movies she saw that day.

"It's really cute," she said. "It's brought this relationship we didn't have before, where he's actually interested in what I do."

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Nureyev's complicated life

'White Crow' a labor of love for Fiennes

BY MATT DONNELLY
Variety

The story of "The White Crow," Ralph Fiennes' latest directorial effort, is as topical as anything currently sitting on the desk of a studio head. It tells of a rebellious artist grappling with his sexuality during turbulent political times rife with tensions between the United States and an agitated Russia. But though the upcoming film, which Sony Pictures Classics will release this month, may be weirdly timely, it is actually set nearly 60 years ago and depicts the true tale of late ballet sensation Rudolf Nureyev.

Known for performances that were sinewy and sensual, Nureyev inflamed Cold War tensions in 1961 when he became one of the first megastars to defect from the Soviet Union. Once in the United States, the ballet and contemporary dancer and choreographer became a household name, partnering with Margot Fonteyn in acclaimed productions of "Giselle" and "Swan Lake," appearing on "The Muppet Show" and playing Rudolph Valentino in an ill-fated biopic about the silent screen star. His was a complicated life.

Fiennes, the Oscar-nominated star of "Schindler's List" and the "Harry Potter" franchise, has spent 20 years trying to bring Nureyev's story to the big screen.

"It's almost an impossible task to replicate dramatically someone who is so unique," the director tells Variety. "What struck me was the sheer presentational, charismatic, sexual force of him as a spirit onstage." Fiennes became obsessed with the dancer after reading an early version of Julie Kavanagh's 2007 biography "Nureyev: The Life."

Not unlike his subject, who toiled for years in the corps de ballet perfecting his technique, Fiennes had to overcome considerable hurdles to make the film. He had to contend with everything from shooting technically intricate ballet performances on a modest budget to finding a Russian- and English-speaking leading man who could also convincingly play one of the world's most famous dancers.

The director says he also faced pressure from investors to cast big stars at the expense of historical accuracy. One name kept



Oleg Ivenko, left, plays Rudolf Nureyev and Ralph Fiennes is Alexander Pushkin in "The White Crow," which was also directed by Fiennes.

floating to the top of the list — his own.

"I didn't really want to be in the film," confesses Fiennes. "I've acted and directed twice, and it's hard. I really wanted to have an experience where I didn't have to worry about being an actor." Instead, Fiennes took a supporting role as Alexander Pushkin, an influential instructor of Nureyev's. Pushkin's interest in the brilliant, petulant young dancer was so intense that he allowed him to move into the studio apartment he shared with his wife.

For the role of Nureyev, Fiennes had numerous offers out to "wonderful" French and Russian actors who were largely unknown to global audiences.

"(The) distributors and sales agents, the investors, are all saying, 'Who are your stars?' and 'Are you in it, Ralph?'" recalls Fiennes. "I said no, and I could see the light fading behind their eyes. I realized they were being asked to put money in a Russian-language film with no major names. So finally I folded."

Casting Ukrainian dancer and acting newcomer Oleg Ivenko as Nureyev required a leap of faith. To hire an actor with no dance

"Financiers are like an endlessly hungry mouth. They are never happy."

— Director-actor Ralph Fiennes

training would have been too great a compromise, Fiennes says, as his budget and schedule would be eaten up by the cost and complications of using visual effects to paste an actor's face on a dancer's body. Fiennes put Ivenko through the ringer with rehearsals and screen tests, but he still worried that he might be asking the impossible.

"He was outside the Louvre, he's chewing on a croissant and he asks a cleaning lady what time the museum will open. And as the camera was on him, all of us just said, 'Wow. He's got it,'" Fiennes says of Ivenko's first day shooting. "It's a cliché, but the camera loves him."

Ivenko took Fiennes' trust seriously and now refers to the director as his "film father," saying when the men first met in St. Petersburg, "I understood I had to work very hard."

Another point of contention was the role of

Clara Saint, a 21-year-old socialite and daughter of a notable Chilean artist, who was residing in Paris while Nureyev was on tour there with the Mariinsky Ballet. Saint played a pivotal part in the dancer's decision to flee his homeland. In the film, she is crucial to both his artistic awakening and his renouncing of his Russian citizenship. Fiennes chose exalted indie actress Adele Exarchopoulos ("Blue Is the Warmest Color") for the part, but his backers were wary.

"Financiers are like an endlessly hungry mouth. They are never happy," says Fiennes. "They just say, 'Yes, we like her, but who else have you got?' or 'Have you seen this actress?' or 'Could you not cast Marion Cotillard?'"

Original ballet sequences for the film would need to be ruthlessly paired down to bare essentials, due to the sheer amount — and cost — of footage required. Such sequences are so

notoriously difficult to shoot that solid execution can earn a director massive street cred (see Darren Aronofsky's "Black Swan" and Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger's genre classic "The Red Shoes"). Rather than studying other cinematic attempts at shooting ballet, Fiennes cobbled together the little footage that exists of Nureyev in action.

"It's great because it doesn't sentimentalize history," says Michael Barker, co-president of Sony Pictures Classics. "It's impressive to see what Ralph has been able to do. We saw in 'Coriolanus' how he could modernize Shakespeare. We saw him bring a new dimension to Charles Dickens in 'The Invisible Woman,'" Barker says of Fiennes' previous directorial outings.

For "The White Crow," Fiennes hired prolific Oscar-winning screenwriter David Hare to adapt the movie from Kavanagh's book, and he's the first to admit that he suffered a bumpy learning curve.

"I realized our resources were quite limited and that my shooting time would be limited," notes the director. "We couldn't afford to have great corps de ballet se-

quences, and we had only one very briefly glimpsed pas de deux."

A story like Nureyev's is important to experience in a theater, Fiennes says, because ballet is a medium best appreciated "in the flesh."

"I really don't believe that when people watch films at home they are having a pure experience," he says, "because the phone rings, someone puts the kettle on, the kids come home from school, the dog is puking on the carpet. It's not pure."

Fiennes says he finds modern cinemas aren't making it any easier to leave the couch, and suggests the major chains and art-house theaters launch a movement to entice audiences back into their seats.

"(For) cinema owners, maybe it's good to have some campaign to advocate the cinema experience. I find some cinemas, though, quite soulless and depressing. I think that going into a cinema, you want to feel that you're welcomed, and I can't bear the choice of bad candy and popcorn.

"How can we get the sense that the cinema feels special? Then maybe we can feel it's worthwhile to leave home," he says.

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tastic. Anthony Hopkins was fantastic. But Chris Rock was a little cold. He was probably at the height of his career at this point and I idolized him — I had watched all his stuff and thought he was so funny and I really respected him — but he was just kind of indifferent to me.

"We had to do some reshoots for the end of the movie, so they asked me to come back a couple months later — I'm still waiting tables, so I take a day off from that — and we're doing this wedding scene between Chris and Kerry and I'm the best man.

"So we're about to shoot this scene, I'm in my tux, I come on set, Chris and Kerry are standing there and Joel is telling me where to stand. And right before he says action, Chris looks over at me and says, 'Oh (pause). Still in the business, huh?' And when he said that, it was like a Mike Tyson left hook. I knew he wasn't joking around. I think maybe he was trying to disguise it as playful teasing, but it was a dig.

"Some people don't get it when I tell this story, but to say that to me was beyond disrespectful — to the point where Kerry was like (laughs), 'Chris, no.' I still



Meagan Good and Michael Ealy in a scene from "The Intruder."

love Kerry to this day because she was like, 'What's wrong with you? That was just wrong.' He had an entourage of people and they were very nice to me, but he was just an a-----. You never know what somebody's going through. Wherever he was in that point in his life, he probably wasn't very happy.

"When I first moved to New York and started waiting tables, I didn't tell anybody that I wanted to act because it's kind of a cliché. I didn't want people to look at me and think: Oh, this pretty boy thinks he can just come here and be an actor. I wanted to have a chance to prove myself to myself and pay my dues. So when he said that, it was crushing. It was awful.

"And mind you, we didn't speak much on set in the first place. For whatever

reason he didn't talk to me much. He was a big star and I had a small part and maybe he didn't think I was going to be around much, so he didn't think it was important to be nice to me.

"I just stayed professional and did my best, but I was stuck there having to look like I'm happy to be at my friend's wedding when really at this point, I wanted to punch him in the f----- face. The crying came later. In the moment I wanted to punch him in the face. That was my Maryland upbringing coming into play (laughs) where you just fight.

"But it forced me to look at what I wanted to do. I could either quit and make him right about me. Or I could be like, you know what? There's going to be other people who don't believe in me, so I have to

believe in myself. At the time, being successful didn't mean being a big movie star — it meant making a living as an actor. I just needed to make my rent doing this.

"Shortly after this happened I decided to move to L.A. And my first week there I had a panic attack driving down Sunset and looking at all these billboards of famous people and feeling like I had to be famous right now and realizing that I had left New York abruptly and this might have been a crazy thing to do. But within a year, I myself was on billboards for 'Barbershop' and my whole world changed.

Has Ealy crossed paths with Chris Rock in the years since?

"Years later I see Chris at the Golden Globes. I had

been nominated for 'Sleeper Cell' (a Showtime drama from 2005) and I run into him on my way to the bathroom. And you know what he said? 'I love your work and I apologize for what I said.' He somehow remembered what he said to me and that it was wrong — and he owned up to it and apologized and told me he loved my work and he was a fan.

"That's when the crying happened (laughs)! For him to acknowledge it was huge — it meant everything to me. And he's kind of a dope person because of that. I forgive easy, but can you imagine if he hadn't remembered that we had worked together on a movie before? That would have been the second punch, right?"

"I've seen him numerous times since then and all is cool (laughs), no big deal. And I still think he's a great comedian, you know what I mean? I don't hold this against him. I did — I held a serious grudge up until we met at the Golden Globes and we talked. But I also know that he motivated me."

The takeaway ...

"It's a takeaway that I still hold true to this day: There will be plenty of people who will not believe in you. Some will be in positions of power, some will be huge stars. But no

matter how crushing it feels, you cannot give up. You have to keep pushing.

"But it also taught me early on how to treat people. I really learned that working with Will Smith and Halle Berry — when I worked with them, they both knew everybody's name on the crew and they spoke to every actor, whether they were background or guest star.

"I'm sure you've seen it — you can send someone into a depression or downward spiral by just not being cordial. You don't have to best friends, just be cordial. But let's be honest, this is one of the riskiest fields you can get into because there's so much rejection.

"My thing was, whether (Rock) knew it or not, I came out OK. Whether he apologized or not, I came out OK. And to this day I look at Chris Rock as a stand-up guy because what we do in our youth, let's be honest, we all do stuff. I'm glad it happened because I get treated the same way by certain Hollywood executives now. The same stuff happens right now (laughs), so it helped me learn coping skills. If I didn't believe in myself, I'd be out of this business. This career requires that much self-fortitude and determination."

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WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Sean Giambrone

"The Goldbergs" (7 p.m., ABC): After Adam (Sean Giambrone) inadvertently blurts out that Barry (Troy Gentile) never completed the community service requirement he needs to graduate, the brothers team up to throw what they're confident will be the greatest breakdancing battle in the history of William Penn High School in the Season 6 finale "Breakin'."

"Empire" (7 p.m., FOX): Reflecting on how each has betrayed the other on multiple fronts, Lucious and Cookie (Terrence Howard, Taraji P. Henson) wonder whether their relationship has reached an end in the Season 5 finale "The Roughest Day." Meanwhile, Andre's (Trai Byers) life hangs in the balance as the Feds close in, putting the fate of Empire in doubt. Elsewhere, the identity of the person in the coffin is revealed. Vivica A. Fox and Alicia Coppola guest star.

"Riverdale" (7 p.m., CW): After discovering another secret that her father Hiram (Mark Consuelos) has been keeping from her, Veronica (Camila Mendes) turns to Archie and Mary (KJ Apa, guest star Molly Ringwald) for help and support in the new "Chapter Fifty-Six: The Dark Secret of Harvest House." Betty (Lili Reinhart), meanwhile, has a few questions she wants answered after witnessing some strange goings-on at The Farm.

"Zombie House Flipping" (7 p.m., 11:03 p.m., AE): In the new episode "The Animal House," the team sees the potential for a six-figure payday after spotting a run-down house on a prime lakefront lot. Unfortunately, they don't realize at first that this derelict structure is now home to a host of wild animal squatters that could play havoc with the renovation schedule.

"Schooled" (7:30 p.m., ABC): Season 1 of this spinoff of "The Goldbergs" wraps with Barry Goldberg (guest star Troy Gentile) continuing his campaign to win back his old flame Lainey (AJ Michalka) in a finale called "Dr. Barry." He's aided in this quest by the good-hearted CB (Brett Dier), who's carrying a secret torch for Lainey himself.

"Modern Family" (8 p.m., ABC): This hit Emmy-winning sitcom closes out its 10th and penultimate season with "A Year of Birthdays," a finale written and directed by series co-creator Steven Levitan. The imminent arrival of Haley and Dylan's (Sarah Hyland, Reid Ewing) twins serves as an occasion to reflect on how each of the other family members celebrated their birthdays during this past year.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor David Cross.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Jimmy Fallon brings A-list guests, signature comedy bits and chart-topping music to late night.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Bryan Cranston; TV host RuPaul Charles.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actress Rebel Wilson; actor Kyle Chandler; Bruce Hornsby & The Noisemakers perform.*

* Subject to change

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 8

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	Survivor: "Idol or Bust." (N) ©		The Amazing Race: "I Took out a Polar Bear." (N)		SEAL Team: "My Life for Yours." (N) ©		News (N) ♦
	NBC 5	Chicago Med: "More Harm Than Good." (N) ©		Chicago Fire: "Try Like Hell." (N) ©		Chicago P.D.: "Sacrifice." (N) ©		NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	ABC 7	The Goldbergs (Season Finale) (N) ©	Schooled (Season Finale) (N) ©	Modern Family (Season Finale) (N) ©	Single Parents (Season Finale) (N) ©	Whiskey Cavalier: "College Confidential." (N)		News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN 9	MLB Baseball: Miami Marlins at Chicago Cubs. From Wrigley Field in Chicago. (N)						WGN News at Ten (N)
	Antenna 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson ©		3's Comp.
	This TV 9.3	Reservoir Dogs (R,'92) ***	Harvey Keitel. ©			The Mod Squad (R,'99) * ©		
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Nature: "Moose: Life of a Twig Eater." (N) ©		NOVA: "Inside the Megafire." (N) ©		Break-through (N) ♦
	The U 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)		The Game	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith		Gomer Pyle	WKRP Cincinnati	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦
CABLE	Bounce 26.5	The Game	The Game	Mindhunters (R,'04) ** LL		Cool J. ©		XXX State ♦
	FOX 32	Empire: "The Roughest Day." (Season Finale) (N) ©		Star: "When the Levee Breaks." (Season Finale) (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family
	Ion 38	Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Blood ♦
	Telem 44	Exatión EE. UU. (N)		Betty en NY (N) ©		La reina del sur (N) ©		Chicago (N)
	CW 50	Riverdale (N) ©		Jane The Virgin (N) ©		Dateline ©		Chicago ♦
	UniMas 60	The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13,'07) **	Matt Damon.			Renta	Renta	Hoy voy a ♦
	WJYS 62	Salem Baptist Church		Joyce Meyer	Robison	Coach's Cor.	Paid Prog.	Monument
	Univ 66	Jesus		Rosa de Guadalupe (N)		Por amar sin ley		Noticias (N)
	AE	Zombie Flip (N)		Zombie Flip (N)		Tiny House Nation (N) ©		Tiny (N) ♦
	AMC	Taken (PG-13,'08) ***	Liam Neeson. ©			(9:05) The Last Witch Hunter ** ©		
ANIM	Northwest Law: Uncuffed: "Family Busts." (N) ©				Northwest Law ©		Fish or Die ♦	
BBCA	Expend 3 The Untouchables (R,'87) ***	Kevin Costner, Sean Connery. ©			Escape Al ♦			
BET	Tyler Perry's Good Deeds		Training Day (R,'01) ***		Denzel Washington, Ethan Hawke.			
BIGTEN	College Baseball (N)		BIG Show		BIG Show		Ohio State ♦	
BRAVO	Charm	Charm (N)	Housewives/NYC (N)		Best Room Wins (N) ©		Watch (N)	
CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics	
CNBC	Deal or No Deal ©		Deal or No Deal ©		Deal or No Deal ©		Beyond ♦	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦	
COM	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Daily (N) ♦	
DISC	Expedition Unknown (N)		Expedition Unknown (N)		Mummies Unwrapped (N)		Expedition ♦	
DISN	Sydney-Max	Sydney-Max	Jessie ©		Sydney-Max	Coop	Andi Mack	
E!	Botched ©		Botched: "Man Boobs."		Botched ©		Busy (N)	
ESPN	MLB Baseball: Mariners at Yankees (N)	SportsCenter (N) (Live) ©					SportCtr (N)	
ESPN2	USL Soccer: Tampa Bay Rowdies at Nashville SC. (N)				Rookie	Rookie	Rookie	
FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News	
FOOD	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games (N)		Guy's Grocery Games		Grocery ♦	
FREE	Pretty Little Liars (N)		(8:01) The House Bunny (PG-13,'08) **		Anna Faris.		700 Club ♦	
FX	(6:30) Deadpool (R,'16) ***	Ryan Reynolds. ©			Shadows (N)	What We Do	What We Do	
HALL	Love, Romance & Chocolate (NR,'19)	Lacey Chabert.			Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	
HGTV	Property Brothers ©		Buying and Selling (N)		Hunters	Hunt Intl (N)	Boise Boys	
HISTV	Forged in Fire (N)		Forged in Fire (N)		(9:03) Forged in Fire (N)		Forged ♦	
HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
IFC	(6:30) Rocky III (PG,'82) ***	Sylvester Stallone. ©			Brockmire	Rocky IV (PG,'85) **	***	
LIFE	The Shack (PG-13,'17) **	Sam Worthington, Octavia Spencer. ©					Twist ♦	
MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)	
MTV	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	The Challenge (N) ©		Catfish: The TV Show ©		Catfish ♦	
NBCSCH	MLB Baseball (N)		Postgame	Sox Talk	White Sox	Beer Money	Baseball ♦	
NICK	Alvin-Chipwrecked		Alvin-Chipwrecked		Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	
OVATION	(6) Uptown Girls '03 **		Daddy Day Care (PG,'03) **		Eddie Murphy.		Beverly ♦	
OWN	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	
OXY	NCIS: "After Hours."		NCIS: "Scope." ©		NCIS ©		NCIS ♦	
PARMT	Grease (PG,'78) ***	John Travolta, Olivia Newton-John. ©					Grease (PG,'78) *** ♦	
SYFY	Underworld: Awakening (R,'12) **	Kate Beckinsale.			Happy! (N) ©		Need Spd ♦	
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full (N)	Conan (N)	
TCM	The Young Philadelphians (NR,'59) ***	Paul Newman. ©					The Long, Hot Summer ♦	
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life: "Angela J's Story." (N)				Dr. Pimple Popper (N)		My 600-Lb ♦	
TLN	Camp Meeting		Diane	The Three	Life Today		Exalted	
TNT	NBA Basketball: Celtics at Bucks (N Subject to Blackout)						NBA Basketball (N) ♦	
TOON	Samur. Jack Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	
TRAV	In Search of Monsters		In Search of Monsters (N)		Paranormal Ca. (N)		Paranorm. ♦	
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Mod Fam	
VH1	Bad Boys II (R,'03) **	Martin Lawrence.	Two detectives battle a drug kingpin in Miami. ©					
WE	(6) Cast Away (PG-13,'00) ***	Tom Hanks. ©			Cast Away (PG-13,'00) *** ©			
WGN America	Cops ©	Cops ©	Gone: "Demons." (N) ©		Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	
PREMIUM	HBO	The Shop	Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again (PG-13,'18) **		** ©		Chernobyl: "1:23:45." ©	
	HBO2	Gentleman Jack ©		Game of Thrones ©			Foster (NR,'18) ♦	
	MAX	The Greatest Showman (PG,'17) **		(8:45) Chicago (PG-13,'02) ***		** ©		
	SHO	Outbreak (R,'95) **	Dustin Hoffman, Rene Russo. ©			(9:10) Pulp Fiction (R,'94) ****		** ©
	STARZ	Spider-Man: Homecoming		Sicario: Day of the Soldado (R,'18) **		** ©		Searching ♦
	STZNC	(6:21) Hard Target (R) **		Tomorrow Never Dies (PG-13,'97) ***		** ©		Jurassic ♦

Rock club

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who can pack any room with thousands of well-heeled and well-lubricated club kids, and who talks a good game of respect for the ancestors, but a figure whose interests and potential ultimately runs counter to Hank and his fading bar.

You can probably guess where Eason's sympathies lie, and, indeed, the moment you see a landlord walk into a play, let alone a beloved community bar in a play, you pretty much know where everything is headed and that the aforementioned rent collector won't turn out to be a compassionate sweetie with Bill Wyman-like sympathies. And you quickly discern that Lena's relationship with forward-looking Nash might just lead her to a conflict with her backwards-looking dad, a bar owner who looks at DJs much as the last Roman must have stared at the first encroaching barbarian. This is classic old king-young king conflict with few deviations from the template.

That said, much rock journalism follows the same tropes, which certainly have their referents in actual Chicago reality. Just look at what longtime Reader critic Peter



MICHAEL BROSILOW PHOTO

Jeff Mills and Lindsay Stock in "The Undeniable Sound of Right Now" at Raven Theatre.

Margasak wrote when he left the paper in 2018: "I fear that the municipal government's coddling of corporate money will continue to allow well-connected power brokers to crowd out the things that have made the city not just livable but special. In

the name of private profit, our alleged representatives have enabled forces profoundly destructive to grassroots music culture."

That's the sentiment of a genial local drama likely to play to sympathetic ears,

When: Through June 16

Where: Raven Theatre, 6157 N. Clark St.

Running time: 1 hour, 35 minutes

Tickets: \$43-\$46 at 773-338-2177 or www.raventheatre.com

although it could have used an edgier, faster-paced production. It's only 90 minutes, but both the cuing and the delivery feel too slow in places, allowing you to get ahead of the characters. Things have yet to really gel, ensemble acting-wise.

That said, you get to hang out in a fabulous re-creation of a Wicker Park-like club from the designer Jeffrey D. Kmiec and performances from Mills, Stock and Greenberg, as well as Christopher Acevedo and Dana Black, that all are rich in Chicago-style character. And in the play's best moments, Eason does noodle usefully about change.

"A DJ is not an artist," Hank declares. "We can all play records at home." One imagines he is now playing the lottery and failing to win.

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Beard Awards

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had also picked up a nomination for Best New Restaurant in 2015. In his acceptance speech, Clark took time to thank all the parents in the crowd. "I know how hard this industry is," said Clark. "I know you have a pile of laundry at home to do."

Parts and Labor Design also won an Outstanding Restaurant Design award in the 76 seats and over category for its work at Pacific Standard Time. While the design firm is based in New York, it has worked on a number of projects in Chicago, including Steadfast and Boleo.

It was the fifth year in a row that the awards ceremony took place at the Lyric Opera of Chicago. The event was hosted by Jesse Tyler Ferguson, the five-time Emmy nominee of the ABC show "Modern Family." He wasted no time taking shots at some of the food world's biggest personalities. While making a Marie Kondo joke about getting rid of things that failed to spark joy, he mentioned discarding old Mario Batali cookbooks. (Batali was accused of sexually harassment by a number of women in 2017.) Later in the evening, he claimed to have gotten a message from Cat Cora asking to get in. (Nick Kokonas of Alinea should find that one particularly funny.)

Rahm Emanuel, on the Beard stage for



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Beverly Kim and Johnny Clark won the James Beard Award for Best Chef: Great Lakes for their restaurant, Parachute.

the last time as mayor, spent his time taking shots at a certain sitting president. "When you have guests at 1600 Pennsylvania, don't serve them fast food," said Emanuel, before adding, "You don't belong at 1600 Pennsylvania either."

The rest of the big awards were dispersed to restaurants from all over the country. Outstanding Restaurant went to Zahav in Philadelphia, while Outstanding Chef was awarded to Ashley Christensen from Poole's Diner in Raleigh, N.C. Frenchette in New York also won for Best New Restaurant, while Rising Star Chef of the year went to Kwame Onwuachi from Kith and Kin in Washington, D.C.

Tribune critic Phil Vettel contributed to this report.

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (May 8): Profit through collaboration this year. Diligence with planning and preparation sets the stage for success. Solve an intellectual puzzle this summer, motivating a shift in your education. By next winter your investigation yields valuable results, prompting changes with your report.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Household issues have your focus. Surprising news may require adaptation. A domestic dream seems within reach. Friends inspire you. Solutions arise in conversation.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. You can learn what you need to know. Communication projects go well. Study, write and research. Your work behind the scenes is garnering attention.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. Profit potential can arise unexpectedly. A lucrative dream option could surprise. When opportunity knocks, answer the door.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. Learn something new about yourself. Self-discovery, personal growth and breakthroughs spark. Listen to your intuition. Something you've long wanted is within reach. Seize the day.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 6. It's easier to finish old projects today and tomorrow. Enjoy philosophical, intellectual and spiritual inquiry. Consider dreams and symbols.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Increase productivity and efficiency through working smarter, not harder. Collaborate with a dream team. Delegate and share responsibilities, costs and resources. Coordinate efforts.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. An influential person is paying attention. Prepare for two days in the professional spotlight. Provide excellent service. Dress for success.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Expand your territory for a few days. Incredible discoveries lie around the corner. Indulge your curiosity. Pursue a travel or study fantasy, and discover buried treasure.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Follow a shared dream together. A lack of funds would threaten your plans. New facts dispel old fears. Research for bargains. Find inventive solutions.

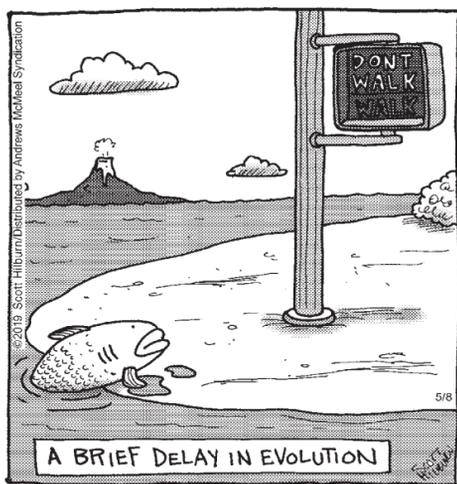
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Share visions, dreams and fantasies with your partner. Discover new purpose for something old. Plot and coordinate actions. Strategize and prioritize.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Surprising news impacts your work, health and fitness. Get coaching from a trusted expert. Practice and prepare to realize a dream.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Make more time for love over the next few days. You're especially creative. A barrier is dissolving or becoming unimportant. Share sweet moments.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

East-West vulnerable, East deals

North		East	
♠ Q 10	♥ Q 5 3	♠ 9 5	♥ A K J 10 8 7 4
♦ A 9 5 3	♣ 7 6 4 3	♦ 4 2	♣ 9 2
West		South	
♠ J 6 4 3	♥ 9	♠ A K 8 7 2	♥ 6 2
♦ Q 10 6	♣ K J 10 8 5	♦ K J 8 7	♣ A Q

Australian expert Peter Hollands was South in today's deal, from a recent tournament in Australia. The defense started with three rounds of hearts. Hollands didn't want to weaken his trump holding by ruffing, so he discarded the queen of clubs on the third heart. West shed two clubs. Hollands won the club shift with his ace and led a spade to dummy's 10. Good play! He cashed dummy's queen of spades, leaving this position:

North		East	
♠ Void	♥ Void	♠ Void	♥ J 8 7 4
♦ A 9 5 3	♣ 7 6 4	♦ 4 2	♣ 2
West		South	
♠ J 6	♥ Void	♠ A K 8	♥ Void
♦ Q 10 6	♣ K J	♦ K J 8 7	♣ Void

Hollands ruffed a club and cashed the ace and king of spades, drawing trumps. He then led a diamond to dummy's ace and led a club from dummy. West had to win and lead a diamond back into declarer's king-jack. Nicely played!

— Bob Jones, tcaeditors@tribpub.com

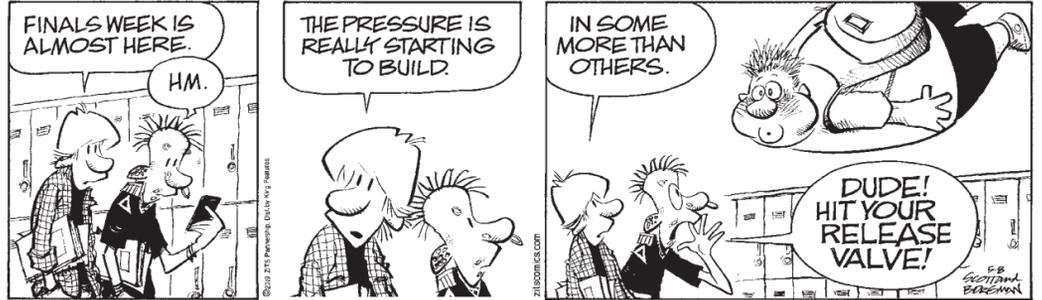
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Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



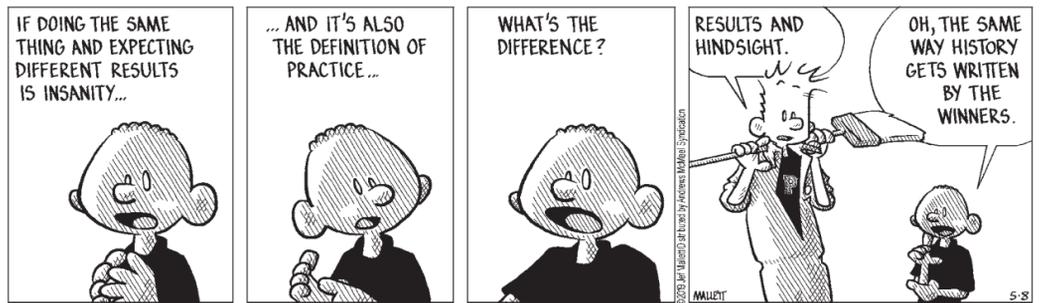
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Mr. Boffo By Joe Martin



Frazz By Jef Mallett



Classic Peanuts By Charles Schulz



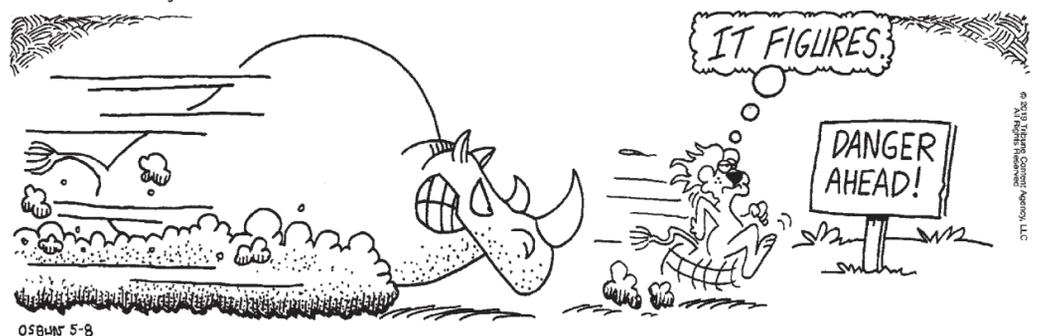
Pickles By Brian Crane



Dick Tracy By Joe Staton and Mike Curtis



Animal Crackers By Mike Osburn



Prickly City By Scott Stantis



Dustin By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston



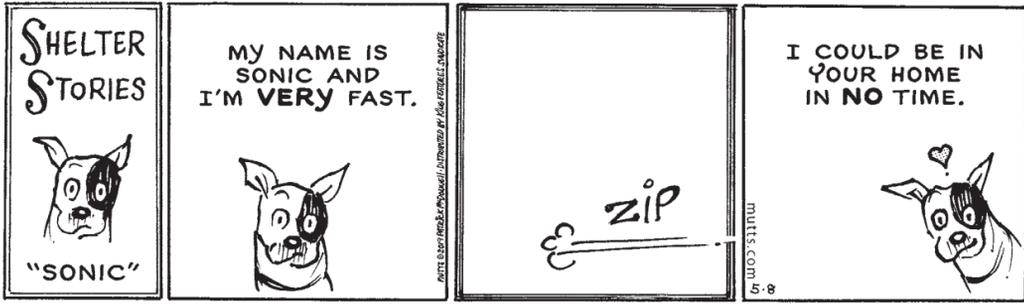
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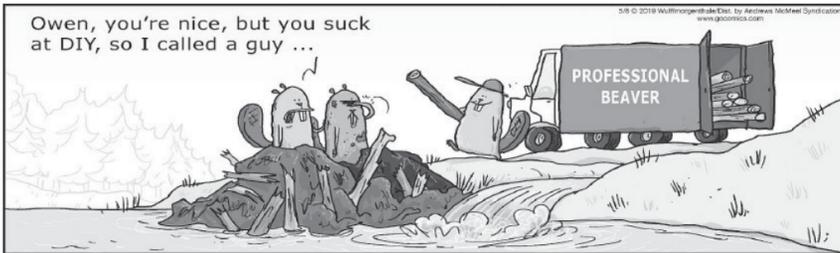
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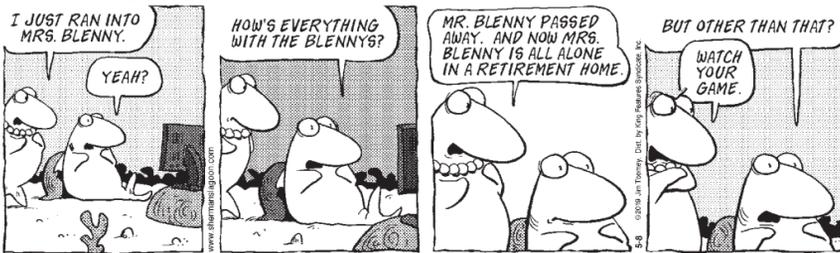
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WuMo By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



Sherman's Lagoon By Jim Toomey



Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! By Tim Rickard



Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



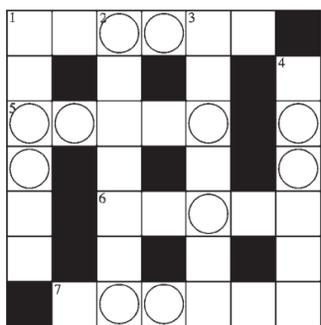
Trivia Bits

What word stands for the letter M in the NATO phonetic alphabet?
 A) Maximum
 B) Mellow
 C) Mike
 D) Moxie

Tuesday's Record-holder: Joey Chestnut ate 74 hot dogs (with buns) at the annual Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest in Brooklyn, New York.

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Jumble Crossword



5-8-19 **CLUE:** France began work on the _____ in 1881, but stopped due to engineering problems and numerous worker deaths.

BONUS [Grid]

ACROSS
 CLUE ANSWER
 1. Inclined EANDLE
 5. ___ act AIMCG
 6. Intellect ARNIB
 7. Arnold PLERAM

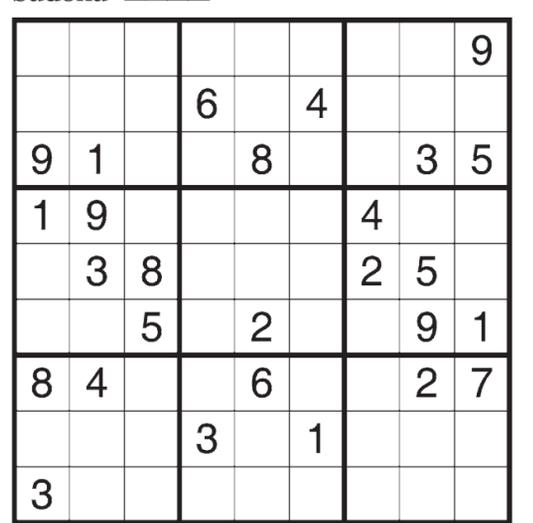
DOWN
 CLUE ANSWER
 1. Hobbled PLEDMI
 2. Type of math BALARGE
 3. Declare IMXLECA
 4. Pennant BREAN

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

ANSWERS: 1-A-1-learned 5-A-Magie 6-A-Brain 7-A-Falmer 1D-Limped 2D-Algebra 3D-Exclaim 4D-Farmer 5D-1610 610 610 610
 By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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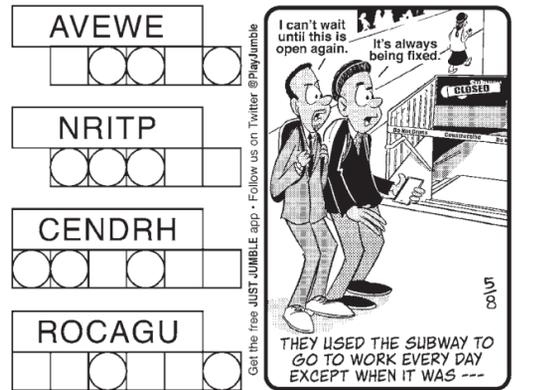


Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Tuesday's solutions
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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



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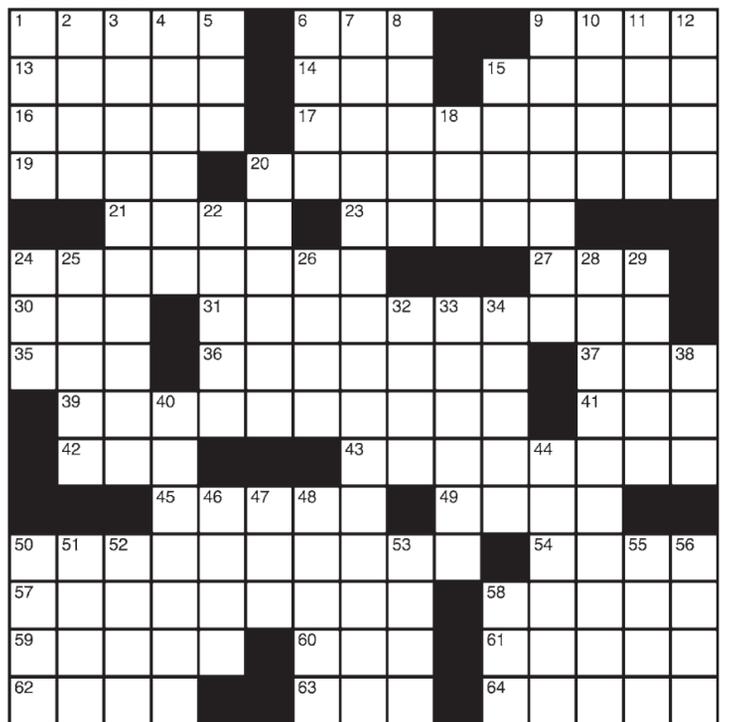
Tuesday's answers

Jumbles: ADAGE CHAOS PROPER BABBLE
 Answer: If wild pigs could live anywhere in the world, they might choose — "BOAR-A BOAR-A"

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Crossword

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- Across**
 1 Try to punch
 6 Org. concerned with outbreaks
 9 Follower of Guru Nanak
 13 Shapes for running laps
 14 Shapiro of NPR
 15 Sunlit lobbies
 16 Crunch-like exercise
 17 *Mint target
 19 Soccer legend Mia
 20 *Overhead buzzers
 21 Verb type without a direct obj.
 23 Sing smoothly
 24 Bad guy you root for
 27 ___ de cologne
 30 Slangy "No reason"
 31 *Lists of wrestling matches, say
 35 Prepare to drag
 36 Like maple syrup
- Down**
 1 Kid
 2 Nike competitor
 3 Jewish girl's coming-of-age
 4 Grads
 5 Baker's meas.
 6 ___ San Lucas: Baja resort
 7 Infer ... or what the answers to starred clues end with?
 8 Fall drink
 9 "Gone With the Wind" composer Max
 10 Shiraz's country
 11 Toy on a string
- 37 Geographical resource**
 39 *Building sites
 41 "Wherever ___": OneRepublic song
 42 "I see it now!"
 43 Yet to be tried
 45 Flightless birds
 49 Aspiring DA's exam
 50 *Civil War volley
 54 Pet healers
 57 *HBO vampire series
 58 San Diego player
 59 Like games in an arcade bar
 60 Protein-building molecule
 61 Shoelace tip
 62 Young woman
 63 Mountain road curve
 64 Spanish rulers
- 12 Guffaws**
 15 Woody's son
 18 Pal
 20 Musician André with 11 Grammys
 22 GIS' support gp.
 24 Like six starred puzzle answers
 25 New, in Nogales
 26 Snooze
 28 "Truth be told ..."
 29 Grammarian's concern
 32 Animation creation
 33 Nautilus cousin
 34 Donkeys
 38 Sci-fi escape unit
 40 Least gooeey brownie pieces
 44 Brutal
 46 Stereotypical train hopper
 47 Blowup: Abbr.
 48 Ere
 50 Bottom row PC key
 51 Real estate calculation
 52 Bar freebies
 53 Nutritional stds.
 55 Christmas decoration
 56 "Action!" places
 58 72 for 18 holes, often

Tuesday's solution



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WEDNESDAY, MAY 8 NORMAL HIGH: 68° NORMAL LOW: 46° RECORD HIGH: 91° (1963) RECORD LOW: 29° (1983)

Wet, stormy 48 hours ahead before we dry out

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 63 **LOW** 57

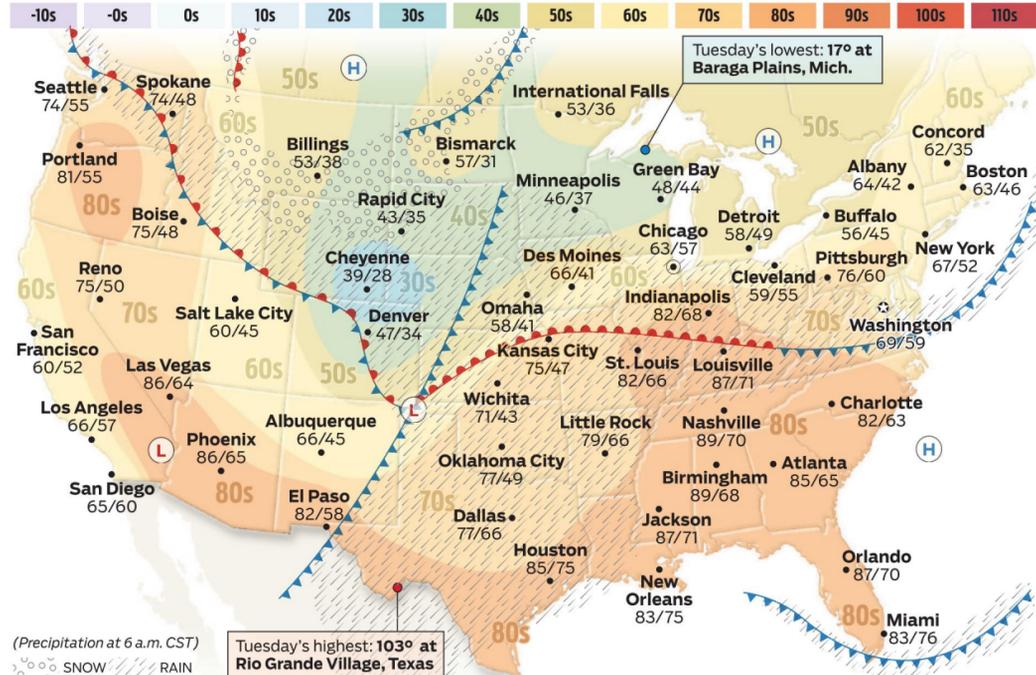
■ With a W-E oriented warm front to our south over-running showers and t-storms spread across the area during the AM. Warm front moves north of our area overnight.

■ Morning showers and t-storms. Turning partly sunny, breezy, warmer in the afternoon—especially south suburbs and away from the lake. Showers or t-storms possible.

■ Temps rise overnight, starting in the low 50s and reaching the low 60s by morning. Strong to severe t-storms possible overnight.

■ Easterly winds shift southerly later at night.

NATIONAL FORECAST



As low pressure develops in the central plains and moves northeast, the Chicago area will be the recipient of showers and thunderstorms — first associated with the system warm front Wednesday and then the cold front later Wednesday night and Thursday. Locally heavy downpours in the stronger storms could give well over an inch to already saturated soils. Severe storms could hit our area later Wednesday night and Thursday before storms end from the west later Thursday.

A much needed drying-out should then occur beginning Friday with predominately high pressure interrupted by a couple weak cold fronts, the first moving through on Sunday and the next the following Tuesday. Neither of these cold fronts should have much in the way of precipitation.

THURSDAY, MAY 9

HIGH 73 **LOW** 43

Showers and strong to severe thunderstorms possible early, becoming partly sunny later in the afternoon. Mild ahead of a midday cold front. High temps 70-75. Storms erupt far south/northwest Indiana

FRIDAY, MAY 10

HIGH 65 **LOW** 43

Clearing, as a high pressure builds toward the region. A little cooler, breezy and less humid — highs in the mid 60s. Clear but chilly overnight. Gusty NW winds.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

HIGH 65 **LOW** 44

Ample sunshine and increasing SW winds. Highs in the mid 60s. Increasing and lowering clouds overnight.

SUNDAY, MAY 12

HIGH 62 **LOW** 44

Mother's Day. Some cloudiness with a few light showers possible. Highs 60-65. Partly cloudy overnight. SW winds shift to the NW.

MONDAY, MAY 13

HIGH 65 **LOW** 49

Sunny and mild. Afternoon highs in the middle 60s. Clear skies overnight. Light winds.

TUESDAY, MAY 14

HIGH 71 **LOW** 51

A sunny start with increasing high and mid-level clouds during the afternoon. Highs in the lower 70s. Clouds and a chance of showers overnight. SW winds shift NW.



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,
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Tom Gajda, Lincolnwood

Dear Tom,
The production of water by combining two hydrogen atoms with one oxygen atom may sound simple, but it's much more complex than that. Essentially, it is a process of burning hydrogen gas. The problem is that this releases a great deal of heat and light. The more water made, the more heat and light created. It's literally an explosion. It is much cheaper and (safer) to "create" water by other means: irrigation, purification of contaminated water, desalination of salt water, etc. Here in Chicago, we often take for granted the great resource on our doorstep: Lake Michigan. The lake is a massive source of fresh water, available for our personal use, for industry and for transportation.

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Warm front, then cold front to produce periods of t-storms

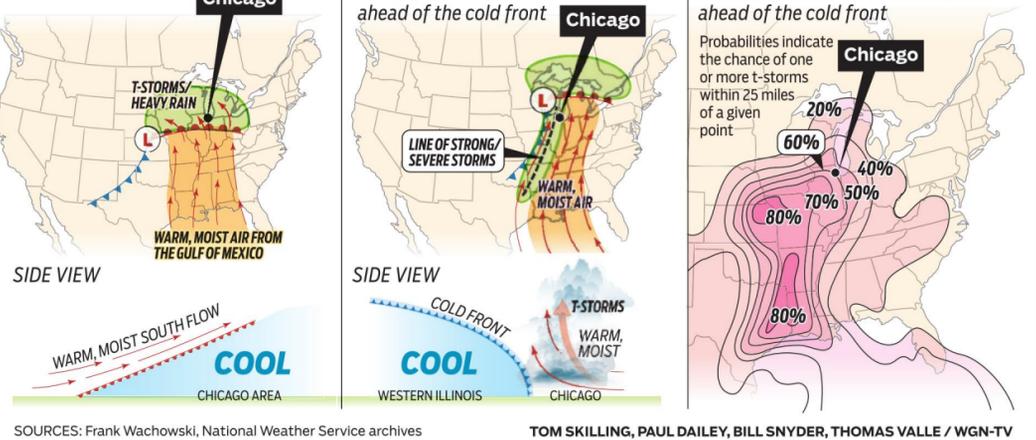
TWO TYPES OF FRONTAL SHOWERS/T-STORMS IN THE NEXT 24-48 HOURS

Wednesday morning rain/t-storms
Warm moist air lifted over warm front; clouds/storms develop along and north of warm front

Wed. night/Thursday a.m. forecast
Warm front to the north and cold front approaching from the west triggers convergence/convection along and ahead of the cold front

24-HOUR T-STORM CHANCES

Late Wednesday through Wed. night
Warm front to the north and cold front approaching from the west triggers convergence/convection along and ahead of the cold front



CHICAGO DIGEST

TUESDAY TEMPERATURES			
LOCATION	HI	LO	HI LO
Aurora	54	46	Midway 50 45
Gary	48	45	O'Hare 50 44
Kankakee	55	47	Romeoville 55 46
Lakefront	46	43	Valparaiso 55 47
Lansing	49	45	Waukegan 49 42

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION			
PERIOD	2019	NORMAL	
Tue. (through 4 p.m.)	0.42"	0.12"	
May to date	1.89"	0.81"	
Year to date	14.77"	10.21"	

TUESDAY SUNBURN FORECAST			
TIME OF EXPOSURE BEFORE SUNBURN BEGINS			
7 a.m.	Burn unlikely		
1 p.m.*	Over 60 minutes		
4 p.m.	Burn unlikely		

SOURCE: Clear Skin Dermatology; Dr. Bryan Schultz *Peak Intensity

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS			
	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	
Wind	E 12-27 kts.	SW 8-18 kts.	
Waves	4-6 feet	1-3 feet	
Tues. shore/creeper water temps	52°/40°		

TUESDAY PEAK POLLEN LEVEL			
POLLEN	LEVEL		
Tree	Moderate		
Grass	0		
Mold	Low		
Ragweed	0		
Weed	0		

SOURCE: The Gottlieb Memorial Hospital Allergy Count, Dr. Rachna Shah

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Tuesday's reading	Good
Wednesday's forecast	Good
Critical pollutant	Particulates

BEST WEDNESDAY RISE/SET TIMES			
	Sun	5:39 a.m.	7:57 p.m.
Moon		8:34 a.m.	11:58 p.m.

WEDNESDAY PLANET WATCH			
PLANET	RISE	SET	
Mercury	5:10 a.m.	6:33 p.m.	
Venus	4:42 a.m.	5:35 p.m.	
Mars	7:46 a.m.	11:05 p.m.	
Jupiter	10:42 p.m.	7:57 a.m.	
Saturn	12:39 a.m.	9:59 a.m.	

BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION			
PLANET	RISE	SET	
Mercury	Not visible		
Venus	5:15 a.m.	5.5° E	
Mars	9:00 p.m.	20.5° WNW	
Jupiter	3:30 a.m.	25.5° S	
Saturn	4:30 a.m.	25.5° SSE	

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HEALTH & FAMILY



DAVID MAIALETTI/PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

Allyson Lynch cuts a customer's hair at a Glen Mills, Pa., salon. Lynch, a breast cancer survivor, was out of work for nine months and lost clientele. Five years later, she's built it back up.

'It's like pausing your life'

Cancer can put young adults years behind in finances, family

BY ANERI PATTANI
The Philadelphia Inquirer

At 26, Allyson Lynch thought she was finally past the uncertainty of young adulthood. She'd landed a job at a new salon, built up a solid client base as a hairstylist and was renting a house with friends.

Then, in April 2014, she was diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer.

No longer eligible for her parents' insurance plan, Lynch applied for Medicaid. It covered most of the cost of her bilateral mastectomy, 16 rounds of chemotherapy and breast reconstruction surgery.

But the chemo compromised her immune system, and after being rushed to the hospital multiple times for infections, Lynch stopped working. Being in close contact with clients was risky, her doctor advised.

With no income and little savings, Lynch had to move back in with her parents. She deferred a car loan she'd recently taken out. And being away from work for nine months, she

lost the client base she'd been building.

"It felt like I almost had to restart my career," said Lynch, now 31.

Cancer treatments take a financial toll on most patients, but research shows that the impact can be especially devastating for young adults who are just beginning their careers. With a lack of savings to cushion the blow — and, frequently, the burden of student loans — the cost of treatment or the inability to work can set them back years, studies show. It may delay their ability to live independently, buy cars or homes and start a family. As the rates of some cancers rise among 20- and 30-year-olds, the problem is growing, experts say.

"Many people do move on and make a life for themselves," said Linda Jacobs, director of the cancer survivorship program at the University of Pennsylvania's Abramson Cancer Center. "But it can be very difficult. It often comes down to money."

A recent study on cancer survivors diagnosed between the ages of 18 and 39

found that 14 percent borrowed more than \$10,000 as a result of the illness or treatment. About 1.5 percent said they or their family filed for bankruptcy.

Jacobs was a co-author of the study, which included 872 participants from seven medical centers across the country.

More than half of the participants said cancer treatment impaired their ability to fulfill the mental or physical demands of their jobs.

"It's like pausing your life when you're in treatment," Lynch said. Five years later, she's just starting to feel like she's back on track with her career and finances.

Others take longer, Jacobs said. "I have a number of patients who are well into their 30s and are still living at home with their parents."

Young adult cancer survivors earn less than their peers and lose about \$2,200 a year in productivity costs due to illness, the study authors wrote.

Copays for treatments, follow-up scans and prescription medications can rack up thousands of dollars in bills, Jacobs said. Some patients may qualify for disability pay, but that's

rarely enough to live on, especially if the person has a family to support.

Jamil Rivers knows that firsthand. Rivers was diagnosed with breast cancer at age 39. Over the next year, she had surgery and went through nine rounds of chemotherapy. But she never took time off work.

She had three kids to support, and her husband was on disability pay after having a liver transplant nine years earlier and surviving colon cancer three years after that.

"I thought it would be best for my family if I kept working," said Rivers, now 40 and a board member for Living Beyond Breast Cancer, a nonprofit.

Rivers had just become chief financial officer for an education nonprofit six months before her diagnosis. She hadn't accrued leave and was reluctant to ask for special treatment.

The decision to stay at work helped her cover copays for scans, which ranged from \$150 to \$500, and prescription medications. But the family delayed any big expenses — such as replacing old cars or buying a house.

"It kept us in a limbo of not being able to take that next step toward independ-

ence," said Jamil's husband, Fredric Rivers Jr.

In addition to the financial burden, experts say, one of the most jarring consequences for young adult cancer survivors is being forced to reimagine the rest of their lives.

Allyson Lynch always knew she wanted to be a mom. When her doctor said cancer treatment could affect her ability to have kids, "it was crushing," she said.

Chemo and radiation can cause infertility, and insurance doesn't cover the cost of harvesting or freezing eggs, which can run upward of \$10,000.

Lynch was able to afford the procedure only with the help of a GoFundMe page set up by her sister.

She knows she's lucky. Still, Lynch said, cancer has changed her perspective on motherhood.

"If I'm lucky enough to have a child someday, how do I know I'm not going to get cancer and die before I see them grow up?" she said.

Experts say adjusting dreams that no longer fit a post-illness reality can lead to depression and other mental health concerns.

Ben White grew up watching his father ride in

helicopters as a flight paramedic and dreamed of doing something similar. In 2016, White graduated from flight school and was certified as a Navy pilot.

Six months later, he was diagnosed with colon cancer at age 26.

Twelve rounds of chemotherapy and two surgeries helped his cancer go into remission, but it left him with neuropathy in his hands and feet, a common complication of chemo that damages nerves and causes a loss of sensation.

White's feet are nearly numb now, and he's unable to recognize objects simply by touching them with his hands.

"That makes me unsafe in the cockpit," said the 28-year-old from Chico, Calif. He left the Navy in November.

Jacobs said research shows that patients who undergo chemotherapy are three times more likely to suffer financial and work-related consequences than patients who are treated with radiation or surgery alone.

"To most people it's like, 'You're in remission, cool. Get back to life,'" White said. "For me, that's not possible. I don't have a career to go back to."

Sudden death of spiritual writer a devastating jolt



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

There's a passage in Rachel Held Evans' 2015 book, "Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving and Finding the Church," that is, given this weekend's news, haunting.

"I didn't want to put my church story in print,"

Evans wrote, "because, the truth is, I still don't know the ending."

Evans did put her church story in print — beautifully, honestly, painfully, repeatedly — in "Searching for Sunday" and her three other books, in her blog

posts, in her tweets and in her talks, all of which turned her into a voice and a vessel for spiritual seekers who identified as Christians but found themselves at odds with Christianity being used to exclude and alienate.

Evans died Saturday. She was 37.

She was hospitalized in mid-April with the flu and a urinary tract infection and experienced a severe allergic reaction to the antibiotics she was given. Five days later, she began having

seizures and was placed in a medically induced coma.

On Saturday, her husband, Dan Evans, wrote a note on her blog, a place where believers and seekers and doubters alike have

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Forget that myth: Water's just fine while eating

Long claim that it impedes digestion runs afoul of science

By **ELLIE KRIEGER**
The Washington Post

It's the kind of advice a well-meaning friend might chime in with as you chug a glass of water after sitting down for a meal: "You shouldn't drink water before eating — it's bad for your digestion."

She may have heard that warning from her mom years ago and assumed it was true, or read it recently on the internet, where such messages spread quickly and live perpetually.

The theory behind this persistent claim is that drinking water shortly before or while eating dilutes digestive juices. This, in turn, allegedly interferes with the proper breakdown of food, impairing nutrient absorption. It also supposedly slows the emptying of the stomach, leaving one uncomfortably bloated.

I dug into the issue and learned it is "totally false," as registered dietitian Tamara Duker Freuman, author of "The Bloating Belly Whisperer," emphatically put it. But I also learned that the amount and speed at which you drink water with meals could have other effects worth considering.

As with so much health misinformation, the argument against drinking water with meals appears to make logical sense, but it is based on a faulty understanding of how the body works. Here's a quick primer on the digestive process:

Digestion begins in the mouth, where food is mashed and softened — physically by chewing, and chemically by the enzymes in saliva. The food then passes down the esophagus to the stomach, where it is broken down by acidic gastric juices. The resulting mixture then moves into



GETTY

Feel free to drink as much water as you'd like before and during your meal, knowing there are no digestive downsides — as long as you take it slowly.

the small intestine, where it is combined with bile acids and enzymes. About 75 percent of nutrient absorption happens at this stage; matter that has not been absorbed is processed in the large intestine, then excreted. The whole process takes 24 to 72 hours.

The idea that water would dilute the digestive juices in the stomach is untrue for several reasons.

First, water is absorbed in the stomach, and fairly quickly — typically within about 20 minutes. This means any possible dilution would be transient.

But "even if you had a stomach full of water, it would not interfere with digestion of the food," said

Deborah D. Proctor, governing board member of the American Gastroenterological Association. Water wouldn't hamper enzyme activity, she said, because "enzymes adhere to food particles regardless of the presence of water."

Nor would water affect the stomach's acidity, Freuman said. While anything consumed — food or drink — will momentarily make the stomach slightly less acidic, it responds by producing as much acid as it needs to digest that meal. That's what it is designed to do.

"It's not like you start off with a certain amount of acid and that is it," she said. "If you need more, your

body will make it."

The belief that water slows the pace at which food moves out of the stomach and into the small intestine is at odds with science. Studies show that drinking water with a meal does not affect the rate of stomach emptying, and your stomach doesn't differentiate between a drinkable meal such as a smoothie and the same ingredients eaten whole with the liquid sipped alongside. They both take the same time to digest.

Contrary to that friend's unsolicited advice, drinking water during meals could actually help digestion, particularly during the chewing and swallowing

stages, where it can help soften food and move it down the esophagus. Being well hydrated in general also aids in the elimination stage of digestion — helping keep stool soft and moving through the bowel.

One bona fide effect of drinking water before eating is that it temporarily (remember, it's absorbed in about 20 minutes) takes up space in your stomach. This could contribute to a feeling of fullness during the meal. Whether that's positive or negative depends on one's perspective.

If you are trying to lose weight, studies show people tend to eat less at a meal after pre-loading with 1 1/2 to 2 cups of water. But that

effect could be a hindrance if you fill up before getting the nutrients needed. Another potential negative: The full sensation water brings makes some people feel uncomfortably bloated.

If you choose to drink a couple of glasses of water at mealtime, whether to manage portions or simply to quench your thirst, Freuman suggests sipping it slowly. Gulping or slurping, which makes you swallow air, could lead to burping and gassiness.

The bottom line is you should feel free to drink as much water as you'd like before and during your meal, knowing there are no digestive downsides — as long as you take it slowly.



DREAMSTIME

Roughly 70 percent of infant suffocation deaths studied involved blankets, pillows or other soft bedding.

Bed-sharing, blankets are key suffocation perils

By **LINDSEY TANNER**
Associated Press

Accidental suffocation is a leading cause of injury deaths in U.S. infants, and common scenarios involve blankets, bed-sharing with parents and other unsafe sleep practices, an analysis of government data found.

These deaths "are entirely preventable. That's the most important point," said Dr. Fern Hauck, a co-author and University of Virginia expert in infant deaths.

Among 250 suffocation deaths, roughly 70 percent involved blankets, pillows or other soft bedding that blocked infants' airways. Half of these soft bedding-related deaths occurred in an adult bed where most babies were sleeping on their stomachs.

Almost 20 percent suffocated when someone in the bed accidentally moved against or on top of them, and about 12 percent died when their faces were wedged against a wall or mattress.

The authors studied 2011-14 data from a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention registry of deaths in 10 states.

For years, the U.S. government and the American Academy of Pediatrics have waged safe-sleep campaigns aimed at preventing accidental infant suffocations and strangulations and sudden infant death syndrome. These include "back to sleep" advice promoting having babies sleep on their backs, which experts believe contributed to a decline in SIDS deaths over nearly 30 years.

But bed-sharing has increased, along with bed-related accidental suffocations.

The pediatricians group recommends that infants sleep on firm mattresses in their own cribs or bassinets but in their parents' rooms for the first year. A tight-fitting top sheet is the only crib bedding recommended, to avoid suffocation or strangulation.

The study was published in April in Pediatrics.

Evans

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turned for clarity and guidance.

"Early Thursday morning, May 2, Rachel experienced sudden and extreme changes in her vitals," he wrote. "The team at the hospital discovered extensive swelling of her brain and took emergency action to stabilize her. The team worked until Friday afternoon to the best of their ability to save her. This swelling event caused severe damage and ultimately was not survivable. Rachel died early Saturday morning, May 4, 2019."

The outpouring of grief and shock was immediate.

"Without her, I feel scared," activist and best-selling author Glenn Doyle wrote on Facebook Saturday. (Doyle wrote the foreword for "Searching for Sunday.")

"Rachel was a friend to the hurting, the questioning, the outcast, the underdog and the forgotten," Doyle wrote Saturday. "I have never seen anyone — no one — match her courage and relentless commitment to use her pen and heart and might to fight for the least of these within the religious establishment. She refused to abandon us. She was relentlessly brave and she always won for us — she always came out on top because in brilliance: she had no peers. No one could outsmart her or outlast her. She was our warrior. We needed her."

A #BecauseofRHE hashtag filled Twitter with anecdotes about the power of Evans' work, texts that Evans sent to fellow writers, favorite Evans quotes.

"Want to know how one person can change the world?" one woman tweeted. "Read the #BecauseofRHE tweets. How amazing it is to have been alive at the same time as her. To watch the world be made increasingly more compassionate and wider because of her words, her heart, her tenacity."



MAKI GARCIA EVANS

Author Rachel Held Evans.

This Evans quote was shared a lot: "If there's one thing I know for sure, it's that serious doubt — the kind that leads to despair — begins not when we start asking God questions but when, out of fear, we stop."

Another one: "The Gospel doesn't need a coalition devoted to keeping the wrong people out. It needs a family of sinners, saved by grace, committed to tearing down the walls, throwing open the doors and shouting, 'Welcome! There's bread and wine. Come eat with us and talk.' This isn't a kingdom for the worthy; it's a kingdom for the hungry."

She was scheduled to host a conference called Evolving Faith this October in Denver, billed as "a gathering for wanderers, wanderers and spiritual refugees to help you discover ... You are not alone."

In Evans, many of us found a kindred spirit and an elegant wordsmith who could give voice to what tugs us both toward and

away from organized religion.

She wrote openly about starting to doubt her faith during college.

"For me, the trouble started when I began to suspect God was less concerned with saving people from hell than I was," she has written.

She never shied away from a debate, which made her a formidable voice and a delightful Twitter follow.

"We long for our churches to be safe places to doubt, to ask questions and to tell the truth, even when it's uncomfortable," she wrote in "Searching for Sunday." "We want to talk about the tough stuff — biblical interpretation, religious pluralism, sexuality, racial reconciliation and social justice — but without predetermined conclusions or simplistic answers. We want to bring our whole selves through the church doors, without leaving our hearts and minds behind, without wearing a mask."

Evans leaves behind a 3-year-old son and a daughter who is not yet 1. They will know her, I suppose, mostly through their dad's stories and her gorgeous writings. That's not enough. It's something, but it's not enough.

It's not the ending any of us would have imagined for Evans. But if we're so inclined, we can keep her too-short story alive by reading and sharing her words. Here are some of my favorites, also from "Searching for Sunday."

"Our differences matter, but ultimately, the boundaries we build between one another are but accidental fences in the endless continuum of God's grace. We are both a forest and a single tree."

Join the Heidi Stevens Balancing Act Facebook group, where she continues the conversation around her columns and hosts occasional live chats.

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I wish I had a perfect day for wishing in the wild



CHRIS ERSKINE
The Middle Ages

I wish I could paint. If so, I'd do a gentle watercolor of this creek rushing through the canyon on the edge of the national forest. Almost overnight, the city has turned from Irish green to french-fry brown. But not deep in this clammy gorge, where the wild things grow amid the skittering grouse.

At least I think they're grouse. Could actually be a partridge quivering through the creek bed, noshing on seeds and pebbles (same diet as my daughters).

I wish I were a poet. If so, I'd pen a poem that would make readers pause and reflect. As things stand now, my words just make people guzzle another Scotch.

"You write like buckshot," a reader noted the other day — fast and furious, and all over the place.

I'll admit that there's a madness to it that may reflect modern life, middle age and the melancholy of fading youth.

So be it.

Here's the good news: The local creeks are still chattering with snowmelt, and the bushes are plump and pregnant as sheep. I'm hiking with the wolf on a wonderfully damp morning, and I decide that the ideal day starts gloomy like this, then turns sunny in the afternoon — the big reveal.

Till then, it is indeed a murky morning. The wolf lurches for a grouse/partridge. I lurch for the wolf. It's a chain reaction of lurching and skidding and cursing on the rocky trail on the edge of nowhere.

I am at that age, to bor-

row from Pablo Neruda, where poetry comes in search of me.

"Hey, poetry, I'm over here — the guy taking a swan dive into the rocks!" I wish I were a pastor.

We lasted 10 minutes before they threw us out of the sunrise service overlooking the arroyo. It happened suddenly, during the second Easter hymn, when White Fang started barking at angels, or whatever it was she spotted.

White Fang saw the other dogs, then she saw the table of free doughnuts, then the angels. The excitement was too much, and just as the congregation launched into song, so did she — a throaty yodel, a wretched wail.

"Hey, did you see those angels?" she sang. "Anyone?"

"Probably a partridge," I assured her.

To be fair, nobody at the outdoor service asked us to leave. But you could read it in their soft and understanding eyes: Enough already. It's Easter. We have serious business here.

A day earlier, I let White Fang off the leash and she took off for the neighbor's house, where she burst through their half-open front door.

Two young visitors, having been raised on tales of devious wolves, immediately assumed that's what she was, rather than the total cupcake (and accomplished songstress) that she actually is.

Easy mistake. Tears. Mayhem. Apologies.

There is always something a little amiss at our house. The dishwasher is done and nobody steps up to empty it. The wood floor in front of the fridge is curling a little, which may indicate some sort of leak. The floors, in general, look like those of a beer hall.

Seriously, does every family go through this? I think so. Just not to this

magnitude.

To keep from drowning in dog fur, we purchased a high-powered vacuum that nearly devoured our wonderful and devoted housekeeper.

And the latest X-rays show that I still have a yellow Peep wedged in my colon, circa 1987. At this point, doctors say to just leave it.

More good news: "Dad, I think I lost my baseball glove ... could be in the equipment shed," which is something I've heard a thousand times.

Mind you, the lost glove is never in the equipment shed. All you ever get is spilled field chalk that nobody cares to clean up.

I'm sure my son will be OK without his glove. Obviously, you don't see many barehanded right-fielders. If you show up at the field on Tuesday, you can see him try to catch a screaming high fly with just his bare fingers. Fun!

As noted, ours is a goofy life, in need of occasional moments of grace.

To that end, the dads cooked Easter dinner, a monumental test of faith and forgiveness. There were several families and plenty of wisecracks, as you would hope when marking a major religious holiday. My niece joined us, the one who gave up condiments for Lent: ketchup, mayo, mustard.

Maybe it's just me, but I can't imagine going 46 days without mayo.

For dinner, I made Brussels sprouts that tasted just like tiny tennis balls. My buddy Pete smoked baby back ribs that tasted like everything you love about classic Western movies.

As hoped, the gloomy day finally gave way to clear skies — to sun, to ribs and to resurrection.

A big reveal indeed.

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According to a recent study, Americans are becoming increasingly sedentary, spending nearly one-third of their waking hours sitting down. Computer use is partly to blame.

Americans getting more inactive, with computers partly to blame

By LINDSEY TANNER
Associated Press

Americans are becoming increasingly sedentary, spending almost one-third of their waking hours sitting down, and computer use is partly to blame, a new study found.

Over almost a decade, average daily sitting time increased by roughly an hour, to about eight hours for U.S. teens and almost 6½ hours for adults, according to the researchers. That includes school and work hours, but leisure-time computer use among all ages increased too.

By 2016, at least half of American kids and adults spent an hour or more of leisure time daily using computers. The biggest increase was among the oldest adults: 15 percent of retirement-aged adults reported using computers that often in 2003-04, a number that soared to more than half in 2015-16.

Most Americans of all ages watched TV or videos for at least two hours daily and that was mostly unchanged throughout the study, ranging from about 60 percent of kids aged 5 to 11, up to 84 percent of seniors.

"Everything we found is concerning," said lead

author Yin Cao, a researcher at Washington University's medical school in St. Louis.

"The overall message is prolonged sitting is highly prevalent" despite prominent health warnings about the dangers of being too sedentary.

The researchers analyzed U.S. government health surveys from almost 52,000 Americans, starting at age 5, from 2001-2016. Total sitting time was assessed for teens and adults starting in 2007. The results were published in April in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Studies have shown that prolonged periods of sitting can increase risks for obesity, diabetes, heart disease and some cancers.

U.S. activity guidelines released last fall say adults need at least 150 to 300 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous activity each week, things such as brisk walking, jogging, biking or tennis. Muscle strengthening two days weekly is also advised. Immediate benefits include reduced blood pressure and anxiety and better sleep. Long-term benefits include improved brain health and lower risks for falls.

Kids aged 6 through 17

need 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity daily. Regular activity is even recommended for kids as young as 3. But only about 1 in 4 U.S. adults and 1 in 5 teens get recommended amounts.

College student Daisy Lawing spends a lot of time sitting but says she doesn't have much choice. Classes and homework on the computer take up much of her day.

"I always feel bad" about being inactive, she said at an Asheville, N.C., cafe, explaining that she did a school paper about benefits of physical activity.

"I try to walk a lot, try to work out twice a week. But sometimes I can't because I'm too busy with school," said Lawing, 21, a junior at Appalachian State University in Boone.

Peter T. Katzmarzyk of the Pennington Biomedical Research Center in Baton Rouge, La., said people who sit all day need to do more than the minimum recommended amount of physical activity to counteract the harms of being sedentary.

"We've just got to really work on the population to get the message out there," he said. "Physical activity is good for everyone."

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Squeezing out accurate information about grapefruit

By JOE GRAEDON AND TERESA GRAEDON
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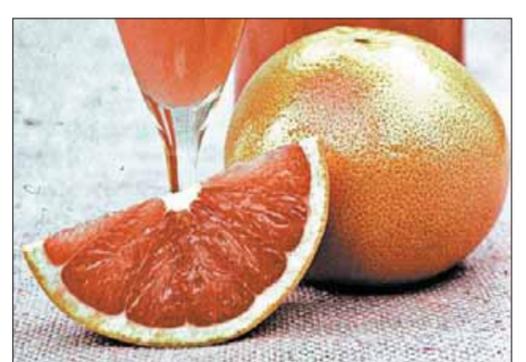
Q: I was told by my pharmacist that it was OK for my mother to eat grapefruit with her blood pressure medicine, but not to drink grapefruit juice. He said that pressing the grapefruit for juice releases some chemical from the skin that is the culprit in the drug interaction. My mother lived to be 94, eating her daily grapefruit.

A: There is ongoing confusion about the grapefruit-drug interaction issue. The Food and Drug Administration disagrees with your pharmacist. So does the world's leading expert on this interaction.

Dr. David Bailey and his colleagues note that "all forms of the fruit (freshly squeezed juice, frozen concentrate and whole fruit) have the potential to reduce the activity of CYP3A4" (CMAJ, March 5, 2013). This enzyme helps break down many commonly prescribed medications.

Not all blood pressure medicines are affected, though. People taking calcium channel blockers such as felodipine, nifedipine and verapamil should probably avoid grapefruit. Most other BP drugs are not impacted by grapefruit.

Q: I took GABA drugs, both gabapentin and pregabalin, for severe back pain. After some months I noticed I had very foggy thinking; I couldn't remember simple things. I was sleepy all the time. I had a much slower rate of processing information. When I asked my doctor about it, he said: "Oh yeah, that's a known side effect. We don't mention



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All forms of grapefruit have the potential to reduce the activity of the enzyme CYP3A4, according to experts.

it because not everyone has it?" I stopped the meds right away and have since found relief through chiropractic care. Not 100 percent, but pain-free most days.

A: A new report from the Institute for Safe Medication Practices Quarter-Watch (March 27, 2019) warns about the inappropriate use of GABA drugs.

Mental impairment, confusion and memory loss are recognized side effects. Sleepiness and dizziness are quite common complications of both drugs. Your doctor should have warned you about the dangers.

Q: Last year I went on the keto diet to lose a few pounds. After three weeks I was shocked at how my knees felt almost no pain. After six weeks they felt better than they had in years. I had forgotten how it felt to have no knee pain. I was really amazed and thankful.

A: A small study confirms your experience (Pain Medicine, online, March 13, 2019). A low-carbohydrate diet reduced pain intensity and improved mobility.

Q: I have always en-

joyed black licorice sticks as a special treat. It never bothered me until I started eating bagfuls of German salted licorice. Eventually my heart started racing because of a drop in potassium levels.

I hadn't had licorice for a few years, but last week I bought some for an evening snack. I was awake all night with the worst leg cramps I have ever had.

I drank electrolyte water, ate a banana and took cramp pills, and the "fixes" worked temporarily. Then the cramps came back. The next day my legs were still extremely sore. I am now off licorice for good.

A: Natural black licorice contains an ingredient called "glycyrrhizin" (Glycyrrhiza glabra). It can deplete the body of potassium, trigger irregular heart rhythms, raise blood pressure and cause fluid retention (edema).

We suspect your leg cramps may indeed have resulted from an electrolyte imbalance.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.

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FOOD & DINING

REVIEW Momotaro ★★★

Taking helm at Momotaro, Kato ramps up grilling

BY PHIL VETTEL
 Chicago Tribune

Like many, I was saddened when Sumi Robata Bar, a Japanese concept that might have been a little ahead of its time, closed in August 2017, leading chef/partner Gene Kato to relocate to Charlotte, N.C., where his culinary career had begun.

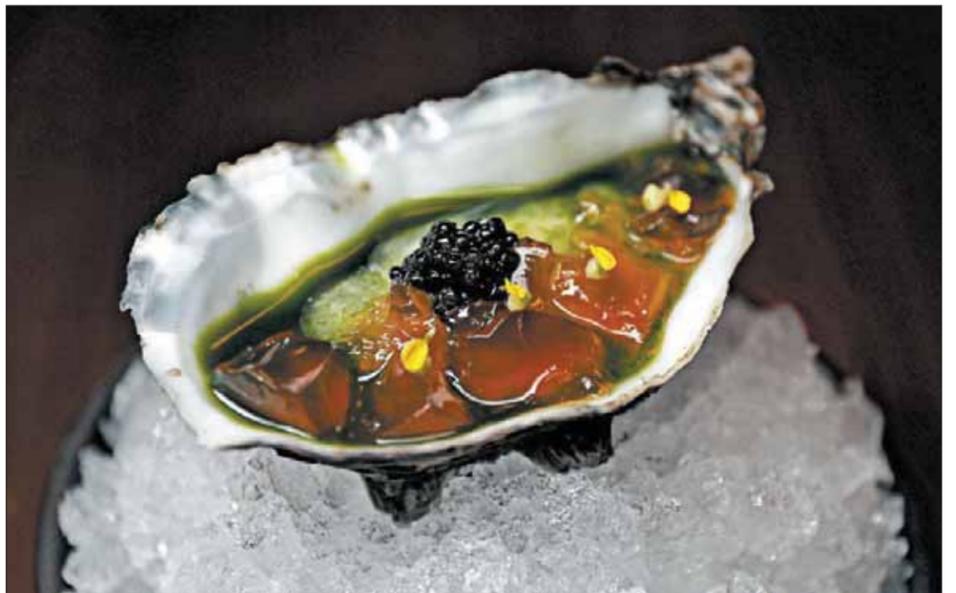
Happily, his stay in Charlotte was brief. Last October, executive chef Mark Hellyar resigned from

Momotaro. Owners Kevin Boehm and Rob Katz quickly reached out to Kato (“our culinary crush,” said Katz at the time), and Kato was back in Chicago by early January.

“The whole time I was in Charlotte, I was trying to get back,” Kato said.

As the executive chef at Momotaro, Kato occupies a culinary sweet spot between the huge-scale Japonais, where Kato once

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Momotaro's oyster is surrounded by a dashi and vinegar jelly, cucumber slices and a bit of Calvisius caviar.



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Heart-shaped pancakes with strawberry syrup and a side of scrambled eggs with bacon curls as part of Mother's Day bedside breakfast.

PAMPER MOM IN THE MORNING

Heart-shaped pancakes the kids can make on Mother's Day

BY ROBIN MATHER | Chicago Tribune

Gather 'round, kids. We're going to give Mom a breakfast in bed on Mother's Day that's worth waking up to enjoy. And when she's finished eating, she won't be dismayed by a kitchen piled high with dirty pots and pans.

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| Here's the menu: | ■ Bacon curls |
| ■ Heart-shaped ricotta pancakes with fresh strawberry syrup | ■ Orange juice |
| ■ Scrambled eggs | ■ Coffee or tea |
- Kids age 8 and up who have a little

kitchen experience can prepare this menu with a bit of help from another grown-up or an older sibling.

While the food is important, the setting may matter even more so: Making the tray pretty is a big part of the celebration. This is the time for a few flowers in a small, stable vase, and a delicate cloth napkin folded just so to hold the silverware. And don't forget

the homemade card!

Making the bacon curls is simplicity itself: Cut a strip of bacon crosswise into three pieces, roll each piece loosely, then put them on a skewer with room between each piece. Place the skewer on an oven-safe pan and broil the bacon for 4 to 6 minutes, turning the skewer every couple of minutes so the curls brown evenly. (Take care that the skewers or bacon

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Mother's Day cooking lesson

Mom can inspire with little ways to make a favorite recipe taste even better

BY WOLFGANG PUCK
Tribune Content Agency

If there's one important cooking lesson I learned from my mother, it's that you can always do little things to make a recipe you like into something even better. Thinking back to afternoons spent watching her at work in our home kitchen, I can see her always tasting and adjusting seasonings, often quickly improvising based on a seasonal ingredient or simply some sudden inspiration she had.

The results, needless to say, were always delicious. It's her early influence, and the delicious food both she and my grandmother made, that played a big role in my career path to becoming a chef. So, I'm happy to share a new version of a recipe I often ate as a child in my mother's kitchen — one that often evolved based on available ingredients and my mother's whim. The recipe is for a traditional Austrian dish called Kaiserschmarren (literally, the Emperor's shreds or mess).

The name describes the fact that, fancy though it looks when it comes out of the oven, this fluffy hybrid of a soufflé and a pancake is traditionally torn into rough pieces for serving. I'm sure that my mother loved to serve it to us children not only because it was delicious but also because of its versatility. She could make it for dessert or as an economical one-dish supper.

In that versatile spirit, I would like to suggest that you prepare Kaiserschmarren for Mother's Day, as a breakfast or brunch main dish, a light supper or a special dessert.

Mother always served Kaiserschmarren with some sort of fresh fruit compote: apples in autumn or winter, for example, or plump berries in springtime or summer. That's one great example of the way she often improvised.

Following my mother's example, I've gone on evolving the Kaiserschmarren recipe she handed down to me. Over the years, I've added more eggs to make it even less like a pancake and more like a soufflé. The recipe here even differs from a version I shared eight years ago, now containing a slightly higher proportion of egg whites to yolks for even fluffier results (plus a touch of cream of tartar to help stabilize those beaten whites), and a touch of vanilla for more flavor.

To make this version extra special, I've also decided to feature fresh cherries in the compote instead of the strawberries I often use. If you cannot find fresh cherries, use frozen. Or you could always switch back to strawberries. I hope you'll add this to your own recipe book once you've made it for Mother's Day. My mom would have been pleased to know it.

Wolfgang Puck Worldwide

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DREAMSTIME

Kaiserschmarren, which means Emperor's shreds or mess, is a traditional Austrian dish that is also very versatile.

Kaiserschmarren with cherry compote

Prep: 45 minutes **Cook:** 15 minutes **Makes:** 6 to 8 servings

Kaiserschmarren:

½ cup seedless raisins
6 tablespoons dark rum
2 cups creme fraiche
1½ cups granulated sugar, divided, plus extra for coating
8 large eggs, separated
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
¼ cup flour
¼ teaspoon cream of tartar
Pinch kosher salt
4 tablespoons unsalted butter, at room temperature

Cherry compote:

4 cups pitted fresh cherries
¼ cup fresh orange juice
1 tablespoon finely grated orange zest
¼ cup granulated sugar
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
½ teaspoon vanilla extract
Powdered sugar

1. Position a rack in the center of the oven. Heat the oven to 425 F. Meanwhile, put the raisins and rum in a small bowl; leave the raisins to plump for about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Drain off excess rum, reserving 1 tablespoon of rum.

2. Put the creme fraiche, ½ cup of the sugar, the egg yolks, plumped raisins, the 1 tablespoon rum and the vanilla extract in a large bowl. Whisk until blended. Sprinkle in the flour; stir and set aside.

3. Put the egg whites in a large, clean bowl. Add the cream of tartar and salt. With a hand-held electric mixer on medium speed and clean beaters, beat the whites until thick and foamy. Then, still beating, gradually sprinkle in the remaining 1 cup sugar. Continue beating until soft peaks form when the beaters are lifted out.

4. With a large spoon, drop a generous dollop of the beaten egg whites into the egg yolk batter. With a flexible rubber spatula, gently fold the whites into the batter to lighten it. Spoon the remaining whipped egg whites over the batter and gently but thoroughly fold it in.

5. With a brush or clean fingers, spread the butter inside a medium ovenproof skillet to coat it evenly. Evenly sprinkle in enough additional granulated sugar to coat the butter, turning the pan for even distribution; then, gently tap out and discard any excess sugar.

6. With the spatula, gently scrape the batter into the prepared skillet and smooth the top. Bake until the mixture puffs up and turns golden brown on top, and it feels springy when very gently and quickly touched at its center, 10 to 12 minutes.

7. While the soufflé bakes, make the cherry compote: In a nonreactive skillet, stir together the pitted cherries, orange juice and zest, granulated sugar, lemon juice and vanilla. Cook over medium-low heat just until heated through and the cherries have begun to give up some of their juices, stirring to help the sugar dissolve and mashing a few of the cherries to help thicken the sauce, about 5 minutes. Keep warm.

8. To serve, divide the compote among 6 to 8 serving plates. Scoop up large dollops of the soufflé, distributing it evenly on top of the compote. Dust generously with powdered sugar. Serve immediately.

Nutrition information per serving (for 8 servings): 510 calories, 21 g fat, 12 g saturated fat, 241 mg cholesterol, 72 g carbohydrates, 61 g sugar, 10 g protein, 179 mg sodium, 2 g fiber



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Make mornings glorious with more healthful muffins

BY ELLIE KRIEGER
The Washington Post

"If you want something done right, you have to do it yourself" is an adage that certainly applies to a more healthful muffin. Whenever I've purchased one, all hopes of deliciousness were shot after that first rubbery, sawdusty bite. So I took matters into my own hands, and the result is as close to

muffin heaven as I can imagine.

A bite into one reveals a cinnamon-scented, moist, tender crumb that boasts the scrumptiousness of cake rather than a baked good that screams "healthy." That quality is owed, in part, to the soft, fine texture of the whole wheat pastry flour, though a mix of all-purpose flour and regular whole wheat flour will give

you a similar result.

These muffins also deliver a full morning glory flavor experience, with a compelling texture from shredded carrot, coconut and apple, plus sweet, plump raisins, a hint of pineapple and a crunch of walnuts.

Ellie Krieger is a nutritionist, registered dietitian and cookbook author.

Morning glory muffins

Prep: 30 minutes **Cook:** 24 minutes **Makes:** 12 muffins

½ cup canola oil, plus more for the pan

⅓ cup raisins

¾ cup walnut pieces

½ cup unsweetened shredded coconut

1¾ cups whole-wheat pastry flour (may substitute 1 cup regular whole-wheat flour plus ¾ cup all-purpose flour)

1½ teaspoons ground cinnamon

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon baking soda

½ teaspoon kosher salt

¼ teaspoon ground ginger

A generous ¾ cup light brown sugar

2 large eggs

1 can (8 ounces) crushed pineapple with juice (1 cup)

2 medium carrots, peeled, shredded (1 cup)

½ cup peeled, shredded green/tart apple

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1. Heat oven to 350. Brush the wells of a regular muffin pan with oil.

2. Place the raisins in a small bowl and pour hot water over them to cover. Allow to plump as you prepare the remaining ingredients.

3. Arrange the walnuts and coconut on a baking sheet in a single layer; toast in the oven, until they fragrant and lightly browned, about 4 minutes. Let cool.

4. Whisk together the flour, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda, salt and ginger in a bowl. Whisk together the ½ cup oil, the brown sugar and eggs in a separate bowl until creamy and well combined; whisk in the pineapple and its juice.

5. Drain the raisins, discarding the liquid. Stir into the pineapple mixture; then, stir in the carrot, apple, vanilla and the toasted coconut and walnuts. Add the flour mixture, stirring just until incorporated, to form a batter.

6. Divide the batter evenly among the wells of the muffin pan; bake (middle rack), until a toothpick inserted into the center of a muffin comes out clean, 20 minutes.

7. Transfer the pan to a wire rack to cool for 5 minutes, then remove the muffins from the pan, placing them directly on the rack to cool completely.

Nutrition information per muffin: 310 calories, 18 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 35 mg cholesterol, 37 g carbohydrates, 20 g sugar, 4 g protein, 170 mg sodium, 4 g fiber



Wines that pair well with pizza include Fiorini Becco Rosso Lambrusco Grasparrorsa, from left, La Capranera Aglianico, Tasca Regaleali Nero D'Avola, Castelluccio Le More Sangiovese Superiore and Gini Soave Classico.

Recommended

2017 Castelluccio Le More Sangiovese Superiore: The label may bring a grimace as you squint to read it, but the wine brings a smile of delight. Sangiovese, the red grape of Tuscany, shines in this version from Romagna with its characteristic flavors of dried cherries and cocoa and hints of rosemary and sage. *Alcohol by volume: 13 percent*

2017 Fiorini Becco Rosso Lambrusco Grasparrorsa: This is not your grandmother's lambrusco, that fizzy, slightly sweet red wine she kept in the refrigerator door for a nip after grandpa went to bed. This dry sparkling red wine, redolent of dried fruit and wild herbs and a traditional Italian partner to salumi, makes it ideal for barbecue and pizza, especially pies featuring pepperoni and sausage. Affirmation that life is, indeed, good. *ABV: 11.5 percent*

2016 Tasca Regaleali Nero D'Avola: Nero d'avola is Sicily's answer to syrah, packing the warmth and depth of the better-known grape but not so much the heft. The Regaleali grabs your attention with savory flavors of blackberries and blueberries, and a dry herbal finish. Delicious. *ABV: 13 percent*

2017 La Capranera Aglianico: Aglianico from the southern part of Italy's boot is often overripe and pruny, with rubbery, stewed fruit flavors and high alcohol. This wine is a beauty, with balance and finesse, showing ripeness but also elegance. Try this with anything off the grill this summer. *ABV: 14 percent*

2017 Gini Soave Classico 2017: Mango, peach, jasmine and sneaky acidity that doesn't attack your palate but holds the wine together — that's what 60-year-old, organically farmed garganega vines can offer. Try this with any sort of seafood topping on a pizza, or a margherita with tomatoes and mozzarella. Not having pizza? Think salads, asparagus or anything we normally think of as a wine killer. This beauty can handle it. *ABV: 12.5 percent*

Wine with pizza? Keep it fun.

By Dave McIntyre
The Washington Post

Pizza may be the perfect food. It covers all the major food groups, and it offers nearly infinite possibilities, no matter your dietary preferences or restrictions. Grains, dairy, meat and vegetables feature in every bite, if you want them to, except for those prized nibbles of crust when the rest of the pie is gone. Pizza makes a great lunch, dinner — and even breakfast, that congealed feast from the fridge we all remember from college.

Pairing wines with pizza can be as enjoyable as eating it. There may be no such thing as a pizza wine, because there are so many variations of pizza. Margherita or meat lovers? Clam or Hawaiian? There's no one answer, but we sure can have a good time mixing and matching. A pizza party is a great opportunity to open a variety of wines and have fun.



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Pizza is casual food, appropriate for casual wine.

But there are some principles to keep in mind:

Pizza is casual food, appropriate for casual wine. Drop the pretension and go for fun. This is not the time to pull out your collectibles. Look out of the box, and challenge yourself with a wine

you've never heard of. If you have a bottle you've been staring at, wondering what to pair it with, pair it with pizza.

Red sauce does not require red wine. We tend to look at the tomato sauce on a pizza (or pasta) and think "red needs red." But the acidity of tomato sauce pairs nicely with a crisp white wine. It could be your favorite pinot grigio, but I would urge you to explore other white wines that favor acidity over oak. Soave, verdicchio or refreshing rosés from just about anywhere meet these criteria. A margherita pizza, with just red sauce, basil and cheese, is a good candidate for a white wine.

Match the wine to the toppings. Lots of pepperoni and sausage on your pie? This calls for a red. A nero d'avola from Sicily fits the bill, but so does a sangiovese from Tuscany or Romagna, or a valpolicella from up near

Venice.

Here's a sneaky pick for a "meat lovers" pizza: lambrusco. A dry sparkling red wine from northern Italy, and a traditional partner for salumi and other antipasti, lambrusco may be one of the world's most underrated wines and is a great match for pepperoni and other spicy meat toppings on pizza.

Lambrusco seems weird to us — it's that wine our mothers kept in the door of the fridge, from which we'd sneak a sip or two when everyone else had gone to bed. (Guilty!) But true lambrusco is not that slightly sweet swill of our memory. It boasts an earthy, dark cherry character that matches well with smoked or cured meats, such as pepperoni and salami. Its palate-cleansing bubbles cut through the spice of red pepper flakes and the funk of roasted or dried garlic. And it's versatile. I love lambrusco with charcuterie, pizza and smoked

meats such as barbecue.

Just remember: Pizza is fun food, and all it requires is a fun wine to wash it down. What could be simpler?

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Creamy seafood rolls on buttered brioche can be served as sandwiches or cut into small wedges to be served as appetizers.

CRAVING: Appetizers

Langoustine, lobster and crab — oh my

Summer living requires seafood



JEANMARIE BROWNSON
Dinner at Home

Sun and seafood. The combination always boosts our souls. Little wonder we travel to water-rimmed places such as Florida to jump-start our spirits. This spring, we plan to start our warm weather entertaining out on our deck with chilled wine and seafood-based dishes inspired by our travels.

A sunny day lunch at Eaton Street Seafood Market & Restaurant in Key West filled our heads with warm weather entertaining ideas. We swooned over their version of a lobster roll sandwich, ranking it the best of our lives. Sweet, tender lobster meat barely held together with mayonnaise arrives tucked into a toasted sweet bun. Sure, this is picnic fare at Eaton Street, where diners eat from paper-lined baskets on folding chairs under an awning. However, the combination of indulgent seafood, a creamy binder sauce and buttery toast makes this hand-held stunner worthy of nearly every occasion.

For easy, stand-up eating at a cocktail party, I make toasted seafood rolls from thickly sliced brioche and serve them cut into quarters while the toast is warm. Alternatives for the brioche include challah, egg twist bread or Pullman loaf. Open-face sandwiches, garnished with fresh dill, appeal as well.

Because lobster proves pricey and labor-intensive, I think a combination of tender shrimp, sweet langoustine tails and tinned lump crab make a superb filling. This combination seafood salad also tastes great served on spears of Belgian endive or in little lettuce cups for lighter eating.

Langoustine tails, usually sold fully cooked and frozen, offer a sweetness similar to lobster and a tenderness similar to crab. Simply thaw them overnight in the refrigerator and drain before using. Precooked shrimp tends to be unpleasantly rubbery. So, for the best-textured shrimp, I prefer frozen uncooked shrimp. I can thaw it at my convenience and cook it briefly so it stays tender.

Less rich, but equally delicious, seafood party fare includes crispy fish and crunchy slaw tostadas. Crisp corn tostadas, sold in plastic bags at the local tortilleria, are great for hand-held appetizers. You can assemble the tostadas at the last minute or let guests assemble their own. Another option is to serve the sauteed fish and slaw tucked in a small tortilla or warmed pita pocket.

As always, when purchasing seafood, take the time to know its



You can assemble the crispy fish and slaw tostadas at the last minute or let guests assemble their own.

Crispy fish and slaw tostadas

Prep: 30 minutes **Cook:** 10 minutes **Makes:** 8 to 10 tostadas (or 16 small tacos)

Look for crisp tostada shells made by local tortillerias. Alternatives include serving the fish and slaw on lettuce cups or as small sandwiches in toasted pita pockets.

If you like, you can also make these into mini tacos: Wrap 16 small (4-inch diameter) corn tortillas in a damp cloth, then put them into a covered casserole dish or a food-safe plastic bag (do not seal bag). Microwave on high until hot and steamy, about 1 minute. Leave in the covered container until needed so tortillas stay pliable. Fill warm tortillas with fish, slaw and spicy mayo. Wrap in foil to keep warm.

Slaw:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon malt vinegar (or cider vinegar)
- ½ teaspoon each: salt, Worcestershire sauce, hot red pepper sauce, Dijon mustard
- ¼ medium head green cabbage (8 to 10 ounces), very finely shredded, about 3 cups
- ¼ small head radicchio, finely shredded, about ½ cup (or red cabbage)
- 2 green onions, trimmed, very thinly sliced
- 2 to 3 cups baby kale, arugula or lettuce

Spicy mayo:

- ¼ cup mayonnaise
 - 4 teaspoons hot red pepper sauce
 - 8 to 10 corn tostadas, each about 6 inches in diameter, see note
- Fish:**
- ¾ to 1 pound boneless skinless fish fillets, such as tilapia, catfish or snapper
 - ½ cup flour
 - ½ teaspoon salt
 - ¼ freshly ground pepper
 - Expeller pressed canola oil, safflower oil or sunflower oil
 - Chopped fresh herbs such as dill, cilantro, parsley or a combination

provenance. Shop at stores that sell fish from suppliers that are well managed and who catch or farm fish in ways that cause little harm to habitats or other wildlife. It's better for you and better for the planet.

Fresh herbs hold the key to springtime freshness in both of these recipes. My suburban Chicago garden won't yield many herbs for at least another month. Until then, I rely on the herbs growing in the AeroGarden my

son gave me. I'm happy to report that this appliance is worthy of the counter space; I've been snipping fresh dill (some days it grows 2 or 3 inches overnight), basil, thyme and parsley all winter and spring. It's supremely satisfying

Creamy seafood rolls on buttered brioche

Prep: 30 minutes

Cook: 10 minutes

Makes: 5 sandwiches, or 20 appetizer-size wedges

Use all the best ingredients here: I like imported French or Irish butter for griddle-toasting the sandwiches. I also like to serve these as open-face sandwiches.

1 pound peeled, deveined, raw large shrimp, 20 to 25 to a pound

½ cup organic mayonnaise

4 small green onions, trimmed, very thinly sliced, about ½ cup

1 tablespoon minced fresh dill

1 teaspoon minced fresh thyme or ¼ teaspoon dried

½ teaspoon coarse (kosher) salt

¼ to ½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

12 ounces cooked langoustine tails (thawed and drained), or roughly chopped steamed lobster

1 can (about 6 ounces) lump crab meat, drained

10 slices (each ¾ inch thick) French brioche (or challah, Pullman loaf or egg twist bread)

4 tablespoons butter, softened

Fresh dill for garnish

1. Fill a medium saucepan half full with water and heat to boil over high heat. Add shrimp, stir and reduce heat to a simmer. Cook, stirring once or twice, until shrimp are pink but not firm, 2 to 3 minutes. Drain. Let cool.

2. Mix mayonnaise, green onions, dill, thyme, salt and pepper in a large bowl. Add cooled shrimp, langoustine tails and drained crab meat. Gently mix everything together.

3. Spread softened butter over one side of each slice of bread.

4. Heat a large nonstick griddle over medium heat until a drop of water sizzles furiously. Reduce heat under griddle to very low. Add 4 slices of the bread, buttered side up, leaving space between slices. Cook on low until bread starts to turn golden, about 1 minute. Flip bread so it is buttered side down and cook until golden, about 1 minute.

5. Top half of the bread slices with about 1 cup of the seafood mixture spreading it evenly over the bread. Flip another piece of bread on top with the buttered side up to make a sandwich. Let sit on the griddle another minute to crisp the bread to a beautiful brown. Then transfer to a cutting board. Repeat to make all sandwiches.

6. Serve sandwiches cut on the diagonal into 4 pieces. Secure with wooden picks if desired. Arrange on a platter and garnish with chopped fresh dill and dill sprigs. Serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 649 calories, 35 g fat, 13 g saturated fat, 314 mg cholesterol, 44 g carbohydrates, 5 g sugar, 40 g protein, 1,162 mg sodium, 3 g fiber



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Before baking the souffles, wipe the lip of the jars to remove any drips from the batter.

Easy chocolate souffles your mother will love

By LOUISA CHU
Chicago Tribune

When you set out to make these chocolate souffles, you'll discover you probably have everything you need already. There are just four ingredients: butter, sugar, eggs and chocolate — that's it. No special tools or skills are required either. Make them for Mother's

Day, or any day you feel the need for a special yet simple finale to a meal. While my recipe for dark chocolate souffles is a la mode, defined by an ice cream topping melding the hot and cold, linguistically speaking it also means in fashion. I like coffee ice cream, a nod to Julia Child, whose recipe in "Mastering the Art of French Cooking"

called for strong coffee. Other old-school, old-fashioned recipes might have you running out for a quarter teaspoon of cream of tartar, but our style now says we don't have time for that. Trust me, as someone who's literally whipped over a thousand egg whites over my lifetime, you don't need it. If you've never had the existential pleasure of a

souffle straight out of the oven, this tastes like how Chicago sometimes smells like chocolate. You will capture the warm bitter-sweet aroma once and for all. While molten lava cake offers the rush of realization, a chocolate souffle suspends your disbelief.

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Dark chocolate souffles a la mode

Prep: 45 minutes Cook: 12 to 15 minutes Makes: 6 servings

1 stick (½ cup or 113 grams) butter, soft, plus extra for coating

¼ cup (50 grams) sugar, plus extra for coating

8 ounces (225 grams) dark chocolate (70-85% cacao)

6 eggs, large, room temperature

Powdered sugar, coffee ice cream or flavor of your choice and cacao nibs, optional

1. Place oven rack in middle. Remove other racks. Convection off, if needed. Heat to 400.

2. Add water to a medium saucepan; heat to a simmer. In a medium heatproof bowl, add butter and chocolate. Place bowl over the simmering water; melt chocolate and butter slowly, stirring with a spatula; when melted, turn heat off.

3. Coat 6 half-pint, wide-mouth, straight-sided canning jars or ramekins with butter. Pour in sugar to coat one, pour excess to next, repeat, coating all the jars. Place jars on a baking sheet.

4. Crack an egg on a flat counter, not a bowl edge. Over a small bowl, separate white from yolk, being careful not to break the yolk. Pour white to a big clean bowl, the yolk to another small bowl; repeat. Whisk whites until foamy, then add ¼ cup sugar gradually, still whisking, until peaks hold and are shiny.

5. Remove chocolate bowl from saucepan; mixture should be warm, not hot. Add yolks, mixing with the spatula. Use whisk to add whites by thirds; do not dip whisk into chocolate mixture. Fold with the spatula, being careful not to deflate the whites. Pour mixture into jars, dividing evenly. Run your thumb around top inside edge of jars to clean any drips.

6. Quickly place jars on sheet in oven, then immediately reduce temperature to 375. Bake, 12 to 15 minutes. Prepare plates, spoons and ice cream, plus powdered sugar and nibs, if using.

7. Transfer souffles to a cooling rack. Sprinkle with powdered sugar and nibs. Carefully place souffles on plates. Serve immediately with ice cream.

Note: You can refrigerate the chocolate souffle batter to bake later, but pour them into the jars first, then let them come up to room temperature for about an hour before baking. You can also bake these souffles ahead of time, though they will fall. With their deep chocolate flavor, all will be forgiven.

Nutrition information per serving: 413 calories, 31 g fat, 18 g saturated fat, 232 mg cholesterol, 32 g carbohydrates, 26 g sugar, 8 g protein, 87 mg sodium, 3 g fiber

DRINK

Wild yeast discovery leads to Glenmorangie's Allta

By JIM BRUCKER
Chicago Tribune

Bill "Dr. Bill" Lumsden, director of whisky creation, distilling and whisky stocks at both Glenmorangie and its peaty Islay cousin, Ardbeg, is the grand wizard of leveraging wood to alchemize whisky innovation. He pioneered the art of finishing Scotch whisky in oak barrels that once held other spirits, such as port or sherry, to imbue myriad flavors.

The "doctor" in Dr. Bill, though, refers to his Ph.D. in yeast chemistry. Though most Scotch whisky distilleries have used the same strain of yeast for generations, that changes with the release of Allta, the 10th annual Private Edition expression from Glenmorangie, created using a unique wild yeast discovered and developed by Lumsden.

"This to me is the most exciting experiment that I've done for a long time," Lumsden says.

Yet the effects of the new yeast are subtle, requiring a gentle rethinking of Glenmorangie's Champagne-clear base.

"There's no question that if I'd done this very same experiment at Ardbeg, we really wouldn't have noticed any difference at all; the peat would have just completely overpowered it," he said.

So Lumsden aged the



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spirit in mostly third-fill and some second-fill casks, minimizing the overall effects of the wood. Additionally, Allta is bottled at 51.2 percent alcohol, the highest concentration of Glenmorangie's Private Edition line.

"I just wanted to slightly concentrate up the rather subtle differences in flavor. But it was actually mainly because it was the 10th anniversary release I thought let's do something a little bit different and give our loyal Glenmorangie whisky geeks a bit more bang for their buck."

The results are exceptional. Compared with the standard 10-year-old Glenmorangie, Allta has a richer, barley-forward nose, with a little musk, game

and vanilla bean, less of the typical citrus. A few drops of water open the nose to biscuits and freshly baked bread, and the mouth-filling flavor carries elements of melon rind, finishing into tart fruit and orange cream. For a high alcohol-by-volume, non-age-statement expression, it's remarkably palatable.

The decadelong experiment carried other challenges though. Beyond the atypical approach to wood management, Lumsden felt some pressure to release a final product before the competition.

"If you genuinely believe you're the first to do something, then there's always the risk with each passing year that someone will do it before you," he said.

"There's a risk here that we could be gazumped."

Finally, Lumsden's ongoing experimentation is challenged by the international demand for Glenmorangie. But he has a plan.

"The demand for our spirit is so high that actually finding a slot in the production schedule to carry out experiments is increasingly difficult. So that's why I'm building my experimental distillery at Glenmorangie, to give me easier access to things like that."

Glenmorangie Allta, the first major entry into alternate-yeast Scotch, is available widely at \$100 a bottle.

Jim Brucker is a freelance writer.

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Among the nigirizushi is Hokkaido hotate, a gorgeous scallop topped with sea urchin and salmon roe.



Grilled lamb chops are marinated with a complex miso paste that brings out the meat's sweetness.

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worked, and the 35-seat intimacy of Sumi.

"Style-wise and business-model-wise, I'm right in the middle," he said.

Not surprisingly, Kato has ramped up the robata-yaki (Japanese grill) component of the Momotaro menu; it would be a mistake to think of Momotaro as Sumi reborn, but a lot of Kato's skewered-meat dishes have transitioned here.

The safe and popular choices include the especially juicy tsukune (Japanese chicken meatballs), shiso-marinated chicken thighs and chicken "oysters" (back muscle, seasoned with yuzu kosho, the chile-citrus condiment). But expand your horizons to include gyutan (beef tongue) and octopus, the latter sprinkled with black pepper and lime.

The robata-grilled quail is particularly flavorful, and it's served with a soft-poached quail egg and a reduction sauce made from the bird's bones — three-way quail. If your taste memory of abalone involves rubbery texture and minimal flavor, Kato's grilled abalone, slathered with shiso butter and lime, will be a revelation. And grilled lamb chops — long rib chops, sparingly trimmed to preserve that gnaw-able rib meat — are marinated with a complex miso paste that brings out the meat's sweetness.

For those who'd like to try a little robata DIY, there's the yakiniku, a selection of raw wagyu (A5 Japanese and American wagyu, and a pair of gyutan skewers) accompanied by a tabletop robata grill. Each piece of meat cooks in seconds; it takes an act of will to slow down and fully savor each bite. (And the longer you linger, the longer you can enjoy that heavenly charcoal aroma.)

The rest of the menu abounds with treats. Cold dishes include a beautifully presented oyster, surrounded by a dashi and vinegar jelly, cucumber slices (resembling fish



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scales) and a bit of Calvisius caviar. Jidori kimo is essentially chicken-liver pate, served in a crock alongside soba-toast triangles and a tart, green-strawberry chutney. (The chutney makes the dish, sez me.)

On the hot side, there are steamed chicken dumplings with a soft-poached egg and black truffle, and a fine scallop motoyaki placed over dashi-poached daikon. Mentaiko, the Japanese spaghetti dish that was on the original Momotaro menu, has been altered; instead of egg and spicy cod roe, Katu tops the noodles with ground beef (actually ground tongue, for a firmer texture), Japanese curry and roasted-pepper paste.

And then there are the sushi offerings, overseen by chef Shigeru Kitano. There are 20 or so fish available daily, in nigiri or sashimi form, and when there's a

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Ratings key: Four stars, outstanding; three stars, excellent; two stars, very good; one star, good; no stars, unsatisfactory. Meals are paid for by the Tribune.

special available, it's usually a good strategy to order it. It paid off in the forms of pristine tuna collar (a rarely seen cut) and lightly seared ocean perch. Among Kitano's selected nigirizushi is Hokkaido hotate, a gor-

geous scallop topped with sea urchin and salmon roe. There are a dozen makimono available as well, but you don't come to Momotaro for sushi rolls.

Downstairs is Izakaya, where the lights, the furniture and most of the prices are lower. Traditionally, izakayas are cocktail-focused, and dishes tend toward the small and simple. This is the place to load up on fried-chicken karage, satsumaimo (sweet potato) fries with miso-accented mayo and a smaller selection of robata items. Izakaya also is home to the ground-pork ramen that earned Kato top prize at this year's Ramenfest, and a Royale with Cheese burger on a steamed and toasted bao bun that, as incongruous as its existence seems, is in fact a very good burger.

Desserts are surprisingly

good here. Downstairs are doughnuts made from Dulcey chocolate and ice cream sandwiches; upstairs are slightly different doughnuts (with a sansho-pepper kick), Momotaro crunch (chocolate wafers with matcha-ganache filling, dusted with matcha powder) and, my favorite, the Omiyage (a term used to describe an edible souvenir), which pairs a fried pineapple pie (a chef-y version of a McDonald's hot apple pie) with pineapple sorbet in a too-cute ceramic owl.

Opened a little more than four years ago, Momotaro's cavernous main dining room (130 seats) doesn't show its age. The wood-paneled walls and central sushi bar are as attractive as ever (and a nice twist on the minimalism most Japanese-themed dining rooms adopt), and I still get a kick

out of the cocktail bar, whose background facade mimics a Tokyo stock exchange board (only it lists, among other things, sake prices).

The beverage program, overseen by DeAnn Wong, is impressive. There are more than a dozen sakes by the glass, sake flights, 10 or more Japanese beers, Japanese whisky, whisky and shochu flights, a thoughtful wine list and interesting cocktails, including a mezcal-based Smoky, Plummy, Boozy that has become my default drink here.

Momotaro was a remarkable restaurant prior to Kato's arrival, but I really like the stamp he's put on the place. I hope this serendipitous pairing of chef and concept lasts for a long time.

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Shannon uses a spoon to fill in the heart-shaped pancakes before serving them with strawberry syrup.

Pancakes

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don't burn.) Remove them from the oven and turn the oven down to warm. Let the bacon curls cool for about 5 minutes, then remove the skewer and put them on paper towels to drain while you make the pancakes and scramble the eggs.

The ricotta pancakes are a nice change-up from traditional flapjacks. Ethereal and delicate, they are less stodgy than their more familiar counterparts. Replace the ricotta with cream cheese for a slightly different — but equally satisfying — hotcake.

The ruby-bright strawberry syrup's flavor speaks

of the season, and its color speaks of the heart on this sentimental day. Use smaller rather than larger strawberries if you can, because the giant strawberries coming in from out of state frequently are all flash, no flavor.

The last — and perhaps most difficult — piece in the plan is getting the tray safely to Mom while with no spills along the way. Perhaps a parade, with the eldest in the family carrying the laden tray while smaller people carry cards and other items, would be prudent.

Robin Mather is a longtime food journalist and the author of "The Feast Nearby," a collection of essays and recipes from a year of eating locally on a tight budget.

Heart-shaped ricotta pancakes with fresh strawberry syrup

Prep: 45 minutes **Cook:** 35 minutes **Makes:** 6 to 8 medium pancakes

I like self-rising flour for these cloudlike, dreamy pancakes because it's milled from "soft," or low-protein wheat, which makes a very tender pancake. If you don't keep it on hand, make your own by whisking together 1 cup flour, 1½ teaspoons baking powder and ¼ teaspoon salt. (This makes 1 cup; just use all-purpose flour for the remaining 2 tablespoons.) Craft stores sell empty food-safe plastic squeeze bottles for drawing the batter heart outline, but I've also given directions on how to shape the hearts using a spoon. These pancakes are also very good when made with cream cheese instead of ricotta.

1 cup plus 2 tablespoons self-rising flour

2 tablespoons sugar

½ teaspoon baking soda

Pinch of salt

¾ cup water

½ cup ricotta cheese

3 tablespoons butter, melted, cooled

1 large egg

½ teaspoon vanilla

1 tablespoon lemon juice

Strawberry syrup:

2 cups fresh strawberries, washed, hulled, quartered

1 cup each: sugar, water

2 teaspoons lemon juice

Chopped pecans for garnish

1. In a small bowl, whisk together the self-rising flour, sugar, baking soda and salt. Set aside.

2. In a large bowl, combine water, ricotta, melted butter, egg and vanilla. Mix until no large lumps of ricotta remain. Stir in the lemon juice.

3. Using a rubber spatula, fold the flour mixture into the ricotta mixture. Mix until no large lumps of flour remain. Let the batter rest, 15 minutes. The resting time is important; it gives the leaveners a chance to get to work.

4. While the batter rests, make the strawberry syrup: Combine strawberries, sugar, water and lemon juice in a

small saucepan. Bring to a boil over high heat; cook, stirring, 10 minutes. Reduce heat to medium-low; simmer until strawberries are mushy. Strain syrup into a measuring cup, leaving solids behind; set aside to cool.

5. Heat the oven to its lowest setting. Heat a large nonstick skillet or griddle over medium heat until a droplet of water dances across the surface. If you'd like to use a squeeze bottle to draw heart-shaped outlines before filling in with batter, transfer about ½ cup batter to the squeeze bottle and add 1 teaspoon water. Cover the bottle and shake to blend. (Adding a little water makes the batter easier to squeeze out consistently.)

6. Draw an outline with the squeeze bottle and let it cook for about 15 seconds before filling the center with additional batter. Cook until the top of the pancake looks dry and is well-dotted with holes; turn and cook, 1 to 2 minutes. Transfer to a plate and keep warm in the oven while you cook remaining pancakes.

7. Alternatively, shape the pancakes into hearts using the back of a spoon. Place ¼ cup batter in the skillet, and then quickly use a spoon to push the batter up into the heart shape at the top and down at the bottom. Cook until the top of the pancake looks dry and is well-dotted with holes; turn and cook, 1 to 2 minutes.

8. To serve, layer 3 or 4 pancakes on the plate. Spoon a little strawberry syrup over the pancakes and strew chopped pecans over the top. Serve with additional strawberry syrup.

Nutrition information per pancake (for 8 pancakes): 177 calories, 7 g fat, 4 g saturated fat, 43 mg cholesterol, 24 g carbohydrates, 10 g sugar, 4 g protein, 330 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

These will spark joy at your next party

BY CATHY BARROW

Special to The Washington Post

When I'm invited to share a special meal with friends, whether holiday feast or birthday party, I always bring something along. Sure, some hosts might ask me to contribute a dish, but others respond with "Don't bring a thing. I've got this." I am unable, constitutionally, to appear on someone's doorstep without something in my hand. It's in these moments that I bring indulgences. Imported cheese and fancy crackers. Extravagant wine. Homemade candies.

Made with unsweetened coconut and plenty of hickory-smoked almonds, the Bring Joy Coconut Chocolate Candy is a modern twist on the beloved Almond Joy. As far as gifts go, with no baking and no chocolate tempering necessary, they are pantry-friendly and a breeze to pull together, even with only a couple hours' notice. Plus, they can be made up to two weeks in advance.

Unsweetened coconut is sold in airy, crunchy flakes — great in granola but a little large for candy. I used my high-speed blender to blitz the flakes into small bits, careful not to pulverize. Using the same blender, I chop the smoked almonds into equally small bits. The almonds and coconut are bound with powdered sugar and sweetened condensed milk, then kneaded like bread dough until cohesive and stiff.

I use a small juice glass with a flat bottom to press the dough into the loaf pan, forming a solid block. The filling is chewy and dense, so it needs to be compacted. After chilling, the dough is much easier to cut into crisp-edged squares. If egg-shaped candies are your goal, use a two-tablespoon scoop to portion, then with slightly damp hands, form them before chilling.

Tempering chocolate can be challenging for even the most accomplished cooks. To keep this recipe as straightforward as possible, I add shortening (or butter) to melted chips to make a dipping sauce that sets up in the refrigerator. No thermometers needed. Working with half the chips at a time keeps the chocolate the correct texture for enrobing. It's so darn pretty, you'll be congratulating yourself.

Finely chopped nuts and flaky salt make for a chic, grown-up party treat, but sprinkles and edible glitter aren't outside the realm of possibility. Making these candies is an afternoon's distraction for young cooks, and decorating is the best part.



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Bring joy coconut chocolate candies

Servings: 18 (makes 1½-inch squares)

Make ahead: The finished candies need to be refrigerated for at least 1 hour before serving, and can be kept cold between layers of wax paper in an airtight container (ideally, a cookie tin) for up to two weeks.

2 ½ cups unsweetened flaked coconut

1 cup hickory-smoked almonds

1 cup confectioners' sugar

½ teaspoon vanilla extract

5 tablespoons sweetened condensed milk

1 ⅓ cups semisweet or bittersweet chocolate chips

2 tablespoons shortening or unsalted butter

Flaked salt, for decorating

1. Line a 9-by-4 ½-inch loaf pan with aluminum foil, letting excess hang over the short sides; it will be used to lift the candies from the pan.

2. Use a food processor or a high-speed blender to whir the coconut flakes until chopped but not pulverized. Work slowly, checking frequently. The chopped coconut should yield about 1¼ cups; transfer to a mixing bowl.

3. Grind the almonds until finely chopped. Reserve 1 tablespoon for decorating, then add the rest to the coconut. Add the

confectioners' sugar and vanilla extract to the almond-and-coconut mixture, stirring to incorporate.

4. Pour the condensed milk into the coconut mixture and use your hands to combine the ingredients until stiff. If this filling mixture not cohesive, very judiciously add more condensed milk, 1 teaspoon at a time. Knead and press firmly, pushing the mixture away from you, folding and repeating until the ingredients are evenly distributed. Press the filling into the prepared pan, cover and refrigerate for 1 hour.

5. Place parchment paper on a wire rack. Lift the foil holding the block of filling and unmold it onto a cutting board, top side down. Score the into 18 squares of equal size (3 across, 6 down). Use a sharp chef's knife to cut the chilled filling; you might have a little trim, which is your cook's snack. Place the filling squares on the parchment paper and let them dry out a bit while you melt the chocolate. (This drying step will help the chocolate adhere more readily.)

6. Fill a small saucepan with about 2 inches of water. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat so the water is barely bubbling at the edges. Place half of the chocolate chips in a heatproof bowl that fits over the pan without its bottom touching the water),

creating a double boiler. Melt the chocolate, whisking until smooth. Whisk in 1 tablespoon of the shortening or butter until melted; take the bowl off the heat.

7. Working with one piece at a time, dip a cold filling square into the chocolate, turning it over and over to coat completely, and then transfer it to the parchment-lined rack. (I use a table fork and a soup spoon, lifting with the fork while spooning the chocolate over the top.) Let the chocolate fall back into the bowl through the tines of the fork, and then gently slide the candy on to the parchment.

8. After coating nine candies, repeat the process, melting the remaining chocolate with the remaining shortening or butter, and then coating the remaining candies. (There may be leftover chocolate; use it to coat pretzel rods, dried apricots or Saltines.)

9. Sprinkle the top of the candies with the reserved chopped almonds and a small pinch of flaked salt.

10. Before eating, refrigerate the candies, uncovered, for about 1 hour, until the chocolate is firm and cold.

Nutrition per piece: 240 calories, 3 g protein, 25 g carbohydrates, 15 g fat, 9 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 55 mg sodium, 2 g dietary fiber, 20 g sugar

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