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Trump willing to 'shut it down'

Another federal shutdown looms as spending bill goes to Senate

BY LISA MASCARO
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Congress is risking another federal government shutdown as House Republicans on Tuesday approved a temporary bill loaded with extra military spending that will

almost certainly face a filibuster from Democrats — and some Republicans — in the Senate.

Neither party appears to want a repeat of last month's three-day shutdown, but President Donald Trump seemed game for closing the government

again if Democrats didn't give in to his demands. Funds for federal operations expire Thursday.

"I'd love to see a shutdown if we can't get this stuff taken care of," Trump said during a White House event on gang violence that quickly turned to immigration and border security issues. "If we have to shut it down because the Democrats don't want safety ...

let's shut it down."

Trump's brash comments drew instant rebuke from lawmakers, including one of the Republicans attending the White House event.

"We don't need a government shutdown on this," said Rep. Barbara Comstock, R-Va., whose district in the Washington, D.C., suburbs is home to many federal workers. Both

parties want to resolve the issues, she added.

Trump interrupted her: "You can say what you want."

The president's comments were out of sync with the action on Capitol Hill. Unlike last month, when Democrats briefly blocked a federal spending bill to try to push Republicans on immigration, neither party has linked the two issues

this time as lawmakers have been negotiating over possible immigration compromises.

Now lawmakers in both houses are hoping a broader, multiyear budget deal can be struck in time to prevent another stopgap measure after this one, which would expire March 23, in what would be the

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2018 WINTER OLYMPICS

Gehring quenches her need for speed

Glenview native knew speedskating was right for her

BY CHRIS KUC
Chicago Tribune

Eight years old and into her fourth season of figure skating, Lana Gehring had advanced to the point of attempting difficult jumps.

Attempting, but not landing.

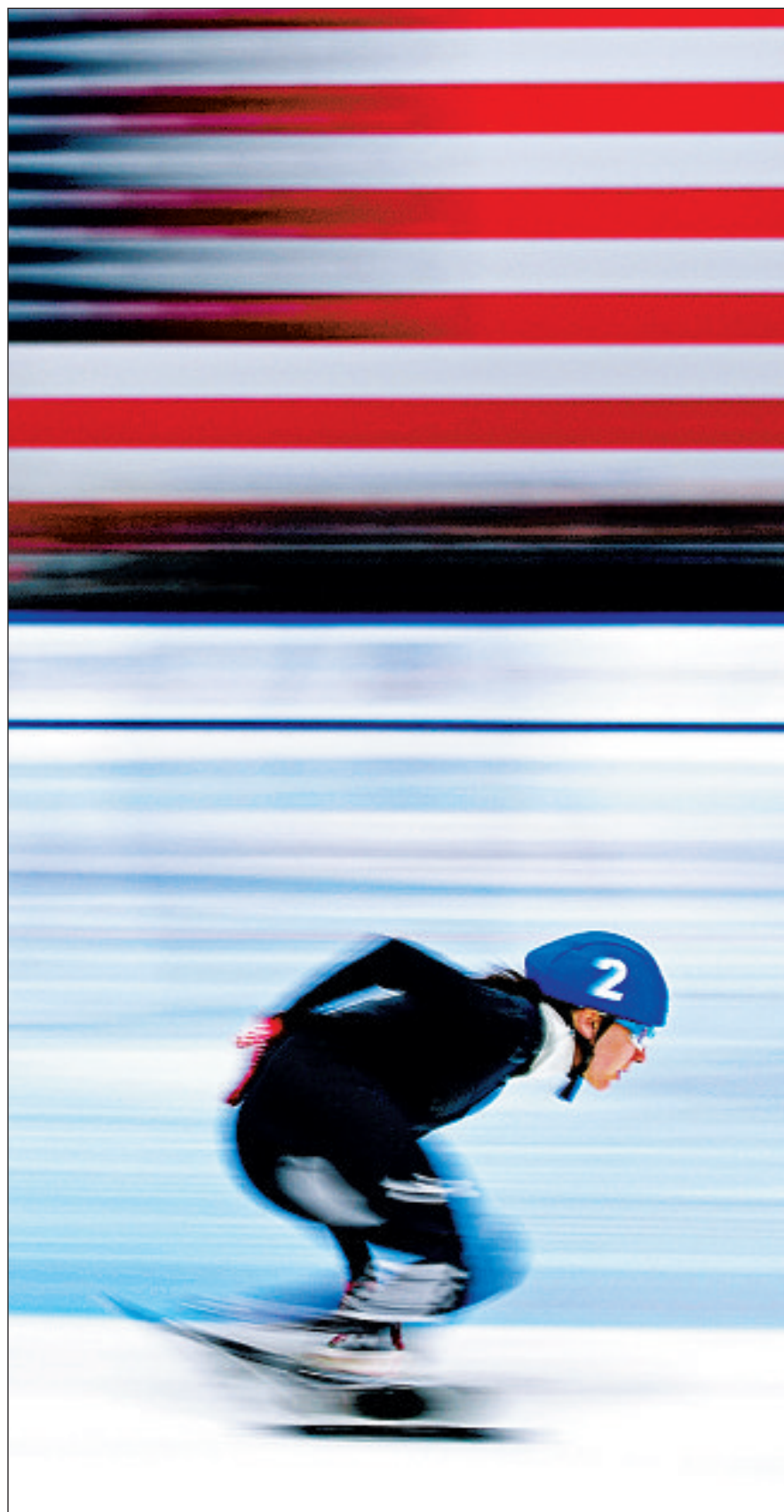
"I just could not get it and I kept falling," Gehring said. "It was one full season and I never caught on to it. I was so frustrated."

It was around that time Gehring stopped to watch a practice not far from her Glenview home, where skaters weren't jumping or spinning at all. Her frustration then morphed into a need for speed.

"The first practice I watched speedskating, I didn't want to do any more figure skating," Gehring said.

The figure skates lasted one more practice session — Gehring's first as a speedskater — before they were hung up in favor of the longer blades.

Gehring won't be hard to spot when she participates in her second Olympic Winter Games in Pyeongchang, South Korea. The 27-year-old will be the one taking the ice with the confident ease of a skater who has already achieved a life goal by qualifying for a second Games, but more significantly she'll be the only participant with the side of her head shaved to display a



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Glenview's Lana Gehring, a bronze medalist as part of a short-track relay in the 2010 Olympics, won the 1,500 meters in the U.S. speedskating trials in December.

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- Downers Grove's Tony Granato, the U.S. men's hockey coach, says he still has a lot of Illinois in him.
- Could this be the coldest Olympics in history? Pyeongchang organizers break out the hats and blankets.

Pritzker says he regrets '08 taped remarks

Black politicians' responses include support, criticisms

BY RICK PEARSON,
JOHN BYRNE AND
MONIQUE GARCIA
Chicago Tribune



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Democratic governor candidate J.B. Pritzker issued a public apology Tuesday, saying he regretted remarks he made about African-American politicians with then-Gov. Rod Blagojevich during a 2008 discussion about filling Barack Obama's U.S. Senate seat.

"I regret some of the things that I didn't say and some of the things that I did, but my heart is in the right place — that I've tried really hard through the course of my life to do the right things for the African-American

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White, left, stands with governor candidate J.B. Pritzker on Tuesday.

community and for communities across Illinois," Pritzker said at a West Side restaurant, flanked by black elected officials including Secretary of State Jesse

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Lesbian's suit a test of housing equality

Woman alleges senior home didn't stop harassment

BY GREGORY PRATT
Chicago Tribune

Marsha Wetzel says her senior living home failed to halt the physical and verbal abuse other residents inflicted on her for being a lesbian.

The home, Glen St. Andrew Living Community in Niles, maintains that it did not discriminate against Wetzel and that her claims stem from "ongoing squabbles with an older male resident and a couple of isolated incidents with two elderly female residents."

The allegations do not merit a federal case under the Fair Housing Act, no matter how "cranky or offensive" the residents' words have been, the home's attorneys said.

A federal judge last year dismissed Wetzel's lawsuit, but a 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel in Chicago heard arguments Tuesday that could revive discrimination claims against Glen St. Andrew for allegedly failing to protect the 70-year old woman.

In the coming months, the three-judge panel could send the case back to district court. If that happens, the lawsuit could set a precedent by clarifying that

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JOHN KASS

Earthlings, it's time to make up for lost moutzas

A moutza is a terrible thing to waste, but it's worse to suppress a moutza.

It backs up into your spleen, creating many "foul humours," as wise 17th-century scientists knew all too well.

The Golden Moutza wasn't offered in December, on account of respect for Christmas. Now it's February, with moutzas coming fast and thick, like angry Cornish pixies in "Harry Potter."

But what of January? Who wins your Golden Moutza of January?

Included in this list is the amazing buttocks whitening cream scandal of Bangkok (just mentioning it forces distinguished Tribune editors to Google the topic, putting them on a list, a reward in and of itself.)

Perhaps worst of all is the wholesale, idiotic indifference of all human-kind for not freaking out that China has cloned monkeys. Chinese scientists say they "have no plans" as yet to clone humans and harvest their livers. The world yawns.

But as usual, all politics is local. "To the two girls that sat next to me on the plane back from Vegas and hacked continuously, giving me the plague of the century," said Mike Hartley on Facebook. "Nah!"

"The return of the XFL and Murphy Brown? Nutella riots in France? Tide Pod eating teens? Gwyneth Paltrow's coffee enemas?" asked Ron Smith. "If your column was fiction it couldn't cover any stranger stories. The strangest though, has to be KFC hiring Reba McEntire to portray Colonel Sanders in their TV commercials. Hey KFC—your breasts were large enough already. Nah!"

Actually, Ron, I happen to love Reba McEntire's twangy vowels and her KFC commercial. But I will defend until my death your right to moutza.

"This month I am giving it to myself for not having my Christmas lights down yet," vowed Steve Maris on Facebook. "Nah!"

Steve, you are a man of honor. But a self-moutza hurts worse than Nancy Pelosi rubbing crumbs into your eyes.

"I give it to the month of January. You have too many days. Nah!" says Matthew Latourette.

Since we missed December, what of the Gourmet Lunch Bunch, those unnamed Chicago Public Schools principals who feasted on lobster and steak at students' expense?

"The keeper of the 'moutza,' John Kass — whose benevolence at the Holy season of Christmas spared a scoundrel of this befitting award, so be it," writes Bob Angone. "However I hope his 'benevolence' will still recognize 'The CPS Gourmet Gang' who feasted and wine and dined on gift cards meant for children, (It's for the Children you know) They are still unnamed and may be forever, so it's fitting that the January moutza might make them a little uncomfortable. Taking candy from children has reached a new low. Nah."

Nah indeed. One moutza belongs to the Chicago Board of Education, for not publicly naming the principals and forcing them on a public walk of atonement. Shame! And a few for the Gourmet Lunch Bunch! Feesah. Eat



JEFF KOWALSKY/GETTY-AFP

A moutza isn't punishment enough for Larry Nassar, former Michigan State trainer and USA Gymnastics doctor.



KFC

Reba McEntire is the first female to portray Colonel Sanders for KFC. What's wrong with that?



JOSE LUIS MAGANA/AP

Attorney General Jeff Sessions is too busy smirking to recognize the financial benefit of legalizing marijuana.

this moutza!

Many readers demand Michigan State University and USA Gymnastics get the moutza for protecting (over many years) the convicted sexual serial abuser, Dr. Larry Nassar.

"MSU deserves more than anything a moutza can provide, unfortunately," says Andy Cawston, of New Zealand. "A swift kick in the goolies fits the crime better — but that can't happen, so a moutza might have to do. Nah!"

Given the serious nature of the crimes, a single moutza isn't good enough. But living his life in prison and dying there sounds about right.

"Aloha John," writes loyal reader Don Rudny of Pepeekeo, Hawaii. "The leading candidate has to be the Hawaii state officials who implemented the ballistic missile warning system and sent out a message to all cell phones there was an inbound ballistic missile to Hawaii. They keep coming up with more excuses and say it will never happen again. I just want to extend my hand to them and say, Nah! Feesa Etho!"

Hawaii Gov. David Ige defended state employees, saying, "I will not stand for scapegoating management personnel."

Gov. Ige? Your civil servants no doubt wear shorts and flip-flops to work. No wonder they screwed up. Nah!

Also, since I'm half Canadian, what of the Toronto police who raided a drug dealer and ate some marijuana edibles? They had hallucinations, and one cop ended up in a tree, babbling like an idiot, waiting for police to rescue them.

Hope it was worth it! Nah!

"Atty. Gen. Jeff Sessions for being blind to the financial power of marijuana and the fact that it can balance every state budget in hardly any time and cuz I always wanna slap that smirk off his face," said Ellen Karp.

Yes, Sessions does smirk. But when all of America is nodding out like the lotus-eaters of old, who'll care?

All these nominations — and the ones I couldn't get to — are worthy indeed.

But what really gets my moutza mojo working is how stupid humanity is when it comes to the monkey cloners of China.

Yes, Gwyneth Paltrow's coffee enemas are significant, as are worries over bought-and-paid-for Twitter followers, but China says it has "no plans" to take the next easy step and clone humans?

No plans? Really? Do you believe them?

Anybody who thinks China won't clone all the moutza hands it needs to take over the world in about five years is really stupid.

So thanks to the Chinese monkey cloners, all earthlings win the Moutza of January. It's golden. Behold.

Blow on this humanity. We're doomed. Thanks, China.

Nah!

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By Kim Janssen, Tracy Swartz and Phil Thompson



On 'The View,' Star Jones mum about wedding



Jones

Star Jones joined "The View" as guest co-host Tuesday, but her upcoming wedding to Chicago attorney Ricardo Lugo wasn't among the show's hot topics.

Jones, 55, confirmed the engagement in October, though she told US Weekly she's "not talking about it." She has dropped some hints about the big day on social media. "Soon... #nationalspouseday I can't wait @ricardolugochicago!" she posted last week on Instagram.

A Chicago native, Lugo was employed as a Cook County assistant state's attorney from April to August 2017, according to the state's attorney's office. He was one of 17 prosecutors laid off because of budget issues. It was announced last month that Lugo has joined Jeffery Leving's Chicago family law firm.

Jones, meanwhile, seems to be enjoying her role as "bonus mom" to Lugo's son Jake. Jones was married to Al Reynolds from 2004 to 2008. She was accused of plugging that wedding too much on "The View."

She co-hosted the talk show from 1997 to 2006. She recently served as an executive producer of "Daytime Divas," a dramedy inspired by her time on "The View." VH1 canceled the series in November after one season.

She used her time on "The View" on Tuesday to raise awareness about heart health in honor of the American Heart Association's heart month. Jones got emotional as she recalled undergoing open-heart surgery in 2010.

Valerie Jarrett, a distinguished senior fellow at the University of Chicago Law School, is set to guest co-host Wednesday's episode of "The View," which airs at 10 a.m. weekdays on WLS-Ch. 7. Co-host Sara Haines has been out on maternity leave.

— Tracy Swartz



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Lawyer Joanie Rae Wimmer was singled out as the inspiration for Jeanne Ives' ad.

Trans attorney lays into 'dangerous' Jeanne Ives

A transgender woman attorney whose physical appearance state Rep. Jeanne Ives cited as justification for casting a gruff-voiced male actor in a campaign ad widely condemned as bigoted and transphobic says that Ives is "a dangerous person" who "hurt my feelings."

Joanie Rae Wimmer — an Oak Park attorney who served Ives with a subpoena at her Wheaton home three years ago — spoke to Chicago Inc. on Monday, after Ives defended the ad in a speech to the City Club of Chicago.

Ives told the City Club audience she did not understand what was offensive about the ad, in which a husky middle-aged man wearing a dress thanks Ives' Republican gubernatorial primary opponent Gov. Bruce Rauner "for signing legislation that lets me use the girls' bathroom."

The ad shows "exactly what a transgender man (sic) typically looks like," Ives said. When an audience member challenged her, she doubled down. "Sir, with all due respect, I've had them show up at my door," Ives said, later telling reporters that she was referring to her run-in with Wimmer.

But Wimmer told Inc., "I don't think I

look like the guy in the ad, but even if she does think that, that is not the point. I think she's a dangerous person — I think she's only a short way away from the Nazi Party in 1930s Germany."

On Tuesday, Ives' spokeswoman Kathleen Murphy fired back in an email, stating: "That Joanie Rae Wimmer would equate Jeanne Ives saying she doesn't want men in the same bathroom or locker room as her elementary school daughter to Nazis who tortured and murdered 6 million Jews tells you exactly who is the extremist."

Wimmer says she met Ives while defending Stephen Bona, a gay married man who was convicted of leaving threatening messages on Ives' voicemail after Ives described gay marriage as "disordered" in a radio interview and said gay couples were trying to "weasel their way into acceptability."

Wimmer recalls going to Ives' home and Ives' husband coming to the door with "a big, mean dog." Ives "might be the best present the Democratic Party ever had," Wimmer said, adding that "the public will see through her."

— Kim Janssen

First step on way to Hall of Fame for Trubisky?

With a little luck and a lot of work, Mitch Trubisky may find his jersey in Canton one day.

For now he'll settle for Davenport, Iowa.

The Bears quarterback's uniform is featured in a Pro Football Hall of Fame traveling exhibit that opened Saturday at the Putnam Museum & Science Center.

Packers linebacker Clay Matthews is showcased in another locker as part of "Gridiron Glory: The Best of the Pro Football Hall of Fame," a touring collection that features hometown tributes through the first weekend of June.

What's "hometown" about the Packers and Bears in Iowa? Hall officials made the call based on fan following in the Davenport area.

Here are some other artifacts on display at the museum.

Bears items

- Devin Hester's shoes that he wore on Oct. 20, 2013, when he tied the NFL record for most return touchdowns in a career, along with a Hester jersey.
- Super Bowl XX game-used football.
- Walter Payton's helmet. Worn when he set the career rushing record in 1984.
- Bill George's helmet and jersey from the 1960s.
- Bronko Nagurski cleats from the 1930s.
- Red Grange-related documents, including a 1925 Thanksgiving Bears vs. Cardinals program and an accounting ledger from Grange's debut.

Packers items

- Aaron Rodgers' game-worn jersey from 2011.
- Mike McCarthy's baseball cap from Super Bowl XLV.
- Brett Favre's 1997 Pro Bowl jersey.
- Jan Stenerud's game-worn shoe from when he set a then-career field goals record in 1983.

— Phil Thompson

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Dying teaches valuable lessons about friendship



MARY SCHMICH

A few weeks after she collapsed outside the door of her Gold Coast condo, where she was found unconscious by the overnight doorman, Mary Frances Fagan sent an email to 30 of her friends.

"It takes a village to raise a child and a whole lot of

supportive family and friends to deal with a major health issue such as I have," she wrote.

It was February 2017, and she had just been diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor that made it hard to speak and walk.

"My pledge," her email went on, "is to do all possible to get past this part of my life and be able to laugh, love, drink Scotch and travel."

A year later, on Sunday, Feb. 4, Fagan died.

Fagan — who was known for her mink coats, jewelry and Chanel No. 5, as well as for her dedication to her work and colleagues — had no relatives in the state, but in the past year her friends rallied around, right up until her dying day, making her death a lesson in the value of friendship at the end of a life.

Fagan's friends were widely varied and far-flung. There were childhood pals and classmates from her time at the University of Illinois in her hometown of Champaign. There were colleagues from her days as a radio reporter, her stints as assistant press secretary for two Illinois governors — Jim Thompson and Jim Edgar — and her 23 years as the spokesperson for American Airlines.

After her diagnosis, one of her former roommates traveled from the East Coast every few weeks to make sure she got to her neuro-oncologist. In October, when she was still living in her condo, several friends flew in to celebrate her 63rd birthday.

But illness often takes harsh, swift turns, and soon after her birthday, she wound up in the hospital, then was bounced from place to place designed to help her.

Partly because of problems with her phone, according to her friend Jan Grimes, she lost touch with many people, who assumed from her lack of response that she didn't want the interaction.

Grimes was among the friends who simply showed up in her room.

Grimes had known Fagan since they were students working together at the University of Illinois radio station. She also happens to be former director of the Illinois HomeCare & Hospice Council, work that helped her understand how dangerous isolation can be for someone who is sick.

She took to visiting Fagan almost daily and emailing updates to Fagan's friends, three friends at first, then 10, eventually 70.

"A cyber vigil," she calls it.

Day after day, friends appeared to sit at Fagan's bedside at JourneyCare hospice at Rush University Medical Center, answering whatever summons had gone out via the group email.

Bring soup. Suggest music. Was someone available to sit with Fagan and help her manage the lollipop sponge that kept her hydrated?

When Grimes asked the email group to recommend tunes Fagan could listen to in her room, scores of suggestions added up to a playlist: The songs of Ella Fitzgerald. Songs of Scotland. "You've Got a Friend." "We Are Family."

The weekend before Fagan died, three friends flew in from out of state. They came for their friend MOF, as she was often called, but they also came for themselves and each other.

"We all got to know each other partying in her room," Grimes says.

When one of the friends suggested dipping the lollipop sponge in Scotch, she says, Fagan's eyebrows shot up.

The friends ran out to buy a bottle and came back with a note for Fagan from their Uber driver: "I heard you are an amazing person. Your friends absolutely love you."

On Fagan's final weekend, 20 people came to visit, including two cousins from Georgia. One friend cabbed in from O'Hare during a layover. Another, who had only recently learned Fagan was so sick, hopped on a plane Sunday morning. Fagan died while he was midair.

If love were a cure, of course, many people would live forever. All the friends in the world couldn't keep Fagan alive.

But, as Grimes points out, many people risk winding up alone when they're sick and it helps to have an advocate and companions. The role Fagan's friends played in her final weeks may be instructive to others.

Make an email chain, Grimes suggests, to help people know when they're needed and welcome. Make a playlist. Be bold.

"If you're a patient," she said, "be bold in your requests because people do want to help. Friends, be bold in stepping in to be helpful. Don't assume the family's got it covered. Don't assume that an unreturned call means all is well. Show up with the soup. If the patient can't eat it, the loved ones can."

Dying is as personal as living, and I mentioned to Grimes that I know from experience that not every dying person wants to be overwhelmed with bedside friends. She agreed.

"As people are dying, their true personalities stay with them," she says. "If they were always quiet, they will be. If they were humorous, they will be. If they were cynical, they will be. And if they're social, they likely will be. Our friend was very social."

Before she was ill, Fagan once mused to a friend: Who will take care of me when I'm sick?

She found out.

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Law Department official resigns

Move comes after city's latest failure to turn over evidence

BY JASON MEISNER
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The head of the Chicago Law Department's civil rights litigation division lost her job last week after a federal judge excoriated the city's record of failing to turn over evidence in police misconduct cases, the Chicago Tribune has learned.

Liza Franklin, who oversaw a team of 60 attorneys and support staff handling mostly lawsuits against the police, resigned from her \$140,000-a-year position amid the fallout over accusations her office failed to turn over evidence in the August 2015 police shooting that wounded Jaquise Evans, several sources said.

Calls to Franklin's direct line at work on Tuesday went to a personalized voicemail message that said she was "no longer employed by the city of Chicago Department of Law" and referred callers to another city attorney for assistance.

A Law Department spokesman would not confirm Franklin's resignation, citing the city's policy to refrain from commenting on personnel matters.

Franklin's resignation was the highest-profile casualty yet in a string of troubles for the beleaguered Law Department. According to her online biography, Franklin was responsible for more than 400 "in-house" cases pending against police officers and monitored nearly another 100 other cases that were being handled by outside counsel.

The Tribune first reported Friday that Corporation Counsel Edward Siskel sent a memo to staff last week announcing that one Law Department attorney had resigned and two others were suspended over the withholding of evidence in a

recent lawsuit.

The two-page memo did not identify the attorneys involved or the case that led to the discipline, but Siskel explained that the attorneys' failure to meet professional standards breached the public trust.

"Any failure to meet those standards can quickly erode the trust the public places in us, and mistakes can have lasting, significant consequences that damage our collective reputation with judges, opposing counsel and taxpayers," Siskel wrote in the memo.

Also disciplined was Assistant Corporation Counsel Scott Cohen, who was suspended for 30 days without pay, and Assistant Corporation Counsel Bret Kabacinski, who received a five-day unpaid suspension, according to several sources familiar with the matter.

The move came a little over a week after all three attorneys were ripped in court by U.S. District Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer for their conduct in the Evans lawsuit.

Evans' lawyers had accused the city of failing to turn over crucial evidence in the case, including several citizen complaints against Sgt. Richard Salvador that were only disclosed in the eleventh hour as well as a Facebook video depicting Salvador threatening and verbally abusing a handcuffed suspect just weeks before the officer shot Evans.

Pallmeyer was already considering issuing sanctions for those issues when it was revealed that Salvador was named in another recent civil rights lawsuit, even though he had testified under oath that he wasn't involved in any other litigation. In fact, Salvador was represented in both cases by Cohen, who failed to notify Evans' attorneys about the suit.

In a court hearing Jan. 19, Franklin tried to explain that the mix-up was a simple oversight on Cohen's part, leading to a testy exchange with the judge.

"How can it be that (Salvador) didn't know he was being sued?" Pallmeyer



Franklin

asked. "Who dropped the ball?"

"I can make no representations for why he did not remember this incident or represented that, to his knowledge, he was not a defendant," Franklin responded. "But he had to

have been served personally because that is the procedure in the Police Department."

Pallmeyer shot back, "So now you're telling me that your client committed perjury?"

"I am not because I cannot say that he knowingly testified to a falsehood," Franklin said.

The judge also blasted the Law Department's record in other civil rights lawsuits in the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse. In case after case, judges have imposed monetary and other legal sanctions after the city was caught withholding documents or failing to meet its burden on discovery, the legal process that allows the two sides in a lawsuit to uncover relevant facts through the exchange of documents.

"I think it's time for someone to step up to how the city generally is handling the defense of these cases, how it's keeping records," Pallmeyer said. "Because the number of times there have been problems of one nature or another has just escalated, and this episode is as distressing as any."

Near the end of the hearing, Franklin promised Pallmeyer she would file a memo explaining how the Law Department would correct problems going forward. Nothing was ever filed, however, because the city agreed to settle the Evans lawsuit a week later, minutes before a hearing on possible sanctions was set to begin.

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Deconstructing Sue

Lisa Geiger lays dismantled bones from Sue's feet on a table Monday at the Field Museum as other staff members remove parts from the *Tyrannosaurus rex*. The museum has begun the painstaking process of dismantling Sue and moving the tyrannosaur to its new home on the second floor. A replica skeleton of the largest-ever-found *Patagotitan mayorum* will take Sue's place in Stanley Field Hall.

In split vote, higher ed board backs \$3.47B budget

BY DAWN RHODES
Chicago Tribune

Members of the Illinois Board of Higher Education narrowly voted Tuesday to send a \$3.47 billion spending plan to the state legislature, a decision that followed weeks of debate questioning how the state's public institutions can best move forward from two years of severe budget strain.

The endorsed budget was the more conservative of two options floated by trustees and was mostly unchanged from the plan originally presented in December. It seeks a \$254.4 million increase over the current fiscal year, including a \$100 million boost for Monetary Award Program grants for low-income students, around \$31 million to cover inflation, \$31 million for veterans grants and \$20 million for emergency capital projects.

The contention centered on the proposed share for Illinois' 12 public universities, which collectively got about 41 percent of their typical state funding during the two-year budget impasse.

The board initially proposed a 2.2 percent increase, which if approved would send a little more than \$1.1 billion to the public universities. University presidents, in an unusually public protest, signed a letter urging the board to present a more aggressive number. The school leaders wanted the budget to propose \$1.2 billion, the same amount universities received in 2015, the last year of regular

funding before the impasse struck.

That appeal divided trustees. Some felt the universities deserved more dollars to help recoup losses from the impasse, while others felt it tone-deaf to seek more money from a state under financial strain.

It was apparent Tuesday that delaying the vote several weeks did little to reconcile the dissent. Trustees voted 9-6 in favor of the original budget plan. Board member Jack Thomas, Western Illinois University president, said the college leaders had not changed their position.

The disagreement also seemed to force a larger reckoning about the future of state higher education and what role public funding will play.

Several noted that state dollars for higher education have declined steadily since 2002. Board member Sherry Eagle, in supporting the more conservative approach, said the funding crisis constitutes a moment of truth for Illinois higher education.

"If this is now the new normal, then how can the leadership step forward to lead a reinvention of a new system in Illinois, and then ask for dollars for that kind of planning and that leadership?" said Eagle, of Chicago.

Jane Hays, of Champaign, also voted in favor of the original budget request and called on university leaders to reassess their operations in the face of less state funding, falling enrollment and increasing numbers of Illinoisans leaving the state for college — all trends that were well under

way before the budget impasse.

"We have a role to play as a coordinating board, not just as advocates," Hays said.

Cherilyn Murer, of Homer Glen, noted that Moody's Investors Service recently downgraded the outlook for the higher education sector to "negative" in part because of constricted revenue from tuition, research grants and state appropriations. Murer supported the presidents' plan and said she thought more funds were necessary to help universities rebuild the reserves they drained during the impasse.

"It is a healing of higher education," Murer said.

The approved budget recommendation also proposes \$547.9 million for the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, which administers MAP and other grant programs, and \$265.4 million for community colleges, both significant increases over this year. It also includes more than \$1.4 billion in payments to the State Universities Retirement System. Officials said the majority of that payment is devoted toward paying down old pension liabilities rather than the retirement costs for current employees.

In the end, what number actually is approved may not look like anything higher education leaders have debated. Gov. Bruce Rauner is scheduled to deliver his budget address Feb. 14.

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Divvy more than just wheels for sightseers

Rental bikes help connect riders to city, one another



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Kerdia Roland didn't set out to be Divvy's top rider.

He had been working as a bike courier last summer when his ride was stolen. No bicycle meant no money, so he took up with the blue behemoths.

At first, Roland said he thought Divvy's features were overblown. Big seats and handles. Not particularly stylish.

"It seems like the kind of bike made for tourists," Roland recalled.

In roughly half a year, however, the 25-year-old racked up 6,275 miles on 2,462 Divvy trips. Roland has since changed his mind about the 49-pound bikes, which he said helped expand his relationship with the city.

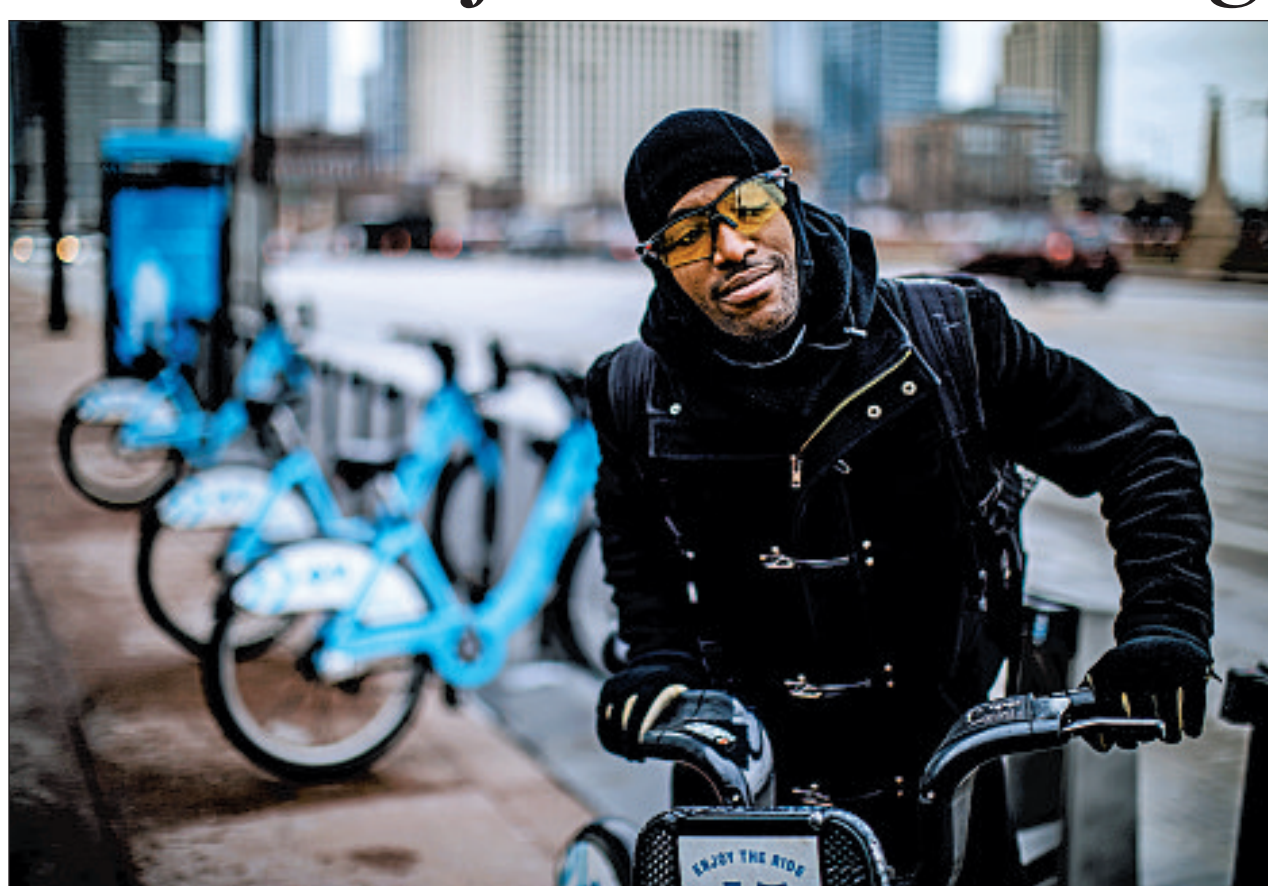
In a week, Roland said he might visit 15 to 20 neighborhoods. The South Loop resident knows shortcuts around town. And he's made a lot more cash than he would have had he stuck with the restaurant job he left for delivery work.

He's also relearned a valuable lesson: Don't judge a book by its cover.

"I think the Divvy bikes are actually really cool now," he said.

As a fellow Divvy rider, I think Roland's story highlights the best of the bike share.

Residents often think of Divvy as a way to get to work, but it's more than that, said Divvy's marketing



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Bike courier Kerdia Roland started using Divvy after his bike was stolen. He became the program's top rider in 2017.

and rider experience director, Kelly Goldthorpe. Thousands of riders use it along the lakefront, to get to or from public transportation stops and even just to exercise.

The bikes are made for accessibility, whether you're 5-foot or 6-foot-5. Half of all users have their own bike and use Divvy as a supplementary cycle, she said.

Like Roland, the system is full of people who use it creatively. One lady does a workout using Divvy. Another does "Divvy days" with her uncle, when they meet up and check out random spots during lunch breaks.

Goldthorpe says the program "broadens the reach of bicycling in the

community."

Divvy is a big part of my daily life, too.

In January, Divvy emailed to tell me I'm a top rider. I traveled a respectable 2,333 miles on 1,180 trips from 132 unique stations in neighborhoods ranging from Edgewater to Hyde Park last year. I live in Little Village.

To my surprise, I ranked 11th out of 37,000 members by mileage. Now I joke that Roland is my nemesis.

When I first signed up, I was covering Tinley Park for the Tribune and needed more exercise to balance out the long drive. I didn't want to deal with the hassle of locking a bike, so I signed up.

Now I work downtown and, after work, get on a

Divvy bike and pedal across the city. I like to stop on bridges to gaze at the architecture over the river. I check into random docking stations and explore side streets. Sometimes I ride for hours.

Even though I was born and raised here, there's always more to explore.

If all you see are the streets or "L" stops on your commute, no matter how much you get out in the evening, you're missing a lot of the city's beauty. Goldthorpe touts Divvy as something that helps expand its users' "neighborhood box."

"People say Divvy's helped them experience Chicago in a new way," Goldthorpe said.

Seeing and experiencing

more is something I think everyone should think about, even if it doesn't lead them to jump on a bicycle.

This year, I want to ride more on the South and West sides. It's a credit to Divvy that the system is expanding the infrastructure.

Whenever people find out how much I "Divvy," they have questions. Usually they want to know what I do if the station I want to park at is full. I find that happens a lot less now than it used to, but it's not a big deal either way. There's usually a Divvy station nearby.

I've heard plenty of complaints about the 30-minute time limit between bike checkouts, but it's easy

to park for a second and then take the bike back out. And now that Divvy has given members a cushier 45-minute limit, it'll make longer trips much easier.

People also like to ask if I have a "real bike." I do, but I prefer using Divvy without any hassle.

The bikes are reliable and sturdy. When I pull into stations, I sometimes stretch my leg out like I'm a figure skater. I'll hop on the pedals because I know the bike won't flip.

The tires rarely pop, as I've only ever had one flat in nearly four years.

All that means I don't have to worry as much when I'm zipping along the city's streets, one headphone in my ear as I sing along to whatever Mountain Goats song I'm mangle.

But I know Divvys aren't always popular. One of my best friends says she hates driving next to Divvys because she assumes the riders are "bike newbs who shouldn't be on city streets."

When I talked to Roland, I asked if he ever gets guff for riding Divvy. Do people ever make fun of the dorky bikes?

Roland said his delivery peers mostly respect him for being able to haul his cargo on such a heavy bike. He still remembers one morning when he was riding home and a bicyclist pulled up next to him at a stoplight.

"I did not know Divvy could go so fast," the man said.

Roland responded with what I think is a pretty good life lesson:

"The speed of the bike is determined by the rider, not the vehicle."

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Quenching her need for speed

Olympics, from Page 1

tattoo of a crown with her initials in it.

More on the tattoo later. The journey to Pyeongchang — Gehring's encore after capturing bronze in 2010 in Vancouver — started in the western suburbs of Chicago when that failed attempt to follow in older sister Amber's figure skates quickly turned Lana into a short-track speedskater who began turning heads early on.

"Lana's first year of speedskating, between 8 and 9 years old, there was a family at an event who had older kids speedskating at higher levels and the dad says, 'She could go to the Olympics,'" Gehring's mother, Debbie, said. "I was like, 'That's a nice thing to say.'"

Lana kept getting stronger and faster and soon found herself juggling responsibilities as a student at Glenbrook South and many hours of training along with calls to travel the world for skating events. Securing a late-arrival time to morning classes was a help, but Gehring called the time "a little challenging."

That challenge lasted until she was 16 and got an invitation to live in Salt Lake City and train with U.S. speedskating.

"She has always been independent, even when she was real little," Debbie Gehring said. "So for her to move out to Salt Lake, in her mind there wasn't even a question. If she likes something, she will try to do everything she can to make that happen."

In Salt Lake City, Lana's career blossomed to the point that she qualified for the 2010 Games and in stunning fashion captured a bronze medal as part of the 3,000-meter relay.

"I was so young," Gehring said with a laugh. "Looking back, I can't believe it's been eight years already. I can't believe I was only 19 when I made the team and 20 going there and winning a medal on top of that."

"Just the nerves and being a starter in the A final, I couldn't even control myself. Thank God I didn't

fall."

That success had Gehring eyeing the 2014 Games in Sochi, Russia, as her time to shine as an Olympian. But the politics of the sport helped derail that dream.

A scandal involving her coach, Jae Su Chun, in 2012 — 14 skaters boycotted the U.S. team citing physical and mental abuse from Chun and his assistants — forced his ouster from the U.S. speedskating National Racing Program. As a result, Gehring and fellow Olympian Jessica Smith-Kooreman had to leave the program to continue to train with Chun.

The strife took a mental toll on Gehring and she failed to qualify for Sochi.

"Just the stress of stepping away from the national team and the lawyers they brought in, I couldn't handle my thoughts," Gehring said. "I was angry at the situation. I was skating so well and then all of this other stuff happened and I lost that Olympics for myself. I have hard feelings. I had to step away and take a breather from the sport."

That breather was more along the lines of retirement. Gehring put away her skates and became a personal trainer in Salt Lake City, with no intention of returning to competitive skating.

"I was overtrained, I was burned out and I never wanted to skate again," Gehring said.

Said Debbie Gehring: "For Lana, it was always about how she has to really like to skate, and we always told her, 'If you don't like it anymore, get out because it really is such hard work.' She just felt she had to get away from that. That was not a good feeling."

For two full years Lana didn't train on the ice or attend any competitions, but eventually the desire to return began to gnaw at her. But this time would be different. This time she would go the distance and race long track.

It didn't take. Gehring determined her skating style is better suited to the fast-paced short-track events, which rely not only on speed but the ability to maintain balance while jockeying for position with



RICK BOWMER/AP

Lana Gehring, center, stepped away for two years to become a personal trainer before getting the itch to compete again.

"I'm just so grateful to be able to come back because I've seen so many people fail."

— Glenview's Lana Gehring on qualifying for the Olympics after missing out in 2014

other skaters. Long track, meanwhile, focuses more on speed and stamina.

"I thought, 'Maybe I'll just try and train by myself a little bit,' but it just wasn't clicking," Gehring said. "This season, I did full-time short track still thinking maybe I'll do long track, but I saw how much better I got and how much I enjoyed training with this team and I absolutely loved it. I kept improving every single month and now I'm faster than I've ever been."

The decision to return to short track was helped by fellow Chicagoan and four-time Olympic speedskating medalist Shani Davis, who has been a constant in Gehring's life as a friend, training partner and mentor since she was 10.

"Shani Davis was always

one of the biggest names, a hometown athlete, and I would always see him at these different meets," Gehring said. "Even when it got to the national level and we started training together he's always helped me out so much with what type of training to do, how to navigate (my) lifestyle and the stress of training. He has been a huge help throughout my entire career."

Including when she was at this latest crossroads.

"She really wanted to give this long-track thing a go, but she wasn't doing very well," Davis said. "I said, 'Lana, at heart you're short track. That's what makes you special. Don't forget about your short-tracking abilities.'"

"I'm very happy she followed my advice somewhat

and she's decided to go back. I'm happy that she's doing so well now."

Indeed, Gehring is doing very well and became the first skater to qualify for the U.S. Olympic short-track speedskating team when she won the women's 1,000 meters, 1,500 meters and overall competition at the team trials in December in Kearns, Utah.

"Even winning Olympic trials there are so many emotions," Gehring said. "I'm just so grateful to be able to come back because I've seen so many people fail."

So it will be with a smile that Gehring represents the Chicago area (the family home is on the border of Glenview and Northbrook) at the Games this month.

Oh, and there is that matter of the tattoo, which she got in 2012 on a whim. "I had a haircut and shaved my head and it seemed like such a blank space, so I put a tattoo there," Gehring said. "It's a great idea I had a few years ago. It only took an hour. I think it's ingenious because

as soon as I want to get rid of it I just grow my hair back and no one will ever know."

Just how painful is it to get a tattoo on one's skull?

"It was a little bit more painful than how I imagined it, but it was doable," Gehring said. "But I'm in pain every day with skating so I could handle an hour."

And how did Mom take it?

"That was a surprise to all of us," Debbie said. "You either love it or hate it. She gets a lot of attention I guess for that."

So does Mom love it or hate it?

"I've grown to like it just because that is one of things Lana does," Debbie said. "It's just sort of her now."

So is the drive and determination that have enabled Lana to again reach for the highest prize in her sport.

"One of my biggest goals ever was to come back and make the Olympic team, and that has been completed," she said. "I'm just very, very happy."

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Judge Jessica Arong O'Brien, shown in April, is accused of orchestrating a \$1.4 million mortgage fraud scheme.

Judge faces jury in mortgage fraud case

Trial begins for Cook County's 1st Filipina jurist

By JASON MEISNER
Chicago Tribune

What promises to be a mundane mortgage fraud trial filled with dry testimony from bankers about decade-old financial documents drew a standing room-only crowd to a federal courtroom in Chicago on Tuesday morning.

The reason? The defendant is a judge herself.

Cook County Circuit Judge Jessica Arong O'Brien is the first sitting judge in years to face a jury on criminal charges at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse.

O'Brien, 50, is accused of orchestrating a \$1.4 million mortgage fraud scheme stemming from the purchase of two South Side properties when she was a lawyer and real estate agent a decade ago — long before she became the first Filipina elected to the county bench.

If convicted, O'Brien, who was reassigned to administrative duties following her indictment last year, would by law be forced to step down from her judgeship.

In opening statements Tuesday before U.S. District Judge Thomas Durkin, lawyers for both sides made no mention of O'Brien's judicial position because it had nothing to do with the charges she's facing.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew Madden told jurors O'Brien lied at least four times on loan and refinancing applications for two investment properties she purchased in 2004 and 2005 when she was working as a lawyer for the Illinois Department of Revenue. She then made a profit by unloading the two homes in 2007 by paying kickbacks to a straw purchaser, Madden said.

In all, O'Brien pocketed at least \$325,000 from the transactions, Madden said. She also caused losses to lenders after the straw purchaser defaulted on payments and the properties wound up in foreclosure, he said.

"She used lies to buy and sell these properties," Madden said.

O'Brien's attorney, Ricardo Meza, said in his opening remarks that O'Brien may have made some "mistakes" when reporting her income and financial affairs but that none of it was intentional.

"Mistakes are not fraud," Meza said. "Whatever Jessica did, it was always done in good faith. If she made a mistake, she's no different than anyone else."

Meza also said prosecutors vastly overstated the amount of loss in the case.

"What happened here is the government got it wrong," Meza said.

O'Brien was elected to the bench in 2012 as the first Filipina judge in Cook County and had most recently presided over a small-claims courtroom.

O'Brien, who is married to a judge, immigrated to the U.S. after high school and earned degrees in culinary arts and restaurant management, according to online biographies. She then made a career change and went to John Marshall Law School, graduating in 1998 and later serving on its board.

She was the first Asian elected president of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois and also served on the board of governors for the Illinois State Bar Association. The judge also co-founded a foundation in 2008 that awards scholarships to law students from diverse backgrounds.

At the time of the alleged fraud, O'Brien was working as special assistant attorney general for the state Department of Revenue, where she also reportedly held the position of chief counsel to the Illinois Lottery. She also owned her own real estate company and worked part time as a loan originator for Amronbanc Mortgage Corp., records show.

Her co-defendant, Maria Bartko, was also working for Amronbanc and agreed to take part in the scheme, prosecutors said.

O'Brien allegedly used fraudulently obtained mortgage loan proceeds to buy an investment property in the 600 block of West 46th Street in Chicago and then lied on applications to refinance the mortgage on the property as well as on a second investment property in the 800 block of West 54th Street in Chicago.

Among the lies O'Brien told were listing her income as \$81,000 in 2004 when in fact she was on maternity leave and made only \$11,000 that year, Madden said.

The next year, O'Brien claimed in refinancing documents that her company, O'Brien Realty, took in at least \$240,000 in profits in 2005, but tax returns showed only \$21,000 in receipts, Madden said.

The indictment also alleges that O'Brien fraudulently obtained a \$25,000 commercial line of credit to maintain the properties before selling them to Bartko and a straw buyer.

The deals closed on consecutive days in 2007, with O'Brien walking away "\$100,000 richer" from the fraudulent transactions, Madden said.

Bartko, 50, of Streamwood, pleaded guilty last month to one count of mail fraud affecting a financial institution. She agreed to testify against O'Brien as part of her plea deal, but prosecutors have since said they do not intend to call her as a witness.

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Wheaton says no to treatment center

Council backs plan to block proposal in commercial district

By **BOB GOLDSBOROUGH**
Chicago Tribune

The Wheaton City Council voted unanimously Monday night to create an ordinance that would deny plans for a 16-bed residential drug treatment center in a commercial area on the city's south side.

Chicago-based Haymarket Center has proposed the center as a way to address the ongoing opioid crisis. Plans have called for the center to be located in a former Loyola medical office building behind the Rice Lake Square strip mall and a short distance from a movie theater and a KinderCare day care center.

The City Council authorized the city attorney to draft the ordinance, which the council is expected to approve at its next meeting in two weeks.

Close to 100 residents braved a snowstorm to attend Monday night's meeting. All those who spoke opposed the project.

No one has disputed that added treatment options for those battling opioid addiction are needed. Statistics from the DuPage County coroner's office

show that 95 people in the county died in 2017 from opioids, including 23 from heroin alone and another 32 from a mixture of heroin and the opioid fentanyl. In 2016, 95 people also died in DuPage from opioids, up from 51 who died from opioids in 2015.

Haymarket's plan has drawn opposition from residents to the north who live in the Danada East subdivision. They have charged that the project would bring increased levels of emergency services calls and have argued that Haymarket should locate such a facility much closer to a hospital. The owners of two adjoining malls and one adjacent apartment complex also have registered their disapproval for the project.

To allow Haymarket to operate a treatment center in the building on East Loop Road would require not just City Council approval but also for the council to sign off on a zoning change that would permit residential inpatient treatment facilities to operate in all similarly commercially zoned areas. Right now, those zoning districts allow only outpatient treatment facilities.

On Monday, Haymarket Center's attorney, Pat Bond, played down the impact of the request.

"How does simply adding 16 beds to a treatment facility that is permitted under your code ... make a fundamental change to the character of that zoning classification?" he said. "And it doesn't. It's a distinction without a difference. ... The facility is doing the same thing regardless of whether it's inpatient or outpatient."

"It's not a mixed-use district, it's a commercial district intended to accommodate retail and service businesses," said Linda Bollen, general manager of the Wheaton Town Square mall. "It has no other residential. It doesn't have nursing homes, nor assisted living. This is your commercial district ... and allowing a residential facility is outside the purpose."

Resident Joseph Mahady criticized the precedent that he said would be set by expanding that commercial zoning district to include inpatient treatment programs. "If we do this with that zoning, then why should we have any zoning?" he said.

After the meeting, Haymarket Center's president and CEO, Dan Lustig, said his group plans to "re-group" and decide its next steps.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

Foxx: Berrios suit using special state's attorney crosses the line

By **RAY LONG**
Chicago Tribune

Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx is clashing with Assessor Joseph Berrios over his use of a special state's attorney to challenge the constitutionality of a county ordinance that limits campaign contributions.

Foxx has endorsed allowing a special state's attorney, Kevin Forde, to defend Berrios as the county Board of Ethics seeks to fine the assessor \$41,000 for accepting excess contributions from tax appeals lawyers. Forde, a private attorney, plans to ask the ethics board to reconsider the fines.

But when Forde also filed a lawsuit on Berrios' behalf that challenges the county's contribution limits, the action went beyond the parameters of Forde's assignment, according to court papers filed Feb. 1 by Assistant State's Attorney Paul Fangman.

The lawsuit was only "nominally brought" by Berrios in his official role as assessor, Foxx argued in her petition, saying the "true plaintiff" in the suit is Berrios as a political candidate.

The state's attorney is

not required to represent Berrios "in his individual capacity filing a complaint against the county with respect to its regulations of his actions as a candidate for office," according to the petition, which seeks to remove Forde from participating in the lawsuit as a special assistant state's attorney.

Foxx's action adds a new dimension to the controversy surrounding the assessor as he runs for a third term against a well-funded challenger. A 2017 investigation by the Tribune and ProPublica Illinois found widespread problems with the residential and commercial property assessments produced under Berrios, who is also chairman of the Cook County Democratic Party.

In an interview Monday, Forde said filing a lawsuit that challenges the constitutionality of the county's limits is the "best and most effective defense there is" for Berrios to mount against the fines levied by the ethics board.

The board's decision to fine Berrios is based on a 2016 county ordinance stating that donors who seek "official action" with the county may contribute no more than \$750 in nonelec-


tion years.

Officials cited 30 examples of property tax attorneys or firms whose donations to Berrios' main political fund in late 2016 or early 2017 exceeded that limit. It fined Berrios and the Committee to Elect Joseph Berrios Cook County Assessor \$1,000 for each violation, for a total of \$30,000. An additional \$11,000 in fines was imposed on Berrios and his 31st Ward Democratic Organization, his main power base.

Berrios' lawyers say the 2016 ordinance is unconstitutionally vague, arguing that it is unclear whether the simple act of getting a marriage license at the county clerk's office would be defined as seeking official action. Forde also has challenged the county's ability to set limits on donations that are stricter than those permitted by state law.

A Foxx spokeswoman declined to comment on the pending attempt to prevent Forde from acting as a special assistant state's attorney in the lawsuit. A hearing is set for Tuesday in circuit court.

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Pritzker: 'I regret' taped comments

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White, City Treasurer Kurt Summers and Aldermen Pat Dowell, Michael Scott and Walter Burnett.

"I've been better every day since," Pritzker added.

The apology came as other Democratic governor candidates contended Pritzker's comments tainted the billionaire's candidacy and would jeopardize chances for a Democratic victory in the fall.

Pritzker's news conference took place less than a day after the Chicago Tribune published the never-before-publicly revealed conversation on its website. The Pritzker-Blagojevich chat was recorded on secret government wiretaps that were part of the federal corruption investigation of the now-imprisoned former governor. Pritzker has noted he has "not been accused of any wrongdoing."

During the Nov. 14, 2008, conversation, Pritzker floats White's name for the Senate vacancy created by Obama's election as the nation's first black president.

Pritzker tells Blagojevich a White appointment will "cover you on the African-American thing" and that White is the "least offensive" among candidates for the job. Speaking about other options, Pritzker refers to then-state Senate President Emil Jones as "crass" and then-U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. as a "nightmare." Pritzker and Blagojevich later mimic the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, Obama's controversial pastor whose inflammatory rhetoric had become a campaign issue in the 2008 presidential contest.

Standing with White on Tuesday, Pritzker said: "On that call, I was not my best self. I can be better. I have been better and I can do better and I have."

Pritzker said he regretted not standing up to some of Blagojevich's comments, but said the then-governor was "a somewhat volatile person and I was trying to navigate that" in the conversation.

Pritzker's conversation with Blagojevich and his apology Tuesday marked a new phase of the contentious campaign for the Democratic governor nomination.

Race has long been a part



Speaking Tuesday at a church, former state Senate President Emil Jones reacts to J.B. Pritzker's 2008 remarks about him.



Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White, center, reiterated his endorsement of J.B. Pritzker for governor on Tuesday.

of Chicago and Illinois politics, and Blagojevich ultimately appointed Roland Burris, who is African-American, to the Obama vacancy. Still, the Pritzker-Blagojevich conversation offered a blunt discussion of the calculations of racial politics the public does not normally hear.

The Democratic governor contenders are vying for the crucial African-American vote in the March 20 primary. Black voters are a core Democratic constituency and historically have accounted for a quarter to a third of the Democratic primary ballots cast.

Pritzker's chief Democratic rivals, Kenilworth developer Chris Kennedy and state Sen. Daniel Biss of Evanston, ripped the Blago-

jevich conversation.

"Our true character shows when we think no one is watching. J.B.'s conversations with Blagojevich are disqualifying and they're a reflection of his integrity," said Kennedy, a member of the iconic Massachusetts political family.

Biss told reporters in Springfield that he considered the conversation between Pritzker and Blagojevich "disgusting." He said it represents "everything wrong with our politics."

"This is powerful white men totally unaware of their privilege horse-trading people of color to gain more power," Biss said. "It's way past time that we lift the veil on this ugly imbalance in power between the wealthy and connected on

the one hand and people who have been for way too long taken advantage of by a broken system."

White, who endorsed Pritzker in August and appeared in a campaign ad, is the state's highest-profile African-American elected official. On Tuesday, White stood by his endorsement, saying he's known Pritzker for nearly 40 years. White had stated publicly in fall 2008 that he wasn't interested in the Senate appointment.

Asked by a reporter Tuesday what he thought of Pritzker describing him as the "least offensive" African-American Senate choice, White said, "I thought that maybe out of all the people that were being discussed, that I was probably the most acceptable one."

But Jones, the former state Senate president, said it was clear in the conversation with Blagojevich that Pritzker meant "Jesse White is a safe black."

"A safe black is one that's not going to make any waves. He's not going to stand up and fight for anything. He's going to go along. See, Emil Jones has never been a go-along," said Jones, who is backing Kennedy for the nomination.

"He's a one-eyed Jack," Jones said of Pritzker. "He runs around and says one thing, but the wiretap

shows you a different person. It shows you the other side of his face and the other side of his face is what he is."

Jones, who helped advance Obama's political career as a state senator, noted Pritzker appeared on Bloomberg News in March 2012 and was asked about supporting Obama's re-election for president.

"We'll have to wait and see. I don't know who the nominee's going to be on the Republican side," Pritzker said. Later, he said, "You have to pick, sort of, you know, the best of a, of a mediocre, you know, set of choices."

On Tuesday, Pritzker said of his 2012 response, "I misspoke and I was trying to be demonstrative of what elections are like."

Pritzker backed Hillary Clinton's unsuccessful bid against Obama in the 2008 Democratic presidential primary.

The revelations about Pritzker's conversation with Blagojevich produced no large-scale defections from the candidate, whose willingness to use his personal wealth to self-fund his campaign has resulted in the Democratic establishment coalescing around him.

But three aldermen from the Chicago City Council's Black Caucus issued a statement saying they were "disheartened" by Pritzker's

comments to Blagojevich. Roderick Sawyer, Carrie Austin and Dowell said in a statement that they still believe Pritzker is the best positioned to become governor in November but added that "J.B. and all white political leaders must stop looking for 'safe' or 'palatable' black figureheads, as he apparently sought to characterize Jesse White."

The three aldermen said they "will maintain our support for his candidacy. But we will also look for clear assurances that his thoughts around matters of race and equity have evolved substantially since those calls were recorded in 2008."

Austin, a co-host of a scheduled Friday rally for Pritzker on the South Side, said she learned Tuesday that the event had been canceled but said she was unaware of the reason why.

After the Tribune published its story Monday night, the Pritzker campaign issued a statement contending that Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner was "colluding with a newspaper" to weaken Pritzker's primary bid.

Rauner has used portions of other conversations obtained by the Tribune in ads attacking Pritzker, as well as some that were publicly available from the ex-governor's trial.

At his Tuesday news conference, Pritzker didn't use the word "collusion," but he brought up Rauner.

"It's clear that someone who is supportive of Gov. Rauner, who wants him to win re-election, is responsible for leaking, illegally, these recorded conversations. And, you know, it's obvious I think that they're working to use the Chicago Tribune as a channel for leaking that," he said.

Asked to respond, Bruce Dold, the Tribune's publisher and editor-in-chief, issued a statement Tuesday night.

"We stand by the integrity and independence of the Tribune's reporting," Dold said. "We published this information because it was newsworthy. Beyond that, we will not discuss our sources or methods."

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Rauner campaign switches up strategy

New TV ad labels Ives as Madigan's 'favorite Republican'

BY MONIQUE GARCIA AND KIM GEIGER
Chicago Tribune

SPRINGFIELD — After previously dismissing his Republican primary challenger as a "fringe" candidate, Gov. Bruce Rauner's campaign released a new television ad Tuesday attacking state Rep. Jeanne Ives as House Speaker Michael Madigan's "favorite Republican, and Illinois' worst nightmare."

Rauner has spent millions of dollars trying to muddy Democrats by linking them to Madigan. But the governor's new TV spot represents a shift in strategy against Ives, a three-term Republican lawmaker from Wheaton whose name he has rarely used on the campaign trail as he focused his attacks on Democrats.

Ives' candidacy has drawn widespread attention in recent days following a controversial commercial attacking Rauner over social issues and an infusion of money from Lake Forest businessman Richard Uihlein. The conservative donor had been one of Rauner's largest financial contributors.

Rauner's ad opens with a narrator saying Ives "took thousands from a shady labor union tied to Mike Madigan," a reference to less than \$7,000 in campaign contributions she has received from the Chicago Labor-Management PAC, which is affiliated with the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150.

The union has been a frequent donor to various campaign funds Madigan controls.

Ives is then criticized for voting against a measure that would expand the homestead exemption for senior citizens and veterans with disabilities. Ives was the only House lawmaker to vote against the proposal, calling it a stunt that would do little to relieve the property tax burden facing families. The narrator also says Ives is "criticizing Bruce Rauner for calling Mike Madigan a crook" and "brags about Madigan voting for her bills."

Ives has accused Rauner of using Madigan as a scapegoat to cover for a lack of accomplishments. Her

"I don't think it speaks to policies at all."

— Lt. Gov. Evelyn Sanguinetti on Jeanne Ives' TV ad

campaign responded that Rauner's ad "is consistent with Rauner's character," calling him "an unrepentant liar."

The governor's line of attack stems from an appearance before the Chicago Tribune Editorial Board last week. Rauner said that he knew Madigan well, sharing meals and even a round of golf.

"He doesn't care about policy. For him, it's all about power and money," Rauner said. The governor addressed criticism that he hasn't worked well with the speaker, saying, "Building a relationship with a crook who's out to make money and become rich from his power, that won't work."

"OK," Ives responded.

"So now we're going to call Mike Madigan a crook ..."

"He is," Rauner interrupted.

Ives continued: "In an open editorial debate? That's interesting because really what we should be talking about is policy."

She noted that Madigan "actually voted for my bills before, so I take that as a positive note."

"He's picking on Mike Madigan again and it's because he said he's not in charge," Ives said, referring to a Rauner contention from December. "Gov. Rauner said he's not in charge and he's acted like he's not in charge. And so this is the result. Nothing gets done."

Rauner's decision to go

bard said at an unrelated news conference Tuesday. "And the points made could and should be made in a much less incendiary way."

Asked by a reporter Tuesday if the ad makes Ives unelectable, Rauner said: "I think that ad sort of proves that." And Rauner's running mate Lt. Gov. Evelyn Sanguinetti separately called the spot "offensive and disgusting."

"I was just taken aback. I don't think it speaks to policies at all, I just think it's offensive to individuals," Sanguinetti said.

Sanguinetti and Ives briefly served together on the Wheaton City Council before Ives entered the Illinois House and Sanguinetti later became lieutenant governor. Sanguinetti said she and Ives are "not friends."

"The Jeanne Ives that you folks are seeing in that commercial, that sort of spirit, is the same Jeanne Ives that I have known for the last seven to eight years," Sanguinetti said. "I saw it from the dais, I've seen it in my community and now all of you are getting a taste of it, and I'm hopeful that that will be rejected."

Sanguinetti said Rauner's new ad was inspired by the sit-down at the Tribune.

"I think we were all surprised that she had good things to say about Speaker Madigan," Sanguinetti said. "That was a shocker, not only to us, but to the rest of Illinois ... that warranted a response."

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Allegations don't warrant federal case, home argues

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sexual orientation discrimination is a form of sex discrimination under the Fair Housing Act, said Wetzel's attorney, Karen Loewy.

But first, the legal system must grapple with the thorny question of what a landlord's obligations are under federal law to stop harassment of one resident by others.

Glen St. Andrew's attorney, Lisa Hausten, argued in court filings that the home did not discriminate against Wetzel. To the contrary, the senior home defended Wetzel when she first complained and offered medical care after Wetzel said she was pushed from behind while on her scooter, Hausten argued.

But Loewy said Glen St. Andrew had the power to stop residents who dis-

criminated against Wetzel and failed to do so.

"I felt completely scared and helpless when the people in charge at Glen St. Andrew would not protect me, but the idea that they don't think they have to protect anyone is shocking," Wetzel said in a statement. "The elderly deserve to be treated with respect and to feel safe no matter who they are or who they loved and I'm going to fight for us."

Wetzel moved from Skokie into Glen St. Andrew in November 2014 after her partner of 30 years, Judith Kahn, died of cancer. The two raised a son together.

Administrators did not express any problem with her sexual orientation in an applicant interview, but some residents responded violently once she moved in.

"They went World War III," Wetzel told the Trib-

une last year. "It went through this rumor mill. It got to people. I started getting called names. And in a couple of weeks, it just kept getting worse and worse and worse."

Between April 2015 and July 2016, Wetzel was attacked from behind, knocked off her scooter and called derogatory names for lesbians, her lawsuit says.

She skipped meals in the dining hall out of fear and ate alone in her room while her complaints to staff were not addressed, she said.

In their appeals court filing, Glen St. Andrew's attorneys said Wetzel's complaint with the senior living home is that it "did not promptly intervene in her squabbles."

The Fair Housing Act is meant to ensure equality in housing, they argue, and is "not a vehicle to regulate



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2017

Marsha Wetzel, 70, moved into Glen St. Andrew Living Community in Niles in 2014.

disputes among neighbors."

Five months after Wetzel moved into the home, she began "quarreling" with a "crotchety senior resident," Glen St. Andrew's attorneys said.

They bickered regularly, and he began calling her "fruit loop" and a homophobic slur, they said.

Glen St. Andrew defended Wetzel when she complained, and the man became more civil for a time, the home's attorneys said. But eventually the two "returned to their squabbles," and the man went back to using "offensive language," they said.

Other incidents included a woman allegedly telling Wetzel that "homosexuals will burn in hell" as she rammed her wheelchair into the dining table where Wetzel sat, upturning the table, court records show. The woman spat on Wetzel in the elevator a few days later, court records show.

Around that time, Wetzel was sitting on the patio telling other residents about the woman when a resident laughed and made a "sex-based comment," the home's attorneys said.

In January 2016, Wetzel said someone pushed her from behind while she was on her scooter in the mail room, and she said she heard the person mutter the

word "homo," according to court records.

When she told Glen St. Andrew staff, they immediately offered for her to see the on-site doctor, but she refused any medical attention, Glen St. Andrew attorneys said.

Wetzel never claims the defendants acted in a discriminatory manner, and Glen St. Andrew did not retaliate against her for complaining, they said.

Incidents outlined in Wetzel's lawsuit about limited lobby access, a missing rental notice and cleaning service problems aren't alleged to have anything to do with her sexual orientation, the attorneys said.

Wetzel also said she had incidents with Glen St. Andrew related to her smoking habits and the no-smoking policy at the facility, but there are no allegations those were related to "discriminatory animus," the lawyers said.

Wetzel's attorneys dispute that they're trying to hold Glen St. Andrew responsible for the tenants' alleged actions. They say they're trying to hold the landlord responsible for its refusal to act.

"They basically said, 'You want to live here, you're going to put up with this kind of harassment,'" Loewy said.

That the discriminatory intent belonged to tenants does not clear Glen St. Andrew of responsibility for refusing to put an end to the hostile housing environment that harassment created, Loewy said.

Wetzel's attorney also criticized Glen St. Andrew for downplaying the complaints, calling the attempts to recast the allegations as "mere 'squabbles'" inappropriate and groundless.

"Contrary to defendants' infantilizing portrayal of squabbling senior citizens, Wetzel has set forth straightforward allegations of a severe and pervasive pattern of targeted, discriminatory harassment," Lowey argued.

One of the judges on the appeals court panel, David Hamilton, sounded skeptical that the law could be stretched to hold administrators liable for tenants' abusive behavior.

But Judge Diane Wood suggested it could be, saying during the hearing that nobody said administrators "applauded" the abuse as it happened, only that they "shrugged their shoulders" when they learned about it.

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Coach accused of misusing elderly woman's cash

A suburban teacher and girls basketball coach is accused of misusing \$65,000 belonging to an elderly woman, according to police and court records.

Rick Lima, of Crystal Lake, is charged with two felony counts of unlawful financial exploitation of an elderly person. Lima, 50, teaches and coaches at Prairie Ridge High School in Crystal Lake.

According to the criminal

complaint filed in McHenry County, Lima was in a "position of trust or confidence" with the alleged victim and "illegally used (her) assets or resources."

The alleged crimes took place in July; charges were entered last week. Crystal Lake Deputy Chief Derek Hyrkas said Lima had been under investigation since October, when the department was contacted by McHenry County Senior

Services.

Hyrkas said a search of financial records turned up documents that support the charges.

He declined to describe the nature of the relationship between Lima and the woman.

Attempts to reach Lima and an official from Community High School District 155 were unsuccessful.

— Amanda Marrazzo

Man who struck, killed motorcyclist gets 11 years

A Chicago man who nearly three years ago crashed his car into a motorcycle on Interstate 55, killing its rider, was sentenced to 11 years in prison on Monday.

Fawzi Ottman, 46, was under the influence of illegal opiates, benzodiazepines and cannabis when he struck Daniel Dacanay's motorcycle on I-55 near Burr Ridge on April 17, 2015,

prosecutors said.

The force of Ottman's Chevrolet Impala shoved Dacanay, also of Chicago, into the rear end of an SUV, prosecutors said.

Ottman pleaded guilty Nov. 2 to a single count of aggravated DUI involving a death in exchange for prosecutors dropping other counts. As part of the plea deal, prosecutors agreed to not seek more than 12 years

in prison for Ottman.

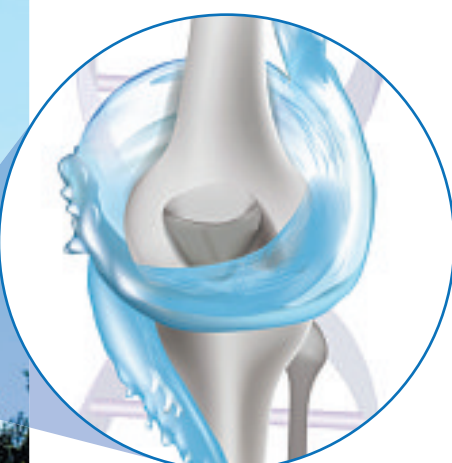
DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin said Ottman will be required to serve 85 percent of his sentence before being eligible for parole. "Mr. Ottman had no business being behind the wheel that afternoon," Berlin said in a statement. "His actions ... cost an innocent man his life."

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House puts in rules on harassment

Prohibition on sexual relations between lawmakers, staff takes effect immediately

BY ELISE VIEBECK AND JENNA PORTNOY
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The House voted Tuesday to prohibit sexual relationships between lawmakers and their employees, a remarkable rule change that brings the institution in line with the military and the private sector after a rash of sexual harassment and misconduct allegations roiled Capitol Hill.

The prohibition, pushed by Rep. Barbara Comstock, R-Va., took immediate effect as Congress moved toward changing the system for reporting and adjudicating employees' claims of sexual harassment. The House approved language establishing an office to advocate for employees during that process and a separate bill requiring lawmakers to reimburse taxpayers when they are involved in workplace settlements.

"Thanks to the #MeToo movement, the American public has made it clear that they have had enough," said Rep. Jackie Speier, D-Calif. "They expect Congress to lead, and for once we are."

The bipartisan bills are Congress's most definitive response to the #MeToo campaign and the wave of harassment and misconduct scandals that have led to at least eight members resigning or announcing plans to retire in the past four months. Amid a national reckoning over sexual misbehavior in the workplace, news reports exposing lawmakers' secretive process for settling harassment complaints with taxpayer dollars pushed House leaders to confront criticism of the system.

"With this bill we are shining a blazing light on the scourge of workplace abuse, which has been allowed to fester in the shadows for too long," said



CHRIS KLEPONIS/GETTY

Rep. Barbara Comstock pushed for the ban on relations between lawmakers and staff.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

The bills cancel the requirement that accusers undergo counseling and mediation and loosen confidentiality rules governing the complaint process.

Comstock supported the legislation but noted its failure to require the disclosure of which members of Congress have reached settlements over harassment claims.

The House approved both measures by voice vote under suspension of the rules, a method for fast-tracking noncontroversial bills.

House Resolution 4924

alters the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to require members to reimburse the Treasury Department when they are involved in settlements; automatically refers cases that have settled to the House Ethics Committee; extends workplace protections to unpaid staffers, including interns; gives staffers the ability to file a lawsuit at the same time as they file a complaint; and improves record-keeping.

A separate resolution, H.R. 724, requires each member of the House to adopt policies prohibiting harassment and discrimination; establishes the non-

partisan Office of Employee Advocacy to provide assistance to staffers with complaints; mandates that each member's office certify it is not using its budget for workplace settlements; and prohibits sexual relationships between members and "any employee of the House that works under (their) supervision."

Previously, House rules did not explicitly prohibit such relationships. The new rules bar lawmakers from engaging in "unwelcome sexual advances or conduct" toward colleagues and House employees but do not ban sexual relationships between lawmakers

and staffers they do not supervise.

Little about the bills provoked controversy, with the exception of a provision to stop an independent ethics watchdog from investigating certain claims. The resolution placed the onus on the House Ethics Committee instead of the Office of Congressional Ethics, which tends to be more transparent about its findings, to look into allegations of workplace misconduct.

Since October, four members of Congress have resigned over allegations of sexual harassment or misconduct.

Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., who resigned his seat Jan. 2, was accused by eight women of inappropriate touching or forcible kissing, mostly before his election. Rep. Tim Murphy, R-Pa., resigned Oct. 5 after a news report said that he asked a woman with whom he had an extramarital affair to get an abortion.

Rep. John Conyers Jr., D-Mich., left his longtime seat Dec. 5 after six former employees accused him of unwanted sexual advances and other mistreatment. And Rep. Trent Franks, R-Ariz., resigned Dec. 8 after reports that he offered a female staff member \$5 million if she would bear his child.

Four other lawmakers have announced that they will not run for re-election amid similar scandals.

A version of #MeToo in West Bank

Palestinian-American brings her feminist campaign to Ramallah, but cautiously

BY KARIN LAUB
Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank — A young Palestinian-American is the driving force behind a nascent #MeToo movement in this patriarchal corner of the world, selling T-shirts, hoodies and denim jackets with the slogan "Not Your Habibti (darling)" as a retort for catcalls and writing down women's complaints from her perch in a West Bank square.

Yasmeen Mjalli wants to encourage Palestinian society to confront sexual harassment, a largely taboo subject.

"What I am doing is to start a conversation that people are really afraid to have," said Mjalli as she put her merchandise on hangers in a clothing store.

The 21-year-old has faced backlash from conservatives and from some activists who say fighting Israel's occupation is the priority for Palestinians.

Her parents, who grew up in a Palestinian farming town, immigrated to the United States and returned to the West Bank five years ago, weren't pleased, either.

"To be able to have peace with them, I have to check my feminism at the door, which is very difficult because that's really who I am," said Mjalli, who moved to the West Bank last year, after graduating from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro with a degree in art history.

Mjalli and other activists



NASSER SHIYOKHI/AP

Palestinian-American Yasmeen Mjalli displays a jacket with the slogan "Not Your Habibti (darling)." Mjalli, 21, has launched a line of clothing with anti-sexism slogans.

say that starting a conversation about sexual harassment doesn't mean copying the #MeToo movement in the United States, where victims are speaking out in growing numbers.

Cultural differences require a different approach.

Women across the Arab world have made strides toward equality, outnumbering men in many universities and joining the work force in growing numbers.

Traditional Arab societies assign rigid gender roles, with men as guardians of

their female relatives' "honor" — effectively a ban on male-female friendships or sex outside marriage. Women violating those rules risk being ostracized or — in extreme cases — being killed by male relatives, who count on leniency from the courts.

Rules are looser among urban elites. But even in Ramallah — the most liberal West Bank town with many Western-educated Palestinians and foreigners — women watch their step.

Women risk getting blamed if they complain,

said Wafa Abdelrahman, who runs a closed Facebook group for female journalists. "The blame will be, 'for sure, you did something wrong or you gave the wrong signal, the way you dress, the way you talk,'" she said.

University student Nadine Moussa, 22, said women know the trouble spots.

"I never, ever walked in the city center of Ramallah without being harassed verbally, but I don't face that in the neighborhoods," she said, adding that her co-ed campus is relatively safe.

Palestinian police receive few complaints about street harassment, said spokesman Loay Irzeqat. He believes some women fear unintended consequences, such as male relatives attacking accused harassers.

Police mostly deal with online harassment, with about one-third of some 2,000 electronic crimes cases in 2017 revolving around men blackmailing women for sexual or financial gain, he said.

Women lack legal protection, despite improvements such as the establishment of

a police sex crimes unit, said Amal Kreishe, founder of the Palestinian Working Woman Society for Development to which Mjalli donates some proceeds.

Reforms of the penal code have been held up by the collapse of Palestinian parliament as a result of a decade-old split between President Mahmoud Abbas' West Bank autonomy government and the militant Hamas group in Gaza. Abbas has ignored appeals to change the code by decree in the meantime.

"All the talk about women's equality and rights is lip service," Kreishe said.

Still, Kreishe has witnessed gradual changes. More women seek counseling from her group, which has referred about 200 complaints to police over the past two years — compared with a few dozen in previous years.

Across the Arab world, the prevalence of street harassment varies.

In Egypt, it remains widespread despite pushback from civil society and a 2014 law threatening up to five years in prison. Cairo has been described by some as the world's most dangerous mega city for women.

In the conservative Gulf Arab region, street harassment is relatively uncommon in smaller countries where religious and tribal codes restrict interactions between unmarried men and women.

In Saudi Arabia, it has become an issue of debate, as women prepare to drive for the first time this June, following the lifting of a government ban. Saudi King Salman has approved legislation criminalizing sexual harassment.



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Billionaire Steve Wynn faces allegations of harassment or assault from a number of women, according to a report.

Casino CEO quits amid allegations

Former RNC official steps down as head of Wynn Resorts

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Casino mogul Steve Wynn resigned Tuesday as chairman and CEO of Wynn Resorts amid sexual misconduct allegations.

"In the last couple of weeks, I have found myself the focus of an avalanche of negative publicity," Wynn

said in a written statement Tuesday. "As I have reflected upon the environment this has created — one in which a rush to judgment takes precedence over everything else, including the facts — I have reached the conclusion I cannot continue to be effective in my current roles."

The Wall Street Journal reported Jan. 26 that a number of women said Wynn harassed or assaulted them and that one case led to a \$7.5 million settlement.

The Las Vegas billionaire has denied the allegations, which he attributes to a campaign led by his ex-wife.

Last month, Wynn resigned as finance chairman of the Republican National Committee.

Since 2013, Wynn has contributed nearly \$24 million to GOP candidates and party organizations around the country, including Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval and 2017 special election winners. Some Republicans in Congress, including Ne-

vada Sen. Dean Heller, have already announced they are donating contributions they received from Wynn to charity.

Wynn also faces investigations by gambling regulators in two states.

The board of directors for Wynn Resorts has appointed Matt Maddox, currently president of the company, as its CEO effective immediately.

Details of Wynn's separation agreement were not immediately disclosed.

Some Syrians choose home over unknown

Lack of jobs, acceptance spur their return

BY BASSEM MROUE
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ALEPPO, Syria — Desperate to escape Syria's terrors, Ammar Maarawi bolted. In early 2016, he paid smugglers and endured a dangerous sea crossing to Greece and an exhausting journey by train, bus and foot through Europe.

Two years later, the 36-year-old is back home in Aleppo. He returned last summer — depressed, homesick and dreading another winter, he couldn't bear life in the German city of Suhl.

Germany, he said, "was boring, boring, boring."

Maarawi is among a small number of refugees who have come back to Syria from among the more than 5.4 million who fled their homeland since the civil war erupted in 2011. So far, they are just a trickle, numbering in the tens of thousands. The United Nations and host governments in Europe are not encouraging returns, saying the country is not safe.

But the stream of returnees may grow over the coming year as stability returns to Syria and as hostility grows to refugees in host nations. The Russia- and Iran-backed military of President Bashar Assad has retaken almost all major cities, and the Islamic State group has been driven out of almost all the territory it once held.

Motivations for going back are many. Simple homesickness is one. Many refugees have burned through whatever savings they have and either can't find or aren't allowed to work. Hundreds of thou-

sands languish in camps in the neighbor countries. Those who make it to Europe often get assistance, but some find the West doesn't hold the opportunities they hoped — or they face discrimination or they feel alienated in a different culture with language barriers and harsh weather.

Still, the reasons to remain in exile also weigh heavily. The calm in some parts of Syria relies on tenuous local truces. Fighting still rages in some areas, including between Assad and rebels in the northwest and other pockets. Many young men won't come back, fearing they'll have to do their compulsory military service. Even in parts where fighting has stopped and seems unlikely to return for the moment, cities have suffered massive destruction. An estimated 6.1 million Syrians still in the country are displaced from their homes — so refugees are not the only ones waiting to go back.

Figures on returnees are difficult to pin down. Syrian officials say they do not have exact numbers, adding that many come back through Lebanon and are not questioned if they were refugees or simply traveling Syrians. European countries and Turkey do not track whether Syrians leaving are returning home.

The UNHCR has observed some 68,000 refugees who returned on their own from neighboring countries from January to October 2017, the most recent figures available, according to spokesman Andrej Mahecic. He said the number of returnees is dwarfed by those remaining in Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey



HASSAN AMMAR/AP

Adeeb Ayoub, 13, left, who had fled Syria with his uncle in 2015 to Germany, walks with his father, Firas, in Aleppo, Syria.



HASSAN AMMAR/AP

Ammar Maarawi, who fled Syria to Europe in early 2016, is among a growing group of refugees who have returned.

and Europe, and those still leaving Syria.

Turkey, home to 3.5 million Syrian refugees, seized a pocket of territory in northwest Syria along the countries' shared border last year. Since then, some 130,000 Syrians from that area have returned.

From Jordan, home to 650,000 refugees, only around 8,000 Syrians returned home in all of 2017, according to UNHCR figures. Most went soon after a local truce was reached in part of southern Syria in July, then the numbers ta-

pered off later in the year. In Lebanon, the UNHCR said last month that the number of registered refugees dropped to below one million for the first time since 2014. A few thousand returned home.

Not all are going back because they are ready.

One woman, Umm Wissam, said she returned to Syria in August after six years in Jordan. Her husband was deported several months earlier — one of around 2,300 deported by Jordan in 2017. He had been working in construction in

Jordan and without his income, Umm Wissam and the couple's five children couldn't continue to live there. The family is from Aleppo, but the cost of living there has forced them to settle in the southern Syrian city of Daraa.

"The situation here, unfortunately, is no water, no electricity, no work. Our situation is very tiring, I swear to God," she wrote on WhatsApp.

Maarawi, meanwhile, is happy to be home. He sat behind a desk in his tire repair shop near Aleppo's main Saadallah al-Jabiri Square. The city is largely at peace now after government forces defeated rebels there in December 2016.

Like many others, Maarawi embarked on an epic journey to reach safety in Europe. He left Syria in January 2016. From Turkey, he took one of the crowded, inflatable smugglers' boats to the Greek island of Lesbos — an especially hazardous trip, because he doesn't know how to swim. He made his way across Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia, Croatia and Austria, enduring long train rides and walks through forests.

In Germany, he began learning the language and training for work. The Germans provided food, clothes and a stipend, but, "in the town where I was staying there was no life, there were few people, you suffer psychological pressure, depression, and it is cold," he said.

He lasted just a few months, returning in July.

Adeeb Ayoub, a 13-year-old, took the sea trip to Greece with his uncle in 2015. "I felt that the possibility of surviving the sea is bigger than surviving in Aleppo," said his father, Firas Ayoub.

"Before, if you had given me Europe, America and all the continents of the world, I would not leave my country," said Firas, who owns a chocolate shop in central Aleppo. "The idea of leaving came when the war crushed everything. Can someone stay and live in a ball of fire? Wherever you go, it's fire, shells and rockets."

The hope was that after the son was settled in Europe, his parents and three siblings would be allowed to join him. But in September, the boy arrived at Damascus airport, welcomed by his weeping mother.



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A Syrian civil defense volunteer prays next to a collapsed building following airstrikes Tuesday in the rebel-held town of Arbin in a besieged area on the outskirts of Damascus.

Syrian, Russian forces pound rebel areas amid cease-fire call

At least 55 killed in one of the deadliest days in the region

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BEIRUT — Russian and Syrian government forces launched a new wave of airstrikes and shelling Tuesday, plunging the besieged area just outside of Syria's capital of Damascus into a spiral of violence and despair.

At least 55 civilians were killed in what activists described as one of the deadliest days in the eastern Ghouta region in over a month. Ten towns, home to nearly 400,000 people trapped by the violence and a tightening siege, were bombed or shelled.

The United Nations called for an immediate, monthlong cease-fire in order to deliver critical humanitarian aid and medical care to civilians across the country.

Streets in the stricken area were covered in all-enveloping dust as one strike after another hit the same neighborhoods.

Images of blood-soaked children and adults competed with video of rescuers carrying white body bags or pulling survivors from the debris of destroyed homes. Sirens and wailing mixed with the relentless sound of airstrikes as residents of eastern Ghouta were unable to keep up with the onslaught.

One video showed a survivor with torn clothes and a bloody face running from a bombed building toward an ambulance. "Rescue me!" he yelled.

A visibly shaken man named Saeed emerged from a cloud of dust holding his infant son, Ibrahim, who had a streak of blood on his head. Saeed had managed to pull the 3-month-old child out of the wreckage of their home after an airstrike, according to Syrian Civil Defense workers, known as the White Helmets.

Nearly 200 people were wounded, and rescuers said many of those probably will not survive because of lack of medical supplies.

"Minute after minute, the number of casualties

rises," a rescuer from the White Helmets said in a video from eastern Ghouta posted on the group's Facebook page.

It was the second day of an intensified assault on the region. On Monday, at least 28 people were killed, while on Sunday, a suspected chlorine attack left a dozen people suffering from breathing difficulties.

The region has been under intense attack since the end of December as the government of President Bashar Assad struggles to bring it under control.

The White Helmets said they recorded 55 deaths on Tuesday, while many more were trapped under destroyed buildings. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights put Tuesday's death toll at 70 in what it said was the highest it had recorded since December. The monitoring group said the campaign against Ghouta has killed at least 350 civilians, including more than 80 children.

The Syrian state news agency said three people died in the government-controlled Old City in Damascus from rebel missile launches.

Tillerson stresses fight vs. Colombia drug trafficking

Secretary of state's appeal comes as coca output surges

BY TRACY WILKINSON
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BOGOTA, Colombia — Colombia was a darling of the Obama administration, which fully embraced the South American country's torturous path to peace after the hemisphere's longest civil war.

But alarmed by the peacetime surge in coca production, the Trump administration has warned it may return to a policy defined by the war on drugs and punish Colombia as it struggles to recover.

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson arrived Tuesday in the Colombian capital of Bogota in an effort to reassure Colombians that Washington remains determined to work with the country on drug interdiction and the pursuit of peace.

In contrast, President Donald Trump last week threatened to cut off U.S. aid to countries that he said were "laughing at us," taking money from Washington but not doing enough to cooperate on drug interdiction.

Tillerson has tried to finesse the mixed messages coming from Washington on a trip that includes Mexico, Argentina and Peru in a weeklong visit to Latin America and the Caribbean.

In Lima, Peru, on Monday, he said he was raising the topic of joint U.S.-Latin America crime-fighting efforts "in every stop I am making throughout the hemisphere."

"This is really a hemisphere-wide challenge, and every country has its own challenges," Tillerson said. "The more we can share, the more we can connect our activities, the more progress we can make to



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Secretary of State Rex Tillerson chats Tuesday in Bogota with Patti Londono, Colombia's deputy foreign minister.

disrupt these (drug trafficking) organizations."

Coca production in Colombia has gone up 50 percent in each of the last two years, with about 247,000 acres now under cultivation, according to U.S. officials.

More importantly, each acre is more productive than before.

Reacting to that surge, Trump threatened to decertify Colombia last year, meaning aid would be stopped or reduced until it made progress in eradicating the coca crops. He has not carried through on the threat, but the administration has backed away from former President Barack Obama's pledge to provide \$4.5 billion in aid over the next 10 years.

A first tranche of the money was disbursed near the end of the Obama administration, but the Trump administration has not made clear whether it will follow suit.

William Brownfield, then assistant secretary of

State for international narcotics and law enforcement, testified to Congress last year that Colombia was a key U.S. partner for two decades and had made progress combating coca cultivation and production.

But since the civil war ended, he added, Colombia has become "the world's largest producer of cocaine and is the origin of approximately 90 percent of the cocaine seized in the United States."

He blamed, in part, Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos's decision to suspend the unpopular, U.S.-financed program of aerial spraying to destroy coca crops.

Many conservatives in Washington blame the peace process. Like Santos' conservative opposition in Colombia, they argue that the peace accords granted concessions to the former leftist guerrillas that allowed them to turn to drug trafficking.

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President willing to 'shut it down'

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fifth short-term funding bill of this fiscal year.

The sticking point has been that Republicans want higher military spending and Democrats oppose that unless there is additional money for domestic accounts.

Republicans tried to win Democratic votes on the stopgap measure Tuesday by attaching a two-year extension of funding for community health clinics and other provisions, along with the full year of military funding. But Democrats mostly voted against it.

Even as House GOP leaders were able to muscle their bill to passage, 245-182, thanks to backing from the conservative House Freedom Caucus, the outcome in the Senate is uncertain.

The narrow 51-seat Senate Republican majority must rely on Democratic support to reach the 60-vote threshold for passage.

"Unfortunately, we are back at that point that we were just a few weeks ago," said House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-California. "Last time, we had to have a shutdown. Hopefully we will not be in that situation again."

Some Democrats said Republicans were wasting time on another temporary bill that had no chance of becoming law.

"How did we get here?" said Rep. Nita Lowey of New York, the top Democrat on the Appropriations Committee. "This is not a serious bill."

Negotiators have been trying to craft a more lasting budget deal to fund the government through the remainder of the fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30. They want to boost all spending



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President Donald Trump, seen Tuesday in the White House, said he'd be willing to shut down the government if Democrats refuse to back his proposals.

beyond the strict caps imposed under a 2011 budget deal.

But mounting deficits are beginning to worry lawmakers after passage of the \$1.5 trillion tax cut package, especially if they pile on more than \$80 billion disaster aid for states hit by devastating hurricanes and wildfires.

The volatile stock market has amplified lawmakers' concerns.

"At some point the mar-

ket's going to wake up to the fact that you're going to start running \$1 trillion deficits all over again," said Rep. Mark Sanford, R-S.C., who said he worries that the stopgap measures are viewed as "a real sign that Washington doesn't work, that it is dysfunctional at some level."

While budget talks continue, the immigration debate involves efforts to craft a bill to protect so-called Dreamers, young immi-

grants brought to the U.S. illegally as children, from deportation after Trump formally ends the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

The government shut down for three days last month as Democrats pushed the immigration issue to the forefront of the agenda. They relented after winning a promise from Senate leaders that it would be the next debate.

Groups of lawmakers are meeting behind closed doors to develop legislation that would also include border security enhancements and other immigration law changes.

As senators struggle to craft a bipartisan immigration bill, some are mulling a one-year extension to DACA, which allows immigrants who came to the country illegally as minors to apply to live and work here as adults.

Under Trump's order, the program was to have expired March 5, but a court case has allowed it to keep running for now.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said extending DACA for another year or so may be the only compromise Congress can strike.

"It's the fallback position," Graham said. "But that's most likely where we're going to go."

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Kelly doesn't see a DACA extension

Chief of staff says some immigrants were 'too lazy' to sign up for Obama program

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WASHINGTON — Some immigrants may have been "too afraid" or "too lazy" to sign up for the Obama-era program that offers protection from deportation, White House chief of staff John Kelly said Tuesday as he defended President Donald Trump's proposal on the divisive issue.

Kelly discounted the possibility that Trump would announce a temporary extension of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program beyond March 5, when its protections could expire. He said the administration would not ask Congress to set a later date to give bargainers more time to reach a bipartisan deal but said the government would not start deporting young immigrants who don't have criminal records.

"They are not a priority for deportation," he told reporters.

Kelly spoke as lawmakers have deadlocked in an effort to reach an immigration compromise. Barring an unlikely last-minute agreement, the Senate is expected to begin debating

the issue next week, and it is unclear what if any plan will survive.

"We just don't know where 60 votes are for any particular proposal," said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., citing the votes needed for passage. Republicans have a slim majority and any measure will need around a dozen Democratic votes to succeed.

Kelly said Trump's recent offer to provide a path to citizenship for up to 1.8 million immigrants went "beyond what anyone could have imagined." A bipartisan offer by six senators that Trump rejected would have made citizenship possible for the 690,000 young immigrants registered under the program, nicknamed DACA, which shields immigrants who came to the U.S. as children and stayed here illegally.

"There are 690,000 official DACA registrants and the president sent over what amounts to be two and a half times that number, to 1.8 million," Kelly said. "The difference between (690,000) and 1.8 million were the people that some would say were too afraid to sign up, others would say



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White House chief of staff John Kelly said the 1.8 million people Trump proposed for a citizenship path includes 690,000 covered under DACA and those "too lazy" to sign up.

were too lazy to get off their asses, but they didn't sign up."

Immigration experts cite various reasons why people eligible for DACA's protections do not apply. These include lack of knowledge about the program, a worry that participating will expose them to deportation and an inability to afford registration fees.

"I'm sorry for that characterization. It doesn't surprise me from Gen. Kelly," No. 2 Senate Democratic leader Dick Durbin of Illinois, his party's chief immigration negotiator, said of the White House staff chief's remarks.

Durbin also scoffed at

Kelly's assertion that DACA beneficiaries would not be deported after the March 5 deadline arrives.

"It's cold comfort to DACA people that if Congress does nothing, they're still safe in the loving arms of the Department of Homeland Security," Durbin said.

Trump said last September that he was ending DACA but gave lawmakers until March 5 to pass legislation shielding the Dreamers. A federal judge has indefinitely blocked Trump from terminating the program's protections, blunting the deadline's immediate impact.

In exchange for making

citizenship a possibility, Trump wants \$25 billion for border security, including money to build parts of his coveted wall along the U.S.-Mexico boundary. He also wants to curb legal immigration, restricting the relatives that legal immigrants could sponsor for citizenship and ending a lottery that distributes visas to people from diverse places such as Africa.

Democrats strongly oppose limiting legal immigration while conservatives are against giving citizenship to DACA recipients, and Trump's proposal has gotten little traction in Congress. Durbin, his party's chief vote counter, said the

proposal would not get 60 Senate votes, saying, "I don't think it will get any votes on the Democratic side."

Since the 2016 presidential campaign, Trump has regularly pointed to crimes connected to illegal immigration as evidence that the U.S. needs to build a wall along the Mexican border and tighten immigration policies.

On Tuesday, he highlighted that argument again by tweeting about the death of NFL player Edwin Jackson, who was killed in Indianapolis in a suspected drunken-driving crash by a person who was in the U.S. illegally.

Trump, Justice official huddle over Dems' rebuttal

White House says it's 'undergoing the exact same process' as with GOP memo

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK, CHAD DAY AND JONATHAN LEMIRE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump met with a top Justice Department official Tuesday to review a classified Democratic memo on the Russia investigation, less than a week after he brushed aside

objections from the same agency over releasing a Republican account.

The dueling memos — and Trump's silence so far on whether he will release the Democratic version — have set up a standoff between Trump and congressional Democrats and deepened partisan fights on the House intelligence panel. The memos have become

the recent focus of the committee's probe into Russian meddling in the 2016 election, taking attention away from investigations into whether Trump's campaign was involved.

The Democratic document is intended to counter the GOP memo, which criticized methods the FBI used to obtain a surveillance warrant on a onetime Trump campaign associate. The president has until the end of the week to decide whether to make it public.

On Tuesday, White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said Trump met with Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein to discuss differences between the two memos, and "we are undergoing the exact same process that we did with the previous memo."

The House panel voted Monday to release the Democratic memo, sending it to the White House.

Separate Russia investigations are underway by the

Senate intelligence committee and special counsel Robert Mueller, whose team is scheduled to interview former White House chief strategist Steve Bannon next week.

Also Tuesday, the House intelligence committee gave Bannon another week to negotiate the terms of a closed-door interview as the White House can put limits on what he can tell Congress.

California Rep. Adam Schiff, the top Democrat on

the intelligence panel, said Bannon's lawyer has told the committee that the White House will only permit him to answer 14 "yes" or "no" questions.

Schiff said the panel agrees that the terms offered are unacceptable.

Meanwhile, former Vice President Joe Biden told CNN that if he were one of Trump's attorneys, he would advise against a sit-down with Mueller because Trump "has some difficulty with precision."

Olympics to draw Korean adoptees home

Prof says 200,000 of country's kids shipped elsewhere

By SALLY HO
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When Megan Olson lands in South Korea for the Winter Olympics this week, she'll feel something that is both surreal and vivid.

An intoxicating sense of belonging.

A deep sense of loss. Pride, for the motherland she barely knows after being secretly adopted away.

The 33-year-old social worker from Minnesota is joining dozens of fellow South Korean adoptees returning to their birth country for the 2018 Winter Games in Pyeongchang.

Many endured cultural, racial and national identity issues stemming from an international adoption phenomenon that peaked in the 1980s.

Now, the once-in-a-lifetime Olympics experience will satisfy an internal pressure for some adoptees to justify being where they came from, even though it won't erase the fact that they were once sent away with shame and en masse.

"I think I really wanted to go back. It feels like it's home, but at the same time, when I get there, I'm not home. I don't really know where I belong," Olson said.

The Olympics will also reconcile a part of their life journey book-ended by an era of complete economic transformation for South Korea.

Much of that rise happened at the same time the small Asian country, lacking a solid social welfare system, dispersed an estimated 200,000 of its Korean-born children, according to Richard Lee, a University of Minnesota professor who studies adoptees.

The cultural diaspora reaches more than a dozen countries around the globe, including in western Europe, North America, Australia and New Zealand.



Sisters Hannah, left, and Marissa Brandt will compete in the Olympics. Marissa is a native Korean, adopted as an infant.

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Megan Olson, 33, poses with her husband, Luke Olson, at their home in Robbinsdale, Minn.

DAVE CAMPBELL/AP

But for South Korea, the timing of the adoption boom coinciding with their costly 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul is still a subject of criticism among some.

No longer in the shadows of the devastating Korean War era, the country over the past half century has become a powerhouse on the world stage, thanks to its fortunes in tech, cultural reach from pop music and famously rigorous education system.

All the while, a majority

of those South Korean orphans landed in the U.S. They grew up largely with white parents in the Western world where adoption is seen as a humanitarian endeavor. Now adults, they've come of age, and some have risen in the worlds of politics, fashion and entertainment.

That such orphans are now successful enough to afford an elite experience like the Olympic Games has surprised some of the locals in a patriarchal society where adoption is taboo.

Keziah Park of the International Korean Adoptee Service called it a "slap in the face" for status-driven South Koreans. The Seoul-based nonprofit since the 1990s has organized trips and birth-search pilgrimages for adoptees.

"When they left, they were orphans and they were abandoned. No could take care of them. But when they come back, it's a symbolic journey to Koreans observing them," Park said.

"It really changes the mindset of Koreans. It allows Korea as a society to reflect on the choices they made," she said.

The pressure to justify being there can also be distressing if they have already gone back to find their birth stories as a practical matter: to learn about their genetic health, or find out what happened to them as young children.

And even if their adoptive families are supportive of their pilgrimage back, it can be difficult to reconcile their identity and feelings for the country when they lack Korean family ties.

Park organized the week-long Olympics tourism trip hoping to ease that internal conflict. It will include the opening ceremony and sporting events. They're also hoping to meet Marissa Brandt, an adoptee raised in America who will play for the Korean women's hockey team.

"Although they have an intrinsic purpose to be

there, they don't have anyone welcoming them to be there, so they felt it was meaningless," Park said. "That purpose to be there, the adoptees want more than you think."

More than two dozen adoptees are expected on the trip, including those now living in Norway, Denmark, Italy, France, Australia and the U.S.

Olson, of Robbinsdale, Minn., said she thinks about going back to South Korea so often that it can wear on her husband.

But each time she's there, she asks herself if it should be the last visit because it's so emotionally draining.

Olson found her birth parents a few years ago through their adoption agency in Seoul. Their meetings have left her distraught, frustrated and unfulfilled. Olson's desperate to understand her true life story, but her Korean parents appear indifferent.

She says she was adopted in 1985 as a baby but discov-

ered that they kept a son born a year after Olson. The adoptee doesn't know why her birth parents made those choices. They've only confirmed that she's a secret they'll never tell their other children.

But this upcoming trip to South Korea will offer a welcome reprieve to Olson's heartaches.

It will be about connecting with fellow adoptees who share this profound experience that they didn't choose to have.

It will be about eating the food that's been missing their whole lives, yet tastes so much like home.

It will be about experiencing the glitz and glam of The Olympic Games, though even that is not without fraught.

"I don't know who I would cheer for. Should it be the U.S.? Should it be Korea? It's super minute but something I think about," Olson said.

Ella and Tony LeVeque are two other adoptees who found the Olympics to be the perfect reason to go back to their birth country. The couple met at another adoptee gathering in Seoul before marrying in 2014.

"We obviously really like watching the Olympics. We tally up America versus Canada," said Ella LeVeque, a 31-year-old recruiter adopted as a baby to Ottawa, Canada. "And just being able to be there and represent South Korea, too, we're going to be able to be proud of all of it."

The two live in Galesburg, Mich. Neither has found their birth families.

Tony LeVeque, a 35-year-old hospital administrator, was adopted to central Michigan when he was 4 years old.

Like many others, he also struggled with his identity before connecting with his roots in adulthood.

"It's difficult trying to find your own way," he said of the Korean adoptee experience. "What type of man or woman am I supposed to be in America?"



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Billionaire Tom Golisano says geese have overwhelmed his New York vacation home.

Droppings from geese leave wealthy tax activist pooped

By MARY ESCH
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Billionaire Tom Golisano says he tried stringing up fishing line, spraying smelly repellent and even posting a wolf decoy, but nothing could rid his lakeside vacation home of the Canada geese that turned his lawn into a minefield of droppings.

His next line of attack? Refusing to pay his \$90,000 school tax bill until officials in the Finger Lakes town of South Bristol, N.Y., found a way to control the birds.

"This past summer it was horrible. We'd drive in and find 100 to 200 geese parked on our lawn," said Golisano, founder of payroll company Paychex and former owner of the Buffalo Sabres hockey team. "You can't walk barefoot, can't play Frisbee, can't have your grandchildren run around. Here I am paying all this money in taxes and I can't use my property because of the geese droppings."

Golisano's stand over bird poop is just one part of his one-man protest campaign against a taxation system he believes is flawed and inequitable.

He's pledging to file a class-action lawsuit on behalf of other upstate homeowners who believe they are being overtaxed. And

he recently launched a website, TaxMyPropertyFairly.com, to give taxpayers the tools to challenge their property tax bills.

Golisano contends that tax assessors often lack the training, time and expertise to accurately assign property values that determine what share of the local tax collection each homeowner pays.

"A lot of people are suffering significant injustice because of the assessment system," said Golisano, 76, founding member of the New York Independence Party and three-time candidate for governor.

Escaping high taxes was part of the reason Golisano changed his permanent home address to Naples, Fla., nearly a decade ago. In 2010, he spent \$200,000 in legal fees to get the property taxes on his home in Mendon, near Rochester, reduced from \$200,000 to \$60,000.

He said western New York is notorious for high property taxes. While his wife, tennis Hall of Famer Monica Seles, pays about \$4,000 a year in taxes on her New York City condo assessed at \$800,000, Golisano said a home with that assessed value in Rochester-area Monroe County would have a \$28,000 tax bill.

Golisano's fight over the bird poop in South Bristol, population 1,600, is based on the argument that the value of his Canandaigua Lake property is driven down by the flocks of wild geese that congregate there and it's government's duty to solve the problem.

Town Supervisor Daniel Marshall disagrees. "It's a resident's problem to take care of, not the town's," he said. Marshall said no other shoreline residents have complained about the geese. "It is a lake, after all."

New York's Department of Environmental Conservation says the state has an overpopulation of non-migrating Canada geese and it's causing problems for some homeowners, farmers, golf courses and parks. But it says nuisance wildlife on private property isn't the responsibility of the municipality. The agency recommends numerous ways to shoot them off, including those Golisano has tried.

When it's a community-wide problem, the DEC suggests local officials may want to hire a "goose control officer" and devise a coordinated control plan. That's what Golisano wants.

Golisano said his next step is to seek a reduced property assessment based on the goose scourge.

Pence signals he's open to North Korea meeting

Vice President's overture echoes secretary of state's

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WASHINGTON — The White House publicly signaled for the second day in a row Tuesday that it would consider a meeting with North Korea on the sidelines of the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, a move that could help ease months of rising tensions and nuclear threats — at least for now — on the Korean Peninsula.

Vice President Mike Pence said in Alaska that he has not sought a meeting when he gets to South Korea but "we'll see what happens." Secretary of State Rex Tillerson used the same language Monday in Lima, Peru.

Pence and Tillerson spoke to each other at least twice in recent days, and their statements were coordinated to send a message, according to a senior administration official.

Pence will attend the Olympics opening ceremonies Thursday night. A delegation of 22 North Korean athletes, performers and officials is expected to march under one flag with the South Koreans under a deal worked out between the rival governments. The two longtime adversaries also will field a joint women's hockey team.

North Korea has not publicly responded to the U.S. overture.

By suggesting it would meet the North Koreans, the White House appeared to be trying to leverage the nascent and still fragile diplomatic rapprochement between the two Koreas, which caught the Trump administration off guard. Washington did not participate in the talks between Seoul and Pyongyang.



SHIZUO KAMBAYASHI/AP

Vice President Mike Pence and wife Karen arrive Tuesday in Japan as part of a trip that will include South Korea.

"Let me say, President (Donald) Trump has said he always believes in talking, but I haven't requested any meetings. But we'll see what happens," Pence told reporters during a refueling stop in Anchorage, Alaska, on his way to Japan and South Korea.

Over the past year, Pyongyang has successfully tested an inter-continental ballistic missile capable of reaching the East Coast and tested a thermonuclear bomb far more powerful than its previous devices.

Some U.S. analysts warned that Pence's outreach could backfire.

"That's fine for the Olympic spirit, but it's doing nothing to get us toward the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula," Michael Allen, a former senior director on the National Security Council in the George W. Bush White House, said in an interview.

Jim Walsh, a security policy expert at MIT, said he doesn't expect Pence to hold talks with Kim Jong Nam, a high-level official scheduled to be in South Korea, or other North Korean officials, although a face-to-face greeting is possible.

"That's the sort of thing you traditionally work up to, where you have staffers and others talk so they can define the parameters for the discussion for what's

possible and what's not," Walsh said. "Or they meet and things go horribly badly and that sets up further miscalculation."

Complicating the effort, the Trump administration still doesn't have an ambassador in South Korea. Trump nominated Victor Cha, who worked in the George W. Bush White House, but Cha withdrew his name to protest Trump's reported willingness to consider a limited military attack on the North that aides called a "bloody nose" strike.

Trump has publicly whipsawed in his support for talks with Pyongyang, trading personal insults with leader Kim Jong Un and tweeting on Jan. 2 that his nuclear button is "much bigger" than Kim's.

But last month, Trump said "absolutely" when a reporter asked if he would talk to Kim.

Pence stopped in Tokyo on Tuesday to meet with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and discuss what the White House bills as a "maximum pressure" strategy to cut off resources to North Korea. Pence will meet with South Korean President Moon Jae-in in Seoul before attending the Olympics. Pence plans to denounce the North Korean security state during the Olympics.

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NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

British judge upholds arrest warrant for WikiLeaks founder

LONDON — A British judge on Tuesday upheld a U.K. arrest warrant for WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, keeping him a wanted man in the country where he has spent more than five years inside the Ecuadorian Embassy.

Judge Emma Arbuthnot rejected a call from Assange's lawyers for the warrant to be revoked because he is no longer wanted for questioning in Sweden where prosecutors were investigating

allegations of sexual assault and rape made by two women in 2010. The warrant was issued in 2012 for jumping bail.

Swedish prosecutors dropped the case last year, saying there was no prospect of bringing Assange to Sweden in the foreseeable future.

The judge said that if Assange wanted the warrant lifted he should surrender to authorities and argue his case in court.

Judge orders anonymous jury at trial for drug lord 'El Chapo'

NEW YORK — Notorious Mexican drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman will have an anonymous jury at his U.S. trial later this year.

In a written order, U.S. District Judge Brian Cogan agreed with prosecutors who argued that withholding the names of jurors was needed to address any fears that they could be harassed or intimidated.

Jurors also will be es-

corted to and from the Brooklyn courthouse by deputy U.S. marshals and sequestered from the public while inside, the judge said.

The defense had argued that an anonymous jury would give the false impression that Guzman — who has pleaded not guilty to charges of running an extensive international drug trafficking operation — is dangerous threat to others.

Family: Ailing U.S. citizen in Iran forced back to Evin prison

WASHINGTON — An ailing Iranian-American dual national held in Tehran was returned to prison Tuesday after Iran's government refused to agree to an extended medical release, his family and attorney said.

Iran's judiciary had allowed Baquer Namazi, 81, to leave Evin prison for a few days after recent surgery to install a pacemaker, but his family had hoped it would be ex-

tended. Lawyer Jared Genser said Namazi was assessed by Iran's medical examiner, who recommended he be allowed at least three-month respite.

Amid hopes that Iran would allow the three-month leave, Namazi's family received a call Tuesday from prison officials informing them that he must return immediately. He was dropped off at the prison shortly thereafter, Genser said.



Deadly quake in Taiwan: Rescue crews search a building that partially collapsed Wednesday in Taiwan after a 6.4 magnitude quake. Officials said four people in Hualien County were killed and more than 200 injured. More than 140 were unaccounted for.

Polish president signs highly controversial Holocaust bill

WARSAW, Poland — Poland's president on Tuesday signed legislation that outlaws blaming Poland as a nation for Holocaust crimes committed by Nazi Germany, defying both criticism from Israel and a warning from the U.S.

But in a move that appeared designed to soften the impact of his decision, President Andrzej Duda said he would also ask Poland's constitutional court to evaluate the bill — leaving open the possibility it would be amended.

As currently written, the legislation calls for prison terms of up to three years

for falsely attributing the crimes of Nazi Germany to Poland. The law takes effect 14 days after it's officially published, but it wasn't immediately clear when that will be.

Poland's authorities have described it as an attempt to protect the country's reputation from what it believes is confusion about who bears responsibility for death camps Nazi Germany set up in occupied Poland during World War II. They say it was modeled on anti-defamation laws in many other countries, including laws criminalizing Holocaust denial.

The proposed law has fueled a diplomatic crisis with Israel, which fears it would stifle discussion about the Holocaust and enable Poland to whitewash the role of the Poles who killed or denounced Jews during World War II.

Defending the law, Duda said it would not prohibit Holocaust survivors and witnesses from talking about crimes committed by individual Poles. But he said the point of the law is to prevent the Polish nation as a whole from being wrongly accused of institutionalized participation in the Holocaust.

U.S. calls family planning program important

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration said Tuesday "there will be no gaps in service" in the nation's \$260 million family planning program, even as it acknowledged missing a deadline last fall for providing crucial grant information to local agencies.

The Health and Human

Services Department said Tuesday that it remains committed to the program, which serves about 4 million women annually at family planning clinics. Some of those facilities are operated by Planned Parenthood, which separately provides abortions and has been the target of Republi-

can efforts to deny it all government funding.

Known as Title X, the decades-old family planning program provides birth control and preventive medical care, mainly for low-income women. But federal grant money is expected to run out at the end of March.

Trump is said to pick Calif. tax lawyer to run the IRS

President Donald Trump plans to nominate California tax attorney Charles Rettig to head the Internal Revenue Service as it implements the nation's tax code revamp, according to a person familiar with the deliberations.

In addition to carrying out the GOP tax overhaul, Rettig would have an even more sensitive job: overseeing an audit of Trump's returns. Trump departed from roughly 40 years of tradition for presidential candidates by refusing to release his tax returns. The president has said he's under an audit and won't release his returns until the audit is over.

Rettig, who would succeed former IRS Commissioner John Koskinen, has weighed in on a variety of tax policy issues as a contributor to Forbes, including supporting Trump's decision not to release his tax returns.

Sen. Bob Menendez, given a clean bill of legal health last week by the Justice Department, resumed his position Tuesday as the senior Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Menendez, D-N.J., surrendered the post nearly three years ago when he was indicted on corruption charges.

Hong Kong's highest court on Tuesday overturned prison sentences for three young pro-democracy activists convicted for their roles in kicking off 2014's "Umbrella Movement". A panel of five judges sided with Joshua Wong, Nathan Law and Alex Chow in their appeal against monthslong prison terms.

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EDITORIALS

Ms. Ives, here is what's wrong with your ad

Republican state Rep. Jeanne Ives, who wants to be governor of Illinois, campaigned into controversy a few days ago by releasing a television commercial that disturbed a lot of people, us included.

Ives heard the criticism and deflected it. "I want to know why people are so offended by it," she said Monday during an appearance at the City Club of Chicago. "What's so offensive about the ad? The ad is a policy ad. That's what it is."

OK, let's talk about that ad and the message it sends about the candidate.

Ives, seeking to defeat Gov. Bruce Rauner in the Republican primary election, is a social conservative who believes her views on issues such as abortion and gay and transgender rights will resonate with GOP voters across the state. The TV commercial is a spoof that attacks Rauner by using actors to "thank" him for supporting their progressive causes.

The ad is not subtle. It's harsh. Several actors appear in the spot, including a young woman in a pink cat protest hat who thanks Rauner for expanding taxpayer-supported abortions, and a man whose face is covered by a kerchief who thanks Rauner for protecting "illegal immigrant criminals." The portrayals are demeaning.

The shocking moment is near the start of the ad, when an adult male actor with a deep voice appears. He's wearing a dress and carrying a purse. Looking at the camera, he says, "Thank you for signing legislation that lets me use the girls bathroom." The reference is to a bill Rauner signed that makes it easier for transgender persons to change the gender designation on their birth certificates. That bill did not address the use of school bathrooms so the claim is misleading, while the portrayal of a transgender person is mean-spirited and inaccurate.

Yes, the ad is directed at Rauner and lampoons his political record. We get that, and we get that campaigns are rough and tumble. "The commercial does not attack people, it tackles issues," Ives said. That's where she's wrong. The Ives campaign created a TV ad with bouncy background music that featured cartoonish liberal characters, and included a man in a dress who claims he can now use the girls bathroom. The ad goes well beyond tweaking Rauner. It mocks and belittles Illinois residents who shouldn't face derision from a gubernatorial candidate. Ives is punching down, and in a way that strikes many voters as intolerant of people who already face a lot of that.



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Republican challenger state Rep. Jeanne Ives is defending her TV ad lampooning Gov. Bruce Rauner and his record.

We already knew that Ives has troubling views about homosexuality and gay marriage. In 2013, Ives gave an interview to a Catholic radio show in which she called gay marriage a "disordered relationship" and said the homosexual community is trying to redefine society. "They are trying to weasel their way into acceptability so they can then start to push their agenda down into the schools because this give them some sort of legitimacy," Ives said.

So gay relationships lack legitimacy? We asked Ives if she stood by those hurtful words when she appeared with Rauner at a Tribune Editorial Board debate. Her reply was cautious. "I still believe in traditional marriage," she said,

but as governor she wouldn't seek to challenge the gay marriage law. "I have no problem working with anybody no matter what their disposition," she added.

Fine, but now with the TV commercial we have a fuller understanding of Ives' views. She wants to be governor of all the people, yet she reveals a side of her character that's unbecoming of an elected leader. Ives disparages the LGBT community to ignite her campaign.

What's offensive? The ad doesn't dwell on her policy positions. Its scoffing tone shows that Ives believes people who are different from her are fair game for ridicule. That's a problem for someone who wants to be governor.

Bracing for Islamic State's westward migration

Declarations that Islamic State is on the verge of defeat keep piling up. During his State of the Union address, President Donald Trump said he was proud to report that "the coalition to defeat ISIS has liberated almost 100 percent of the territory once held by these killers in Iraq and Syria." In Iraq, Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi told his country in December that "we can announce the end of the war against (Islamic State)."

Territorially, Islamic State has been squashed. But the threat it poses remains all too real — and ominous.

The New York Times reports that thousands of Islamic State foreign fighters have been slipping out of the eastern Syrian battlefield and hiding in Damascus and other parts of northwest Syria. Many with European roots are paying smugglers to get them over the Syrian border into Turkey, which they hope to use as a conduit to

return to their homelands in Western Europe. Some have training in chemical weapons and are staying in Syria to join al-Qaida's branch in Syria.

Routed from its prized strongholds of Raqqa in Syria and Mosul in Iraq, Islamic State is now becoming what many militant groups morph into after their defeat on the battlefield — a guerrilla movement that emphasizes soft target attacks, using suicide bombings and ambushes to prey on places where civilians congregate.

Baghdad has been a prime target for those attacks. But few places in the world are immune. The wars in Syria and Iraq drew fighters from more than 120 countries. Thousands died in battle, but Western officials say it's likely that thousands more escaped to their home countries. EU officials think as many as 1,500 militants have returned to their homes in Europe.

There were also Americans fighting in Iraq and Syria, though how many were directly affiliated with Islamic State isn't known.

Will some postwar militants give up the cause? Perhaps. But it would be foolish to think that many others wouldn't bide their time, and wait for the right moment to inflict terror. Whether carried out by sleeper cells or lone wolves inspired by Islamic State propaganda, we've seen what that carnage looks like in London and Manchester, Paris and Nice and, in the U.S., Orlando and New York.

Turkey is a front line for preventing postwar militants from heading westward. Right now, however, Turkish forces are attacking Syrian Kurdish fighters that the U.S. wants at the Syrian-Turkish border as a firewall to Islamic State migration. The Trump administration so far has failed to get Ankara to stand down. Failure's not an option, however. Islamic State militants

slipping over the Syrian-Turkish border isn't just a Turkish problem — it's a threat to many Western nations.

For their part, European governments have improved cooperation between their intelligence and law enforcement agencies, following criticism in the wake of terror attacks in Paris and Brussels that such cooperation was lacking. Part of that cooperation involves European intelligence outfits feeding and checking new databases of suspected foreign fighters.

As more Islamic State militants seep out of Syria and Iraq and head westward, Europe, along with the U.S., will need to intensify that cooperation. There's nothing wrong with feeling good about regaining the territory Islamic State had seized across Syria and Iraq. But it's far too early to cast the militant group as defanged and defeated.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Ignore hysterically partisan reporters who hysterically insist the memo is a partisan artifact. Of course it is. Partisan motivation lies behind the Democratic flogging of the Trump-Russia conspiracy theory. Partisan motivation lies behind the Republican pushback. ...

Despite much hollering, Rep. Devin Nunes, the House Intelligence chairman who oversaw creation of the memo, followed a responsible procedure in getting its information vetted for public release. How unlike the many congressional and intelligence-agency leaks the press has been feeding off for more than a year.

Holman W. Jenkins Jr., The Wall Street Journal

One of the greatest honors of my life was walking across the stage at the FBI Academy and receiving my special agent badge from the director at the time, Robert Mueller.

... After more than a decade of service, which included investigating terrorism, working to rescue kidnapping victims overseas and being special assistant to the director, I am reluctantly turning in my badge and leaving an organization I love. Why? So I can join the growing chorus of people who believe that the relentless attacks on the bureau undermine not just America's premier law enforcement agency but also the nation's security. My resignation is painful, but the alternative of remaining quiet while the bureau is tarnished for political gain is impossible.

A small number of my current and retired colleagues have said that we should simply keep our heads down until the storm passes. I say this with the greatest respect: They are wrong. If those who know the agency best remain silent, it will be defined by those with partisan agendas.

Josh Campbell, The New York Times

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IVES FOR ILLINOIS IMAGES

GOP gubernatorial candidate Jeanne Ives' ad attacking incumbent Bruce Rauner seems designed to grab her much-needed publicity ahead of the March 20 primary.

Ives' poisonous commercial rips a page from the Trump playbook



ERIC ZORN

Jeanne Ives' new political attack ad is brilliantly dreadful and dreadfully brilliant.

Dreadful because it trots out ugly stereotypes and peddles brazen lies.

Brilliant because, by provoking an indignant response not only from liberals but also mainstream members of Ives' own Republican party, the ad is giving her a big shot of what her campaign now needs most: publicity.

The outrage is a feature, not a bug.

Ives, a strongly conservative state representative from Wheaton who is challenging incumbent Gov. Bruce Rauner in the March 20 primary, said as much Monday afternoon in extended remarks about the commercial at the close of her speech to the City Club of Chicago.

In its shorter, 30-second form, the TV spot features an African-American woman playing a Chicago Public Schools teacher; a young white man in a hoodie with a bandanna over his mouth and nose speaking on behalf of immigrants living in the U.S. illegally; a young woman in a pink knit cap speaking for those who have obtained or will obtain taxpayer-funded abortions; and a pointedly mannish, deep-voiced

person in a dress representing transgender people.

One by one they thank Rauner for representing their interests in ways that violate the values of many Republican voters. For example:

"Thank you, Bruce Rauner, for opposing law enforcement and making Illinois a sanctuary state for illegal immigrant criminals," says the young man in the hoodie.

In fact, law enforcement officials generally supported Senate Bill 31, which Rauner signed and which prohibits police officers from stopping, detaining or arresting people based solely on their immigration status but still allows them to refer those arrested for other crimes to federal immigration authorities.

(Did Ives chicken out by having a white actor speak for immigrants instead of choosing an actor of Hispanic descent? Her campaign denied it, telling me in an email that "hysterical, sophomoric leftists" in the antifa movement are the best representatives of immigrant rights activists.)

"Thank you," says the actor in the dress, "for signing legislation that lets me use the girls bathroom."

In fact, House Bill 1785, which Rauner also signed, allows transgender people to revise their birth certificates to align with their current gender identity and has nothing to do with the incendiary issue of who should use which public restroom.

(And where, outside of elementary

schools, does anyone use the term "girls bathroom"?)

Rauner blasted the ad Monday, calling it "shameful, ugly, hateful, mean-spirited" in an interview with the Daily Herald Editorial Board. "I don't think it reflects the Republican Party. I don't think it reflects the values of the people of Illinois, and I think there's no place for that type of sentiment in our state."

Several of Ives' main backers in the General Assembly, including Rep. David McSweeney, R-Barrington Hills, and Rep. Peter Breen, R-Lombard, have also urged her this week to take down the ad.

But why should she? Did Donald Trump apologize and backtrack when criticized for his foul attacks on Mexicans, the disabled, Gold Star families, John McCain's war record, Muslims and so on? No. In fact a decisive number of voters found his lack of delicacy refreshing and delighted in how it made liberals fulminate.

The lies and disturbing caricatures in the Ives commercial are designed to provoke, not enlighten. Despite some recent large donations, she remains lightly funded compared with the staggeringly wealthy Rauner. She badly needs this buzz, especially Downstate, where she's almost unknown.

"Unfortunately we have six weeks, not six months, to break through and capture people's attentions, introduce me, educate 800,000 GOP primary

voters and expose Rauner's betrayals to them," she said during Monday's speech.

"That is simply not possible solely with good editorial board performances, community events, field work and the dispassionate presentation of a detailed case on the merits," she said.

She's yanking our chains, in other words.

"It's edgy, absolutely," she said of the commercial during the question-and-answer portion of her appearance. "I want to know why people are so offended by it. What's offensive about the ad? The transgender (woman), that's exactly what, typically, a transgender (woman) looks like."

Some in the audience groaned. Untold thousands of trans women present a more attractive, stylistically feminine appearance than the dowdy schlump in Ives' commercial.

Dave Lundy, a left-leaning political consultant in attendance, called out, "You want to know what's offensive and you're asking what's offensive. That was offensive."

Of course it was!

And, to borrow from the drippingly ironic tone of the commercial, Ives thanks you for getting riled up about it.

Read a transcript of Ives' full statement on the ad at chicagotribune.com/zorn.

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Who is Carter Page? Fortunately, not me



CLARENCE PAGE

I had not yet poured my first cup of coffee Sunday morning. Suddenly I was jerked alert by the sound of a C-SPAN radio discussion of whether I, "Clarence Page," might be indicted.

As it turned out, the talk show host had slipped. He meant to say "Carter Page" but accidentally said my name instead.

At least I wasn't accidentally called "Clarence Thomas," which also has happened.

But I'd rather be mistaken for the Supreme Court justice these days than for Carter Page, a key figure at the center of the Nunes memorandum, the contentious four-page document written by aides to Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif., the chairman of the House intelligence committee.

Approved for release in a party-line vote, the document claims that the FBI and Justice Department abused their powers to wiretap Page, whom candidate Donald Trump had identified in a meeting with Washington Post editors as one of his foreign policy advisers.

Over the weekend President

Trump claimed incorrectly that the memo "totally vindicates" him in the continuing investigation into Russia's interference in the 2016 election. Everyone who read the underlying classified application for a warrant to surveil Page under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act calls the memo incomplete and out of context.

Nunes, a strong supporter of Trump, produced a highly partisan document that makes a mockery of his own committee's duty to provide oversight. It mostly offers support to the president's efforts to delegitimize special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation and demonize Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein.

Yet even as a Democrat-produced rebuttal approved unanimously by the committee awaits President Trump's release, the supposed vindication Trump sought in the Nunes memo falls flat.

The Nunes memo makes three arguments:

■ One, that the Steele dossier — a collection of reports much vilified by the right and filed by former British intelligence officer Christopher Steele — is a "biased" document out to "get" President Trump.

■ Two, that FBI and Justice Department officials knew of that bias but didn't disclose it in using



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Ex-Trump adviser Carter Page is under scrutiny in the Russia probe.

the Steele dossier to obtain their FISA warrant to spy on Page.

■ Three, that reliance on the Steele dossier violated Page's rights and corrupted the FBI's entire investigation of the Trump campaign in the fashion of what lawyers call the "fruit of a poisonous tree."

But alas, the Nunes memo fails to support its own case.

■ One, it begins with a FISA application dated Oct. 21, 2016, fewer than 20 days before the election and hardly enough time to produce much evidence or influence.

■ Two, the recent surveillance of Page also began about a month after he officially left the Trump campaign.

■ And three, we know from news reports that Page had already been under surveillance as many as three years earlier, when federal

agents began to suspect Russian operatives were trying to recruit Page — whom the Russians thought was "an idiot," according to reports of court documents.

FISA warrants must be reauthorized every 90 days, and FBI agents have to demonstrate each time that the surveillance has been fruitful. Since the Page warrant was renewed three times, as many as three judges found enough reason to keep the surveillance going, which further waters down the notion of a poisonous tree of prosecution.

And contrary to the Nunes memo's suggestions, the Steele dossier, which has been controversial but largely corroborated in its less salacious parts, was only part of the impetus for seeking the warrant, not the "trigger" for the entire investigation.

This much — and more — we

know even without the Democrats' rebuttal memo. The Nunes document falls far short of proving misconduct by the FBI or Department of Justice.

But it does show the bizarre lengths to which Nunes and other congressional Republicans will go to support their party's president, even at the cost of providing the proper oversight that the voters trust them to provide.

Fortunately, we do see some conscientious Republicans stepping forward to declare when enough is enough of Trump's excesses. Rep. Trey Gowdy of South Carolina, one of the Republican authors of the memo, disputed Trump's claim that it vindicates him. "I actually don't think it has any impact on the Russia probe," Gowdy said Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Perhaps it is only coincidental that Gowdy has announced he is not running for re-election to Congress, but I doubt it.

As John F. Kennedy is said to have said, "Sometimes party loyalty asks too much." That's a notion that a lot of Republicans should be raising these days.

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AP

Army counsel Joseph Welch, left, lashes out against Sen. Joseph McCarthy, right, during the 1954 Army-McCarthy hearings, a breaking point for the red-baiting Republican.

Congress should censure Nunes, just as it did McCarthy

BY MAX BOOT

The last time a member of Congress made a reckless and baseless attack on a revered pillar of America's security, it did not end well for him. Sen. Joseph McCarthy got away with smearing the State Department, which has never received the popular esteem it deserves, but when he took on the U.S. Army, accusing it of harboring a subversive dentist (really!), he went too far.

During the 1954 Army-McCarthy hearings, Army counsel Joseph Welch delivered his famous rebuke — “Have you no sense of decency, sir? At long last, have you left no sense of decency?” — and that was it. McCarthy was censured by the Senate and stripped of his committee chairmanship.

Let us stipulate that Devin Nunes, R-Calif., chairman of the House intelligence committee, is not exactly the second coming of “Tail Gunner Joe” — that dubious honor more properly belongs to the conspirator in chief, President Donald Trump. But for his deceptive, demoralizing and dangerous assault on the FBI — an institution that, like the Army, is dedicated to defending America — Nunes, too, deserves to be censured by his colleagues and

stripped of his chairmanship.

Nunes began his reign of error nearly a year ago. On March 22, 2017, he breathlessly announced he had uncovered evidence that the intelligence community — presumably the FBI or the National Security Agency — had improperly monitored and unmasked “Trump transition team members.” Then he rushed off to the White House to brief the president on his “findings.”

It was all a sham. Nunes was simply covering for Trump after the president claimed that President Barack Obama had my ‘wires tapped’ in Trump Tower.” When no evidence of wiretapping emerged, Nunes tried to morph the accusation into a claim that Obama national security adviser Susan Rice illegally “unmasked” Trump aides in surveillance transcripts. This, too, was false. Trump’s own national security adviser, H.R. McMaster, concluded that Rice “did nothing wrong.”

The discredited Nunes found himself the subject of an ethics committee investigation over whether he had improperly revealed classified information. He had to recuse himself from the Russia probe, but that did not stop him from spinning conspiracy theories about FBI agent Peter Strzok, who was

removed from special counsel Robert Mueller’s investigation over texts critical of Trump and other public figures.

On Dec. 7, the House ethics committee closed its investigation of Nunes, even though, according to *The Atlantic*, “the committee was never able to obtain or review the classified information at the heart of the inquiry.” Back on the Russia case, Nunes directed his staff to prepare a memorandum alleging the FBI had falsified a surveillance warrant — without bothering to read the underlying intelligence. The FBI and Justice Department objected to the release of this one-sided document, which, they warned, risked compromising sensitive intelligence.

Nunes didn’t care. He and other Republicans, joined by Russian bots and right-wing talking heads, spent weeks lobbying to #ReleasetheMemo. Nunes persuaded fellow Republicans on the House intelligence committee to vote for the memo’s release. Trump declassified the Nunes memo last week, because he, too, is eager to discredit the FBI at any cost.

Nunes claimed to have found “serious violations of the public trust,” showing that “officials in critical institutions are abusing their authority for political purposes.” Trump

bizarrely tweeted, “This memo totally vindicates ‘Trump’ in probe.” (The quote marks would have made more sense around “vindicates.”) Trump, who called Nunes a “Great American Hero,” may yet use Nunes’ bogus research as an excuse to oust Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein or even Mueller, after having already purged FBI Director James Comey and Deputy Director Andrew McCabe.

In reality, the Nunes memo was, as widely noted, a dud. It did not uncover any wrongdoing by the FBI, much less by Mueller. Its central claim — that the FBI and Justice Department obtained a surveillance warrant for Trump campaign adviser Carter Page based on ex-spy Christopher Steele’s work, while hiding Steele’s Democratic Party funding — is false. The Steele dossier was only one piece of evidence among many, and the Justice Department did reveal that Steele was paid by an anti-Trump political entity, even if it did not name the Democratic National Committee.

Nunes undercut his own case by confirming the FBI began investigating the Trump campaign not because of the Steele dossier but because of information from foreign

policy adviser George Papadopoulos. As if he didn’t already look foolish enough, Nunes said Page should never have been a “target of the FBI,” right before *Time* magazine reported that Page boasted in 2013 of being an “informal adviser” to the Kremlin.

Like Trump, Nunes would be more dangerous if he were more competent. But just as Trump must be held accountable for his attempts to obstruct justice even if they don’t succeed, so, too, Nunes must be held accountable for his misuse of a congressional committee to pursue a partisan vendetta against the nation’s premier law enforcement agency.

It is up to House leaders — that means you, Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis. — to stop Nunes before he smears again. (Nunes already has the State Department in his sights.) History does not look kindly on the lawmakers who were too cowardly to confront McCarthy. It will be even harsher on those who refuse to confront McCarthy’s latter-day mini-me, who is not nearly so fearsome.

The Washington Post

Max Boot is a *Washington Post* columnist.

It’s time for Melania Trump to speak out

BY PETULA DVORAK

Nope, ladies. No more mulligans for Melania.

Thanks to recent revelations of an alleged affair her husband had years ago, a bipartisan sisterhood is coming to the first lady’s side. She has been defended and protected. Even a “Saturday Night Live” sketch over the weekend gave her the closest thing to sympathy that merciless crew can muster.

The truth is, Melania Trump is not a delicate flower or a victim.

She is a grown woman, an immigrant who made it in a cut-throat industry.

She is capable of tackling tough issues, of respecting the responsibility and opportunity she’s been given.

And yet — she hasn’t. America deserves better.

Women say we shouldn’t focus on her clothing (like when she wore stilettos to visit Texas after a hurricane); they say it’s not right to criticize her for not smiling (the fallen face behind Donald Trump’s back at the inauguration); and there’s the old “women-have-been-criticized-enough-for-their-choices” chorus after she waited so long to move to Washington.

There are the hopeful women trying to find encrypted feminist messages embedded in her movements, her clothing, her rare public statements.

And finally, there’s that “SNL” bit about first ladies comforting

Trump, played by Cecily Strong, who confirms that she wore white to the State of the Union address just like the suffragists, just like sister Hillary!

Puh-leeze.

If all of this were true, if our first lady believes that women should not be grabbed by the genitals by powerful men, if she believes that cyberbullying is a danger, if she believes that all of humanity should never forget the lessons of the Holocaust, and if she believes that the suffragists were righteous in their fight for equal rights — then she needs to say it. Out loud.

Coy signals — if that’s what they are — are about her, not us.

Yeah, yeah, she wasn’t elected, she didn’t ask for this, and there is no real job description that comes with being a president’s spouse.

And yes, she should totally wear killer heels if she wants to.

That’s not what this is about.

She has one of the most powerful platforms in the country, the world.

And she can do so much good with that. People will listen to her.

This isn’t the 1820s, and Trump has no need to be like the only other foreign-born first lady, Louisa Adams.

They’re similar, those two. Adams didn’t go willingly into public life and made no secret of her resentment over her husband’s presidential victory. She spent her summers apart from John Quincy Adams.

Eventually, quietly, after read-



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ing some of the early writings about women’s rights and equality, Louisa Adams wrote plays and poems that skewered her husband in the kind of thinly veiled references so many feminists want from Trump.

Those days should be behind American women.

It’s an honor, a privilege and a platform, this position of first lady.

Even before Eleanor Roosevelt set a new standard for the influence and input as a first lady by holding regular radio chats, advocating for civil rights and working to help the unemployed, earlier first ladies used their power for good.

Grace Coolidge advocated for people with disabilities and raised \$2 million for a school for the deaf. Nellie Taft hired African-American men to work at the

White House. The beloved Dolley Madison was fiercely involved in local charities and saved many national treasures before the White House was trashed in the War of 1812.

Pat Nixon set a precedent as first lady as the first to visit a combat zone. Betty Ford advocated for treatment of substance abuse, breast cancer awareness and the Equal Rights Amendment. Libraries, mental health, the environment, education, literacy, obesity, health care — first ladies worked to make a meaningful impact on all of these issues.

Trump has given us possible smoke signals and one reading of a Dr. Seuss book. In exchange, the taxpayers have subsidized her complicated life and travels. But more important, the American people have given her a coveted

place in American history, in Americans’ hearts.

Trump isn’t bound by the days when women weren’t allowed to vote, weren’t welcome into Congress, weren’t expected to learn, to think and to speak.

She has an open door, an on-ramp and a public ready to hear from her.

She owes it to America and especially to American women to use that power. The former model also owes it to American girls (and boys) to be shown that women are more than their looks, their bodies, their shoes and their hair.

Let’s go back to Adams, that other foreign-born first lady, to offer Trump some inspiration. After her subversive poems, plays and quiet protests, Adams blossomed. She became one of the first women to attend congressional hearings. She went on to become a vocal abolitionist. By the time of her death on May 15, 1852, she was so respected for her work and for her voice, both houses of Congress adjourned in mourning, making her the first woman whose death was recognized in such a way by the federal government.

It’s time for Melania Trump to be more than a blank slate on which women project their fears. She owes that to her country.

The Washington Post

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PERSPECTIVE

QUOTABLES

"We'll do a shutdown and it's worth it for our country. I'd love to see a shutdown if we don't get this stuff taken care of."

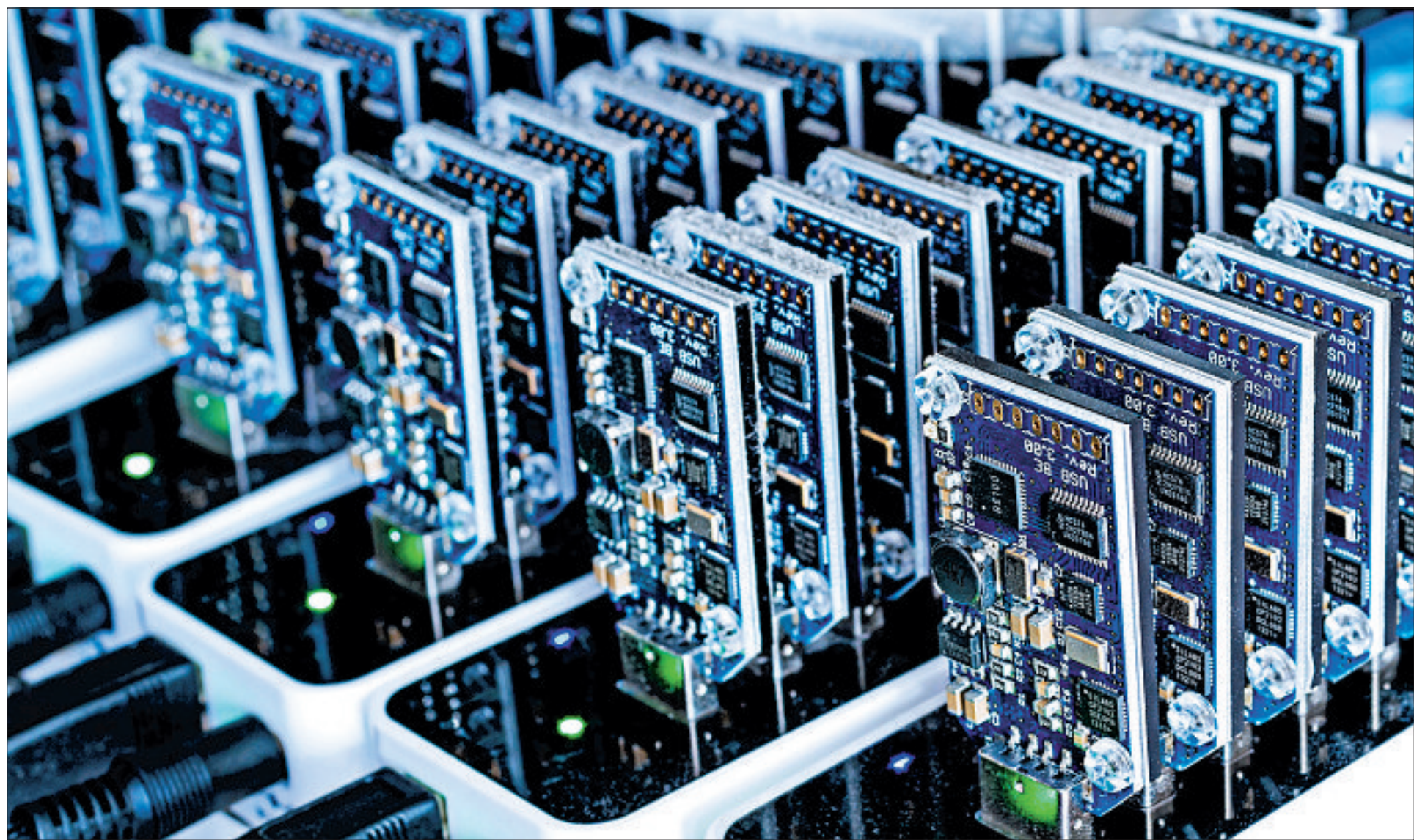
— President Donald Trump, to a gathering of law enforcement officials and members of Congress at the White House, on his Plan B if Democrats do not meet his demands on immigration reform

"We don't live in a dictatorship or a monarchy. I swore an oath in the military and in the Senate to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States, not to mindlessly cater to the whims of Cadet Bone Spurs and clap when he demands I clap."

— Iraq War veteran and U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth, D-Ill., criticizing President Donald Trump for calling Democrats who did not clap during his State of the Union address treasonous

"I don't know if there's a party called full-blooded redneck."

— Illinois Republican governor candidate and state Rep. Jeanne Ives, joking about the politics of her outdoorsman husband



DREAMSTIME

A crash in the bitcoin market, or other cryptocurrencies, could erase hundreds of billions in global wealth and possibly push the economy into recession.

Don't forget just what a recession looks like

BY NOAH SMITH

Remember recessions? Those times when the stock market goes down, unemployment goes up and businesses stop investing? There was a really big one about a decade ago, but that was a long time ago — there are plenty of young workers now who were kids back when names like Lehman Brothers and Ben Bernanke were in the news. According to the indicators compiled by the National Bureau of Economic Research, the U.S. economy hasn't been in recession since June 2009 — almost nine years ago. If the economy sustains its expansion for just 14 more months, this will be the longest the country has gone without an economic downturn in recorded history, surpassing both the 1960s and 1990s booms in duration.

Why has the economy been growing uninterrupted for so long? Part of the reason is surely due to the severity of the Great Recession itself, coupled with the slowness of the subsequent recovery. The tremendous drought of business investment left the country with a backlog of office buildings and idle factories. And the deep dip in employment

meant that it took a long time to put Americans back to work. The expansion that began in mid-2009 has really just been a long, plodding climb out of a very deep hole.

Shock treatments

But there's another reason. The U.S. simply hasn't been hit with any of the random events — what economists call shocks — that tend to tip countries into recession.

The first kind of shock, obviously, is a financial crisis. A large drop in asset prices can spark the failure, or near-failure, of banks and other financial companies, choking off lending and sending the economy grinding to a halt. Often — as macroeconomists have belatedly come to realize — a crash in asset prices is the result of a bubble, such as dot-com stocks in the late 1990s or the housing market in the mid-2000s.

So are there any bubbles on the horizon? By traditional measures like the Shiller price-to-earnings ratio, the stock market is pretty overvalued.

At best, this means the market's expected returns in the future will be quite weak; at worst, it

means a big crash is in the offing. Alan Greenspan, who was chairman of the Federal Reserve during the tech bubble, thinks it's the latter. But everyone seems fully aware that stocks are expensive — there is no stock-buying mania on Main Street like there was in 1999, no story that "this time is different." Without what Greenspan once called "irrational exuberance," it's hard to have a bubble.

A laundry list

Stocks are not the only place a bubble could be present — there's always bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies. A bitcoin crash could wipe out hundreds of billions of dollars of global wealth. That's small compared with past bubbles but still potentially enough to tip the economy into recession, especially if people have borrowed to buy cryptocurrencies.

A second bubble possibility is China. Though the country survived a stock market crash in 2015 without a recession, a real estate crash, with its associated high levels of debt, would be a much bigger deal. That's why the Chinese government is perennially trying to manage the property market. If it fails to do so, a

Chinese meltdown could spill over to the U.S. via trade or financial linkages.

Bubbles and bank failures aren't the only kind of shock, though. Macroeconomist James Hamilton has documented how most recessions — including the most recent one — are preceded by sharp rises in the price of oil. Currently, at about \$63 a barrel, the oil price is not very high. A supply disruption, such as a war, could send it soaring, but Saudi Arabia and other key producers don't seem to be under any military threat. Meanwhile, any big price rise will cause U.S. shale-oil producers to ramp up production, which will act to limit prices. And electric cars are slowly gaining market share, which will reduce the long-term demand for oil.

A grand finale

A final kind of shock could come from government policy. Big interest-rate hikes are widely blamed for the U.S. recessions of the early 1980s, as the Fed struggled to beat inflation. Now, though, central bank officials are being extremely cautious about raising rates. Jerome Powell, the new Fed chairman, isn't

believed to be particularly hawkish. There is a feeling among policymakers that the economy still is in recovery from the financial crisis nine years ago. Inflation, meanwhile, remains low, and for much of the time since the recession ended has been below the Fed's 2 percent target.

So the three best-known recession triggers — asset bubbles, oil-price spikes and interest-rate hikes — all look reasonably unlikely. And if one does come, it probably will be a fairly mild version. Economic expansions usually don't die of old age — something needs to come along and kill them. And right now, the biggest killers don't seem ready to strike.

Therefore, it seems the current expansion has a reasonable chance of becoming the longest in U.S. history. But don't get too confident — recessions have an annoying tendency to strike when people least expect.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Zero tolerance

My husband and I are lifelong moderate Republicans who cannot support Jeanne Ives for governor. Her zero tolerance for a person's sexual orientation or transgender status is unacceptable to us.

Ives continues to make anti-gay, lesbian and transgender comments. She is against "gay" and "lesbian" marriages and their ability to adopt children. Ives said in a radio interview in 2013 that same-sex marriages are "disordered" and couples are "trying to weasel their way into acceptability so they can then start to push their agenda down into the schools, because this gives them some sort of legitimacy." It appears her remarks point toward her idea that any children adopted by gay people or same-sex couples would have a detri-

mental effect in the school systems. Does she then believe these children would better served going from foster care to foster care or a life in an orphanage?

Her TV commercial is a further expression of her anti-abortion, gay, lesbian and transgender rants.

Ives harbors zero tolerance for transgender people or non-heterosexual orientation. What else does she have zero tolerance for? That's unknown to the voting public.

— Tina Connelly and Dennis Anderson, Wheaton

On the edge

Republican candidate for governor Jeanne Ives expressed surprise that her "edgy" campaign ad was viewed as offensive. She views the ad as illustrating actions by Gov. Bruce Rauner that

do not serve various conservative constituents. Her failure to understand just how offensive that ad is should tell voters all they need to know about someone who apparently holds the same bigoted white nationalist views as others on the extreme right.

— Douglas Nyhus, Frankfort

The power of a pension

I was dismayed by Steve Chapman's portrayal of the Civil War pension act as yet one more government boondoggle in his Feb. 4 column. The Civil War killed up to 750,000 men and injured another half million. The number of families left exposed to grinding poverty was staggering. Does Chapman really think that the nation would have been better served by not doing anything to help? He tells a story of system abuse, but here is a different story.

My great-great-grandparents came to the U.S. from Germany in the 1850s, only to run smack into a growing crisis. Although he was a

shoemaker, over 40, and the father of four children, my great-great-grandfather felt strongly about the Union cause. He volunteered, served and was killed in the battle of Antietam, which still stands as the greatest loss of American lives on a single day.

My great-great-grandmother received a widow's pension of \$8 per month and \$2 per month for each of her children until age 16. These benefits ended by 1874, but were enough that the family was able to survive. The descendants of this couple thrived, moved into the middle class and helped build a modern nation. Their grandsons and great-grandsons went on to serve in both World Wars and beyond. Their number includes one who was killed on D-Day and others who are buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

When Chapman says, "Decisions made for immediate purposes can reverberate for a long, long time," I hope he is thinking of the contributions of my family and countless other families just like them.

— Naomi Seppala, Chicago

Protected speech

It has been widely reported that at a recent partisan rally, President Donald Trump blithely described the fact that some Democratic representatives did not enthusiastically cheer parts of his State of the Union address as "un-American" and "treasonous." One hopes that even supporters of Trump will recognize the very troubling implications of his statement.

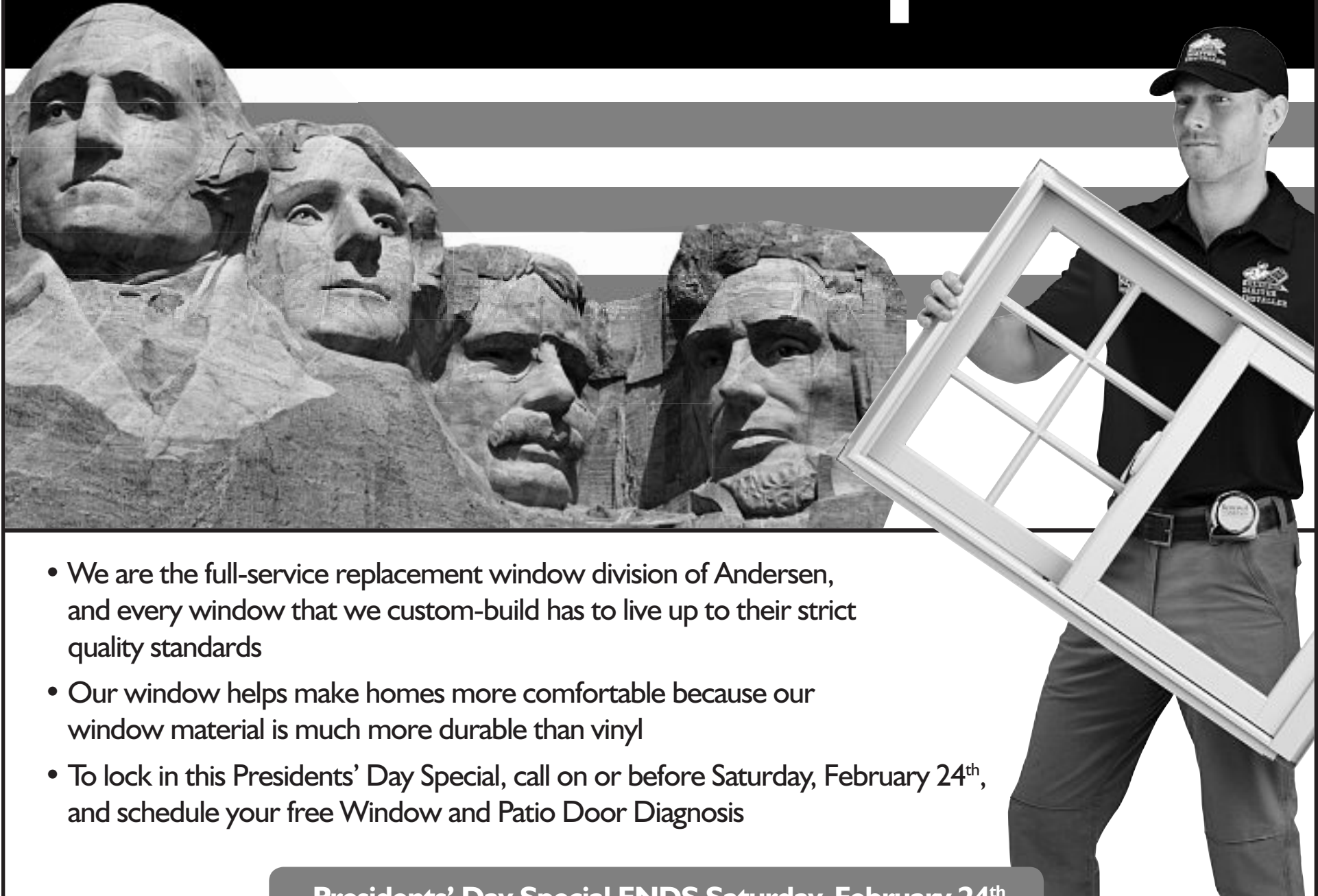
We are not yet subjects of some monarch or authoritarian leader to whom we must show personal loyalty. On the contrary, our Constitution's provision for freedom of speech protects vigorous dissent. I thought that I learned in my fifth grade civics class that such dissent enriches and strengthens our democracy. It is obvious Trump again needs reminding that on Jan. 20, 2017, he took an oath to uphold and protect, and not denigrate, the Constitution.

— Bill Janulis, Brookfield

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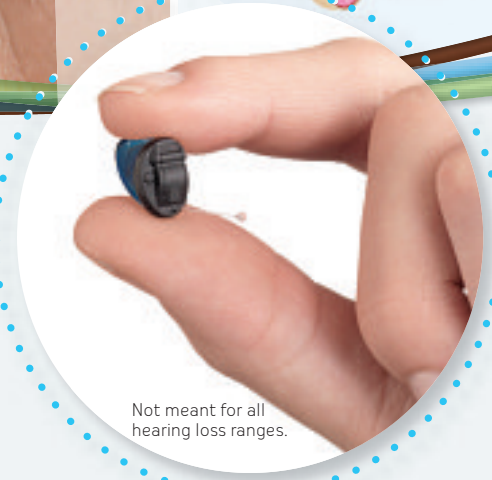


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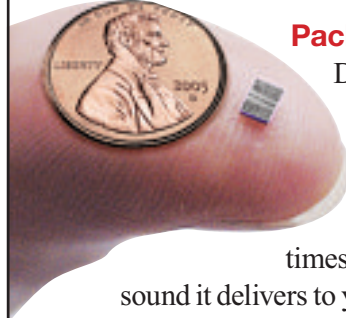


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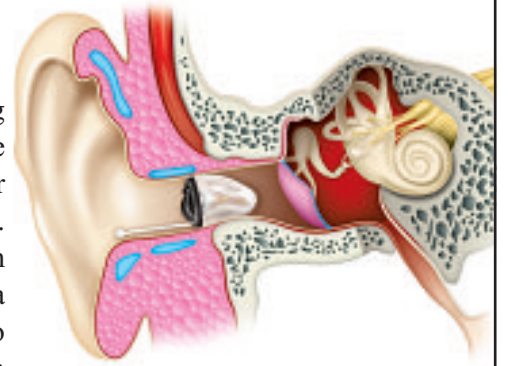
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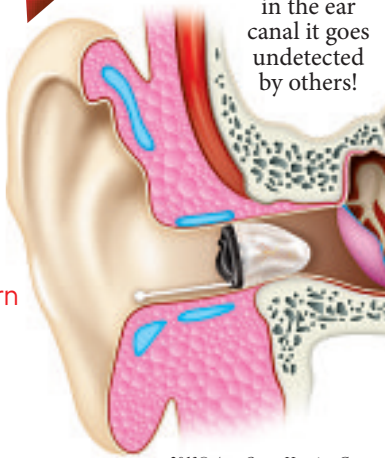


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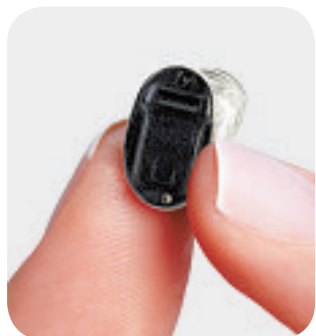
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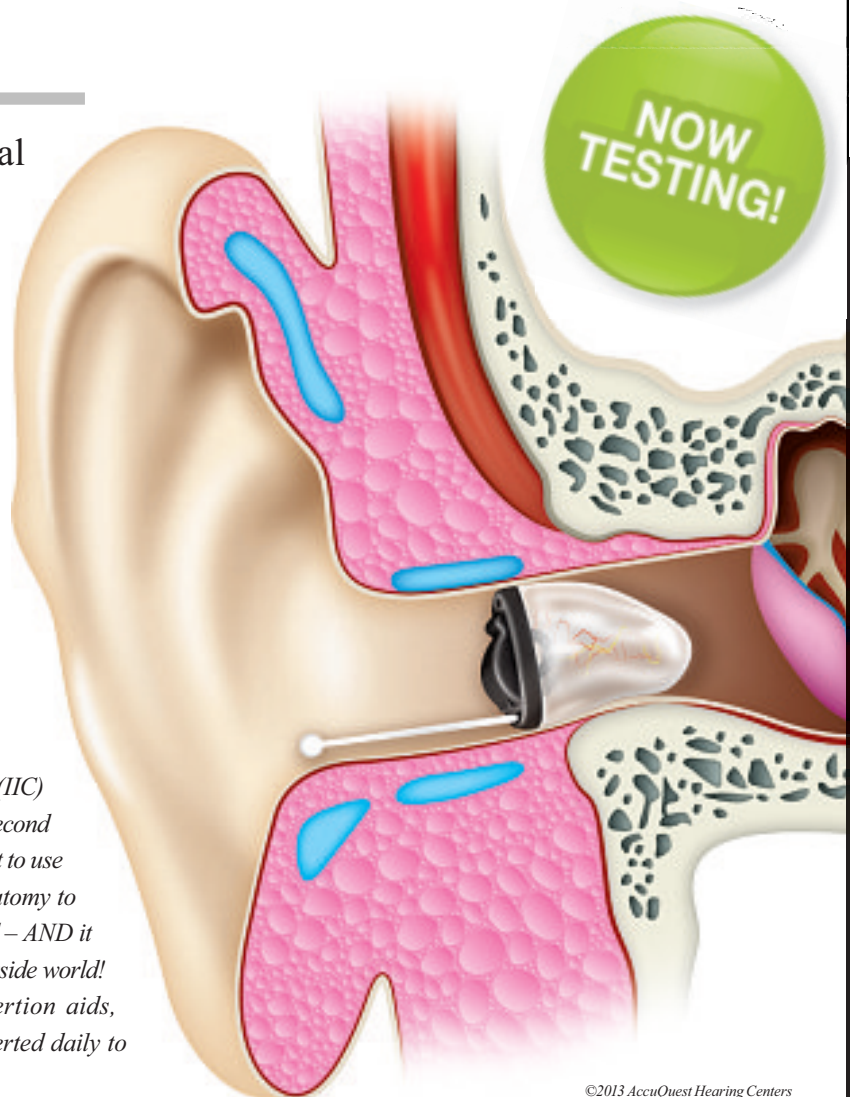
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Advice from investment pros: Relax

Markets steady after dives and gains; expert calls recent volatility 'isolated'

BY CORILYN SHROPSHIRE
Chicago Tribune

After several days of wild mood swings, the stock market has finally chilled out. And so should investors, experts say.

The markets steadied Tuesday with the Dow Jones industrial average gaining more than 560 points, closing just shy of 25,000. The Nasdaq composite and Standard & Poor's 500 index rallied as well, each closing about 2 percent higher.

But on Monday, Wall Street saw its steepest drop in 6½ years when the Dow plunged 1,175 points. That came after a 666-point fall Friday, leaving investors

shaking in their boots.

The key to surviving the market volatility is to remain calm, market experts say. Don't call your financial adviser in a panic and completely redo your investment strategy. And don't even consider cashing out and tucking your life savings in an old coffee can.

"From a long-term standpoint, the moves in the last two days aren't that large. It feels much worse than it is," said Jay Love, a partner at Mercer Investment Consulting in Atlanta.

The Dow's slide Friday and even deeper dive Monday isn't a systemic problem that will sink the economy, according to Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at

Chicago-based Cresset Wealth Advisors. Instead, Ablin described the recent market declines as "isolated, with very little blow-back."

Investors, Ablin said, had gotten used to a bullish market that had been delivering unusually high returns.

The Dow gained more than 26 percent between January 2017 and January 2018. That's three times the 8 percent gain, on average, the Dow has historically experienced in a year. And in late January, it hit an all-time high. Some things, experts say, are just too good to be true.

Ablin notes that economic indicators are solid, and that credit markets in particular remain steady. That's another reason investors needn't worry, he said.

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Traders work Tuesday on the floor of the Chicago Board Options Exchange. The markets rebounded Tuesday after two days of big declines.

Attorneys general fight 'outrageous' tipping proposal

Owners could pocket workers' gratuities, Madigan, others say

BY GREG TROTTER
Chicago Tribune

Attorney General Lisa Madigan and 16 other state attorneys general have banded together in opposition to a proposed federal rule change that they say would allow employers to pocket the hard-earned tips of hourly workers.

The change, announced in early December by the U.S. Department of Labor, would rescind portions of a 2011 Obama rule that mandated tipped workers keep their tips. Under the proposed rule change, certain employers could pool tips to share with "back of the house" workers, like cooks and dishwashers, to ensure more equitable pay between tipped and nontipped workers, the Labor Department said — a concept supported by the Illinois Restaurant Association.

But Madigan and others say the rule change would allow employers to take the money that tipped workers earned and pocket it for their own gain. A half million Illinois workers could lose their tips under the rule change, Madigan's office

said. On Monday, the 17 attorneys general, all Democrats, co-signed formal comments in opposition to the proposed change.

"The Department of Labor's proposal is outrageous. Not only do workers deserve the money they have earned for the service they provided, but millions of customers who leave tips expect that money to go to the employee who helped them," Madigan said in a statement.

Also Monday, the Labor Department's Office of the Inspector General announced it would conduct an audit of the rule-making process that led to the proposed change. This follows a recent Bloomberg Law report that Labor Department officials shelved an internal economic analysis that found that workers could lose billions of dollars in tip money.

The proposed change would apply only where employers pay the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour. It would not apply when employers pay less than minimum wage and tips make up the difference, a practice known as taking a tip credit.

That's an important point that gets lost in the debate, said Sam Toia, president and CEO of the Illinois Restaurant Association. In Chicago, for example, a

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Sources: Tribune parent close to sale of LA Times

BY MEG JAMES
AND JAMES RUFUS KOREN
Los Angeles Times

Los Angeles biotech billionaire Patrick Soon-Shiong is nearing a deal to buy the Los Angeles Times and the San Diego Union-Tribune from parent company Tronc, according to two people familiar with the talks.

The nearly \$500 million deal, if consummated, would return the Times to local ownership after 18 years and represent a major shift for Tronc, which has long built its strategy around owning newspapers in the country's largest cities.

A deal had not been reached Tuesday afternoon, though both sides are working furiously to complete the transaction and an announcement could come quickly, said those sources, who were not authorized to speak about the negotiations publicly and requested anonymity.

Tronc is expected to use the \$500 million in proceeds to further its digital strategy across the remaining papers, which include the Chicago Tribune, Orlando Sentinel and Baltimore Sun.

The talks accelerated over the weekend after a flurry of news articles questioning Tronc's oversight of the storied brand. Publisher Ross Levinsohn, who was appointed in August, is on unpaid leave pending an investigation into sexual harassment claims while he was an executive

at other companies. The Times also named Jim Kirk its new editor-in-chief last week, replacing former Forbes Editor Lewis D'Vorkin after a tumultuous three-month tenure. The Times newsroom, unhappy with corporate management and years of cost-cutting, last month voted overwhelmingly to join the NewsGuild-Communications Workers of America.

The Washington Post on Tuesday first reported that Soon-Shiong was expected to buy the Times and the Union-Tribune. A spokesman for Soon-Shiong said the billionaire was not immediately available for comment. A Tronc representative also was not available.

Soon-Shiong, a medical entrepreneur and native of South Africa, had been rumored several years ago to be among a group of wealthy Angelenos who were interested in buying the Times. His interest was formalized in May 2016 when the biotech magnate invested \$70.5 million in the Times' parent company, then called Tribune Publishing and since changed to Tronc. His current stake is 26 percent.

At the time, the deal was seen as a coup for Tronc Chairman Michael Ferro, a way for him to fight off a hostile takeover bid by rival newspaper company Gannett. Though Ferro and Soon-Shiong presented a united front opposed to Gannett, their relationship soon soured.



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Your Big Mac up in air

With new NAFTA, many things could cost more

BY CAITLIN DEWEY | The Washington Post

Few meals are more American than a burger and fries, the combo McDonald's made globally famous.

But few Americans probably realize how much the affordability of that classic meal depends on a free-trade agreement.

French fries from Canada. Tomatoes from Mexico. Beef sourced from a supply chain that crosses all three countries.

When it comes to dinner, there's plenty at stake in the North American Free Trade Agreement, whose future was being negotiated at a sixth round of talks in Montreal last month.

Negotiators from Mexico, Canada and the United States expect to spend several more months working to revise the treaty after President Donald Trump repeatedly threatened to withdraw. NAFTA has allowed billions of dollars of agricultural commodities to travel each year among the three countries.

Without NAFTA, many economists say, the price of some consumer goods would probably go up.

Those include a handful of foods that could face tariff increases, supply chain disruptions and new protectionist trade barriers. While no one can predict exactly how these mechanisms

would play out, they underscore the enormous complexity of the North American food system.

To understand the range of factors at play, consider the hamburger.

There's a reason Canadian politicians have hyped the burger as an example of NAFTA's universal benefits: Ground beef is the end product of a highly efficient, integrated international system.

U.S. farmers ship corn for cattle feed to Mexico and Canada. Mexico and Canada ship cattle — 1.7 million in 2016 — to the U.S. for slaughter. And the U.S. ships finished steaks and burgers back to its neighbors.

While the U.S. both produces and processes most of the beef in this system, the supply chain is highly specialized by country and attuned to changes across the market.

That's why economists fear that if NAFTA ends, the system that gives us ground beef could be disrupted by tariffs.

Karen Hansen-Kuhn, the director for trade and global governance at the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, points to one figure: Under its commitments to the World

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EVAN VUCCI/AP

President Donald Trump ran on a platform of reducing the U.S. trade deficit with China and other nations.

Trade gap at highest level since '08 despite Trump's vow

By DON LEE
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The U.S. trade deficit widened last year to the highest level since 2008, fueling criticism that President Donald Trump has done little to make good on his promise to curb America's long-standing imbalance with the rest of the world, particularly China.

Last year's trade shortfall in goods and services totaled \$566 billion, an increase of 12 percent from

2016, the Commerce Department said Tuesday. The deficit had changed little in the prior two years.

The larger-than-expected trade imbalance reflected an expanding American economy. Growing investment and spending in the U.S. mean businesses and consumers bought more foreign goods, from crude oil to computers to cellphones.

But the other side of the coin is that U.S. exports, while also increasing in December and all of 2017,

still did not grow as much as imports. Nor did U.S. exports of services, such as licensing fees and management services, rise enough to make up for the shortfall in the exchange of merchandise.

The result is a net trade deficit that could lower the calculation of U.S. economic growth in last year's fourth quarter. A weakening of the dollar and stronger economies abroad should help lift American exports this year, but imports also are likely to keep expanding.

For Trump, the double-digit percentage jump in the trade deficit in his first year in office carries particular political significance. Unlike his predecessors, he has put extraordinary emphasis on the trade balance numbers, regarding them as a key scorecard of U.S. economic health and commercial relations with individual countries. Most economists don't share that view.

But the new trade data reported Tuesday raised hackles of long-time critics of Washington's trade pol-

icy, and provided fresh ammunition to apply pressure on Trump to follow through on his talk to get tough on trade, especially with China.

While U.S. trade deficits rose with most every region and country in the world, China accounted for nearly half of the \$810 billion merchandise trade gap with the world last year. The U.S. bought \$375 billion more goods from China than the other way around.

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BUSINESS BRIEFING

From news services

Postal Service stamp to feature Mister Rogers

NEW YORK — It's a beautiful day in the postal neighborhood.

The U.S. Postal Service plans to issue a new stamp featuring Mister Rogers, the children's television host known for his zip-up cardigan, sneakers and soothing manner.

The Forever stamp will be unveiled March 23 in the same Pittsburgh public television station where "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" was produced. The stamp will feature Fred Rogers and the royal puppet King Friday XIII.

Rogers produced, wrote and hosted "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" for more than 30 years. He died in 2003 at 74 after battling stomach cancer. His message remained a



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The U.S. Postal Service's Forever stamp will feature Fred Rogers and the puppet King Friday XIII.

simple one throughout the years, telling his viewers to love themselves and others.

Tom Hanks will star as Mister Rogers in the upcoming biopic "You Are My Friend."

'Lady Doritos' isn't PepsiCo's bag, after all

Don't expect to see "lady Doritos" on store shelves. The company behind the cheesy chips said Tuesday that it's not developing a line of Doritos designed specifically for women, despite widespread online speculation that it was.

The phrase "lady Doritos" trended on social media after PepsiCo's longtime CEO, Indra Nooyi, said on a podcast that unlike men, women don't like to lick their fingers after eating a bag of Doritos.

"Women would love to do the same, but they don't," Nooyi said in an interview on the Freakonomics podcast. "They don't like to crunch too loudly in public. And they don't lick their fingers generously and they don't like to pour the little broken pieces and the flavor into their mouth."

Nooyi, who has run the soda and snack company for more than a decade, later said the company is "getting ready to launch" snacks that are "designed and packaged differently" for women. "Women love to carry a snack in their purse," Nooyi said.

But PepsiCo said the interpretation of Nooyi's comments to mean that female-friendly Doritos were in the works were "inaccurate." "We already have Doritos for women — they're called Doritos," the company said in a statement Tuesday.

Apple may offer battery rebates

Apple may issue refunds to customers who paid full price to replace the batteries on older iPhones before the company offered a \$50 discount as part of its apology for secretly slowing down the devices.

No details about the potential rebate were included in a five-page letter sent to Sen. John Thune, a South Dakota Republican who demanded last month that Apple provide

more details about the iPhone slowdown.

Thune released Apple's Feb. 2 response on Tuesday. He said Apple would follow up with additional information about the rebates at a future date.

Apple has been replacing batteries on older iPhones for \$29 since late December. The offer is good through this year. A new battery is supposed to prevent older iPhones from bogging down.

Attorneys general oppose tips proposal

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restaurant owner would have to pay servers the \$11-an-hour minimum wage and not take a tip credit in order to share tips with employees in the back of the house, Toia said Tuesday.

"We think it's a positive development. It gives restaurants the opportunity to close the gap between front and back of the house and makes it more equitable," Toia said.

But the rule lacks "concrete definitions of or limitations on valid tip pool participants" and leaves open the possibility of em-

ployers keeping the tip money and not sharing it with those in the back of the restaurant, according to comments signed by Madigan and the other attorneys general.

The Illinois Restaurant Association does not support management and non-hourly staff sharing in a tip pool, said Toia, who emphasized that his lobbyists could work with Springfield legislators to prevent that from occurring in Illinois.

Monday was the final day for comments on the proposed change. Now, those comments — more than 217,000 in total — must be

read and evaluated, according to a Labor Department spokesman. There's no set timeline for that process, at the end of which the rule change might be finalized, modified or withdrawn altogether.

The other 16 attorneys general opposing the tipping rule change hail from California, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia and Washington.

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Some iPhone X users say that they are unable to pick up incoming calls.

Apple investigating missed call complaints

Problem is latest to hit company's high-end product

By HAYLEY TSUKUYAMA
The Washington Post

Apple said Monday that it's looking into complaints that a possible glitch is preventing some iPhone X users from answering their phone calls.

Apple support forums have hundreds of comments from users saying that their iPhone Xs ring without giving them the option to pick up the phone, sometimes for up to 10 seconds — resulting in missed calls, the Financial Times reported.

That's a problem on any phone, but it is particularly jarring against the image Apple has cultivated for the cutting-edge, luxury \$999 iPhone X that launched in November. Others have also reported problems with older models, such as the iPhone 7 and the iPhone 6s.

It's not known how widespread this problem may be, but many users have suspected it is a software issue given that it seems to be affecting multiple phone models. According to the complaints from customers who've taken their issues to Apple,

employees at Apple stores have suggested a temporary fix: resetting the phone. But even that only works for about a dozen calls, the posts said.

Tech products may have a bug every once in a while. But Apple's quality is a key selling point for the company. That's best encapsulated in its late founder Steve Jobs' iconic promise that, when dealing with an Apple product, "it just works." For the iPhone X, quality is particularly important because of the phone's high price tag and cutting-edge features.

Making sure the phone works properly is key for Apple, as it relies more on its higher-priced phones to keep money rolling into its smartphone business even as people buy fewer phones.

Apple said in its latest earnings report that it sold far fewer phones than expected — 77.3 million versus analyst expectations of 80 million — but that the average selling price of a phone went to \$796 from \$695. In other words, Apple's not selling as many new phones, but it is likely selling more of its expen-

sive phones such as the iPhone X. In terms of revenue, Apple had a record quarter despite not selling as many new iPhones.

The complaints about a glitch is the latest to hit the company's key product. The iPhone has faced increased scrutiny as of late. Apple admitted in December that it was using software to slow down phones with older batteries, a measure it says was designed to protect battery life. But some consumers, unhappy about the performance hit complained — and sued — and Apple has since offered a battery replacement program and announced that a future version of its operating system will give iPhone owners more control over their phones. The company is also speaking with government agencies about the issue.

Before that, iPhone users complained that Apple's software, for example, was automatically replacing the letter "i" with a couple of nonsense symbols; Apple eventually released a fix for that problem.

Changes could raise prices of goods

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Trade Organization, Mexico can tax imported corn at rates of up to 37 percent — an increase that could echo throughout the system.

You can't have a burger without fries, and Canada produces tons of them. While the U.S. grows and processes most of the potatoes it consumes, the country has grown dependent on its northern neighbor to back-fill the growing domestic market.

At the same time, domestic potato production is down 2 percent, and processors have been hampered by the delayed opening of several new processing plants.

But Canadian fries may grow more expensive should NAFTA end and the U.S. falls back on the tariff rates it charges other members of the WTO. That rate is set at 8 percent for frozen potatoes.

Condiments could also face tariff increases.

When it comes to to-

matoes, avocados and other fresh Mexican produce, the issues under NAFTA grow more complex.

While imported fruits and vegetables don't face high tariffs in the U.S., there's some anxiety among U.S. importers and Mexican farming groups that the country could impose new anti-dumping and countervailing duties on them.

These tariffs are meant to raise the price of imported foods that U.S. officials think are being sold below their fair-market value.

"We are concerned and worried about any disruption to the supply chain," said Ramon Paz-Vega, the chairman of Avocados from Mexico, a Mexican trade association. "We believe NAFTA is an exemplary example of the benefits of trade to everyone."

Last but not least, think about the mushroom.

The U.S. grows most of the mushrooms it consumes, but Canada is also a major supplier of commod-

ity mushrooms, such as buttons, creminis and portobellos. Should the U.S. withdraw from NAFTA, those mushrooms could become subject to a tariff of more than 20 percent.

"Nearly 15 percent of the United States' fresh mushrooms come from Canada today," said Aaron Hamer, chief executive of Ontario-based Highline Mushrooms, the largest exporter to the U.S.

Like many in agriculture, Hamer is watching the NAFTA renegotiations closely; they could have a major impact on his business.

But he also thinks that the outcome of the talks will have effects for consumers, and he is hopeful that U.S. voters are beginning to realize the potential fallout of a withdrawal.

"I can only hope," he said, "that now that (consumers) see there are consequences that will negatively impact their everyday life, they are advocating for moderation."

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Paid maternity leave? U.S. guarantees nothing

Lack of benefits at a crucial time is bad for working mothers, kids, the economy

BY CHRISTOPHER INGRAHAM
The Washington Post

Twenty-five years ago President Bill Clinton signed the Family and Medical Leave Act, which included a provision giving eligible workers 12 weeks of unpaid leave to care for a new child. Emphasis on “unpaid.”

The U.S. remains the only country in the developed world that does not mandate employers offer paid leave for new mothers, according to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

New mothers in Finland,

for instance, are entitled to up to three years worth of paid leave. Norwegian moms get up to 91 weeks. The U.K. grants new mothers up to 39 weeks, while our Canadian neighbors get one year.

Once again for emphasis: American moms are entitled to zero weeks of paid leave under federal law.

At the risk of stating the obvious, having kids is a necessary condition for our biological and economic survival. The species must perpetuate itself, and at the country level, if economic growth is to continue, it behooves couples to churn

out as many future employees and taxpayers as possible.

But having kids is an expensive proposition. It costs more than \$233,000 to raise the typical American child from birth to age 18, according to the Agriculture Department (and that figure doesn't include the price of a college education). That works out to around \$13,000 per child per year.

Compounding those expenses is the fact that little kids — infants and toddlers — require a lot of intensive, hands-on care. That usually means that in the early years someone has to take time off work, and the biological realities of childbirth means that person is usually the mother.

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Hence, household incomes drop at precisely the same time expenses skyrocket, as the Urban Institute notes. The typical household income falls by 10 percent at the point of childbirth in the United States and doesn't fully recover until several months later when parents are back to work.

For households headed by single women, the drop is even more drastic: 42 percent at the time of childbirth, with decreases happening in the months prior because of pregnancy-related reductions in hours worked.

The families doing the crucial work of keeping the

economy (and the species) alive, in other words, experience reduced income at a time of tremendous cost.

Every other rich nation in the world has determined that it's in their interest to help these families out in their time of need and has mandated that working parents, mothers in particular, are entitled to some paid time off.

But not the United States. Here, mandatory paid leave policies have typically been denounced as “a new national entitlement” to be avoided, a “burden on small-business operators” and a decision “best left to the employer, not the government.”

But we know what happens when you leave those

decisions to employers: More than 40 percent of them don't offer it at all, according to a 2016 survey of medium to large companies. As a result, American women have been working later into their pregnancies and going back to work sooner after birth.

This is bad for working mothers, who need time to recover from the physical and mental trauma of childbirth. It's bad for kids, who need extra attention and care in the crucial months after birth. And it's bad for the economy: Research has shown paid maternity leave is associated with better job performance and retention among mothers, increased family incomes and increased economic growth.



JOHN RAOUX/AP

SpaceX's Falcon Heavy rocket lifts off Tuesday from the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

SpaceX rocket blasts off, with sports car on top

BY MARCIA DUNN
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — SpaceX's big new rocket blasted off Tuesday on its first test flight, carrying a red sports car aiming for an endless road trip past Mars.

The Falcon Heavy rose from the same launch pad used by NASA nearly 50 years ago to send men to the moon. With liftoff, the Heavy became the most powerful rocket in use today, doubling the liftoff punch of its closest competitor.

The three boosters and 27 engines roared to life at Kennedy Space Center, as thousands jammed surrounding beaches, bridges and roads to watch the rocket soar. It was delayed more than two hours by high winds.

Two of the boosters were recycled and programmed to return for a simultaneous touchdown at Cape Canaveral, while the third, brand-new, set its sights on an ocean platform some 300

miles offshore.

SpaceX chief executive Elon Musk owns the rocketing Tesla Roadster, which is shooting for a solar orbit that will reach all the way to Mars. As head of the electric carmaker Tesla, he combined his passions to add a dramatic flair to the Heavy's long-awaited inaugural flight. Typical ballast for a rocket debut: concrete or steel slabs, or experiments.

On the eve of the flight, Musk told reporters the company had done all it could to maximize success and he was at peace with whatever happens: success, “one big boom” or some other calamity. The longer the flight, he noted, the more the company would learn from the heavily instrumented rocket.

Musk has plenty of experience with rocket accidents, from his original Falcon 1 test flights to his follow-up Falcon 9s, one of which exploded on a nearby pad during a 2016 ignition test. The Falcon Heavy is a

combination of three Falcon 9s, the rocket that the company uses to ship supplies to the International Space Station and lift satellites.

The Heavy is intended for massive satellites, like those used by the U.S. military and major communication companies. Even before the test flight, customers were signed up.

Given the high stakes and high drama, Tuesday's launch attracted huge crowds not seen since NASA's last space shuttle flight seven years ago. While the shuttles had more liftoff muscle than the Heavy, the all-time leaders in both size and might were NASA's Saturn V rockets, which first flew astronauts to the moon in 1968.

Not counting Apollo moon buggies, the Roadster is the first automobile to speed right off the planet.

At the convertible's wheel is SpaceX's “Starman,” a dummy in a white and black trimmed spacesuit, and on the

soundtrack is another nod to David Bowie: his 1969, pre-Apollo 11 song “Space Oddity,” featuring the memorable line “Ground Control to Major Tom.” SpaceX is hoping for live shots of the car from on-board cameras, once the protective enclosure comes off and the car sails off fully exposed.

The car faces considerable speed bumps before settling into its intended orbit around the sun, an oval circle stretching from the orbit of Earth on one end to the orbit of Mars on the other.

First, the Roadster needed to survive liftoff. Then it has to endure a cosmic bombardment on its several hours of cruising through the highly charged Van Allen radiation belts encircling Earth. Finally, a thruster has to fire to put the car on the right orbital course.

If it weathers all this, the Roadster will reach the vicinity of Mars in six months, Musk said.

U.S. regulators say they lack powers on cryptocurrency

Agencies' officials studying issue, but fear scams, abuse

BY BRIAN FUNG
The Washington Post

Two of the nation's top financial regulators said Tuesday that Congress may need to grant them new powers if they are to protect consumers from fraud on cryptocurrency exchanges — the digital trading platforms where investors swap dollars for bitcoins or other virtual currencies.

Asked by federal lawmakers Tuesday whether they had enough authority to shield cryptocurrency investors from scams, market manipulation and abuse, top officials from the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission said the agencies were still consulting with other U.S. officials but that they may need more legislative authority.

“When you have an unregulated exchange, the ability to manipulate prices goes up significantly,” said SEC Chairman Jay Clayton. “Just a few coordinated sales can change the price.”

The SEC and the CFTC have broad jurisdiction over stock markets and investment products. But that authority does not extend to currency markets, officials said Tuesday, meaning regulators cannot impose the same rules on cryptocurrency exchanges that currently apply to, say, the New York Stock Exchange.

For example, the SEC requires stock exchanges to adhere to cybersecurity regulations. By contrast, said Giancarlo, regulators lack the authority to demand the same of cryptocurrency exchanges, which have fallen victim to multiple devastating hacks and thefts in recent years. Japan said this week that it was launching a probe of all cryptocurrency exchanges after \$530 million worth of virtual currency was recently stolen from a major exchange, Coincheck.

“We may be back with our friends from Treasury and the Fed to ask for additional legislation,” Giancarlo said Tuesday in

testimony before the Senate Banking Committee. He added that the federal government is still studying how cryptocurrencies differ from traditional investments — in some cases appearing to function like a security like stocks; at other times like a commodity like gold; and at still other times, like a conventional currency like the dollar.

Securities regulators say they have witnessed an explosion in scams and solicitations targeting rookie cryptocurrency investors as demand for bitcoin has surged. Other investors have been eager to invest in “initial coin offerings,” or ICOs, which have come under increased scrutiny in recent months as their popularity has skyrocketed.

When done properly, ICOs can give entrepreneurs the funding they need to launch a successful cryptocurrency project. They also give investors the chance to buy a new token or coin at a bargain price before — hopefully — the experiment takes off. But while there may be many examples of legitimate ICOs, said SEC Chairman Jay Clayton, there are also many that seek to skirt regulations by misrepresenting themselves as something other than a security.

“If you're giving people money in exchange for future development of a business in hope of a return,” Clayton told lawmakers, “it's a security.”

In December, the SEC moved to block an ICO that had promised investors profits of more than 1,350 percent in a month. The ICO had allegedly raised more than \$15 million from thousands of people since August.

Clayton said that because it views ICOs as a traditional securities offering, his agency has authority to take action against ICOs that violate securities law. But protecting investors on cryptocurrency exchanges remains a different matter.

“The SEC doesn't have jurisdiction over pure cryptocurrencies — but we have to watch it because they're integrated with the markets we do oversee,” he said.

Lululemon sues alleged web of counterfeiters

BY ROBERT CHANNICK
Chicago Tribune

Lululemon Athletica is suing an unidentified web of counterfeiters for allegedly selling knockoff yoga pants online.

The trademark infringement lawsuit, filed Monday in federal court in Chicago, claims hundreds of websites are diluting Vancouver, British Columbia-based Lululemon's brand and deceiving consumers with fake leggings, sports bras and other apparel offered at steep discounts. The company's lawsuit alleges the counterfeiters are based in China “or other foreign jurisdictions.”

“The success of the Lululemon brand has resulted in its significant counterfeiting,” the lawsuit says. “Despite Lululemon's enforcement efforts, defendants have persisted in creating the...internet stores.”

Beyond aggressively marked-down activewear bearing Lululemon-branded names, the counterfeit websites have “virtually identical layouts” and share similar irregularities, including “the same incorrect grammar and misspellings,” according to the lawsuit. Lululemon and a Chicago attorney representing the company in the lawsuit declined to comment Tuesday.

Founded in 1998, Lululemon

helped create and grow the market for so-called athleisure wear — athletic apparel that is also favored as streetwear. The company reported more than \$300 million in net income on \$2.3 billion in revenue for 2016, according to its most recent annual report.

Lululemon had 388 company-owned retail stores at the end of the third quarter, including about a dozen in the Chicago area. It also sells merchandise through its website, which was the primary driver of a 13 percent increase in direct-to-consumer revenue in 2016, according to the company.

The lawsuit is seeking to shut down the alleged fake

websites and award Lululemon “all profits realized” by the defendants or statutory damages of \$2 million for each alleged misappropriation of Lululemon trademarks.

The company also is seeking an order that the domain names for the counterfeit websites be transferred to its control.

In other news Monday, Lululemon announced that CEO Laurent Potdevin resigned after he “fell short” of standards of conduct, with three senior executives elevated to take over his responsibilities, according to a news release.

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Pros advise investors to relax

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“If we rewind back to 2008, credit conditions had started deteriorating,” Ablin said.

Unemployment is also low, and employers are looking for workers, which could send wages higher. That means consumers will keep spending, driving up the cost of goods and services. Still, he said, it's tough to predict the course ahead.

Experts are split on whether a market “correction” — meaning a decline of between 10 and 20 percent — is on the horizon.

Corrections are seen as entirely normal during bull markets, and even helpful in curbing excessive gains and allowing new investors to buy into the market at lower prices. It has been an uncommonly long stretch since the last market correction, which ended almost

two years ago.

Even if a correction happens, it won't automatically morph into a recession, according to experts.

The market will eventually bounce back. “It tends to get back to break-even incredibly quickly,” said Sam Stovall, chief investment strategist of U.S. equity strategy at CFRA, an investment research firm based in New York City.

That's why it's unwise for investors to begin selling off their portfolio, Stovall and others said.

Those who decide to sell because of recent market volatility eventually will face an equally emotional decision about buying back into the market, Stovall said. And investors will likely buy back into the market at higher prices than when they got out.

“People should hang on,” Ablin said.

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O'Hare to offer its first direct flights to Africa

O'Hare International Airport will soon offer its first direct flights to Africa.

The Chicago Department of Aviation and Ethiopian Airlines on Monday announced new nonstop service between O'Hare and Ethiopia's Addis Ababa Bole International Airport. Flights will begin June 2 and be offered three times per week, departing Chicago on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday and arriving on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Ethiopian Airlines is O'Hare's newest air

carrier partner.

Aviation Commissioner Ginger Evans says the new route will expand O'Hare's connectivity to the world and “unlock new opportunities for the city of Chicago and travelers across the globe.”

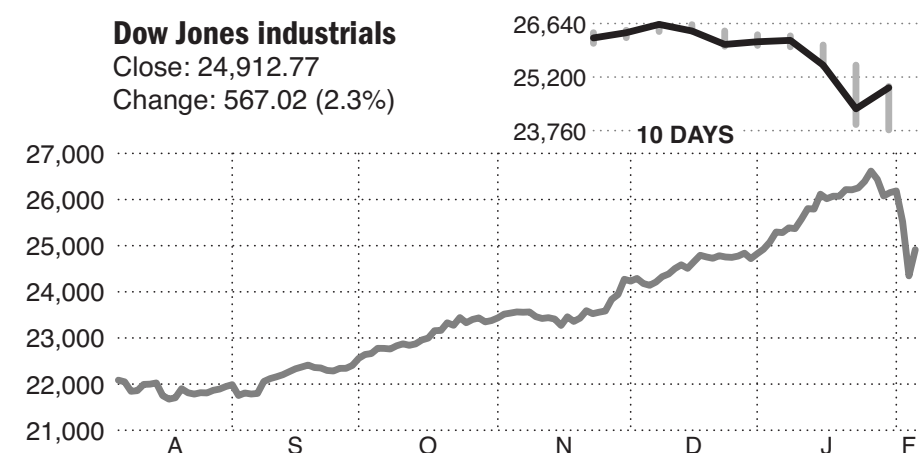
City officials say approximately 50 Chicago-area companies have operations in over 100 locations across 10 African countries.

Ethiopian Airlines serves 55 destinations across Africa from its hub in the country's capital.

—Associated Press

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 24,946.23 Low: 23,778.74 Previous: 24,345.75



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
+148.36 (+2.13%)	+46.20 (+1.74%)	+16.08 (+1.08%)
Close: 7,115.88	Close: 2,695.14	Close: 1,507.17
High: 7,126.55	High: 2,701.04	High: 1,512.97
Low: 6,824.82	Low: 2,593.07	Low: 1,461.45
Previous: 6,967.52	Previous: 2,648.94	Previous: 1,491.09

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
+10 to 2.81%	-7.60 to \$1,326.10	-37 to 109.33/\$1	+0.0005 to .8070/\$1	-2.06 to \$63.39

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
-4.46	-3.87	-4.51	-1.86	-67	-2.04	+24.00	+25.41	+17.53

FUTURES							
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	442	447.75	438.75	446.25	+6
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	358.75	364	356.25	363.50	+4.75
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	969.75	987.50	967.75	986.25	+16.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 18	32.53	33.31	32.36	33.16	+66
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 18	326.80	333.80	326.50	331.70	+4.70
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Mar 18	63.43	64.29	63.12	63.39	-76
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Mar 18	2.767	2.785	2.695	2.759	+0.12
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Mar 18	1.8344	1.8377	1.8003	1.8052	-0.414

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	58.86	+1.3	Equity Commonwith	N	28.75	-0.6	McDonalds Corp	N	165.18	+1.33
AbbVie Inc	N	111.20	+1.69	Equity Lifestry Prop	N	82.43	-3.3	Middleby Corp	O	128.37	+1.0
Alkerm Inc	O	31.98	-0.2	Equity Residential	N	57.71	-3.4	Mondelēz Intl	O	44.55	+6.1
Allstate Corp	N	96.60	+1.58	Exelon Corp	N	35.47	-4.5	Morningstar Inc	O	94.05	+1.45
Aptargroup Inc	N	83.79	+4.1	First Indl RT	N	26.68	-4.2	Motorola Solutions	N	102.76	+1.70
Arch Dan Mid	N	42.00	+1.40	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	64.16	+1.18	Navistar Intl	N	44.37	+1.08
Baxter Intl	N	66.67	+1.15	Gallagher AJ	N	65.40	-8.7	NISource Inc	N	23.28	-2.4
Boeing Co	N	340.91	+12.03	Grainger WW	N	259.01	+4.90	Nthn Trust Cp	O	101.36	+1.62
Brunswick Corp	N	58.93	+7.6	GrubHub Inc	N	68.90	+7.4	Old Republic	N	20.70	-1.7
CBIO Global Markets	O	116.94	-13.59	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	82.44	-9.6	Packaging Corp Am	N	118.96	+1.83
CDW Corp	O	73.25	-5.6	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	78.24	+1.48	Stericycle Inc	O	71.31	+5.9
CF Industries	N	39.04	+8.4	IDEX Corp	N	135.52	+1.5	TransUnion	N	57.48	+1.68
CME Group	O	157.65	+3.69	Ingredion Inc	N	130.30	+2.0	USG Corp	N	35.04	+8.9
CNA Financial	N	50.06	-1.9	John Bean Technol	N	109.10	+1.0	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	218.59	+5.60
Caterpillar Inc	N	156.41	+5.33	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	146.54	+4.8	United Contl Hldgs	N	63.95	+5.5
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	35.71	+0.6	Kraft Heinz Co	O	74.31	+0.5	Ventas Inc	N	53.19	+3.1
Deere Co	N	161.88	+4.86	LKQ Corporation	O	40.53	+1.07	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	71.79	+1.36
Discover Fin Svcs	N	76.14	+1.26	Littelfuse Inc	O	209.50	+1.31	Wintrust Financial	O	82.68	+6.5
Dover Corp	N	99.83	+1.26	MB Financial	O	40.76	+1.4	Zebra Tech	O	116.51	-5.1

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Bank of America	31.20	+9.4
Ford Motor	10.76	+5.2
Gen Electric	15.27	+3.5
Wells Fargo & Co	57.28	+8.8
AT&T Inc	36.83	+2.0
Nokia Corp	5.51	+1.9
Pfizer Inc	35.28	+6.1
Chesapeake Engy	3.13	+0.4
Snap Inc A	14.06	+2.1
Freepoint McMoran	18.74	+1.09
Vale SA	13.06	+7.6
Weatherford Intl Ltd	3.12	+0.3
Alibaba Group Hldg	185.17	+4.64
Verizon Comm	50.83	+3.3
JPMorgan Chase & Co	112.11	+3.31
Citigroup	74.82	+1.55
Merck & Co	55.46	-9.4
Sthwstn Energy	3.94	+0.9
Petrobras	13.33	+6.3
Ambev S.A.	6.66	+0.8
Kinder Morgan Inc	17.33	+5.2
Twitter Inc	25.24	+1.1
General Motors Co	41.86	+2.28

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	36.83	+2.0
Alphabet Inc C	1080.60	+24.80
Alphabet Inc A	1084.43	+22.04
Amazon.com Inc	1442.84	+52.84
Apple Inc	163.03	+6.54
Bank of America	31.20	+9.4
Berkshire Hath A	303000	+7400
Berkshire Hath B	201.24	+4.44
Chevron Corp	117.18	+4.56
Exxon Mobil Corp	78.35	-1.37
Facebook Inc	185.31	+4.05
Home Depot	191.04	+7.93
JPMorgan Chase	112.11	+3.31
Johnson & Johnson	131.83	+1.44
Microsoft Corp	91.33	+3.33
Source Cap	41.04	+5.6
Unitedhealth Group	225.18	+5.16
WalMart Strs	100.90	+8.1
Wells Fargo & Co	57.28	-8.8

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	32.63	+5.0	+21.9
American Funds AMRNBALA m	27.17	+2.4	+13.2
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	51.85	+5.2	+22.2
American Funds CptInclBldrA m	62.03	+1.4	+11.3
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	59.93	+5.8	+26.3
American Funds FdmTInvSA m	63.11	+1.11	+21.1
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	51.56	+9.5	+25.0
American Funds IncAmrCA m	23.21	+1.4	+10.7
American Funds InvAmrCA m	41.01	+5.8	+17.9
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	44.40	+7.0	+26.6
American Funds WAMTInvSA m	45.96	+7.7	+19.2
DFA EMktCorEq	23.73	+0.5	+29.0
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.66	-0.4	+3.1
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	47.04	+6.9	+19.6
Dodge & Cox Stk	206.19	+2.94	+16.9
DoubleLine TtRetBdl	10.49	-0.3	+2.2
Fidelity 500DxIns	94.33	+1.63	+19.9
Fidelity 500DxInsPrrm	94.33	+1.63	+19.9
Fidelity 500IndexPrrm	94.33	+1.63	+19.9
Fidelity Contrafund	128.19	+2.63	+31.5
Fidelity ContrafundK	128.13	+2.64	+31.7
Fidelity LowPrStk	54.35	+4.1	+18.3
Franklin Templeton InCA m	2.33	+0.1	+5.2
Metropolitan TtRetBdl	10.49	...	+1.9
Oakmark IntlInv	29.33	+4.4	+27.8
PIMCO Inclnstl	12.31	...	+7.2
PIMCO TtRetIns	10.16	...	+3.6
Schwab SP500Idx	41.58	+7.2	+19.9
T. Rowe Price BCGR	102.42	+2.38	+37.9
T. Rowe Price GrStk	65.63	+1.30	+32.5
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	249.14	+4.31	+19.8
Vanguard 500IdxInv	249.12	+4.32	+19.8
Vanguard DivGrInv	26.49	+2.5	+17.4
Vanguard HCAmrl	86.78	+6.4	+14.0
Vanguard IntTTEAdmrl	13.95	+0.5	+2.9
Vanguard InslIdxIns	245.75	+4.26	+19.9
Vanguard InslIdxInsPlus	245.77	+4.26	+19.9
Vanguard InslTSMInPls	59.94	+9.5	+18.9
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	99.16	+1.67	+38.1
Vanguard MDCpdxAdmrl	190.94	+2.23	+14.8
Vanguard PrrmCpAdmrl	136.67	+2.75	+27.3
Vanguard STInvGrdAdmrl	10.57	-0.1	+1.2
Vanguard SmCpdxAdmrl	69.65	+6.5	+12.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	31.35	+2.0	+11.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.50	+1.4	+15.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	30.70	+3.0	+15.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	23.76	+2.1	+16.5
Vanguard TtBIdxAdmrl	10.56	-0.3	+1.5
Vanguard TtBIdxIns	10.56	-0.3	+1.5
Vanguard TtInIdxAdmrl	21.58	+0.1	+2.9
Vanguard TtInIdxIns	30.81	+3.1	+23.4
Vanguard TtInSdxIns	123.21	+1.23	+23.4
Vanguard TtInSdxInsPlus	123.24	+1.24	+23.4
Vanguard TtInSdxInv	18.42	+1.9	+23.3
Vanguard TtInSdxAdmrl	67.13	+1.07	+18.9
Vanguard TtInSdxIns	67.14	+1.07	+18.9
Vanguard TtInSdxInv	67.10	+1.06	+18.7
Vanguard WngtInvAdmrl	72.12	+5.3	+12.7
Vanguard WlsyInvAdmrl	64.16	+1.2	+12.8
Vanguard WndsrInAdmrl	67.37	+1.11	+15.4

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Adv Micro Dev	11.64	+0.7
Apple Inc	163.03	+6.54
Microsoft Corp	91.33	+3.33
Micron Tech	43.88	+4.48
Intel Corp	44.91	+6.9
Cisco Syst	40.17	+1.39
Comcast Corp A	39.67	+4.7
Facebook Inc	185.31	+4.05
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.04	+0.1
Nvidia Corporation	15.53	+1.0
Qualcomm Inc	64.40	+2.67
Applied Matls	50.25	+1.94
JD.com Inc	45.05	+4.5
Akers Biosciences	3.7	-0.6
TOP Ships Inc	2.3	-0.2
Oclaro Inc	6.83	+1.18
PayPal Holdings	75.68	+9.8
eBay Inc	42.79	+4.2
Starbucks Cp	55.60	+9.1
On Semiconductor	22.68	+0.4
Novavax Inc	2.08	+2.0
Gilead Sciences	80.38	+2.01
Marvell Tech Grp	21.70	+3.5

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.49	1.50
6-month disc	1.64	1.65
2-year	2.11	2.03
10-year	2.81	2.71
30-year	3.07	3.01

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1326.10	\$1333.00
Silver	\$16.548	\$16.639
Platinum	\$994.30	\$995.50

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	4.50
Discount Rate Primary	2.00
Fed Funds Target	1.25-1.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.32

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys ...

Argentina (Peso)	19.5771
Australia (Dollar)	1.2683
Brazil (Real)	3.2341
Britain (Pound)	0.7164
Canada (Dollar)	1.2522
China (Yuan)	6.2891
Euro	0.8070
India (Rupee)	64.123
Israel (Shekel)	3.4827
Japan (Yen)	109.33
Mexico (Peso)	18.6237
Poland (Zloty)	3.36
So. Korea (Won)	1080.67
Taiwan (Dollar)	29.22
Thailand (Baht)	31.52

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3370.65	-116.9/-3.4
Stoxx600	372.79	-9.2/-2.4
Nikkei	21610.24	-1071.8/-4.7
MSCI-EAFE	2027.72	-64.0/-3.1
Bovespa	83399.82	+1538.7/+1.9
FTSE 100	7141.40	-193.6/-2.6
CAC-40	5161.81	-124.0/-2.4

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OBITUARIES

RICHARD LESLIE HOWARD 1929-2018

West Chicago principal was 'there to help you'

By **BOB GOLDSBOROUGH**
Chicago Tribune

Richard Leslie Howard was a math and science teacher and later the principal at West Chicago Community High School, where he also coached golf and advised seniors.

"He was a principal that you could talk to, and that you could trust with information. And if you went in to talk to him about something, he was there to help you and not tear you apart," said retired West Chicago High School home economics teacher Patti Kozlowski, who was hired at the school by Howard in 1973.

Howard, 88, died of heart failure on Jan. 2 at his West Chicago home, said his wife of 55 years, Fredericka.

Born in Moline, Ill., Howard moved as a child to Oak Park, where he graduated from Oak Park and River Forest High School in 1947. He worked as a tree surgeon and then served three years in the Army, stationed in Germany, his wife said.

After the Army, Howard worked for a time selling office equipment for a cousin in Nebraska before returning to Illinois and earning a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He student-taught at Oak Park and River Forest High



FAMILY PHOTO

Richard Leslie Howard was West Chicago Community High School's principal.

School in 1960 and earned a master's degree in mathematics education from the U. of I. later in the 1960s, his wife said.

In 1960, Howard began teaching math and physics at West Chicago Community High School. While teaching at the high school, Howard met his future wife, who was an art teacher at the school.

Howard also served as a golf coach at West Chicago Community High and as the senior class adviser, his wife said.

Howard was named assistant principal in 1968, and then became the school's principal in 1969. He became the business manager for the school district, and in 1976 added

business manager duties for West Chicago Elementary School District 33 as well. He was both districts' business manager from 1976 until 1978.

Howard left the West Chicago school districts in 1978 but remained in educational administration. He served as the business manager for the School Association for Special Education in DuPage County from 1978 until 1987, and then was the finance manager for the DuPage-Kane Educational Service Center from 1987 until retiring in 1995. After retiring, Howard worked as an educational administration consultant.

Howard was on the board of the West Chicago Park District from 1979 until 1985 and on the West Chicago Fire Protection District Board from 1989 until 2000. He also supported his local American Legion Post.

In addition to his wife, Howard is survived by two daughters, Tina Gsedl and Frieda McArdell; a brother, Robert; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service will take place from noon to 3 p.m. March 17 at American Legion Post 300, 123 Main St., West Chicago.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON FEBRUARY 7 ...

In 1795 the 11th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, dealing with states' sovereign immunity, was ratified.

In 1817 America's first public gas street lamp was lighted in Baltimore at the corner of Market and Lemon streets (now East Baltimore and Holliday streets).

In 1827 the first ballet performed in the United States, "The Deserter," was presented at the Bowery Theater in New York.

In 1861 the general council of the Choctaw Indian nation adopted a resolution declaring allegiance with the South "in the event a permanent dissolution of the American Union takes place."

In 1904 a fire began in Baltimore that raged for about 30 hours and destroyed more than 1,500 buildings.

In 1936 President Franklin D. Roosevelt authorized a flag for the office of the vice president.

In 1943 the government announced the start of shoe rationing, limiting consumers to buying three pairs per person for the remainder of the year.

In 1948 Gen. Dwight Eisenhower resigned as Army chief of staff and was succeeded by Gen. Omar Bradley.

In 1962 President John F. Kennedy imposed a full trade embargo on Cuba.

In 1964 the Beatles began their first American tour as they arrived at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport.



NASA

In 1984 space shuttle astronauts Bruce McCandless II, above, and Robert Stewart went on the first untethered space walk.

In 1971 women in Switzerland won the right to vote.

In 1983 Elizabeth Dole was sworn in as the first female secretary of transportation by the first woman to sit on the U.S. Supreme Court, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

In 1987 the crew of the Stars and Stripes, skippered by Dennis Conner, brought the America's Cup back to the United States to the cheers of about 60,000 people in San Diego. (Stars and Stripes had defeated Australian defender Kookaburra Three.)

In 1990 the Soviet Union's Communist Party agreed to let other political parties compete for control of the country, giving up its monopoly on power.

In 1995 Ramzi Yousef, later convicted of masterminding the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, was arrested in Islamabad, Pakistan, after two years as a fugitive.

In 1999 Jordan's King Hussein died of cancer at age 63; he was succeeded by his eldest son, Abdullah.

In 2005 Ellen MacArthur, a 28-year-old Englishwoman, broke the solo around-the-world sailing record, completing the 26,000-mile circumnavigation after 71 days, 14 hours, 18 minutes and 33 seconds at sea.

In 2014 a Cook County jury convicted three Florida men of mob action and explosives counts, but not terrorism charges, for their actions before the 2012 NATO summit in Chicago. (The so-called NATO 3 — Brent Betterly, Jared Chase and Brian Church — were later sentenced to 5 to 8 years in prison.)

In 2017 three tornadoes struck southeastern Louisiana, injuring at least 20 people, destroying homes and businesses and leaving about 10,000 residents without power.

Chicago Tribune Death Notices
Chicago Tribune extends our condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have passed.
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Death Notices

Abrahamson, Inez

Inez Abrahamson (nee Levin) 89, passed away on Friday, January 26th in Oak Park, Illinois. She was born May 9, 1928 in Gary, Indiana. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. An accomplished artist, Inez earned a BFA degree from the Art Institute of Chicago in 1950. She participated in numerous art shows, exhibited her work in several galleries and had corporate as well as private clients. She co-owned a Brazilian import shop in Chicago's Old Town in the 1960's with her partner, Valucha. While raising her family in Highland Park, Inez taught painting at the Suburban Fine Arts Center and the Highland Park Senior Center. She was a gourmet cook who loved to entertain and tend her garden. She enjoyed camping with her family and enjoyed fishing, particularly while living in Florida. Inez loved to travel and paint wherever she went. She was an avid league golfer, enthusiast of theater, jazz and classical concerts, museums and poetry readings. Active in the Democratic Party, she worked on numerous federal, state and local campaigns, standing up, speaking out and acting on issues she cared about. Inez was free-spirited and a role model for her family members and many friends. She lived a full and exciting life on her own terms. She persisted.

Surviving are two children: Ellen (Larry) Plotkin and Tom (Debbie) Abrahamson, two grandchildren: Lauren and Michael Abrahamson, her brother Lloyd Levin, and many nieces, nephews, and other family. She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Jeanette Levin, her loving husband of 48 years, Len, who passed away in 1996, and brother, Jay Levan. Memorial celebration will be private. Donations in her memory may be directed to Doctors without Borders, The Southern Poverty Law Center, The Suburban Fine Arts Center in Highland Park or to a charity of your choice.

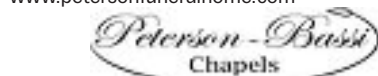
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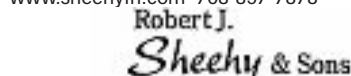
Nancy Ann Allen, age 78 of Oak Park. Proud teacher for over 25 years. Beloved mother of Bernard Gerald Allen III (Angela) and Laura Rose Allen (Bert Aldridge); Cherished grandmother of Madeleine, Bradley, Joseph and Audrey; Loving sister of Patricia "Adagio" Micaletti, Carmen (Ray) Borough and the late Richard Micaletti. Dear aunt of many. In lieu of flowers donations appreciated to American Heart Association or American Cancer Society. Visitation Thursday 3:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. at **Peterson-Bassi Chapels** 6938 W. North Ave., with a prayer service starting at 7:30 p.m. Interment Friday Queen of Heaven Cemetery private. Info 773.637.4441 or www.petersonfuneralhome.com



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Balsamello, Lorraine

(nee George). Beloved wife of the late Charles F. Hughes, late Francis J. Kirby Sr., and the late Frank Balsamello. Loving mother of Valerie (Martin) Mella, Duane C. (Diane) Hughes, late Randall L. Hughes, late Michael P. Balsamello and stepmother of 4. Cherished grandmother of Jennifer Kirby, Kate Kirby, Rebecca (Mark) Buckle, Heather (Chris) Connors, Jason (Blake) Hughes, Anthony Michelin, and step-grandmother of 3. Proud great-grandmother of 15. Visitation Saturday 9:00 a.m. until time of Service 12:00 p.m. at the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society-Illinois Chapter, 954 W. Washington Blvd., Suite 305, Chicago, IL 60607 would be appreciated. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878



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Bear, Hy

Hy Bear, 88, beloved husband of Eadie nee Kenigsberg for 58 years, loving father of Craig (Yelena) Bear, Shana (David) Guthman, Marc (Sharon) Bear and Beth (Jon) Shields; cherished Pops of Ethan, Aidan, Noah, Tyler, Evan, Asher, Cooper, Megan and Nicole; dear brother of Peryl Krawetz and the late Abe, Rose, Sheila and Harry; many loving nieces and nephews. Service, Thursday 10 AM at North Shore Congregation Israel, 1185 Sheridan Road, Glencoe. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of your choice. For information or condolences, **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.



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Benedict, Donald W.

Donald W. Benedict, February 3rd, 2018, Age 86. Late of Homewood. Beloved husband of Janis L. Benedict nee Adams. Dear father of Thomas (Lee Ann) Benedict, Faith (Jeremy) Buisas, Daniel (Mary) Benedict and Hope (Jerome) Nantz. Cherished grandfather of 10. Loving brother of Eileen (the late Arthur Jr.) Gough. Korean War U.S. Army Veteran. Visitation will be at Living Springs Community Church, 19051 S. Halsted St., Glenwood, Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018, from 1:00 p.m. until the time of services at 2:00 p.m. Interment Monday, February 12th at 10:30 a.m. at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Memorials to Alzheimer's Association would be appreciated. www.tews-ryanfh.com or 708-798-5300.



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Berbeka, Mark

Mark Berbeka-suddenly, dear son of James and the late Cecile (nee Fulmer); dear brother of Leslie (Randy) Jones, Camille Berbeka and Sharon Flowers; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation at **Cooney Funeral Home** 3918 W Irving Park Rd. Thursday 3-8 pm Funeral service at 8 Pm. Interment private. For more information contact **Cooney Funeral Home** 1-773-588-5850. www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Berlin, Barbara

Barbara Cunix Berlin, 63, beloved wife of Larry Wray, second mom to Christina (Barret) Bottomley and Katherine (Chase) Wonnell, cherished grandmother of Kennedy and Wyatt; dearest sister of Anne (Larry) Skal, the late Leonard (Janine) Cunix, Betsy (the late Martinus) Tels, and the late Lenore (Larry) Levy. Barbara was a wonderful person beloved by her friends and family. She was an intelligent and accomplished professional, decent, honest and warm. She leaves a void for all who were fortunate enough to have known her. She will be missed very much. She had a Bachelors in American Studies from Northwestern University and a Masters in Urban Planning from the University of Michigan. At the time of her death, she served as the Director for Comprehensive Planning for Health and Human Services with the Fairfax County (Virginia) County Government. Chapel services Thursday 10:00 am at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment will follow at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice. For information: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Carlson, Joseph E.

Joseph E. Carlson, of Westchester, beloved husband of the late Kay, nee Yankovich; loving father of Thomas, Mary Jo (James) Gearhart, Kathleen (Joseph) Gearhart), Joseph G. Carlson and Patricia (Kevin) Hicks; dear grandfather of Jessica (Ethan) Teas, Michelle, Sarah and Kristin Gearhart, Colleen (Thomas) Fallon and Jacklyn Gearhart and Andrew and Amanda Mohr; great-grandfather of Amelia, Zachary, Gabrielle and Atticus; fond brother of the late William Carlson. Retired Associate Engineer for Commonwealth Edison. Visitation Thursday 3:00 - 9:00 pm at **HURSEN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY**, SW corner of Mannheim & Roosevelt Rds, Hillside/Westchester. Prayers Friday 9:00 am at funeral home to Divine Infant Church, Westchester. Mass 10:00 am. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Funeral info: 800-562-0082 or www.hursen.com.



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Carrigan, Jr., Philip John

Philip John Carrigan, Jr. unexpectedly passed away on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at the age of 73. His crooked smile, hearty greeting, unusual memory for people, curiosity, uncanny listening ability and quirky humor will be missed by all who knew him. He was born on December 31, 1944 in Malden, Massachusetts to Mary Eloise (Harty) and Philip John Carrigan, Sr. both deceased. He had one sister, Mary Arthur (Allen), who is also deceased. Phil is survived by his wife, Mary Clare Jakes and daughter, Erin Elayne with his first wife, Florence Flynn (d). Erin and her husband, Jeremy Bell, have twin daughters, Audrey and Elizabeth, who in Phil's own words, were a great source of joy. His niece, Laurie Arthur, nephew Paul Arthur (Teresa), numerous cousins, many friends, colleagues, and associates will miss Phil's larger than life presence.

Phil earned an undergraduate pharmacy degree from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, a master's degree from Northeastern University and a Ph.D. in pharmacokinetics from the University of Connecticut. He finished his graduate studies at the University of Buffalo. He began his job at Abbott Laboratories in pharmaceutical research and development in 1974 and retired 30 years later. For his scientific excellence and leadership, Phil was inducted into Abbott's prestigious Volviter Society.

Upon meeting Phil, one immediately learned of his passions: social justice, education, politics, and coin collecting. Having never met a stranger, Phil (Doc to some) reached out and connected with people regardless of social status, ethnicity, or education. He was as comfortable visiting with local, state, and national political figures, as with prisoners in the county jails to maximum-security federal penitentiaries, PAD's clients, CLC students, faculty, and board members. His passion for social justice is evidenced by the long list of organizations he served and financially supported. To name a few: Waukegan Township's Staben House Transitional Housing for Women with Children and Eddie Washington Center Transitional Housing for Men, PADS Lake County, Faith Tabernacle Church of God in Christ Food Pantry in Zion, Lake County Community Action Project, CEASE FIRE, John Howard Association, a prison reform organization, Coalition to Reduce Recidivism, Prisoner Visitation and Support, a national volunteer organization for visiting federal prisoners, Lake County NAACP, Former Inmates Striving Together (F.I.S.T.) and the ACLU.

Phil was an active trustee for the College of Lake County, serving as president and vice-president, attending graduations, special events and student activities. He also served on the CLC Lakeshore Advisory Committee. Never afraid to stand alone, he advocated for the education of minority youth at the Waukegan campus, believing a community college was an excellent path to higher education. He tutored in the Youth Conservation Corps' GED program. His scientific and social justice experience led to membership on the Rosalind Franklin Institutional Review Board and the Lake County Board of Health. Phil's interest in coin collecting spanned his whole life, starting his collection at the age of nine. He could tell you the history of every coin he owned and how it came into his possession. He was a life member of both the Royal Canadian and American Numismatic Associations. He was a charter member and then president of the Barber Coin Collectors' Society from 1994-2015 and a member of the Chicago Coin Club. Phil was a numismatic bibliophile. "Phil was a recognized figure at most major numismatic literature auctions and recognized as an expert in his field," according to Carl Wolf, Chicago Coin Club Secretary.

A testament to Phil's commitment was that he celebrated his 60th birthday at PADs since that was his regular Friday to volunteer as well as New Year's Eve, instead of the large party Mary Clare wanted to have for him. To show how those who knew him loved him, this past year, his family celebrated his 73rd birthday with him at Sunrise Senior Living with more than 60 people attending to wish him well. A wake is scheduled from 4 to 8pm on Friday, February 9 at Peterson and Patch Funeral Home, 408 N Sheridan Road in Waukegan. Visitation will take place at St. Patrick's Church, 15000 W. Wadsworth Road, Wadsworth at 10am, Saturday, February 10, followed by an 11am Funeral Mass.

Pope's Florist in Waukegan is the family's preferred florist. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Eddie Washington Center, 424 South Avenue, Waukegan, IL 60085 or the Prisoner GED Program at the Lake County Jail. Donations should be directed to the Lake County Sheriff, 25 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, IL 60085.

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ILLINOIS	
Feb. 6	
Mega Millions	14 17 25 48 58 / 25
Mega Millions jackpot: \$120M	
Pick 3 midday	736 / 7
Pick 4 midday	9913 / 4
Lucky Day Lotto midday	10 12 26 34 43
Pick 3 evening	508 / 6
Pick 4 evening	1508 / 2
Lucky Day Lotto evening	04 06 11 14 32

Feb. 7 Powerball: \$165M	
Feb. 8 Lotto: \$3.5M	

WISCONSIN	
Feb. 6	
Pick 3	413
Pick 4	3589
Badger 5	14 23 28 29 30
SuperCash	01 03 13 25 31 33

INDIANA	
Feb. 6	
Daily 3 midday	677 / 4
Daily 4 midday	5589 / 4
Daily 3 evening	232 / 3
Daily 4 evening	2827 / 3
Cash 5	13 14 15 20 22

MICHIGAN	
Feb. 6	
Daily 3 midday	901
Daily 4 midday	9104
Daily 3 evening	826
Daily 4 evening	2153
Fantasy 5	03 16 23 28 39
Keno	01 04 09 10 11 15
	16 19 23 33 36 37 42 51
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Conlon, Patricia A.

Patricia A. Conlon, formerly of Crestwood, IL, passed away on Feb. 5, 2018, at Chateau in Willowbrook. Pat is the loving wife of the late John F. Conlon; Mother of John P. Conlon and Sandra (Richard) Classen; proud Grandma of John and Carli Conlon, Jennifer Groszek, and Lisa (Frank) Nowicki; Great-Grandma of Kaylee Ruby, Isabella Canale, and Frankie Nowicki; Great-Great Grandma of Avery Ruby. Visitation Friday, Feb. 9th, 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Chapel prayers Saturday, Feb. 10th, at 9:00 am at the Kerry Funeral Home, 7020 W. 127th, Street Palos Heights, proceeding to Incarnation Church Mass 9:30 am. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. www.kerryfh.com ~ (708) 361.4235 www.facebook.com/kerryfuneral

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Coutre, Jeremy Paul

Jeremy Paul Coutré 37, of Oak Park. Beloved fiancé of Debbie Coligado. Loving son of Diane Clark-Coutré (David Clark) and Randy (Tracy) Coutré. Dear brother of Jacquelyn Coutré; loved nephew of Mike Farrell. Visitation 5-8 pm Friday, February 9, 2018 at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 203 S. Kensington Ave., La Grange, where funeral services will be held at 11 am Saturday, February 10, 2018. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (www.madd.org) or Our Primary Purpose Group, (c/o Westmont Suburban Alano Club, 17 West Quincy, Westmont, IL 60559) would be appreciated. Jeremy was a devoted member and mentor in the recovery community and an expert craftsman. His boundless creativity was expressed through music and woodworking, as well as his enjoyment of cooking (and eating) great food. Jeremy's humor, kindness, and passion for living were an inspiration to all who knew him. Arrangements through **Hallowell & James Funeral Home** at 708-352-6500 or www.hjfunerals.com

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Davis, Jack D

Husband, Father, Grandfather, Warrior and Patriot. Jack D Davis, 82, of Springfield, passed away at his home surrounded by his family on February 4, 2018. To say Jack lived a wonderful life full of purpose and adventure is a vast understatement. It is far more accurate to describe Jack's life as a storybook filled with highs and lows, triumphs and trials, heroics and hallmark moments.

Jack was born September 6, 1935 in Chicago, the son of Edna Hafele Bender and Russell Bender. Russell died when Jack was a child. After the War, the family moved south to a farm in Jefferson County, Illinois where his mother married Jack's adoptive father, Melcher "M.C." Davis. It was in Woodlawn where Jack developed his work ethic and his passion for hunting, fishing and the outdoors. He began college at the age of 15 at Southern Illinois University. He graduated at 19 and shipped off to Naval Officer Candidate School. He went on to serve as Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy during the "Cold War", flying EC-121 "Super Connies" on early warning barrier missions from Midway Island to Alaska, and back again.

After his naval service, Jack worked as a counselor for the disabled. There he met a beautiful young woman from Shelbyville named Virginia (Ginny) Griffin. After a short courtship, they married. Ginny and Jack were married for 58 years. They soon moved to Chicago where Jack began his career in the steel industry. He built a successful steel business, Lexington Steel, which he sold in 1975 in order to focus on a life as a public servant.

Jack served 10 years in the Illinois General Assembly. He rose to the rank of Assistant Minority Leader of the Illinois House of Representatives. He was instrumental in writing scores of key legislation. He left the State House in 1986. He was elected to the United States Congress for the 4th District of Illinois. He proudly served on the House Armed Services Committee (arguably, other than his family, one of his proudest accomplishments). Following his service in Congress, he and Ginny relocated from the suburbs of Chicago to rural Sangamon County. However, it was not long before duty called again. President George H.W. Bush summoned Jack back to Washington where he was appointed to serve in the Pentagon as an Assistant Secretary of the United States Air Force. Like everything he did, Jack excelled at his post. He served during operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm by managing the manpower and readiness functions of the USAF. He kept our aviators on course and with a safe vector back to base by being instrumental in updating the avionics of all aircraft in the inventory. True to form, Jack also flew a combat mission over Iraq during his time in the desert. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his combat role in Iraq. Following his tenure in Washington, Jack returned to Sangamon County. Never losing the gift of gab (until later), Jack had a successful radio program on WMAY for many years.

Jack and Ginny were both bitten by the bug of wanderlust. Whether it was spending summers in their home on the Sea of Cortez in Mexico or circumnavigating the globe on the Canberra, it was tough to keep them from traveling. It's tough to find a spot where they haven't been! Jack had a special affinity for blue water. He was never happier than when he was standing in the stern of a sportfish or even a less than seaworthy panga watching a sailfish, marlin, dorado or tuna rise to strike a bait. Jack's life experience formed the basis for stories...so many stories. Some of which were 100% true; some of which were embellished just a bit.

Jack's qualities have been passed to his children and his children's children. His love of theater and his beautiful voice to one of his daughters. His passion to close the deal and "make things happen" to another. His passion for fishing, hunting and the outdoors to his son.

Over his years, Jack fought and won many battles. But by far, his toughest opponent was dementia. It proved to be a cruel and most worthy adversary that took from Jack what he cherished most: his voice and his mobility. However, like most battles he fought, in the end, he won. He is now free to travel anywhere he wants anytime he wants. So the next time you're having a drink at the Lor-e-Lei at sunset, speeding down a jungle river in central America chasing tarpon, on a tour of the Capitol building or just watching the waves roll in, listen close you may just hear him tell you a story.

Jack is survived by his wife of 58 years, Ginny of Springfield, three children: Jill Davis (Robert) Egizii of Springfield, Heather Davis (Charles IV) Schenck of Flossmoor and Jack D. (Carolyn) Davis II of Springfield and nine grandchildren: Martha Nessler, Jonathon Nessler, Thomas Nessler, Elizabeth Nessler, Emily, Charles V, Jack D. III, Molly and Hank. He was preceded in death by his brother Russell. The family would be remiss without offering their heartfelt thanks to our special caregivers who helped us through Jack's battle with dementia. Your service will not be forgotten.

A funeral service will be held at 12:30pm on Friday February 9, 2018 at **Bisch and Son Funeral Home**, 505 East Allen Street, with burial to follow at Camp Butler National Cemetery. The family will meet friends from 10:30am until the time of service Friday at Bisch and Son. Memorial contributions may be made to Land of Lincoln Honor Flight, 57 Country Place, Springfield, IL. 62703 and please visit the online "Life Remembered Story" at www.bischandsonfuneralhome.com.

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Denihan, Mary Jane

Mary Jane Denihan nee Mulvihill, 87; beloved wife of John "Jack"; loving mother of Patrick, Deirdre and the late Daniel Joseph; dear sister of Donald (Therese) Mulvihill; Longtime member of the Frances O'Neill Club and Friends of Irish Literature. Retired Chicago Public School teacher. Family & friends will meet for Visitation Thursday 10 AM until time of mass 11 AM at St. Mary of the Lake, 4200 N. Sheridan. Interment Private. Arrangements entrusted to **Gibbons Family Funeral Home**. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to SPRED-Chicago. For info 773-777-3944 or www.GFFH.com

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Dietrich, Joseph N.

Joseph N. Dietrich, age 86, of Wilmette, IL. Beloved husband of Carol Dietrich nee Drury. Loving father of Barbara (Brian) Barrett, Eileen (John) Baker, Joseph, Jr. (Martha) Dietrich, Thomas (Teresa) Dietrich, John (Kate) Dietrich, and the late Robert Dietrich. Proud grandfather of 16 and great grandfather of one. Dear brother of Mary (Vivian) Tellis-Nayak. Visitation Sunday, February 11, 2018, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Mass Monday, February 12, 2018, 10:30 a.m. at Saint Joseph Church, 1747 Lake Avenue, at Ridge Road, Wilmette, IL 60091. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Saint Joseph Parish, 1747 Lake Avenue, Wilmette, IL 60091. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.

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Drwila, Nancy M.

Nancy M. Drwila (nee Bilthover) age 87, formerly of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully on February 3, 2018 with her loving family at her side. She was the beloved wife of the late Raymond; devoted mother of Susan (Kevin) Cronin, Theresa Bychowski, Jane (Eric) Darwell, and the late Thomas Drwila; Nancy is also survived by her cherished grandchildren, great-grandchildren, a sister Carol Waitkus, and nieces & nephews. Cremation rites were accorded privately. Family & friends will gather on Saturday, February 10, for a 10am Memorial Mass at St. Francis Xavier Church (corner of Spring & Ogden Aves.) in LaGrange. Inurnment will immediately follow at Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please donate to The National Breast Cancer Foundation or at www.nationalbreastcancer.org. **Hallowell & James Funeral Home** in Countryside is assisting the family with all arrangements. Service Info: (708) 352-6500 or please visit www.hjfunerals.com

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Duebner, Richard A 'Rich'

Richard A. "Rich" Duebner 90, loving husband of Diana nee Giovannetti for 68 years, died peacefully after a brief illness. Devoted Father to Donna Watson, David, Denise Guenther-Rodseth, Danielle (David) Theobald, and Dorothy Coletta. Proud Grandfather to 13 and Great-Grandfather to 5. Loyal Volunteer at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston for 32 years. Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

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Faulstich, Thelma J.

Thelma J. Faulstich, 86 of Lake Zurich, formerly of Chicago, passed away on Saturday, February 3, 2018. Born January 2, 1932 in Chicago, the daughter of Herman and Agnes Faulstich. She made Chicago her home and worked as a secretary for a building association for many years. She was a longtime member of the White Shrine and many other fraternal organizations, a member of St. Peter UCC in Chicago and a life member of O'Hare Suburban Chapter NAWIC. She is survived by sister, Patricia Campbell, nephews, James Campbell and Paul (Patti) Campbell, niece, Patti DeShane, fond aunt of Brian and Raymond Hardy, Christopher and Megan DeShane & Alex and Katie Campbell, sister-in-the-heart, Barbara (Jerome) Campbell and family. Preceded in death by her parents, her nephews, Thomas Campbell and John DeShane and niece, Diane Campbell. Visitation will be from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, February 9th and the Funeral Service will be at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 10th at the DeFiore-Jorgensen Funeral & Cremation Service, 10763 Dundee Road, Huntley. For more information please call 847-515-8772 or online condolences can be directed to www.defiorejorgensen.com

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Gaviria, Moises

Moises Gaviria, 73, died on September 16, 2017 following a brief, but spirited battle with cancer. He died as he lived, at the hospital where he taught residents, and with his family and friends nearby.

Dr. Gaviria started his academic career at the University of Illinois where he taught for 30 years and where he helped establish the first affective disorder clinic in Chicago, and then the Neuropsychiatric Center. A gifted professor and lifelong teacher, he lectured and taught students locally, nationally, and internationally. He retired from the University of Illinois in 2004, and he joined the Department of Psychiatry at Advocate Christ Medical Center outside of Chicago where he continued to see patients and teach. In 2014 he moved to his private practice until shortly before his death. In addition, for the past year he was at the Loyola Medical Center at Maywood, at the Department of Neurology.

Born in 1943, in Chiclayo, Peru, Dr. Gaviria attended medical school at San Marcos University in Lima, Peru, and completed his residency at the University of Connecticut. Dr. Gaviria published over 150 papers, was the coauthor of four textbooks, and worked on numerous international organizations to promote mental health care and education across Latin America, including the Peruvian American Medical Society. He was one of the founders of the International Neuropsychiatric Association (INA). Dr. Gaviria was never afraid of life, or laughter, and he traveled extensively internationally with his family throughout his life. He would leave no stone unturned in search of spicy ethnic food, the latest symphony concert, or the New York Times. Dr. Gaviria will be dearly missed by his wife, Nancy, and his sons, Boris, Ivan, and Alex; his daughters-in-law, Heidi and Terra and his four grandchildren. He is also remembered with much love by his many residents, students, and faculty members, and by many other friends and colleagues.

A celebration of his life was held on October 21, 2017. Those who wish to honor Dr. Gaviria may make donations to Paralyzed Veterans of America.

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Goldman, Jean A.

Jean A. Goldman, 84, died peacefully on February 6, 2018 in the presence of her family. She lived her life as a beautiful example of an eshet chayil- a woman of valor. Jean was born to Louis Cohen and Deena Zussman in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin on September 20, 1933. She was full of life from her earliest years and brought thoughtful attention and kindness to every person and situation she encountered. Jean was involved in many outdoor and athletic activities and loved being a counselor at Camp Agawak in Minocqua, Wisconsin. She attended the University of Wisconsin in Madison and received a degree in social work in 1955. She was a social worker in Chicago where she met and married Theodore Goldman in 1962. They lived in Hyde Park and moved to Skokie in 1966. Jean is survived by her husband Ted; children Irwin (Leora Saposnik), Izzy (Ron) Diamond, and David (Amy) Sabini; grandchildren Eliav, Aviv, Zoe, Bella, Maya, Eva, and Rikki; brothers Harold (Joyce) Cohen and the late Buz (Karen) Cohen; sister Susan (the late Robert) Serota; sister-in-law Phyllis (the late Mel) Adelman. She was a treasured aunt and friend to many. Service Thursday, 12 pm at The Chapel, 8851 Skokie Blvd., Skokie (at Niles Center Rd). Interment Westlawn Cemetery, 7801 W. Montrose in Norridge. Enter gate west of Canfield and east of Cumberland. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice, or the Jean Goldman scholarship at the University of Wisconsin Foundation, 1848 University Avenue, Madison, WI, 53706. The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.

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Harsh, Lawrence E.

Lawrence E. Harsh age 82, Beloved husband of the late Patricia, nee Hogan. Loving father of Daniel (Diane), Valerie (Tim) Lock, and the late Renee O'Bryan and the late Lawrence Harsh; Loving grandfather of Charlie and Molly Lock and Danny Harsh; Caring brother of MaryLou Wolff, and Sharon (Rich) Incandela; Interment to be scheduled for a later date. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Gamboney & Sons Funeral Directors/Peterson-Bassi Chapels. Info. www.petersonfuneralhome.com or 773-637-4441

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Hurley, Ursula

Ursula M. Hurley, age 78, longtime resident of Deerfield, IL, passed away on Friday, February 2, 2018. Loving wife of James; dear mom of Cristin Hurley and Colleen Lambrecht; adoring grandmother to Lindsey and Leighton Lambrecht; a great friend to many. Visitation Thursday February 8th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home, 1787 Deerfield Road, Highland Park, IL. Mass on Friday February 9th at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 724 Elder Lane, Deerfield, IL. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in Ursula's honor to the Orphans of the Storm Animal Shelter, 2200 Riverwoods Road, Riverwoods, IL 60015. For info or directions please contact Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home at 847-831-4260 or www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com

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Izzi, Alfonso

Alfonso Izzi, age 73. Devoted husband of Flora nee Mele; beloved father of Emma Weichbrodt, Anthony (Amanda) and the late Joseph Izzi; loving grandfather of Jessica (Fiance Robert Fischer), James, Annabelle and Abigail; dear brother of Silvana Izzi; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday February 8, 2018 3:00 until 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Funeral services begin Friday 9:00 a.m. at the funeral home and will proceed to St. Maria Goretti Church, Schiller Park, IL for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Entombment All Saints Mausoleum. Member of Operating Engineer Local 150. In lieu of flowers donations to the American Heart Assn, www.heart.org or the American Lung Assn, www.lung.org would be appreciated. Info 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com.

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Kaludis, Olga

Olga Kaludis, nee Rakintzis, age 81, of Barrington Hills. Devoted mother of Michael Kaludis and Alexander (Michele Daniels) Kaludis. Beloved grandmother of Chloe. Caring sister of the late Nicholas Rakintzis. Dear aunt of Marilu. Olga was born April 3, 1936 in Greece to the late Panagiotis Nikolaos and Maria Rakintzis. Olga cared about others and contributed significantly as a member of the Daughters of Penelope for many years. She was also president and member of the Holy Trinity Philoptochos Society for many years, as well as, a member of the Metropolitan Philoptochos Society. Olga also enjoyed playing tennis, bowling and playing cards with her friends. Visitation Friday from 4 to 8 PM at Ahlgrim & Sons Funeral and Cremation Services, 330 W. Golf Road, Schaumburg. Funeral Service at 11:30 AM on Saturday at Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church, 6041 W Diversey Ave, Chicago, IL 60639. Interment will be in Elmwood Cemetery, River Grove. In lieu of flowers, memorials will be appreciated to Holy Trinity Hellenic Orthodox Church, 6041 W Diversey Ave, Chicago, IL 60639 or St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church, 133 S Roselle Rd, Palatine, IL 60067. Funeral information or online condolences, www.ahlgrimfuneral.com or 847-882-5580.

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Kaluga, John

John Kulaga, 98, retired Western Electric employee, February 4, 2018. Please visit www.fredcdames.com for his complete obituary and arrangements, or call (815) 741-5500.

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Koseor, Michael Roman

Michael Roman Koseor, age 76, beloved brother of Robert (Sally) Koseor, and Thomas (Maria) Jankowski; loving uncle of Robert Jr., Ryan, Ricky, Tommy, and Jean; cherished son of the late Bruno Koseor and Jean (John) Jankowski; dear cousin of many. He worked as a truck driver for Jewel Foods for over 50 years. Visitation at the **Skaja Terrace Funeral Home** 7812 N. Milwaukee Avenue Niles on Friday from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Funeral Saturday 9:15 am to St. John Brebeuf Church Mass 10:00 am. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. Funeral info: 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com

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Kotsonis, Spyros P.

Spyros P. Kotsonis, a native of Kalesmeno Evrytanias, Greece, passed away on Sunday, February 4, 2018. Beloved husband of Nicoletta "Niki" nee Balassi; Loving father of Efrosine "Lori" (George) Chiampas; proud grandfather of Katia and Athan Chiampas; devoted son of the late Panagiotis and Efrosine Kotsonis; dear brother of Katerina (the late Stathis) Pallas, Maroula (the late Demetri) Koutsabas, the late John (Koula) Kotsonis, the late Athanasios (Dina) Kotsonis; dear brother-in-law, uncle and Godfather to many. Spyros was a well known and respected dental technician and an avid Olympiakos fan. Visitation 4:30-9:00 pm on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 6150 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago. Family and Friends will meet for funeral service at 10:30 am on Friday at St. Demetrius Greek Orthodox Church, 2727 Winona St. Interment in Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to St. Demetrius Greek Orthodox Church. Arrangements by **John G. Adinamis Funeral Director, Ltd.** For information 773-736-3833



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Lindhorn, Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Lindhorn (nee Keister), beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, of Villa Park, IL and formerly Warrensburg, IL, passed away on February 1, 2018.

She is survived by her two sons: Clifford (Deb) and Phillip (Carol) Lindhorn; six grandchildren: Lara (Dennis) Ward, Laura (Dan) Vitkavage, Sara (Chris) Booker, Brenden (Heather) Kurtz, Kenneth (Brittney) Lindhorn, and Justin (Jerri-Leigh) Lindhorn; and seventeen great-grandchildren. She is recently preceded in death by her husband Robert Lindhorn and daughter-in-law Marylou Lindhorn.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2018 from 9am - 11am at Community Congregational Church, 410 S. Cornell, Villa Park, Illinois. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 11am, immediately following the visitation, also at the church. Interment will be held at a later date at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery 20953 W. Hoff Road, Elwood, Illinois.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in her honor to the "Shoe Fund" at Community Congregational Church of Villa park. Arrangements by Steuerele Funeral Home 630-832-4161 or www.steuerele.com

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Mroz, Genevieve

Genevieve Mroz, Loving mother of Richard Mroz and Christine (Daniel) Pratscher, Beloved grandmother of Genevieve Pratscher, Rev. Matthew Pratscher, Joshua (Kristen) Pratscher and Jacob (fiancé Jazmin Belcher), Cherished great grandmother of Daniel Pratscher. Preceded in death by her husband Fred Mroz, Son Terrence Mroz, Grandson Benjamin Pratscher, and siblings Stephanie Grzela, Rose Anderson and Lilian Reindeau. Funeral 10:15 a.m. Friday from **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Ave., Darien to Our Lady of Peace Church. Mass 11:00 a.m. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 3-9 p.m. For funeral info: (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Murphy, Michael J.

Age 86, U.S. Army Veteran. Beloved husband of 61 years to Joan (nee Murray). Dear father of Colleen (Wayne) Schnell, late Ellen Murphy, Erin Murphy, and Liam (Martha) Murphy. Proud grandfather of Ellyn, Brian, Sean, Kayla, and Quincy. Loving brother of the late Rev. William Murphy, and the late Mary Ellen (late William) Dalton. Adored brother-in-law of Virginia (late William) Dillon, Eileen (late Edward) Oumet, and late Patricia (William) Lichtenstein. Family and friends to gather Thursday for Mass of the Resurrection 10:00 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 9300 W. 167th Street, Orland Hills, IL. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Arrangements handled by **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Homes**. www.sheehyfn.com 708-857-7878

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Myerson, Herbert T.

Herbert T. Myerson, age 89, beloved husband of Renee (nee Zagon), happily married for 57 years; loving father of Andrea (Richard) Berman, Cara (Brian) Ripes, and Denise (Marc) Kazen; cherished grandpa of Brandon, Eric, Lexi and Haylee. Herbert was a proud veteran of the Korean War and a well loved pharmacist in Chicago. Chapel services Thursday 2:30 pm at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment will follow at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Travense Living at Grayslake or Alzheimer Association. For information: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

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Parker, Merle

Merle Parker nee Slotky, age 90. Beloved wife of the late Jerry Brody and the late Theodore Parker. Loving mother of Steven (Carolyn) Brody, Barry Brody, Rick (Amy) Brody and Howard (Kathy) Brody. Proud grandmother of Jonathan (Emily) Brody, Amanda Brody, Thomas (Jill) Berta, Daniel Berta, Stephanie (Jeremy) Rouse, Jessica Brody (Jordan Sanders) and Scott Brody. Cherished great grandmother of 5. Devoted sister of Bonnie (Maury) Benbow and the late Renee Goldstein. Service Friday 10AM at Chicago Jewish Funerals, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Shalom. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfnfo.com

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Parojcic, Joan J.

Joan J. Parojcic, nee Jakes, age 84, of Mount Prospect, IL passed away at her home on February 2, 2018. She was the beloved wife of the late Vlade "Walter" Parojcic for over 38 years; devoted mother of Eve (Carl) Lashley; fond sister of the late Harold (Marion) Jakes, the late Raymond (Geraldine) Van James, and the late Ireane (Johnny) Amble; loving aunt of Robert (Carol) Amble and many nieces and nephews; dear cousin to many, including the families of Charles C. (Jean) Kurtz and the late Gordon (Mae) Toudt Sr.; and a generous and caring friend to all. She was born July 19, 1933 in Chicago, IL to Michael and Thecla "Tillie" (Bartkiewicz) Jakubczak. Joan's quick wit, compassionate nature, positive attitude, keen sense of humor and determined spirit shone brightly throughout her life and in her work in education and public and school libraries. A graduate of Chicago's Carter H. Harrison Technical High School, Joan earned a B.E. from National College of Education (1954), an M.Ed. in School Library from Chicago Teachers College (1959), and an M.A.L.S. from Rosary College (1969). She began teaching in a Portland, Oregon public school 5th grade classroom (1954-1955), returned to the Chicago area to teach in a variety of roles at Hatch Elementary School, Oak Park (1955-1961), and later was a room assistant at Alcuin Montessori School, Oak Park (1973-1975). Joan also worked for Field Enterprises Educational Corp. as a research editor for Childcraft and a photo editor for World Book Encyclopedia (1961-1968). She worked as a public librarian at Hild Regional - Chicago Public Library (1969) and later as a high school librarian in District 214: first at Forest View High School (1983-1984), then retiring from Wheeling High School (1985-1998).

Joan and her family took many memorable trips—across the USA and around the world, making lifelong friends along the way. In retirement, Joan enjoyed attending the opera and live theater, debating politics with her best friend and fellow Rosary alum Liz Gallanis, and spending time in the company of her family, pets, neighbors and friends. Service will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations made in support of Joan's passions—education, libraries and animal rescue—or to your own favorite charity are appreciated.

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Piggott, Richard G.

Richard G. Piggott, 85, passed on February 3, 2018. He was the devoted husband of the late Janet A. Piggott; loving father of Rich (Betty) Piggott and Dave (Sylvia) Piggott; proud grandfather of Andrew and Lindsey; dear brother of Kenneth, Robert and the late Charles. Visitation Saturday, February 10, 2018, from 10am-12pm at Chapel Hill Gardens West Funeral Home, 17W201 Roosevelt Rd., (1/4 mile west of Rt. 83) Oakbrook Terrace, where a Funeral Service will take place at 12pm. Entombment private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., FL 17, Chicago, IL 60601. For information please call the Funeral home at (630) 941-5860.

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Raleigh, Patrick E.

Patrick E. Raleigh; Devoted husband of the late Gloria, nee Donnelly, for 55 years; Loving father of Patrick J. (late Kathy Lief), Mary Rita (John) Patchett, Colleen (Scott) Ferguson, Tom (Liz), Susan (Randy) Clarahan, Margaret "Peggy" (Paul) Summerside, Kathy (Scott) Krajewski, Maureen (Paul) Kempinski, and Laurie (William) Mahoney; Proud Grandpa of 31, and Great-Grandpa of 11; Beloved brother of Rita Raleigh; Dear uncle, cousin, and friend to many; Visitation Thursday 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Funeral Friday, 9:30 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to Most Holy Redeemer Church, 9525 S. Lawndale Ave., Evergreen Park; Mass 10:30 a.m.; Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; In lieu of flowers, donations to Most Holy Redeemer St. Vincent DePaul Society are most appreciated; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Riordan, Donald J

Donald J. Riordan, 84; beloved husband of Virginia Riordan, nee Klaus; loving father of Daniel (Barb) Riordan, Eileen (Evan) Fitzgerald, Rita (Barry) Peckhart, Michael (Carr Lynch) Riordan, Timothy (Beth) Riordan, Joanne (Holly Myles) Riordan, and Kerry (Mark) Quirin; proud poppy of 26 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Don was a member of American Legion Alexander Bradley Burns Post 80 in Downers Grove. Visitation Thursday 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Funeral Friday 9:15 AM from **Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home**, 4343 Main St. (1 blk. South of Ogden) Downers Grove to St. Joseph Church. Mass 10:00 AM. Interment Holy Family Cemetery, Downers Grove, IL. Memorials to, American Legion Alexander Bradley Burns Post 80, 4000 Saratoga Ave. Downers Grove, IL 60515 are appreciated. 630/968-1000 or www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com

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Ross, Diane Carol

Diane Carol Ross, 59, of LaGrange. Beloved wife of Rick Carr. Loving mother of Kevin Vrtiak. Devoted sister of Linda (Vic) Alarcon. Dear sister-in-law of Victor Alarcon. Fond aunt of Dillon Alarcon. Services and interment private. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home** at 708/352-6500 or www.hjfunerals.com

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Rosstedt, Jean L.

Jean L. Rosstedt, nee Appell, age 95, beloved wife of the late Ogden Rosstedt (2001). Loving mother of Mark (Lois) Rosstedt and Lynn (David) Dornblaser. Cherished grandmother of Brad and Rachel Rosstedt. Dear sister of the late Marian (late LeRoy) Anderson. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Service 11:00 a.m. at **Colonial Chapel**, 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL. Interment private at Galva Cemetery, Galva, Illinois. Memorials to Lutheran Child & Family Services of Illinois, 7620 Madison St., River Forest, IL 60305 (www.lcfs.org) are appreciated. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonialchapel.com 708-532-5400



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Runk, Ferdinand 'Fred'

Runk, Ferdinand (Fred), passed away Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018 after a brief illness. He is survived by his three brothers, Nick, Rich, and Tom, and several nieces and nephews. Born in Chicago, where he attended St. Rita HS and De Paul U, he was a longtime resident of Tucson AZ. His ashes will be scattered over the Grand Canyon.

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Schein, Ann

Ann Schein (nee Moore) RN., BA., MSE., ES. 82 years old, died after a brief illness on Mon. Feb. 5, 2018 at Lake Forest Hospital. Beloved wife of 58 years to Egon Schein; loving mother of Beth (Kris Hasemann) and Juli, and devoted caregiver to Casey (feline) Schein. She was preceded in death by her brother Gene E. Moore and her parents, Evelyn (nee



Zwiger) and Edward F. Moore. Ann had a lifelong career in health service, beginning at Swedish-American Hospital school of nursing in Rockford, IL., staff nursing in ophthalmology at Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary, Star Hospice and RN consultant at Catholic Charities, both in Waukegan, patient representative and hospice program specialist and other various positions at Lake Forest Hospital for 20+ years.

Although she claimed she couldn't even draw a stick figure, Ann was a meticulous Artisan. Her needlepoint canvases looked the same on the back as the front.

A visitation will be held from 1:00 to 4:00 pm Sat. Feb. 10 at the **Burnett-Dane Funeral Home**, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) Libertyville. Her interment service will be held on Monday, Feb. 12 at Ohio Grove Cemetery in Sycamore, IL. Info: 847-362-3009 or please sign the on-line register at www.burnettdane.com.

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Steindler, Wallace Edwin

February 17, 1958 - January 8, 2018



Wallace E. Steindler passed away at his home in Oak Park, Illinois on January 8, 2018. Wallace was an accomplished artist, scholar of Abraham Lincoln and Winston Churchill, fan of the Beatles and John Lennon, and an avid film buff. He is survived by his sister, Kathryn Ramos, brother, Arthur Steindler, nephew, Nathan Ramos, and nieces Ellen Serafin and Corynne Cirilli. A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 2:00 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Unity Temple, 875 Lake Street, Oak Park, IL, 60301.

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Stipati, Dennis R.

Dennis R. Stipati, 75 of Schiller Park. Beloved husband of Twilla Stipati; Loving father of Dennis (Tina), Tammy (Vic) Flores and Joe (Karla); cherished grandfather of 7 and great grandfather of 2. Dennis was past president and member of Union Local 113. Visitation Fri, Feb. 9, 2018 from 3 PM until 8 PM at the **Glueckert Funeral Home**, Ltd., 1520 N. Arlington Hts Rd, Arlington Hts & Sat. at The Orchard Evangelical Free Church, 1330 N. Douglas Ave., Arlington Hts, IL 60004 from 10 AM until time of funeral service at 11 AM. Interment private. Memorial contributions may be given to The Orchard Evangelical Free Church. Funeral info & condolences www.GlueckertFH.com or (847) 253-0168.

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Sullivan, John 'Sully'

John "Sully" Sullivan. 70 years. Ret. C.P.D. - 12th District. Beloved husband of 33 years to Jan Stankowicz-Sullivan. Devoted father of John T. (C.P.D.) (Mary) Sullivan, late Donald (Dionne), Stacey, Ryan (Arthur) Burns. Dearest stepfather of Ivan Stankowicz. Loving grandfather of Kathleen, Daniel, Michael, Stephanie and Savannah Sullivan, Narva Harris, the late Aviana Smith, Luke and Ivy Stankowicz. Cherished son of the late Jack (C.P.D.) (late Susanne Heda) Sullivan. Dear stepson of Harold Heda. Step-brother of the late Lawrence Sullivan, Theodore (Susan) Heda, Jeffery (Susan) Heda, Kenneth (Lisa) Heda. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Longtime Bridgeport resident. Friend to all who knew him. Member of Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge No. 7, Police Survivors Association, Emerald Society of Chicago, Cleveland Pipes and Drums. Visitation Wednesday, February 7, 2018, 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Thomas McInerney's Sons Funeral Home 4635 South Wallace Street, Chicago, IL. Funeral services Thursday, February 8, 2018, 9:00 a.m. from the funeral home to St. Gabriel Church, 4500 S. Lowe Avenue, Chicago, IL. Mass of the Resurrection 10:00 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery - Evergreen Park, IL. (773) 268-0703.

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Thomas, Mark Jacob

Mark Jacob Thomas, 67, of Glenview, IL passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on February 2, 2018. Beloved husband of Olivia; loving father of Rachel and Matthew; dear brother of Marsha (Joseph) Darnell; nephew of Shamiram Yohanan; he is also survived by several nieces, nephews and god children. Mark was a prominent immigration attorney and activist in the Assyrian community as well as graduate and life-long fan of the University of Michigan. Funeral service Friday, February 9, 2018 at 10 am at St. Andrew Assyrian Church, 901 N. Milwaukee Ave., Glenview. Interment Maryhill Cemetery, Niles. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to ACERO, PO Box 85, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056 (www.theacero.org). Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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Verlotta, Dominic J.

Dominic J. Verlotta, age 89 formerly of Oak Brook, passed away Sunday, February 4, 2018. He was the husband of Marketta, Devoted father of Donna (Gary) Schaefer, Dominic (Rita) Verlotta Jr., Mary Jo (Mark) Borgognone, the late John (Karen (Tom) Zinga) Verlotta, Douglas Verlotta, and Leila (Michael) Borkland; Cherished grandfather of Jordan M. Schaefer, Zachary L. (Holly) Schaefer, Stephen Verlotta, Krystle (Ryan) Kozin, Dominic Borgognone, Ashley (Ryan Adams) Porter, Samantha (David) Spooner, Jessica Verlotta, Gina Borgognone, Jon C. Verlotta, and Hannah Schaefer; Loving great grandfather of Vito Borgognone; Dear brother of the late Joseph (Joan) and Charles (Josephine) Verlotta, and Lorraine Pietryga and Dear uncle and friend to many. He was a camper, counselor and board member of Y.M.C.A. Camp Duncan, board member of Orchard Village, a member of the Italian American Executives of Transportation, a board member of Casa Italia, he was the president of Speed-O-Lite Printing in Franklin Park for over 50 years. Visitation Friday 3:00-9:00 p.m. at **Salerno's Rosedale Chapels** 450 W. Lake St. Roselle, IL. 60172 (3/4 mile west of Bloomingdale/Roselle Rd.). Funeral Service will begin at 7:00 p.m. Interment private. For info 630-889-1700 or www.salernofuneralhomes.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Orchard Village or the Y.M.C.A. Camp Duncan scholarship fund.

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Wilson, Margie Benoit

Margie Benoit Wilson of Crown Point, IN passed away on February 2, 2018 at the age of 93. Preceded in death by her husband Robert Wilson, brothers Eddie and Doug and her sister Gloria. She is survived by her brother Mark, sisters Joan and Gloria, and children Diane, Sandy, Jeanette, Nancy, Scott, and Jim. She was an active member of the Hammond



Girl Scouts, and established The Woodmar Child Development Center, and The Academy of Early Learning in Crown Point. Margie was also an active member of many ministry programs at St. Elizabeth Seaton Church, where a memorial mass and luncheon will be held for her on Friday, February 9th, at 11am. The family asks that flowers and donations be sent to St. Elizabeth Seaton Church, 509 W. Division Rd., Valparaiso IN. 46385.

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Yaffe, Irving

Irving Yaffe, age 90, beloved husband of the late Shirley Yaffe, happily married for 59 years. Loving father of Garry (Mary), Michael (Nancy) and Randy (Linda) Yaffe; cherished grandfather of Jerome (Sarah), Nicholas (Lauren), and Mark (Rachel) Yaffe, Lauren (Scott) Kalish, Maxwell (Michelle) and Cara Yaffe; adored great-grandfather of Connor, Sloane, Will, Juliana, Rebekah, Layla and Arielle. Irving was a friend to many and loved by all. Chapel services Wednesday 2:30 pm at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment will follow at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial may be made to Jewish Child and Family Services. For information and condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

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Zinger, Mark

It is with great sadness that the family of professor Mark Zinger, the much loved violin soloist and pedagogue, passed away at the age of 93 on February 5th. Born in Odessa, Ukraine he was one of the few remaining living students of the world famous Pyotr Stolyarsky graduating from the School for Gifted Children. Mark was one of the most prolific violinists of



his era in Ukraine, having performed as a soloist at over 2,500 live performances prior to immigrating to the United States in 1979. Starting his American career at 55 when most would contemplate retirement, Mark left an indelible mark with hundreds of students during his four decades teaching violin performance. Most notably he was tenured faculty at the Depaul School of Music serving as chairman of the string department and designated as a Professor Emeritus upon retirement. Mark leaves an immense legacy of hundreds of professional students that perform as soloists, orchestra members, and teachers throughout the world. Mark will be lovingly remembered by his daughter Larisa and grandson Igor. Mark was preceded in death by his loving wife of 67 years Luba and son in law Nikolay. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, February 7th at 1PM at the **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home** located at 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette, IL 60091. Interment will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery. Shiva will be held at the Zinger residence at 7061 N. Kedzie, Unit 1116, Chicago, IL 60645 on Wednesday and Thursday. In lieu of flowers the family has created the non-profit Mark Zinger Memorial Foundation found at www.markzinger.org to support next generation violinists. The website will be accepting donations as of February 15th. For info: 847-256-5700.

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Zola, Rita Ann

Rita Ann Zola nee Mazuriewicz age 82. Beloved wife of George. Loving mother of Alan. Fond sister of the late Donald (the late Marge) Mazuriewicz, Arlene (Thomas "Bill") Nye and Richard Mazuriewicz. Many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Funeral Prayers Saturday 10:00 AM from Brust Funeral Home 415 N. Gary Ave. Carol Stream to St. Luke Catholic Church 401 Cochise Ct. Carol Stream For Mass 10:30 AM Visitation Friday 3 to 9 PM at the Funeral Home. Interment Assumption Wheaton. Please omit flowers. 630-510-0044

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2015 Chevy Corvette auction opening bid \$3500 Miraflex Investments & Innovators Inc. is having a public auction 8:30pm on February 24, 2015. Location: 16429 Halsted Ave., Harvey, IL 60426. 7085131337

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ASSUMED NAMES

Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County File No. D18153432 on the Date: FEBRUARY 5, 2018 Under the Assumed Name of: ALWAYS ON TIME TRANSPORTATION with the business located at: 7629 S Hoyne Ave Chicago, Illinois 60620 The true name and residence Address of the owner is: Gwendolyn Hayes 7629 S Hoyne Ave Chicago, ILLINOIS, 60620

Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County File No. D18153421 on the Date: FEBRUARY 2, 2018 Under the Assumed Name of: RWA Consulting & Concept Theory with the business located at: 4137 Sauk Trail Richton Park, IL, 60471 The true name and residence Address of the owner is: Ronald Alston, Sr 3721 Poplar Rd Flossmoor, IL, 60422

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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 Ava Jones MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Dejah Jones (Mother) AKA Chanquetta Holmes

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA01342

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on December 20, 2017, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX 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 02/21/2018, at 11:00 AM in CALENDAR 17 COURTROOM K, 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 of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS February 7, 2018

COUNTY OF COOK TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER SHANNON E. ANDREWS, CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

ADVERTISEMENT DATE: Wednesday, February 7, 2018

DESCRIPTION: Invitation for Bids for Kitchen Supplies

CONTRACT NO.: 1890-17145

MBE/WBE GOALS: 0 % participation for this procurement

BID DOCUMENTS: Solicitation Document is available for download at: http://legacy.cookcounty.gov/purchasing/bids/listAllBids.php

BID DUE DATE: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 10:00 AM

CONTACT: Tangela Malloy, Senior Contract Negotiator (312) 603-6827(office), (fax) (312) 603-3179 tangela.malloy@cookcountnyil.gov (email)

Local MBE/WBE firms are encouraged to submit bids. The County has set contract specific goals based on the requested service. The MBE/WBE goals are listed above and in the contract document. Inquiries regarding MBE/WBE participation should be directed to the Office of Contract Compliance at (312) 603-5502.

The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Da Shona Catchings MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Jessica Wallace (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00067

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Dasyun Catchings (Father), AKA Dasyun Catings, respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on January 23, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Bernard Sarley in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 02/28/2018, at 10:00 AM in CALENDAR 9 COURTROOM I, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS February 7, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Jalynn Powell A MINOR NO. 2018JD0094

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Gary Pace (Father), respondents, and TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, that on January 16, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Donna Cooper in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois, ON 02/20/2018 at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 76 COURTROOM 099,

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order of judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT February 7, 2018

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY: M. Gardner, C. Prochaska, J. Marquardt ATTORNEY FOR: THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS ADDRESS: REGENCY CENTER, 111 N. LA SALLE CITY/STATE: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60612 TELEPHONE NUMBER: (312) 433-7000 ATTORNEY NO.: 33182

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Jenny Harris MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Donna Harris (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 15JA01193

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Johnny Warren Harris, Jr. (Father), AKA Unknown, AKA Johnny Harris and Donna Harris (Mother), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on November 9, 2017, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Bernard Sarley in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 02/21/2018, at 10:00 AM in CALENDAR 9 COURTROOM I, 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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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 of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS February 7, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Khyrielle Gray AKA Khyrielle Thomas MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Toi Thomas (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 15JA00902

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Toi Thomas , respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on September 25, 2017, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Diana Rosario in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 02/28/2018, at 10:30 AM in CALENDAR 7 COURTROOM G, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS February 7, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Landon Atkins MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF April Atkins (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA01142

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Joey Alcox (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on October 31, 2017, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX 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 02/28/2018, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 17 COURTROOM K, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS February 7, 2018

COUNTY OF COOK TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT Office of the Chief Procurement Officer Shannon E. Andrews, Chief Procurement Officer

ADVERTISEMENT DATE: Wednesday, February 7, 2018

DESCRIPTION: Enterprise Mobile Communications Services RFP NO.:1790-16928

MBE/WBE GOALS:0% for this procurement RFP DOCUMENTS: RFP Document is available for download at: http://legacy.cookcounty.gov/purchasing/bids/listAllBids.php

PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE DATE: Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 11:00 AM (CST)

SHU-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE 118 N. Clark Street, Room 1018, Chicago, IL 60602 LOCATION: Attendance at the Pre-Proposal Conference is not mandatory

PROPOSAL DUE DATE: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 3:00 PM (CST)

CONTACT: Tangela Malloy, Senior Contract Negotiator (312) 603-6827 (office), (312) 603-3179 (fax) tangela.malloy@cookcountnyil.gov (email)

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The County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF TRANSMITTAL FROM THE FOLLOWING TOWNSHIPS FROM THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW BACK TO THE COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR FOR THE TAX YEAR 2017:

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 12-5 of the Illinois Property Tax Code Section (35 ILCS 200/12-50), the Board of Review of Cook County has, on this date, February 1, 2018, in accordance with Section 16-125 of the Illinois Property Tax Code Section (35 ILCS 200/16-125) transmitted back to the Assessor of Cook County its final action on the following townships in Cook County for the tax year of 2017:

BERWYN, ELK GROVE, MAINE

Dated at Chicago, Illinois by the Cook County Board of Review Room 601, Cook County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, FEBRUARY 1, 2018.

MICHAEL M. CABONARGI COMMISSIONER

DAM PATLAK COMMISSIONER

LARRY R. ROGERS, JR. COMMISSIONER

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Marlon Kimber MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Kiyahnta Bentley

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA01253

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Marcus Kimber (Father) and Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on November 29, 2017, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Maxwell Griffin in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 02/28/2018, at 1:30 PM in CALENDAR 10 COURTROOM J, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS February 7, 2018

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF MORTGAGE CREDIT CERTIFICATES FEBRUARY 7, 2018

The Illinois Housing Development Authority (the "Authority") gives notice that it intends to issue mortgage credit certificates under a mortgage credit certificate program (the "Program") no sooner than 90 days following the publication of this notice, subject to the additional fulfillment of all conditions precedent set forth in Section 25 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, with respect to establishing such a mortgage credit certificate program and issuing mortgage credit certificates.

The Program will be available to qualified residents of the State of Illinois who intend to purchase single family residences and are either (i) veterans (who may or may not be first-time homebuyers) or (ii) first-time homebuyers.

The Authority will administer the Program through lenders serving or willing to serve all the parts of the State of Illinois. Any lender willing to enter into a Participation Agreement with the Authority may participate in the Program. Individuals interested in obtaining a mortgage credit certificate should apply to a participating lender. A list of those participating lenders can be obtained from the Authority by calling the number given below or by going to the Authority's website, www.ihda.org. There is no allocation of mortgage credit certificates by lender; however, for the first year of the Program, 20% will be targeted to eligible persons purchasing single-family homes in targeted areas.

A mortgage credit certificate entitles a holder to claim a credit each year against federal income taxes for a specified percentage of the mortgage interest on a qualifying residence. To qualify for a mortgage credit certificate in connection with the purchase of a residence, a prospective buyer must satisfy several criteria. First, the buyer cannot have had an ownership interest in his or her principal residence for three (3) years prior to the date of purchase of the new residence. Also, the buyer must intend to occupy the new residence as his or her principal residence within sixty (60) days of closing. Third, the buyer must meet certain family income limits and residence purchase price limits, both of which vary depending on the county in which the residence to be purchased is located. The income limits are available at ihda.org and may vary from year to year. For example, as of the date of this notice, Lawrence county has the most stringent purchase price limit and requires that the purchase price does not exceed \$336,706.20 for a unit. Similarly, as of the date of this notice, Lawrence county has the most stringent family income limits and requires that an applicant has a household income, including all household members age 18 and older, that does not exceed \$91,300 for one-person or two-person families and \$85,215 for three-person or more families and Kendall county has the least stringent family income limits and requires that an applicant has a household income, including all household members age 18 and older, that does not exceed \$91,300 for one-person or two-person families and \$104,995 for three-person or more families. Fourth, the mortgage on the residence must be a new mortgage; it cannot replace the buyer's existing mortgage on the residence, or any other type of self-financing for the buyer, such as an installment contract. Finally, the buyer may be required to pay the participating lender a nonrefundable \$150 fee at the time the mortgage loan is closed and \$25 at the time the mortgage is closed and a nonrefundable fee equal to \$350 at the time the mortgage loan is closed. More specific information about these requirements can be obtained by calling the telephone number given below.

If a buyer meets these requirements and is approved, the Authority will reserve a mortgage credit certificate (for federal income tax purposes) in an amount not less than twenty percent (20%) of the yearly mortgage interest on the proposed mortgage loan and issue a commitment to the buyer in that amount. When the mortgage loan on the residence is closed, the Authority will issue the mortgage credit certificate to the buyer.

Current federal tax law may require a payment to the federal government of a "recapture" tax if the homeowner sells the mortgage or otherwise transfers his or her home to someone other than nine years after the mortgage credit certificate is issued.

The Authority reserves the right to adjust, modify or amend the Program guidelines at its sole discretion and without further notice.

Persons interested in obtaining additional information about the Program should call the Authority's Homeownership Line at 1-877-456-2620 between the hours of 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM on weekdays, email ATHomeIllinois@ihda.org or write to the Communications Department, Illinois Housing Development Authority, 111 E. Wacker, Suite 1000, Chicago, Illinois 60601, or go to the Authority's website, www.ihda.org.

Audra Hamernik Executive Director Illinois Housing Development Authority

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Ryan Johnson MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Mary Johnson (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA01250

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Reggie Flower (Father), Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on November 29, 2017, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Diana Rosario in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 02/21/2018, at 10:00 AM in CALENDAR 7 COURTROOM G, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS February 7, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COURT DEPARTMENT, PROBATE DIVISION

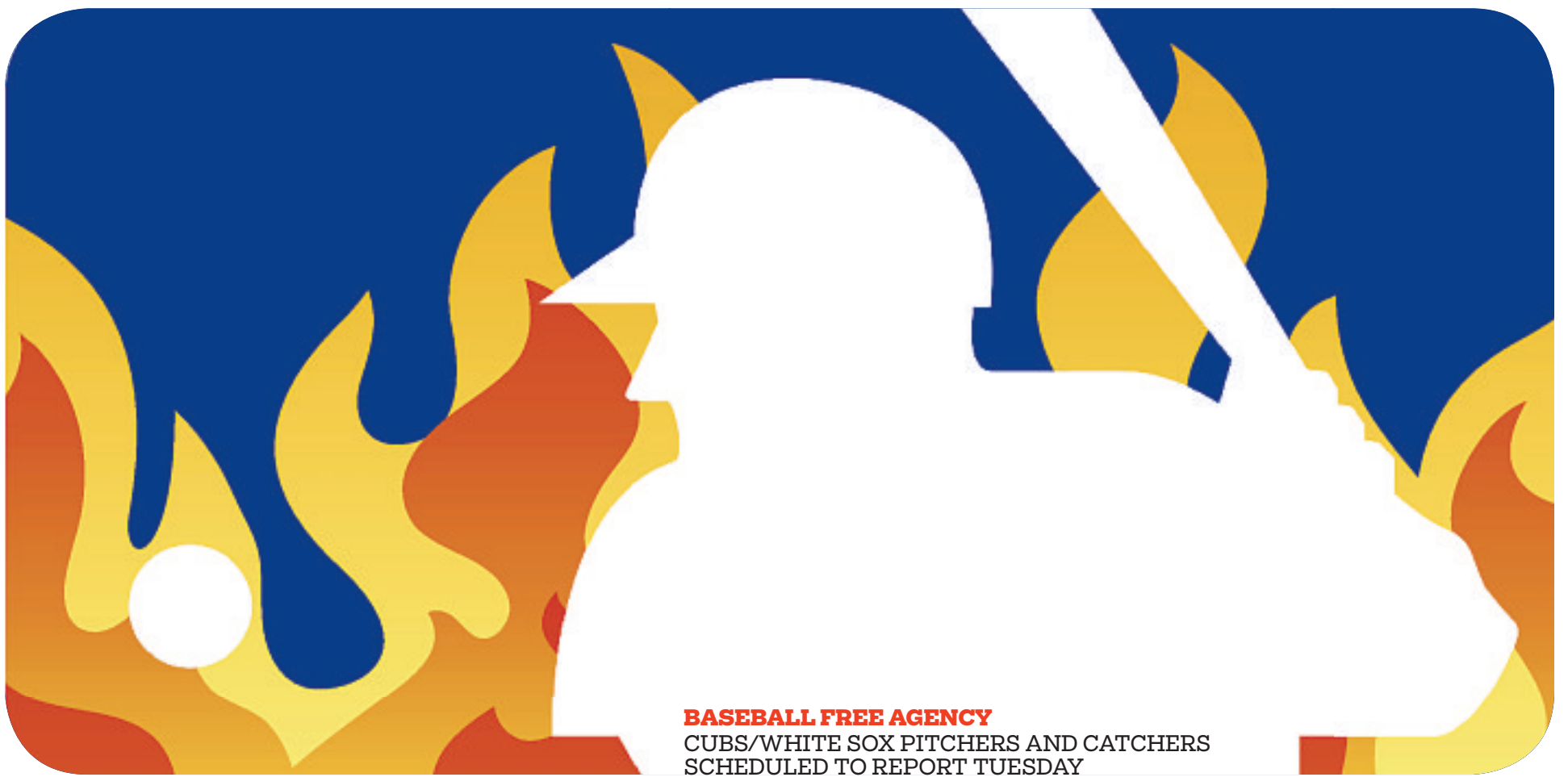
ESTATE OF LOREN J. DANNEIL, DECEASED. NO. 17 P 6505

Notice is given that if you are Ann Vickermann a/k/a Ann Vickerman and related to or personally knew the deceased, Loren J. Dannel, and can offer proof of knowing the decedent, please contact the independent Executor, Forrest J. Miles at 181 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2300, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 726-5486 on or before March 1, 2018. There is a hearing scheduled for March 8, 2018 at 11:30 am. in room 1802 of the Daley Center, Chicago, Illinois that may affect your rights in the Estate

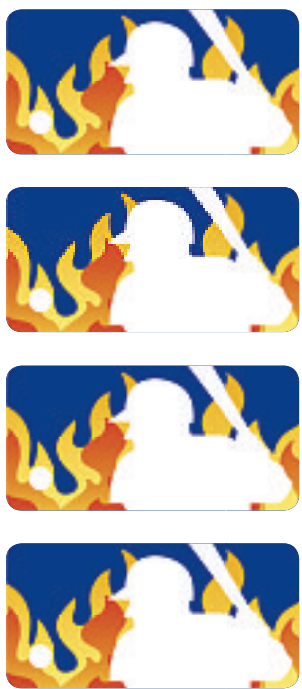
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'There is a rising tide among players for radical change.'

A fight is brewing and it may begin with one, maybe two and perhaps 1,200 willing to follow. A boycott of spring training may be a starting point, if behavior doesn't change.'

— Brodie Van Wagenen, the co-head of CAA Sports



PAUL SULLIVAN
On baseball

With the opening of spring training camps in Florida and Arizona only a week away, the players union finally is beginning to make some noise about the free-agent freeze-out.

MLB Players Association executive director Tony Clark issued a statement Tuesday suggesting owners are threatening the "integrity" of the game by leaving so many players unsigned.

"Pitchers and catchers will report to camps in one week," Clark wrote. "A record number of talented free agents remain unemployed in an industry where revenues and franchise values are at record highs."

"Spring training has always been associated with hope for a new season. This year a significant number of teams are engaged in a race to the bottom. This conduct is a fundamental breach of the trust between a team and its fans and threatens the integrity of our game."

More than 100 free agents remain on the market, and obviously many would not be able to start the season on time without participating in spring training. A few other free agents, such as Todd Frazier, have signed for far less than they expected when they entered the market in November.

While some have charged the owners with collusion, it's a difficult argument to make since a few teams have signed prominent free agents, including the Rockies and Brewers. The Cubs signed starter Tyler Chatwood to a three-year, \$38 million deal in December but still are seeking a top-of-the-rotation starter.

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2018 WINTER OLYMPICS

Sweep spot: It's easy to fall hard for curling

Popular at Games, sport growing all over

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN | Chicago Tribune

Start with elements of bowling, darts and shuffleboard. Toss in some baseball vernacular, like slider, skip and hammer. Retrieve brooms from your grandma's closet. Conclude with one of golf's great contributions, the boozy 19th hole.

"We like to say," Karrie Gottschild of the Chicago Curling Club based in Northbrook offered, "that we're a drinking club with a curling problem."

Curling enthusiasts call it "the roaring game" for the rumbling sound the 44-pound stone makes as it slides across the pebbled sheet of ice. And curling is roaring into these Olympics, billing itself as the world's fastest-growing winter sport. Reports have China building 500 new ice rinks.

To capitalize, Olympic officials have added an event — Mixed Doubles. A brother-sister team (Becca and Mike Hamilton) from McFarland, Wis., qualified for the U.S.

It's not just a family sport. It's an everyone sport.

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MORE OLYMPICS | Q&A with U.S. hockey coach Tony Granato: "It's the greatest stage for an athlete." **Back Page**



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BLACKHAWKS AND BULLS

Getting negative reviews

Hawks' go-ahead goal waved off in second period, while Flames' winner stands in 3-2 decision. **Page 3**

■ As his role on the Bulls fluctuates, Bobby Portis remains flexible: "I'm a team-first guy." **Page 3**

TALKING SMACK | Steve Rosenbloom

Kris Dunn has been assigned to the Windy City Bulls and will be recalled Wednesday after practice, meaning the Bulls unfortunately could come perilously close to winning a game. More Rosenbloom, **Page 2**



COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Old-school Krutwig perfect fit at Loyola

Freshman bolsters first-place Ramblers

BY SHANNON RYAN | Chicago Tribune

Sports debates about players from different eras break out often in the Loyola basketball locker room. Freshman center Cameron Krutwig always takes a strong — and surprising — position.

"I'm always siding with the older players," he said. "I'm always defending Larry Bird. (Teammates) think he would just be an average player. I think he's great, the way he passed the ball. I just have respect for the history of the game and the way those guys played it."

Similarly, when it comes to music, teammates say Krutwig enjoys "old-school" jams such as the mid-1990s single "Return of the Mack" while the rest of the team prefers current hits.

Like his musical taste and affinity for basketball history, Krutwig's style of play is similarly old school.

"There's not many guys like me in college basketball anymore, traditional back-to-the-basket post players," said the 6-foot-9 Krutwig, who played at Jacobs in Algonquin.

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TOP OF THE SECOND



STEVE ROSENBLIOM

No agony in this Bulls defeat

Nearly perfect. While you were sleeping, the Bulls were nearly perfect. Their 104-98 loss to the miserable Kings in Sacramento was the nearly perfect template for tanking games the rest of the season. Just look:

- Lose the game? Check.
- Lose to a bad team that holds a lottery spot the Bulls want? Check.
- Lose despite holding the Kings to nine points in the first quarter? Check.
- Lose by blowing a 21-point lead? Check.
- Lose because Bulls players didn't know enough to foul at the end? Check.
- Lose a veteran center looking for technical fouls? Check.
- Lose while Zach LaVine delivers 27 points on 50 percent shooting from the floor and from beyond the arc? Check.
- Lose without young core players Lauri Markkanen and Kris Dunn? Check.
- Lose for the seventh straight time? Check.

Lose to move within two games of the worst overall record and within 1 1/2 games of the top three? Check.

See? Like I said, nearly perfect. A tanking clinic marred only by Markkanen's absence and Dunn's injury.

It has been a while since we've seen the Bulls dope out a plan and stick to it, but this execution has been far better than when they told us they were trying to compete for a title.

It might sound snarky to celebrate Bulls losses, but we all know that losses upon losses are the point of this season. Watch LaVine, Markkanen and Dunn grow and watch the Bulls lose enough games to get a shot at one of the top three players in the draft. Yeah, it's cold and it's true.

And look what's coming up: Jimmy Butler's revenge game Friday with the Timberwolves, who sit fourth in the Western Conference. If Bulls coach Fred Hoiberg didn't get enough of Butler's isolation plays the last couple of seasons, just watch.

And then come the Wizards, who sit fourth in the East.

But then comes another battle of the bottom-feeders against the Magic. It will take a fierce effort of determined ineptitude to lose to a worse team, but perhaps Robin Lopez will have been traded by then. A boy can dream, can't he?



RICH PEDRONCELLI/AP

The Bulls lost their seventh straight Monday despite 27 points from guard Zach LaVine.

Eagles coach Doug Pederson was called "gutsy" by NBC analyst Cris Collinsworth for going for it on fourth down at the Patriots' 1 1/2-yard line at the end of the first half of the Super Bowl.

But Dan Mann, the wizard who designs brilliant covers for Tribune Sports sections, said it's basic math and probability. Math makes my head hurt, but the key numbers are an NFL average of 56 percent to convert fourth-and-1 1/2 and a value of 3.92 points, almost a full point more than a field goal.

The conclusion is that going for it on fourth down from inside the 2-yard line is not just entertaining but should be as expected as Ryan Pace's failure to produce an NFL-caliber receiving corps.

The man behind the wild, flailing dance moves as Left Shark alongside Katy Perry during the 2015 Super Bowl halftime show, Bryan Gaw, now works as a hair stylist at Mare Salon in West Hollywood, according to National Public Radio. It's OK, Bryan. You can come back. All is forgiven. We've seen Justin Timberlake's show.

Email from Steve Fortuna: "Over 1,000 yards of offense. One punt in the game. This is not your father's football. This is Madden Football. Forget all this stuff about what the players do during the anthem. Can we make the defensive players do something after the anthem?"

What's up, Bill Belichick?

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THE LINEUP

Still sore over benching



Malcolm Butler says he didn't miss curfew or do anything off the field that would have hurt the Patriots' chances of winning before they benched him for the Super Bowl.

In a statement the cornerback released Tuesday, Butler said reports of off-field misconduct are "ridiculous." He said he visited with family every night while in Minneapolis.

"I never attended any concert, missed curfew or participated in any of the ridiculous activities being reported," Butler said. "They are not only false, but hurtful to me and my family."

Butler started 17 of 18 games before the Super Bowl and played 98 percent of defensive snaps, but he made it on the field for only one special teams play Sunday as the Eagles racked up 538 total yards (374 passing) and won 41-33.

Patriots coach Bill Belichick has not explained why Butler was benched. After the game, Butler told ESPN he "could have changed the game" and said the Patriots "gave up" on him. AP

Cutting bait with big fish



It seems like no one's job is safe with the Marlins nowadays — not even the mascot.

After reports surfaced Monday night, the Marlins confirmed Tuesday they have fired

the man who played **Billy the Marlin**, the team's costumed mascot, for the last 14 years. The team gave no reason.

While the man inside the costume, John DeCicco, is no longer part of the organization, the Marlins have no plans to get rid of Billy.

The move comes after the Marlins' new front office, led by Derek Jeter, has parted with most of the well-known faces, including Giancarlo Stanton, Dee Gordon and Christian Yelich.

Miami Herald

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FLAMES 3, BLACKHAWKS 2



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Blackhawks defenseman Duncan Keith and Flames winger Troy Brouwer battle for the puck Tuesday night.

Sticking point

With no chance to move up in standings, Hawks lose 3rd straight

BY PAUL SKRBINA
Chicago Tribune

The Blackhawks had nowhere to go but nowhere in the standings Tuesday night at the United Center.

The Hawks guaranteed they could not improve their standing there no matter the outcome in the second game of the home-and-home against the Flames, which they lost 3-2 to extend their overall losing streak to three and their home streak to five.

"I don't know what to say," Hawks captain Jonathan Toews said. "It's pretty frustrating. I thought we played pretty good hockey at times, had a lot of good chances. ... We can whine about two calls going upstairs and not going our way but ... we have to keep working for results."

It took eight minutes and the second of two reviews to take away what would have been Ryan Hartman's go-ahead goal in the second period for the Blackhawks. Hartman fell down — or was pushed down — in front of the net, the puck went in, hugs were exchanged and the Hawks thought they led 2-1.

On a first review it was determined Hartman did not kick the puck in, but a second look at the play erased the goal when it was decided Hartman had interfered with Flames goalie Mike Smith.

Hartman was denied what would have been his first goal in 14 games after the league ruled "Hartman prevented Smith from doing his job in the crease."

Boos poured down as the scoreboard rewound to 1-1.

"The only explanation I got was that my skates touched the goalie and they thought it was goalie interference," Hartman said. "I

PAUL SKRBINA'S THREE STARS

1. **Michael Stone, Flames:** Scored go-ahead goal in third.
2. **Johnny Gaudreau, Flames:** Finished with two assists.
3. **Mike Smith, Flames:** Stopped 34 of 36 shots.

Up next: Vs. Stars, 7:30 p.m. Thursday; NBCSCH, WGN-AM 720.

didn't lunge at the goalie. I didn't go into the goalie. The call on the ice was a goal.

"They took eight minutes to try to look for (the penalty). They looked pretty hard."

Replay officials didn't need to look as hard to determine that the go-ahead goal awarded to Michael Stone with 3:30 left in the third hadn't hit a high stick, as Hawks goalie Jeff Glass had immediately pleaded.

Stone's goal stood and the Flames added an empty-net score before Patrick Kane made it 3-2 in the final seconds.

For the first time in a long time, the Hawks appear to be in over their heads in the playoff race. They're last in the Central Division. They are seven points and four teams shy of the second wild-card spot after three teams ahead of them in that race won Tuesday.

The pressure meter keeps rising.

"It has been that way for 20 games already," Toews said. "That's not changing. We know the urgency is mounting more and more every single game we play."

Hawks coach Joel Quenneville admitted his team's in a tough spot but ...

"We still have a lot of hockey to play," he said. "Let's find a way to get something. Don't feel sorry for yourself, because no one else is going to."

Alex DeBrincat put the Hawks ahead 1-0 with 16:25 left in the first when he deposited Jordan Oester-

THE SUMMARY

Calgary	0	1	0	2-3
BLACKHAWKS	1	1	0	1-2

FIRST PERIOD:
1. **BLACKHAWKS,** DeBrincat 18 (Oesterle, Toews), 3:35 (pp).
Penalties: Ferland, Cal (boarding), 1:56; Gustafsson, HAWKS (interference), 15:06; Seabrook, HAWKS (boarding), 15:26.

SECOND PERIOD:
2. **Calgary,** D. Hamilton 9 (Monahan, Ferland), 1:10.
Penalties: Jurco, HAWKS (hooking), 1:24; Bennett, Cal (interference), 6:55; Harmonic, Cal (tripping), 11:58; Bennett, Cal (interference), 19:57.

THIRD PERIOD:
3. **Calgary,** Stone 3 (Brokie, Ferland), 16:30.
4. **Calgary,** Monahan 25 (Gaudreau), 18:09 (en).
5. **BLACKHAWKS,** Kane 21 (Schmaltz, Anisimov), 19:54.
Penalties: Hartman, HAWKS (tripping), 1:35; D. Hamilton, Cal (holding), 13:17; Brouwer, Cal (roughing), 14:07; Anisimov, HAWKS (roughing), 14:07.

Calgary	6	6	11-23	0-4
BLACKHAWKS	11	12	13-36	1-5

Goals: Calgary, M. Smith 22-15-6 (36 shots-34 saves).
BLACKHAWKS, Glass 3-4-3 (22-20). **A:** 21,480.

Referees: Francis Charron, Garrett Rank
Linesmen: Vaughan Rody, Travis Gawryletz

le's pass past Smith, the 14th straight Hawks goal scored by a player 23 or younger.

It also was DeBrincat's fifth goal in five games and his 19th overall, putting him second behind Kane on the Hawks and second among rookies this season.

But Dougie Hamilton took advantage of a two-on-one 1:10 into the second to tie the score 1-1.

Glass preserved that score when he stopped Mikael Backlund's short-handed breakthrough with the tip of his skate while his body was headed the opposite direction 1:35 into the third.

"Closer toward the end of the season, you realize your opportunities are numbered," Toews said. "We just have to do what we can and focus on the next game."

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BLACKHAWKS NOTES

Crawford's return will leave a choice

BY PAUL SKRBINA
Chicago Tribune

Sooner or later, the Blackhawks are going to say "see you later" to one of their backup goalies.

Either **Anton Forsberg** or **Jeff Glass** will be the odd man shipped out to Rockford once **Corey Crawford** is deemed able to return from an upper-body ailment that has kept him on injured reserve since Dec. 27.

"We'll worry about that (later)," Hawks coach **Joel Quenneville** said.

Whatever worry the Hawks have about that choice, though, really isn't much of a worry at all.

While Glass, a 32-year-old rookie, has held his own with a 3-3-3 record, .908 save percentage and 3.24 goals-against average going into Tuesday, the Hawks most likely will keep Forsberg.

First, he has played better. He's 4-4-0 with a .913 save percentage

and a 2.63 goals-against since Crawford has been on IR. Second, the Hawks have more invested in Forsberg, whose contract runs through next season at a \$750,000-per-year cap hit. Glass is an unrestricted free agent after this season.

Both would have to clear waivers.

Crawford left the United Center on Tuesday morning carrying a late breakfast or early lunch after his workout, the fourth straight day he took the ice.

"Status quo," Quenneville said of Crawford's status.

Hello, old friend: Two years ago, while with the Blues, **Troy Brouwer** ended the Hawks' season with a goal in Game 7 of their first-round playoff series.

Brouwer, who helped the Hawks win the 2009-10 Stanley Cup, returned to the United Center on Tuesday with the Flames,

one of the teams ahead of the Hawks in the playoff race.

And the winger brought fond memories that have nothing to do with hockey sticks or ice.

"My father (**Don**) had a stroke (in 2010)," Brouwer said. "They flew me home; flying every single day to come back. They never put any pressure on me. ... They sent my dad a card and some flowers. The way they treated me and ... my family through a tough time, those are the types of things you never forget. Those are the types of things that get spread around the league, as far as how you get treated by organizations."

One-timers: Defenseman **Connor Murphy** was a scratch for the Hawks on Tuesday night. He missed the morning skate because of illness, Quenneville said. ... **Artem Anisimov**, who missed practice Monday, was in the lineup Tuesday night.

BULLS

With role in flux, Portis can still flex

Forward isn't afraid to stop and celebrate as confidence grows

BY K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Here's an early Friday flex alert: Bobby Portis gets to face Taj Gibson.

"That's going to be fun," Portis said, smiling. "There's going to be a lot of trash talk."

Portis learned plenty from Gibson before the Bulls traded the latter to the Thunder last February. Gibson subsequently signed with the Timberwolves in free agency, and his return to the United Center, while secondary to Jimmy Butler's first return, almost certainly will warrant a video tribute as well.

Gibson didn't flex to the crowd following big moments, as Portis does. But Portis soaked up something more selfless from the low-maintenance veteran.

"Taj and Joakim (Noah) always preached to me about staying locked in, not worrying about trades and things like that and playing hard no matter your role," Portis said. "I'm a team-first guy."

"Starting or coming off the bench, I'm going to try to be productive. My role isn't going to stop how I play. I'm still going to be aggressive."

Portis posted his second straight double-double in his first start, sinking a critical 3-pointer late in the Bulls' epic collapse to the Kings on Monday night. His reward will be to take a seat behind Lauri Markkanen, who missed the last three games for the birth of his first child.

Portis gets it. Beyond Markkanen's obvious talent, Portis heads the lessons he learned from Gibson and others and understands management is using this first rebuilding season to identify who fits moving forward.

Portis' career-high averages of 12.2 points, 6.6 rebounds and 1.7 assists, not to mention management picking him over Nikola Mirotic, answer that question.

"I finally got my chance to really play," Portis said. "It has been fun. Flex my arms a little bit like (when) I was in college, get back to my old self."

"I have to continue to work and get better. I feel the sky is the limit for me because of how hard I work."

Coach Fred Hoiberg has praised Portis throughout this season while also citing shot selection and overall consistency as areas in which he can improve. Portis doesn't take such words personally.

Like Gibson, he's settling into being a team-first guy.

"It has been fun to play with this group of guys because we're all so unselfish and trying to win, trying to get better," Portis said. "We're going to find out our strengths and weaknesses so we can take those into the offseason and keep working."

Portis began this season on the sideline, suspended for eight games for punching Mirotic in the face during an Oct. 17 practice. He apologized and moved on, never looking back.

He's taking the same approach to the Bulls' current seven-game losing streak, three short of the season-high slide that dropped them to 3-20 at the time.

"I'm confident we're going to pull out of this one like we pulled out of that one because we work our tails off and we're all committed to one another," Portis said. "One thing I've learned in this league is it's tough to win."

"We're missing two big players. That's not an excuse, but them coming back will help. Nobody is hanging their heads." Flex on that.

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Bulls forward Bobby Portis has posted two straight double-doubles but isn't upset that he won't start Friday against the Timberwolves.

BULLS NOTES

For LaVine, no place like away from home

BY K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Zach LaVine's first highlight-reel dunk as a Bull, a three-point facial of **JaKarr Sampson** just before halftime Monday night, is the move playing on a loop and circulating via social media.

Coach **Fred Hoiberg** preferred a different drive.

"His first points were from the free-throw line," Hoiberg said. "That's important."

"I've talked to him a lot about settling, especially early in the game, for the midrange, contested shots. So I liked his early attack to the basket. Once you get that rhythm, you can take some of those (contested) shots."

In the two home games before the three-game trip that concluded with the collapse against the Kings, LaVine missed 23 of 28 shots. But the Bulls traveled West and he found his scoring stroke as he averaged 23.7 points on 46.9 percent shooting.

"I've said all along it's the timing and rhythm of the game I have to get back," LaVine said. "I didn't play basketball for 11 months."

"Some games I feel really good; some I don't. Regardless, I'm going to work my way back to being a consistent threat. I'm not worried about that at all."

Dunn deal: Though still not cleared to exit the league's concussion protocol, **Kris Dunn** was a light participant at practice with the Windy City Bulls on

Tuesday, one day shy of the three-week mark since he landed on his face while descending from a dunk, dislocating two teeth and suffering a concussion.

The Bulls are 1-7 since.

"Even looking at that (Jan. 17) game (against the Warriors), he made a couple of big-time plays to get us back into it," Hoiberg said. "That dunk cut it to a five-point game and he was in a really good rhythm. He had really good chemistry with our guys, specifically **Lauri (Markkanen)**, who we were playing through a lot at the end of games in two-man situations."

The Bulls miss Dunn's ability to push the ball upcourt and penetrate to make plays for others and his defensive work.

"Kris has really evolved into the closer for this team," Hoiberg said. "When we had that great month in December, he was a huge part of that."

Layups: Markkanen practiced with the Windy City Bulls on Tuesday after missing three games for the birth of his first child. He will practice with the Bulls on Wednesday and is scheduled to start Friday at home against the Timberwolves. ... The Kings swept their two-game season series with the Bulls for the first time since 2006-07. ... The Bulls have lost two games — against the Kings and Heat — in which they allowed fewer than 10 points in the first quarter.

BASEBALL

Free agents are still waiting

Sullivan, from Page 1

The MLBPA also retweeted a tweet from Rockies catcher Chris Iannetta, who wrote he was fortunate to be playing on a team that is “competing for a World Series from day one” of the season. The Rockies signed Cubs closer Wade Davis and have revamped their bullpen.

Referring to teams that allegedly are tanking and not signing players, Iannetta wrote: “What if one competitor plays more teams that aren’t competing. Unfair advantage.”

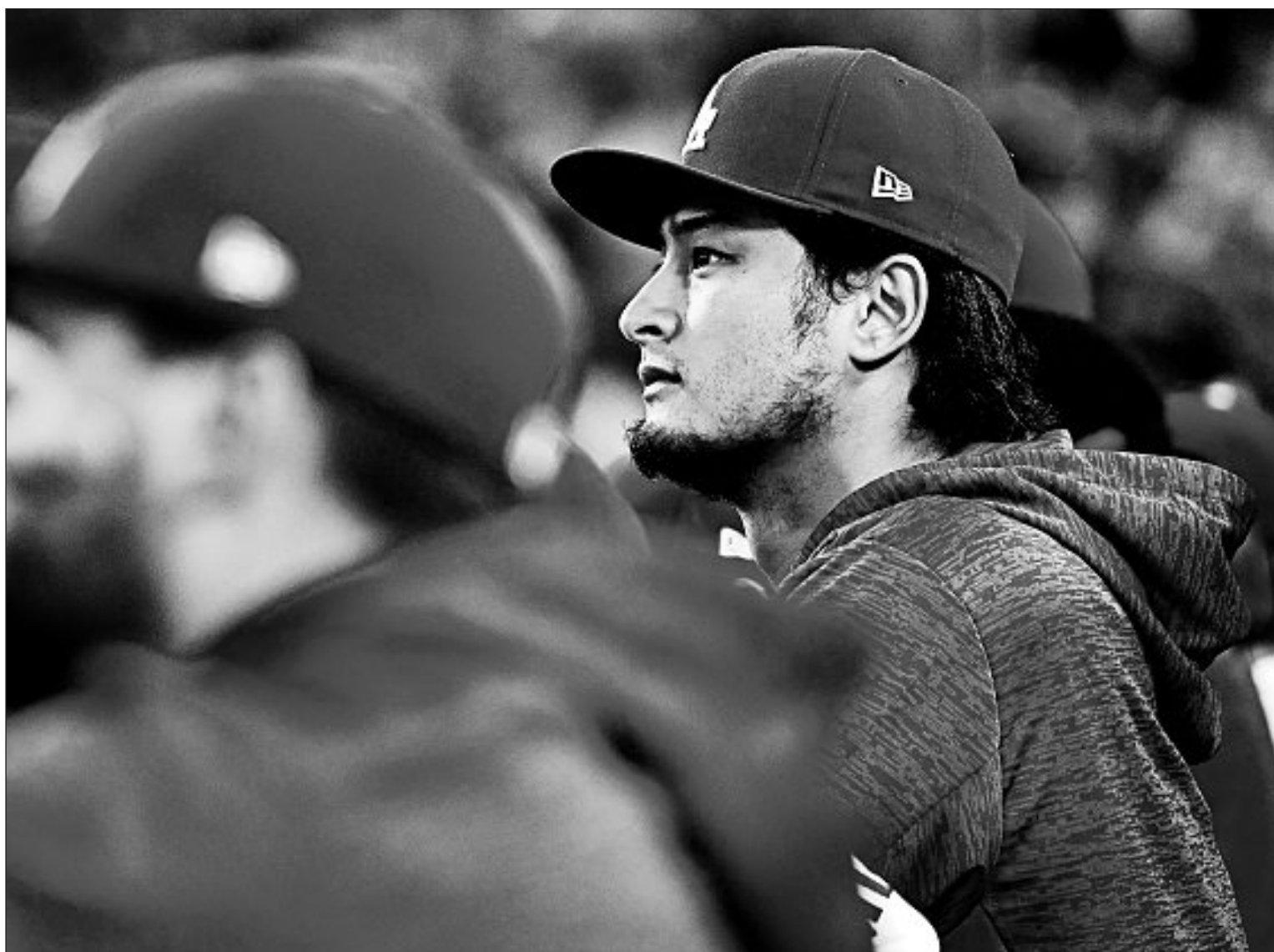
The Nationals are one of those teams. They’re competing in the National League East with the Phillies, Braves and Marlins, all of whom are in various stages of a rebuilding plan.

Since teams play more games within their own divisions, the Nationals figure to have a much easier route to the postseason than the Rockies, who will play more games against the Dodgers and Diamondbacks, both of whom made the playoffs last year, and the Giants, who acquired Andrew McCutchen and Evan Longoria this winter.

Agent Scott Boras on Monday said the number of so-called “tanking” teams is hurting the game.

“They decided we’re going to have the 12 teams-a-tanking, if you will, and therefore you have a noncompetitive cancer and this is completely opposite of what (then-)Commissioner (Bud) Selig in good faith sought in bargaining,” Boras said.

Boras represents several unsigned free agents, including Jake Arrieta, J.D. Martinez, Mike Moustakas and Eric Hosmer. Last week, Brodie Van Wagenen, the co-head of CAA Sports, called for a boycott of spring training and said players were “outraged” over



HARRY HOW/GETTY

Pitcher Yu Darvish, who pitched with the Dodgers in the World Series last season, is one of several top free agents still waiting for a contract.

TOP 10 UNSIGNED FREE AGENTS

- **Yu Darvish:** Cubs fans are hopeful, but Darvish seems intent on waiting for the Dodgers to swoop in.
- **Jake Arrieta:** Scott Boras referred to Arrieta as a “big squirrel.” Big enough to warrant a seven-year deal?
- **J.D. Martinez:** Reportedly turned down a five-year deal from the Red Sox, who still figure to land him.
- **Mike Moustakas:** Market is so thin “Moose” may have to accept a short-term deal.
- **Eric Hosmer:** Turned down multiple seven-year offers, according to reports. Unlikely to get one now.
- **Alex Cobb:** His former manager and pitching coach are now with the Cubs, making Cobb a perfect fit.
- **Lance Lynn:** Rejected Cardinals’ qualifying offer (\$17.4 million), and teams are unwilling to sacrifice a pick.
- **Greg Holland:** Rockies closer posted a 1.62 ERA in the first half and a 6.38 ERA in the second half.
- **Logan Morrison:** Thought he’d cash in after hitting 38 homers, but interest in “LoMo” is in slow-mo.
- **Carlos Gomez:** A .216 average on the road in 2017 suggests his best option is returning to the Rangers.

the lack of free agent movement.

“There is a rising tide among players for radical change,” Van Wagenen wrote. “A fight is brewing and it may begin with one, maybe two and perhaps 1,200 willing to follow. A boycott of spring training may be a starting point, if behavior doesn’t change.”

The MLBPA released a statement

Monday saying the union has not “recommended such a course of action.”

It seems like we’re getting closer and closer to another Andre Dawson spring, the kind we presumed we never would see again.

When Dawson walked into the Cubs spring training camp in Mesa, Ariz., in 1987 and told the

Cubs he would take whatever offer they thought was fair, he forced the organization to sign him.

As Dodgers executive Ned Colletti noted in his book “The Big Chair: “Everyone who had a passing interest in the bargaining process knew the owners were colluding against the players. Nobody could prove it, but the

Hawk was about to make it clear to all the world.”

Dawson handed Dallas Green a blank contract, saying: “I want to be a Cub. You can fill in the rest.”

The Cubs paid Dawson \$500,000, less than half of the \$1.047 million he had received with the Expos.

Dawson became MVP, the owners later were fined for collusion and several players who signed subpar deals were granted “second look” free-agency.

Would anyone be brave enough to follow Dawson’s lead in this day and age?

Probably not, but the clock is ticking, and at least for now, neither side is budging.

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49 McClanahan and others

51 “Cat ___ Hot Tin Roof”

52 Frankfurter

56 Lawn mower brand

58 End of the work week, for many; abbr.

61 Stay away from

62 Adviser

64 Depart

65 Leak out

66 Word before worm or shelf

67 Finished

68 Trudge

69 Wagers

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1 Greek letters

2 Dad’s sister

3 Uncertain

4 Org. for Texans and Titans

5 Fold mark

6 ___ at; imply

7 Shaping tools

8 British custom

9 Stuck around

10 Nudge

11 Make money

12 Give a traffic ticket to

13 Kill

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

DePaul dealt a stinging blow

In another tough hit for program, 4-star recruit Campbell picks UCLA



SHANNON RYAN
On college basketball

Some of the nation's most talented high school basketball recruits have had DePaul on their short list of potential college destinations over the years.

Jabari Parker, Derrick Rose and Cliff Alexander listed the Blue Demons among final options. Anthony Davis, a late bloomer on the high school scene, also received attention from DePaul.

All of the above were from Chicago, and they all went elsewhere. DePaul's hat in the ring felt like a courtesy, a sign of respect to the local college that

recruited them well but ultimately didn't stand a chance.

Their decisions were met with sighs and shrugs from most Blue Demons fans.

But the latest snub stings. And it should.

After toying with DePaul for months, Tyger Campbell, a four-star point guard at La Lumiere School in La Porte, Ind., announced his college plans Tuesday morning, tweeting: "I am excited to announce my commitment to play for the UCLA Bruins! #blessed."

This time, it felt different. This time, DePaul had a real shot.

Campbell's original commitment to DePaul in May was symbolic. How could one not couple his commitment with the completion of a sparkling new near-South Loop arena as a sign of things finally going DePaul's way after years of struggles?

A column and photo of Campbell and his trademark hair took up most of the front page of the Tribune's sports section. Fans and sports talk radio hosts in the city were talking about the typically

overlooked DePaul program.

Campbell was considered the best Blue Demons prospect since Quentin Richardson picked them over Kansas in 1997.

In May, Campbell was the nation's No. 25 recruit in the Class of 2019, according to 247Sports.com's composite rankings. Since then Campbell — who reopened his recruitment in September — reclassified into the Class of 2018 and has a No. 72 national composite ranking and No. 13 among point guards.

So, of course, his decision to spurn DePaul brought fans crashing back to earth. Their frustration turns up the heat on coach Dave Leitao, in the third season of his second stint with the program, and athletic director Jean Lenti Ponsetto.

Consider this: DePaul has had only one winning season since Leitao left for Virginia after the 2004-05 campaign, finishing 20-14 in 2006-07.

Ponsetto fired the previous two coaches, Jerry Wainwright and Oliver Purnell. Leitao, who led

the Blue Demons to their last NCAA tournament appearance in 2004 during his first stint, is 27-58 his second time around.

Leitao seemingly did everything right to land Campbell.

He added Shane Heirman, Campbell's former high school coach, as an assistant about a week before Campbell's initial commitment, and the Blue Demons have five La Lumiere alumni in their program: graduate center Marin Maric, sophomore guard Brandon Cyrus, freshman walk-ons James Anderson and Pantelis Xidias and junior guard Jalen Coleman-Lands, who is sitting out this season after transferring from Illinois.

Two other DePaul freshmen — guard Justin Roberts and forward Jaylen Butz — were Campbell's AAU teammates in Indiana. And another of Campbell's former La Lumiere teammates, three-star forward Kevin Zhang — who transferred to Montverde Academy in Florida — is also a top DePaul target in the Class of 2018, though he is expected to join Campbell at

UCLA.

NCAA rules prohibit Leitao from commenting on recruits. Lenti Ponsetto and Leitao declined a Tribune request to discuss the direction of the program.

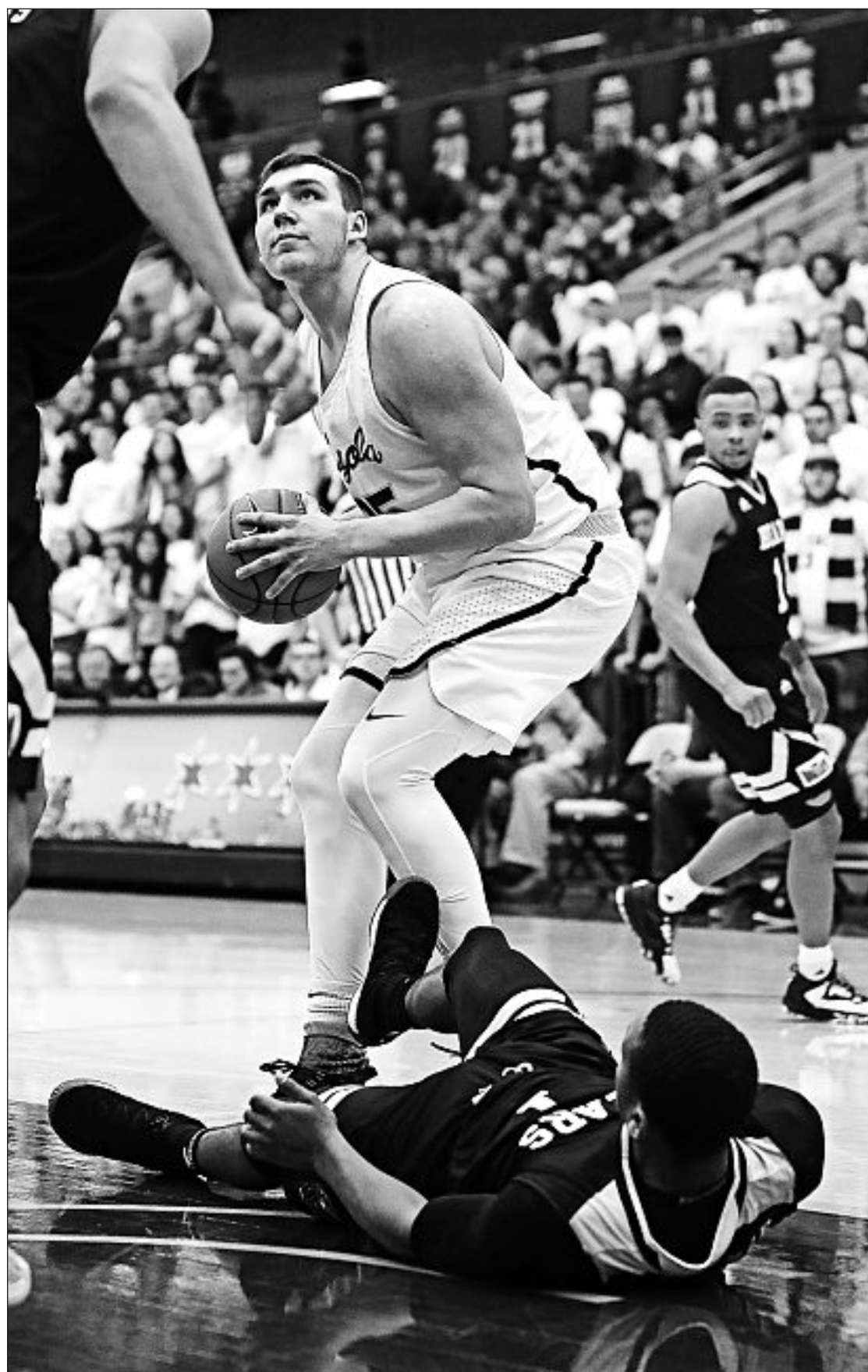
Campbell's story likely will circulate among many coaches as another example of the hair-pulling frustrations of recruiting. Campbell, who also listed Purdue and Maryland among his finalists, attended many DePaul games this season with his mother, sitting behind the bench in what seemed a reassuring sign.

He had said he would announce his decision Thursday, and many recruiting analysts predicted he would pick DePaul. When no news came, Blue Demons fans began to fret.

Five days later, they had their answer.

They settled into a familiar feeling of disappointment that felt harder to bear this time.

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JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Freshman center Cameron Krutwig is averaging 10.1 points and a team-high 6.6 rebounds for Loyola.

Krutwig right fit at Loyola

Loyola, from Page 1

"A lot of big men want to start shooting 3s now and midrange jumpers and facing up. I'm kind of a throwback for sure."

Krutwig, who lost 35 pounds before the season, is a centerpiece for the sharpshooting Ramblers (19-5, 9-3), who lead the Missouri Valley Conference entering Wednesday's home game against Drake (13-12, 7-5). He averages 10.1 points and a team-best 6.6 rebounds while also acting as a skilled passer through whom coach Porter Moser trusts to run the offense in the high post.

As the season has progressed, Moser has encouraged Krutwig to become more physical — and Krutwig has grown comfortable being more aggressive. In the last seven games, he has averaged 14.4 points and 8.4 rebounds.

"I feel like I overdid it in the beginning. He was such a good passer," Moser said. "(We ran) some of the stuff NBA guys run off the high post. It wasn't until about 10 games ago, around when conference play started, I stopped cutting so many people

off of him and I wanted him to score more.

"I know he's going to pass still, but he was looking to pass too much. He's become more of a scoring threat, and he's still a tremendous passer."

Krutwig said he received 25 Division I scholarship offers at Jacobs, where he was the top-ranked center in the state by 247Sports.com and the No. 12 player overall.

He saw himself fitting in seamlessly at Loyola. He took four unofficial visits to campus and often played with the Ramblers during open-gym hours. He noticed that even in an atmosphere without coaches, the players shared the ball.

Loyola players took notice of Krutwig too.

"The first time I played against him in open gym, he was holding his own," senior guard Donte Ingram said. "He was affecting the game in different ways, passing and scoring down low. In my head I was like, 'Man, we can use him this year.'"

Moser and teammates called Krutwig a natural leader, constantly barking out plays and

doling out encouragement. Between May and October, he concentrated on his diet to drop to 260 pounds and worked on his mobility.

Moser predicted Krutwig will continue to improve as he builds strength in the offseason.

In a 69-67 loss Wednesday at Bradley, Krutwig got the ball in the post, but instead of taking it to the hoop, he passed to Clayton Custer on the perimeter, and Custer missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

"You've got to shoot it there," Moser told reporters after the game. "He's trying to win it by passing out for the 3. But he's a freshman and he's going to learn."

Krutwig recovered in Saturday's 97-75 victory against Missouri State with 13 points and seven rebounds. He's having the impact freshman year he said he dreamed about for a team with designs on an NCAA tournament berth.

Said Krutwig, "I just knew it was going to be a good fit."

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NORTHWESTERN 61, MICHIGAN 52

Wildcats able to find comfort in their zone

Defense carries NU to 4th win in last 5 games vs. No. 20 Wolverines

BY SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

Northwestern coach Chris Collins said he knows what everyone thinks. He knows what has been written about the Wildcats.

After a 61-52 victory over No. 20 Michigan on Tuesday night at Allstate Arena — Northwestern's best win of the season — Collins was heavy on the sarcasm when he spoke to reporters.

"I think it's amusing that we're .500 in the (Big Ten) and 15-10 (overall) and it's a disaster of a season," Collins said. "I'm not sure how many Northwestern teams have been 6-6 after 12 (conference) games, but it's quite a disaster whatever is going on."

"I know we're dead, I know we're bad and I know we have all these problems. But we're going to keep playing our games."

The Wildcats' use of zone defense has propelled them to four wins in their last five.

Michigan (19-7, 8-5), which beat Northwestern 58-47 eight days ago, made only 5 of 20 shots in the second half. The Wildcats kept the Wolverines without a field goal over a nine-plus-minute stretch.

After a slow start, the Wildcats came out firing in the opening three minutes of the second half to take their first lead and never looked back. Bryant McIntosh tied a season high with 24 points and Scottie Lindsey added 19.

The Wildcats seem to have turned a corner, but fans may wonder if it's too late to make an



NAM Y. HUH/AP

Bryant McIntosh scored 24 points to lead Northwestern on Tuesday night at Allstate Arena.

NCAA tournament push.

Collins reminded the Wildcats of last season's Michigan team, which struggled early in conference play but regrouped to become the Big Ten's hottest team and make a run to the Sweet 16.

"Everyone is writing our obituary," Collins said. "But I'm not quite sure I'm seeing that."

The victory over Michigan is Northwestern's only one against a ranked opponent, and the Wildcats are 1-8 against the top 100 RPI (Ratings Percentage Index). However, Collins is reminding his players there's time left to make an impression on the NCAA tournament selection committee.

"You see a lot of teams that want to crank it up and make a push, and you see teams counting it down until the season ends," Collins said. "We've talked about it with our guys: What do we want to be?"

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ROUNDUP

Irish snap skid at 7, overcome Robinson

Tribune news services

T.J. Gibbs scored 22 first-half points and finished with a career-high 28 as host Notre Dame overcame a record-setting effort by Boston College's Jerome Robinson and ended its longest losing streak in nine years with a 96-85 victory over the Eagles on Tuesday night.

Robinson finished with 46 points, shattering the 40-year-old standard for an opponent at Purcell Pavilion. Lowes Moore scored 40 points for West Virginia in January 1978.

Matt Farrell had 19 points and seven assists, and Martin Geben added 16 points and 11 rebounds as the Fighting Irish (14-10, 4-7 ACC) halted their skid at seven games. The Eagles fell to 14-10, 4-7.

Michigan State 96, Iowa 93: Miles Bridges had 25 points and a crucial steal with five seconds left as the No. 4 Spartans (23-3, 11-2 Big Ten) rallied for their seventh straight win. Tyler Cook scored 26 points for the Hawkeyes (12-14, 3-10).

Nebraska 91, Minnesota 85: Isaiah Roby scored 21 points and James Palmer Jr. added 19 points, seven rebounds and nine assists to lead the visiting Cornhuskers

(18-8, 9-4 Big Ten). Nate Mason had 34 points for the Golden Gophers (14-12, 3-10).

Top 25: Trevon Bluiett scored 17 of his 26 points in the final 14½ minutes of regulation and overtime to help No. 5 Xavier rally to beat Butler 98-93 in Indianapolis. Kerem Kanter added 22 points, including the go-ahead basket with 2:56 left in overtime, for the Musketeers (22-3, 10-2 Big East).



... Kyle Washington scored 13 points as No. 6 Cincinnati (22-2, 11-0 American) dominated visiting UCF 77-40 for its 15th straight win. ... Devonte' Graham scored 24 points as No. 10 Kansas (19-5, 8-3 Big 12) beat visiting TCU 71-64.

... Lamonte Turner scored 16 points, including a clutch 3-pointer with 26 seconds left, as No. 15 Tennessee (18-5, 8-3 SEC) pulled out a 61-59 road win over No. 24 Kentucky (17-7, 6-5). ... Austin Reaves scored 22 points to lead No. 22 Wichita State (18-5, 8-3 American) to victory at Memphis 85-65.

Toledo 82, Northern Illinois 77: Jaelan Sanford scored 22 points as the host Rockets (17-7, 9-2 MAC) held on. Eugene German scored a career-high 30 points with eight rebounds and four assists for the Huskies (10-14, 3-8).

SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
 Minnesota			MIN 8:30 ESPN AM-670		WAS 7 WGN-9 AM-670		ORL 7 WGN-9 AM-670
 Indiana		DAL 7:30 NBCSCH AM-720		@MIN 7 NBCSCH AM-720		@ARI 8 NBCSCH AM-720	@VEG 9 NBCSCH AM-720

WEDNESDAY ON TV/RADIO

7 p.m.	Timberwolves at Cavaliers	ESPN
9:30 p.m.	Spurs at Suns	ESPN
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
5:30 p.m.	Maryland at Penn State	BTN
6 p.m.	Marquette at Seton Hall	FS1
6 p.m.	Wake Forest at Miami	ESPN2
6 p.m.	South Florida at Connecticut	ESPNU
6 p.m.	St. John's at Villanova	CBSSN
7 p.m.	Drake at Loyola	NBCSCH+
7:30 p.m.	Ohio State at Purdue	BTN
8 p.m.	Creighton at DePaul	FS1, WSCR-AM 670
8 p.m.	Texas A&M at Auburn	ESPN2
8 p.m.	Iowa State at Texas Tech	ESPNU
8 p.m.	VCU at Richmond	CBSSN
10 p.m.	California at Colorado	ESPNU
10 p.m.	UNLV at Nevada	CBSSN
CRICKET		
1:30 p.m.	Big Bash League championship	NBCSN
GOLF		
10 p.m.	World Super 6 Perth	Golf Channel
NHL		
7 p.m.	Bruins at Rangers	NBCSN
OLYMPICS		
9 p.m.	Alpine skiing, curling	NBCSN
1 a.m. Thu.	Curling	NBCSN
FA CUP SOCCER		
1:45 p.m.	Newport County at Tottenham	FS2
TENNIS		
7 a.m.	ATP Open Sud de France	Tennis Channel

BASEBALL

FREE AGENTS SIGNINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

WHITE SOX (2): Signed Wellington Castillo, c, Baltimore, to a \$15 million, two-year contract; signed Miguel Gonzalez, rhp, Texas, to a \$4.75 million, one-year contract.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

CUBS (4): Signed Tyler Chatwood, rhp, Colorado, to a \$38 million, three-year contract; signed Brandon Morrow, rhp, Los Angeles Dodgers, to a \$21 million, two-year contract; signed Steve Cisek, rhp, Tampa Bay, to a \$13 million, two-year contract; re-signed Brian Duensing, lhp, to a \$7 million, two-year contract.

REMAINING FREE AGENTS

(The 105 remaining free agents):
Q-rejected qualifying offer:
AMERICAN LEAGUE
WHITE SOX (2): Mike Pelfrey, rhp; Geovany Soto, c.
BALTIMORE (9): Pedro Alvarez; dh-ib; Ryan Flaherty; 2b; Craig Gray; of; J.J. Bledsoe; ss; Jeremy Hellickson; rhp; Ubaldo Jimenez; rhp; Wade Miley; lhp; Seth Smith; of; Chris Tillman, rhp.
BOSTON (5): Fernando Abad; lhp; Blaine Boyer; rhp; Rajai Davis; of; Eduardo Nunez; if; Chris Young; of.
CLEVELAND (1): Craig Breslow, lhp.
DETROIT (1): Anibal Sanchez, rhp.
HOUSTON (4): Carlos Beltran, dh; Tyler Clippard; rhp; Francisco Lirio; dh; Cameron Maybin, of.
KANSAS CITY (6): Melky Cabrera; of; Trevor Cahill; rhp; q-eric Hosmer, 1b; q-eric Moustakas; 2b; Peter Moylan; rhp; Jason Vargas, lhp.
LOS ANGELES (9): Andrew Bailey, rhp; Jesse Chavez, rhp; Yonel Escobar; rhp; Ricky Nolasco, rhp; Bud Norris, rhp; Cliff Pennington; if; Brandon Phillips; 2b; Ben Revere; of; Huston Street, rhp; Glen Perkins; lhp; Hector Santiago, lhp.
NEW YORK (3): Todd Frazier; 2b; Jaime Garcia, lhp; Matt Holliday, dh.
SEATTLE (3): Jarrod Dyson; of; Carlos Rodriguez; ss; Danny Santana, lhp.
TAMPA BAY (4): Peter Bourjos; of; q-Alex Cobb, rhp; Lucas Duda, 1b; Logan Morrison, 1b; Trevor Plouffe; 3b; Colby Rasmus; of; Sergio Romo, rhp.

SOCCER

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	W	T	L	GF	GA	PTS
Man City	22	3	1	74	19	69
Man United	17	5	4	18	56	56
Liverpool	14	9	3	59	31	51
Chelsea	15	6	5	46	23	50
Tottenham	14	7	5	51	24	49
Arsenal	13	6	7	51	35	45
Swansea	9	9	8	21	23	36
Leicester	9	8	9	38	35	35
Bournemouth	8	7	10	30	37	31
Everton	8	7	11	29	45	31
Watford	8	6	12	37	40	30
West Ham	6	9	11	32	46	27
Brighton	6	9	11	25	37	27
Crystal Palace	6	9	11	24	39	27
Southampton	5	11	10	28	38	26
Newcastle	6	7	13	24	25	24
Sheff Wed	6	6	14	19	27	24
Stoke	6	6	14	26	52	24
Huddersfield	6	6	14	19	46	24
West Brom	3	11	12	21	37	20

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

New England: Signed Ol. James Farenz and Jason King, WRs Cody Hollister and Riley McCarron, DBs David Jones and Damaris Travis, CBS Ryan Lewis and Joel Wiltz, LB Trevor Reilly and TE Will Tye.
Tennessee: Named Terrell Williams defensive line coach, Tony Dews running backs coach and Keith Carter offensive line coach.
HOCKEY
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
Anaheim: Recalled LW Nic Kerdesley from San Diego (AHL).
Tampa Bay: Reassigned F Michael Bournival to Syracuse (AHL).
SOCCER
MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER
D.C. United: Traded general allocation money to Toronto for targeted allocation money.
Sacramento: Signed G Rafael D.
Sporting KC: Signed M Felipe Gutierrez as designated player.

COLLEGE

Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference: Named Phil Paquette director of new media/communications.
Earlham: Named Jeremy Carl Interim director of athletics.
Emory & Henry: Named Kyla King volleyball coach.
Washington: Announced junior QB Jaquan Eason is transferring from Georgia.
Kentucky: Suspended men's basketball F Tai Wynyard until further notice.
Southern Cal: Extended the contract of basketball coach Jay Helton through the 2023 season.

GOLF

REXEL CUP STANDINGS

FKX. GOLFER	PTS	EARN
1. Patton Kizzire	1,247	2,961,988
2. Jon Rahm	908	2,050,823
3. Brendan Steele	812	1,814,077
4. Pat Perez	761	1,973,532
5. Gary Woodland	750	1,585,500
6. Austin Cook	721	1,525,694
7. Dustin Johnson	718	1,939,667
8. Justin Thomas	688	2,051,800
9. Brian Harman	680	1,452,137
10. Jason Day	630	1,297,597
11. Justin Rose	628	1,853,200
12. Patrick Cantlay	617	1,466,506
13. Chez Reavie	606	1,414,877
14. Chesson Hadley	600	1,452,137
15. Tony Finau	569	1,291,966
16. Marc Leishman	513	1,515,758
17. Andrew Landry	499	1,090,606
18. Rickie Fowler	475	1,204,250
19. Zach Johnson	470	1,033,447
20. Kengan Bradley	443	1,102,089
21. Cameron Smith	439	1,170,858
22. James Hahn	433	956,203
23. Ryan Armour	415	995,058
24. Matt Kuchar	411	1,025,111
25. Tom Hoge	389	861,687
26. Charles Howell III	383	884,332
27. O. Schniederjans	368	842,670
28. Brian Gay	339	750,503
29. Phil Mickelson	329	1,585,500
30. Alex Cejka	322	789,925
31. Alex Noren	314	759,240
32. Brandon Harkins	311	629,550
33. B. DeChambeau	309	713,295
34. Sam Snead	308	818,578
35. Brian Stuard	306	718,697
36. Kyle Stanley	294	714,694
37. Chris Kirk	294	643,220
38. Ryan Palmer	287	678,532
39. Xander Schauffele	284	697,348
40. Luke List	284	697,348
41. Hideki Matsuyama	282	737,213
42. Martin Piller	277	644,694
43. Zach Johnson	266	1,033,447
44. Kevin Streelman	249	503,743
45. Jason Day	247	513,296
46. Beau Hossler	245	515,742
47. Brooks Koepka	240	739,667
48. Rafa Cabrera Bello	238	656,500
49. Scott Brown	237	664,986
50. Bud Cowley	235	526,909

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S AP TOP 25	RK (CP) TEAM	W-L	TUESDAY/NEXT GAME	*A.M.
1	(1) Villanova	22-1	Wed vs. St. John's, 6	
2	(2) Virginia	22-1	Wed at Florida State, 6	
3	(3) Purdue	23-2	Wed vs. #14 Ohio State, 7:30	
4	(4) Michigan State	23-2	W 96-93 at Iowa	
5	(5) Xavier	22-3	W 98-93 (OT) at Butler	
6	(6) Cincinnati	22-2	W 77-40 vs. Central Florida	
7	(7) Duke	19-4	Wed vs. Iowa State, 8	
8	(8) Auburn	21-2	Wed at Texas A&M, 8	
9	(9) Duke	19-4	Thu at #19 N. Carolina, 7	
10	(10) Kansas	19-5	W 71-64 vs. TCU, late	
11	(11) St. Mary's	23-2	Thu at Loyola Marymount, 9	
12	(12) Gonzaga	21-4	Thu at Pacific, 9	
13	(13) Arizona	20-5	Thu vs. #12 UCLA, 9	
14	(14) Ohio State	20-5	Wed at #3 Purdue, 7:30	
15	(15) Tennessee	18-5	W 61-59 at Kentucky	
16	(16) Clemson	19-4	Thu vs. Pittsburg, 6	
17	(17) Oklahoma	16-7	Sat at Iowa State, 1	
18	(18) Rhode Island	19-3	Fri vs. Davidson, 6	
19	(19) West Virginia	18-6	Sat vs. Oklahoma State, 11*	
20	(20) Michigan	19-7	L 61-52 at Northwestern	
21	(21) N. Carolina	17-7	Thu vs. #9 Duke, 7	
22	(22) Wichita State	18-5	W 85-65 at Memphis	
23	(23) Nevada	15-8	Wed vs. UNLV, 10	
24	(24) Kentucky	17-7	L 61-59 vs. Tennessee	
25	(25) Miami	17-5	Wed vs. Wake Forest, 6	

BIG TEN MEN'S STANDINGS

TEAM	CONF	ALL	TUESDAY/NEXT GAME	*A.M.
Purdue	12-0	23-2	Wed vs. #14 Ohio State, 7:30	
Ohio State	11-1	20-5	Wed at #3 Purdue, 7:30	
Michigan State	11-2	23-3	W 96-93 at Iowa	
Nebraska	9-4	18-8	W 91-85 at Minnesota	
Michigan	8-5	19-7	L 61-52 at Northwestern	
Penn State	6-6	15-9	Wed vs. Maryland, 5:30	
Northwestern	6-5	15-10	W 61-52 vs. #20 Michigan	
Indiana	4-7	13-12	Fri vs. Minnesota, 6:30	
Maryland	5-7	16-9	Wed at Penn State, 5:30	
Wisconsin	3-9	10-15	Thu at Illinois, 8	
Minnesota	3-10	14-12	L 91-85 vs. Nebraska	
Iowa	3-10	12-14	L 96-93 vs. #4 Michigan State	
Illinois	2-9	12-12	Thu vs. Wisconsin, 8	
Rutgers	2-11	12-14	Sat at Nebraska, 3	

AREA MEN'S TEAMS

TEAM	W-L	TUESDAY/NEXT GAME	*A.M.
Bradley	17-8	Wed at N. Iowa, 7	
Chicago State	2-23	Thu vs. Utah Valley, 7:05	
DePaul	9-13	Wed vs. Creighton, 8	
Eastern Ill.	8-15	Thu at SIU-Ed'sville, 7	
Ill. Chicago	14-11	Thu vs. Youngstown State, 7	
Illinois State	13-11	Thu vs. S. Illinois, 8	
Loyola	19-5	Wed vs. Drake, 7	
Marquette	13-10	Wed at Seton Hall, 6	
Northern Ill.	10-14	L 82-77 at Toledo	
Notre Dame	14-10	W 96-85 vs. Boston College	
Northern Ill.	16-9	Thu at Illinois State, 8	
SIU-Ed'sville	8-15	Thu vs. E. Illinois, 7	
Valparaiso	12-13	Wed vs. Drake, 7	
Western Ill.	11-11	Thu at Omaha, 7	

LATEST LINE

NBA pregame.com	WEDNESDAY at Detroit	9 Brooklyn
	at Houston	4½ at Miami
	at New Orleans	off at Cleveland
	Minnesota	2½ at Cleveland
	Utah	7½ at Memphis
	at Phoenix	off at San Antonio
COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
	at Penn St.	3½ Maryland
	at Florida	7½ LSU
	at St. Bonav.	6½ Saint Louis
	at UConn	13½ South Florida
	at Seton Hall	6½ Marquette
	at Fordham	2 George Mason
	at Temple	17 East Carolina
	Virginia	3½ at Florida St.
	La Salle	2 at Geo. Wash.
	at Dayton	2 Duke
	at Miami	10 Wake Forest
	at Villanova	18 St. John's
	at Texas	5½ Valparaiso
	at Evansville	3 Bradley
	at N. Iowa	3 at Virginia
	at Loyola	10 Drake
	at Vanderbilt	2 Georgia
	at Purdue	9 Ohio State
	at Wyoming	4½ Utah St.
	at Richmond	PK Va Common.
	Creighton	6½ at DePaul
	at Texas Tech	13½ Iowa St.
	at Auburn	7½ Texas A&M
	at Virginia Tech	5 NC State
	at UC Irvine	13 CS Northridge
	at Nevada	8½ UNLV
	at Colorado	10½ California
	at Hawaii	10½ UC Riverside

NHL

at Toronto	off	Nashville	off
Boston	-118	at NY Rangers	+108
at Los Angeles	-128	Edmonton	+118

WINTER OLYMPICS

COUNTRY WITH MOST GOLD MEDALS

Norway	8-11	Netherlands	20-1
Germany	3-2	South Korea	33-1
U.S.	2	France	37-1
Canada	6-1	Switzerland	37-1

NBA & LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Fort Wayne	20	14	588	-
Wisconsin	17	17	500	3
Grand Rapids	17	18	486	3½
WINDY CITY	2	14	406	6
Canton	13	21	382	7

2018 WINTER OLYMPICS

Hot stuff: It's easy to love curling

Curling, from Page 1

Gottschild has curled with both tweens and octogenarians.

Young, old, short, tall, male, female ... we all know how to sweep.

Curling has its own language. At a recent gathering of first-time curlers in Northbrook, Gottschild spoke of the sport's uniqueness.

"What we're doing," she said, "is a little odd and ridiculous."

The sport's appeal is obvious, both to viewers and participants.

Chicago Curling Club member Tom Slepicka recalled flipping channels during an Olympics and becoming mesmerized by what he saw.

"It's 2 a.m. and then the next thing you know, it's 4 a.m.," he said.

But you know what's even more fun than watching curling? Curling itself.

The only equipment a first-time curler needs is a pair of tennis shoes. Gloves are optional.

Not optional: humility. A game starts by shaking your opponent's hand and wishing luck by saying: "Good curling."

Borderline optional is a thirst for post-game entertainment. Winning team buys the first round.

"For a really long time," said CBC Olympics correspondent Devin Heroux, "the appeal was that you could smoke a cigarette and drink beer while you played. And if you were not doing it during, you were certainly doing it after."

The Scots invented the game in the 16th century, and the granite for the Olympic-caliber stones comes from Alisa Craig, a 220-acre island off the coast of Scotland. A full set of 16 "rocks" that's needed for a four-player game can cost \$4,000.

Canada dominates the sport, with both its men's and women's



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Tribune reporter Teddy Greenstein launches a curling stone during a class at the Chicago Curling Club.

teams taking gold in 2014.

Heroux grew up in Saskatchewan, a province north of Montana that he calls the "heartland of curling. All across the small towns are rinks ranging from one curling sheet in an aluminum barn to 4-6 sheets. This has been my life for a very long time. Either you played hockey or you curled."

Heroux's version of good, clean Canadian fun is live-tweeting curling (@Devin_Heroux). He is determined to document (or at least witness) every throw during every curling event in Pyeongchang for all 17 days.

"It is one of the most strategic sports you will ever come across," he said. "The analytics have come to a point where there is like a 'Moneyball' of curling."

Advocates call it "chess on ice" for the multiple-shots-ahead strategy at the highest levels that involve blocking opponents' stones and curling shots around them by releasing them with a turning rotation.

For beginners, it's more like putt-putt.

"What we're doing is a little odd and ridiculous."

— *Karrie Gottschild, Chicago Curling Club*

In a team of four, one player wearing a slider shoe pushes out from a hack, gliding along the ice. After that player releases the stone toward the "house" 150 feet away (don't call it a bulls-eye), two teammates shuffle alongside with brooms, sweeping in a 'W' motion.

The sweeping warms the ice and reduces friction, adding perhaps 15 feet to a "light" throw. Meanwhile the skip, the team captain, barks out orders to the sweepers.

The teams rotate throws, and the last shot on each end is called the hammer. The player might try to score points with a "draw" or opt for a "takeout."

Points are awarded to the team

with the stone(s) closest to the center of the house. This goes on for multiple innings, which are called "ends."

"The pros make it look silly easy," Gottschild said. "They're thinking about 1,000 things. For first-timers, it's like your first golf round of the year."

Low expectations. Clear mind.

"It's bowling-ish," said Barbie Reakes of McHenry County, one of my teammates in the Chicago Curling Club's intro class. "But it's harder."

It's also a great time, actually. And it's not BYOB – both booze (at a cost) and brooms are provided by the club.

"It's more fun than I thought it would be," said Mika Talwar, a competitive skier from California who was on the crew team at DePaul.

Do you have the curling terminology down?

"Not at all," she replied with a laugh.

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Bracing for bitter weather

By **CHELSEA JANES**
Washington Post

DAEWALLYEONG, South Korea — Lee Hee-boem, president and CEO of the Pyeongchang Olympic Organizing Committee, a man with an MBA from George Washington University and a doctorate in business, sat on a dais in front of several dozen reporters from around the world Tuesday and held up a fleece blanket — his unexpected defense against a flurry of questions about what might be the coldest Winter Olympics in history.

The opening ceremony has become a focus of concern. Temperatures in Lillehammer, Norway, plummeted below zero degrees Fahrenheit in 1994, but the 2018 Olympics could top that. Pyeongchang is known for bitter winters and pounding winds that blow in from the Manchurian plains and Siberia and never seem to stop this time of year.

They may dodge the worst-case scenario. After enduring what organizers are referring to as a lengthy "cold snap," temperatures here are supposed to rise over the next few days and peak around 40 degrees Fahrenheit on Friday — just in time for the opening ceremony that evening.

Those competing in the sliding sports will likely have to adjust even more. The deeper the chill, the harder the ice. The harder the ice, the faster the sled, meaning bobsledders, lugers and skeleton racers will see conditions change dramatically.

American Chris Mazdzer and his luge teammates will be among the coldest competitors at the Games. They wear skintight suits, the competitive effects of which none of them can afford to compromise by stuffing them with coats or base layers. For the two minutes of their race, they will have little defense.

"Once you're going down though," Mazdzer said, "you're so focused on what you're doing you don't feel anything."



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Tony Granato, head coach of the U.S. men's hockey team, played in the 1988 Olympics and was an assistant coach at the 2014 Games.

Q&A WITH TONY GRANATO

'Greatest stage' draws Downers Grove native

BY CHRIS KUC | Chicago Tribune

After a long career as a player and coach in the NHL, Downers Grove's Tony Granato is the head coach of the U.S. men's hockey team.

Granato, the coach at Wisconsin, spoke with the Tribune about growing up in a hockey family, watching sister Cammi win a gold medal in Nagano in 1998, coaching at his alma mater and what it means to him to head back to the Olympics after participating in the 1988 Games in Calgary as a player and the 2014 Games in Sochi as an assistant coach.

What was life like growing up in Downers Grove?

With my brothers, Don and Rob, and sister, Cammi, we had four of us in the family (who) played a ton of hockey. When I was 15 in 1980, the U.S. Olympic team won the gold medal, and it went from us being Stan Mikita, Bobby Hull and Tony Esposito when we played in the basement and backyard to being Mike Eruzione, Mark Johnson and some others who were our new heroes.

How did the family get into hockey?

We just fell in love with the Blackhawks at an early age. My parents were lucky enough to have season tickets, and when we were tiny we used to sit on their laps. We went to a lot of games over the years. I had a hero in Stan Mikita all the way through.

What is your best NHL memory?

Playing with Wayne Gretzky. I got the chance to play with Wayne for 6 1/2 years with the Kings. We had a great run in 1993 and lost in the finals to Patrick Roy and the Canadiens. All of my experiences coming back and playing in Chicago Stadium were certainly things I'll never forget. I grew up watching hundreds of games at the old Stadium, and my first game I played in the NHL with the Rangers was at the Stadium.

How have you been able to transition from All-Star player to coaching?

When I started to be an experienced player (who) was relied upon for leadership and I started to play fewer minutes and saw my role on the team change, I started to think, "OK, what are you going to do when you're done?" When I was in San Jose, we brought in a bunch of young kids — Patrick Marleau, Marco Sturm and Jeff Friesen, just to name a few — and my job was to help them grow and develop to take my position. So I acted somewhat as a coach in that role, and I think that was a nice transition to realize, hey, I might like this. A year later, I got the opportunity to join Colorado's staff and be part of a great organization. I've been lucky enough to stay on the bench since then.

What is special about coaching at Wisconsin, your alma mater?

I would not have come back to college hockey unless it was the University of Wisconsin. This is to me the best job in hockey. It's an opportunity for me to help the 20-plus kids we have on our roster every year get ready for an opportunity like I was given after my four years. The biggest reward as a coach is to watch kids develop and grow, and I can picture lots of players on this year's team having great opportunities to play in the NHL. That's where I get my joy. In the years to come I'll be able to turn on games and probably watch a lot of our players playing in the NHL.



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"When I was in San Jose, we brought in a bunch of young kids — Patrick Marleau, Marco Sturm and Jeff Friesen, just to name a few — and my job was to help them grow and develop to take my position. So I acted somewhat as a coach in that role." — Tony Granato, center

What do you remember about Cammi winning a gold medal in 1998?

I watched Cammi grow up and just like me want to be a Blackhawk. I kind of chuckled at her thoughts, saying, "Cam, you can't do that. Girls just don't play hockey." But she was able to play college hockey, and then there was noise about maybe someday there will be women's hockey in the Olympics, and I was thinking, "If there is anyone who deserves that opportunity, it would be Cammi." She was able to hold on long enough to play in the Olympics and was captain of the '98 team, and I don't think I've had a greater moment in athletics than to watch her be presented with the first-ever gold medal (in women's hockey).

Between you and your assistant, Chris Chelios, there are two Chicago-area natives on the Team USA coaching staff. Does it feel as if you're representing hockey in Illinois?

Illinois hockey was a big part of our opportunities in the game. I still have a lot of Illinois in me, having Don back in Chicago (as a Hawks assistant coach), my parents still live there and lots of other family. I still feel a lot of association with Illinois and Illinois hockey.

How special is it to be coaching Team USA?

The Olympics are the Olympics. When you are there as a fan (as) I was with Cammi or as a player (as) I was in 1988 and then (as an) assistant coach in Sochi, you walk onto the bench or into the Olympic Village or you get off the plane and get your apparel, you're in a surreal moment from the standpoint that this is the Olympics. It's the greatest stage for an athlete. To have another opportunity to do it as a head coach and do it with Chris and Scott Young and Keith Allain and our whole staff, I've been very lucky in lots of different ways.

What is your take on NHL players not participating in the Games?

I played as an amateur, and in 1980 when I was 15 and watching the Olympics, I remember listening to the names Mike Eruzione, Jim Craig, Ken Morrow and Jack O'Callahan, and I didn't know any of those guys. That was the purity of the Olympics. Within two weeks, I knew of all 20 players and where they were from because you fall in love with a sport and a team and they become your heroes. This is the same type of Olympics. It reminds me of that type of atmosphere. We're a little bit different team because we have guys who have played in the NHL and guys who are well into their 30s, including Brian Gionta as our captain. It's a different makeup of the team, but it has the potential to have the same type of feeling when we get to the Olympics.

But wouldn't it be great to be able to throw out a line with Patrick Kane and Auston Matthews on it?

It was a phenomenal last five Olympics, seeing (Sidney) Crosby go against Kane and seeing the best guys out there. But these Olympics have a chance to be just as special (in) a different way. All we want to do is go there and make a great showing of what USA Hockey is. We have a chance to show the entire world 25 new stories that people probably don't know a lot about, but hopefully with the first couple of days in the Olympics they can fall in love with our team.

What are you most looking forward to doing away from the ice in South Korea?

Experience it not just as a player of Team USA; experience it as an Olympic athlete. Go into the village, meet players and people from other sports and other countries and really let it sink in.

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Protecting Games still a concern

Heavy security doesn't allay all fear among competitors

By DAVID WHARTON
Los Angeles Times

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — Fighter jets streaked over the mountains that winter day. The snowboarders recall them roaring past every 15 minutes or so.

Many of the top names in snowboard cross racing had gathered in Pyeongchang in early 2016 to test the course that would be used for the 2018 Winter Olympics.

At some point, after the jets zoomed past yet again, American boarder Nate Holland turned to his teammate Seth Wescott.

"Dude, I just want you to know I love you," he recalls saying. "Like, if this trips off right now, we're in a horrible spot."

Barely 50 miles separate Pyeongchang's mountain venues from the Demilitarized Zone, a swath of land that for decades has provided a tenuous buffer between North and South Korea. This proximity puts the Games at the center of a nuclear faceoff.

But the political climate here — unlike the frigid weather — has warmed in recent weeks.

North Korea has agreed to participate in the Olympics, sending a contingent of 22 athletes across the border. At the same time, angry rhetoric has eased between the nation's leader, Kim Jong Un, and President Donald Trump.

With thousands of South Korean national police saturating the Pyeongchang area, officers standing on street corners in bright yellow coats, the question is: Do these Games still pose a security risk? And if so, what is the biggest potential threat?

"The Games are like the Super Bowl in a way," says Steven Weber, a University of California professor who studies international politics. "They will always be a target."

The specter of violence has shadowed this international sporting event since the "Munich Massacre" of 1972, when Palestinian gunmen stormed the Israeli team's living quarters in an attack that ultimately left 11 hostages and a German police officer dead.

More recently, London went on alert during the 2012 Summer Olympics and a Chechen rebel leader called for militants to "do their utmost to derail" the 2014 Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.

Both competitions went off safely, but when athletes and fans arrived at the 2016 Summer Games in Rio de Janeiro, they faced a different sort of worry — the Zika virus outbreak.

"Almost every Olympics has some kind of scandal or security threat or something that everybody's talking about," veteran luger Erin Hamlin said. "So I've been through it before."

Tensions on the Korean peninsula began to ease on New Year's Day when Kim made a public overture that was well-received by South Korean President Moon Jae-in.

Last-minute negotiations led to a deal by which North Korea will compete in several sports and march with South Korea at the opening ceremony Friday.

All of this was welcome news for IOC President Thomas Bach, who spoke at a Sunday news conference about the "positive messages" he has received from both governments.

Not that everything has gone smoothly.

There has been backlash in the South, where much of the population remains distrustful of Kim and protestors recently burned his image in the streets.

The neighboring countries have a history of violence around major sporting events.

Before the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, the downing of Korean Air Flight 858 was attributed to North Korean agents.

During the 2002 World Cup, a naval clash between the nations resulted in numerous deaths.

With an estimated 1 million fans visiting the region, the Games present a high-profile target. With nearly 3,000 athletes from more than 90 nations expected to compete at a dozen venues, they can be difficult to safeguard.

South Korea's national police force said it will deploy as many as 13,000 officers to augment local law enforcement and is working with the FBI and Interpol to monitor potential terrorist threats.

U.S. Forces Korea has 28,000 troops in the country that could be called upon in a crisis. The State Department has sent an additional 100 diplomatic security officers to protect Americans.

After that snowboard cross test event, Holland had doubts about his wife and young daughter coming to Pyeongchang.

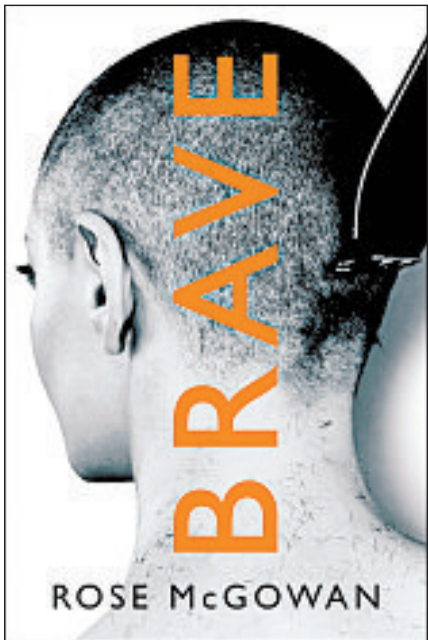
"You've got Kim Jong Un on one hand and Donald Trump, two really level-headed guys ... so what could go wrong?" he said.

His wife insisted on attending, and he eventually relented.

"I guess if we're going down," he said, "we're going down as a family."

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BOOK REVIEW

Chronicle of journey from 1 cult to another

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Chicago Tribune

The casting notice, trolling for the latest female lead in a new Adam Sandler movie, led with the breasts. And for Rose McGowan it was time to say something.

In a 2015 tweet, actress McGowan, best known at the time for five seasons on the supernatural TV hit “Charmed,” copied the Sandler movie audition notice. It called for actresses to wear a

“black (or dark) form fitting tank that shows off cleavage (push up bras encouraged).”

The response to McGowan’s Twitter call-out spoke to a collective, long-simmering *enough, already* in the culture. Even a fair percentage of men, whose entertainment diets have been crammed for generations with large helpings of entitlement cheesecake, read that tweet and thought: *enough, already*. Can’t we do better?

McGowan says we have no choice. Rough around the edges and rough at its core, “Brave” is McGowan’s new memoir, a serrated, up-and-down (in every way) account of a lifetime feeling, as she says, “hunted and objectified.”

She has gone public, for several years now, with allegations of sexual assault against now-and-forever-disgraced film producer Harvey Weinstein. In “Brave” she spells out her account in detail. Under the guise of a work meeting, Weinstein arranged to meet with McGowan the morning after a movie of hers screened at the 1997 Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah. At Sun-

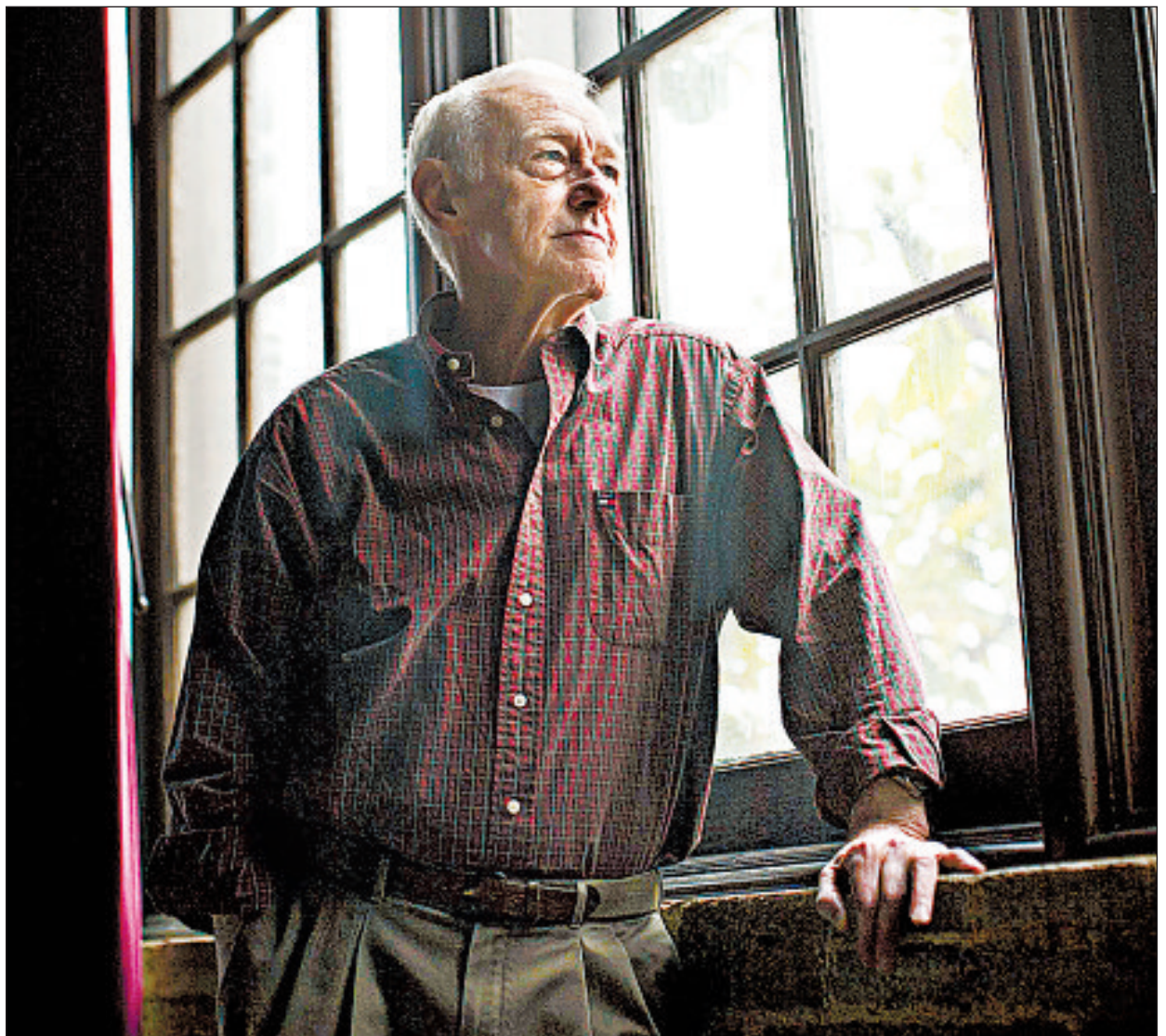
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Lyric Opera 2018-19 season preview

John von Rhein examines the schedule and artists, with remarks by general director Anthony Freud. **Page 4**



JAY L. CLENDENIN/LOS ANGELES TIMES 2009

John Mahoney, best known for “Frasier,” also appeared in movies such as “Moonstruck” and “Say Anything.”

APPRECIATION

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John Mahoney stayed true to ensemble spirit in his work



MICHAEL PHILLIPS

We all have a different John Mahoney “aha!” moment. That’s how it goes with character actors who serve their material while showing us a little something of themselves: They

bring us to them through the story they’re telling, rather than demanding our attention at the expense of it.

For some the aha! came in 1989 in “Say Anything...” in which Mahoney, in one his many gruff but humane dad roles, traded fours with John Cusack and Ione Skye and carefully tethered Cameron Crowe’s teen romance to something resembling planet Earth.

For others it happened two years earlier, in Barry Levinson’s “Tin Men.” Mahoney’s sixth feature but the first big one. Without a speck of

grandstanding, he anchored the early ‘60s aluminum siding sales office populated by Richard Dreyfuss, Seymour Cassel and other mugs.

Mahoney seemed like he’d been around forever, in the best way. That growly voice, so delightfully at odds with that marvelous, malleable, indelible face, made you listen, even at a whisper.

By then, like so many others, I’d seen Mahoney on stage, in a Stephenwolf play: “And a Nightingale

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Keach to return after Goodman heart attack

BY CHRIS JONES
Chicago Tribune

In May, the venerable actor Stacy Keach suffered a mild heart attack while he was onstage opening night starring in “Pamplona” at Chicago’s Goodman Theatre. Keach made a gallant attempt to soldier on through the 80-minute solo show about Ernest Hemingway. But after he appeared increasingly confused and disoriented, it was called off in mid-performance. And the remainder of the run of Jim McGrath’s play, directed by Goodman artistic director Robert Falls, was scrubbed.

But this summer, most remarkably, Keach is returning to the Goodman to finish the job.

“I’m going to get back on the horse,” Keach said in an interview. “It was the

most bizarre experience of my life, I tell you. I was told I had a heart attack. I had no pain, but it was like a fog had rolled in. I am very optimistic that won’t happen again. And I am so grateful to the people of Chicago for asking me back.”

“Pamplona” is now set to reopen July 15. Previews begin July 10.

Keach hardly has been sitting around in the interim. He continues to work on the CNBC true-crime series “American Greed” and on the new CBS sitcom “Man with a Plan,” starring Matt LeBlanc.

Tickets go on sale Feb. 16 to those who previously had tickets to the canceled performances. The general on-sale date is Feb. 23. The show runs through Aug. 19.

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Quentin Tarantino and Uma Thurman, seen in 2014, have tried to clarify the story of a "Kill Bill" car crash.

Tarantino: Crash one of his 'biggest regrets'

Over the weekend, Quentin Tarantino found himself accused of being a stereotypically bullying male director after Uma Thurman shared a story in The New York Times about suffering head, neck and knee injuries in a car crash while filming his 2003 action movie "Kill Bill."

But Monday, both Thurman and Tarantino came out to say that his actions surrounding the car crash and its aftermath have been misunderstood — though the director doesn't absolve himself of responsibility.

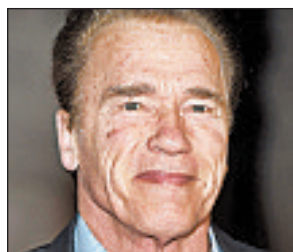
In an interview with Deadline published Monday night, Tarantino called the crash "one of the biggest regrets" of his career and life. But he said he thought shooting the Mexican jungle scene would be safe and insisted that he didn't badger Thurman into doing it. "It was heartbreaking," he told Deadline. "Beyond one of the biggest regrets of my career, it is one of the biggest regrets of my life. For a myriad of reasons."

Thurman's interview with the Times, published Saturday, mostly focused on her allegations of sexual assault against Harvey Weinstein, producer of "Kill Bill" and of Tarantino's other acclaimed films.

Thurman's account initially made it sound as though Tarantino had helped deny her access to crash footage that she could have used in a potential lawsuit against Weinstein. But it turns out Tarantino found the footage and gave it to her to present with the Times story, according to Thurman and Tarantino.

Thurman agreed that Tarantino had done the "right thing" by taking responsibility and sharing the accident footage, according to her Instagram post.

— Martha Ross, East Bay Times



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Schwarzenegger to TV?

Arnold Schwarzenegger will star in and executive produce an event series in the works at Amazon, Variety has confirmed. "Outrider" follows a deputy in Oklahoma Indian Territory in the late 1800s who must partner with a ruthless federal marshal (Schwarzenegger). If the Western is made, it would be Schwarzenegger's first regular role in a television series. He has appeared as himself on numerous TV shows and hosted a season of "The New Celebrity Apprentice" on NBC.

Detectives want to talk to Wagner:

Detectives want to re-interview the 87-year-old widower of actress Natalie Wood about her 1981 death. Los Angeles County sheriff's Lt. John Corina said Monday investigators would like to speak with actor Robert Wagner about inconsistencies. Wood's body was found floating off Catalina Island after a yachting trip with Wagner, actor Christopher Walken and the boat captain. Corina says many witnesses have come forward since the case was reopened in 2011, raising questions about Wagner's version. He is now considered a person of interest.

A beautiful day in the postal neighborhood:

The U.S. Postal Service plans to issue a stamp featuring Mister Rogers, the children's television host who died in 2003. The Forever stamp of Fred Rogers will be unveiled March 23 in the same Pittsburgh public TV station where "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" was made.

Feb. 7 birthdays: Actor James Spader is 58. Comedian Chris Rock is 53.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Old friendship is hotbed of problems

Dear Amy: I have a life-long buddy in his 50s. He had a few emotional/family/divorce issues a decade ago, and he basically checked out of life. He stopped maintaining his home and business and let his health go. There were years of dysfunctional behavior, borderline hoarding, a bad diet and a disastrous relationship. During that period, I listened and offered support and advice.

Two years ago, he announced he was going to turn things around. He isn't making much progress and is making some seriously bad decisions. Luckily, he's financially secure. Now our weekly calls have evolved into hours of him either droning on about how hard he's working and how smart he is to overcome these self-inflicted problems or complaining about how hard it is to get out of the hole that he dug. I recommend a solution and then ask him not to complain.

If I continue to offer advice or provide feedback, he gets mad or hangs up on me. Recently he told me he just wants me to provide emotional support. He wants me to listen. But his behavior screams: "I need help."

How do I support a guy with a history of dysfunction with a know-it-all attitude, who seems unable to deal with life and who lacks the self-awareness to see he's the common denominator in all of his self-inflicted problems?
— Tired of Listening

Dear Tired: Your friend is not asking for help. You seem to be perennially tempted to leap in and fix

— or suggest fixes — but your suggestions fall upon deaf ears. This frustrates you.

Your pal sounds less like a man in need of your help and more like a narcissistic bore. Your interactions seem entirely about him.

If you want to maintain a friendship, don't make suggestions. Don't cut him off and tell him not to complain. Just don't. Listen without comment, don't engage and then — when he has run out of gas — change the subject.

You might be able to rebalance this relationship by focusing on other topics. One way to alter the dynamic would be to actually spend time together (rather than talk by phone), sharing experiences that take both of you outside of your familiar ways of relating.

Dear Amy: I have friends with therapy dogs. I fully support these dogs providing support and companionship. I do, however, expect dogs, whether therapy dogs or not, to be well-trained, well-behaved and clean when they are a guest in my home.

Recently, I've had friends with therapy dogs get mad when I set limits on their dogs when I was hosting them. One friend came to my house for dinner with her therapy dog. The dog is sweet and important to my friend, and I genuinely like the dog. However, the dog had a dirty butt, and my friend let her sit on our furniture, eat expensive cheese off of our good china at the table and stand on her lap with its butt poised over the dinner table.

She shot us a look of

"how dare you say that!" when we asked that the dog stay on the floor, not beg and not eat people food. She's been very distant since then. Do you or any of your readers have advice on the etiquette of interacting with other peoples' therapy dogs?
— Doggy Manners

Dear Doggy: I fail to see what is therapeutic about having a poorly trained dog interfering with your human friendships. To me, this is the opposite of therapeutic.

I think this whole "therapy animal" trend is out of control, and unfortunately this only serves to diminish the important role that trained and sanctioned animals serve for those who truly need them.

You sound exceptionally tolerant. Your expectations are completely reasonable.

Dear Amy: "Worried Wife" described the difficult life of living with a hoarder. Please let people know that there are professionals available to help with this. The National Association of Productivity and Organizing Professionals (www.napo.net) can help people locate an expert organizer.
— Organized

Dear Organized: According to "Worried Wife," a professional had already been consulted (and rejected). Unfortunately, a person has to welcome help in order to benefit from it. This is one reason hoarding is so resistant to treatment.

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Author details troubled childhood and sexual assaults

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dance, McGowan was also promoting a Miramax picture, "Phantoms," starring Ben Affleck.

The meeting was conducted in Weinstein's enormous suite at the Stein Eriksen Lodge. After a few questions about her career ambitions, it began: the patented no-exit Weinstein pleading and coercion into the danger zone. He raped her in the Jacuzzi, McGowan writes. This was not long after the actress, a rising star, had told an MTV cameraman: "I think my life is finally getting easier."

When she told Affleck about the incident, McGowan claims, he responded: "I told him to stop doing that." Affleck has not responded to McGowan's account. Last week, Weinstein's lawyer issued a statement characterizing

the "Brave" version of events as "a bold lie" designed to "promote her new book."

The Weinstein attack arrives around the memoir's midpoint. McGowan never mentions "the Monster," the "Studio Head," the "Pig Monster" or simply "the pig" by name. By that point, her book has given us a lot to consider regarding the persistent, terrifying cycles of physical, emotional and sexual assault in McGowan's life.

Now 44, she was born in Certaldo, Italy, in Tuscany, and raised in a polygamous cult known as Children of God. She escaped sexual molestation, but she says she witnessed a sinister array of exploitative and/or criminal behavior. It was "a highly sexualized environment," she writes, "run by men, to benefit men." It prepared her all too well for Hollywood.

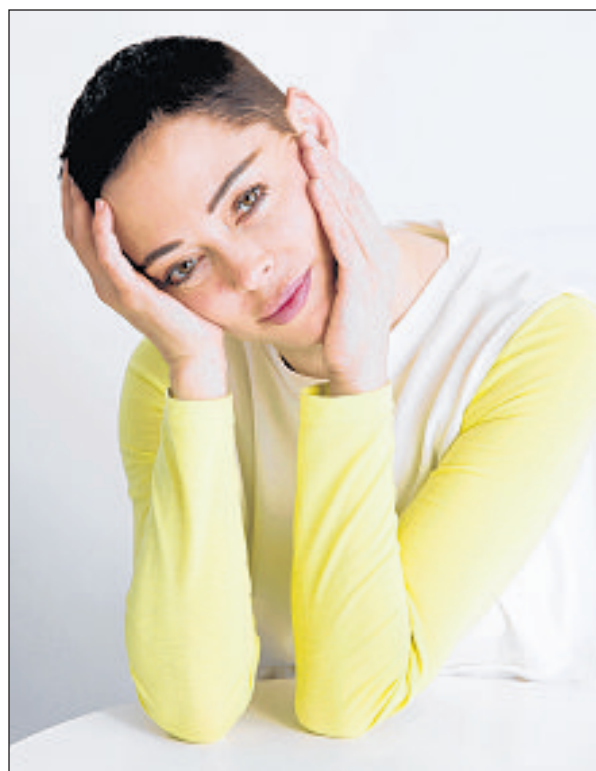
Eventually her father fled with McGowan and her older brother, Nat, along with her father's new wife, leaving the old wife (Rose's mother) behind in Italy. McGowan's disorienting American childhood and early teen years were spent pingponging from Oregon and Washington to Colorado, between various relatives. She turned teenage runaway. She did a lot of drugs and spent some time in rehab. She dated a variety of control-freakish manipulators with violent streaks. And then she made her first movie, as a \$35-a-day extra on the apocalyptic 1990 B-movie "Class of 1999." The shoot, she writes, was also the occasion of a sexual assault.

Then came the LA years. For a time, McGowan reunited with her mother and attended Hollywood High School. McGowan, then 15, met a 20-year-old trust

fund kid, one in a string of despicably jealous possessors plaguing her private life. McGowan also coped with eating disorders, and while parts of "Brave" are routinely written, at her best the author vividly captures a concrete image or a moment amid the swirl of this harsh life. This sentence, for example: "I would sit on the toilet because of the laxatives I was taking and cut out pictures of girls who were thinner than me." That says a great deal about body image and female beauty norms without a single comma.

The married writer-director Robert Rodriguez wrote for McGowan — his girlfriend at the time — the role of the go-go dancer with the machine gun leg in "Planet Terror," one-half of the Rodriguez/Quentin Tarantino scuzz double bill known as "Grindhouse." Rodriguez, McGowan writes, turned out to "outdo even my father in cruelty." In "Planet Terror," McGowan's character is nearly raped by a military leader played by Tarantino; in the Tarantino half of "Grindhouse," "Death Proof," McGowan suffered potentially serious injuries filming a car stunt.

Those Miramax-distributed movies, she believes,



TAYLOR JEWELL/INVISION

Rose McGowan talks about making "Grindhouse" with Robert Rodriguez and Quentin Tarantino in her book.

"are salacious, but as female-exploitation flicks go, they're pretty great art; they're punk and (explicit) up. But yes, objectification was on high. And so was intense abuse of women, both in reality and symbolically." The most vital material in "Brave" focuses McGowan's com-

plicated disgust on this issue.

The author recently canceled her "Brave" book tour, following an oral altercation with an audience member during a New York City bookstore appearance. Quick as a flash, McGowan was back on Twitter, indicting "my publicists, assistants, managers and every person sitting in their chairs frozen by their weakness, a weakness called COMPLICITY" for remaining silent during the incident. "The truth is you all failed me. Again. And again. And again."

From a distance, the response felt out-of-whack, a last straw after the last straw. Little matter. That other tweet, sent into the world in 2015, two years before the fall of Weinstein, tipped the scales and started something momentous in the culture. We may get a better, fairer, more equitable world out of it. If we don't, McGowan's book laments, we really are lost.

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Film explores links between jazz and Jews

Documentary traces origins of 'Body and Soul,' examines intimately intertwined musical cultures



HOWARD REICH
My Kind of Jazz

Its haunting melody has inspired more than 3,000 recordings, most notably saxophonist Coleman Hawkins' 1939 masterpiece.

But what does Johnny Green's "Body and Soul" tell us about jazz, race and culture in America?

Quite a bit, according to "Body and Soul: An American Bridge," a documentary receiving its Chicago premiere at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Spertus Institute. The film, which opens Spertus' Sunday Cinema series, traces the origins and ascendance of the widely loved song, but it also looks at the social and racial currents surrounding it.

And though director Robert Philipson's doc tries to compress too much information into a single hour, it sheds welcome light on its central concern: the ways in which African-Americans and Jews have interrelated through jazz.

For composer Green was hardly the only Jew to pen a jazz standard. Take away the music of Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern, George Gershwin, Richard Rodgers, Jule Styne and others, and a large chunk of the jazz repertory would be no more.

Yet this music was born, in part, from the vocabulary of black jazz, meaning that African-American and Jewish musical cultures were intimately intertwined in the first half of the 20th century.

"One of the interesting things, when you look at the history of

African-Americans and Jews in popular music, is there is this very seductive narrative of a natural kinship," Jeffrey Melnick, a professor of American Studies at the University of Massachusetts at Boston, says in the film.

"We usually trace this back to the time of slavery. As historians, we look at the ways that African-Americans took the story of Jews in bondage in Egypt and made it their own story and created songs that told that story. And that's a narrative that was very appealing to a lot of people in the early 20th century. Particularly appealing to Jews in the popular music business, who saw themselves as sort of natural allies with African-Americans, which made it possible for them to make music that was heard, and which was promoted, as black music."

Or, to put it in other terms, the Jews of Tin Pan Alley and early Broadway naturally gravitated to the new, all-American sound, which was jazz. Berlin's songs often bristled with the rhythms of ragtime; Gershwin works such as "Rhapsody in Blue" and "An American in Paris" brought jazz into the concert hall. Both these composers, and many peers, embraced the blue-note laments and swing-based rhythms of African-American music.

Ultimately, the two musical cultures shared fundamental truths, which helps explain why visionary black musicians such as Louis Armstrong, Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald and others could find so much meaning in songs written by Jews of Eastern European birth or heritage. And why those songwriters embraced the syntax of black music.

"When Jews talk about their natural kinship with African-Americans," adds Melnick in the film, "one of the modes of de-



SEVENTH ART RELEASING

Louis Armstrong is a key figure in "Body and Soul: An American Bridge," set for its Chicago premiere Sunday.

scribing that kinship was very often the idea that synagogue music shared a relationship with African-American blues. That it literally had to do with the writing and performance of certain musical notes. Usually it was more diffuse than that. It was this notion that Jews were good at getting suffering into music."

Though "Body and Soul" becomes a vehicle for telling this story in the film, in some ways composer Green was an outlier among great Jewish-American tunesmiths. For few of them went to college, let alone majored in economics at Harvard, as Green did. And while Berlin, Gershwin and others rose up from the tenements of Manhattan's Lower East Side, Green grew up in material comfort on Long Island Sound.

When the young Green told his father he wouldn't be following in his footsteps with a career on Wall Street, his father replied, "There is no bum like a pretty good artist, and I think you're pretty good," Green's daughter, Babbie Green, recalls in the film.

Nevertheless, Green went on to write several classic songs, including "I Cover the Waterfront" and "Out of Nowhere."

Jazz musician and scholar Loren Schoenberg argues that Louis Armstrong cut the first great recording of "Body and Soul," no surprise "as we find that Armstrong made the first version

of most great jazz songs," Schoenberg says in the film. "And implicit in his version are all the elements that became famous in the subsequent versions by Coleman Hawkins and other people."

Armstrong indeed emerges as a leading figure in the documentary, and not only because of his genius as jazz improviser. For Armstrong considered Jewish culture fundamental to his start in life in New Orleans. Gifted but impoverished, the young Armstrong received support and nurturance from the Karnofskys, a Jewish immigrant family that survived as junk peddlers. As the Karnofskys made their rounds, they took young Armstrong with them, Armstrong blowing a tin horn to attract customers. Eventually, Morris Karnofsky, the family's elder, bought the trumpeter a cornet, helping to give jazz its first great soloist.

"The Jewish people have such a wonderful soul," wrote Armstrong in a memoir, as quoted in the film. "When Mrs. Karnofsky would start singing those words to 'Russian Lullaby,' we all would get our places and sing it. So soft and sweet. ... My first Jewish meal was at the age of seven. Every time we would come in late on the little wagon, and they would be having supper, they would fix a plate of food for me, saying you've worked, might as well eat here with us."

Armstrong would wear a Star

of David pendant around his neck all his life, the man embodying the link between jazz and Jews since the dawn of the music.

"Body and Soul: An American Bridge" will screen at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Spertus Institute, 610 S. Michigan Ave., with an appearance by trumpeter Orbert Davis; \$8-\$18. The Sunday Cinema series will continue with "Mandala Beats," 2 p.m. Feb. 18, and "On the Banks of the Tigris," 2 p.m. Feb. 25. 312-322-1773 or www.spertus.edu.

Celebrating Von Freeman

The Jazz Institute of Chicago will kick off a yearlong celebration of the late Chicago tenor saxophone legend Von Freeman's forthcoming 95th birthday with a free performance featuring saxophonists Jarrard Harris, Roy McGrath and John Foster-Brooks at 7 p.m. Friday at Theater on the Lake, 2401 N. Lake Shore Drive. Though reference works long listed Freeman's birthday as Oct. 3, 1922, the Tribune proved in 2011 that Freeman was born Oct. 3, 1923.

For more information on the Freeman homage, visit www.jazzinichicago.org or phone 312-427-1676.

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Mahoney always focused on serving the material

Phillips, from Page 1

Sang ..." The 1982 production remains a peak theatergoing experience for me — my working definition of fluid ensemble performance. A few years later, off-Broadway, Mahoney dined out on the role of the mysterious businessman and adoptive uncle in Lyle Kessler's "Orphans." That was the one that kicked his screen career into gear. It wasn't much of a play, but some plays get by as showcases for the right talent. Mahoney, wielding a Tiparillo like a magic wand, turned on dime after dime in that part, his entire demeanor shape-shifting from warmth to ice in a nanosecond.

As director Gary Sinise told Backstage in 2007: "It was a perfect role for him. You never quite knew if he was a mob guy, or an angel sent to protect the boys."

By the time Mahoney slipped into "Moonstruck," the 1987 romantic comedy starring Cher and Nicolas Cage, his camera sense was well-honed and unerring. He'd done so much theater by then, yet just enough on screen to seem like a natural in any medium.

His two scenes in "Moonstruck" add up to my favorite early work of his, comprising a perfect little one-act play in the middle of a movie that has gotten even better with age. Just like Mahoney, come to think of it.

Everybody knows him from "Frasier;" deservedly, the casting and performance polish on that 11-year NBC sitcom really was miraculous. But earlier work such as "Moonstruck" reminds us what Mahoney could do before he became a fixture.

"Moonstruck" screenwriter John Patrick Shanley sets up the vignette this way: It's a restaurant encounter. Rose, played by Olympia Dukakis, dines alone at a neighborhood bistro. Her husband has strayed; her entire family's romantic complications are a mess.

Barely audible at first, at a nearby table for two, an argument simmers between an NYU communications professor and one of his students, his latest eight-weeks-and-so-long lover. The professor says something callous; the student throws a glass of water in his face and leaves in a huff. The professor is played by Mahoney, and after he apologizes



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"Frasier" cast members celebrate an Emmy win for outstanding comedy series in 1998.



GALE M. ADLER/NBC

John Mahoney played Martin Crane on "Frasier," which ran from 1993 to 2004.

to Rose for the disruption, she invites him to join her table.

The scene, followed by a short-er one on the street, is wonderful a dozen different ways, starting with the slight, flustered delay Mahoney fills so beautifully after

Dukakis asks him why men chase women. His one-word blurt of an answer: "Nerves." From there the professor grows unexpectedly reflective, and melancholy, and then superficially charming again. The wolf in the sheep's clothes

returns. Mahoney's touch is feather-light but completely true. It's like watching a character really think, hard, about difficult matters for the first time in his life, before scurrying back to safety.

He won the hearts and the respect of hundreds of colleagues across a career spanning storefront Chicago theater in the '70s to "Hot in Cleveland" on TV.

Mahoney was a kind man. During my first drama critic gig, at the Dallas Times-Herald, in the late 1980s, I reviewed a local production of "Orphans" and talked briefly about Mahoney's performance in the New York production. Mahoney, as it happened, was shooting a movie near Dallas at the time, "Love Hurts." On Holiday Inn stationery, he wrote a thank-you note he really didn't need to write.

Decades later, in Chicago, we talked about his work in the Stephenwolf production of "I Never Sang for My Father," for a feature on director Anna D. Shapiro. He struggled with that role, and acknowledged his dissatisfaction with the results; the character was a tough, unyielding bully and maybe all those episodes of "Frasier" made it extra difficult to find the key.

"I couldn't find anything to like about that character," he told me. "Anna didn't coddle me. I'd look for places to soften him, but just like Jerry Zaks did with me on 'The House of Blue Leaves' (in New York), she said: 'Don't. Don't do it. The audience won't necessarily like you, but they'll understand your motives.'"

Mahoney won a Tony Award for "The House of Blue Leaves." He won the hearts and the respect of hundreds of colleagues across a career spanning storefront Chicago theater in the '70s to "Hot in Cleveland" on TV.

Through their work, other actors have made equally persuasive arguments for a late start on an acting career, when the performer is good and ready. But at the moment I can't think of any.

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Lyric unveils 2018-19 season

Italian favorites and 'West Side Story' in lineup



JOHN VON RHEIN
Heard & Scene

Keeping a mega-cultural institution such as Lyric Opera of Chicago thriving was never a walk in the park, but operating in both a volatile business environment and a hypercompetitive entertainment environment renders the challenges that much more complex.

Opera is, after all, one of the costliest of art forms, and putting on world-class opera raises the stakes exponentially. Lyric's artistic, production and facilities expenses continue to exceed its operating revenue; that's just a fact of life everywhere in the performing arts.

But even with company-wide initiatives to contain costs, streamline the business model and tap additional revenue sources, Lyric must draw millions of dollars (\$6.5 million in fiscal 2017) from its reserves to balance the books each year.

One cost-cutting move will be the reduction in the number of performances next season to 57 from 61 this season. (Compare that with the 80 or more performances Lyric was giving a decade ago.) "We are having to scale supply to demand (as a way to) fine-tune the budget," said Anthony Freud, the company's astute CEO and general director. Mounting only four performances of Wagner's "Siegfried," an expensive show and the least popular of the "Ring" operas, was part of that effort, he added.

The coming season also will bring slight increases in ticket prices in selected seating sections of the theater, Freud said, without citing numbers.

Filling as many seats as possible in the gargantuan, 3,500-seat Lyric Opera House involves putting an artistic product on the boards that's popular enough to bring in new audiences, yet exciting enough to keep the subscribers coming back for more. It also involves mixing up the recipe, as Lyric has done with its annual series of classic American musicals and recent partnering with the Joffrey Ballet.

Ask Freud his view on keeping Lyric sustainable through the 21st century and he will cite "an ever-more-complex juggling act" of maintaining artistic integrity and financial responsibility at an organization with an operating budget of around \$77 million.

Lyric's overarching task, said Freud, whose contract was recently renewed through the 2020-21 season, is "to find a way of achieving the right balance between artistic challenge, quality, variety, skill and range, while acknowledging that we are a business and have to operate with stability and solvency. We are proactively working on a new business model that finds better ways to achieve



CHRIS WALKER/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2016

Anthony Freud, the Lyric Opera's CEO and general director, said it's a challenge to maintain artistic integrity and financial responsibility.

that balance."

In what ways are Freud and Lyric's music director, Andrew Davis, addressing the artistic side of that delicate balancing act? Some of the answers can be gleaned from what they have put together for the company's 2018-19 season, which Lyric announced Tuesday.

Once again the main stage season at the Lyric Opera House will consist of eight operas, beginning Oct. 6 with a gala performance of Puccini's "La Boheme." Mozart's "Idomeneo," Wagner's "Siegfried," Massenet's "Cendrillon," Strauss' "Elektra," Handel's "Ariodante," and two Verdi favorites, "Il Trovatore" and "La Traviata," will follow.

For its annual end-of-season musical, Lyric will stage a new co-production of Leonard Bernstein's "West Side Story," May 3-June 2, 2019. The director will be Francesca Zambello, and her design team will be Peter J. Davison, Jessica Jahn and Mark McCullough. The cast, conductor and choreographer are to be announced later.

Other Lyric Unlimited presentations will include the Midwest premiere of "An American Dream," a chamber opera by composer Jack Perla and librettist Jessica Murphy Moo about a Japanese-American woman and a German-Jewish immigrant in the World War II era. The work, which the Seattle Opera premiered in 2015, will receive two performances in March 2019 at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance.

Soprano Anna Netrebko will be back, but she won't be heard in any staged opera. Rather, the Russian superstar will perform one of her infrequent recitals, accompanied by pianist Malcolm Martineau, Dec. 2 at the opera house.

Another diva, soprano Renee Fleming, Lyric's

creative consultant, will star in a concert and gala honoring the 25th anniversary of her Lyric debut, March 23. Joining the singer will be the Lyric Opera Orchestra, with guest artists and conductor to be announced.

At the request of many weeknight patrons (particularly those with trains to catch), Lyric next season will shift the curtain time of weeknight performances to 7 p.m. (Weekend matinee and evening opera performances will remain at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., respectively.) Because of the five-hour length of "Siegfried," weeknight and weekend evening performances of the Wagner work will begin at 6 p.m., and matinee performances will begin at 1 p.m.

Here, then, is a more detailed look at what audiences can expect in the coming season:

■ "La Boheme" will open the season in a staging by British director Richard Jones co-produced with London's Royal Opera House and Madrid's Teatro Real. The lovers Mimi and Rodolfo will be sung by Maria Agresta and Michael Fabiano (Lyric debut). The other Bohemians are Danielle de Niese as Musetta, Zachary Nelson as Marcello, Adrian Sampetean as Colline and Jake Gardner as Benoit/Alcindoro. Domingo Hindoyan, new to the roster, will conduct. Eleven performances, divided between October and January segments.

■ "Idomeneo," which Lyric last produced in the 1997-98 season, is one of three shows Davis will conduct here next season. Matthew Polenzani will take the title role, with Erin Wall as Elettra, Janai Brugger as Ilia, Angela Brower (debut) as Idamante and David Portillo as Arbace. Director-designer Jean-Pierre Ponnelle's 1982 Metropolitan Opera production will be seen here for the first

time. David Kneuss will be the revival director. Six performances, Oct. 13-Nov. 2.

■ Lyric will continue its David Pountney "Ring" cycle with "Siegfried," the third music drama of Wagner's epic tetralogy. Taking on the formidable title role for the first time in Chicago, also the first time in his career, will be the German heldentenor Burkhard Fritz, a Daniel Barenboim protegee who sang in the conductor's final concerts as Chicago Symphony music director here in 2006.

Christine Goerke and Eric Owens will return as Brunnhilde and the Wanderer/Wotan, respectively. Other cast members will include Matthias Klink (debut) as Mime, Samuel Youn as Alberich, Ronnita Miller (debut) as Erda and Andrii Goniukov (debut) as Fafner. Davis conducts. Pountney's production team will be unchanged from the two previous "Ring" segments. Four performances, Nov. 3-16. ■ David McVicar's production of "Il Trovatore," last mounted here in 2014-15, will return with a mostly American cast — Tamara Wilson (debut) as Leonora, Russell Thomas as Manrico, Jamie Barton as Azucena and George Petean (debut) as Count di Luna. Pacing all that Verdian blood and thunder in the pit will be conductor Marco Armiliato. The revival director is Roy Rallo. Seven performances, Nov. 17-Dec. 9.

■ "Cendrillon," Jules Massenet's Gallic take on the Cinderella fairy tale, will enter the Lyric repertory for the first time, in a production from Santa Fe Opera, with direction and costume design by Laurent Pelly (debut). Davis will conduct a cast headed by Alice Coote as Prince Charming, Siobhan Stagg (U.S. debut) as Cinderella and Marie-Eve Munger

(debut) as the Fairy Godmother. Lyric is sharing production costs with companies in London, Barcelona, Spain, Brussels and Lille, France. Six performances, Dec. 1-Jan. 20. ■ The big news of Lyric's revival of "Elektra" will be the long-awaited company debut of the acclaimed Swedish dramatic soprano Nina Stemme, as the titular antiheroine. Elza van den Heever will portray Chrysothemis and Michaela Martens will sing Klytemnestra, with house debuts by Ian Paterson and Robert Brubaker as Orest and Aegisth, respectively. The company's 2012-13 production will be led by Donald Runnicles (debut). Nicolas Sandys will direct the revival. Six performances, Feb. 2-22.

■ Never long absent from the Lyric repertory, "La Traviata" will be revived for a new romantic duo, Albina Shagimuratova as Violetta and Giorgio Berrugi (debut) as Alfredo, with Zeljko Lucic as the elder Germont. Conductor Michael Christie will preside over his first show at the Lyric. The production, which dates from the 2013-14 season, will be staged by Arin Arbus. Ten performances, Feb. 16-March 22. ■ The season's final main stage show will be the Lyric premiere of Handel's "Ariodante," with Richard Jones directing a Lyric co-production with companies in France, Holland and Canada. Lyric's international cast includes such eminent Handelians as Alice Coote, Brenda Rae (debut), Heidi Stober, Iestyn Davies and Kyle Ketelsen. Baroque specialist Harry Bicket conducts. Six performances, March 2-17.

As a whole, Lyric's 64th season schedule reflects Freud's aim to achieve an equitable mix of core repertory, operas the local public doesn't hear very often, and worthwhile rarities such as "Cendrillon" and "Ario-

dante." All this, and with interesting side dishes on the menu.

Not every artistic innovation Freud has initiated since his arrival in 2011 has proved wildly successful (Lyric Unlimited's collaborations with the Second City troupe, for example), and there's nothing wrong with that. When a major cultural institution aims no higher than resting on its laurels, it dies. Today's Lyric is challenging opera's stuffy old image, and that's something worth applauding.

Subscriptions will go on sale on the web and at the box office beginning Wednesday. Current subscribers are to receive their renewal packages by mail later this month. For further information, call 312-827-5600 or visit www.lyricopera.org.

Sharps and flats

■ Soprano Ailyn Perez will replace Erin Wall as Marguerite in the new Lyric Opera production of Gounod's "Faust," opening March 3. Wall withdrew to undergo cancer treatment. In a statement, Wall's management said her doctors expect a full recovery following chemotherapy. As previously announced, Ana Maria Martinez will sing the final performance of "Faust" on March 21.

■ Pianist Martha Argerich's withdrawal as duo partner with violinist Itzhak Perlman in their March 18 recital at Symphony Center has prompted a change of artists across the board. Their recital replacements will be violinist Gil Shaham and pianist Akira Eguchi, who will perform sonatas by Franck, Scott Wheeler and Avner Dorman.

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A+E NOTES

Ed Sheeran is coming to Soldier Field in October

You might not get him, but countless millions do. Ed Sheeran is huge, and he's coming to a huge venue, slated for an October date at Soldier Field.

The singer, fresh off a pair of Grammy wins and a recently announced engagement, announced dates for his 24-stop (so far)

"Divide" stadium tour, which kicks off in Los Angeles at the Rose Bowl, another nice, intimate venue.

The Chicago date is Oct. 4.

How big is Sheeran? English soccer titan Wayne Rooney is going to sing at his upcoming wedding, according to New Musical Express.

That's huge. It would be like, say, Tom Brady singing at Drake's wedding.

Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Feb. 16.

For more information, visit www.livenation.com or www.edsheeran.com. — Kevin Williams

Elton John adds Rosemont to farewell tour

Elton John has announced a pair of Rosemont dates for his "Farewell Yellow Brick Road" tour: Feb. 15 and 16, 2019, at Allstate Arena.

In what will be the longest farewell in recent memory, the singer announced in January a three-year go-round to bid adieu to life on the road. "Farewell" says hello beginning Sept. 8 in Allentown, Pa. The Rosemont dates are in addition to the United Center dates, on Oct. 26 and 27. Sir Elton recently performed at the

Grammy Awards with Miley Cyrus, in a bit of tour publicity complete with glittery stuff and massive sunglasses.

Presale begins Thursday. Check at www.ticketmaster.com to see if you are special enough to take part. General sale kicks off at 10 a.m. Feb. 16, via Ticketmaster.

Initial lineup slated for Spring Awakening

There may be snow on the ground, but music festival season is fast approaching. Lineups have already been announced

for Coachella, Governors Ball and Bonnaroo — now it's Spring Awakening's turn.

The popular EDM festival is returning for the third year June 8-10 to Addams/Medill Park and promises to have a lot in store for its seventh iteration.

The first wave of acts set to drop the bass on the West Side include 3LAU, Afrojack, deadmau5, Borgore, Carnage, Big Gigantic, Alison Wonderland, Slushii, Steve Aoki, Tiesto and Zed's Dead.

While more acts (dubbed "Phase Two" in a news release) are set to be announced next week, the festival also will entertain

attendees with a Trance Arena, Bass Kitchen and a new techno series, Requiem. There will also be dance showcases under the banner "Sunday School" — featuring both big-name and underground champions in the scene, as well as additional curated stage takeovers by HELDEEP Records and music publication DJ MAG.

Three-day general-admission passes are on sale now for \$189 (before fees).

Visit www.springawakeningfestival.com for the complete lineup and ticketing details. SAMF is an 18-and-older festival. — Jessi Roti

WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Julie Chen

"Big Brother: Celebrity Edition" (7 p.m., CBS): Celebrity editions of the competition have been staged in foreign versions, but never in the American one ... until now. Familiar faces including Omarosa Manigault, singer-actor Mark McGrath, Keshia Knight Pulliam ("The Cosby Show") and Ross Mathews become housemates in this new round, which will play out on multiple nights over several weeks instead of all summer. Julie Chen hosts.

"The Blacklist" (7 p.m., NBC): "The Invisible Hand" is the title as well as the subject of the new episode, since it's the name of a vigilante group that goes after people whose questionable actions are legal in terms of the letter of the law. Red (James Spader) suspects the organization is responsible for bodies found in a wooded area. Liz (Megan Boone) learns something about the probe Tom was working on when he met his fate. Harry Lennix and Diego Klattenhoff also star.

"Inside Out" (7 p.m., ABC): This much-praised 2015 Disney-Pixar offering gives emotions their own lives, with Amy Poehler, Bill Hader and Mindy Kaling among those giving voice to animated representations of such feelings as Joy and Fear. Director and co-writer Pete Docter ("Up") based the story on his daughter, with a youngster (voiced by Kaitlyn Dias) struggling to adapt to the changes when she relocates with her parents (voices of Diane Lane and Kyle MacLachlan).

"9-1-1" (8 p.m., FOX): Even if it's a week early, a Valentine's Day-themed episode still is timely with the new tale "Heartbreaker." An unexpected proposal takes a dangerous turn that requires the assistance of first responders, while Athena (Angela Bassett) ends up becoming a member of a club for single people. Abby and Buck have their first date. Mariette Hartley continues her recurring guest role.

"Dynasty" (8 p.m., CW): Though Fallon (Elizabeth Gillies) wants to stand on her own personally and professionally, Jeff (Sam Adegoke) doesn't seem willing to let her do that in the new episode "Nothing but Trouble." Cristal (Nathalie Kelley) has to tread carefully in questioning Blake's (Grant Show) morality, since her own ethics of late haven't been flawless. Alan Dale and Robert C. Riley also star.

"Channel Zero: Butcher's Block" (9 p.m., Syfy): Inspired by Kerry Hammond's creepypasta chiller "Search and Rescue Woods," this horror anthology series opens a new tale with the season premiere "Insidious Onset," which introduces Olivia Luccardi ("It Follows") as Alice, an idealistic young woman who looks forward to moving to the city. Brandon Scott and Rutger Hauer also star.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Kumail Nanjiani; news commentator Van Jones; Judah & the Lion performs.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Sienna Miller; professional baseball player Tim Tebow; Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds perform; Tye Tribbett sits in with The Roots.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Comic John Oliver; actress Beanie Feldstein; chef Wolfgang Puck.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actress Rose Byrne; In Real Life performs.*

* Subject to change

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEB. 7

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	Big Brother: Celebrity Edition (Series Premiere) (N) ©	The Amazing Race (N) ©					News (N) ▶
	NBC 5	The Blacklist: "The Invisible Hand." (N) ©	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N) ©			Chicago P.D.: "Anthem." (N) ©		NBC 5 News (N) ▶
	ABC 7	Inside Out (PG,15) ***	Voices of Amy Poehler. Animated. A girl's five emotions try to guide her through life.			Match Game (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) ▶
	WGN 9	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) ©		WGN News at Ten (N)
	Antenna 9.2	3's Comp.	Soap ©	Benson ©	Wings ©	Murphy	Becker ©	Coach ©
	This TV 9.3	One Man's Hero (R,'99) *	Tom Berenger. ©			The Bridge at Remagen (R,'69) ***		
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Animals With Cameras, A Nature Miniseries (N)		NOVA: "First Face of America." (N) ©		Impossible Builds (Series Premiere) (N)
	The U 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)		The Game	The Game	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Mama's	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ▶
	Bounce 26.5	Living Single	Living Single	Beauty Shop (PG-13,'05) **		Queen Latifah.		Akeelah ▶
	FOX 32	The X-Files: "Kitten." (N) ©		9-1-1: "Heartbreaker." (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family ©
	Ion 38	Law & Order ©		Law & Order: "Vendetta."		Law & Order: "Gaijin." ©		Law ▶
	TeleM 44	José José, el principe (N)		Sangre de mi tierra (N)		Señora Acero 4: La C (N)		Chicago (N)
	CW 50	Riverdale (N) ©		Dynasty (N) ©		Dateline ©		Dateline ▶
	UniMas 60	La niña		La tierra prometida		Mita y mita		Noticias Uni
	WJYS 62	Salem Baptist Church		Joyce Meyer	Robison	Paid Prog.	Coach's Cor.	Monument
	Univ 66	El rico y Lázaro (N)		Papá a toda madre (N)		Caer en tentación (N)		Noticias (N)
	CABLE	AE	Storage	Storage	Storage (N)		Rooster & Butch (N) ©	
AMC		Mr. & Mrs. Smith (PG-13,'05) **	Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie. © (SAP)			True Lies (R,'94) ***		
ANIM		Tanked ©		Tanked: Sea-Lebrity Edition (N)				Tanked ▶
BBCA		Planet Earth: The Hunt		Planet Earth: Blue Planet II ©			Planet Earth: The Hunt	
BET		★ (5:57) Set It Off (R,'96) ***	Jada Pinkett.			The Players Club (R,'98) ***		
BIGTEN		★ Basketball	College Basketball: Ohio State at Purdue. (N) (Live) ©			The B1G		The B1G
BRAVO		Housewives/Atl.		Relative Success (N)		Real Housewives/Beverly		Watch (N)
CLTV		News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics
CNBC		Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		Billion Dollar Buyer (N)		Shark ▶
CNN		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ▶
COM		South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Corporate	South Park	Daily (N) ▶
DISC		★ Street (N)				Garage (N)		Street ▶
DISN		Andi Mack	Disney	Bizaardvark	Raven	Gravity Falls	Gravity Falls	Andi Mack
E!		The Kardashians		The Kardashians		WAGS Atlanta (Season Finale) (N) ©		
ESPN		NBA Basketball: Minnesota Timberwolves at Cleveland Cavaliers. (N)		NBA Basketball (N)				
ESPN2		★ College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Texas A&M at Auburn. (N) (Live)				SportCtr (N)
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		grown-ish	Alone (N)	(8:02) Beauty and the Beast (G,'91) ***				700 Club ▶
FX		★ (6:30) Jurassic World (PG-13,'15) **	Chris Pratt. ©			Assassination of Gianni Versace (N)		
HALL		Full House	Full House	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	Golden Girls
HGTV		Property Brothers ©		Property Brothers (N) ©		Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Property ▶
HISTV		Buried: Knights Templar and the Holy Grail (N) ©				Knightfall (Season Finale) (N) ©		Knightfall ▶
HLN		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
IFC		Fury (R,'14) ***	Brad Pitt, Shia LaBeouf. ©					Lara Croft ▶
LIFE		Little Women: Atlanta (N)		Little Women: Atlanta (N)		Little Women: Atlanta ©		TBA ▶
MSNBC		All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
MTV		Catfish: The TV Show ©		Catfish: The TV Show ©		Catfish: The TV Show (N)		Catfish ▶
NBCSCH		College Basketball: Drake at Loyola-Chicago. (N) (Live)				Snowboarding		The Loop (N)
NICK		Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PG,'10) **	Zachary Gordon.			Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Friends ©
Ovation		★ To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything		A League of Their Own (PG,'92) ***		Tom Hanks. ▶		
OWN		If Loving You Is Wrong		If Loving You Is Wrong		Loving You (N)		Loving ▶
OXY		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime ▶
PARMT		★ (5) Fast Five ('11) **		Waco © (Part 2 of 6)		Waco (N) © (Part 3 of 6)		Cops ©
SYFY		★ The Chronicles of Riddick		The Magicians (N) ©		Butcher's Block (Season Premiere) (N)		Cabin ▶
TBS		Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full (Season	Conan (N) ▶
TCM	2001: A Space Odyssey (G,'68) ****	Keir Dullea, Gary Lockwood. ©						
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life: "Karina's Story." (N) ©				Family by the Ton (N) ©		My 600-Lb ▶	
TLN	Humanit	Humanit	Diane	Humanit	Exalted		Tru News	
TNT	The Librarians (Season Finale) (N) ©		Shrek the Third (PG,'07) **		Voices of Mike Myers.		Librarians ▶	
TOON	King of Hill	Amer. Dad	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	
TRAV	Expedition Unknown ©		Expedition Unknown (N)		Expedition Unkn. (Season Premiere) (N)		Expedition ▶	
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Mom ©	Mom ©	King	
USA	Marvel's the Avengers (PG-13,'12) ***	Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans. ©			Law-SVU ▶			
VH1	Black Ink Crew ©		Black Ink Crew (N) ©		Black Ink Crew ©		Hip Hop ▶	
WE	Law & Order ©		Law & Order: "Poison Ivy."		Law & Order ©		Law ▶	
WGN America	Cops ©		Cops ©		Cops ©		Believe ©	
PREMIUM	HBO	Gone in 60 Seconds (PG-13,'00) *	Nicolas Cage. ©			Crashing	Ouija: Origin of Evil ***	
	HBO2	Divorce ©		2 Dope Queens ©			Kong: Skull Island (PG-13,'17) ***	
	MAX	Get Smart (PG-13,'08) **	Steve Carell. ©			(8:50) Whip It (PG-13,'09) ***		
	SHO	★ (6:25) Daddy Day Care		Madea's Family Reunion (PG-13,'06) **		Tyler Perry.		Tiff Haddish
	STARZ	★ Star Trek VI		Counterpart ©		(8:58) Counterpart ©		Counter ▶
STZENC	★ (6:23) Lonesome Dove		Lifeboat (NR,'44) ***				(9:39) The Shallows ***	

Gyllenhaal drawn to complex portrait

Teacher role offers atypical female antihero

BY ANNIE Z. YU
Los Angeles Times

It's rare that an actress will have a chance to play a female lead who can have 10 different thoughts at once, Maggie Gyllenhaal told an audience at the recent Sundance Film Festival. So when that opportunity comes up, you take it. And that's what she did with "The Kindergarten Teacher," which premiered at the festival.

"I had that feeling that I have very rarely," the actress-producer said as she recalled reading the script. "I knew that this was the movie for me."

Gyllenhaal was speaking at a panel discussion for the film, along with writer-director Sara Colangelo and fellow cast members Anna Baryshnikov and Ajay Naidu.

The movie follows a kindergarten teacher named Lisa Spinelli living with growing numbness to the world around her — until she becomes obsessed with pushing a 5-year-old boy in her poetry class to his fullest potential.

"I've really enjoyed crafting a character that isn't perfectly likable," Colangelo said.

"I think it's an exciting portrayal of a woman we don't see very often. She's an antihero. You understand her, and then you're just angered by her at moments or you're frustrated with her."

Although "The Kindergarten Teacher" is based on an Israeli film, Colangelo wrote it into an American story and anchored it with a woman's point of view.

One of her purposeful changes: showing the title character's face on screen right away.

"The original (movie) is really brilliant, but the



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Actress Anna Baryshnikov, from left, writer-director Sara Colangelo and actress Maggie Gyllenhaal worked together on "The Kindergarten Teacher."

camera's kind of low, it sits low at the child's point of view, and oftentimes the kindergarten teacher is kind of cut out," Colangelo said. "It's really interesting. In the first few scenes of the original film ... you can't even see her face."

Another important part

of the filmmaking process was to curate the poetry that would come from the 5-year-old prodigy character.

"That was really important, that the poetry not be mediocre, that it could actually be taken seriously," Colangelo said.

The poetry in the film comes from various poets around the country, including one that was written by a friend of a friend's actual 5-year-old daughter. Colangelo just happened to spot it on her Facebook feed.

"That's actually the poem that is dictated to

Lisa on the telephone," Colangelo said. "And it's just a phenomenal, weird piece."

But in the end, the film isn't about a child prodigy who's good at poetry. It's really about a woman's mind as she struggles to be an artist herself by project-

ing upon a child, Colangelo said.

"She's a complicated (character), but what woman isn't?" Gyllenhaal said. "I feel really grateful to be able to actually put somebody like that on screen."

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Feb. 7): Enjoy the professional spotlight this year. Strategize to optimize every advantage. Personal confidence and power peak this spring. Physical practices lead to growing health and fitness this summer, energizing a personal discovery before a collaboration deepens to new levels. Focus on strengthening your heart.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Actions taken now can have long-term benefit. Review budgets to find unexpected savings. Don't push or force anything; let an opportunity ripen. Make preparations.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. A formidable barrier blocks the path. Work with someone who can see your blind spot. Join forces with a strong partner for mutual support.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Increased demand for your work could tempt you to blow off your exercise and health routines; don't give in! Your practices energize you.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Prioritize fun and romance. Don't get talked out of what you want. Avoid a conflict between love and money. Simplify plans down to the essential.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Resolve a domestic issue by listening to all concerns and expressing your view. Work out a practical solution with your family. Provide treats.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Consider your subject from a different perspective. A philosophical shift can reveal hidden creative opportunities. Express your view in words, sound or images.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. There's more money available, but you can't do everything. Proceed with caution, or risk breaking something. Get support if needed. Invest for growth.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. When you're hot, you're hot. Take charge for powerful results. You can do more than you thought. Have faith in your own imagination.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 5. Rest and recuperate. Plan your upcoming moves, and make preparations. Meditate by walking in nature, doing art or playing music. Soothe your spirit.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Invite participation and share resources with your networks. Collaborate and coordinate team efforts. Together, you're a force to be reckoned with.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Prepare for a professional inspection. Old assumptions get challenged. Hold your temper. Strike out in a new direction, and go for the big prize.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Duty calls. Resist the temptation to run away. Handle responsibilities before dashing off. Adapt to changing circumstances. Study and explore options.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

North-South vulnerable, West deals

North		East	
♠ 10 8 4 2	♥ K J 7	♠ A J 6	♥ 9 8 4 3
♦ 5 4	♣ K Q J 5	♥ 10 9 8 6	♠ 8 6
South		West	
♠ K	♥ A Q 10 6 5 2	♠ Q	♥ Void
♦ A J 3	♣ 7 4 3	♦ K Q 7	♠ A 10 9 2

The opening spade lead went to East's ace as South played his singleton king. A low spade was returned and South ruffed to lead the 10 of hearts. Had both opponents followed, he planned to duck a diamond and ruff a diamond, draw trumps, and knock out the ace of clubs. The 4-0 trump split changed things. Should he duck a diamond now, the defense would lead another spade, forcing him to reduce his trump length to the same as East's. He

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	2♣	3♥
Pass	4♥	All pass	

Opening lead: Five of ♠

would not be able to get off the board safely after ruffing a diamond and he would lose control of the hand.

South led a low club at trick three to dummy's king as West ducked his ace. Three rounds of hearts came next, drawing trumps, and leaving this position:

North		East	
♠ 10	♥ Void	♠ J	♥ Void
♦ 5 4	♣ Q J 5	♥ 10 9 8 6	♠ 8
South		West	
♠ Void	♥ 6	♠ Q	♥ Void
♦ A J 3	♣ 7 4	♦ K Q 7	♠ A 10

South had only lost one trick so far. A club was led to dummy's queen, which West had to duck. He ruffed dummy's last spade and exited with a club to West's ace. South simply ducked West's king of diamonds, leaving West on lead for another diamond lead into the ace-jack. Very well played!

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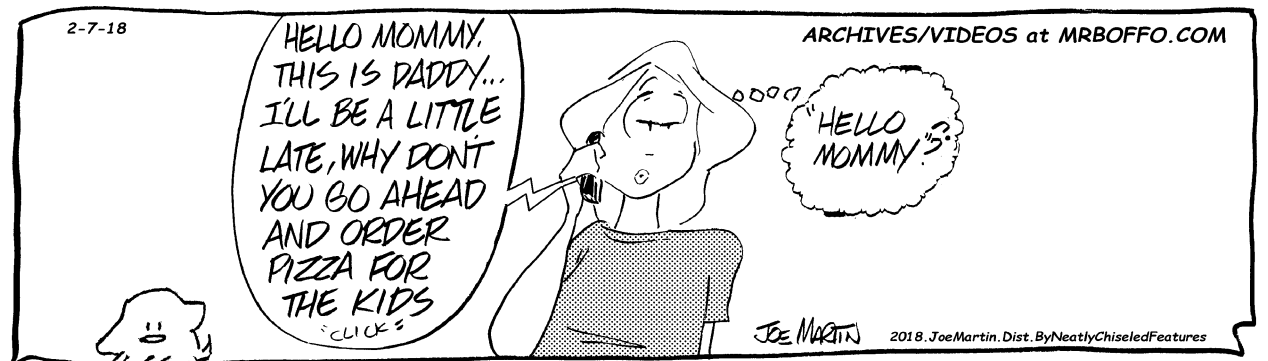
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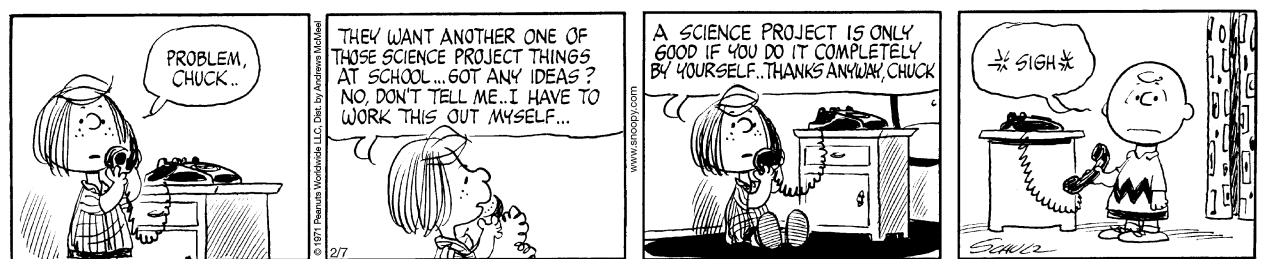
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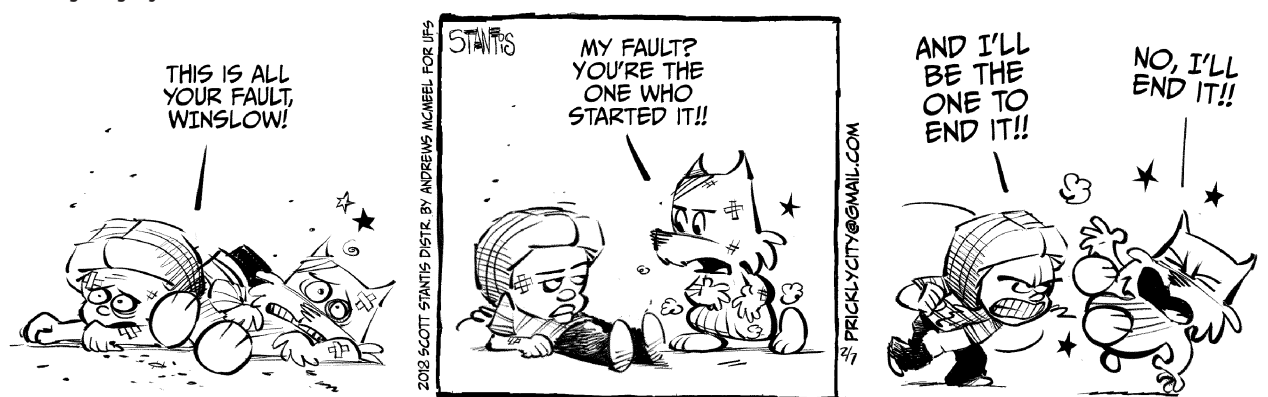
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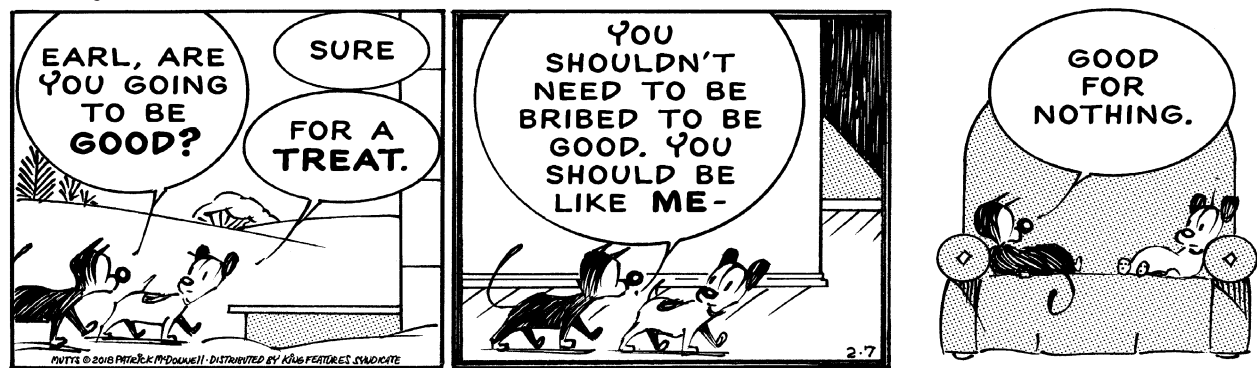
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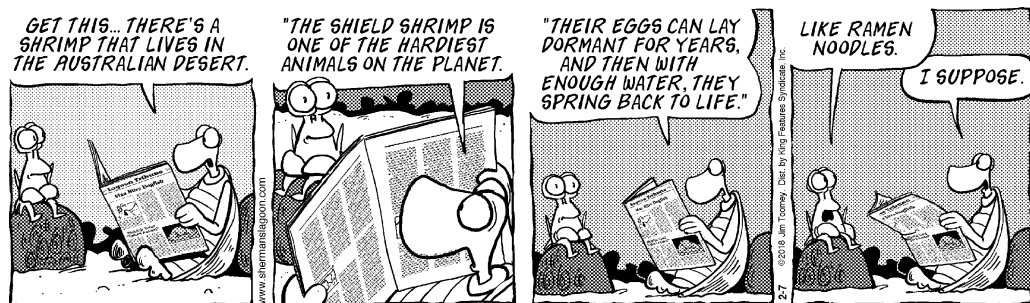
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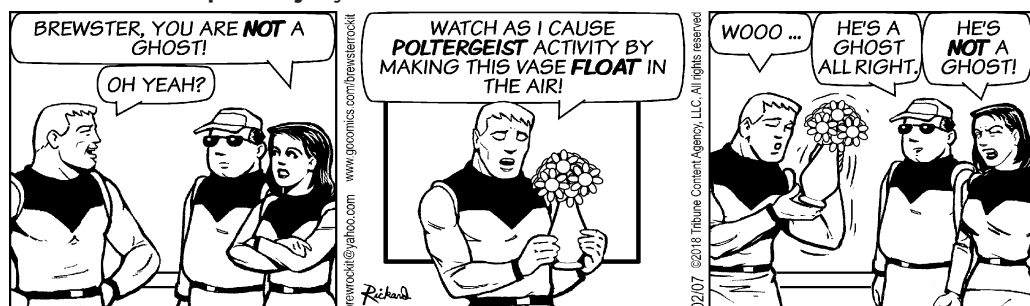
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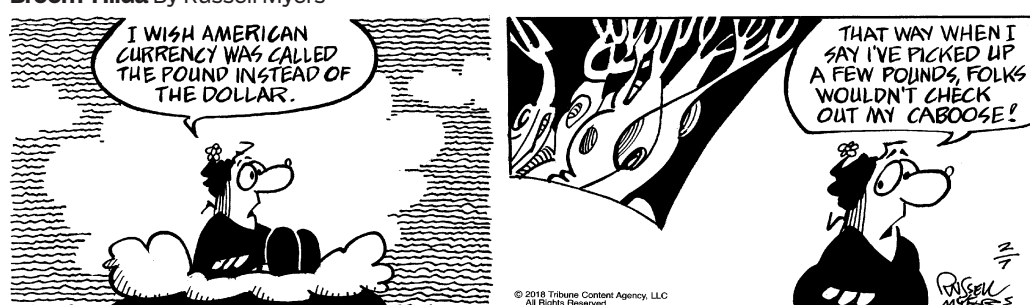
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Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



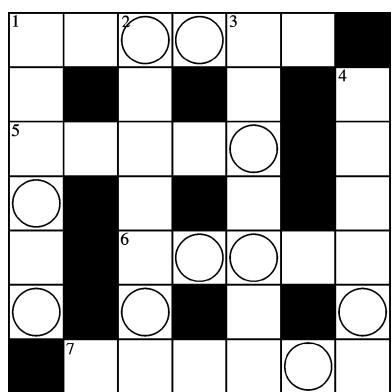
Trivia Bits

The first official Winter Olympic Games were held in 1924 in what country?

A) Austria
B) France
C) Norway
D) Switzerland

Tuesday's answer: "Inform-er" was a No. 1 hit in 1992 for Canadian singer Darrin O'Brien, better known as Snow.

Jumble Crossword



- ACROSS**
- CLUE ANSWER
- House of worship MEEPTL
 - Repeatedly NOTFE
 - Pipe MDARE
 - Severe TRULBA
- DOWN**
- CLUE ANSWER
- Bowling PTYHRO
 - Bullfighter AMDRTOA
 - Indulgent NNTLEI
 - Tooth coating MENLAE

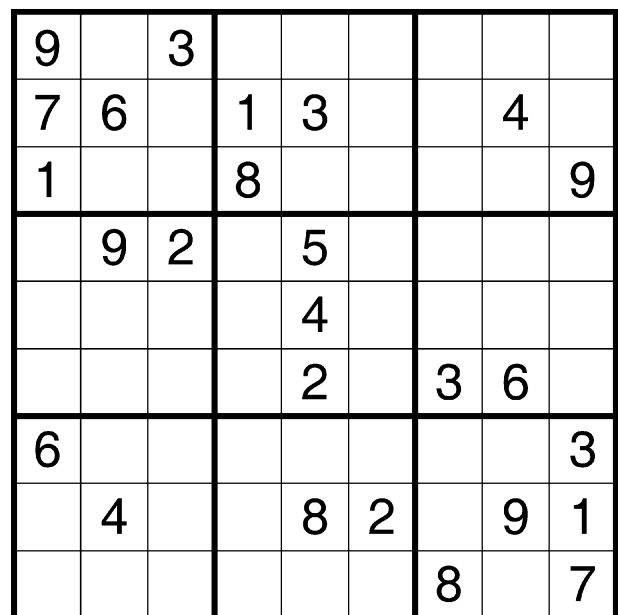
How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

CLUE: The use of _____ dates back to the Tang Dynasty (A.D. 618-907).

BONUS

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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4	6	8	1	5	3	2	7	9
2	9	5	8	7	6	3	4	1
3	7	1	4	9	2	5	8	6
5	2	6	7	4	1	9	3	8
8	1	7	5	3	9	4	6	2
9	4	3	6	2	8	7	1	5
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7	8	4	9	6	5	1	2	3
6	5	2	3	1	7	8	9	4

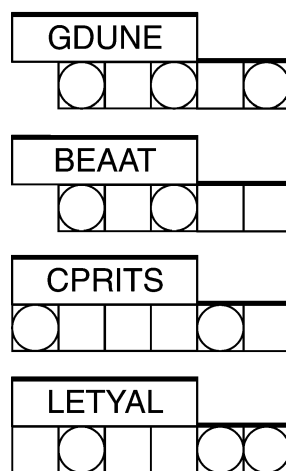
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Tuesday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



Answer here



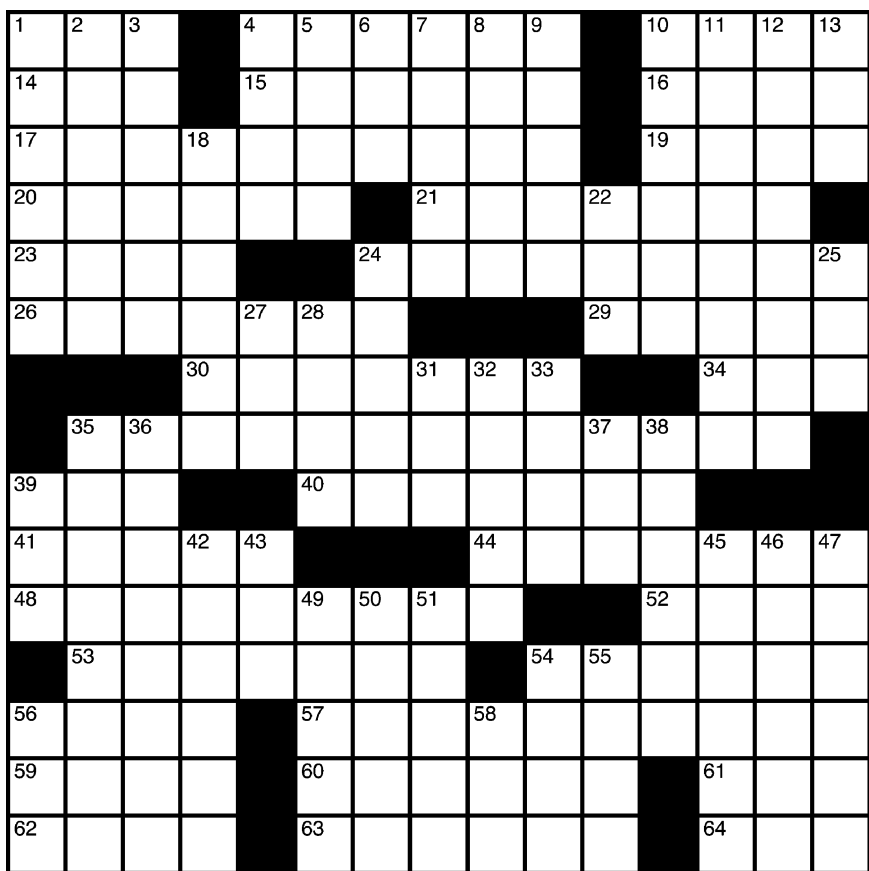
Tuesday's answers

Jumbles: STAND LARVA BURGER FIGURE
Answer: He was going to a black-tie event and needed an outfit that was — SUITABLE

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Crossword

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Across

- Curve on a slalom, e.g.
- Frugal folks
- Sea devastated by irrigation projects
- "Something tells ___ should've stayed in bed"
- Brunch staple
- Walk worriedly
- Super-fun experience
- Tolkien beasts
- Concrete strengtheners
- German auto pioneer
- Junior or senior
- Certain baby tiger
- Grandmotherly type
- Sarge's superior
- Stand behind
- Rural stopover
- Cramming three seasons into a weekend, say
- A pop
- Contemptuous one

- Wolf pack member
- Natural night lights
- Salsa percussion instrument
- Crowe's "A Beautiful Mind" role
- Remove field heat from before storage, as crops
- Japanese faith
- Like cotton candy
- Securing strap
- Owned
- Horseshoes score
- Short-lived obsession
- Neighborhood
- Make certain
- Trout lure

- "Iron Chef Showdown" host Alton
- "Big" London attraction
- ESL part: Abbr.
- Citrus drinks
- "Is This Love" singer Corinne Bailey
- Power source
- Sandy-colored
- 1940s jazzman
- Totalitarian control
- Naval pronoun
- Having a twist
- Happy hour site
- It may form the outline for a meeting's minutes
- Front-of-bk. list
- Skedaddled
- Celestial
- Substandard
- Paso ___: two-step dance
- City where Joan of Arc died
- Arm bones
- Crystal ball reader
- Where you are, on a map
- ___ Na Na
- Bearded grazer

Down

- Developmental stage
- Sargasso wriggler
- Nautical stage name of comedian David Adkins
- Lemony cocktail
- Rock concert gear
- Zoo staffer
- Slur over
- Hire a new crew for "Shrek!" author William
- Historic Harlem theater
- Treasury collectible
- Accumulating, as interest
- "___ Miz"
- Source of tomatoes for homemade sauce
- Bad beginning?

Tuesday's solution



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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7 NORMAL HIGH: 33° NORMAL LOW: 18° RECORD HIGH: 59° (1925) RECORD LOW: -10° (1875)

Snow to end early Wednesday; more coming

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 20 **LOW** 0

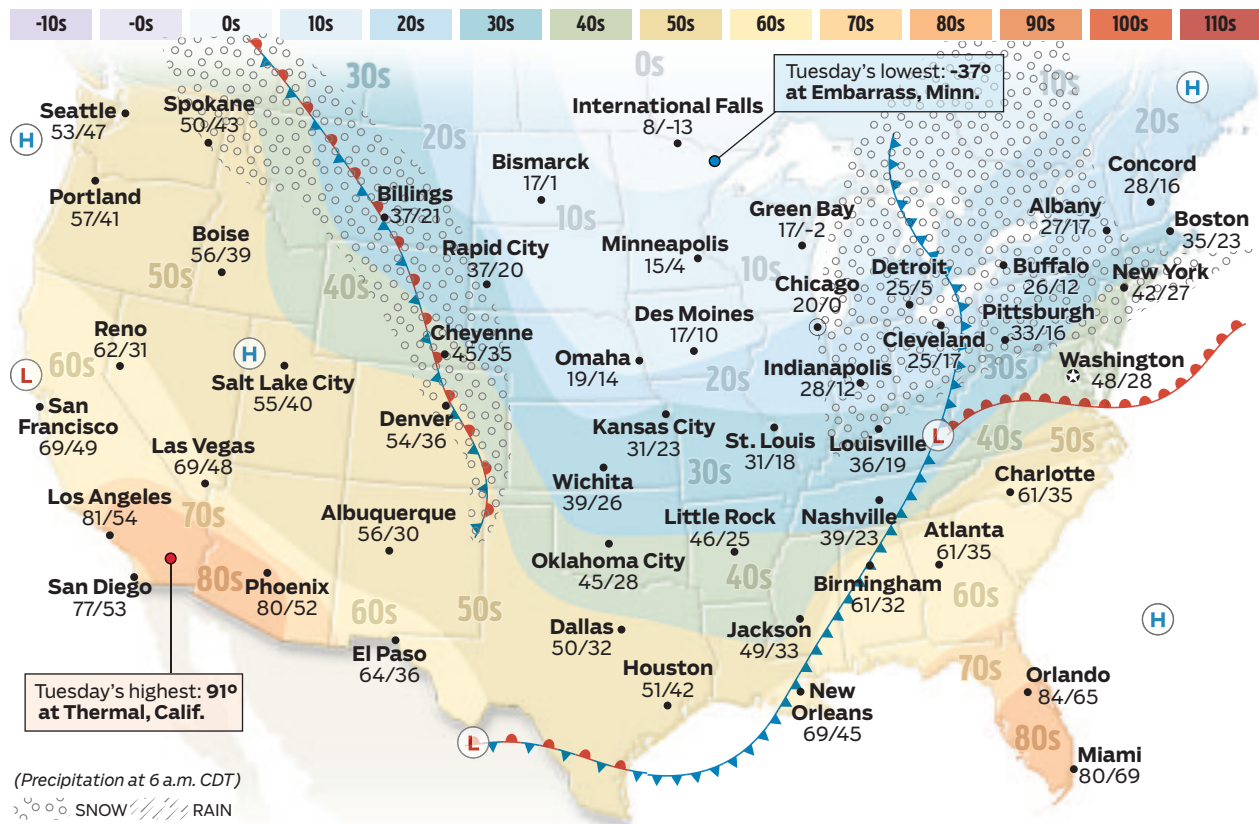
■ Low pressure system moves off to the east. Northwest winds follow, pulling reinforcing colder air into the Chicago area.

■ Remnant system light snow south and east of Chicago will gradually diminish and end early in the morning. Total snow accumulations an inch far north; 2 to 3" elsewhere.

■ Mostly cloudy the remainder of the day with occasional flurries. Highs around 20-degrees, falling in the afternoon.

■ Clearing in the evening, then clouding-up - a chance of brief light snow toward morning - lows 0 to 5 above.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Snow accumulations with the latest snow look to range from an inch far north along the Illinois-Wisconsin border and 2 to 3 inches elsewhere, making for a slow early Wednesday morning commute in many parts of the Chicago area. Two more chances for accumulating snow loom ahead this week - the next chance appears to be later Thursday overnight into Friday, where several inches could fall, as low pressure and an associated cold front move east out of the central Plains through our area.

Computer models then show surface low pressure with strong support aloft moving out of the central Plains on Saturday, spreading a wide band of potentially heavy snow over the northern half of Illinois and Indiana on Saturday afternoon and overnight, ending from the west early Sunday.

THURSDAY, FEB. 8

HIGH 25 **LOW** 23

Filtered morning sun gives way to thickening clouds. Highs in the middle 20s. Snow possible later afternoon with accumulating snow overnight. Southerly winds.

FRIDAY, FEB. 9

HIGH 25 **LOW** 22

Accumulating snow continues off and on. Highs in the middle 20s. A chance of snow overnight. Northeast winds.

SATURDAY, FEB. 10

HIGH 30 **LOW** 13

A possible break in the snow early, then chances of snow return in the afternoon. Highs around 30-degrees. Accumulating snow likely overnight. Northeast winds.

SUNDAY, FEB. 11

HIGH 24 **LOW** 10

Remnant light snow or flurries early, becoming partly sunny. Highs in the middle 20s. Clear skies and cold overnight. East to southeast winds.

MONDAY, FEB. 12

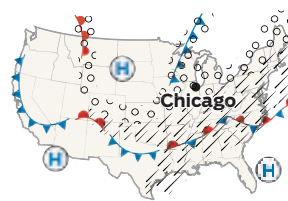
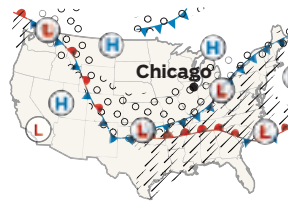
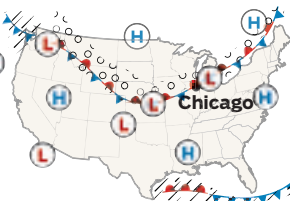
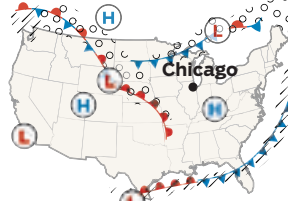
HIGH 31 **LOW** 25

Partly sunny with highs in the lower 30s. Increasing clouds overnight. Westerly winds.

TUESDAY, FEB. 13

HIGH 37 **LOW** 22

Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain or snow - high temperatures in the middle 30s. Clouds and a chance of light snow or flurries overnight. Southwest winds shift to the north.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
I was wondering if you could tell me why, after a snow melts, the mud has a "slimy" context. However, after it rains, it's more of a packed together, "clumped" mud.

— Jenn Stemmet

Dear Jenn,
The variable consistency and appearance of mud has many explanations, but what you have noticed has to do with the temperature of the soil. Mud that remains after snow melts is probably only a thin unfrozen surface layer, and immediately below it, the soil is still frozen. The frozen soil prevents water in the surface layer of mud from percolating downward, and the mud will appear watery or slimy.

However, mud following rain lies above unfrozen soil. The water content of this mud is less because much of its water has filtered downward into unfrozen soil beneath it. The mud will appear more consolidated.

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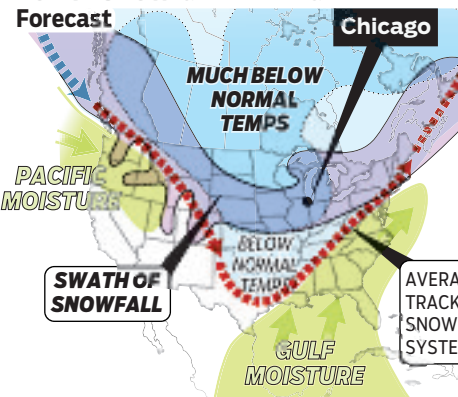
Multiple snow systems could bring heavy snow totals

SUCCESSION OF SYSTEMS TO CONTINUE

Chicago snow's predicted to add up!
The next 2 snow-producing systems:



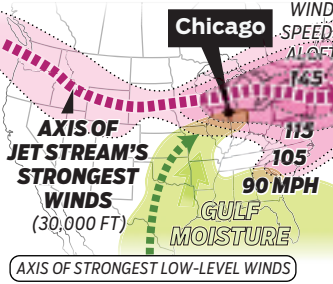
ACTIVE SNOW-GENERATING PATTERN



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

THURSDAY NIGHT FORECAST

Atmospheric set-up for Thursday night/Friday snow

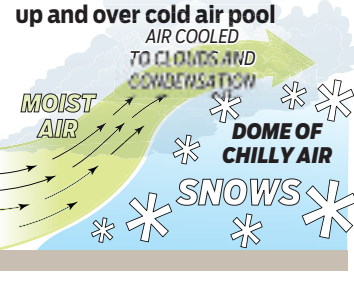


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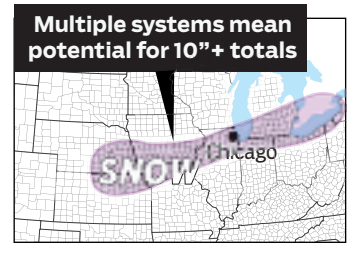


THURSDAY NIGHT/FRIDAY

Inverted trough sends moist air up and over cold air pool



SNOWFALL THROUGH SUNDAY



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MIDWEST CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	pc	32	17	su	43	30
Carbondale	pc	22	9	cl	31	25
Champaign	pc	23	11	pc	37	28
Decatur	pc	19	6	cl	31	24
Moline	pc	24	14	cl	42	27
Peoria	sh	18	1	ss	21	16
Quincy	sh	18	1	ss	21	16
Rockford	sh	18	1	ss	21	16
Springfield	pc	25	13	pc	39	30
Sterling	pc	17	1	ss	22	17
Indiana	pc	30	13	pc	37	27
Bloomington	pc	32	18	su	40	30
Evansville	ss	25	7	pc	24	17
Fort Wayne	pc	28	12	pc	34	26
Indianapolis	pc	22	8	cl	30	24
Lafayette	ss	21	5	ss	18	14
South Bend	ss	21	5	ss	18	14
Wisconsin	pc	17	-2	pc	19	6
Green Bay	sh	20	3	ss	24	18
Kenosha	sh	20	3	ss	24	18
La Crosse	pc	19	4	sh	24	9
Madison	cl	17	0	cl	21	11
Milwaukee	sh	19	2	ss	22	17
Wausau	pc	15	-5	pc	16	1
Michigan	sn	25	5	cl	22	14
Detroit	ss	22	12	sh	22	13
Grand Rapids	cl	17	1	pc	15	0
Marquette	cl	17	1	pc	15	0
St. Ste. Marie	pc	16	4	ss	17	3
Traverse City	ss	18	14	sh	20	11
Iowa	pc	13	8	sh	21	12
Ames	pc	16	4	sh	23	14
Cedar Rapids	pc	17	10	cl	27	15
Des Moines	pc	20	4	ss	24	15
Dubuque	pc	15	-4	ss	24	15

OTHER U.S. CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	pc	49	25	pc	61	37
Albino	su	27	17	pc	26	9
Albuquerque	su	56	30	su	61	34
Amarillo	su	52	29	su	67	34
Anchorage	pc	21	7	pc	18	8
Anchorage	rn	56	26	pc	50	29
Asheville	su	40	21	pc	44	22
Aspen	su	40	21	pc	44	22
Atlanta	rn	61	35	pc	58	36
Atlanta	rn	50	27	su	36	25
Austin	sh	46	36	pc	58	46
Baltimore	cl	46	28	pc	37	27
Billings	cl	37	21	rs	23	0
Birmingham	rn	61	32	pc	58	38
Bismarck	pc	17	1	sh	9	-11
Boise	pc	56	39	cl	61	39
Boston	rs	35	23	pc	31	17
Brownsville	ts	70	46	sh	54	51
Buffalo	sn	26	12	cl	22	15
Burlington	sn	24	13	cl	23	11
Charlotte	rn	61	35	pc	53	29
Charlottesville	sh	68	48	cl	55	44
Charlottesville	rs	41	21	pc	38	23
Chattanooga	rn	55	28	su	54	32
Cheyenne	pc	45	35	pc	51	29
Cincinnati	ss	32	12	su	35	22
Cleveland	sn	25	17	cl	25	17
Colo. Spgs	su	49	29	su	57	31
Columbia MO	pc	29	20	pc	47	31
Columbia SC	rn	69	43	pc	57	33
Columbus	sn	29	14	pc	27	18
Concord	ss	28	16	pc	27	8
Corps Christi	ss	54	44	sh	53	49
Cincinnati	ss	32	12	su	35	22
Cleveland	sn	25	17	cl	25	17
Columbus	su	49	29	su	57	31
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Dallas	pc	50	32	pc	59	42
Daytona Bch.	pc	80	63	sh	69	60
Denver	pc	54	36	pc	61	29
Des Moines	su	15	-4	pc	13	-8
El Paso	su	64	36	pc	68	41
Fairbanks	su	-9	-19	su	-1	-11
Fargo	su	50	10	cl	6	-14
Flagstaff	su	54	22	su	61	26
Fort Myers	cl	82	66	pc	85	66
Fort Smith	su	47	25	su	57	33
Fresno	su	76	47	su	75	47
Grand Junc.	su	51	27	su	54	31
Great Falls	sh	36	15	sn	16	-1
Harrisburg	rs	37	19	pc	31	13
Harrisburg	rs	33	21	pc	31	17
Helena	sh	41	36	sh	38	2
Honolulu	ts	79	68	pc	79	68
Houston	ts	71	42	pc	63	53
Int'l Falls	pc	8	-13	pc	-3	-21
Jackson	rn	69	33	pc	61	41
Jacksonville	pc	79	61	sh	64	55
Jameau	pc	33	18	su	27	12
Janeau	pc	33	18	su	27	12
Kansas City	su	51	23	su	59	29
Las Vegas	su	69	48	su	75	49
Lexington	pc	34	18	su	41	29
Lincoln	pc	22	14	pc	38	14
Little Rock	pc	46	25	su	53	32
Los Angeles	su	81	54	su	82	54
Louisville	cl	26	14	pc	30	14
Lincoln	rn	69	41	pc	63	38
Memphis	pc	38	26	su	51	34
Miami	pc	80	69	pc	81	70
Miami	pc	80	69	pc	81	70
Minneapolis	pc	15	4	cl	17	1
Mobile	ts	71	43	pc	64	49
Montgomery	ts	66	39	pc	62	43
Nashville	rn	39	23	su	46	32
Las Vegas	ts	69	45	pc	61	52
New Orleans	pc	45	27	pc	51	35
New York	rs	42	27	pc	34	24
Norfolk	rn	67	33	pc	41	28
Oklahoma City	pc	45	28	su	58	37
Oklahoma City	pc	19	14	pc	33	14
Orlando	pc	84	65	ts	76	62
Palm Beach	pc	79	67	pc	80	70
Palm Springs	su	83	59	su	87	57
Philadelphia	fr	48	26	su	34	23
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San Diego	su	77	53	su	75	54
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San Juan	pc	82	74	pc	82	73
Santa Fe	su	50	28	su	56	30
Savannah	ts	74	52	sh	59	46
Seattle	sh	53	47	sh	52	41
Shreveport	sh	49	31	pc	61	42
Sioux Falls	pc	17	10	sn	18	1
Spokane	cl	50	43	su	54	29
St. Louis	pc	31	18	pc	48	31
Tallahassee	ts	74	52	cl	65	52
Tampa	pc	79	65	ts	78	61
Topeka	su	30	22	pc	55	25
Tucson	su	79	48	su	83	48
Tulsa	su	42	24	su	57	25
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Washington	rn	48	28	su	39	27
Washington	su	39	26	su	58	31
Wilkes Barre	rs	33	14	pc	24	11

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HEALTH & FAMILY



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Experts say getting the right dose of exercise by your 50s and 60s lowers the risk of heart failure. Later in life, exercise is beneficial but doesn't seem to improve heart health.

Middle-aged and out of shape?

It's not too late to save your heart with aerobic exercise, study shows

BY DENNIS THOMPSON
HealthDay

Does a youth misspent lounging and lazing condemn middle-aged folks to a future of bad heart health?

Maybe not, according to a recent small study.

People in their 50s and early 60s can regain the heart health of someone decades younger through a regular and reasonable aerobic exercise program, no matter how long they've been inactive, the study authors said.

Middle-aged couch potatoes who worked out four or five days a week — including a couple of days of high-intensity aerobics — for two years experienced a notable decrease in the stiffness of their heart muscle, the researchers found.

A more flexible heart means less risk of heart failure as one ages, explained lead researcher Dr. Benjamin Levine, founder and director of the Institute for Exercise and Environmental Medicine, a collaboration between UT Southwestern Medical Center and Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas.

"I was astounded at how well this seemed to improve the flexibility and compliance of the heart," Levine said. "The key to a healthier heart in middle age is the right dose of

exercise at the right time in life."

A sedentary lifestyle in late middle age is known to increase the risk of heart failure by allowing the heart muscle to shrink and stiffen, the researchers said in background notes.

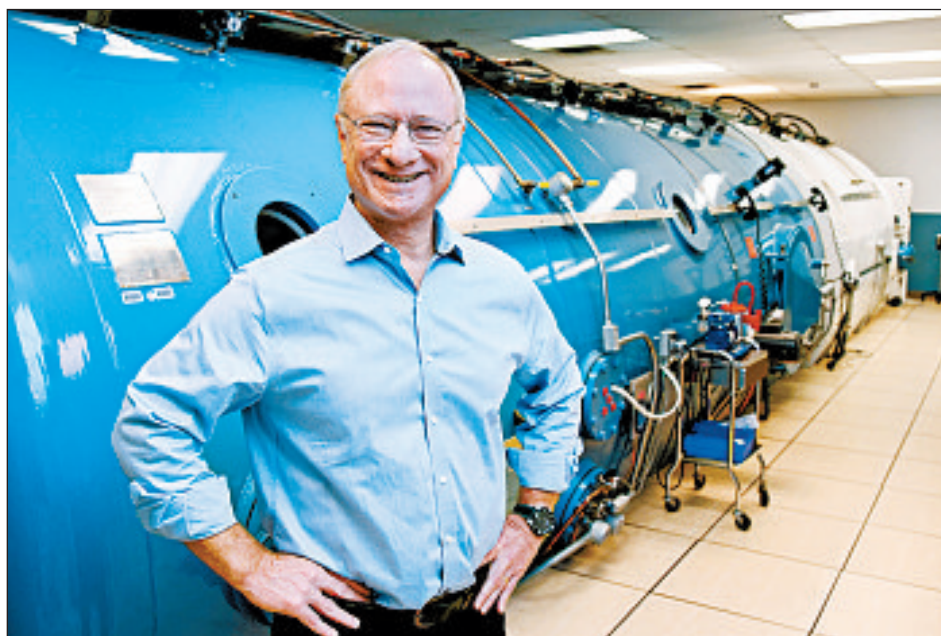
What wasn't known is how late in life a person can act to reduce that risk, and how much effort this would require.

Earlier experiments showed that by the time men and women hit the 70s, intense exercise will do nothing to improve their heart health, Levine said. These studies also found that someone who only works out a couple of times a week gains little when it comes to their heart.

"We found casual exercise, two or three days a week, was simply not enough to preserve the youthfulness of the structure of the heart," Levine said. "That doesn't mean it had no benefits, but it wasn't enough to preserve that youthful rubber-band-like compliance."

To see if a higher dose of exercise at a younger age would help, Levine and his colleagues recruited 61 people between the ages of 45 and 64 who were healthy but stuck in a low-energy sedentary lifestyle.

These volunteers were assigned to two different groups. One group engaged



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An aerobic exercise program improves the heart's flexibility, says Dr. Benjamin Levine, director of the Institute for Exercise and Environmental Medicine in Dallas.

in two years of training that included four to five days of exercise each week, while the other group — the control group — took part in regular yoga, balance training and weight-lifting workouts.

The researchers eased the exercise group into its routine during the first couple of months to avoid injury, Levine said, but eventually the participants adopted a regular set of workouts that included:

- Two days of high-intensity intervals: exercises in which a person works out as much as possible for four minutes, and then spends three minutes in active recovery before hitting it again, four times in a row.

- One day of long moderate-intensity exercise: At least an hour spent in some activity that raises the heart rate, be it tennis, cycling or a brisk walk.

- One or two days featuring 30 minutes of moderate-intensity exercise, where exercisers break a sweat but can still carry on a conversation.

The regimen also included two recovery days that followed interval training, consisting of 20 to 30 minutes of walking or light aerobic activity.

"People generally like interval sessions because they don't last as long," Levine said. "You can work out hard and then recover, and it feels really good."

The participants were encouraged to use lots of different exercise equipment (stationary bikes, treadmills, elliptical trainers) and engage in outdoor exercises (running and cycling) to keep themselves motivated and interested, Levine said.

After a while, all in the aerobics group transitioned to what Levine calls their weekly "maintenance dose" — one high-intensity interval session, one long session, a couple of regular base-training sessions and a recovery day, along with some strength training.

Two years later, the exercise group had notably more youthful hearts

than the control group that went without regular aerobic exercise, the researchers found.

"We've got the dose, four to five days a week. We've got the 'sweet spot' in age — late middle age," Levine said. "We apparently now can reverse the effects of sedentary aging."

This program is specifically designed to be agreeable for middle-aged people who don't have the time or inclination to adhere to the same sort of workout program as elite athletes, Levine said.

"It's my prescription for life," Levine said. "Exercise training needs to be part of your personal hygiene, like brushing your teeth or taking a shower or changing your clothes. You need to work it into your daily life."

Heart health expert Dr. Nieca Goldberg agreed that the program tested in this study is "a reasonable goal for most people."

"They can't think they're going to achieve this right out of the chair, but it is definitely doable," said Goldberg, medical director of the Women's Heart Program at NYU Langone Medical Center in New York City.

Combining this program with a healthy diet, she said, "can only help as part of an overall heart disease prevention program."

The study, funded by the U.S. National Institutes of Health, was published online in January in the journal *Circulation*.

Fathers stress over preemies

Mothers able to relax more after babies come home from hospital

BY DANIELLE BRAFF | Chicago Tribune

Baby Ava weighed 2 pounds, 15 ounces when she was born 10 weeks early after her mother had preeclampsia.

When she was born in 2014, she didn't move or cry initially. Ava's skin was too sensitive for clothing, her parents couldn't hold her,

and she was connected to all kinds of wires and monitors. After a five-week stay in the neonatal intensive care unit, where each day was a struggle, the Illinois couple got to bring their baby home — but after getting accustomed to having help from monitors, they knew the transition

wouldn't be easy.

"She wouldn't be connected to monitors to tell us if she's still breathing; we won't have nurses constantly monitoring her," said Ava's dad, Irwin Obispo, a pharmacist manager at a local retail phar-

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Michelle Obispo holds daughter Olivia, 6 months, while her husband, Irwin, hugs Ava, now 3, who was born prematurely.

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Sauna session may be as good as exercise

Study shows similar effect on heart rate

BY AMY NORTON
HealthDay

Relaxing in a hot sauna may not only feel good but might also affect your heart and blood vessels in ways that are similar to moderate exercise.

That's the finding of a new study that tested the effects of a 30-minute sauna session. The researchers say their results may help explain why people who regularly use saunas tend to have a decreased risk of heart disease and even dementia.

On average, the study found, sauna users saw a drop in blood pressure and artery "stiffness" immediately after their heat bath. They also showed an increase in heart rate that was similar to the effect from moderate exercise.

It's not fully clear why, but the sauna heat is "one major factor," said researcher Tanjaniina Laukkanen, of the University of Eastern Finland in Kuopio.

For one, heat generates sweating: "That's like a natural diuretic effect — lowering blood pressure and decreasing the workload of the heart," Laukkanen said.

On top of that, Laukkanen added, saunas simply help people relax.

The study, which involved 102 middle-aged adults, was conducted in Finland — where "sauna bathing" originated and remains ubiquitous.

In a study last year, Laukkanen's team found that men who often used saunas had lower rates of heart disease and Alzheimer's disease than did those who used saunas less often.

But that did not prove the sauna sessions deserved the



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In a study of 102 middle-aged adults in Finland, sauna users saw a drop in blood pressure and artery "stiffness" and an increase in heart rate.

credit.

Both heart disease and dementia share some common risk factors, such as high blood pressure.

"Both the heart and the brain need good blood vessel function," Laukkanen said.

So the goal in the current study was to see whether a sauna session had positive effects on blood vessel and heart function.

The researchers recruited 102 people in their 40s and 50s who did not have heart disease but did have risk factors for it, such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol or obesity.

Each participant had a single

sauna session in the traditional Finnish style: dry heat that topped 160 degrees Fahrenheit.

On average, the study found, sauna users' blood pressure dropped by seven points and their arteries became more "elastic" (based on noninvasive tests).

In addition, their heart rate rose from an average of 65 beats per minute before the sauna session to 81 beats afterward.

The findings make sense to Dr. Joshua Liberman, a cardiologist and governor of the American College of Cardiology's Wisconsin chapter.

He pointed to the example of applying heat to a sore joint.

"We know that the application of heat, locally, causes blood vessels to relax and blood flow to increase," he said.

It's plausible, Liberman said, that the short-term effects seen in this study could explain the lower risk of heart disease among sauna users.

"It makes sense that, over time, these physiological effects would be beneficial," he said.

So should everyone try to get to a sauna every day?

No, according to Liberman.

For one thing, it might not be the heat alone that matters.

"This may partly reflect the fact that people are getting away

from their phones and allowing themselves to relax and get into a more meditative state," Liberman said.

Plus, a regular trip to the sauna might not be practical, he noted. Laukkanen also acknowledged that sauna sessions are a part of life in Finland, but not so much in other countries.

And based on earlier research, Laukkanen said, people would have to use a sauna three to seven times a week to see lower disease risks.

Instead, Liberman said, the study adds to a "long line" of research showing that lifestyle choices are critical to heart health.

"When you take care of your body, when you do things that help you relax, it's going to be beneficial," Liberman said.

For some people, he noted, that means going to the gym. For others, it involves a walk outside or sitting in meditation.

For people who do want to try visiting a sauna, there are some precautions. To be safe, Liberman said, people who have existing heart disease or other major health conditions should talk to their doctor first.

For instance, people on medication to lower their blood pressure may need to be cautious, he said. That's because the extra drop of blood pressure from a sauna might cause dizziness or fainting.

Laukkanen made the same point: "Sauna bathing should be a relaxing and enjoyable experience, and bathers should always listen to their body and take care of hydration."

The findings were published in the January issue of the European Journal of Preventive Cardiology and online in the Journal of Human Hypertension.



JAMES C. SVEHLA/PHOTOS FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Irwin Obispo plays with his 3-year-old daughter, Ava, last month at their home in Orland Hills. Ava was born 10 weeks early in 2014 and stayed in the hospital for five weeks.

Dads stress over preemies

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macy. "The stress of having to take care of a preemie with all the extra monitoring and attention to care is highly overwhelming."

There also was sleep loss paired with a day job and worries about his wife, plus the knowledge that the family had narrowly slipped through some very dangerous territory at the hospital.

"I may have physically endured pain, but the emotional and mental pain of possibly losing his family is equally as hard," said Michelle Obispo about her husband.

Contrary to popular belief, it's the fathers whose stress levels rise when bringing premature NICU babies home from the hospital — while the mothers' stress levels stay constant, according to a new study by researchers at Northwestern Medicine.

They found that before being discharged from the NICU, both parents had high levels of cortisol, the stress hormone. But during the two weeks after being discharged, the mothers' stress levels returned to normal, while the fathers' continued to rise.

When the babies are in the hospital, they're cared for by a team of nurses and physicians, said Craig Garfield, lead author of the study and associate professor of pediatrics and medical social sciences at Northwestern University.

"When the baby comes home, suddenly baby needs care and support, mom needs care and support, and dad may still be trying to juggle work and his growing home responsibilities," said Garfield, who also is an at-

tending physician at Lurie Children's Hospital.

Mothers also tend to process the situation long before fathers do, which may account for their being able to adjust faster, said AnnaMarie Rodney, owner of Chicago Family Doulas.

As soon as a woman gets pregnant, she begins to plan for her baby, while many men might not do as much until the baby is born.

"I talk to five to 10 moms a day, and the things I hear from them are that when they're pregnant, their husbands don't think their lives are going to change," Rodney said. "When dads realize, 'I'm a dad,' this changes everything — but now, if anything isn't perfect, it's an additional stress, and they really don't know what to do with it."

If the baby goes directly to the NICU, many fathers continue to feel powerless, said Jennifer Howard, a licensed professional counselor in Virginia who specializes in the treatment of perinatal mental health and is the mother of a preemie. In there, the machines, nurses and doctors take over, as the parents watch.

"When your baby is discharged from the NICU, it can feel quite overwhelming to transition to a position where you are now in charge," Howard said. "This transition likely heightens dads' feelings of insecurity about their ability to care for their baby."

The partners also are faced with a unique role, as they're supposed to be the strong ones in this situation since they didn't give birth, so they have to care for the mother and the baby. And while postpartum depression is a much-publicized medical prob-

lem facing mothers, men's stress and postpartum issues haven't been studied much until now.

"It's largely misunderstood, but fathers also experience perinatal mood and anxiety disorders," Howard said.

About 1 in 7 women will experience postpartum depression, and 1 in 10 men will also experience it. An NICU stay is one of the factors related to postpartum depression, and it could affect men and women, Howard said.

Fathers often are the first to see their preemies or sick children in the NICU because the mother is still in the recovery room. Fathers also watch emergency C-sections, and they are there during the crisis, while the mother may be under anesthesia or may not be as aware of what's happening.

"If the birth was traumatic — for instance, if the baby was resuscitated — then dads may be exposed and more aware of the baby's health concerns," Howard said. "This can lead dads to experience symptoms of PTSD, as well."

But postpartum depression and stress symptoms after childbirth typically manifest differently in dads than in moms.

Men will often be angry, irritable, will be more likely to abuse alcohol or other substances, and will withdraw and be alone, said Crystal Clancy, executive director of community engagement at Pregnancy & Postpartum Support Minnesota.

They should seek professional help immediately, as they need to be healthy to properly care for their infant.

Danielle Braff is a freelancer.

A driver goes a little berserk on a freeway. That speaks to me.



CHRIS ERSKINE
The Middle Ages

In front of me is a wobbly rental truck, the most lethal vehicle we'll ever know. In the next lane lives a muscle car with JERK in the license plate. Behind me? Traffic as dense as my sock drawer.

I realize that my fellow drivers and I will make it to our destinations this Friday night. I just don't know when. Maybe in three years?

"Enjoy the journey," they always say. Yet they never mention the sea of brake lights or the driver putting on her lips while riding your rear bumper.

Welcome to Friday rush hour. Welcome to LA's red light district.

Next to me, the driver of a gray SUV jumps out to scold someone who might've cut her off, or honked ... I confess to not seeing the entire back story. But I love her passion. Another driver crossed some moral divide and this brave woman hopped from her obscenely huge Lincoln and scolded the person for it on the spot.

No one ever really talks about the positive aspects of road rage. This looked like the dirty version of "La La Land" — an angry driver dancing on the four-level interchange, other drivers smiling at the sight. A feel-good moment in America's feel-good city.

Big cities can seem so overwhelming, but you can reduce them to little pockets of 100 people, all trying to do the same thing at once — drive home, dine out, catch a show. We live in a sprawling city of millions, yet within it are all these little pockets of mirth, rage and sustenance.

In that sense, LA really is a very tiny town. The Keokuk of the coast.

This night, my little pocket is a Mexican joint in the groovy commonwealth of Santa Monica. LA's Eastside is my home, my comfort zone, my Walden Pond. I come west like this only when absolutely necessary. In Santa Monica, I find such civility and flowiness. It makes me a little jumpy.

The restaurant is packed, as are all Los Angeles joints at all hours. The millennials cry all the time about their tepid pay, yet all they do is eat sushi and order endless items off of Ama-

zon. It's a good life, don't get me wrong.

A waitress arrives. She wants answers. Liquor will kill you, so I order it judiciously. I drink it slowly, since I burned my tongue on coffee a day earlier. Before it could heal, I burned it again. Evidently, coffee is a very slow learner.

"Order the fajitas," I tell my son, which is difficult to pronounce with a double-baked tongue. Comes out: "Odor da cheetahs."

I tell him that there is a buzzy splendor in the fajitas' sizzling smog of peppers and beef.

Sounds like an autumn storm coming to the table. I tell him that most joy — a meal, a romance, a jazzy flute solo — begins with a happy mouth.

Instead, he orders a plate of limp tacos and a bowl of beans he doesn't touch much.

"Shoulda odored da cheetahs," I tell him.

The occasion? A niece is visiting, the redhead who looks so much like my gorgeous baby sister I could cry. My niece is here from Chicago visiting her older sister, who now lives in the commonwealth, not far from my older daughter, who housed her cousin for a few months when she first moved here.

Lore has it that my daughter eventually kicked the newcomer out. As with all family disputes, that is open to twisty interpretation. I believe my daughter might've given her cousin a gentle nudge, but I don't think she would ever kick her out. We have our issues, sure, but we're not a kicker-outer kind of family.

To us, family is everything, as is health. So there are two things that are everything, which doubles the chances of having everything.

For me, laughter is everything too, as is football, so I have four shots at spiritual nirvana.

But football as ended now; it comes and goes, as does health and family, when you think about it.

With that in mind, we take a moment to toast our young visitor from Chicago. She is 24 and made of smiles. I'd like her to stay in LA forever, though my baby sister would kill me dead. She already accuses me of snatching away one daughter.

"It's not me, it's California," I explain to her. I mean, I love it and mock it all at once. It's all sunburns and brake lights, and it punishes most every good deed.

Then, one day, it's home.

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Women's hearts may be more vulnerable to stress

BY AMY NORTON
HealthDay

Mental stress can take a toll on blood vessels — and women with heart disease may be especially vulnerable, a new study suggests.

Past research has found that compared with their male counterparts, women with heart disease are more likely to suffer “myocardial ischemia” in response to mental stress.

That refers to a reduction in blood flow to the heart, and it can raise the risk of potentially fatal heart complications.

In the recent study, researchers uncovered a reason for the phenomenon: When under psychological stress, women are more prone than men to having their blood vessels constrict. Experts said the findings underscore some realities.

Traditionally, doctors have focused on how well the heart and blood vessels respond to physical stress, said Dr. Nieca Goldberg, a spokesperson for the American Heart Association who was not involved in the study.

“But we can't ignore the issue of mental stress in treating heart disease,” she said.

And that awareness may be especially important for women, said Goldberg, who is also medical director of NYU Langone's Center for Women's Health in New York City.

There is no single solution to dealing with stress, Goldberg said. For some people, she noted, a daily walk or an app that teaches relaxation techniques might be enough. Others might need a referral to a mental health professional.

“Everybody's stressors are different,” Goldberg said. “So we as doctors need to work with patients individually.”

The study involved 678 people with coronary



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Research suggests women's blood vessels are more likely than men's to constrict because of psychological stress.

artery disease. That means “plaques” build up in larger arteries, sometimes causing symptoms like chest pain and breathlessness. It can also lead to a heart attack if a plaque ruptures and completely blocks an artery.

Each patient went through a mental stress test — public speaking — and researchers used heart imaging to see whether it triggered myocardial ischemia.

Overall, around 15 percent of all study patients had stress-induced ischemia — with men and women affected at a similar rate. But the underlying causes differed between the sexes.

In women, it was mainly caused by constriction in small blood vessels, said senior researcher Dr. Viola Vaccarino, a professor at Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health in Atlanta.

When men developed ischemia, it was mainly because mental stress triggered a rise in blood pressure and heart rate — which boosted the heart's workload.

It's already known, Vaccarino said, that women are more likely than men to have “microvascular dysfunction.” That refers to problems in the small blood vessels that feed the heart. Those arteries are not

clogged up with plaques, but they have damage that can impair blood flow.

“Basically, the small vessels do not relax,” Vaccarino explained.

According to Goldberg, that higher rate of microvascular dysfunction might help explain why women are more prone to blood vessel constriction when stressed.

What should heart disease patients do? First, Vaccarino said, many people with stress-related ischemia wouldn't know it. “In most cases, it's asymptomatic — or ‘silent,’ ” she said.

But, she added, people can consider the stressors in their lives, and how well they typically respond. “Stress is universal,” Vaccarino noted. “It's the way we deal with it that matters.”

Regular exercise, like a daily walk, can help, Vaccarino noted. “Physical exercise actually makes the blood vessels dilate. It's the opposite effect of what we see with mental stress,” she said.

“The main message is, we need to find healthy ways to cope with stress,” Vaccarino said. And that may be particularly important for women, she added.

The findings were recently published online in *Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology*.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Cough syrup, antidepressant may have scary interaction

BY JOE GRAEDON
AND TERESA GRAEDON
King Features Syndicate

Q: I take Lexapro for depression. I've been fighting colds for weeks, and to treat my cold symptoms, I started taking Robitussin DM cough syrup.

A few days ago, I began to experience some strange hot/cold/tingly sensations in my legs and arms. This has happened only once before, about a year ago, right after my doctor increased my dose of sertraline. (At that time, I also had muscle spasms along with the weird sensations.)

This problem went away when the doctor dropped the dose of sertraline and then switched me to Lexapro. I've read about serotonin syndrome, and I think that's what I had. I assume the similar symptoms I'm experiencing now are due to a drug interaction of cough syrup with Lexapro. Is that possible?

A: Antidepressants like sertraline (Zoloft) and escitalopram (Lexapro) affect levels of the neurotransmitter serotonin. So can the cough suppressant dextromethorphan (the “DM” in your cough syrup). Combining the two may result in serotonin syndrome (Primary Care Companion for CNS Disorders, Vol. 14, No. 6, 2012; BMJ Case Reports, Aug. 7, 2017).

Symptoms of serotonin syndrome can include fever, sweating, rapid heart rate, flushing, high blood pressure, nausea and diarrhea. People also may experience anxiety, agitation and confusion, muscle twitching, tremor and shivering. The strange sensations you describe also have been reported occasionally as part of this



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Combining an antidepressant and the cough suppressant dextromethorphan can result in serotonin syndrome.

potentially dangerous syndrome (British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology, December 2004).

Before taking other OTC medicines, be sure to ask the pharmacist if there might be an interaction with your antidepressant.

Q: I have severe arthritis in both knees and in my spine. The pain wakes me several times a night. I cannot take NSAIDs because I have had a bleeding ulcer from such drugs: I needed a blood transfusion a few years back because of these pain relievers.

Medicare won't pay for chiropractors or massage. My doctor won't prescribe opioids. What else can I do for the pain?

A: You are in a classic double-bind situation. Traditional NSAID pain relievers are out because of your history of life-threatening ulcers. Even topical NSAIDs such as Voltaren Gel might not be safe for you.

Anti-inflammatory herbs such as Ashwagandha, boswellia and curcumin may provide relief. So, too, might non-drug remedies such as Knox gelatin, gin-soaked raisins, and Certo and grape juice.

Q: I read your article

on the brain benefits of smoothies. You emphasized blueberries, but you cited a study that suggests strawberries are just as effective. I wonder about blackberries as well, since the active “ingredient” is often the pigment. Should I stick with blueberries, or can I eat any of the above for better brain function? What about raspberries?

A: The anthocyanins that give berries their bright red and purple colors are powerful antioxidants. In laboratory tests, blueberries, cranberries, blackberries and strawberries scored highly. There is reason to believe that regular consumption of such berries might “protect against age-related deficits in cognitive and motor function” (Gerontology, October 2012).

There is less research on raspberries compared with blueberries. That said, adding raspberries to your mix of other berries should be beneficial as well as delicious.

Q: I have been taking Concord grape juice and Certo for my plantar fasciitis. It has worked beautifully, but I really do NOT need so much sugar.

What's the magic with Concord grape juice and Certo, after all? Will another vehicle other than juice do as well?

A: Concord grapes contain anti-inflammatory compounds that might be contributing to your success. You're right that there is a lot of sugar in grape juice. To reduce this, you might try diluting the juice with water.

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Marriage may help manage heart disease

Being single bumps up risk of dying, research suggests

By ALAN MOZES
HealthDay

All things being equal, an unmarried heart patient may face a higher risk of death than a married heart patient, new research suggests.

After reviewing four years of data on more than 6,000 heart patients, researchers determined that being unmarried seems to bump up the risk of dying not only from cardiovascular illness, but dying for any reason whatsoever.

“Compared to married subjects, being unmarried was associated with a 45 percent higher risk for dying (from heart disease), even after accounting for differences in risk factors, disease severity, medication use and socioeconomic factors,” said study co-author Dr. Arshed Quyyumi.

He is a professor of medicine with Emory University School of Medicine’s division of cardiology in Atlanta.

Quyyumi noted this is the first study to look at heart disease patients across a wide range of relationship categories, including never married, divorced or separated, and widowed.

That means the team can only offer “potential explanations” for the study’s findings. One reason why: The study only found an association between higher death rates and heart patients, not a cause-and-effect connection.

But Quyyumi pointed to a possible lack of social support among single patients, as well as increased stress and depression, and poorer adherence to medication regimens and healthy lifestyle choices, as explanations for the findings.

He and his colleagues reported their findings in a recent issue of the Journal



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A study of more than 6,000 heart patients found that the odds of dying were lower for married patients than for those who were unmarried.

of the American Heart Association.

Participating patients were 63 years old, on average, and were all undergoing treatment for heart disease at an Emory health care facility.

About three-quarters were male, and about a quarter were black. A completed survey revealed that among the participants, black women were more likely to be unmarried. It also indicated that unmarried patients were also more likely to struggle with high blood pressure, heart failure and/or high cholesterol.

During the nearly four-year study, slightly more than 1,000 of the patients died.

In the end, the investigators found that being unmarried seemed to increase

the risk for dying of any cause by 24 percent, compared with married heart disease patients. They also faced a 52 percent higher risk for dying due to cardiovascular death or heart attack.

Digging deeper, the researchers observed that the risk of dying from cardiovascular death or a heart attack rose roughly 40 percent among those who had never been married and those who had been divorced or separated, compared with their married peers.

The rise in risk was even higher among those who had been widowed, rising by 71 percent compared with patients who were still married. The bump in death risk was particularly notable among patients younger than 65, Quyyumi added.

The findings suggest that marital status might need to be taken into consideration when caring for heart patients, he said.

But Quyyumi cautioned that the study did not explore death risk among unmarried heart patients who were in a relationship and perhaps even living with their partner. And he added that because the study only enlisted patients being cared for at a single medical facility, it may be difficult to draw too many conclusions from the findings.

Dr. Vincent Bufalino, director and senior vice president of Advocate Health Care in Naperville, Ill., was somewhat surprised by the findings.

“It certainly does give you pause,” he said. “And it suggests that there might

be something about the life experience of unmarried patients that is different from that of their married peers.”

What exactly that is, Bufalino noted, remains to be explored. But he pointed to the increased stress loads that might burden unmarried patients.

“By itself, it’s hard to manage your life, your finances, the responsibility of children and parents, whatever the stressors are that might affect folks,” said Bufalino, who was not involved with the study.

“When you have a partner, at the very least some of that is diffused and shared. Of course, we still don’t really understand the direct connection between stress and cardiovascular disease, Bufalino said. “But the fact that there is an

association is clear, and this finding may be another supportive example of that.”

Another heart expert agreed.

“To me, this makes sense,” said Dr. Sana Al-Khatib, a professor of medicine in Duke University’s division of cardiology-electrophysiology. “Having social support may ease up some of the stress that patients with [heart disease] face.”

“Also, a spouse may help patients be more attentive to their health, reminding them to take their medications, abide by a healthy lifestyle and diet, and be strong in fighting their disease,” Al-Khatib added. “It will be important to see if these results can be replicated by others, perhaps in a multicenter study.”

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Create a flavorful base for mussels with a simple mixture of tomatoes and white wine — and don't forget the crusty bread to dip into the mussel-flavored liquid.

Where the heart is

Don't fight the crowds on Valentine's Day — splurge at home for less

By **NICK KINDELSPERGER**
 Chicago Tribune

The last place you'll catch my wife and me on Valentine's Day is dining at a restaurant. Since I'm a food writer, I eat out nearly every day, and few calendar dates strike me with more fear than Feb. 14. See, Valentine's Day is one of a handful of occasions when everyone else decides that they have to go out too. Good reservation times vanish. Service becomes harried. Count in the cost of scheduling a babysitter, and we might as well walk around with our credit card number plastered onto

our foreheads.

Instead, we celebrate Valentine's Day at home, using it as an excuse to ignore the entire world (with the exception of our daughter). Plus, we splurge on items we'd hardly be able to afford at a restaurant. You know the good stuff: Champagne, shellfish and fancy chocolate.

Cooking at home, of course, is not without its own hassles. Sweating in the kitchen for hours to craft the perfect romantic meal can feel just as stressful as braving the wilds of the restaurant scene on Valentine's Day. That's why our menu consists of items

that require the least amount of effort to prepare, yet make you feel like a million bucks.

Instead of dirtying silverware, we devour all the food with our hands, maybe because it's romantic, allowing us to satisfy some primal urge, but mostly because it's more fun.

Oysters need nothing more than to be opened. While this does require some finagling, — and you will need to buy an oyster knife for stress-free shucking, and an old towel helps avoid serious injuries — once popped, all you need to do is slurp away. Sure, some might like a squeeze of lemon or a

drop of a vinegary mignonette, but if you score great oysters from a trusted fishmonger, why cover them up? We like to order a dozen, usually six from the East Coast and six from the West Coast, though we let the fishmonger direct us toward the freshest offerings.

Oysters slurped straight from the shell just beg for Champagne. It's no trouble to find a good bottle in the \$30 to \$40 range from a nice wine shop. While that's far more than we'd normally spend for a night at home, know that the same bottle would cost about

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African-American vegans redefining soulful food



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Sister and brother Lori Seay and Arel Ben Israel own Original Soul Vegetarian, a venerable African-American vegan soul-food restaurant.

By **LOUISA CHU**
 Chicago Tribune

When the world first took notice of Colin Kaepernick, few knew the quarterback was one of a growing number of African-Americans who had embraced veganism. The movement may be most evident among millennials through social media, with YouTube stars and Instagram influencers, but it grew quietly from deep historical roots, especially in Chicago. From a pioneering restaurant now run by a new generation, to more recent black-owned establishments, to the community they serve, the culture here continues to redefine soulful food.

Chicago is home to one of the oldest African-American vegan

soul-food restaurants in the country.

Original Soul Vegetarian opened in 1982 in the South Side neighborhood of Greater Grand Crossing. You may have passed by on your way to rib tips at Lem's Bar-B-Q or caramel cake at Brown Sugar Bakery just up 75th Street. The business is now owned by the family's second generation.

"I was born a vegan. I've never had meat or dairy a day in my life," said Arel Ben Israel, 35, co-owner and operator with his sister Lori Seay. "It started out a religious thing because I am born and raised an African-American Hebrew Israelite."

The restaurant has always been vegan, ever since their parents started selling Prince dressing,

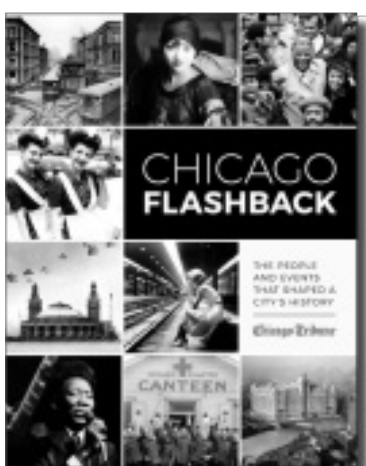
carrot supreme salad and lemon cake.

"Since me and my sister took over, six years ago, the wave has changed about eating," said Ben Israel. People are more conscious about what they eat, but with greater expectations of creativity, he said.

In response to the trend, a woman on their team created the BBQ Twist, crunchy-crust, barbecue-sauced, house-made seitan.

The siblings are also partners in the Vegan Now stall at the Chicago French Market in the West Loop. Plus, they're currently scouting their first North Side location, in Boystown, expected to open in 2019.

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Sharon Bronstein, from left, Shelby Allison and Caitlin Laman have organized the conference Chicago Style, in part to address inclusiveness in the cocktail industry.

Cheers! All are welcome for cocktails

Inclusion is theme of industry conference

BY JOSEPH HERNANDEZ
Chicago Tribune

One only has to head to Logan Square or the West Loop to see that Chicago's cocktail game is strong, as robust and vibrant as in cities like New York, London or L.A. Banking on this reputation, three local industry vets are getting together for a new cocktail conference for both consumers and industry insiders, with Chicago as the backdrop.

Caitlin Laman (Ace Hotel), Shelby Allison (Lost Lake) and Sharon Bronstein (The 86 Co.) are the brains behind Chicago Style, a new cocktail conference May 7-10, timed to run just after the James Beard Foundation Awards.

"We love visiting other cities during their cocktail weeks and getting to know the bartending communities there," said Allison on a call with the Tribune. "Major cities like New Orleans and New York have really highlighted their cocktail scene, and we want to do the same here, but with a twist." Chicago Style will not be the

first cocktail conference in Chicago — the Chicago Cocktail Summit is another homegrown effort, held the last two years at the Logan Theatre — but it is the first conference with a vocal, socially conscious mission.

"The bar industry, and the world in general, has had its issues about not highlighting diverse voices," said Laman. "We've made it a point to be super inclusive about our participants and our programming." For instance, Chicago Style's marquee event is a partnership with Speed Rack, a bartender competition founded by two other industry vets, Lynnette Marrero and Ivy Mix, to celebrate women bartenders and benefit breast cancer charities. Speed Rack will host its national championship event in Chicago for the first time this year.

Proposed programming also includes a seminar or panel with Causing a Stir founders Alexis Brown and Ariel Neal, two Chicago bartenders whose mission is to empower people of color and underrepresented communities in the hospitality industry

through networking and educational events.

"Ariel and Alexis are helping black bartenders create visibility to make themselves heard and accounted for," said Bronstein, the director of marketing behind spirits brands Ford's Gin and Tequila Cabeza, among others. "One other panel will focus on practical applications for creating intersectional workspaces, plus other topics, like health and wellness for industry members."

"I think the most important thing we wanted to do was create a platform and space for people who haven't been historically represented to share their stories," said Allison. "It's a chance for leaders and the usual personalities to take a moment to listen to another person's experience."

The mission-oriented programming of Chicago Style seems a direct response to other similar conferences, namely Tales of the Cocktail in New Orleans, the largest beverage industry gathering in the country. According to The New York Times, in 2017, Ann Tuennerman, the organization's founder, and her husband, Paul, stepped away from the 15-year-old business they'd built;

"We can address issues ... like inclusion and diversity, but also talk about a lot of the natural stuff that goes on in bars."

— Caitlin Laman, Ace Hotel

this followed a string of racially insensitive incidents, including walking in the famed Zulu Mardi Gras parade in blackface and a subsequent Facebook Live video posted by Paul with racially charged comments. Tales is now under new ownership and is still planned for July.

"The bar industry is all about sharing experiences," said Laman. "We can address issues in the space, like inclusion and diversity, but also talk about a lot of the natural stuff that goes on in bars, like sustainability."

Another marquee event is a partnership with Trash Tiki, a London-based industry group that helps bars creatively tackle

waste management. "Sustainability with a punk attitude," said Bronstein.

And though this woman-run event is intentionally intersectional, men shouldn't feel excluded. "There are male voices also included in the mix, but just not in the proportions people have been used to," said Allison, pointing to such luminaries as historian David Wondrich and Josh Harris, of San Francisco's Trick Dog.

Tickets for Chicago Style will go on sale in March, with additional programming to be announced in the coming weeks. For now, interested parties can sign up for updates at drinkchicagostyle.com, but meanwhile, the team is excited to spotlight the city's entire bar scene.

"(Chicago Style) isn't about being a woman in the industry," said Bronstein, "it's about bringing all the voices together."

Laman agrees. "The content's the same as any other cocktail conference. It's just that the people you're hearing from are going to be different."

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For an unusual yet tasty pairing, caviar can be served with chicharron at Heritage Restaurant & Caviar Bar.

EAT THIS!

Caviar, chicharron a decadent pairing

BY JOSEPH HERNANDEZ
Chicago Tribune

Didja hear? Caviar is having a moment. From spots like Cafe Marie Jeanne, which serves steelhead roe toast and caviar-topped omelets, to Blvd's opulent caviar service, it seems as if everyone is getting in on the fish egg game.

Going all in is Heritage Restaurant & Caviar Bar, in Humboldt Park. The spot features a range of caviar from as

little as \$10, making enjoyment of the luxe ingredient a little easier on the wallet.

Chef-partner Guy Mielke's black bread and caviar spread, with an assortment of accoutrements, is an accessible way to try caviar: Slather butter on the thick, soft bread, and go to town on the tin of fish eggs of your choosing. Dining with a small group? Indulge the table in a high-meets-low splurge with an order of freshly fried chicharron (\$6), still crackling with heat,

and a tin of Polanco caviar from Uruguay (\$60). The crispy, salty rind is earthy and obviously meaty, while the fine, tiny pearls of caviar pop delicately when eaten in tandem. The result is a hit of savory on savory that is at once decadent and low-key — luxury for the people.

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DRINK THIS!

Bourbon, chai, apple mix for cold, yet cozy, drink

BY ALISON BOWEN
Chicago Tribune

Cold drinks may not be a go-to during winter, but this concoction featuring chai and apple juice makes a cozy cold-weather drink. Allow us to introduce the Chi Clipper, cool comfort for a winter's night.

George Dickel #8 Whiskey infused with bourbon vanilla chai from Rare Tea Cellars is mixed with house-juiced Golden Delicious apples, Vermont maple syrup and lemon juice. It's shak-

en, strained over ice and garnished with a hydrated apple chip. Marissa Barlow, who leads the cocktail program, said it's intended to be an inviting cold-weather drink that evokes local orchards, but boosted with a boozy kick. On the menu through March for \$12 at Cold Storage.

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CHRISTINE DOMINO/COLD STORAGE

A cold drink during winter may seem counterintuitive, but this chai-and-apple bourbon sipper is a comforting option at Cold Storage.

Forward progress in wine, football pairing



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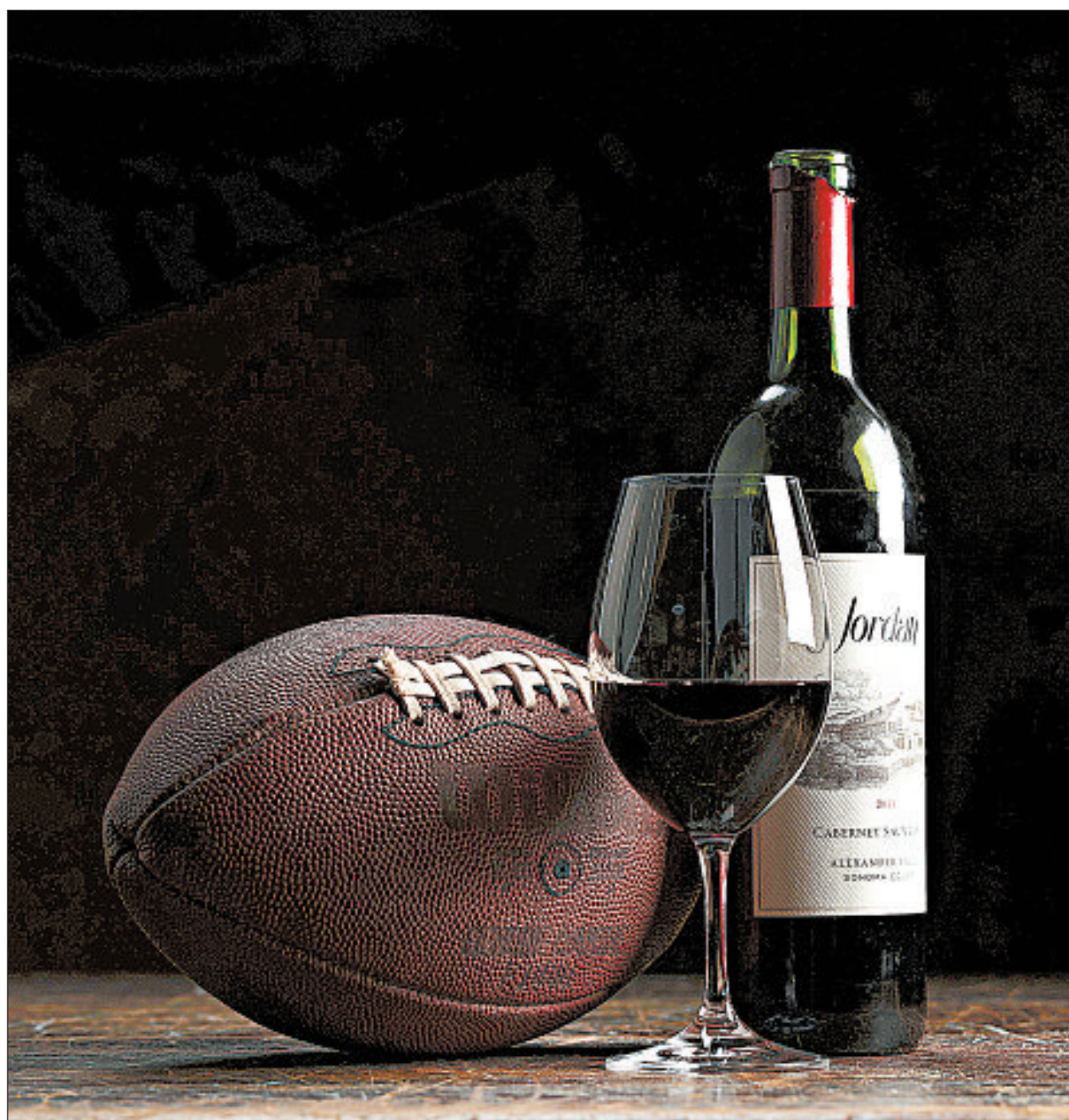
A few weeks ago, after a National Football League playoff game, a New Orleans Saints defensive lineman sent a bottle of wine to the quarterback of the Carolina Panthers. It was a taunt, a tease — a troll, in the vernacular of the moment.

The Saints had beaten the Panthers for the third time in the season, so to mark the milestone and to continue an existing correspondence of jabs between them, the victorious lineman sent the losing quarterback a bottle of wine from the Alexander Valley of Sonoma County.

It wasn't just any bottle. It was a 2013 Jordan Cabernet Sauvignon — from the renowned Jordan Winery in Healdsburg — and it wasn't just any renowned winery that the lineman picked. He picked Jordan because his name is Cameron Jordan. He and the winery have no connection, except that they share a name. That's fun. That's good, clean competitive spirit. That's a nice gift too — and although the quarterback, Cam Newton, lost those games, he did gain something of value.

From one Cameron to another, the gesture basically said, "Here are three losses and a nice bottle of wine for you." It was a cool little news item to read — that an NFL bruiser, listed at 6 feet 4 inches tall and 287 pounds on the Saints' website, was taunting an opposing player with a bottle that would pair nicely with herb-crusted lamb, haricots verts and potatoes dauphine.

When I heard the news, I started thinking about good old Art Donovan, the legendary defensive line-



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The New Orleans Saints' Cameron Jordan trolled Cam Newton of the Carolina Panthers with Jordan Cabernet Sauvignon.

man for the Baltimore Colts. He played in the 1950s and sometimes didn't even wear a face mask on his helmet. He was born in the Bronx, the son of a boxing referee, and he earned a football scholarship to the University of Notre Dame but played there for only one season before enlisting in the Marine Corps and fighting in World War II, notably the Battle of Iwo Jima. He died in 2013, and although

he was an undisputed tough guy, he spent his post-playing days cracking jokes on late-night talk shows, among other light-hearted pursuits.

Sending a bottle of wine in Donovan's day would have been the equivalent of sending a dozen roses or a basket full of lollipops. Not just in Donovan's day — for decades after his day too. I can't imagine that Dan Hampton or Richard Dent of the 1985 Bears

(Super Bowl XX champs, my friends) sent a bottle of wine to the Green Bay quarterback after crushing the Packers twice that season. Even the defensive linemen of the '90s or early 2000s probably didn't have wine on the brain.

But a guy born in 1989, like Cameron Jordan? Yeah, wine is a part of his life — whether he has NFL jingle in his pocket or not. It's different now than it

was for those older guys. Jordan sent something usable, knowing it was usable, to his fallen nemesis. Like sending a box of good golf balls with a note that says, "Glad you'll be able to get an early start on the offseason." This is just one more high-profile example of how wine is seeping into our normal daily lives — the lives of those of us who don't live in or near the wine regions of California, Washington,

Oregon or a handful of others.

The trolling gift gives steam to the idea that wine is not exclusive or rarified — or twee, as it would have been in prior NFL eras — and should not be intimidating.

The thing about most people under 30 is they didn't grow up with images of wine being sophisticated and prim. Those ideas are still alive in the wine world — in some wine shops and restaurants — but they now share space with much more egalitarian narratives.

Back when the guys on the '85 Bears were a few years out college, the wine narrative leaned toward elitism. Now there are more voices telling different stories, and thankfully people like Jordan and so many others have been exposed to them.

The Jordan Cabernet Sauvignon that Cameron Jordan chose costs about 50 bucks — not cheap but also not unattainable. Jordan, the lineman, could have sent Newton a pair of Jordan gym shoes, with Michael Jordan's spread-eagle flying logo on them. But the string of jabs between Jordan and Newton led to cabernet sauvignon, and by golly, that says a lot about wine in 2018.

Cam Newton won't soon (or ever) forget the taunt from his fellow "Cam." And if Newton can't swallow his pride enough to drink the bottle anytime soon, it's OK. The winery says the wine will continue to improve in the bottle through 2032, when both Cams' playing days will be over.

Now, as for next season, if the Panthers end up beating the Saints and Newton decides to send a taunt of his own, allow me to suggest a nice bottle of 2014 Newton Unfiltered Chardonnay from Napa Valley.

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CRAVING: CHINESE FOOD

Who makes best frozen pot stickers?

We put 7 brands with pork to the test

BY BILL DALEY
Chicago Tribune

Pot sticker dumplings are an easy way to add symbolic good fortune to any celebration of the Lunar New Year, which is Feb. 16 this year. Usually, a restaurant has been the place to enjoy these crispy-bottomed, pleated crescents, which are said to resemble ancient Chinese gold ingots and thus promise wealth or prosperity for the eater. But you can have pot sticker dumplings at home — and without the work and mess of making your own: Buy frozen pot stickers at your local supermarket or Asian grocery.

While pot stickers are an easy way to enjoy Chinese food at home during the Lunar New Year, expect to find a mix of Chinese- and Japanese-style dumplings in supermarkets that are labeled variously as pot stickers, gyoza (the Japanese word) and even “gyoza pot stickers.”

Food & Dining sampled seven store-bought frozen dumplings as part of our monthlong “Craving: Chinese Food” series.

I chose pork dumplings because those are the ones I most often associate with pot stickers. I did notice more vegetarian, chicken and seafood dumplings in supermarket freezer cases, so if you’re not wild about pork, you can still enjoy a pot sticker to usher in the

Year of the Dog.

The frozen dumplings were purchased at Trader Joe’s and Whole Foods Market locations near Tribune Tower in Chicago and at Tai Nam Market, the Asian supermarket in the city’s Uptown neighborhood. I did not buy membership-only club brands because I wanted dumplings the general public had a reasonable chance of buying. Prices listed are what I paid.

What to buy? I went into supermarkets with a list of major pot sticker makers mentioned in recent coverage of a frozen-dumpling industry report. But, except for Tai Nam, I didn’t find much choice when it came to pork pot stickers. I was surprised to find myself walking out empty-handed from two stores operated by a major supermarket chain.

Dumplings can be steamed, boiled or pan-fried. For this tasting, the pot stickers were fried to achieve the dumpling’s signature browned and crisp bottom. This was a blind tasting, meaning those who took part didn’t know which pot sticker was which. Each taster was asked to sample and rate each dumpling on its own merits, looking at appearance, aroma, texture and flavor. See the tasting notes for the results.

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The results



1. Annie Chun’s Organic Pork and Vegetable Potstickers

A brand of CJ Foods and purchased at Whole Foods Market, these dumplings scored well with most tasters to earn the top spot. “Seasoned to perfection!” one taster commented. “Peppery,” wrote two others approvingly. The dumplings sported real pleated wrappers, prompting one taster to write they “look more homemade.” \$2.99 for a 7.6-ounce package.



2. Trader Joe’s Pork Gyoza Potstickers

These pork and vegetable pot stickers were juicy with a filling that had distinct pieces of vegetable that stood out from the pork. There was a nice onion flavor with peppery notes. “Good midnight snack,” commented one taster. \$2.99 for a 16-ounce package.



3. Wei-Chuan Pre-steamed Vegetable and Pork Dumpling Gyoza

These dumplings tasted of pork with a pronounced onion flavor. The tender filling was well-seasoned with notes of scallion, cabbage and sesame oil. \$6.25 for a 32-ounce package.



4. O’Tasty Vegetable and Pork Potsticker

A mild but meaty mix of pork and cabbage with a bit of gingery heat. Opinions were split on this pot sticker. Some thought it tasted fine; others found it bland and mushy. The wrapper was shaped in a classic crescent with some pleating. \$5.50 for a 32-ounce package.



5. Ajinomoto Pork and Chicken Gyoza Dumplings

While the package advertised the filling as containing pork and chicken, the first ingredient on the ingredient label was cabbage — and you could taste it. Some tasters noticed the chicken, others the pork, but most found this dumpling to be bland. The wrapper was very thin and pearl white in color. \$6.55 for a 24.7-ounce package.



6. Prime Food Pork and Cabbage Dumpling With Mushroom Added

Most tasters thought these dumplings bland, which seemed surprising given the addition of mushrooms to the filling. \$5.25 for a 20-ounce package.



7. JFC Gyoza Potstickers With Pork

Some tasters dismissed this dumpling as “bland,” while others complained of a strong onion or garlic note and, in the words of one, “not much else.” \$7.45 for a 32-ounce package.

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Craving: Chinese Food

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Vegans put new spin on soul food

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Majani, the newest African-American vegan restaurant in the city, opened May 2017 in the South Shore neighborhood and serves what owners describe as “soulful vegan cuisine.”

Husband and wife owners Tsadakeeyah and Nasya Emmanuel, executive chef and pastry chef, respectively, are vegan and catering veterans, and wanted their own restaurant to be within walking distance from home.

“Majani is a Swahili word that means green,” said Tsadakeeyah Emmanuel, 54. The restaurant is a light-flooded, rustic-industrial space with reclaimed-wood tables.

Barbecue cauliflower is their most popular dish. It’s chickpea-batter-dipped, deep-fried and tossed in a tangy house-made barbecue sauce; a sear on the grill caramelizes the crust and keeps it crunchy. “It’s the hook that gets folks in here,” he said.

“We’re moving away from hog maws and chitlins and into collar greens and cornbread prepared in a healthier way. That’s where we’re trying to lead the charge, where veganism can be healthy, nutritious, delicious and appealing to the eye.”

Raised on mostly plant-based meals as a Seventh-day Adventist, Emmanuel became vegan at age 18 after also joining the Hebrew Israelites.

“We’re seeing a reawakening in the African-American community of what’s been in our soul all along,” he added.

At B’Gabs Goodies in Hyde Park — which serves vegan plus raw, gluten-free and soy-free food — you may find regulars Estrelitta, 31, and Enrico Harmon, 37. The married couple are there so often that, one recent night before dinner, they told chef and owner Gabrielle Darvassy they’re naming their baby after her — well, the middle name.

The Harmones were just as excited to learn Darvassy had named a dish for Enrico. The Rico’s Loaded Loaded is his signature double order of smashed and grilled potato smothered with seasonal grilled vegetables, house-made avocado sauce, cashew sour cream and vegan cheese. “I’m not a huge guy, but my appetite is massive,” he said.

Enrico’s a full-time musician, a bass player, while Estrelitta owns a travel and lifestyle business, The Good Life Daily. They’re transitioning to veganism.

“Primarily for health reasons,” said Rico. “I woke up one day and couldn’t move my left side. I went to the hospital, but the doctors couldn’t figure out what was going on.”

“It happened again a few years later,” he added. “Now we’re thinking it’s multiple sclerosis.”

They began to research a better diet. “Before I would be at Lou Malnati’s every day. I would be at Harold’s Chicken all the time. I had to change everything,” he said.

Like many newer African-American vegans, they made the switch because of health, not religion, they said. “I mean, when we did our first juice cleanse, we had to pray through that,” said Estrelitta, laughing. “Our faith in God has gotten us through some vegan moments.”

One truism about veganism? Not everyone stays vegan.

De Michael Berry opened De Michaels Market in Bronzeville in 2016. He didn’t give his age, saying he doesn’t believe in age, but shared that he graduated from high school in 1990. His deli and grocery specializing in gourmet sandwiches seeks to redefine the neighborhood corner store. He carries pop and chips, but also vegan versions of Imani’s Original Bean Pies, and makes vegan sandwiches to order.



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Few people even knew what “vegan” meant when Original Soul Vegetarian opened 36 years ago on the South Side.



Vegan cupcakes at Original Soul Vegetarian. The owners also run Vegan Now at the Chicago French Market.



A breaded spicy faux-chicken sandwich at Original Soul Vegetarian. A North Side location is planned in Boystown.

Berry was vegan for eight years. “My primary reason for becoming vegan was for the health benefits, or so I thought,” he said. “The reason I stopped is because I got multiple myeloma. It’s a cancer that attacks multiple parts of the body.”

Plus, his wife has never been vegan, which was difficult. “You want them to be with you on the journey,” he said.

He was diagnosed in 2014 and in remission by June of that year. “When I was home for seven months, it gave me pause to think about what I want to do with the rest of my life,” he said. “What I always wanted to do was open up a deli grocery store in our community, providing something other than what was already in the communities.”

Having lived on both

sides of the fence, his words of wisdom for vegans and nonvegans? “Don’t try to force your beliefs on the other. If you don’t eat meat or like to eat meat, don’t bash the other.”

Need more guidance? Around town and online, you’ll find a magazine-style freebie, “African American Vegan Starter Guide.” It’s direct. On how to handle family reunions, it says, “Never answer a question at the dinner table about why you became a vegan.” The publication is a project of By Any Greens Necessary, by African-American vegan female trailblazer Tracey McQuirter, in partnership with Farm Sanctuary.

McQuirter’s new book, “Ageless Vegan: The Secret to Living a Long and Healthy Plant-Based Life,” debuts June 12.

At the other end of the

age spectrum, popular food blogger Jenne Claiborne’s debut cookbook, “Sweet Potato Soul: 100 Easy Vegan Recipes for the Southern Flavors of Smoke, Sugar, Spice, and Soul” comes out Feb. 6. Claiborne’s father was also a vegan Hebrew Israelite, but she follows the lifestyle for animal-rights reasons.

Back at B’Gabs Goodies, chef and owner Darvassy, 44, became emotional when serving her first Impossible Burger. Not because it’s known as the veggie burger that bleeds, but because its ingredients include soy and gluten, which she’d excluded until then. She first opened as a health-focused exclusively raw vegan deli in 2010 at Experimental Station in Woodlawn. After moving into a former pizzeria four years later, she started cooking her food too, taking

the full kitchen as a sign from the universe.

Darvassy’s personal favorite dish is Marley’s Love, an Asian-inspired kale salad with almonds she developed with her older son, Marley, who’s now 18.

“Millennials are fluid,” she said. Many of her customers from the nearby University of Chicago are also of the generation. “If you’re fluid, you just move with everything, from gender to race to food to politics. They flow.”

“They gravitate towards veganism because they are concerned with their health. But they’re concerned with holistic health. These fluid, lovely children and young adults, they don’t want to be boxed in and judged.”

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Splurge at home on Valentine's Day

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\$100 at a restaurant. See how we're sort of saving money?

Plus, the next course is mussels. Even though you'll be purchasing the bivalves by the pound (3 pounds is about right for two), they are still among the most affordable shellfish options around. And they couldn't be simpler to prepare.

Just create a flavorful base, add the mussels and cook until they spring open.

While there are innumerable versions of the dish (one of our favorites is with coconut milk and green Thai chile paste), this year we are going with a simple combination of tomatoes and white wine. Sauté some onion and garlic, add some tomatoes and the wine, dump in the mussels and, three minutes later, dinner is served. The only way you could screw this up is if you forget the crusty bread to dip into the mussel-imbued liquid. Seriously, dunking fresh bread into the liquid is probably the best part, so don't forget that, OK?

And then we end with chocolate, because why wouldn't you? Usually, that just means a nice bar of dark chocolate, though we've been known to spring for a few chocolate truffles. Whatever your chocolate craving of choice, it will work here.

And that's it. With a minimal amount of effort, you have a shellfish-stocked meal, plenty of bubbly and never have to worry about asking for the check.

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Oysters are best enjoyed straight from the shell. You will need an oyster knife for stress-free shucking, and a towel helps avoid injuries.

Mussels with tomato and white wine

Prep: 10 minutes **Cook:** 10 minutes **Makes:** 2 servings

- 3 pounds mussels
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 yellow onion, thinly sliced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- ¼ teaspoon red pepper flakes
- ¼ teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 cup crushed canned tomatoes
- ½ cup dry white wine
- Handful fresh parsley, chopped
- Crusty bread

1 Rinse and scrub mussels under cold water. Remove beard from mussels, if necessary. Discard any mussels that won't close if gently pressed.

2 Heat oil in a large pot set over medium heat. Add onion, garlic and salt; cook until onion softens, about 5 minutes. Add red pepper flakes and oregano; cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Pour in the tomatoes; cook until they have slightly thickened, 3 to 5 minutes. Pour in wine.

3 Increase heat to high to bring to a boil. Add the mussels, cover the pot and cook, stirring every minute, until all the mussels have opened, 3 to 4 minutes. Discard any that don't. Turn off the heat; add the parsley.

4 Divide mussels and liquid between two large bowls. Serve with crusty bread.

Nutrition information per serving: 426 calories, 19 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 102 mg cholesterol, 24 g carbohydrates, 8 g sugar, 43 g protein, 1,618 mg sodium, 3 g fiber

Healthier take on bar snack

BY ELLIE KRIEGER
The Washington Post

Everything about jalapeño poppers is fun. It's no wonder they're a staple of bar food. They require minimal commitment; each is just a bite or two with no cutlery necessary. As the name suggests, you just pop one in your mouth and let the flavor begin. Inside their golden crisp coating, there's the thrill of the pepper, and eating it is a little like accepting a playful dare because you never know how much heat it will pack. But no worries, because the center is packed with a creamy, cheesy filling to immediately quench any



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heat.

This recipe delivers all that enjoyment, but in a more healthful way than the typical fried version. These are baked, so while they are amply crispy thanks to their olive oil-coated crust of panko crumbs, they're not greasy. Also, their creamy stuffing is less dense, taking advantage of a light blend of cheeses — ricotta and whip-

ped cream cheese spiked with just enough shredded Monterey Jack. You will love serving them at a party not only because they are fun for your guests, but also because they can be made in advance and reheated — which means you'll be in on the fun as well.

Ellie Krieger is a registered dietitian and freelance writer.

Baked jalapeño poppers

Prep: 35 minutes **Cook:** 30-35 minutes **Makes:** 20 pieces

- 2 ounces grated Monterey Jack cheese (½ cup packed)
- ⅓ cup whipped cream cheese
- ⅓ cup part-skim ricotta
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro leaves
- 10 medium jalapeño peppers, halved lengthwise, seeded, stems trimmed to ½-inch
- 3 tablespoons flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 large eggs
- 1 cup plain panko crumbs
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder (granulated garlic)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil

1 Position a rack in the upper third of the oven; heat oven to 375 degrees. Lightly grease a baking sheet.

2 Stir together the Monterey Jack cheese, cream cheese, ricotta and cilantro in a bowl, until well incorporated. Use about 2 teaspoons of the mixture to fill each jalapeño half.

3 Spread flour on a plate; season with ¼ teaspoon salt. Beat the egg in a separate bowl. Spread the panko crumbs on a separate plate; season with the garlic powder and the remaining ¼ teaspoon salt. Toss panko crumbs with the olive oil until evenly coated.

4 Toss each stuffed jalapeño in the flour, shaking off any excess, then in the egg, and finally in the panko, shaking off the excess. Each piece should be coated all around in the mixture. Arrange the jalapeños, cut sides up, on the baking sheet. Roast (upper rack) until the coating is golden brown and the cheese has melted a bit, 30 to 35 minutes. Serve warm.

Nutrition information per popper: 45 calories, 3 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 20 mg cholesterol, 3 g carbohydrates, 0 g sugar, 2 g protein, 80 mg sodium, 0 g fiber

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Stir-fried ground pork and oven-roasted vegetables are served in a lettuce wrap, with a sweet and spicy dipping sauce on the side.

Texas twist for lettuce wraps



JEANMARIE BROWNSON
Dinner at Home

Throughout the year, I cook off-the-cuff versions of favorite dishes, such as chili, pizza, beef stew, roast chicken and vegetable soup. I employ subtle variations, inspired by dining out or ingredients and condiments on hand. Never the same dish twice.

Same goes for a dish I first made more than three dozen years ago as a young test cook for Cuisine magazine: Minced quail in lettuce leaves. The recipe was part of a feature on the cuisine of Hong Kong.

In those pre-Instagram days, the late food writer Roy Andries de Groot captured his eating/research trip to Hong Kong with copious photographs and notes. My co-workers and I were charged with transforming those notes into magazine-friendly recipes that matched the photos. We tested all manner of dim sum, soups, fish, fried rice and even beggar's chicken wrapped in lotus leaves and clay.

I still cook many of those dishes, but the one I return to time and time again is that quail dish. It's a simple stir-fry of minced meat flavored with soy sauce and sesame oil. The golden stir-fry gets wrapped in crisp, chilled lettuce leaves, which cut the richness and add a fresh crunch.

Eileen Yin-Fei Lo, in her "Mastering the Art of Chinese Cooking," tells us that wrapping foods in lettuce leaves originated in China's Guangdong province. Lettuce, a symbol of new life and growth, even hangs over the doorways in Guangdong during the Lunar New Year, which begins this year Feb. 16.

The method of wrapping foods in lettuce, Yin-Fei Lo says, has spread far beyond one Chinese province. Indeed, we now see dozens of variations of that dish in Asian restaurants all over this country. The internet has hundreds more — from authentic versions to diet-friendly blandness. The fillings morph from minced quail or squab, to chicken, shrimp, squid, vegetables and assorted mushrooms.

A recent brunch at Dai Due Butcher Shop & Supper Club in Austin, Texas, featured another version: wild boar with winter vegetables, crunchy radishes, lime and chipotle. Exciting — especially with the drizzle of a chipotle sambal and a tangy wild game syrup. Everything gets rolled up in Boston lettuce. Amazing.

Thus inspired, I knew my home version would morph again. This time with coarse ground pork and oven-roasted vegetables.

The ingredients are not expensive, the cooking is easy and several steps can be done

Coconut cilantro rice

Prep: 10 minutes **Cook:** 20 minutes

Makes: 6 servings

- 2 cups medium grain rice
- 1 can (13.5 ounces) coconut milk
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 2 slices fresh ginger
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro

1 Put rice into a colander and rinse under cool running water. Put rinsed rice, coconut milk, 1/2 cup water, garlic, ginger and salt into a medium saucepan. Stir well. Heat to a simmer over high heat. Cover with a lid and reduce heat to very low. Cook until rice is nearly tender, 15 to 17 minutes.

2 Fluff with a fork and put the lid back on. Let stand off the heat for 10 minutes. Fluff again, and fold in the cilantro.

Nutrition information per serving: 388 calories, 14 g fat, 12 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 60 g carbohydrates, 0 g sugar, 6 g protein, 397 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

in advance, so this lettuce-wrapped pork proves a perfect dish for a crowd. For a smaller group, you can cut the recipe in half, but just know that leftovers are delicious and versatile. I reheat them in deep bowls in the microwave and then serve the bowls topped with a fried egg and a generous squeeze of hot sauce.

There's quite a bit of chopping to do, so this recipe is a good excuse to practice your knife skills. The chopping does not need to be exacting, since everything gets mixed together in the end. Use a large cutting board, stabilized with a piece of wet paper towel underneath. Run your knife over the sharpening steel a few times to keep the knife sharp — a dull knife can dangerously bounce off the vegetables and nick a finger.

Like most stir-fries, the higher the heat the better the browning and flavor build. You can cook the pork in a well-seasoned wok, but work in three or four batches to get nice golden edges on the meat. Alternatively, I use a very large (14-inch), deep nonstick skillet and can cook all the pork at one time. Use two skillets if you only have small ones, so you promote browning.

I serve the warm stir-fry with Boston lettuce or small romaine leaves and pass a spicy-sweet dipping sauce. A scoop of coconut rice can be enjoyed alongside or tucked into the lettuce as well. Alternatively, for appetizers, set out a bowl of the warm pork filling (no rice) with spears of Belgian endive or pita crisps. The filling also tastes great tucked into a warmed pita pocket or lightly toasted flour tortilla with shredded lettuce.

Golden pork and roasted winter vegetable lettuce wraps

Prep: 45 minutes **Cook:** 45 minutes **Makes:** 8 servings

Ground turkey, lamb or finely diced chicken thighs work well here too. So does shrimp — just reduce the cooking time in Step 5 to 5 minutes. You can prepare the recipe through Step 4 up to several days in advance; refrigerate the items covered.

- 2 medium golden potatoes (8 ounces total), peeled, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 2 medium-large turnips or section of a Daikon radish (about 8 ounces total), peeled, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 large eggplant, trimmed, cut into 3/4-inch pieces
- Salt
- Expeller pressed canola oil or safflower oil
- 1 large (1 pound) sweet onion, quartered, very thinly sliced
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 1/2 pound thinly sliced shiitake mushroom caps or cremini mushrooms
- 1/3 cup unseasoned rice vinegar
- 1/4 cup Asian black bean sauce with garlic
- 2 tablespoons fish sauce or tamari soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon pureed chipotle in adobo
- 1 teaspoon dark Asian sesame oil
- 4 cloves garlic, finely chopped, about 2 tablespoons
- 2 tablespoons peeled minced fresh ginger
- 2 pounds coarsely ground pork
- 1/2 cup shredded carrots
- 1/2 cup very thinly sliced radishes
- 3 green onions, trimmed, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 3 or 4 heads Boston lettuce

Sweet and spicy dipping sauce, see below

1 Heat oven to 375 degrees. Put potatoes and turnip onto a large baking sheet. Put eggplant onto a second baking sheet. Toss each sheet of vegetables with 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1 or 2 tablespoons oil. Bake in the upper third of the oven, stirring once or twice, until the vegetables are tender and golden, 30 to 35 minutes. Remove from oven.

2 Meanwhile, cook onion in 1 tablespoon oil in a very large (14-inch) nonstick skillet (or work in 2 smaller nonstick skillets) over medium heat until golden, about 10 minutes. Add 1 tablespoon of the sugar; continue to cook, stirring often, until richly browned, about 10 minutes more. Transfer to a plate.

3 Add mushrooms and another 1 tablespoon oil to skillet; cook until golden, about 10 minutes. Transfer to the plate with the onions.

4 Mix vinegar, black bean sauce, remaining 3 tablespoons sugar, fish sauce, chipotle and sesame oil in a small bowl.

5 Add 1 tablespoon oil to the skillet, along with the garlic and ginger. Cook and stir, 1 minute. Add pork; cook, stirring and breaking up the pork with a spatula into small crumbles, until cooked though and lightly browned, 15 to 20 minutes. Stir in vinegar mixture; cook 2 or 3 minutes more to coat the pork thoroughly. Stir in roasted vegetables and the onions and mushrooms.

6 To serve, sprinkle carrots and radishes over the pork, and stir gently to mix them in. Sprinkle with green onions and cilantro. Pass lettuce leaves to use as wrappers for the mixture. Drizzle each packet with the sweet and spicy dipping sauce to taste.

Nutrition information per serving: 404 calories, 25 g fat, 7 g saturated fat, 76 mg cholesterol, 22 g carbohydrates, 12 g sugar, 24 g protein, 594 mg sodium, 4 g fiber

Sweet and spicy dipping sauce

Mix 1/4 cup each agave syrup and unsweetened rice vinegar with 1 to 2 tablespoons sugar and 1 tablespoon fish sauce (or soy sauce) in a small bowl until the sugar dissolves. Stir in 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes. Use at room temperature within a week or so.

HOW TO PAIR WINE

Pot of beans calls for fruity, zesty match

BY MICHAEL AUSTIN | Chicago Tribune

For a hearty, rustic dish like this one, versatility is key in a wine pairing. A fruity, zesty, Rhone-style blend from California and two other wines that offer qualities of both red and white wines — an orange wine made from 100 percent California semillon and a fizzy Lambrusco from Italy — will do the trick.

THE FOOD

Cowboy charro beans:

Cook 6 slices bacon, chopped, in a skillet over medium heat, until starting to crisp, 4 minutes. Add 8 ounces Mexican chorizo, casings removed; cook, breaking up sausage into smaller pieces, until browned and crisp, 5 minutes. Add 1 white onion, finely chopped, and 1 jalapeno, seeded, finely chopped. Cook until softened, 2 minutes. Stir in 1 can (14 ounces) chopped tomatoes; cook, stirring, until they begin to break down, 4 minutes. Stir in 3 cans (15 ounces each) pinto beans, drained, rinsed. Cook, covered, 8-10 minutes. Serve with warmed tortillas. **Makes:** 4 servings



ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE; RECIPE ADAPTED FROM PATI JINICH

THE WINE By sommelier Alan Beasey of The Purple Pig, as told to Michael Austin:

2015 Tablas Creek Vineyard Cotes de Tablas, Paso Robles, California: This Rhone-style blend offers black cherries and blackberries, with hints of herbs and tobacco. The tobacco notes will enhance the bacon and chorizo and complement the beans. The wine's fruit will provide balance to the tomatoes and onions.

2016 Yorkville Cellars Amber Folly Semillon, Mendocino County, California: This wine has aromas of orange blossoms, candied peaches and salted caramel. It is viscous, chased by crisp acidity. Flavors of apricot and mango will meld nicely with the beans and tomatoes, and the wine's body will stand up to the bacon and chorizo.

Cleto Chiarli Vecchio Modena, Lambrusco di Sorbara, Emilia-Romagna, Italy: Strawberry aromas give way to subtle notes of herbs and cured meats. Delicate bubbles and tart acidity will dance nicely with the tomatoes and zippy spice of jalapenos and chorizo. The wine's hint of herbs will also tie the dish's other flavors together.

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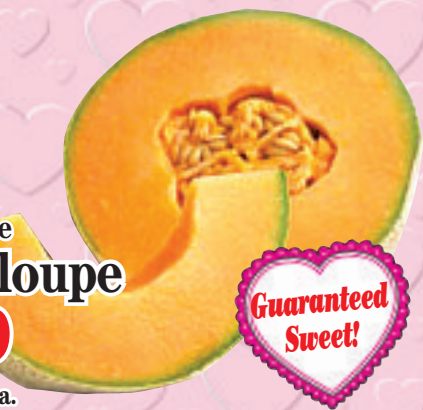
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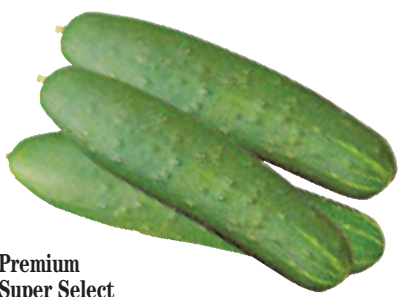
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