



## Homeless couple: City trod on rights

Removal of tents, belongings violated law, plaintiffs allege

BY WILLIAM LEE  
 Chicago Tribune

A homeless couple who say they had one tent after the other removed by city crews near Lower Wacker Drive are suing the city, citing a relatively new state law that aims to give them the same property rights as those with a roof over their heads.

Amie Smith and Shawn Moore, who have lived together on the street since 2015, allege that police targeted them for a year, repeatedly forcing them to move from the downtown Chicago spot and directing city crews to throw away what few personal possessions they had — including eight tents in the course of a year, identification and photos of deceased loved ones. Those actions, they say, violated the 2013 Illinois bill of homeless rights law. The state law guarantees homeless people access to public services and the right to “move freely” through public spaces such as sidewalks, parks and public transportation and prohibits discrimination based on someone’s living situation.

The couple couldn’t be reached for comment, but one of the attorneys representing the two say they were “targeted” by the city — threatened with arrest if they didn’t pack up and move and repeatedly deprived of their belongings. Those actions were discriminatory and violated the couple’s right to privacy in their makeshift home, the attorney argues.

Kate Schwartz, an attorney with Hughes, Socol, Piers, Resnick & Dym, compared the crews allegedly discarding the couple’s tent and possessions to the city taking and destroying an illegally parked car.

“The fact that you can’t park your car there doesn’t mean that the government can take your car away and never give it back to you,” Schwartz said.

“The issue here is not about whether or not they have the right to be putting a tent there, because regardless of whether they do or don’t, the city doesn’t have the right to be taking (the couple’s tent) and destroy it when the reason they’re doing that is they’re motivated to by wanting to get homeless people to just not be in this area.”

The Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, a 38-year-old nonprofit, alone has filed three such lawsuits invoking the Illinois Bill of

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# Senate reaches budget deal



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 House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi delivered a marathon speech about DACA immigrants.

## Passage in Congress to avert shutdown remains in question

BY LISA MASCARO  
 Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — A sweeping two-year budget deal announced by Senate leaders Wednesday promises to end the shutdown threats that have plagued Congress, but it fails to address the unresolved issue of immigration and

will add to a deficit already ballooning from the GOP tax cut plan.

Senate leaders hope to approve the \$300 billion bipartisan accord Thursday and send it to the House for a confirming vote.

Approval is not guaranteed. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-

Calif., seized the House floor for more than eight hours Wednesday in a filibuster-like talkathon to demand protections for young immigrants covered by the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

She said she would reject the budget deal unless Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., agrees to consider legislation to protect the immigrants from deportation, as Senate Majority Leader

Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has done in the Senate.

If passed, the deal, which would also lift the nation’s debt limit for a year, pushes partisan fights over government spending well past the November midterm elections and theoretically allows Congress to focus on more substantive issues, like immigration and infrastructure.

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## 2018 WINTER OLYMPICS



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Carpentersville native Bradie Tennell won her first U.S. figure skating championship in January, making her a threat to medal in Pyeongchang.

# ‘MACHINE’ MAKES QUIET IMPACT

Unassuming Tennell stating her case to be medal contender in figure skating

BY SHANNON RYAN  
 Chicago Tribune

When she was 10, Bradie Tennell was with her coach at a skating competition when they heard a mom talking to her daughter.

“The mom said, ‘That Bradie Tennell, she’ll never beat you,’” Tennell’s longtime coach, Denise Myers, recalled. “I was with Bradie and I turned to her and said: ‘Don’t worry about it. You

can’t control that. You just be the best you can be.’”

Tennell won that competition. The soft-spoken athlete competes in a powder-blue sequined ensemble to a delicate song titled “Cinderella.”

But make no mistake: She’s a fighter.

“I’m always striving to be better,” Tennell said. “My biggest competitor is myself.”

That grit and power — exemplified in her strong jumps —

propelled the Carpentersville resident to her first U.S. figure skating championship in January after a nearly flawless performance. Suddenly she’s a contender to win gold at the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

“I called her... a scrapper,” said Myers, who began training Tennell in Buffalo Grove about 10 years ago. “She wouldn’t give up. She fought for what she wanted.”

Tennell was considered a lit-

tle-known up-and-comer before winning bronze at Skate America in November.

“She is a machine,” 1998 Olympic gold medalist and NBC analyst Tara Lipinski said after Tennell’s performance. “She has nerves of steel. I have so much trust in her leading into these Olympic Games as a rookie.”

Since being named to the Olympic team, Tennell has been

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# Woman alleges cop repeatedly raped her in '80s

Case opened after Police Board hears emotional account

BY JEREMY GORNER  
 AND ANNIE SWEENEY  
 Chicago Tribune

The monthly meeting of the Chicago Police Board was moving along at its usual dry, brisk pace last month with members quickly dispatching with the minutes of the last meeting, the superintendent’s report and a vote on the latest round of officer discipline.

Speakers who had registered ahead of time then addressed the board. Two repeated previous calls for the firing of a cop. Another urged Mayor Rahm Emanuel to resign over police abuses.

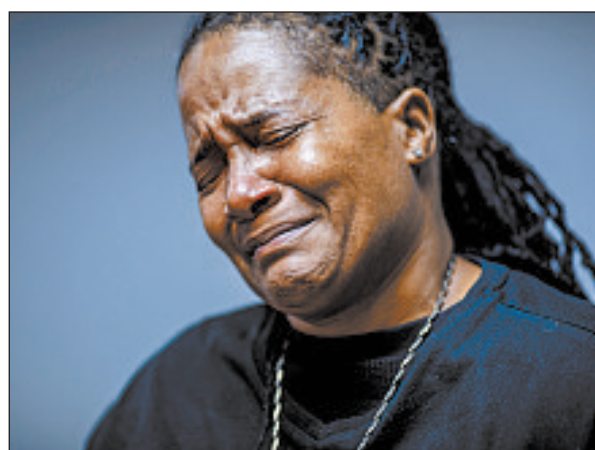
Then Trina “Kim” Townsend, 50, walked to the microphone and asked permission to read her statement into the record. In a steady voice, she publicly shared details of a secret she said she had closely guarded for the most part for three decades.

As the hushed crowd of

about 50 residents and police officers looked on, Townsend accused a now-retired Chicago cop by name of repeatedly raping her over several years after she had turned to him for help because she was already being molested by a family member.

He “sexually assaulted me on a near-monthly basis,” she said. “He was always on duty. He was always in the patrol car. Always in uniform. And he always took me to the same area.”

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 Trina “Kim” Townsend said she was a teen when she told the patrol officer she was being abused by a relative.

## Trump pushes for Washington military parade

The White House brushed aside criticism that such a display would be an unnecessary show of force. The defense secretary said the plan reflects the president’s respect for the military.  
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An apology from Democratic gubernatorial candidate J.B. Pritzker probably won't appease black politicians and voters.



## JOHN KASS

# Pritzker will pay for African-American gaffe

Just how much will J.B. Pritzker's foot-in-mouth problem with African-American politicians cost him?

Understand this: It will cost him, and though he's relatively new to politics, he is a billionaire, so he'll have to pay mightily for his Chicago political education.

He made disparaging, patronizing comments about African-American politicians on an FBI tape and now he's being beaten up for it.

One of the more entertaining beatings has Pritzker mocked as "one-eyed Jack" by prominent South Side Democrat Emil Jones, which is a line from a great Marlon Brando movie.

So don't tell me Pritzker won't pay, because he will, if he wants to stop the beating. And please don't tell me that Pritzker's ally, Mayor Rahm Emanuel, isn't trying to avoid this issue, hoping that reporters don't ask him about it.

The mayor would rather talk about anything else — scholarships to City Colleges for public high school students, even his wife Amy's horrid-tasting healthy shakes, which contain beets.

But Emanuel doesn't want to talk about what Pritzker said about black politicians.

Chicago's first black mayor, the late Mayor Harold Washington, loved to say that "politics ain't beanbag." In keeping with Washington's realistic views on politics, here are three facts about Pritzker's dilemma you should know:

1) Beanbags aren't free.  
2) Without black voters, there is no Democratic Party in Illinois, and no chance for Pritzker to win the nomination for governor.

3) Pritzker's Democratic primary opponent, Chris Kennedy, is using the controversy to make a hard play for African-American votes. If he's successful, then Emanuel's 2019 re-election chances may be in serious peril.

If you think politics is about something other than who gets what, and how much, then you might just want to pick up a mandolin, sing a song and take another hit off the Hopium pipe.

Robert Starks doesn't smoke Hopium. A longtime community organizer and professor of political science, Starks was with Harold Washington from the beginning.

He's listed as a solid Kennedy supporter in news reports, but Starks says that he's only leaning Kennedy's way.

"This controversy has given Kennedy an opening," said Starks. "Now we'll see if Kennedy really steps up on the political and policy fronts. If Kennedy wins the primary, he'll do so with African-American votes, and that will be seen as an open threat to Mayor Emanuel, who is hoping things stay pretty much the way they are."

So, with this much at stake, Pritzker will pay. All we're talking about now is the price. And the price has gone up.

It skyrocketed a few days ago when the Tribune broke the news that Pritzker was on that FBI tape with now-imprisoned Gov. Rod Blagojevich, talking disparagingly about black politicians filling the U.S. Senate vacancy created when Barack Obama was elected president.

Pritzker put both feet up in there, chomped on them and swallowed hard in that Nov. 14, 2008, talk with the crooked governor, which was first reported by the Tribune earlier this week. A taped conversation between Pritzker and Blago revealed by the Tribune in June became the basis of an ad campaign by Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner.

Pritzker told Blago that appointing Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White to fill the Obama vacancy would "cover you on the African-American thing."

Pritzker dismissed Emil Jones — Obama's political godfather — as too "crass." He said Jesse Jackson Jr. was "a nightmare" and joined Blago in mocking Obama's former pastor, the incendiary Rev. Jeremiah Wright.

Was this racism or politics? I don't think it was overt racism. I think it was Democratic politics — two white Democrats discussing African-American pawns on their game board.

But then, I'm not running for governor.

Jones is a master politician and Kennedy supporter. He turned on this like a cat on a fat rabbit. He mocked Pritzker, saying he curried favor with Blago by offering up "safe" black candidates for the Senate.

"He's a one-eyed Jack," said Jones. "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."

In the superb 1961 Western "One-Eyed Jacks," Brando (who also directed) faces his betrayer, the villain "Dad Longworth," played by Karl Malden:

"You're a one-eyed Jack around this town, Dad, but I've just seen the other side of your face."

Boom.

Pritzker found African-American politicians who've endorsed him. He stood next to them for comfort and said he was sorry. They didn't look happy about standing there. They looked pained, as if they'd just undergone an awkward medical procedure.

On Wednesday, he had Cook County Board President Toni Taxwinkle endorse him.

Pritzker hasn't wept publicly yet, but if he needs to, he will.

In the meantime, his surrogates will use rhetoric and euphemism to explain his moves. They'll say he's "reaching out to the black community," that he's "seeking to connect with the community" and make amends for his sins.

What it all means is that Pritzker cannot take the African-American vote for granted. And he'll have to make arrangements with black political leaders on funding their campaigns and supporting their causes.

This is how politics works.

"J.B.'s running around town, calling people, apologizing, and people are saying he needs to show the community some love," a prominent African-American politician told me Wednesday. "But love isn't enough. J.B.'s got to show us some glove," the politico said.

"Glove?" I asked. "G-l-o-v-e, glove?"

"Yeah, glove," he laughed. "That's love with a 'g' on it. You understand?"

Yes, I do.

And you spell "glove" this way:

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By KIM JANSSEN, TRACY SWARTZ AND PHIL THOMPSON



## Hanks son will be back in Chicago for 'Empire'

**Chet Hanks** — an alumnus of Northwestern University and the eldest son of actors **Tom Hanks** and **Rita Wilson** — is set to return to Chicago for a recurring role on the Fox drama "Empire." Hanks will play **Blake**, a blue-collar rapper and a skilled MC and lyricist, according to Deadline.



com. The 27-year-old — once known as "frat rapper" Chet Haze — rose to fame at Northwestern with his spirited school anthem "White and Purple."

Hanks struggled publicly with cocaine addiction but has since become a father and a TV star. He had recurring roles last year on the Chicago-set dramedy "Shameless" and HBO's "Curb Your Enthusiasm." He was in Chicago over the summer for Lollapalooza.

"Empire" is set in New York but filmed in Chicago. The hip-hop drama is scheduled to return for the second half of Season 4 at 7 p.m. March 28.

— Tracy Swartz

## Trudeau tiptoes around Trump in interview

President **Donald Trump** may not be especially popular with Canadians, but Canadian Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau** charmed an audience of American students at the University of Chicago on Wednesday night — giving a self-deprecating speech in support of free trade.

Institute of Politics Director **David Axelrod**, who brought Trudeau to Chicago, described Trump as "the elephant in the room" during the Canadian's visit, and Trudeau was careful to not insult a president whom U.S. liberals often compare unfavorably to the Canadian leader.

"I'm not going to wonder about things!" he said to laughter, when Axelrod asked him why Canadian approval of the U.S. government had fallen from 60 percent to 20 percent over the last year.

Trudeau, who gave a 35-minute unscripted speech before taking questions from Axelrod, instead focused on the shared benefits of the North American Free Trade Agreement, which Trump has threatened to scrap. Canadians realize they cannot afford to stop trading with the U.S. and fear the impact of a reduction in trade or a turnaround in the U.S. economy because, "When you sneeze, we catch a cold," he said.



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, right, chats with Institute of Politics Director David Axelrod on Wednesday.

Attempting to strike an unlikely parallel between his own political rise and that of Trump, he noted growing dissatisfaction both north and south of the border with what he said were the unequal share of the benefits of trade, with too many of the rewards going to corporations and the wealthy.

"There are lots of things on which we can find

common ground," Trudeau said of Trump. "He got elected on a promise to make America work for people who'd been let down, which is not entirely dissimilar from the pledge I made to try to help the middle class in Canada."

"Broadly," Axelrod responded, archly, prompting a smiling Trudeau to add, "Well, yes, there's differences in how we said we'd

do it."

He added, "The issue is not trade or no trade, it is, what kind of trade, and who benefits?"

Much of Trudeau's speech had a rueful tone over the comparative claims of the Canadian and American nations on their neighbor's psyche. While Canadians "are super aware of everything going on here in the United

States, at all times, regardless of who the president is," Americans are less engaged with Canada, he said.

"One of your most infamous Chicagoans, **Al Capone**, who was as effective an importer of Canadian goods into the U.S. as anyone, once pointed out he didn't even know what street Canada was on."

— Kim Janssen

## 2018 WINTER OLYMPICS



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Speedskater Shani Davis is preparing to compete in his fifth Winter Games.

## Chicago's 'old guy' Olympian has 'Shani Jr.' bear in corner

Speedskater **Shani Davis** will be the "old guy" competing in Pyeongchang.

But it's OK — he has a teddy bear.

The Chicago native blogged about the stuffed toy a fan gave him, which he named after himself. "I traveled around with Shani Jr.; he was a teddy bear that some skate fan gave me after I made my first Olympic team in 2002!" Davis blogged for Team USA's website.

"This one particular fan was a student who had a Black History Month assignment and since I made history, she did some research and found out about me. We wrote back

and forth and eventually became friends and then Shani Jr. was born! He even had his own outfits and I would also like to think that Shani Jr. inspired the Build-A-Bear concept. I mean, he was a pretty fly bear!"

It also inspired him, he said. "Through all the negative and lack of support, it motivated me to get stronger and keep pushing. I mean, this lady never saw me skate, she just thought it was cool I qualified for the Olympics! I also love that one of the biggest celebrities out of Chicago also loves bears! Kanye West used bears on like four of his platinum-selling album covers but,

of course, no one thought he was soft or childish; of course, it was cool then!"

Davis, 35, doesn't have to worry much about appearing childish. An Amsterdam-based journalist noted in a tweet how Davis was "still around" for his fifth Winter Games, to which Davis responded by referencing a former speedskater and six-time Olympian: "When they announced #PyeongChang2018 thought I made a pact with Kyou Hyuk Lee to stick around so that he could be that old guy who people asked 'you still skating' instead of me. #DidntGetTheMemo"

— Phil Thompson

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## Bullies and bigots and neo-Nazis — oh, Mayan!



**REX W. HUPPKE**

So I saw this crazy headline on CNN's website — "Hidden tunnel could lead to Mayan 'entrance to the underworld.'" Having watched a number of movies in which opening an entrance to the underworld winds up being a stupid and regrettable decision, I thought, "Boy, I hope they're not thinking about opening that tunnel up."

Then I read the story and, because we live in an age in which everything seems extremely stupid and regrettable, the first sentence read: "This month, archaeologists in Mexico will begin excavating a secret tunnel thought to lead beneath a pyramid built by the ancient Maya."

That sounds like a terrible idea. The Mayans were a highly advanced people, and if they chose to close off an underworld entrance, I'm guessing there was a good reason. Opening that sucker up could unleash all manner of horrible things.

Speaking of horrible things, did you see the campaign ad put out by Rep. Jeanne Ives, the Republican challenging Bruce Rauner in the Illinois gubernatorial primary? It was a parade of stereotypes — racist, sexist, transphobic — clearly intended to provoke outrage.

One of the many offensive parts featured a deep-voiced transgender woman talking about using "the girls bathroom." Asked about the negative response, Ives feigned shock, saying of the transgender portion of the ad, "that's exactly what, typically, a transgender man looks like."

Setting aside the fact that Ives doesn't know the difference between a transgender woman and a transgender man, her statement is ridiculous. Transgender people are, in case Rep. Ives doesn't realize it, people. And people come in all manner of shapes and sizes, with differing bodies and facial features and colors and — well, I shouldn't have to explain this to a public servant.

Say I put out an ad about bigoted conservatives who use their faith as an excuse for intolerance and I featured an actor who looks like Ives. That would be unfair to the wildly diverse bigoted-conservatives-who-try-to-use-their-faith-as-an-excuse-for-intolerance community.

OK, that's actually a terrible example, but you get the idea. Ives' ad was nasty and mean-spirited and horrible.

Which brings me back to the Mayan underworld entranceway that archaeologists are preparing to crack open.

Oh, wait, did you hear what White House chief of staff John Kelly said Tuesday about young immigrants who were brought into the country illegally as children? He said some of those immigrants who would have qualified under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program were "too lazy to get off their asses" and register for DACA, which is set to expire in March.

Wow. While most acknowledge that those protected by DACA are predominantly well-educated and hardworking young people, Kelly managed to go full cranky-old-white-guy and spit out the immigrants-are-lazy trope.

I guess he never considered the barriers some of these immigrants face, from the high cost of applying for DACA protection to the fear some have of sharing personal information on the off chance that xenophobic people who toss around racist stereotypes wind up running the government.

Horrible.

Which again takes me back to the Mayan ...

Hold on. Did you hear how President Donald Trump told people at a rally in Ohio that Democrats who didn't clap during his State of the Union address were "un-American"? He even floated the idea that it was treasonous, though he clearly hasn't the foggiest idea what treason means.

That came a day or so after he derided Democratic Rep. Adam Schiff as "Little Adam Schiff" and called him "one of the biggest liars and leakers in Washington."

And that came about a week after Trump said this during his State of the Union address: "Tonight, I call upon all of us to set aside our differences, to seek out common ground, and to summon the unity we need to deliver for the people we were elected to serve."

Nice setting aside of differences, Mr. President. And "un-American"? That's horrible.

Oh, and another horrible thing is that it's the year 2018 and the following headline ran above a Chicago Tribune editorial this week: "In the primary, don't accidentally vote for the neo-Nazi."

Yeah, there's a damn Republican Nazi running unopposed for a U.S. House seat in the 3rd Congressional District primary. He'll lose, but still — how does a full-on Holocaust-denying mope who doesn't believe black people should have the right to vote even get into that position?

Good Lord. Where is all this awfulness coming from? It's like a dark force has enveloped the land.

Anyway, let me get back to the Mayan tunnel to the underworld that ... wait a minute.

Somebody get those archaeologists on the phone.

I don't think that tunnel is as closed off as they think.

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## Preckwinkle endorsement may help Pritzker right ship

Backing follows apology for '08 comments on black politicians

By HAL DARDICK

Chicago Tribune

A day after Democratic governor candidate J.B. Pritzker apologized for comments he made about African-American politicians a decade ago, his campaign announced an endorsement from Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle.

The backing of Preckwinkle, one of the state's most prominent black officeholders, was not much of a surprise, given that she's vice chairman of the county Democratic Party that endorsed Pritzker months ago and mentioned her support last October on "Chicago Tonight."

What made it news was the timing, coming two days after the Chicago Tribune first published the recordings of the racially tinged talk between Pritzker and then-Gov. Rod Blagojevich. Since then, Pritzker has been working to keep African-American supporters from backing another candidate in the March 20 primary, and putting Preckwinkle out front is a move toward that end.

During his 2008 phone discussion with Blagojevich, which was caught on a federal wiretap as the now-imprisoned Blagojevich was being investigated, Pritzker talks about possible appointments to the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by then-President-elect Barack Obama. Naming Secretary of State Jesse White will "cover you on the African-American thing," Pritzker said, adding that White was the "least offensive" candidate for the job.

Speaking about other potential Senate 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 pastor whose inflammatory rhetoric had become a campaign issue in the 2008 presidential contest.

Capturing a significant portion of black votes can be key to winning a Democratic primary in Illinois — and maintaining that support also can go a long way toward prevailing in a general election. Pritzker's chief Democratic rivals, Kenilworth developer Chris Kennedy and state Sen. Daniel Biss of Evanston, have ripped the Blagojevich conversation. Some African-American politicians, including Jones,

also lashed out at Pritzker's comments, although White was among those who stood by his side Tuesday.

In adding her voice, Preckwinkle said she had talked to Pritzker after the Tribune story was published. "J.B. Pritzker called me up and said this didn't represent him on his best day, and I concurred," she said.

"I think he's a decent person, and I think the efforts to portray him otherwise are misguided and wrong," she said. "We've all had casual conversations, which we might not be happy to see on the front page of the newspaper, and I think this is one of those instances."

Preckwinkle also said she had met with Pritzker, Kennedy and Biss. "In my view, J.B. Pritzker is the best choice for the Democratic primary and governor," she said.

Preckwinkle was asked if she backs billionaire Pritzker, who has the financial resources to match those of wealthy Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner, because he's the candidate with the best chance of winning the November general election.

"That is an important factor, isn't it?" Preckwinkle responded.

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**Top:** Chicago firefighters gather Wednesday to honor firefighters who lost their lives 50 years ago fighting a fire at the Mickelberry Food Products Co. on the South Side. Killed were Capt. John Fisher and firefighters Edward Leifker, Charles Bottger and Thomas Collins. **Left:** Firefighters use a ladder as a stretcher as flames engulf the Mickelberry plant Feb. 7, 1968. The fire started when a gas tanker making a delivery behind the plant started leaking. The gas flowed into the basement, to where the boiler was.

## Rauner denies clemency to Army veteran

Green card holder with drug conviction faces deportation

By MANYA BRACHEAR PASHMAN

Chicago Tribune

Gov. Bruce Rauner has denied clemency for an Army veteran and green card holder with a felony drug conviction, according to both the man's lawyer and his mother, who said she got the news in a letter from the governor's office Wednesday.

Advocates had hoped a pardon from the governor would encourage the government to grant citizenship to Miguel Perez Jr., retroactive to when he joined the military in 2001. His attorney, Chris Bergin, applied for citizenship on Perez's behalf in July.

That retroactive application for citizenship is the only pathway left for Perez after federal appeals judges denied a request for relief under the United Nations Convention against Torture, a



Perez

protection similar to asylum. He and human rights advocates believe he would be in danger if he were sent back to Mexico.

Bergin and Perez's mother, Esperanza Montes Perez, said Rauner turned down the clemency request. Rauner's office did not respond to questions on the matter.

But in the letter, the governor's office said the family could file a new petition after Jan. 31, 2019. "Although the (Prisoner Review Board) and the governor do not disclose the reasoning behind a decision to grant or deny clemency, please know that we did not make the decision lightly," the letter said.

Perez is one of many legal permanent residents who have served in the U.S. military, then have had to confront the possibility of deportation to their native countries after committing a crime.

After returning to Chicago following his military service, Perez sought treat-

ment at the Veterans Affairs hospital in Maywood, where doctors diagnosed him with post-traumatic stress disorder. He was supposed to return for more tests to determine whether he also suffered a traumatic brain injury.

In the meantime, he reconnected with a childhood friend who provided free drugs and alcohol. On the night of Nov. 26, 2008, while with that friend, Perez handed a laptop case containing cocaine to an undercover law enforcement officer. Perez pleaded guilty to the drug charge and served half of a 15-year prison sentence.

As is the case with many other green card-holding veterans, Perez, a father of two U.S. citizens, mistakenly thought he became a U.S. citizen when he took an oath to protect the nation.

Perez discovered the oversight when he was summoned to immigration court shortly before his release last year from Hill Correctional Center downstate.

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# After decades, criminal charges unlikely

Assault, from Page 1

Later, in an interview with the Tribune, Townsend said she first began thinking about going public with her story about half a year ago after the name of her alleged attacker came up in a conversation she had with another Chicago police officer who knew him. Her resolve grew, she said, after so many women came forward in recent months to detail their own accounts of sexual harassment and abuse. For the first time, Townsend said, she realized she wasn't the only one who had kept quiet out of fear she wouldn't be believed.

As a result of Townsend's public accusations, the Police Department's Bureau of Internal Affairs has launched a criminal investigation, said spokesman Anthony Guglielmi, though any legal avenues would seem closed because of the passage of time and the statute of limitations.

Advocates for victims of sexual assault praised Townsend's courage for going public, especially because she was accusing a former law enforcement member. They said her story deserves a thorough investigation and illustrates the struggles that so many victims endure.

"If nothing has been made clear to us in the past six months, it is that there has been a historic reluctance to report" rapes and harassment, said Kaethe Morris Hoffer, executive director of the Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation. "It only takes common sense to see it would be astronomically more intimidating to contemplate an accusation against a member of the organization that investigates it."

At the Police Board meeting, Townsend said the assaults started in 1981 when she was just 14 and continued for another four years.

When she spoke at greater length to the Tribune about a week later, though, she said she believed the assaults took place in the late 1980s, which would have put her in her late teens and early 20s.

At the Tribune's request, an attorney advising Townsend provided the names of five people to whom she said she had over the years confided her story



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Trina "Kim" Townsend says a Chicago cop sexually assaulted her "on a near-monthly basis" at this Archer Heights dock.

**"I'm a mother, and I have to do this for my children, so they can see to never be afraid to tell."**

— Trina "Kim" Townsend

about the officer's assaults. Reporters were able to talk to three of them, including one friend who said Townsend told her when both were in their early 20s that an officer had repeatedly sexually assaulted her.

The attorney, Jeanette Samuels, also said that since the Police Board meeting, she has spoken to a second woman who said the same officer groped her during about the same time period that Townsend said she was abused.

The officer, who is now retired, could not be reached for comment. The Tribune is not naming him because he has not been criminally charged with wrongdoing.

Through public records, the Tribune was able to confirm the officer joined the department in the mid-1980s and that he was assigned to the district that patrols Townsend's neighborhood around the time

period she alleges he assaulted her.

Attorneys and advocates for those who have been sexually assaulted said a 30-year time gap could explain any discrepancies in Townsend's account and that it isn't unusual for victims to fail to remember details.

Sex assault allegations against on-duty officers are rare, though the Police Department disclosed this week that it is investigating allegations that an on-duty male officer sexually assaulted a male suspect in police custody at an area hospital.

In 2011, Officers Paul Clavijo and Juan Vasquez were indicted on charges they raped a highly intoxicated woman while on duty after picking her up near Wrigley Field and driving her home in a marked squad car after first stopping to buy liquor. In early 2014, the two pleaded guilty to one

felony count of official misconduct each in a deal that alleged no sexual wrongdoing on their part and kept them from serving any time in prison. The city later agreed to pay \$415,000 to settle the woman's lawsuit.

Townsend said the assaults started after she turned to the then-patrol officer, assigned to her Southwest Side district, for help because a family member was molesting her. She said she had also been raped by three attackers who lived on her block.

She said she sought the officer out because he came off as an "Officer Friendly-type" who sometimes stopped to talk to children while on patrol in her LeClaire Courts community.

A short time after confiding to him, Townsend said, the officer found her on the street and told her he wanted to take her to his sergeant to report the attacks. Instead, she said, he took her to a secluded industrial park not far from her home and sexually assaulted her in his squad car.

The assaults happened on a regular basis for several years after that, she said. All the while, Townsend said,

she feared the officer would hurt her or her family if she spoke up. She said her twin brother was already a regular target of harassment by the officer.

Townsend said she knew of another woman who was assaulted by the officer at the time. That woman died at 27 of a drug overdose in 1995, according to public records.

It was only after the tragic death of her brother at 21 that Townsend said she found the courage to rebuff the officer.

In the 30 years since the alleged assaults, Townsend struggled to keep her life on track, battling addiction and homelessness, she said. She managed to raise two daughters and work in social services for years.

At times, she managed to block the attacks from her mind, she said, but inevitably the painful memories would return.

"I've lived with this for all these years," Townsend said in the interview.

Over the years, she confided to some people close to her.

Nannette Washington, 51, a high school classmate who dated Townsend's brother, told the Tribune in

a telephone interview that she noticed changes in Townsend — "she was a nervous wreck" — about three decades ago.

Washington said Townsend finally "broke down" and told her of the alleged assaults, naming the officer and making clear that she was afraid to tell anyone else. The two were then in their early 20s, she said.

"She was more scared than anything," she said.

Even Washington expressed some concern herself at speaking to a reporter about the alleged criminal behavior of a former police officer.

"I am taking a chance coming forward," she said. "(But) I am talking to you because it affected my 'sister.' It affected her tremendously."

Billie Austin, who identified herself as Townsend's cousin, told the Tribune that Townsend first confided to her more than two decades ago — and told her several other times over the years as well — about being assaulted by a police officer. Townsend told her the assaults happened in a car and that the officer would position the vehicle to block others from seeing them, she said.

Austin said Townsend was afraid to speak up.

"Fear can paralyze you," Austin said.

Another friend who met Townsend as adults said on condition of anonymity that Townsend told her of the alleged assaults in 2008 or 2009. She said Townsend told her she had been raped by a law enforcement officer but had been too scared to share the story with authorities. They discussed it again in 2015, she said, and then several weeks ago, Townsend told her friend she had decided to go public with the story.

In sharing her story, Townsend is hopeful other women will come forward with their allegations of abuse by law enforcement.

"I'm so sorry that I didn't come forward before now," a tearful Townsend told the Tribune. "I'm a mother, and I have to do this for my children, so they can see to never be afraid to tell and to let them see that it's different for them more so than it was for me."

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## Homeless couple say city violated property rights

Homeless, from Page 1

Rights for the Homeless Act, including one filed on behalf of Smith and Moore in January. Attorneys with the coalition said they reached a settlement with the city last week on a similar 2016 suit involving a homeless Chicago man who claimed that his possessions were tossed by city sanitation crews.

In a statement Wednesday, a spokesman for the city's Law Department said, "The city of Chicago settled this lawsuit in the best interest of taxpayers."

"The city does not admit any liability or wrongdoing in this case, but as we do with all settlements, we weighed the anticipated cost to continue the litigation against the cost of the settlement," spokesman Bill McCaffrey said in an email.

At least one legal expert says legal cases like this one are necessary to crystallize the rights of the homeless while giving authorities a better understanding of when to enforce local ordinances, such as the one in Chicago that calls for keeping public sidewalks clear.

"Just reading the plain language of the homeless bill of rights (act), it obviously doesn't cover (the couple's) situation," said Steven Schwinn, law professor at John Marshall Law School. "It doesn't specifically say police can't take your property off the street. To that extent, it's somewhat open and ambiguous."

Around a dozen paragraphs, the law sets out its general aim, which is to

"lessen the adverse effects and conditions caused by the lack of residence or a home."

Smith and Moore allege that when the city seized the tents, along with items inside including photos of Smith's dead son, their right to privacy under the homeless act was violated.

Indeed, the law states in part that the homeless have a "reasonable expectation of privacy in his or her personal property to the same extent as personal property in a permanent residence."

The expectation of privacy has been defined over the decades by judges largely examining whether law enforcement must have a search warrant in specific instances.

For example, if a police officer is invited inside a private home, he or she cannot search a bag or look through items without a warrant or the owner's consent, except in a very narrow range of circumstances, said Rebecca Glenberg, a senior staff attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois.

Under the state's homeless law, that same privacy standard is extended to those living on the streets, she said. "A reasonable expectation of privacy is (when) everyone understands and agrees they are not supposed to touch your stuff," Glenberg said. According to her reading of the law, "just as you can't touch someone's property when it's in their home without their permission or a warrant, you can't do that to the property of a home-

less person, even though, even by definition, it's outside."

Glenberg said such suits are important in testing how strongly the courts will enforce new laws. "Particularly where there's some dispute about the scope of the law. You don't know how a court is going to interpret the law and how far the court will go to protect your rights until you actually go to the court and see what happens," she said. "This kind of lawsuit is important in making sure the promises of the statute are actually fulfilled."

City workers affixed warning stickers on tents on Lower Wacker Drive to warn their owners about a looming sidewalk cleaning, according to the lawsuit. Per city ordinance, stickers are to be placed on tents and other belongings before they're removed.

Carol Aldape also cited the homeless law when she filed suit against the city last September after she and more than a dozen other homeless people were forced to move from beneath the Wilson Avenue viaduct on Lake Shore Drive to make way for construction of bike paths.

Aldape, 68, who spent five months living in the encampment with her two dogs, Bella and Chief, said the project to make the sidewalks under the viaducts thinner was created specifically to keep homeless people from setting up under the bridges and thus violates the homeless law.

Aldape, who says she has diabetes and multiple scler-



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Carol Aldape, shown with case manager Laura Thiessen, sued after crews removed a tent city she was living in. She said a bike path project there is aimed at repelling the homeless.

**"The fact that you can't park your car there doesn't mean that the government can take your car away and never give it back to you."**

— Attorney Kate Schwartz, comparing the removal of the couple's items to the city destroying an illegally parked car

rosis, moved there because the bridge provided relief from the elements.

"We were pushed out. There was nowhere to go," Aldape said. The tent city was "a community of people who look after each other because we're all in the same boat."

Schwinn, the John Marshall Law School professor, doesn't believe the case will make it to trial but says that if it does, the couple's complaint appears to be on secure legal footing. He said the municipal code is primarily aimed at preventing the obstruction of sidewalk

and street traffic, not uprooting homeless residents on little-traveled pathways. He notes that the couple's suit clearly outlines that their tents were set up in areas with little to no foot traffic, meaning the municipal code wouldn't apply to them.

"Looking at the (city) ordinance itself, it looks to me like it's designed to keep people from leaving big stuff in the middle of the sidewalk in a way that's going to impede passage by pedestrians or impede traffic flow," said Schwinn, who previously represented homeless clients in Wash-

ington, D.C.

He added: "Had the plaintiffs in this case been pitching their tent in the middle of Michigan Avenue, I think you have a different case."

"City agencies work with a community of partners toward the goal of ensuring all Chicagoans have a place to call home and the City treats homeless residents with respect and works hard to connect them with important support programs and services," the Law Department spokesman said in a statement.

The couple's suit seeks more than \$75,000 in damages and asks the court to issue an order declaring the city violated the law and barring police and other city workers from seizing, moving or otherwise tossing the couple's personal belongings in the future.

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# Rauner budget chief: Income better, but bills bleak

Hearing on deadly 2015 Legionnaires' outbreak gets fiery

By **MONIQUE GARCIA AND BILL LUKITSCH**  
Chicago Tribune

SPRINGFIELD — Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner's new budget chief gave lawmakers an update on the state's finances Wednesday, saying the income tax hike enacted over

the governor's veto is bringing in more money than expected but the books are still awash in red ink.

Budget director Hans Zigmund's briefing before a Senate committee came as Rauner is set to unveil his annual budget proposal next week. The administration has promised it will be balanced, even though Democrats have assailed all of the governor's spending plans as out-of-whack.

Zigmund opened by not-

ing that his office has been managing a budget the governor didn't want, after nearly a dozen Republicans broke ranks to join Democrats in overriding Rauner's veto of the spending plan and income tax hike last July. The action ended the yearslong budget impasse between Rauner and Democrats who control the General Assembly after the state racked up billions of dollars in debt.

Zigmund said the law-

makers' budget plan was nearly \$1.7 billion out of balance, but that number has been whittled down to \$600 million through a combination of spending cuts, borrowing from specialized accounts and more revenue coming in than expected.

"I guess for today, that's the good news," Zigmund said.

Then he detailed looming problems, including the state's roughly \$8.3 billion

pile of unpaid bills. Of that, \$1.1 billion is tied to what Zigmund called "unappropriated liabilities," or money the administration spent without permission from lawmakers as it sought to keep the prison system and Medicaid program afloat during the impasse.

Zigmund said Rauner would propose a way to address the combined \$9 billion shortfall next week. The budget director didn't provide details Wednesday,

saying he didn't want to get ahead of the governor. Rauner has for weeks said he wants to roll back at least portions of the tax hike, as well as cut spending.

The budget meeting followed an explosive hearing earlier Wednesday about the Rauner administration's handling of a deadly outbreak of Legionnaires' disease at a veterans home in Quincy.

During one of the hearing's most dramatic moments, Rep. Emanuel "Chris" Welch, D-Hillside, accused the governor's agency directors of participating in a "cover-up" for not providing email correspondence with Rauner's office about the outbreak. Committee members said they had requested those records in January.

Welch questioned whether the information was being held "until after the election," suggesting Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs Director Erica Jeffries and Illinois Department of Public Health Director Nirav Shah were trying to preserve the governor's political image.

That accusation prompted a heated response from Shah, who said the agency is following the state's freedom of information laws and remains committed to full transparency.

"Your assumption that there is a cover-up at play is 150,000 percent unfounded, and it is wholly rejected," Shah said.

The hearing is the second called by lawmakers to investigate the Rauner administration's response to

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— Department of Public Health Director Nirav Shah, on an accusation that information on the Quincy veterans home Legionnaires' outbreak is being withheld

the 2015 Legionnaires' outbreak that left 13 dead at the Quincy veterans home. At issue in Wednesday's hearing was the length of time it took to notify staff and residents, and a report the administration commissioned about how to address the bacteria through improvements to the water system.

That report said fixes could cost as much as \$24.5 million, including the installation of new water pipes, changing the water source and putting in new cooling towers. The report also shows other options were investigated in 2016 and not pursued, which prompted lawmakers to ask why improvements were not taken up years ago.

Jeffries said the department followed guidelines set forth by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which they felt outweighed those from contractors hired to assess options.

Sen. Cristina Castro, D-Elgin, said lawmakers "can't address this if we get piecemeal information."

"Isn't this about kinda finding out where we went wrong and how we move forward?" Castro said. "It just seems like a lot of Keystone Kops, he-said-she-said, riddle me this, Batman, kinda thing."

Sen. Jill Tracy, R-Quincy, accused some lawmakers of "politicizing" the hearing, saying partisan squabbles and finger-pointing do "nothing to help serve our veterans."

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# Medill alumni accuse prof of misconduct

10 allege director of Justice Project 'abused his power'

BY DAWN RHODES  
Chicago Tribune

Ten former students and employees of Northwestern University's journalism school are publicly accusing a prominent professor of persistent harassment, misconduct and bullying over the past decade.

The group wrote an open letter Wednesday listing numerous complaints against Alec Klein, a professor in the Medill School of Journalism who runs its Justice Project. They assert that Klein engaged in a range of misconduct over the years, including unwanted physical contact, inappropriate banter about their sex lives and, in one case, an invitation to his hotel room.

Klein, in a statement, denied the allegations.

The letter, which the group called "Medill's #Me-Too moment," was sent to Medill Dean Bradley J. Hamm, university Provost Jonathan Holloway and about 50 faculty members. It was signed by 10 women who worked at the Justice Project, studied at Medill or both since Klein joined the faculty in 2008.

Olivia Pera, who worked at the Justice Project from September 2014 to March 2015, said in an interview Wednesday that Klein repeatedly made sexually ex-

PLICIT comments to her and threatened her job security when she rejected his advances. She also said that he invited her to have drinks inside his hotel room during a business trip and massaged her shoulders during a work-related meeting.

"It was the worst time of my entire life," said Pera, 33. "I hated going to work. I hated everything about being (there). I regretted leaving my other job so badly. I knew what a horrible mistake I made."

Other alums reached by the Tribune on Wednesday described an environment in which Klein routinely castigated, manipulated and belittled female students.

"My experience is that Alec absolutely abused his power as a professor and as the director of a prestigious program at Northwestern," said Alison Flowers, a Medill alum and former Justice Project research associate, who now works at the Invisible Institute on Chicago's South Side. "I witnessed and I experienced cruelty. His behavior is an open secret at Medill, and it's got to stop."

Klein, who responded to a request for an interview with the emailed statement, bristled at the allegations in the letter and said he intended to take legal action, though he did not specify against whom. He said federal student privacy laws limited what he could say about former students but said many of the allegations involved a "disgruntled for-

mer employee." He did not identify that person or specify the allegations.

"The university determined the complainant was not credible and documented, through records and her own words, several falsehoods in her charges," Klein wrote. He added, "The university reached out to every person interviewed as part of its investigation to notify them that I had not done anything wrong and the case had been dismissed."

In a statement, Northwestern said it would review the allegations in the letter. It also said, "The University takes seriously all complaints that are brought to its attention. Many of the allegations were contained in a complaint brought several years ago by a former employee. At that time, the University conducted a thorough investigation and the complaint was not substantiated."

Pera said she quit the job after six months and complained to Northwestern's human resources department about Klein, but nothing came of it. Pera then filed a sexual harassment complaint against Northwestern and Klein with the Illinois Department of Human Rights in July 2015, according to records provided to the Tribune. A spokesman for the agency, Michael Theodore, confirmed the filings and said



Klein

the charges were "withdrawn" in September 2015.

Pera reached a settlement, with Northwestern paying her \$8,000, according to records reviewed by the Tribune. As part of that settlement, she agreed not to seek another job with the university, according to the records.

The university denied any wrongdoing in reaching the settlement.

"I went through absolute hell," Pera said. "My family saw me go through such personality changes. My son saw me crying every day. That's not something your kid should see. I have nothing but bad memories of Northwestern."

In addition to saying that Klein had engaged in a pattern of harassment and misconduct, the women also said that Klein had bullied them and fostered a climate of intimidation.

"We're not just talking about a normal workplace; we're talking about a university, about an environment of learning," said Meribah Knight, a 2009 Medill graduate who now works for Nashville Public Radio. "The behavior I experienced from Alec was confidence-crushing. That's not illegal and that's not a fireable offense at a lot of places, but this is an environment of learning."

Other alums interviewed by the Tribune said they did not formally complain

about Klein's behavior at the time because it was difficult to pinpoint any specific rules or policies he violated. Because of that ambiguity, some women said they second-guessed themselves about what they experienced until they learned about fellow classmates who reported similar problems.

Laurny Schroeder, a 2013 graduate and fellow at the Justice Project, said Klein repeatedly belittled her and yelled at her in front of students, to the point that she would leave work in tears.

"It took a long time to get over it. I'm not over it. It impacted how I see myself," said Schroeder, now an investigative reporter at the San Diego Union-Tribune. "For a long time I believed him. I believed that I would never have a career in journalism, that I was worthless, that I wasn't a good writer, that nothing I ever did would be good enough. It wasn't until I got out of there that I realized just how bad things were there."

According to records obtained by the Tribune, Northwestern's human resources department recently reviewed complaints made about Klein's behavior. It was not clear when that inquiry was launched, but officials with the Office of Equal Opportunity and Access informed complainants this week in an email that the university did not determine the allegations to be substantial enough to

launch a formal investigation into Klein.

The office would, however, pursue what it called an "informal action," according to the email. The university website states that could involve "a warning to cease current behaviors, no-contact directives, and/or an educational conversation with the respondent or others."

Klein worked for The Washington Post and The Wall Street Journal before he joined the Medill faculty and took the reins of the Medill Justice Project, then known as the Medill Innocence Project. Klein previously taught at Georgetown and American universities in Washington, D.C.

On Wednesday, Klein made no apologies for being demanding of his students.

"I have high expectations for my students and expect them to do their best because the goal is for them to become better journalists," he wrote in his statement.

He added that he received nothing but positive reviews from students in their evaluations, which are filled out anonymously.

"Over the years, I have received countless letters and emails from students expressing their gratitude for their experience in my classes, and have also been honored at various faculty appreciation events and received recognition for my teaching at Northwestern," he wrote.

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## Tennell is quietly making an impact

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welcomed into figure skating's inner circle.

She got a phone call from 1968 gold medalist Peggy Fleming. At an Olympic meet-and-greet event recently, a woman who said she was 1956 gold medalist Tenley Albright's daughter gave Tennell a gold necklace of the Olympic rings she bought at the 1972 Games with her mother.

Tennell said she plans to never remove the necklace.

She's even been recognized around town by strangers — a flattering but unique experience for the homebody athlete who prefers reading and baking.

"I'm kind of dealing with it," she said of the new attention. "I've gotten more used to it."

While Tennell is being depicted as an overnight sensation heading into the Olympics, she has already endured significant trials in her career.

Tennell, 20, battled through two stress fractures in her back, causing her to wear a brace and sit out of skating for three-month stretches.

She made her mark as a rising star when she won the 2015 junior U.S. championships. But a few months later, Tennell suffered the back injury. She returned to place sixth in the 2016 nationals and 11th at the world juniors.

Another back injury sidelined her again. She returned in 2017 to place ninth at the nationals and seventh at the worlds.

Tennell said she knew the back problems wouldn't stop her.

"I knew it wasn't a career-ending injury," she said. "People have come back from far worse."

Tennell started skating

when she was 2. Her mother would come home about 7 a.m. from her overnight shift as a nurse, and little Bradie would be eagerly waiting.

"She would meet me at the door and say, 'Mommy, please take me ice skating,'" Jean Tennell said. "I have no idea where she got that idea. It just became repetitive. 'When can we go?' She wasn't going to let up on it."

Jean looked up a rink in the telephone book and found Crystal Ice House in Crystal Lake.

"She took me skating, and I've never wanted to stop," Bradie Tennell said.

Jean Tennell, who also has two teenage sons who play hockey, said she never pressured her daughter into competition.

"I wasn't one of those moms going: 'Come on. You've got to go. Do you want to make the Olympics?'" she said. "Never, ever, ever did I talk like that. I'm a mom who never says, 'No, you can't do that.' I say: 'Anything is possible. They're going to send someone. Why not you?'"

Bradie Tennell credits her mom for shuffling her to lessons and helping her pursue her dream. She calls her mom her role model and "No. 1 supporter."

"There were many sacrifices," said Tennell, who was home-schooled and has taken online college courses. "She works nights so that she could be home with us during the day. She's skipped meals. She's gone without sleep. I can't even begin to name all of the things."

After Tennell started competing, her mother connected with Myers about 10 years ago to become her daughter's coach. Tennell's consistency with her coach and rink is not exactly



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bradie Tennell, 20, battled through two stress fractures in her back during her quest to make the Pyeongchang Olympics.



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Bradie Tennell, right, celebrates with coach Jeremy Allen during the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in January.

common among Olympians, who switch coaches as they excel and often move to other cities to train.

Myers has coached competitive skaters for more than 30 years, including

Lake Forest's Megan Hyatt, who won the 2006 junior title. But Tennell is her first Olympian.

Tennell has skated most of her life at Twin Rinks in Buffalo Grove. She now

starts most mornings by teaching lessons to young children at the rink before her own practices.

After winning the national title and earning her way onto the Olympic team, supporters at the rink hung long white poster paper where fans wrote messages to Tennell. In multicolored markers, hearts were drawn and dozens of messages read:

"So amazed and proud of you. Hope you have the time of your life at the Olympics." "Enjoy every moment." "You did so great and we are all so excited."

Tennell said she has remained with her coach and rink for a simple reason.

"I have a lot of memories when I was younger watching the bigger kids," she said. "I would watch them do triples and think I want

to do that one day. I loved how fast everybody moved. When I came here, I was not very good. I found inspiration in them."

Before competitions, Tennell said she doesn't get nervous. Her coach doesn't think the lofty Olympic expectations will frazzle her.

"I don't think she's overly concerned about expectations from anybody else," Myers said. "She has a standard she set for herself, and together we know what she wants to accomplish. That's what she's shooting for."

Tennell said she's excited to experience the opening ceremony. Mostly, she said, she's eager to compete again, adding:

"I've been working for it my entire life."

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## Catholics advised on dilemma: Feast or fast on Valentine's Day?

BY ELVIA MALAGON  
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With Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day falling on the same day this year, leaders in the Chicago area's Roman Catholic Church are offering some guidance: Solemnly mark the start of Lent, a day the faithful are asked to abstain from meat and to fast, on Wednesday. Celebrate love over a steak dinner and candles another day.

"(Wednesday is) a perfect day to celebrate the love the Lord has for us and that we have for him, which is

the grandest Valentine's Day for all," said Penny Wiegert, director of communications for the Catholic Diocese of Rockford.

Ash Wednesday, the start of the 40-day Lenten season leading up to Easter, falls on Feb. 14 — Valentine's Day — this year. On Ash Wednesday and each Friday during Lent, Catholics are traditionally forbidden from eating meat.

To avoid any potential conflict, Catholic leaders across the region are suggesting members of their flock celebrate Valentine's the day before or during the

weekend.

Two weeks ago, the Archdiocese of Chicago, which counts nearly 2.2 million faithful in Cook and Lake counties, offered priests guidance in case parishioners ask for dispensation to eat meat Wednesday.

"In view of the significance of Ash Wednesday the obligation of fast and abstinence must naturally be the priority in the Catholic community," the Archdiocese of Chicago statement read. "Valentine's Day can appropriately be celebrated the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, which also

happens to be Mardi Gras, a traditionally festive time before beginning our Lenten observance."

Church leaders have given Catholics wiggle room during Lent in the past. Last March, Cardinal Blase Cupich, leader of the Chicago Archdiocese, gave special dispensation to Catholics so they could enjoy corned beef on St. Patrick's Day, which happened to fall on a Friday during Lent.

Joliet Bishop R. Daniel Conlon told parishioners in a statement that while Valentine's Day is a time to express love, Catholics

shouldn't skip observing Ash Wednesday, which draws the faithful to churches, where ashes are smudged in the shape of a cross on the forehead — a symbol of faith. He also suggested people celebrate Valentine's Day before or after Wednesday.

"Priests and bishops do not grant individual dispensations from the discipline of fasting and abstinence," Conlon said in the statement.

The Catholic Diocese of Gary in northwest Indiana hasn't gotten inquiries about the possible conflict of Ash

Wednesday. Debbie Bosak, director of communications for the diocese, said that's probably because there is a good understanding that the religious aspect of the day would trump other celebrations.

"I would just advise Catholics who feel they are cheated out of Valentine's Day to just sit down and reflect on the meaning of Ash Wednesday and Lent," Bosak said. "And just to prioritize what's important."

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## Trump wants to flash the armor

As many ask why, U.S. gathers options for military parade

By **JOSH LEDERMAN**  
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WASHINGTON — The White House pushed ahead Wednesday with plans to throw a grand military parade through the streets of Washington, brushing aside criticism that such a display could be an unnecessary show of raw military power.

In a briefing to reporters, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said the parade plan reflects President Donald Trump's respect for the armed forces.

"We all know the president of the United States' affection for the military," Mattis said. He said the Pentagon has been "putting together some options" for the parade to send to the White House.

Widely accepted as the world's mightiest, the U.S. military has no tradition of putting itself on parade like in Russia, North Korea, China or even close NATO ally France.

So Trump's directive to the Pentagon to draft options for a massive march reverberated across Washington on Wednesday as lawmakers and military leaders mused about the cost, risk and purpose.

"People will wonder, 'Well, what are they afraid of now? What are they trying to prove?'" said Eleanor Holmes Norton, who represents the District of Columbia in Congress. "We don't have to show off to make a point."

It was a critique voiced by both Democrats and Republicans the day after



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First lady Melania Trump, left, and President Donald Trump join French President Emmanuel Macron and his wife, Brigitte, right, during France's Bastille Day military parade in July.

The Washington Post revealed Trump wants an elaborate parade this year to rival the Bastille Day celebration in Paris that made a distinct impression on him in July.

Democratic Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois called it a "fantastic waste of money," while Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina told CNN that the parade risked being "kind of cheesy and a sign of weakness" if it's just about showing off military muscle.

The president did not

seem deterred, although his aides rushed to downplay the notion that it was anything beyond an idea Trump had floated "in a brainstorming session" to help Americans express gratitude and pride for the military.

White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said there had been no final decision. And Trump's legislative director said it was too early to guess about potential costs, though it's assumed it would cost millions.

"We've been putting together some options. We'll send them up to the White House for a decision," Mattis said at the White House. "The president's respect, his fondness for the military I think is reflected in him asking for these options."

City officials were scrambling to identify potential implications for such a parade, such as whether D.C. streets could accommodate heavyweight tanks and other equipment.

The last time Washington saw anything similar to

what Trump is considering was in June 1991, after the Gulf War, as Americans gave veterans of Operation Desert Storm a triumphant welcome home. Some 8,000 veterans marched along with tanks that trudged down a flag-festooned Constitution Avenue as fighter planes roared over the National Mall.

Some 800,000 gathered in the crowd, the U.S. Park Police said at the time. President George H.W. Bush declared it a "great day."

Although Trump's critics argued his parade idea was rooted in a need for self-aggrandizement, the White House said it was squarely an attempt to venerate America's military.

Jonny Havens, an Army veteran who said he served in Iraq, called that sentiment "right on."

"I trust President Trump, Defense Department, Secretary Mattis to do it in the right way, and do it in a way that makes sense and is cost effective," Havens said.

But Shaun Theriot-Smith, another Army veteran, who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, said the idea smacked "of the very things we make fun of North Korea for."

Trump first publicly floated his idea last September at a meeting with French President Emmanuel Macron, as he reminisced about watching France's Bastille Day military parade. He said the two-hour parade was a "tremendous thing for France and for the spirit of France," and said he wanted one on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington on July 4 — grander than the one he saw in Paris.

When Trump first suggested the idea to top aides, staff debated the best time of year to have it and noted the tanks in Paris had chewed up the city's pavement, throwing up chunks of concrete as they moved.

Trump, however, dismissed that concern, according to one person familiar with the conversation who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the president's thinking.

That's OK, Trump told them. The streets can be fixed, he said.

## N. Korea sending leader's sister to Winter Olympics

By **KIM TONG-HYUNG**  
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SEOUL, South Korea — North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's sister, an increasingly prominent figure in the country's leadership, will be part of the North's delegation to the South Korean Winter Olympics, officials said Wednesday.

Kim Yo Jong will be the first member of North Korea's ruling family to visit South Korea since the end of the 1950-53 Korean War. Analysts say her inclusion in the Olympic delegation shows North Korea's ambition to use the Olympics to break out from diplomatic isolation by improving relations with South Korea.

South Korean President Moon Jae-in's office welcomed North Korea's decision, saying it showed the North's willingness to cooperate in easing tensions on the Korean Peninsula. It wasn't immediately clear whether Kim Yo Jong will meet with Moon, who has expressed a desire to reach out to the North.

In Japan, meanwhile, Vice President Mike Pence said the U.S. is preparing to announce the "toughest and most aggressive" economic sanctions against North Korea, boosting pressure on its government during the Olympics. U.S. officials declined to provide details of the expected sanctions.

Experts said by sending a youthful person who will attract international attention during the Games, North Korea is trying to construct a fresher and warmer public image and defuse potential U.S. efforts to use the Olympics to highlight the North's human rights record.

Kim Jong Un might also have seen that President Donald Trump was sending his daughter, Ivanka, to the Olympics closing ceremony and decided to match the move, said Hong Min,



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South Korean soldiers stand guard Wednesday at the border village of Panmunjom in the Demilitarized Zone.

an analyst at Seoul's Korea Institute for National Unification.

Kim Yo Jong will be part of a North Korean delegation led by the country's nominal head of state, Kim Yong Nam.

Pence did not rule out a meeting with North Korean officials, telling reporters, "We'll see what happens." But he pledged that his message in any potential interaction would include the same message he has been delivering publicly: that the North must renounce its nuclear weapon and missile programs.

Hong, the analyst, said Washington may see Kim Yo Jong as an avenue to deliver messages to Kim Jong Un.

"With Kim Yo Jong, you are getting a person who's chiefly involved in designing Kim Jong Un's rule, a person whom the leader actually listens to," Hong said.

Kim Yo Jong and Kim Jong Un were born to the same mother, Ko Yong Hui. They had a half brother, Kim Jong Nam, who was murdered last year at a Malaysian airport.

Kim Yo Jong was promoted last year to be an alternate member of the decision-making political bureau of the ruling party's central committee.

The war-separated Koreas are cooperating on a

series of conciliatory measures during the Olympics, which the South sees as an opportunity to ease tensions with the North following an extended period of animosity over its nuclear weapon and missile programs.

Skeptics think North Korea is trying to use the Olympics to weaken U.S.-led sanctions and pressure against it and buy time to advance its weapons programs.

North Korea has 22 athletes competing in the Winter Olympics but also has sent performing artists and a large cheering group.

A decision by North Korea to send the artists by sea has triggered debate in the South, where conservatives see the move as a clear indication the North is trying to use the Olympics to ease sanctions against it.

South Korea is deciding whether to accept North Korea's request that it provide fuel for the ferry that transported the artists. Seoul exempted the ferry from sanctions to allow it in South Korean waters.

"We will closely discuss with the United States and other related nations the matter of providing convenience to the Mangyongbong ferry so that no problem regarding sanctions would occur," said Seoul's Unification Ministry spokesman, Baik Tae-hyun.

## Tillerson works to raise pressure on Venezuela

By **TRACY WILKINSON**  
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KINGSTON, JAMAICA — Crisscrossing Latin America over the past week, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson has tried to rally support for stiffer sanctions against Venezuela, including a possible embargo on its oil exports, but had only mixed success.

While most governments in the region blame Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro's socialist policies for the country's economic crisis, an oil embargo would cripple what's left of the battered economy. That could destabilize its neighbors and raise gas prices in the United States.

Caribbean island nations have resisted U.S. efforts to build a united hemisphere-wide front to challenge Maduro. Most rely heavily on cheap Venezuelan oil.

Speaking in Kingston on Wednesday, the final day of his weeklong trip, Tillerson said he was trying to recruit Latin American energy producers such as Mexico to become alternative sources of oil and gas for the Caribbean.

Tillerson said the United States, Canada and Mexico were forming a working group to consider ways to "mitigate" an embargo's impact on Caribbean countries and on U.S. Gulf Coast refineries, which process Venezuelan crude.

Tillerson said he consulted the presidents or prime ministers of Mexico, Argentina, Peru, Colombia and Jamaica this week over whether they would support an embargo.

"It was important because I wanted to hear their views," he said. An oil embargo, he added, would be "pretty dramatic."

Tillerson said he would present his findings to President Donald Trump, who supports tougher action against Venezuela.

U.S. sanctions have fo-



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Rex Tillerson said he consulted Latin American leaders on whether they would support an oil embargo on Venezuela.

caused mostly on individuals in Maduro's government and a ban on buying new Venezuelan debt.

Restrictions on the country's oil industry would escalate the financial pressure.

Jamaican Prime Minister Andrew Holness, in a news conference with Tillerson, said he welcomed a chance to move away from Venezuelan oil. With the United States now a net exporter of energy, Holness said he expected Jamaica to benefit from "the new paradigm."

In a meeting last year of the Organization of American States, Caribbean nations thwarted an effort led by the United States and Mexico to create a coalition against Venezuela's Maduro.

Some Latin American leaders also view cutting off Venezuela's oil revenue as too radical a step.

Despite its vast oil reserves, the country of 31 million people is suffering from hyperinflation plus severe shortages of food and medicine. Cutting off its only real source of foreign exchange could cause the economy to collapse, fueling a refugee crisis and rocking regional economies.

World markets are looking at whether Venezuela will continue to pay down its international debt,

which Maduro has tried to do despite the economic pressures.

"Any sanction that compromises Venezuela's ability to pay its debt or pushes it toward default would significantly complicate the wider region," said Sergio Berensztein, an Argentine political analyst.

A senior State Department official insisted that Tillerson got more support than it sometimes appeared on the trip.

Most importantly, Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos said his government would not recognize the results of snap presidential elections that Maduro has called by April.

"The elections are completely invalid because voters have no guarantees," Santos said in Bogota during Tillerson's visit Tuesday. "Maduro will never, never hold free and fair elections, because he knows he would lose."

Colombia is especially alarmed by the crisis because Venezuelan refugees have begun to flood across its borders.

Tillerson said that an oil embargo would cause pain but the suffering might be worth it if it brought a swifter end to the crisis.

"We are heartbroken by what we see happening in Venezuela," Tillerson said.

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# Pelosi urges DACA fix — for 8 hours

Democratic leader stages record speech on the House floor

BY STEVE PEOPLES AND ALAN FRAM  
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WASHINGTON — House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi staged a record-breaking eight-hour speech Wednesday in an attempt to force a House vote on protections for so-called Dreamer immigrants — and to prove to an increasingly angry wing of progressives and activists that she has done all she could.

Forgoing any breaks, Pelosi spent much of the rare talkathon reading personal letters from the young immigrants whose temporary protection from deportation is set to expire next month. The California Democrat quoted from the Bible and Pope Francis, as Democrats took turns sitting behind her in support. The Office of the House Historian said it was the longest continuous speech in the chamber on record.

"You see, these people are being deported," Pelosi said around the sixth hour of her speech. "We can do something today to at least make whole the children."

The performance had no immediate effect on Republican leaders who have



House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., speaks Wednesday during an eight-hour presentation on the need for congressional action on the status of so-called Dreamers.

not agreed to a vote. But it was perhaps equally aimed at the liberal wing of Pelosi's own party, who seethed Wednesday as Democrats in the Senate cut a budget deal that could quickly steal the momentum behind the effort to resolve the plight of the young immigrants.

While she spoke on the House floor, immigration activists rallied in Washington and threatened political retribution against the congressional Democrats who abandoned the strategy of demanding that a budget

deal be paired with an immigration deal. The fresh threats exposed deepening divisions within a Democratic Party struggling to address a liberal priority in Republican-controlled Washington.

The activists who filled a Washington church Wednesday, like liberal leaders nationwide, called out Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., by name. Some scoffed at Pelosi's speech, intended to elicit a promise from House Speaker Paul Ryan to allow

a vote on subsequent legislation to protect the younger immigrants. Ryan's promise, activists noted, was far from a guarantee.

"What are they thinking? They're giving up their leverage," said a frustrated Angel Padilla, policy director for the liberal group Indivisible. "All of these votes will matter come November."

Pelosi started her remarks just about 10 a.m. EST and yielded the floor at 6:11 p.m.

By the end of the marathon, the clearest signs of

weariness were an occasional quiver in her voice, a stumble over her words and a case of the sniffles. At one point she interrupted herself to read a note from the House historian alerting her that she delivered the longest continuous speech, besting Rep. Champ Clark's five-hour, 15-minute talk about tariff reform in 1909.

As Pelosi wrapped, she received a standing ovation from Democrats.

At issue is the fate of roughly 1.8 million immigrants brought to the country as children and living here illegally. Many could lose protection from deportation — granted by the Obama administration in 2014 and rescinded by President Donald Trump last fall — in the coming weeks.

No issue is more important to the Democratic Party's most passionate voters, who insist their party must reject any budget deal that doesn't protect the young immigrants — even if it means risking a second government shutdown this year. The federal government will shutter non-essential operations at midnight Thursday unless Congress passes a spending plan.

It's unclear whether the liberal outrage will sink a two-year Senate budget deal unveiled Wednesday that would provide Penta-

gon and domestic programs with huge spending increases.

Schumer praised the agreement for providing needed funding for health, drug abuse and social service programs, having dropped his push to use the budget talks to extract concessions on immigration.

The criticism resonated with members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, such as Rep. Nanette Barragan, D-Calif., who said the Latino community thinks Senate Democratic leadership "has turned their back on them."

"It's not being made a priority," Barragan said of the party's push to protect those enrolled in the program known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA. "It's a mistake to not use every leverage point we have."

Yet there were no signs that Pelosi's leadership team was pushing Democrats to oppose the Senate deal without a DACA fix. And at least some House Democrats indicated they would support it.

"As much as I believe in DACA, we shouldn't close the government when it looks like we're moving toward resolution of all of these problems," said Rep. Bill Pascrell, D-N.J., who said he was backing the budget deal and predicted it would pass.

## Senate reaches budget deal

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It would be the first multiyear, bipartisan budget deal reached since 2015. Negotiators are hoping to include the accord in what would be the fifth — and possibly final — short-term continuing resolution of this fiscal year.

That extension would fund the government past Thursday's deadline until March 23, after which legislation with funding at the new levels, a so-called omnibus bill, would need to be approved.

The agreement circumvents the strict budget caps imposed under a 2011 budget deal, and adds \$57 billion in new spending equally to both defense and non-defense accounts through fiscal 2019, according to those familiar with the talks. Republicans have been pushing for the military increases, and Democrats insist on parity for domestic programs.

The result would be a boost to defense of about \$80 billion each year beyond what the law allows, rising from \$551 billion in fiscal 2017 to \$647 billion by fiscal 2019. Non-defense accounts would increase by more than \$60 billion, to \$597 billion by 2019.

The package also includes \$90 billion in supplemental disaster aid spending for hurricanes and wildfires that ravaged coastal and Western states, and Puerto Rico.

Unlike the past agreements to avoid the steep sequester cuts in 2013 and 2015, the deal announced Wednesday would only be partially offset with spending reductions or new revenue elsewhere, making it a nonstarter for many conservative Republicans — espe-



Senate leaders Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., left, and Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., agreed to a \$300 billion budget deal Wednesday. A vote is expected Thursday.

cially after the GOP tax package added nearly \$1.5 trillion over the decade to deficits.

"No one would suggest it is perfect, but we worked hard to find common ground," said McConnell, adding that defense funds that will "ensure that for the first time in years our armed services have more of the resources they need to keep America safe."

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., touted many Democratic priorities, including a two-year extension of funding for Community Health Centers, a 10-year extension of funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program and money to fight the opioid drug crisis.

"This budget deal is the first real sprout of bipartisanship," Schumer said. "We have reached a budget

deal that neither side loves but both sides can be proud of. That's compromise. That's governing."

Pelosi's opposition, though, thrusts the immigration debate back into the budget standoff, much the way President Donald Trump did Tuesday when he said he'd "love to see a shutdown" if his immigration priorities, such as a border wall and limits on legal immigration, were not part of the budget package.

"The budget caps agreement includes many Democratic priorities," Pelosi said Wednesday. But after surveying the Democratic caucus, she said the absence of immigration legislation was a deal breaker for some members.

Pelosi wants Ryan to commit — as McConnell did last month as part of the deal to end the three-day

government shutdown — to consider bipartisan measures to protect the young DACA immigrants as Trump ends their program.

The Senate is expected to launch an immigration debate in a matter of days, as soon as the shutdown threat is averted.

"Without a commitment from Speaker Ryan comparable to the commitment from Leader McConnell, this package does not have my support," she said.

Ryan, however, has made no such commitment on DACA recipients, stoking concerns that any immigration bill would simply languish in the House.

The immigration debate drove the shutdown last month, as Democrats pushed McConnell to agree to prioritize the issue, but it had not been part of more recent budget negotiations,

despite Trump's nudging.

Pelosi's support for the budget deal will be vital because Ryan will almost certainly not be able to pass spending increases over objections from his conservative flank without relying on Democratic votes.

The accord includes \$20 billion in new infrastructure spending on transportation, rural broadband and safe drinking water systems, as well as \$5.8 billion for child care block grants, \$4 billion to rebuild Veterans Affairs hospitals and clinics and \$2 billion for research at the National Institutes of Health, according to those familiar with the details.

It also creates a new Joint Select Committee that is tasked with developing a legislative solution to shore up faltering employer pensions by December.

DACA immigrants, who were brought to the U.S. illegally as children, risk deportation as Trump ends a program that has allowed them to apply to live and work here. DACA was set to end March 5, but a court challenge is allowing it to continue for now.

Lawmakers in both parties say they want to protect the young immigrants as part of a broader immigration bill that would include border security and perhaps other measures, and they believe a bipartisan deal would easily pass both chambers.

Bipartisan groups in Congress continue to meet to strike a deal as the Senate prepares to open debate.

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## White House aide quits after abuse allegations from 2 ex-wives

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WASHINGTON — One of President Donald Trump's top aides resigned Wednesday following allegations of domestic abuse leveled against him by his two ex-wives.

Staff secretary Rob Porter said in a written statement that allegations that became public this week are "outrageous" and "simply false." Porter said photos published of his former spouses were taken

nearly 15 years ago and do not tell the complete story. He said he will leave the White House after a transition period.

"These outrageous allegations are simply false. I took the photos given to the media nearly 15 years ago and the reality behind them is nowhere close to what is being described," Porter said in a written statement. "I have been transparent and truth-



Porter

ful about these vile claims, but I will not further engage publicly with a coordinated smear campaign."

Porter's former wives recounted physical, verbal and emotional abuse they say he subjected them to during their marriages.

Porter, 40, has been credited with working with chief of staff John Kelly to control the flow of informa-

tion to the president.

He helped craft Trump's State of the Union address and was credited internally for helping bridge divides in a White House riven by rivalries and for helping more effectively roll out new policy.

The DailyMail.com published a statement from Kelly referring to Porter as a "man of true integrity and honor."

Porter, well-liked throughout the White House, lost internal support once the photos came

out. But even then, Kelly was urging him to stay, according to a White House official who spoke on condition of anonymity to convey internal discussions.

Porter's first wife, Colbie Holderness, told the DailyMail.com that Porter choked and punched her during the five years they were married.

Porter's second wife, Jennifer Willoughby, told the DailyMail.com that Porter once dragged her naked from the shower to yell at her. She filed a

protective order against him. Stories published online by the DailyMail.com included photos of Holderness with a bruised eye socket that she said she suffered after Porter punched her in the face while on vacation in Italy.

Neither Holderness nor Willoughby could be reached for comment Wednesday.

The Daily Mail also reported that Porter is dating White House communications director Hope Hicks, a close aide to Trump.

# Refugees' path to safety becomes death trap

15 fleeing Syrians freeze to death in mountain crossing

BY LIZ SLY  
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The Washington Post

CHTAURA, Lebanon — The mountain range that forms a natural boundary between Syria and Lebanon has long served also as a wartime conduit for people who cannot travel legally — the gunrunners, the rebels, the dissidents and the ordinary citizens who just want to escape.

On one night last month, it became a death trap. A storm whipped up at the moment a group of about 70 Syrian refugees was climbing over the mountain to try to reach Lebanon.

In the darkness, wind and snow, they began to falter. The elderly fell behind. Children tripped. Men slipped. Unable to see their guide, the refugees became lost and scattered.

By daybreak, 15 people had frozen to death, a sad new milestone in the tragedy of Syria's seven-year-old war. Refugees have drowned trying to reach Europe and are regularly shot on the Turkish border. But this was the first known instance of a group dying of cold, according to the United Nations refugee agency and Lebanese authorities.

It was also a reminder of the continued desperate efforts of Syrians to escape the fighting, even as the world closes its doors. The United States and Europe are not alone in restricting entry to Syrians — Syria's neighbors also long ago shut their borders to refugees. For those still fleeing to Lebanon, which is hosting about a million Syrian refugees, the only way in is across one of the mountain smuggling routes.

The fate of these recent refugees first came to light after rescue workers posted photographs on Facebook, offering clues to the horrors of the night. A woman had died huddled in a thorn bush, the child she was carrying tipped upside down from her arms. And one little girl was found alive, lying in the snow. Someone took her to the



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Abir, 17, holds Beshayer, 1, who has frostbite on her face. Both survived the freezing journey in the mountains.

hospital in the nearby town of Chtaura. Half of her face was burned away from frostbite, and she was comatose from the cold.

Among those on the mountain that night were Shihab al-Abed, 43, and members of his extended family, from the village of Barghouz in Deir al-Zour province. The village had been under Islamic State control for years but was too unimportant to be caught up in the battles that have killed more than 300,000 people elsewhere, and their lives had remained mostly peaceful, Shihab said, recounting the tale from his brother's home in the Lebanese city of Tripoli.

Late last year, everything changed. The Islamic State was being driven out of all of its strongholds. More and more of its fighters began showing up in the village as they fled other areas. In November, the Syrian army overran a nearby town, and Barghouz suddenly found itself on the last front line of the Islamic State's dwindling defenses.

After a night of intense fighting in late December, during which the family's

house was hit by a shell, they decided they would have to flee to survive, Shihab said. They piled into vehicles and made their way to Damascus, the Syrian capital — Shihab, his mother, wife, sister, four daughters and a son, three grandchildren, a sister-in-law, and two nieces.

Once in Damascus, they made contact with a smuggler who said he could take them to safety in Lebanon. The journey would cost \$140 per person, and the route would be easy and short, the smuggler promised — just a half-hour walk, alongside the main road, and they would be in Lebanon. "But he was lying," Shihab said.

When they arrived at the border on the evening of Jan. 18, instead of remaining alongside the road, the smuggler pointed the family up the nearby mountain, indicating a series of blinking lights high in the darkness that he said they were to follow. There they were met by another smuggler, their guide for the rest of the journey.

The path grew steeper, the weather worsened. The wind became a howling

gale. The rain turned to snow. Like most of the refugees in the group, they were lightly dressed. Hanan, Shihab's 13-year-old daughter, was wearing plastic sandals and kicked them off so that she could walk faster. It quickly became clear that the group was unable to keep up.

Shihab's 70-year old mother, Hasba, was the first to fall back. Shihab's wife, Anout, sister Dalal and daughters Amal and Abir stayed with her to try to help her along. Soon they had lost sight of the rest of the party. Then they lost Hasba. Amal was carrying her 1-year-old son, Yasser. Abir, seven months pregnant, was struggling too. She handed her year-old daughter, Beshayer, to another refugee.

The women grew colder and sleepier. "So we decided just to take a rest," recalled Abir, who survived that night. "We lay down and said we would find the way in the morning."

Up ahead, Shihab was carrying on, his niece Sarah, 3, in his arms. The rest of the night is a blur, he said. They ascended one mountain peak, descended

and then another lay ahead. At one point, he fell and cracked his ribs. The girl in his arms had grown lifeless and cold. He could hardly walk. So he lay his niece down and continued. "I thought she had died," he said.

When dawn broke, Abir awoke. Her grandmother, mother, sister and nephew lay immobile beside her. "They were stiff and frozen. I hoped they were just asleep," she said. "I could see a house, so I went to get help. It turned out to be an army post. They went to fetch them."

Seven hours after they had set off, Shihab and the other survivors reached the bottom of the mountain. He learned that, among the dead, were his wife, mother and grandson Yasser. His niece Sarah, her sister and her mother were unaccounted for.

At the hospital in Chtaura, civil defense rescuers were ferrying in others they had found on the mountain, some dead, some alive. Over the next two days they would find a total of 15 bodies.

Most of the survivors were treated and released,

said George Kortas, a doctor and the head of the hospital. But one girl, estimated to be 3 years old, was in critical condition.

On the third day, she began to show signs of life. And on the fourth day, she spoke. "I want to go to mama," she said in a weak little voice.

But no one came to claim the girl — until the fifth day, when her father showed up. Living in Tripoli, he had only discovered the fate of his missing family members when he saw the photos on Facebook. The woman found huddled in the thorn bush was his wife. The girl in her arms was his 4-year-old daughter, Heba. Only later did he learn there was an unclaimed girl in the hospital, his other child. It was an awkward reunion. He had only seen the child once, when she was an infant, because he was living in Lebanon while his family remained in Syria.

"She doesn't know me, and I don't know her," he said. He cradled her as he fed her from a hospital tray.

Then she repeated the only words she had spoken. "I want to go to mama."

## Turkish action against Kurds popular

Erdogan enjoys widespread support at home for military offensive inside Syria

BY ERIN CUNNINGHAM  
The Washington Post

ISTANBUL — On a celebrity gossip show, the hosts recently projected the Instagram profiles of Turkish actors and pop stars on the screen and berated those who had not yet posted support for Turkey's military offensive in Syria.

"There are those celebrities who even post when they go to the bathroom," one host quipped. "They could just post a little thing saying, 'I prayed and would pray again for the soldiers.'"

Disdainfully, the hosts flashed through more accounts, calling out those they faulted for ignoring the operation, which seeks to oust Kurdish fighters officially called terrorists.

Since the offensive began last month in the Afrin enclave just over the border, Turkish media and public opinion have rallied around the government, stirring nationalist sentiment and giving a boost to President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who

is up for re-election by next year.

On newsstands, headlines have blared support, and imams in mosques throughout the country have prayed for a military victory. Authorities have detained hundreds of people — including doctors and writers — for criticizing the assault. Even opposition leaders have fallen in line.

Erdogan has deftly framed the Afrin battle as an extension of Turkey's war with Kurdish insurgents at home, tapping into years of public anger with the militant Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, which is linked to the Kurdish fighters in northern Syria.

In waging what has been dubbed "Operation Olive Branch," he is also exploiting a surge of anti-Americanism among Turks, arising in part from U.S. military support for the Syrian Kurds. The Syrian Kurdish militia, called the YPG, or People's Protection Units, has been a crucial American ally in the campaign to oust

the Islamic State from Syria.

Since the operation began, public opinion polls have shown a large majority of Turks supporting the offensive.

One poll, conducted by Turkey's MAK research company and cited widely by pro-government media, said 82 percent of respondents believed that the operation will succeed. Ninety percent said the United States is "behind" the PKK and YPG.

That broad distrust of the United States comes at a time when, Turkish commentators say, relations between the two longtime allies have sunk to their lowest point since Turkey joined NATO in 1952.

During recent interviews in Istanbul, in working-class and upscale neighborhoods, Turks repeatedly questioned why the United States had joined forces with the YPG, which they see as inextricably linked to the PKK and thus to bomb attacks inside Turkey.

"I am not a government supporter," said Yadagar Karakul, a 30-year-old event coordinator. But in Afrin, he said, the govern-

ment "is protecting Turkey's territory against terrorists on the border."

"Nowhere in the world can you form an agreement with a terrorist organization," he said, referring to the YPG.

At a teahouse in the conservative Tophane neighborhood in Istanbul, Ihsan Gumus, 39, defended the operation.

"Syria has become a problem for the entire world," said Gumus, who is unemployed. "And if there is a terror organization on the border like the government says, then I support it."

The Turkish offensive, including air and ground operations, aims to establish a buffer zone inside northern Syria enforced by Turkish-backed forces. The YPG was initially formed to protect Kurdish populations amid the chaos of the Syrian civil war.

Erdogan has said that after neutralizing Afrin, Turkey plans to extend its Syrian campaign eastward and oust the YPG fighters from the Kurdish-controlled city of Manbij. That could bring Turkish forces



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Turkish media and the public have rallied behind President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's offensive against Kurds in Syria.

into direct conflict with the United States, which has an undisclosed number of troops in that city.

In a phone call with Erdogan on Jan. 24, President Donald Trump urged Turkey to "de-escalate, limit its military actions and avoid civilian casualties," according to a White House account.

Writing in the conservative daily newspaper Karar, which is sometimes critical of the president and his ruling party, columnist Mustafa Karaalioglu said the military campaign requires Turkish solidarity.

"With 11 days of the

operation behind us," he wrote, "almost the entire country shares the same feeling" about the offensive.

Another columnist, Ibrahim Karagul, writing in the pro-government Yeni Safak newspaper, minced few words in criticizing the United States.

"The U.S. is now the ... greatest and most open threat for Turkey. It is an enemy country. The U.S. is the one that released the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) and Daesh on us," Karagul wrote, using an Arabic term for the Islamic State. Our "ties with the U.S. have no meaning left."



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SpaceX and Tesla chief Elon Musk's Tesla Roadster is headed to the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter.

## Musk's sports car on path beyond Mars

BY MARCIA DUNN  
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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The world's first space sports car is cruising toward the asteroid belt, well beyond Mars.

SpaceX chief Elon Musk confirmed the new, more distant route for his rocketing Tesla Roadster. The red electric convertible was the unorthodox cargo aboard his company's brand new Falcon Heavy rocket during a test flight Tuesday.

With the successful

launch, the Heavy became the most powerful rocket flying today.

And Musk's Roadster became the fastest car ever, hurtling off the planet and zooming away on a route that will now take it all the way to the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter.

Late Tuesday, Musk said the final firing of the rocket's upper stage put his car on a more distant trajectory than anticipated. Not only is it headed toward Mars, but almost to the dwarf planet Ceres in the asteroid belt.

A mannequin dressed in a "real deal" SpaceX spacesuit — dubbed Starman by Musk — is strapped in behind the car's wheel.

Usually test flights carry nothing of value, like concrete blocks. Musk found that "boring" and put his cherry-red Tesla on top. He's in charge of the carmaker as well as the private space company.

Images of the exposed Roadster and Starman — named after a David Bowie song — against the backdrop of our blue planet,

were burning up the internet long after Tuesday's launch.

"I think it looks so ridiculous and impossible. You can tell it's real because it looks so fake, honestly," Musk said Tuesday night. "It's still tripping me out."

The Roadster is in an even more elongated orbit now that stretches from Earth on one end, all the way to the neighborhood of Ceres on the other.

The original plan had the car traveling only as far as Mars.

# Trump not a sure thing for Arizona's GOP

Primary hopefuls embrace president, risking backlash

BY MICHAEL FINNEGAN  
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PHOENIX — Former combat pilot Martha McSally was put off by Donald Trump when he ran for president.

The Republican congresswoman from Tucson called his boasts of sexually assaulting women disgusting. She opposed his plan to stop Muslims from entering the United States. She condemned his threat to ditch European allies.

How quickly things change. In the months since an Arizona seat in the U.S. Senate opened up, McSally has been talking up her chummy visits with Trump. In the Rose Garden. In the Cabinet Room. In the Oval Office.

She is running against two die-hard Trump loyalists in the Republican primary for U.S. Senate, and she's out to prove that she backs him as much as they do.

"Like our president, I'm tired of PC politicians and their BS excuses," she says in a campaign video.

In Republican primaries across the nation, candidates like McSally are trying to outdo one another in embracing Trump, an unpopular president who



RICK SCUTERI/AP  
Rep. Martha McSally, R-Ariz., waves from a T-6 WWII plane as she leaves for Phoenix to announce her run for U.S. Senate.

nonetheless remains well liked by most GOP voters.

Democrats are watching with glee. All this Trump-loving in the primaries could bedevil Republican nominees once they start seeking broader support for the general election in November.

The stakes in Arizona are especially high. Its contest for the open seat of outgoing Republican Sen. Jeff Flake could determine whether Democrats seize control of the Senate.

Arizona leans Republican, but its shifting demographics — mainly the growth of its Latino population — have put it within reach of Democrats. Trump beat Hillary Clinton in Arizona by 3.5 percentage points, a narrower margin than in all but eight other states. His unpopularity has made the race to succeed

Flake one of the nation's most competitive Senate contests.

Still, most of the older white Republicans who dominate GOP primaries in Arizona admire Trump. Flake, 55, who has denounced Trump's presidency as reckless and undignified, was all but sure to be ousted in the primary if he sought re-election. He dodged the humiliation by announcing his retirement in October.

The primary pits McSally, the favorite of Senate GOP leader Mitch McConnell, against conservative insurgent Kelli Ward and former Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio, the anti-immigration crusader.

McSally, one of the party's more charismatic House members, is widely seen as Republicans' strong-

est prospect in the general election.

"Republicans need Martha McSally," said Stuart Rothenberg, a nonpartisan election handicapper. "If they don't get her, it's a disaster."

McSally, a 51-year-old former Ironman triathlete, is the first woman in U.S. history to fly a military fighter in combat, the A-10 Thunderbolt.

In 2001, she sued the U.S. military to overturn a policy requiring women on duty in Saudi Arabia to wear a long black Islamic robe over their uniform when off base. The conflict, which she won, led to a flattering "60 Minutes" profile.

McSally, also the first woman to command a fighter squadron in combat, plays up her military pedigree.

While casting herself as an outsider — "I told Washington Republicans to grow a pair of ovaries and get the job done," she said — McSally will benefit from a torrent of cash that comes with the support of McConnell and the party establishment's big donors.

McSally still won't say whether she voted for Trump. "Not your business," she snapped in an interview after belting out "The Star-Spangled Banner" onstage at a Republican banquet Friday in Phoenix.

She bristles at reminders

of her past comments against Trump.

"I made a couple of, a very small number of statements about particular statements that were made, and on the spectrum of things, it was very measured compared with a lot of other Republicans," she said.

At a party gathering the next morning in a Phoenix church, McSally shared details of her various conversations with Trump, saying she was advancing his agenda on health care, immigration and the military.

It's all an act, counters Ward, an ideological firebrand whose candidacy has been championed by Sean Hannity and Laura Ingraham, Fox News stars with huge followings.

"She suddenly became a Trumper," said Ward, 49, a physician and former state lawmaker. "That's pretty disingenuous."

Ward, sipping coffee outside the church as supporters at a card table offered doughnuts to party activists, castigated McSally for refusing to divulge her vote for president in 2016.

Ward was well positioned to defeat Flake in the primary but became more of a long shot once McSally and Arpaio joined the race.

Ward also lost a key benefactor this month when she renounced the support of Steve Bannon, the former White House

strategist who was banished by Trump after he criticized the president's family in a new book.

"I'm sure he understands that we're not going to have someone who's so controversial associated with the campaign," Ward said.

All three contenders are seeking Trump's support, but Arpaio is, by far, the closest to the president.

For years, he and Trump were the highest-profile proponents of the debunked allegation that Barack Obama was born in Africa and thus ineligible to serve as president. Arpaio still argues that Obama's Hawaii birth certificate was forged.

"No doubt about it," Arpaio, 85, said in an interview at his office in Fountain Hills, Ariz., on the outskirts of Phoenix.

Trump pardoned Arpaio in August for his contempt-of-court conviction after he defied an order to stop racial profiling of Latinos when he was sheriff.

Like Ward, Arpaio has positioned himself to Trump's right on illegal immigration. Both oppose Trump's offer of a pathway to citizenship for hundreds of thousands of immigrants brought to the U.S. illegally when they were children.

Democrats see Arpaio and Ward as easier targets than McSally.

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## Buyers pony up at horse auction

Amish from around nation come for 'Cadillac' animals

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HARRISBURG, Pa. — Amish men lead muscular horses across a concrete threshold, their straw hats only as high as the beasts' shoulders, the clip-clop of huge hooves echoing loudly.

Nearby, a black stallion glistens as a boy in suspenders washes it with a garden hose. An auctioneer holds court in a sea of bridles, bits and buckets. Bay doors open and snow blows in as harness horses clamber into holding stalls.

At the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex, at the nation's first major horse auction of the year, the activity bustles along like a well-greased buggy.

Amish from all over the country come here to buy and sell their massive draft horses and magnificent harness horses. It also draws non-Amish horse fans, lured by the "Cadillac" quality of the animals, and vendors of everything from saddles to buggies to custom-made harnesses.

The public auction was held this year Jan. 16 and 17. It's actually three sales

rolled into one, offering draft horses for use in the fields, harness horses and a separate Morgan horse sale.

The first day is all about presentation, with sellers hitching up their animals and taking them for a spin around the dirt-floored arena. It gives potential buyers a sense of how the horse moves and its demeanor as the announcer describes its family heritage.

About 85 percent of the buyers and sellers are Amish, said Dale Stoltzfus, an organizer of the sale.

On the first day, potential buyers in traditional straw hats chatted in Pennsylvania Dutch as they took notes in the 200-page guide that listed horses. Buyers could sleep on it and come back for the auction the next day ready to bid.

About 500 horses were up for sale this year, Stoltzfus said, and the crowd was estimated at about 10,000 people. On one side of the complex was a live auction of farm and horse equipment; in the center were vendor stalls selling everything an Amish farmer could need: wagons and buggies; barn construction; blacksmithing and horse-shoeing services; hand-crafted harnesses, saddles, bits and blankets.

Included in the audience



JACQUELINE LARMA/AP

A horse is about to be sent out for auction last month at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, Pa.

at the draft horse presentation was Shelley Thorne-Le Blanc, co-owner of Butter-nut Ridge Belgians in New Brunswick, Canada.

She drove over 13 hours to Harrisburg with a group

of Canadians who show Belgians at fairs around Canada and in the U.S.

"It's worth the drive for us," she says. "The quality of horses is good."

Stoltzfus said he has

learned you can never predict which horses will bring the big money.

"It's the whims of the buyers that determine what happens," he said.

Shannon Crabb, co-

owner of Maple Creek Belgians, in Ottawa, Ontario, agreed.

"It only takes two people to fall in love with the same horse to make the price go up," she said.

## DNC stretched truth on Ala. race effort

Group exaggerated how much it spent to defeat Moore

BY ALEX ROARTY  
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WASHINGTON — In the immediate aftermath of Doug Jones' shocking victory in the Alabama Senate race, the Democratic National Committee tried to take no small amount of credit. Indeed, it took \$1 million worth of credit.

The truth is more complicated.

After Jones defeated Republican and accused pedophile Roy Moore, the DNC said it had quietly spent \$1 million constructing a voter-outreach effort for the Democrat, including an extensive campaign of text messages, phone calls, and door-knockers.

Now, faced with documentation that questions the claim, DNC officials say the committee spent only \$250,000 of its own money on the race, cash that funded more than two dozen staffers on the ground in the state who, among other things, conducted extensive

outreach to black voters.

The rest — nearly three-quarters of the total funds originally claimed — was not a direct injection of DNC money but instead cash the DNC raised on behalf of Jones through email solicitations.

Counting that kind of assistance as funds spent is unusual, according to Democrats familiar with campaign fundraising; political groups typically make distinctions between money they raise for a candidate and the money they spend backing a candidate.

"Disingenuous would not be too strong a word for it," said one Democratic strategist, echoing the sentiment of many operatives who have worked on dozens of campaigns. That strategist said the revelation would prompt "another round of eye-rolling about the DNC."

DNC officials argue that raising money directly for a candidate and spending out of the committee's coffers is a distinction without difference, with the money — regardless of origin — making a crucial difference in Jones' razor-thin victory.

"For the first time in its

history, the DNC used its email list for split fundraising to directly raise money for and invest in campaigns across the country in 2017," said Michael Tyler, DNC spokesman. "While the RNC cut blank checks for an accused child molester, we're proud that tens of thousands of Americans contributed \$5 and \$10 at a time to fund the Doug Jones campaign's organizing efforts. That's how campaigns operate in the 21st century and that's how we'll propel Democrats to victory in 2018."

The revelation comes at a difficult time for the DNC, which has struggled to raise money over the last year despite a spike in fundraising for many other liberal and progressive groups.

The DNC had \$6.5 million on hand to start the year after raising \$67 million in 2017. The Republican National Committee, in contrast, raised almost \$133 million last year and had nearly \$39 million on hand.

The DNC's CEO, Jess O'Connell, also unexpectedly stepped down last week, raising questions about senior leadership at a

committee that fired its finance director in November.

In reports filed with the Federal Election Commission last week, the DNC showed \$87,000 in itemized coordinated expenses from December for the Alabama Senate race, including payments to political companies that specialized in black voter outreach.

DNC officials say it will show another \$163,000 in coordinated spending in subsequent reports, as soon as the committee is billed for services it retained.

Because the money it raised for the Jones campaign never passed through the committee, the DNC won't have to report the \$679,000 it said it raised with email fundraising solicitations.

DNC officials say the money they raised for Jones' campaign, all of it coming late in the race, was funneled directly to on-the-ground voter outreach efforts, similar to the effort the committee had directly invested in. Top DNC officials say they had also embedded themselves with the Jones campaign, helping



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The DNC had said it spent \$1 million in a voter-outreach effort in helping win a Senate seat for Doug Jones.

everything from media relations to political research.

In an email to reporters after Jones' victory, the DNC said it "invested nearly \$1 million in the Doug Jones for Senate campaign in organizing efforts, millennial and African-American engagement, mobilization and voter contact."

The DNC also has pointed to Jones' praise of the committee after his victory, in which he called the group "very helpful" and said it "provided the support that we needed."

"They had targeted GOTV efforts that they paid for that was helpful," Giles

Perkins, Jones' campaign manager, said.

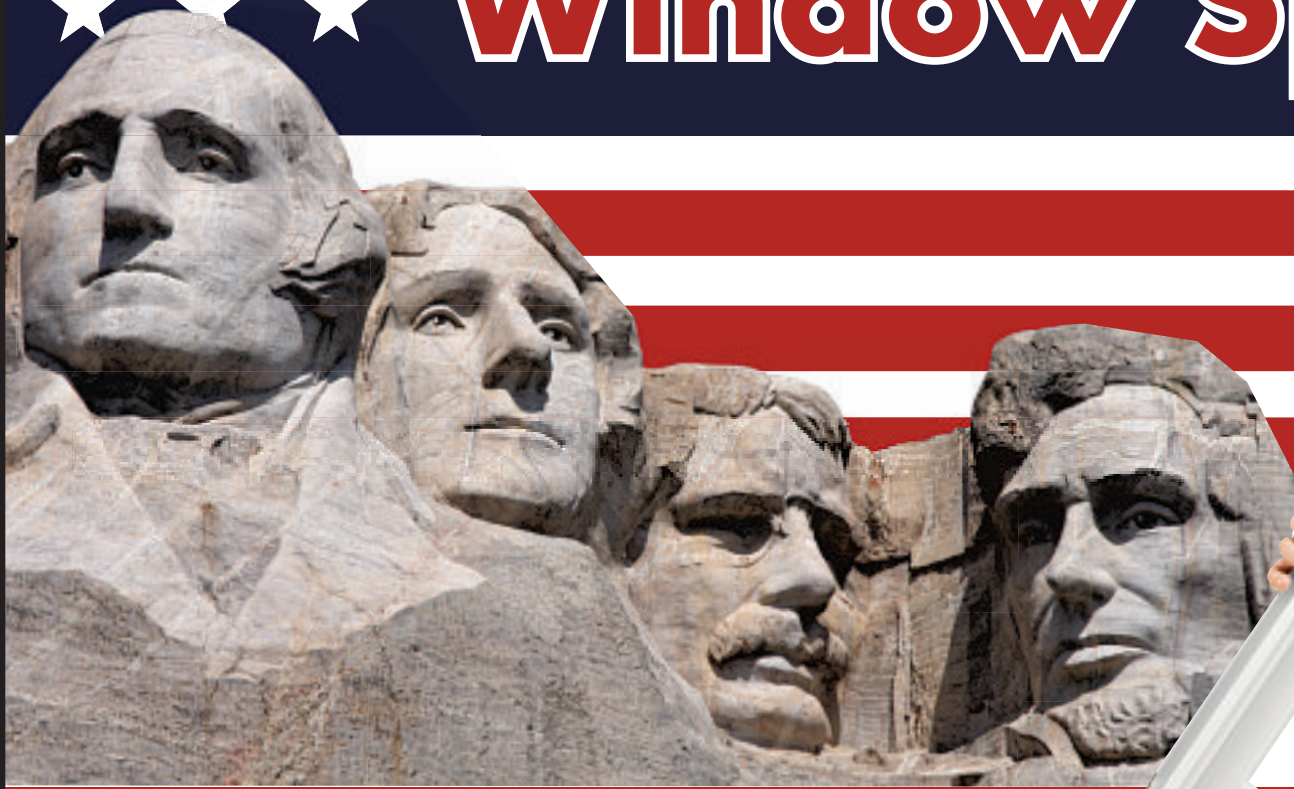
Asked if he thought the criticism of the DNC was fair, Perkins said the party should focus on something else.

"We won the race, we have a lot to celebrate, and we need to move forward and look at some other place we can win," Perkins said.

The DNC has struggled to find its footing since Tom Perez became chairman in February 2017 after years of neglect and mismanagement during President Barack Obama's tenure in the White House.



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## NEWS BRIEFING

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## Airstrikes by Syria, Russia kill at least 10 civilians near Damascus

BEIRUT — New airstrikes launched by Russian and Syrian government forces on a besieged rebel-held region east of Damascus killed at least 10 people on Wednesday, opposition activists said, part of an ongoing aerial campaign that has killed dozens of civilians in the past few days.

Around 60 civilians were killed Tuesday in airstrikes and shelling that overwhelmed rescue

workers and prompted calls for an immediate cease-fire that would allow the delivery of critical medical care.

The Eastern Ghouta region, just east of the capital of Damascus, is home to nearly 400,000 people trapped by the violence and a tightening siege. The area has been under intense attack since the end of December as the government of President Bashar Assad struggles to bring it under control.

## Former Afghan leader urges sanctions on Pakistan officials

KABUL, Afghanistan — Saying that Afghanistan is in “terrible shape” 16 years after the collapse of the Taliban, former President Hamid Karzai accused the United States and Pakistan of using the Afghan war to further their own national interests.

He also said in an interview that that Afghans who had embraced the U.S. as a friend and liberator now see it as “hurting us.”

As many as 16,000 U.S. forces remain in Afghanistan.

Karzai echoed complaints from Afghanistan’s current government that accused neighboring Pakistan of harboring Taliban militants and he urged the U.S. to impose sanctions on Pakistani military and intelligence officials. He also agreed with President Donald Trump’s Jan. 1 tweet that accused Pakistan of “lies and deceit.”

## More than 300 child soldiers are released in South Sudan

YAMBIO, South Sudan — More than 300 child soldiers were released Wednesday by armed groups in South Sudan, the second-largest such release since civil war began five years ago. Over 19,000 children are thought to have been recruited by all sides.

The “laying down of the guns” ceremony for 87 girls and 224 boys was the first step in a process that should see at least 700

child soldiers freed in the coming weeks, the United Nations said.

The U.N. has released almost 2,000 child soldiers so far. More than 10 percent of them have been under age 13.

Human rights groups say child recruitment continues, even as South Sudan’s government says it has committed to ending the practice. The released children will be reunited with their families.



JONATHAN BRADY/AP

**A model based on DNA from a 10,000-year-old skeleton found in an English cave suggests the oldest-known Briton had dark skin and blue eyes, researchers said Wednesday. The so-called Cheddar Man was found in Cheddar Gorge in southwest England in 1903.**

## Hurdle remains after Merkel clinches German coalition deal

BERLIN — Chancellor Angela Merkel finally reached a deal Wednesday to form a new German coalition government, handing the powerful Finance Ministry to the country’s main center-left party in an agreement aimed at ending months of political gridlock.

The center-left Social Democrats’ leaders now have one last major hurdle to overcome — winning their skeptical members’ approval of the deal.

Merkel’s conservative Christian Democratic Union, its Bavaria-only sister, the Christian Social

Union, and the center-left Social Democrats agreed after a grueling final 24 hours of negotiations on a 177-page deal that promises “a new awakening for Europe.”

“I know that millions of citizens have been watching us closely on this long road over recent weeks,” Merkel said. “They had two justified demands of us: First, finally form a government — a stable government — and second, think of people’s real needs and interests.”

The coalition deal could be “the foundation of a good and stable govern-

ment, which our country needs and many in the world expect of us,” she added.

Germany has already broken its post-World War II record for the longest time between its last election on Sept. 24 to the swearing-in of a new government. That is still at least several weeks away.

Merkel currently leads a caretaker government, which isn’t in a position to launch major initiatives or play any significant role in the debate on the European Union’s future, led so far by French President Emmanuel Macron.

## 36 indicted in cybercrime ring that stole \$530M

LOS ANGELES — Thirty-six people were indicted in connection with an international identity theft ring known as a “one-stop shop for cybercriminals” that sold stolen credit card information on the dark web, leading to losses of more than \$530 million worldwide, U.S. prose-

cutors said Wednesday.

The Infraud Organization — founded in 2010 and operated under the slogan “In Fraud We Trust” — used an online forum to buy and sell stolen credit card and bank account numbers, Social Security numbers and other personal information, the U.S.

Justice Department said.

Investigators believe the nearly 11,000 members targeted more than 4.3 million credit cards, debit cards and bank accounts, Deputy Assistant Attorney General David Rybicki said. Most Infraud members only knew one another through their online usernames.

## Prosecutor slams Trump for comments on fatal crash

INDIANAPOLIS — An Indiana prosecutor blasted President Donald Trump on Wednesday for politicizing the case of an immigrant illegally living in the U.S. and charged in a drunken crash that killed Indianapolis Colts line-backer Edwin Jackson and another man, saying his and others’ comments were “ghoulish and inappropriate.”

Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry criticized Trump and others who cited the case as part of the nation’s immigration debate, noting that “two innocent men lost their lives.”

Curry filed felony charges earlier in the day against the suspect, Manuel Orrego-Savala, a citizen of Guatemala who has twice been deported from the U.S. Orrego-Savala is accused of driving a pickup that hit Jackson and his Uber driver, Jeffrey Monroe, on Sunday.

## Rescuers worked

Wednesday to free people trapped after a strong earthquake in Taiwan caused several buildings to cave in and tilt dangerously, as the death toll rose to nine and 62 people could not be contacted following the quake. At least four midsize buildings in Hualien County leaned at sharp angles.

## The Trump administration

said Wednesday that only four out of 733 international organizations have refused to accept new rules that ban U.S. health care funds from being used to promote or perform abortions overseas. The International Planned Parenthood Federation is among those that declined.

## FBI texts reveal agents’ admiration of Comey

BY ERIC TUCKER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The day in July 2016 that FBI Director James Comey defended the bureau’s decision in the Hillary Clinton email probe before Congress, two FBI officials traded admiring texts about his verbal dexterity — and mocking jibes at the lawmakers questioning him.

Congress, wrote FBI lawyer Lisa Page in one text, is “so utterly worthless.” “Less than worthless,” replied Peter Strzok, a seasoned FBI counterintelligence agent assigned to the Clinton investigation. “Utterly contemptible.”

The officials’ assessment of Comey, facing hours of questions about his decision not to seek charges against Clinton for her use of a private email server, was flattering.

“God he is SO good,” Strzok said. “I know,” Page responded. “Brilliant public speaker. And brilliant distillation of fact.”

That exchange is included among 384 pages of text messages between Page and Strzok provided by the Justice Department to Congress and reviewed by The Associated Press.

The texts, part of an inspector general investigation into the handling of the Clinton email probe, are most notable for derogatory messages about President Donald Trump — the discovery of which led to Strzok’s reassignment from special counsel Robert Mueller’s team. But they also include unguarded discussion about a variety of current events and public figures, including Edward Snowden, Julian Assange and an encryption court fight with Apple, plus candid assessments of their colleagues and their FBI careers and futures.

Among the thousands of texts, the dialogue about



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Text messages between two FBI officials contained praise of former Director James Comey’s handling of the job.

Comey is especially striking because it further calls into question White House characterizations of an FBI in “tatters,” where “countless” agents complained about their director before his removal.

Employee surveys released last year show FBI employees consistently gave Comey high marks. And emails published this week by the Lawfare blog show FBI field office leaders using words like “profound sadness” and “hard to understand” in spreading the news about Comey’s May 9 termination, one of the events now under investigation by Mueller for possible obstruction of justice.

The texts proved an explosive development when revealed in December, giving rise to Republican allegations of bias in the FBI and the Justice Department and leading Trump to make an extraordinary allegation of “treason” against Strzok that the agent’s lawyer dismissed as “beyond reckless.”

Trump responded to the latest disclosure of texts by tweeting Wednesday that the messages were “bombshells,” though it was referring to.

Strzok was removed from Mueller’s group last summer after Mueller learned of the texts. Page,

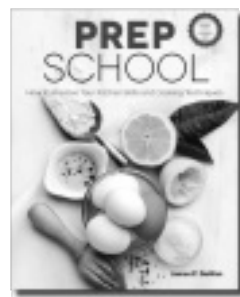
who’d also been detailed to that team, left that assignment before the messages were discovered.

Since then, amid attacks on the bureau, Director Christopher Wray has defended the FBI as home to “tens of thousands of brave men and women.” Attorney General Jeff Sessions has been more muted in his support, saying some criticism may be appropriate and that political bias “in either direction” must be eliminated.

There’s no question Strzok and Page were stridently opposed to Trump’s candidacy and the prospect of a Trump administration, using words such as “idiot,” “loathsome,” “menace” and “disaster” to describe him. In one text four days before the election, Page told Strzok that the “American presidential election, and thus, the state of the world, actually hangs in the balance.”

But the texts, which encompass a roughly two-year period beginning around the start of the Clinton email investigation in 2015, cover far more ground than Trump.

They underscore how the Clinton inquiry, well before the launch of the investigation into the Trump campaign and Russia, caused anxiety and tension within the FBI and Justice Department.

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## EDITORIALS

# Is Illinois serious about early voting or not?

Early voting will be late. Again. Voters in and around Chicago won't be able to cast ballots beginning Feb. 8, as planned. That's because it's still not clear who will be on the ballot and who won't. Elections officials haven't cleared the mountain of objections that seek to knock candidates out of their races for lack of enough valid signatures or other paperwork problems.

Will Scott Drury be on the ballot in the Democratic primary for Illinois attorney general? Will Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios have one primary opponent or two? Are there really that many candidates for circuit court judge?

Once those issues are resolved, voting equipment has to be programmed and tested. There are thousands of ballot variations — that's so a voter sees only the races that apply to his or her address — in multiple languages. It's a big job, and it's way behind schedule.

Cook and DuPage counties could start voting Feb. 21 or later. The actual primary election date is March 20.

**Remind us: What's so great about early voting?** The idea is to make elections more flexible and convenient rather than limiting them to a 13-hour window on a single weekday. Longer voting periods make it less likely that voters will skip an election because they couldn't find a parking space outside a crowded polling place, or because they woke up to a snowstorm



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and had to shovel the sidewalk instead of voting, or because they couldn't afford to take the time off work.

Voters in 37 states and the District of Columbia can cast ballots in person before elections. Early voting periods range from a few days to several weeks. Illinois is near the far extreme, at 40 days. That has put the squeeze on elections officials more than once.

One obvious fix would be to make the candidate filing deadline earlier. For this election cycle, the deadline for federal, state and county offices was Dec. 4. Once the petitions are filed, the objections start

flying, as political foes try to knock candidates off the ballot — or at least to force them to waste precious time and money defending their petitions. Factor in the holidays, and it's easy to understand why so many challenges are unresolved with the start of early voting looming.

A better idea would be to shorten the early voting window. One reason: It would make late surprises less of a factor. What if you vote Feb. 8 and learn something on March 1 that makes you regret your choice? You can't undo it.

An even better idea would be to move the primary election later in the year, pro-

viding some breathing room to finalize the ballot. If the goal is to increase voter participation, then warm weather is a good thing (and free). A later primary would shorten the campaign for the November general election, which would be a blessed respite for most of us.

**Whatever the calendar**, it should allow enough time to resolve those ballot conflicts. Or here's an idea: Let's take a hard look at the whole process of challenging a candidate. Many objections are based on nitpicky gotchas that have nothing to do with a candidate's qualifications. The pages aren't numbered exactly as proscribed, for example, or they aren't fastened together a certain way. A suburban candidate once was removed from the ballot for using an ampersand (&) instead of the word "and." Of course there are endless arguments, sometimes involving handwriting experts, about whether signatures are valid.

Some candidates have been removed from the ballot by election officials who are political allies of their opponents. Hello, conflict of interest. The whole process should be streamlined and cleaned up, with an eye to preserving good candidates, not axing them on technicalities.

It's too soon to tell if early voting will deliver on its promises to increase voter turnout and lower the cost of elections. But it can make life easier for voters and for elections officials — if Illinois ever gets the bugs worked out.

## Olympics: The other shadow

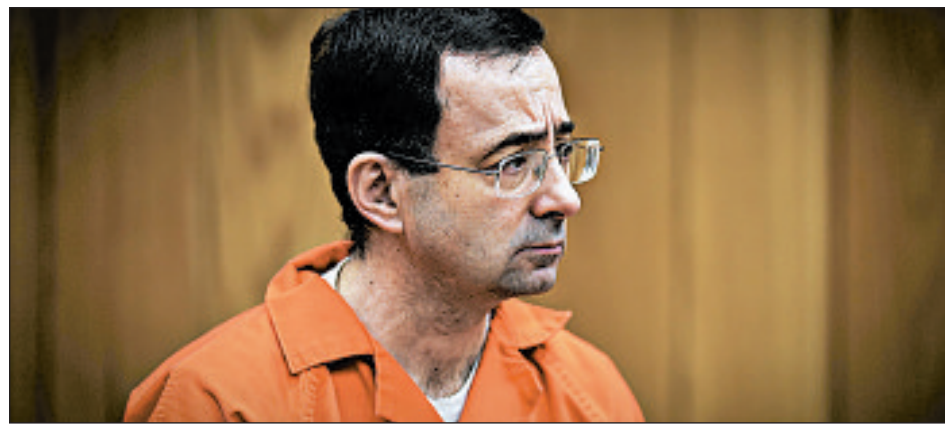
The Winter Olympics this year is set against the looming menace posed by one of the world's most dangerous regimes — North Korea. Whether Pyongyang and the U.S. continue to trade threats of nuclear destruction is a challenge for politicians, diplomats and military strategists.

**That's one shadow cast across this Olympiad.** The other transcends international conflict and boundaries, and stretches far beyond the world of elite athletes. That is the still-festering scandal of Lawrence Nassar, the U.S. gymnastics team doctor who sexually abused scores of young female gymnasts over two decades. In the past few weeks, more than 250 girls and women, many of them former Olympians or hopefuls, told their harrowing stories of abuse and betrayal. Nassar was sentenced to up to 175 years in prison in that case.

Earlier this week, just days before Friday's opening Olympics ceremony, a Michigan judge sentenced Nassar to another long stretch in prison — up to 125 years — on separate charges.

You won't hear much if anything about these cases during the Winter Games. We understand. These are different Games, different venues, a different time.

But we hope the millions of viewers, many of them youngsters (and their parents) who harbor their own Olympic



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Dr. Lawrence Nassar sexually abused scores of young female gymnasts over two decades.

dreams, heed the lessons of those gymnasts. The Nassar victims spoke about how they trusted Michigan State University to protect them. And its leaders failed. And how they trusted team coaches and trainers. Those authority figures, too, failed. And how they trusted their parents. And they, too, failed to suspect, to heed signs — failed to imagine that a trusted and famed doctor could be a monstrous predator.

The scandal's tally — careers ruined, lives haunted — is immeasurable. Investigations continue, as do civil court cases. The legal fallout isn't over, not even close.

But what we hope ends, now and forever,

is the culture of disbelief, fear and silence that muzzled victims and discounted their claims. We wrote recently that a culture of vigilance must envelop all children. That means even suspicions of misconduct should set off a chain of responses. No dawdling. No second-guessing. This culture of vigilance elevates a sense of urgency to stop abusers.

Remember that word, urgency. In the Nassar case, the FBI investigated for more than a year but "followed a plodding pace" moving back and forth among agents in three cities, The New York Times reports. Evidence of wrongdoing mounted, but the

inquiry moved with "little evident urgency." In the interim, at least 40 girls and women say that Nassar molested them. The implication: With more urgency from the FBI, many of those victims could have been spared.

**Let these, the first Olympic Games in the #MeToo era**, open a million conversations among children and parents and with other adults, be they troop leaders, coaches, counselors or clergy. Let these Games deter predators who might believe they, too, can abuse young athletes — any young people — in the guise of treatment or leadership or authority because no one is watching.

Every parent, coach, trainer, is now on notice. If they hear something, if they suspect something, we hope they'll say something. And follow up — with urgency.

Youngsters around the world eagerly watch the Olympics. They dream of performing on those slopes, on that ice, in those stadiums before ecstatic crowds. This is a time to celebrate the exploits of these amazing athletes, who have earned a turn in the spotlight. But also to remember that in the shadows, predators can lurk. Not just in the gym, but in every organization, club and after-school activity where children play and learn.

Stopping these predators isn't just a team effort. It is every individual's duty.

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Pre-Olympic panic is as much a part of the Games as skiers who fly into the air to pursue their dreams of not landing on their heads. Writers who cover the Olympics fall into two camps: Those who are terrified that the world will end, and those who hope it happens before they have to write about ice dancing. Prisoners on death row are more optimistic than sportswriters heading to the Olympics.

Of course after all this worrying about Pyeongchang, we are now being told not to worry. ... Military experts agree that while Kim Jong Un is clearly a lunatic determined to obliterate the Western hemisphere, he would never take out his own short track skating team.

**Michael Rosenberg**, Sports Illustrated

Western military establishments insist that to comply with the laws of armed conflict, a human must always be at least on the loop. But some countries may not be so scrupulous if fully autonomous systems are seen to confer military advantages.

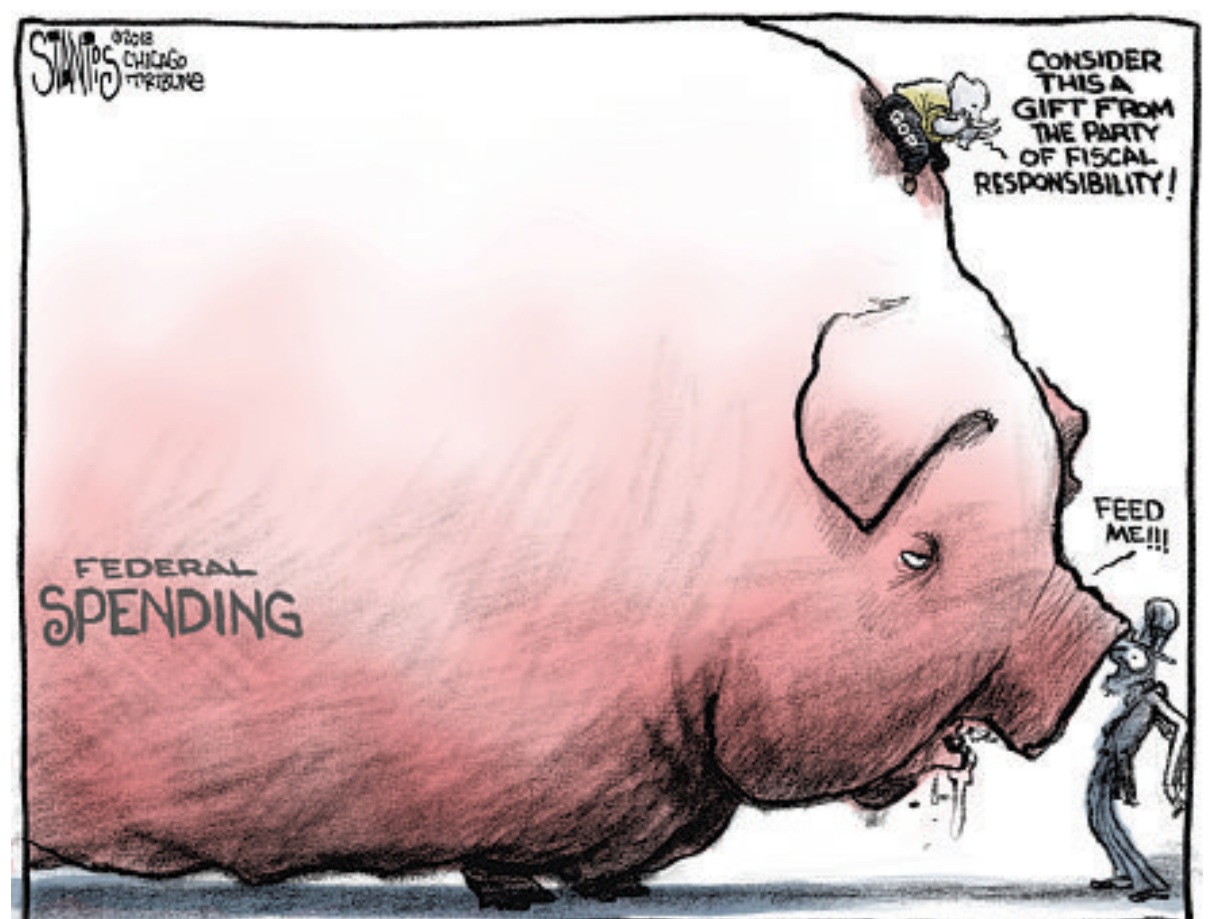
Such technologies are being developed around the globe, most of them in the civil sector, so they are bound to proliferate. In 2014 the Pentagon announced its "Third Offset Strategy" to regain its military edge by harnessing a range of technologies including robotics, autonomous systems and big data, and to do so faster and more effectively than potential adversaries.

But even its most ardent advocates know that the West may never again be able to rely on its superior military technology. Robert Work, the deputy defense secretary who championed the third offset, argues that the West's most enduring military advantage will be the quality of the people produced by open societies.

It would be comforting to think that the human factor, which has always been a vital component in past wars, will still count for something in the future. But there is uncertainty even about that.

**The Economist**

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## PERSPECTIVE



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Illinois is in a deep financial hole, but some of the Democrats vying to unseat Gov. Bruce Rauner are offering ideas that seem designed to make things worse.

## Illinois Democrats offer harmful remedies for government failures



STEVE CHAPMAN

Illinois has made many contributions to America, but lately its biggest service is making other states feel better about themselves. With the biggest public pension obligations, the slowest personal income growth and the biggest population loss of any state, it has consistently recorded achievements that are envied by none but educational to all.

The state is in the midst of a debilitating fiscal and economic crisis. Because necessity is the mother of invention, crises can be restorative, forcing creative solutions.

Against a starkly unsuccessful incumbent Republican governor running in an inhospitable national environment, Illinois Democrats have the chance to win and, with control of the General Assembly, to devise serious solutions to intractable problems. But the Democratic race for governor has been notable mainly for the bad ideas it has elicited.

Illinois has endured two income tax increases in the past seven years. In

2011, the flat rate on individual income jumped from 3 percent to 5 percent. In 2015, under the original terms, it fell to 3.75 percent — a “cut” that left the rate 25 percent above what it was in 2010. Then last year, over Gov. Bruce Rauner’s veto, the legislature raised the rate to 4.95 percent.

None of these changes has ended the state’s economic drought, and it’s reasonable to assume they actually made it drier. But the leading candidates to replace Rauner think the only problem with the income tax rate is that it doesn’t go high enough.

Billionaire philanthropist J.B. Pritzker, businessman Chris Kennedy (son of Robert F. Kennedy) and state Sen. Daniel Biss have all endorsed a graduated levy, which would require removing the state constitution’s requirement that any income tax “shall be at a non-graduated rate.” The change would allow tax increases to be targeted on high-income taxpayers as they can be at the federal level.

But well-paid people can’t generally leave the country to find lower tax rates. They can leave one state for another, and they do.

Amending the state constitution would allow the top rate to go much higher. The maximum rate in California is 13.3 percent. Illinois already ranks ninth-highest in the country in total state and local tax burden.

Income tax rates are not the sole determinant of economic fortunes, but everything else being equal, the higher they go the likelier they are to impede growth. It’s probably not a coincidence that of the five states with the highest rate of job growth since the Great Recession, two have no income tax.

Illinois is not likely to change that pattern. A 2016 poll by the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University found that nearly half of residents would like to leave the state — and that “taxes are the single biggest reason people want to leave.”

Illinoisans don’t think the services they get justify the price they have to pay. With a graduated income tax, the number of people heading for the exits would probably rise.

That might be a good thing because under a proposal advanced by Pritzker and Biss, it would get harder to find a place to live. They want to repeal the state ban on municipal rent control, on the obvious ground that, as one candidate for mayor of New York famously said, “The rent is too damn high.”

What Illinoisans might note is the irony of that complaint being made in the city that pioneered rent control and maintains it today.

In fact, New York and San Francisco have the highest average rental rates in the country despite — or rather, because of — a long history of restricting

them.

The only reliable long-term cure for high housing costs is increasing the supply of dwelling spaces. Rent control works to curtail the supply of rental housing by making it harder for landlords to profit, thus encouraging them to convert existing units into condominiums, while discouraging new building.

In San Francisco, the median rent is triple the prevailing rate in Houston, which has no rent control. New York rents are double those in Chicago. The onerous cost of housing in rent-controlled cities is what is known in medicine as an iatrogenic condition: one caused by treatment.

Illinoisans were disappointed after electing a new governor four years ago in the hope he would restore fiscal health, functional government and economic progress. They may avoid disappointment this time only because they know better than to hope.

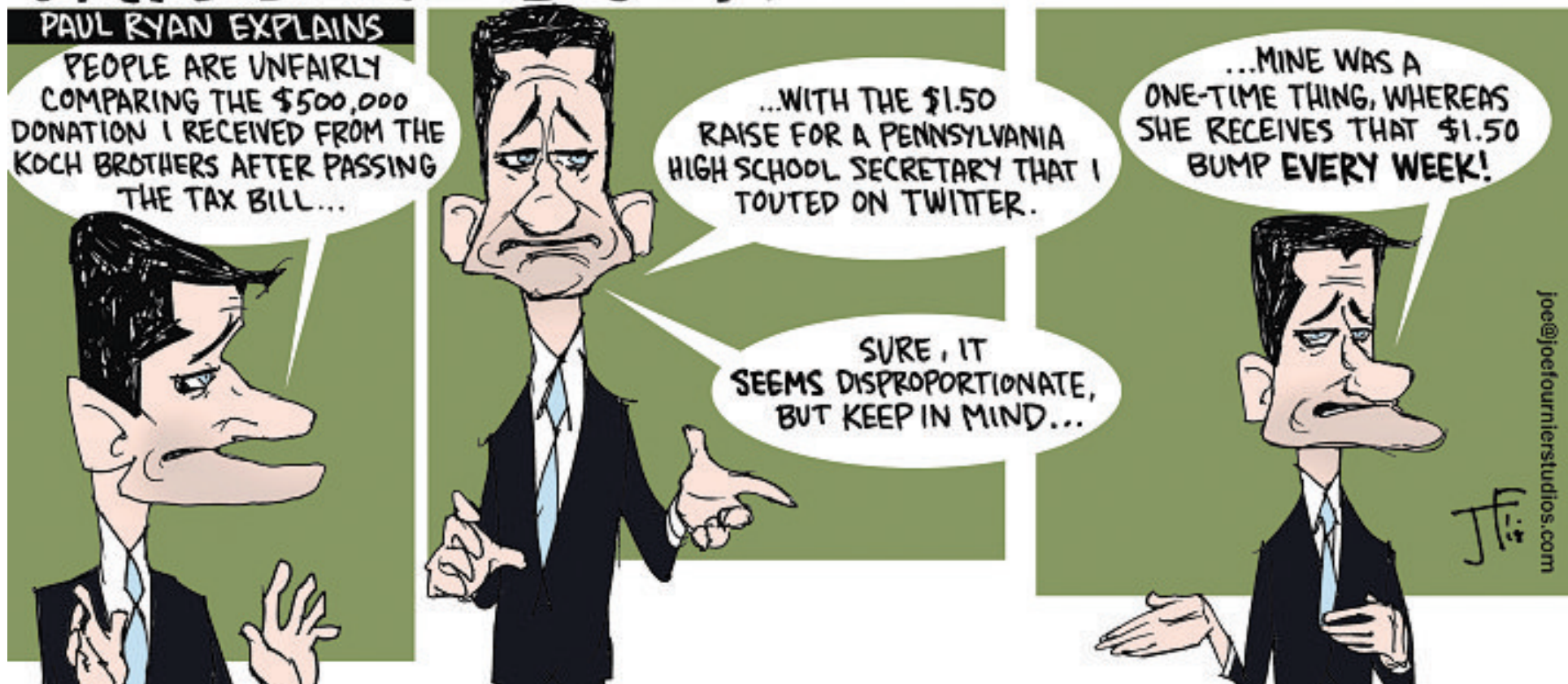
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## Who is Hope Hicks, and what'd she do?

BY VIRGINIA HEFFERNAN

The first major newspaper article about Donald Trump, in 1973, described him as surrounded by “slinky fashion models.” If you count former fashion models, he still is. There’s his wife, Melania, who started modeling at 5 and eventually landed on the cover of *Vogue*. There’s his daughter Ivanka, who walked various runways. Kristin Anderson, Temple Taggart McDowell, Ninni Laaksonen and Karena Virginia, some of the 20 women who have accused Trump of sexual harassment and assault, were once models. Even United Nations Ambassador Nikki Haley and adviser Kellyanne Conway have beauty pageant experience.

But it’s Hope Hicks, the White House director of communications, who’s most often referred to as a “former model.” That’s not wrong: Hicks, now 29, did indeed appear in Ralph Lauren ads before going on to model clothing from the Ivanka Trump Collection, including the zipper-trim pleated sheath in form-fitting polyester/rayon/spandex (\$134, Dillard’s).

Modeling is not, however, Hicks’ chief qualification for her job with Trump. She’s a publicist to the bone. By the time she was photographed in that sheath, she had already trained in a fierce Manhattan public relations shop.

Her first job with the Trump Organization was to expand Ivanka Trump’s brand and promote Trump’s resorts. In her mid-20s, she already had an office on the 25th floor of Trump Tower. Then one day in 2015, as Hicks told *New York Magazine*, “Mr. Trump looked at me and said, ‘I’m thinking about running for president, and you’re going to be my press secretary.’”

Press secretary. Trump’s formal language belied what he knew well after a lifetime of litigation, depravity and scandal. Anyone who did communications for him would have to do more than stand at a podium. She’d have to be a human manganese steel plate built to obstruct anything that came for him: attacks, allegations, lawyers, journalists — and even justice.

Hicks didn’t just drift into her first PR job as some in the sheath set are known to do. Instead, she’s to the manner born, third generation in a family of special-forces flacks. Her grandfather, Paul Hicks Jr., was a lifer at Texaco, eventually running public relations and



EVAN VUCCI/AP

White House communications director Hope Hicks formerly worked for the Trump Organization to promote the Trump family’s brand.

advertising there. During his tenure, Texaco went bankrupt — and in 1990 entered an unusual joint venture with the Soviet oil industry.

Paul Hicks III, Hope’s father, ran publicity for the NFL, blocking a labor impasse and tackling threats to the league’s antitrust exemption. He’s now managing director of the Glover Park Group, another communications firm, founded by Democratic operatives, which specializes in — among other things — crisis management and “Complex Situations.”

So complex situations are the Hicks family business. Moreover, when it comes to protecting clients in chronic crisis, she was trained by the best: Matthew Hiltzik, who introduced her to the Trumps. For his part, Hiltzik made his bones as chief publicist for, wait for it, Harvey Weinstein and Miramax. He knows damage control.

PR at that level takes moral flexibility, callousness and charm. The flexibility (“it’s all relative”) and callousness (“who cares?”) allow you to sleep at night. But the charm is your real high card, especially

when you’re whitewashing the unsavory practices or grave misdeeds of Texaco, the NFL, Harvey Weinstein and Donald Trump.

The catch is that whitewashing grave misdeeds, as Watergate showed, can tilt into a grave misdeed itself.

On Jan. 31, *The New York Times* reported that Hope Hicks, according to former Trump legal spokesman Mark Corallo, may have taken part in an effort to obstruct justice. To wit, Corallo plans to tell special counsel Robert Mueller that Trump and Hicks co-wrote a July 2017 press release misrepresenting the purpose of a suspicious meeting a year earlier between Donald Trump Jr. and Russian government official Natalia Veselnitskaya.

The truth emerged later: Junior had been promised Hillary Clinton *kompromat* to get him to the meeting, but when he and others with the Trump campaign showed up, Veselnitskaya and others tried to enlist him in the cause of undoing sanctions against Russia, especially the ones that — under the Magnitsky Act — punish oligarchs responsible for human rights abuses. She

seems also to have held out the possibility that, if sanctions were lifted, the Kremlin would allow Americans to adopt Russian children again.

When the story first broke, the 2016 meeting looked like a smoking gun for Trump-Russia ties — and Hicks, in Corallo’s telling, moved quickly to hide the weapon. She and Trump, it seems, decided to tell the media that the meeting was not about Clinton *kompromat* (which suggested collusion) or lifting sanctions on oligarchs (which suggested quid pro quo), but about adoptions, which sounded innocuous.

Corallo presciently suggested that, if Junior’s emails ever surfaced, the deception would too. But Hicks, in Corallo’s account, replied that the emails “will never get out,” according to *The New York Times* article. This showed Corallo that Hicks might be game to suppress Junior’s correspondence, which would arguably qualify as obstruction of justice.

A revered GOP spin doctor himself, Corallo is an old hand at managing crises. He was long known as “the master of disaster,” and he says he gets an

adrenaline high superintending Republican nightmares.

But maybe time has chastened him. Maybe he’s ready to stop spinning, especially if it saves his own hide.

Or maybe he’s just aiming to best Hicks. In either case, Corallo is a PR man dropping a dime on one of his own, and suggesting that Hicks might be an accomplice in the crime of the — well, let’s not get ahead of ourselves.

Does Hicks’ promise to keep Junior’s emails out of sight, and thus deceive the public — if she actually made that promise — rise to the level of obstruction? The answer to this question may double as a referendum on the whole thorny practice of public relations.

We know it’s a crime to lie to the FBI. We know it’s a crime to lie to Mueller. But, as Hope Hicks knows — and as her father and her father’s father knew — lying to the media is traditionally called PR.

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## First, a military parade. Will a mock uniform with epaulets be next?

BY JENNIFER RUBIN

The *Washington Post* reports: “(President Donald) Trump has long mused publicly and privately about wanting such a parade, but a Jan. 18 meeting between Trump and top generals in the Pentagon’s tank — a room reserved for top-secret discussions — marked a tipping point, according to two officials briefed on the planning.”

“Surrounded by the military’s highest-ranking officials, including Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Joseph Dunford Jr., Trump’s seemingly abstract desire for a parade was suddenly heard as a presidential directive, the officials said.

“The marching orders were: I want a parade like the one in France,” said a military official who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the planning discussions are supposed to remain confidential. “This is being worked at the highest levels of the military.”

We fervently hope the White House will announce soon, as it often does after the president is mocked or a childish idea is leaked to the press, that this is all “fake news” — or better, a joke. The president was just joking about a military display more

often seen in Third World countries by insecure autocrats trying to impress actual superpowers with a showing of their military hardware!

We can hardly wait for the response from Sen. Tammy Duckworth, D-Ill., who has blasted “Cadet Bone Spurs,” or from military families who have had to endure longer deployments or patients at the Veterans Affairs hospitals who still endure long lines or from those injured in non-combat accidents. (“The recent injuries in non-combat accidents follow several years where both non-deployed and deployed troops have seen a rise in accidents and crashes that have prompted operational pauses in the Marine Corps, the Air Force and the Navy,” the *Military Times* reported.) The notion that the Pentagon should spend a moment or a penny on an exercise more befitting a Gilbert and Sullivan production — rather than attending to the multiple battles it is fighting or to suicide prevention among vets or simply to the daily challenges of managing the military — reveals how clueless and self-reverential the president is.

A parade along the lines Trump has ordered up would make the military look like Trump’s props, which perhaps was the idea. Now that the idea



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President Donald Trump was so impressed by a parade he watched with French President Emmanuel Macron that he wants one of his own.

has been leaked (kudos to whoever understood the quickest way to kill this was to tell the press about it), let’s hope it evaporates like so many other silly Trump ideas.

But France does it! Yes, and the United States generally does not, with the exception of welcome-home festivities at the end of wars. We are the world’s only superpower and do not need theatrical presentations to demonstrate our power. Trump’s elevation of generals and newly retired generals to high civilian posts has already given his administration the aura of a Praetorian Guard, inverting the normal relationship between civilians and the military. We’ve already seen the downsides of the milita-

rization of White House personnel and the president’s disturbing tendency to consider the military his personal (“my generals”) fighting force obligated to follow any order, no matter how contrary to the laws of war it may be. A Trumpian hardware display would complete the disturbing portrait of an administration out of touch with our traditions and norms.

The incident is illustrative in two respects.

First, apparently no one has the ability to deter Trump from making wasteful, embarrassing and self-defeating requests of the military.

The favored tactic seems to be simply to wait for it to leak or slow-walk a bad idea (e.g., ban-

ning transgender troops) until the courts or something else intervenes. Ironically, learning to ignore the commander in chief may be the military’s highest obligation.

And second, is Trump unaware of the existing holidays — full days of tribute — which the country uses (Veterans Day, Memorial Day, Armed Services Day) to pay tribute to the finest fighting force the world has ever known? Surely he must recall events held on these days during his first year in office. Perhaps Trump needs to play less golf and spend these days attending existing tributes to our armed forces in ways that highlight them and their sacrifices. His attendance at a series of these celebrations in each year of his presidency would surely call the public’s attention to these fine men and women.

Our military and their families deserve a much better commander in chief who understands democratic values, American traditions and the reasons for civilian control of the military. Unfortunately, they have Trump.

The Washington Post

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# PERSPECTIVE



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It appears that ex-FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe, center, and other former agency officials were expecting a Clinton win.

## The so-called GOP-FBI split is a Democratic fantasy

By Ed Rogers

The Republican Party is the law-and-order party. That is not new, and it isn't seriously contested. However, according to liberal media outlets such as Huff-Post, Republicans are waging a "war on G-men." The idea that Republicans are suddenly splitting from the FBI is a fantasy designed by the Democrats to attack a GOP strength and to distract from the growing revelations about anti-Trump maneuvering by a few senior FBI officials.

Republicans exposing the malfeasance of Hillary Clinton supporters at the top of the FBI's ranks have hit a nerve. Democrats are afraid it could not only diminish their hopes that the Russia investigation will bring down President Donald Trump but also perhaps flip the investigation into questions of senior FBI leaders manipulating the legal process to pursue Trump and help Clinton. As historian Victor Davis Hanson recently wrote in the *National Review*, "the greatest irony of all" would be "a special counsel investigating what likely did not happen while ignoring what likely did — perhaps the greatest political scandal of the modern age."

To me, it looks like former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe, former FBI counterespionage section chief Peter Strzok, former Associate Deputy Attorney General Bruce Ohr and perhaps others were anticipating a Clinton presidency. But they guessed wrong, and they got caught trying to impress Team Clinton. I've been in the swamp for more than 30 years. I know selfish career maneuvering when I see it.

Anyway, special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation and the related congressional inquiries are revealing the potential collusion between the Clinton

campaign and the FBI, along with the Clinton campaign and Democratic National Committee paying an opposition researcher who was collecting dirt on Trump from Russians. Not the other way around. Since Democrats don't have much to say, their response is to scream that Republicans are attacking the FBI. FBI line agents know better.

Democrats know they are vulnerable, and they are nervous about what else may soon come to light in the pending FBI inspector general's report. Democrats won't admit the severity of what

**Republicans exposing the malfeasance of Hillary Clinton supporters at the top of the FBI's ranks have hit a nerve.**

might emerge, so they are deflecting. And the effort by Republican leaders in Congress to uncover the truth about what went on among a few senior FBI agents during the presidential campaign is hardly out of line or an affront to American law enforcement.

As a matter of perspective, to say the least, the Democrat coalition doesn't include rank-and-file law enforcement. The Democrats are controlled by interest groups including public sector unions, trial lawyers, entertainment elites, hedge-fund billionaires and assorted angry left-wing grievance groups.

But Republicans, by way of Trump and Attorney General Jeff Sessions, have empowered the FBI and Justice Department to move away from Obama-era priorities. As Ron Hosko,

president of the Law Enforcement Legal Defense Fund and former assistant director of the FBI, made clear in an op-ed late last year, "Trump's law enforcement policies are a welcome improvement from Obama's."

Liberals may criticize Sessions for his no-nonsense, tough-on-crime approach, but the numbers speak for themselves. As Sessions detailed in a USA Today op-ed last month, "In 2017, (the DOJ) brought cases against more violent criminals than in any year in recent decades. We charged the most federal firearm prosecutions in a decade. We convicted nearly 500 human traffickers and 1,200 gang members, and helped our international allies arrest about 4,000 MS-13 members. We also arrested and charged hundreds of people suspected with contributing to the ongoing opioid crisis."

If Democrats and their allies in the media want to campaign on their support of law enforcement versus that of the GOP, I'd like to see them try. Ultimately, it will catch up with the Democrats that while they shout about a split between the GOP and the FBI, nobody takes them seriously as allies of law enforcement. The Trump administration is going after criminals in a way that President Barack Obama never did. Republicans are tougher on crime and more in line with law enforcement than at any time in recent memory.

*The Washington Post*

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## QUOTABLES

"What he meant by 'crass' is that I'm an uppity black. I fight for my people and, sometimes, that ruffles feathers. What he was saying in comparing me to Jesse White is that Jesse White is a safe black. Jesse White is not gonna do what Emil Jones does. Dr. (Martin Luther) King (Jr.) was a crass black. Harold Washington was a crass black. It was said in a derogatory manner."

— Former state Senate President Emil Jones, on remarks made by current Democratic gubernatorial candidate J.B. Pritzker in a 2008 taped phone call with then-Gov. Rod Blagojevich. Pritzker described Jones as "crass" during the conversation.

"If you see a flash that's brighter than anything else that you've ever seen, and it feels like the sun, that's probably a nuclear explosion. There aren't that many things that fit that category. Don't stand there and look dumbfounded because you may have about 10 to 15 seconds to do something. And what you do in that 10 to 15 seconds may actually save your life."

— Nuclear historian Alex Wellerstein, on how to react to a nuclear bomb

"We have more important things to do than to focus on a damn parade. It detracts from all we are doing."

— Retired Army Lt. Gen. Mick Bednarek, on President Donald Trump's request to the Pentagon that officials plan a military parade to showcase America's armed forces.

"People say, 'Don't be ridiculous, I went to a wine tasting, and my kid came out fine.' But the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) is saying, 'We don't know. Maybe you just won the lottery.'"

— Dr. Howard Taras, a study author and University of California at San Diego professor, on a study published in *JAMA (the Journal of the American Medical Association)* indicating that the number of children who suffer from fetal alcohol syndrome may be greater than previously realized.

## VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

### Fatal flaw

J.B. Pritzker's most recent wiretapping scandal ("Pritzker apologizes for 2008 remarks on African-American politicians," Feb. 6) illuminates two fatal flaws in his candidacy: an authenticity and credibility deficit, traits which are often vital components necessary to win over those folks in my age bracket, millennials. Pritzker, drenched in entitlement, has run his campaign as if the governorship is for sale to the highest bidder. Millennials desire a state that is functional and efficient; a state which secures our future against politicians who wish to levy ever-higher taxes against us to pay for perpetual mismanagement; a state that is progressive and equitable to all its people. We must reject politicians who insist on portraying them-

selves as champions of our values in public and, in private, display their true selves.

As an African-American, for me this scandal compounds the issue of credibility. African-Americans in this state have real policy concerns that need to be addressed, and if our representation amounts to checking a box, how can we trust Pritzker to act in our best interest? How can we believe that Pritzker chose state Rep. Juliana Stratton on her merits instead of as a token to entice black voters? How can we know that Pritzker espouses our values instead of just assuaging our fears? How can we trust a person who frames our issues as "the African-American thing" and frames our representation in the U.S. Senate, a body which has only had 10 African-American members in its 229-year history,

as choosing the "least offensive" African-American.

Personal wealth is not a valid criterion for governor. After decades of mismanagement and corruption, the people of Illinois deserve a leader who has the moral integrity and courage to stand up for what's right and just in order to reverse the trend of decline in this state. We deserve a leader who takes the diverse concerns of the people of Illinois seriously. In light of the many examples we have thus far, Pritzker does not appear up to the task.

— James Harris, Chicago

### The big deal

State Rep. Jeanne Ives recently released a TV ad depicting various groups: a transgender person, a young woman who had an abortion, and a Chicago teacher. Ives asserts that people should not be offended by this ad, and she asks, "What's the big deal?" All three are depicted in an unfavorable manner.

Transgender and gay teens have the highest suicide rate among teenagers in the country. Her ad could very well encourage further bullying of this group in our schools.

As a parent of an adopted child, I assume that the birth mother made a very difficult decision as to whether to terminate her pregnancy or give birth to her child. The Ives ad depicts a young woman wearing a comical hat and expressing her "gratitude" to Gov. Bruce Rauner in a flippant manner. I was especially disgusted with this segment of her ad.

Ives spoke before the City Club of Chicago. She was quoted as saying that she wants to protect pensions. This ad suggests that she is not interested in protecting the pensions of hardworking CPS teachers who try to educate children in Chicago.

In 2016, I voted in the Republican primary; next month I will not be voting for Jeanne Ives.

— Peter V. Grafner, Chicago

### Wary of war

I read Tuesday that President Donald Trump has ordered a military parade, which I believe is in response to the various displays of force by North Korea. This alarms me, not only because I am afraid of Trump's authoritarian tendencies and showmanship, but also because I am vehemently against the idea of any new war. I am fearful of our president's lack of restraint in this matter, particularly his threats of using nuclear weapons.

While I understand that Congress currently has no power to make decisions regarding the use of nuclear bombs, I sincerely hope that its members will attempt to remove that power from a singular person within our government. I also hope that Congress will act to prevent declaring war on North Korea or any other country in the near future. Domestic and international diplomacy are important resources that should be our first priority.

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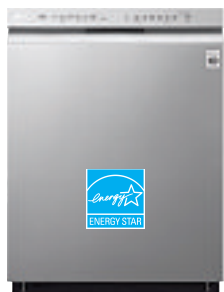
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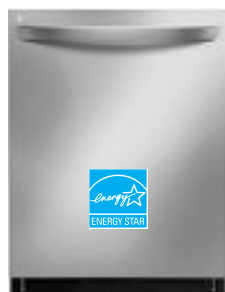
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## Citadel CEO sees bumps in road ahead

Griffin worried about rising inflation, 'geopolitical risk'



ROBERT  
REED

When the richest person in Illinois shares his opinions about the economy and stock market, it's worth listening — especially when you consider what's been going on this week.

Ken Griffin, founder and CEO of hedge fund Citadel, who has an estimated net worth of \$8.5 billion, recently posted online an open letter to the hedge fund's investors that outlines his views on 2018's economic landscape and more. He's worried about some "dark clouds" on the horizon, and Griffin, like Omaha, Neb.-based super-investor Warren Buffett, usually knows the score.

Maybe it's a Midwestern thing. Via a Citadel spokeswoman, Griffin declined to discuss the issues raised in his letter. Nevertheless, let's try to unpack what Griffin said because it concerns not just his clients but many of us who aren't.

Citadel's chief is pretty upbeat about this year's growth prospects. However, Griffin is wary of some looming problems, particularly rising inflation and "a heightened level of geopolitical risk" that could involve trade clashes or even military confrontation, his letter stated.

Griffin is simpatico with President Donald Trump's agenda of slashing industry regulations and backing a mammoth tax law cutting the corporate rate to 21 percent, from about 35 percent. He's also in lockstep with the parade of corporate CEOs and business interests that believe Trump's plan is a pathway to robust commercial expansion and fatter profits. Griffin has long pushed back on some government attempts to regulate the hedge fund industry.

"In the United States, a pro-growth

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Dunkin' Donuts says foam cups will be completely phased out by 2020.

## Dunkin' Donuts to dump foam for paper cups

BY JOSEPH PISANI  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Foam cups at Dunkin' Donuts will soon be history, removing what the company estimates will be a billion of them each year from the waste stream.

Dunkin' said Wednesday that the polystyrene foam cups will be completely phased out from its stores globally by 2020. The chain said it will replace foam cups with double-walled paper cups at its U.S. locations, beginning this spring with all New York and California restaurants.

Most of Dunkin's international restaurants already use paper cups, and the company said it will work with franchisees to phase out foam cups in the international markets where they're still used.

The new paper cups will retain heat as well as the foam cups they're replacing, the company said.

Because foam packaging decomposes slowly, ends up in oceans and can harm marine life and other animals that ingest it, there has been push to ban its use.

Dunkin' Brands Group, based in Canton, Mass., joins other chain restaurants trying to diminish its footprint.

Oak Brook-based McDonald's announced last month that it will stop using plastic foam beverage cups by the end of this year.

The burger giant also said that it would use only recycled or other environmentally friendly materials for Happy Meal boxes and all other packaging by 2025.



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As technology entwines people's lives, many are looking to set limits and engage in activities away from smartphones.

## Diverting today's technology deluge

Constant barrage now unwelcome at work, home

BY ADAM SATARIANO  
AND SELINA WANG  
Bloomberg News

At Google, some employees use a tool that restricts time spent on email. A senior Apple Inc. executive said his wife used a device that sets iPhone and iPad limits for their children. Members of a venture capital firm meditate before phone-free quarterly meetings. Slava Rubin, co-founder of crowdfunding site Indiegogo, has a strict no-screen policy for gatherings and adopted a similar rule for his bedroom.

"Literally, the only electricity we use is one lamp," he says.

Faced with a deluge of text messages, social-media updates, emails and other distracting alerts, tech executives, entrepreneurs and rank-and-file workers in Silicon Valley are trying to limit their use of the gadgets and digital services they helped create. The efforts show how the industry is grappling with its own concerns about the attention-sapping effects of the smartphone age. A survey released this week by Microsoft Corp., the largest workplace software maker, acknowledged that new digital technology can make businesses less productive.

"It definitely took a long time and much misery before I figured out where to draw

the line," said Joe Hewitt, who led Facebook's early efforts to put the social network on mobile phones. Hewitt said he used to fall into internet rabbit holes, debating people online and scrolling through Twitter. Now he mutes all but the few friends on Facebook who share his interest in gardening, and he rarely posts anything outside the occasional Instagram picture of a home-grown fig or artichoke.

Some employees of Alphabet Inc.'s Google use software called In Box When Ready. Downloadable for the Chrome browser, the program lets people schedule "lockouts" so they can't access messages during certain periods. It also hides notifications of new emails except for

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Tronc said Wednesday it's selling the Los Angeles Times and other California assets.

## Tronc to sell LA Times to billionaire investor

Tribune parent to gain \$500M, unload pension liabilities

BY ROBERT CHANNICK  
Chicago Tribune

Tronc has agreed to sell the Los Angeles Times, San Diego Union-Tribune and other California-based assets to Los Angeles biotech billionaire Patrick Soon-Shiong for \$500 million in cash.

Soon-Shiong, Tronc's second-largest shareholder, will also assume \$90 million of pension liabilities tied to the California properties.

The deal, announced Wednesday, moves the Los Angeles Times to local ownership after 18 often-contentious years in the fold of the Chicago-based newspaper publisher, formerly known as Tribune Publishing.

The deal requires the approval of federal regulators and is expected to close by early in the second quarter. Tronc owns the Chicago Tribune, New York Daily News and other major daily newspapers.

The price tag compares favorably to several other legacy newspaper transactions. In 2013, the Washington Post

was sold to Amazon.com founder and CEO Jeff Bezos for \$250 million. That same year, the New York Times sold the Boston Globe to Boston Red Sox owner John Henry for \$70 million.

"This transaction allows us to fully repay our outstanding debt, significantly lower our pension liabilities and have a substantial cash position following the close of the transaction," Tronc CEO Justin Dearborn said in a news release. "We will have a versatile balance sheet that will enable us to be even more aggressive in executing on our growth strategy as a leading player in news and digital media. We have a pipeline of robust opportunities and (mergers and acquisitions) will continue to be a significant part of our future."

Neither Dearborn nor Tronc Chairman Michael Ferro were made available for comment Wednesday morning. Soon-Shiong was traveling Wednesday and unavailable for comment, said spokesman Mike Sitrick.

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## Obamacare sign-ups hold steady for 2018

Nearly 12 million enrolled despite Trump, GOP attacks

BY NOAM N. LEVEY  
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Almost 12 million Americans signed up for 2018 health coverage through marketplaces created by the Affordable Care Act, according to a new tally that indicates nationwide enrollment remained virtually unchanged from last year despite President Donald Trump's persistent attacks on the health law.

The new enrollment numbers — which include totals from states that operate their own marketplaces, as well as states that rely on the federal HealthCare.gov marketplace — offer the most detailed picture to date of the insurance markets.

And they suggest surprising strength in many markets across the country, with consumers steadily signing up for health plans even as Trump and his Republican allies derided the markets as crumbling and unaffordable.

"This shows that consumers really want and need coverage," said Trish Riley, executive director of the National Academy for State Health Policy, which compiled the nationwide enrollment tally. "These are stable markets and a stable program."

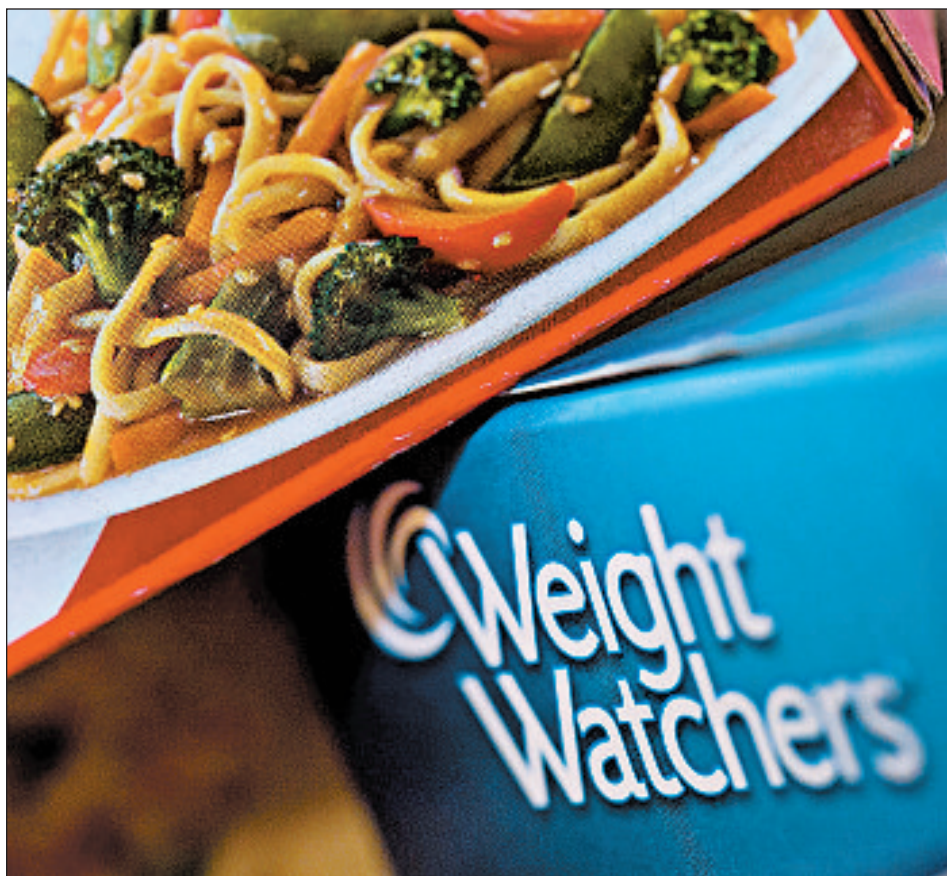
In Illinois, 334,979 people signed up for 2018 health coverage under the Affordable Care Act, down 6 percent from 356,403 enrollees in 2017.

Florida, which uses HealthCare.gov, and California, which operates its own marketplace, continue to lead all states with 1.7 million and 1.5 million enrollees, respectively.

The annual enrollment tally remains a relatively crude metric that doesn't account for what kind of consumers are signing up for coverage.

And the totals don't include Ameri-

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Weight Watchers is also working to remove artificial ingredients from its food products.

## Weight Watchers reaps gains of Oprah bump

\$2B sales target set as membership, share price soar

BY CRAIG GIAMMONA  
Bloomberg

Weight Watchers International is aiming to keep its Oprah Winfrey-fueled momentum going into the next decade.

The company announced plans to top \$2 billion in annual revenue by 2020, up more than 50 percent from its estimated sales last year. Weight Watchers also is working to remove artificial ingredients from its products and will offer free memberships to teens this summer, part of a bid to capitalize on growing demand for weight-loss services.

"Weight Watchers is more relevant and needed than ever," Chief Executive Officer Mindy Grossman, who took over last July, said at a company event

Wednesday, citing the rise of obesity across the globe.

The upbeat outlook helped send the stock up as much as 18 percent to \$74.37 on Wednesday, marking the biggest intraday gain in three months. Even before the jump, the stock was up 42 percent this year.

Winfrey, who joined Weight Watchers' board in 2015 and became the face of the weight-loss program, has helped lead a dramatic recovery in the company's membership and share price. The media mogul appeared at the end of Wednesday's event, telling the gathered employees that the program has helped keep her weight steady.

Winfrey said she would typically gain as much as 12 pounds each year between Thanksgiving and Christmas, but has kept her weight flat the last two years thanks to Weight Watchers.

"I joined this brand be-

cause I didn't know what else to do," she said. "I was in such bad shape, Weight Watchers called me."

Even with the Winfrey bounce, Weight Watchers faces heavy competition from fitness apps and other emerging technology. Longtime rival Nutrisystem Inc. also has mounted its own comeback, putting more pressure on Weight Watchers to stay ahead. Grossman, who took the helm last year after running HSN Inc., is looking to put her stamp on Weight Watchers by setting ambitious new goals.

The New York-based company is expected to report annual sales growth for the first time since 2012 when it releases earnings later this month.

In addition to Winfrey's marketing push, Weight Watchers also has made efforts to reach more men. At the start of this year, it added music producer DJ Khaled as a "social-media ambassador."

## Tronc buying 60% of review site

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Soon-Shiong "remains a large and supportive shareholder," said Tronc spokeswoman Marisa Kollias.

The deal leaves Tronc without its largest property but flush with cash to pursue investments and acquisitions as part of a reorganized national digital strategy.

Separately on Wednesday, it announced the purchase of a majority stake in BestReviews, a product review site that offers online links to buy goods. Tronc is paying \$66 million for a 60 percent stake in 4-year-old BestReviews. That deal consists of \$30 million in cash and \$36 million in newly issued Tronc shares.

Based in San Francisco and Reno, Nev., BestReviews' ownership will retain a minority stake and continue to manage operations.

Tribune Interactive, the company's digital division, will be led by former Los Angeles Times Publisher Ross Levinsohn. Levinsohn had been placed on unpaid leave last month while

Tronc looked into sexual harassment allegations for previous executive roles at other companies.

The company said an independent investigation found "no wrongdoing" on Levinsohn's part.

Tronc said it would use the sale proceeds to extinguish about \$340 million in long-term debt, much of it attributable to the 2014 spinoff when Tribune Co. split into Tribune Media and Tribune Publishing. The publishing unit, later named Tronc, had to pay a \$275 million dividend to its broadcast parent company. The newspaper company took on a \$325 million loan to cover that cost.

Tronc had \$185 million in cash at the end of the third quarter.

Tribune Co. acquired Times Mirror Co., owner of the Los Angeles Times and other assets, for \$8.3 billion in 2000. There have been calls for a return to local ownership among Times staffers and community leaders throughout the past 18 years.

Tribune Publishing bought the San Diego

Union-Tribune and nine community weeklies for \$85 million in 2015, in a bid to beef up its Southern California holdings.

Ferro, a tech entrepreneur who previously owned the Chicago Sun-Times, became the largest shareholder and chairman of Tribune Publishing in February 2016, and the corporate name was changed to Tronc shortly thereafter. Soon-Shiong's Nant Capital, a California-based technology firm, became Tronc's second-largest shareholder in June 2016, and that investment helped Tronc fend off a hostile takeover bid from Gannett, whose last offer was \$864 million for the company.

In December 2016, Soon-Shiong discussed buying the Los Angeles Times, but Tronc rejected that offer, saying in a subsequent attorney letter that "the only way for (him) to own the LA Times is to acquire the whole company." Soon-Shiong was ousted from Tronc's board in April.

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## Managing the tech time

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specific periods of time, removing the temptation to dive into a growing backlog. The tool also provides feedback about how much time a person is spending writing and reading messages, versus targets they set. "I'm using Inbox When Ready to protect my focus," the emails say below user sign-offs.

At Facebook, wood-working and analog art-making areas at the headquarters campus give employees the chance to step away from screens. In San Francisco, Facebook co-founder Dustin Moskovitz, now running the business software company Asana, encourages younger employees to turn off notifications on their phones. Rudin of Indiegogo only checks email during designated times, limiting his messages to quick exchanges. Anything that takes longer he does in person or over the phone.

Alexander Ljung, the co-founder of SoundCloud, says he turns off all notifications on his phone outside of a messaging app that few people can reach. Thomas Meyerhoffer, a former Apple industrial designer, also blocks alerts on his phone and moved all apps off his iPhone X home screen. Among friends and colleagues, Meyerhoffer said conversations about the consequences of technology are common. Google searches for "smartphone addiction" hit an all-time high in January.

"There is an increasing awareness," said Meyerhoffer, who now designs surfboards and co-founded the door-lock company Latch. "Every single person from every kind of occupation is talking about this."

There's a growing body of evidence about the harmful effects of social media and smartphones, particularly on younger people. A recent report by researchers at San Diego State University and the University of Georgia concluded teens who spend more time online are less happy than those who spend time on other activities. Another report by Facebook's own researchers last year found people who passively scroll through posts felt worse afterward. A group of pediatric and mental health experts is lobbying Facebook to discontinue its Messenger Kids app.

Meanwhile, prominent figures in the technology industry are criticizing companies like Facebook. Sean Parker and Chamath Palihapitiya, former Facebook executives, have said the product is addictive and harmful to mental health.

The warnings are beginning to reach board rooms, too. Apple investors Jana Partners and the California State Teachers' Retirement System recently asked Apple to study the harmful effects of smartphones on mental health and offer more protections for children. A Facebook shareholder is pushing its board to create a risk committee that will study the potential financial harm to Facebook if its product leads to depression or other mental health problems.

"The technology industry is reaching the point where they will need to put more resources into addressing the negative externalities of their products and services," says Jonas Kron, senior vice president at Trillium Asset Management, the Face-

book investor lobbying for the risk committee.

As "mindfulness" enters the Silicon Valley lexicon, the urge to unplug is creating new business opportunities. Digital detox retreats where people spend several days without technology are increasingly popular among tech workers, as is meditation. Jack Dorsey, the CEO of Twitter and Square Inc., recently finished a 10-day silent meditation that strictly prohibits any communication.

Tony Fadell, the former Apple executive involved in the creation of the iPhone, said he experienced the distracting effects of the device almost immediately after its 2007 release. Most employees at the company didn't use Blackberries or other pre-iPhone smartphones, meaning email was limited to certain times of the day. Messages outside work hours were rare. "When the iPhone hit, you couldn't stop the stream of emails because the devices were always on people," Fadell says. He thinks companies should block employees from sending and receiving emails during non-work hours.

The technology industry needs to own up to the additive qualities of its creations and add new safeguards that make it easier for people to put away their phones, Fadell said. Apple and Google, owners of the two largest smartphone operating systems, should offer apps that break down smartphone usage — time spent reading and writing texts, in apps such as Facebook, browsing the web, writing emails — similar to how their health apps show steps walked or hours slept each day, Fadell said.

## Griffin sees bumps in road

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regulatory environment and a sweeping tax reform bill have fueled optimism in the domestic economy," Griffin wrote.

Griffin isn't so sanguine that he doesn't see the prospect of trouble or disruption ahead. He's concerned the U.S. and "many countries around the world" are showing early signs of accelerating inflation, which may help to depress corporate earnings and stock prices. Citadel is factoring in the possibility of any inflationary shock in its investment analysis, Griffin stated.

The company has assets of \$27 billion under management and five major investment funds. Last year, its flagship Wellington fund delivered a 13 percent annual return, which was solid but lagged behind the broader Standard & Poor's 500 index's 19 percent gain. Since its 1990 inception, Wellington has posted an average 19 percent annual return, according to industry data.

Meanwhile, Citadel is keenly watching for signs of global disruption, "including a trade policy misstep or military conflict," according to Griffin's letter. Again, the Citadel CEO didn't put a fine point on his concern by identifying specific hot spots.

But it wouldn't be star-

ting if Griffin, like other business chiefs, is alluding to a possible trade war with China, the largest buyer of U.S. debt. And perhaps the threat of a shooting war with North Korea.

In his letter, Griffin vowed to relentlessly recruit more whip-smart financing types to his firm. Citadel employs around 950 people locally and 2,200 worldwide.

In an industry where computer algorithms — which were blamed for much of Monday's historic 1,175-point stock drop — are often seen as the emerging backbone of investment picking and trading, Griffin stresses the need for more human analysis and problem-solving. Asked at a recent conference if robots were going to take over trading in 10 years, his quicksilver response: "Not a chance."

Griffin, who started his hedge fund in 1987 from a Harvard University dorm room with a \$265,000 stake, is pretty well-known in Chicago. But it wasn't always that way.

In 2005, I wrote a Chicago magazine story about Griffin becoming a rising star in the city's commercial, cultural and charity scene. At the time, it struck me as how many top-shelf business and civic people didn't know much, if anything, about Griffin. With his business

and personal fortune growing, he was only starting to make his mark on the city's cultural and civic life.

Armed with massive wealth, Griffin has built a reputation as a local philanthropist, funneling millions of dollars to Chicago's art museums and other institutions. Recently he donated \$125 million to the University of Chicago in support of its economics department.

In late 2016, Griffin gave Chicago a \$12 million gift to complete the creation of two separate bike and pedestrian paths along the 18-mile Lakefront Trail — that he regularly used — and shortly after this donation gave \$3 million to build 50 soccer fields across the city.

Obviously, the richest person in Illinois is good at spreading and enjoying his wealth, which includes paying an eye-popping \$58 million for a Chicago penthouse — the highest local price ever paid for a residence — and assembling an art collection that includes expensive French impressionist masterpieces.

Yet as Griffin's letter indicates, even a multi-billionaire can fret about a shifting economic landscape.

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## Obamacare sign-ups down 6% in Illinois

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cans who are buying health plans on their own rather than through the official marketplaces created by the health care law.

But total sign-ups have become an important barometer of the law, often called Obamacare.

And the numbers have been closely watched every year as politicians have debated whether to roll back the law.

In 2018, most of the 39 states that rely on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to operate their markets saw small decreases compared to 2017, the data show.

But in a marked contrast,

two-thirds of the marketplaces run by states instead of the federal government saw increased enrollment from 2017 to 2018, including Connecticut and New York.

That in large part reflects extensive efforts in many of these states to market health coverage, lengthen enrollment periods and conduct aggressive outreach campaigns to attract younger, healthier consumers who are critical to insurance markets.

"We had the best open enrollment period we have ever had," said Allison O'Toole, chief executive of Minnesota's insurance marketplace, known as MNsure, which saw enrollment surge nearly 6

percent this year.

Elected officials in Minnesota developed their own reinsurance system to help control premiums this year.

Even bigger enrollment increases were recorded in Washington state, which had 76 percent increase, and Rhode Island, which led all states with a 12.1 percent increase.

HealthSource RI director Zachary Sherman attributed the success to the state's ability to manage its own market, craft marketing and work with insurers to control premiums.

California's enrollment dipped slightly in 2018, falling 2.3 percent, but the state saw a significant increase in new consumers, which was

an encouraging sign, said Peter Lee, head of Covered California, the state's marketplace.

"Put simply, marketing matters," Lee said.

While California and other states that operate their own marketplaces invested in marketing and outreach, the Trump administration took a number of steps that weakened enrollment.

The enrollment period on HealthCare.gov was half as long this fall as in previous years, and the Trump administration slashed funds for advertising and outreach. The president also often publicly referred to Obamacare as "dead" or "over."



JON ELSWICK/AP

The open enrollment period for 2018 on HealthCare.gov was cut in half, but nearly as many signed up as for 2017.

In neighboring Arizona, which also has experienced significant turmoil in its insurance market, enrollment fell 15.6 percent in 2018, one of the largest

drop-offs in the country. Arizona relied on the federal government to operate its marketplace.

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# A quirk in school bus drivers' contract: Football

Teamsters to get holiday pay for Super Bowl Sunday

BY ALLY MAROTTI  
Chicago Tribune

There are many parts of First Student school bus drivers' new union contract that excite 11-year bus driver Sammie Sledge. Not least among them: Super Bowl Sunday is now a paid holiday. "Super Bowl Sunday, baby," said Sledge, just after he had pulled into the bus

company's Chicago base Wednesday after running his morning routes. "How about that?"

Sledge and his colleagues at First Student, who mostly cover routes for Chicago Public Schools, voted to join Teamsters Local 777 in November, and this week they ratified their first union contract. It includes paid funeral leave, new vision and life insurance coverage, and wage increases, among other benefits.

The contract covers about 115 employees. They joined

hundreds of First Student school bus workers already represented by Teamsters Local 777 around the country. Since the Teamsters had already negotiated with Cincinnati-based First Student, this union group was able to reach a deal pretty quickly, said Jim Glimco, president of Local 777.

The contract will help ensure the drivers are adequately paid for their skills, Glimco said. Making Super Bowl Sunday a paid holiday was a cherry on top for workers and had a benefit

for First Student.

"To get paid for a holiday, you always have to work the day before a holiday and the day after," Glimco said. "This ensures that everyone shows up the day after Super Bowl Sunday."

Bob Rutkoski, area general manager for First Student, took credit for the idea. The extra day of pay has become popular in contracts he negotiates. It keeps workers from playing hooky, and they love the extra pay, Rutkoski said. "(They) get six days' pay for

five days of work," he said.

First Student expanded its operations in Chicago last year when it acquired locally based Falcon Transportation. It has about 4,000 employees working in Northern Illinois, Glimco said. Three out of four employees are union members, he said.

The company says on its website that it moves more passengers per day than all U.S. airlines combined. And those passengers are precious cargo, Glimco said.

"If you're responsible for

60, 70 kids, parents place a lot of trust in that driver," he said. The contract also gives drivers the right to refuse to operate a bus with a safety issue.

The union contract is vital for the bus drivers, said Sledge, who served on the negotiating committee. The wage increases some employees received will help improve their lives.

"I think we really got a good deal," he said.

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Highland Park and Matteson Toys R Us stores will close, as will four Chicago-area Babies R Us stores. A Burbank Toys R Us seems to be staying open.

## Toys R Us begins liquidation sales

Action affects 144 stores, including 6 in Chicago area

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH  
Chicago Tribune

Liquidation sales started Wednesday at Toys R Us and Babies R Us stores slated for closing, including six in the Chicago area, but the list includes fewer loca-

tions than the toy chain initially sought court approval to shutter.

Toys R Us filed for bankruptcy protection in September and announced plans to close stores last month.

One bankruptcy filing listed 175 stores that could close, but an updated list Wednesday cut that to 144, or about 16 percent of the retailer's U.S. locations.

Toys R Us stores in Highland Park and Matteson and Babies R Us stores in Schaumburg, Vernon Hills, Niles and the Bricktown shopping complex in Chicago's Montclare neighborhood will close. A Toys R Us in Burbank that was on the earlier list of store closures was not on Wednesday's list and appears to be remaining open.

The store closing sales

include store fixtures and furniture as well as toys and games, and discounts are only available at the closing stores, according to a news release from a company Toys R Us hired to operate the sales.

"The actions we are taking are necessary to give us the best chance to emerge from our bankruptcy proceedings as a more viable and competitive company

that will provide the level of service and experience you should expect from a market leader," Toys R Us CEO Dave Brandon said in a letter announcing the closings last month.

Most of the stores scheduled to close are expected to shut down in mid-April, Toys R Us said.

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## Harley recalls 250K bikes over brake issue

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DETROIT — Under pressure from U.S. safety regulators, Harley-Davidson is recalling over 250,000 motorcycles worldwide because the brakes might fail.

Documents posted Wednesday by the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration say the recall covers more than 30 models from the 2008 through 2011 model years.

Harley says deposits can form on brake parts if the fluid isn't changed every two years as the owner's manual specifies. That can cause a valve in the anti-lock braking system to stick.

The U.S. agency began investigating problems in July 2016 after getting 43 complaints including three reports of crashes and two injuries. Documents show Harley wanted to do a field service campaign instead of a recall, but the government refused.

The company says it cooperated with NHTSA and began a thorough evaluation of the issue. "Complex, ongoing discussions regarding what was ultimately identified as a maintenance issue continued with the agency through January 2018," Harley-Davidson said in a statement.

Dealers will flush and replace brake fluid starting on Feb. 12.

## Walgreens enacts nationwide transgender bathroom policy

Deerfield-based chain acts after complaint in Calif.

BY ALEJANDRA REYES-VELARDE  
Los Angeles Times

Walgreens has adopted a companywide policy that allows people to use the bathroom that corresponds with their gender identity after a customer said she was discriminated against at a Los Angeles store.

Jessie Meehan, who is not transgender, said she asked to use the restroom at a Walgreens on Sunset Boulevard, in Hollywood, after she spent about \$20 on items there on her way to the LGBTQ Pride festival last year; a sales associate told her she could not use the women's restroom because she looked like a man.

A store manager told her it was store policy to restrict access to a bathroom based on a customer's appearance, although when she complained later, another manager said there was no such policy.

"I had to go so I didn't put up much of a fight and used the stall while the men used the urinals next to me," Meehan wrote in an email to Walgreens. "This in itself was very humiliating for me and I felt extremely uncomfortable."

Meehan said she argued with a manager for several minutes and then went to the Pride festival and found a booth staffed by the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California.

Meehan, who is active in the LGBTQ community, wrote a letter to Walgreens, suggesting solutions and offering to help train staff

Two months later, when no action was taken, ACLU staff attorney Amanda Goad sent a letter to Walgreens laying out the California law, "which protects every person's right to access restrooms based on their gender identity in workplaces, schools and business establishments."

No litigation was required and no financial settlement was sought, Goad said. After hearing what happened to Meehan, Walgreens, owned by Walgreens Boots Alliance of Deerfield, simply changed its policy at all 8,100 stores nationwide to comply with California law.

Although Walgreens specified the policy was for transgender individuals, it applies to all individuals. Goad said it's relatively common for women perceived as gender nonconforming to be questioned or challenged on their way to the women's restroom.

Meehan said she supported Walgreens as a customer because she knew it was an LGBT-friendly business.

"When I think of Walgreens, I think of an ally," Meehan said in her email to Walgreens. "A company that really supports progressive issues which I really respect a lot."

In 2016, the Human Rights Campaign named Walgreens the best place to work for LGBT equality. Walgreens scored perfectly in the advocacy group's Corporate Equality Index, a national survey and report on corporate policies and practices.

"People who work there, maybe their experience is different, but as a customer who spends a lot of time and money at Walgreens, I expected more out of

them," Meehan said in an interview.

Walgreens confirmed its policy change but would not comment further.

So-called bathroom equity has been hotly debated in recent years.

In December, North Carolina repealed a controversial requirement that people use public bathrooms based on the gender listed on their birth certificates.

In 2016, Target adopted a policy that allows customers and employees to use bathrooms based on their gender identity. The policy generated a backlash, including a boycott, from conservative groups.

A 2015 survey of more than 27,000 transgender people by the National Center for Transgender Equality found that 9 percent had been denied access to a restroom that year, 12 percent had been verbally harassed while trying to access one and 59 percent avoided using a restroom.

California law bans businesses, nonprofits and government agencies that serve the public from not allowing people to use bathrooms that match their gender identity and from asking people to show identification to use a restroom.

There should be clear policies that are comprehensible for customers and staff alike, Goad said. But there's no data on how well the staff is trained to enforce policies, she said.

Meehan said she's not completely satisfied with the policy because it is labeled as a transgender inclusion policy and does not outline steps for employees in a similar situation, but "it's a good first step."



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Demand has exceeded the capacity of Gotham Greens' current site, the company says.

## Gotham Greens plans to build 2nd Pullman greenhouse, expand business

BY GREG TROTTER  
Chicago Tribune

Gotham Greens, a New York-based hydroponic grower of leafy greens, is planning to open a second greenhouse in Pullman to grow its business in the Chicago market.

The new \$12.5 million, 105,000-square-foot greenhouse will be on South Doty Avenue on the former Ryerson industrial site in Pullman, according to Mayor Rahm Emanuel's office, near the company's first Pullman greenhouse on top of the Method soap factory. The expansion reflects both the company's success in the Chicago market — through selling its products in chains including Jewel-Osco and Whole Foods Market — as well as the continued redevelopment of the Pullman area.

While Gotham's first Pullman greenhouse was a rooftop structure, the second one will be free-standing.

"We're thrilled to be building a second, larger, state-of-the-art greenhouse facility in Pullman," Gotham Greens CEO Viraj Puri said in an email. "Retailers, institutional food service operators are in-

creasingly attracted to consistency and reliability of our year-round, local produce supply. Further, consumer interest in locally produced food continues to grow."

Puri declined to give a timeline for the facility's opening, saying the deal was still being finalized.

The project could receive up to \$3.35 million in tax increment financing assistance for site work on 6.2 acres, though that's still subject to City Council approval, according to the mayor's office. The existing zoning of the planned development would also need to be amended to allow for light manufacturing, according to the mayor's office.

The land — situated just north of Planet Fitness along the Bishop Ford Expressway — is part of the former Ryerson industrial site owned by U.S. Bank and Pullman-based nonprofit developer Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives.

David Doig, president of CNI, said the nonprofit would improve the site before selling it to Gotham Greens for up to \$800,000.

The new Gotham Greens greenhouse will employ about 60 workers.

In a statement, Mayor Rahm Emanuel hailed the project.

"This expansion, on the heels of the opening of the new Whole Foods distribution center, the Method plant and the many other projects in the area are creating jobs and helping Pullman reclaim its history as a thriving hub for innovation and manufacturing," Emanuel said in the statement.

Last month, Whole Foods opened its new 140,000-square-foot distribution center on 16.5 acres adjacent to the Method soap plant. Developers also are planning more than 1 million square feet of warehouse space as part of 50-acre complex called Pullman Crossings, to be built this summer along 103rd Street and Woodlawn Avenue.

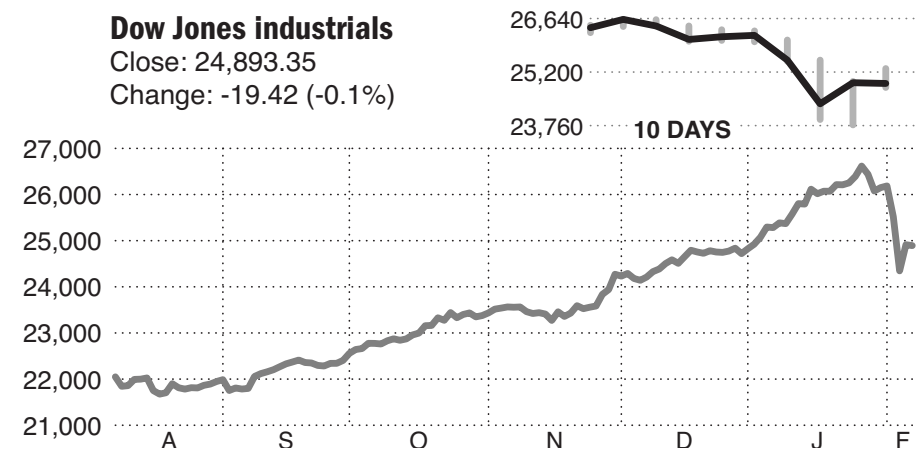
In the past five years, various projects have brought in more than \$250 million worth of investment to Pullman, Doig said.

"This is really breathtaking to see the progress we're making in this community," said Ald. Anthony Beale, 9th.

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MARKET ROUNDUP

**Dow** High: 25,293.96 Low: 24,785.44 Previous: 24,912.77



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
-63.90 (-.90%)	-13.48 (-.50%)	+0.80 (+.05%)
Close: 7,051.98	Close: 2,681.66	Close: 1,507.97
High: 7,170.33	High: 2,727.67	High: 1,517.00
Low: 7,051.53	Low: 2,681.33	Low: 1,503.32
Previous: 7,115.88	Previous: 2,695.14	Previous: 1,507.17

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
+0.03 to 2.84%	-14.50 to \$1,311.60	+0.09 to 109.42/\$1	+0.0076 to .8146/\$1	-1.60 to \$61.79

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW -4.80	NASD -4.85	S&P -5.03	DOW -1.88	NASD -1.42	S&P -2.42	DOW +24.13	NASD +24.10	S&P +16.86

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	449	461.75	447.75	460.50	+14.25
		May 18	461.50	474	460.50	473	+14
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	363.75	365.75	362.50	365.25	+1.75
		May 18	371	373	370	372.75	+1.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	988.75	993.75	982	983	-3.25
		May 18	999.50	1005	993	994.25	-3.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 18	33.20	33.29	32.49	32.56	-0.60
		May 18	33.37	33.48	32.68	32.74	-0.61
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 18	333.40	336.30	331.60	335.40	+3.70
		May 18	337.00	340.00	335.20	339.10	+3.70
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Mar 18	63.92	64.18	61.25	61.79	-1.60
		Apr 18	63.63	63.86	61.07	61.55	-1.56
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Mar 18	2.761	2.782	2.688	2.702	-0.057
		Apr 18	2.732	2.748	2.675	2.692	-0.031
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Mar 18	1.8177	1.8277	1.7535	1.7660	-0.0392
		Apr 18	2.0000	2.0080	1.9384	1.9485	-0.0418

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	58.67	-19	Equity Commonwith	N	28.79	+04	McDonalds Corp	N	165.71	+5.3
AbbVie Inc	N	113.62	+2.42	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	82.42	-01	Middleby Corp	O	132.91	+4.54
Akorn Inc	O	31.75	-23	Equilon Residential	N	56.86	-85	Mondelz Intl	O	44.05	-5.0
Allstate Corp	N	96.87	+27	Exelon Corp	N	36.17	-32	Morningstar Inc	O	83.81	-24
Aptargroup Inc	N	83.85	+06	First Indl RT	N	26.67	-01	Motorola Solutions	N	102.63	-13
Arch Dan Mid	N	42.19	+19	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	63.40	-76	Navistar Intl	N	44.05	-32
Baxter Intl	N	65.55	-12	Gallagher AJ	N	66.11	+71	NISource Inc	N	23.09	-19
Boeing Co	N	348.12	+7.21	Grainger WW	N	259.89	+88	Nthn Trust Cp	O	100.73	-6.3
Brunswick Corp	N	58.30	-63	GrubHub Inc	N	69.91	+1.01	Old Republic	N	20.65	-05
CBOE Global Markets	O	114.57	-2.38	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	83.12	+68	Packaging Corp Am	N	117.13	-1.83
CDK Global Inc	O	69.02	+58	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	78.52	+28	Stericycle Inc	O	72.84	+1.53
CDW Corp	O	68.40	-4.85	IDEX Corp	N	136.67	+1.15	TransUnion	N	58.32	+8.4
CF Industries	N	39.48	+44	ITW	N	163.44	-70	Tribune Media Co A	N	42.44	+1.5
CME Group	O	159.93	+2.28	Ingredion Inc	N	130.87	+5.7	USG Corp	N	33.91	-1.13
CNA Financial	N	50.16	+10	John Bean Technol	N	110.20	+1.10	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	218.06	-5.3
Caterpillar Inc	N	154.34	-2.07	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	151.49	+4.95	United Contl Hldgs	N	65.36	+1.41
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	35.89	+18	Kraft Heinz Co	O	73.55	-76	Ventas Inc	N	52.97	-2.2
Deere Co	N	161.44	-44	LKQ Corporation	O	40.35	-18	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	71.53	-2.6
Discover Fin Svcs	N	76.63	+49	Littelfuse Inc	O	205.91	-3.59	Wintrust Financial	O	82.72	+2.3
Dover Corp	N	99.92	+09	MB Financial	O	41.22	+46	Zebra Tech	O	116.43	-0.8

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Snap Inc A	20.75	+6.69
Bank of America	31.25	+0.05
Gen Electric	15.25	-0.02
Chesabok Engy	2.89	-0.24
Ford Motor	10.76	...
Twitter Inc	26.91	+1.67
Wells Fargo & Co	57.54	+2.6
Vale SA	12.71	-3.5
AT&T Inc	36.93	+1.0
Sprint Corp	5.51	+4.1
Freepport McMoran	17.86	-8.8
Weatherford Intl Ltd	2.93	-19
Pfizer Inc	34.98	-30
Petrobras	12.76	-57
Nokia Corp	5.51	-5
Sthwstn Energy	3.60	-34
Ambev S.A.	6.54	-12
Xl Group plc	42.00	+4.66
Exxon Mobil Corp	76.94	-1.41
JPMorgan Chase & Co	112.87	+7.6
AK Steel Hold	4.60	-20
Alibab Group Hldg	180.30	-4.87
General Motors Co	42.39	+5.3
ENSCO PLC	5.17	-3.8

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	36.93	+1.0
Alphabet Inc C	1048.58	-32.02
Alphabet Inc A	1055.41	-29.02
Amazon.com Inc	1416.78	-26.06
Apple Inc	159.54	-3.49
Bank of America	31.25	+0.05
Berkshire Hath A	301000	-2000
Berkshire Hath B	200.37	-87
Chevron Corp	115.29	-1.89
Exxon Mobil Corp	76.94	-1.41
Facebook Inc	180.18	-5.13
Home Depot	191.29	+2.5
JPMorgan Chase	112.87	+7.6
Johnson & Johnson	131.42	-4.1
Microsoft Corp	89.61	-1.72
Royal Dutch Shell A	64.66	-1.07
Source Cap	40.67	-37
WalMart Strs	102.85	+1.95
Wells Fargo & Co	57.54	+2.6

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCpA m	32.53	-10	+21.7
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	27.06	-11	+13.8
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	251.49	-36	+21.6
American Funds CptInCBldrA m	61.95	-08	+11.0
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	56.37	-56	+25.6
American Funds FdmInvsA m	62.70	-41	+20.4
American Funds GfAmrcA m	51.18	-38	+24.3
American Funds IncAmrcA m	23.16	-05	+15.6
American Funds InvCmrcA m	40.87	-14	+17.6
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	44.07	-33	+25.9
American Funds WAMInvsA m	45.86	-10	+19.1
DFA EMktCorEq	23.35	-38	+27.4
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.64	-02	+2.8
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	46.35	-69	+18.6
Dodge & Cox Stk	204.98	-1.21	+16.3
DoubleLine TtRetBdl	10.47	-02	+1.9
Fidelity 500IdxIns	93.86	-47	+19.3
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrrm	93.86	-47	+19.3
Fidelity 500IndexPrrm	93.86	-47	+19.3
Fidelity Contrafund	127.28	-91	+30.5
Fidelity ContrafundK	127.22	-91	+30.6
Fidelity LowPrStk	54.33	-02	+18.3
Franklin Templeton IncA m	2.33	...	+5.6
Metropolitan TtRetBdl	10.49	...	+1.5
Oakmark IntlInv	29.04	-29	+26.9
PIMCO IncInStl	12.29	...	+6.8
PIMCO TtRetIns	10.12	...	+2.6
Schwab SP500Idx	41.58	...	+19.9
T. Rowe Price BCRG	101.54	-88	+36.4
T. Rowe Price GrStk	65.63	...	+32.5
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	247.90	-1.24	+19.3
Vanguard 500IdxInv	247.87	-1.25	+19.1
Vanguard DivGrInv	26.45	-04	+17.0
Vanguard HCAmrl	86.75	-03	+14.1
Vanguard IntTTEAdmrl	13.94	-01	+2.6
Vanguard InslIdxIns	244.52	-1.23	+19.3
Vanguard InslIdxInsPlus	244.54	-1.23	+19.3
Vanguard InslTSMInPls	59.60	-24	+18.4
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	97.54	-1.62	+35.8
Vanguard MDCpdxAdmrl	190.60	-34	+16.7
Vanguard PrrmCpAdmrl	135.54	-1.13	+21.1
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.56	-01	+1.1
Vanguard SmCpdxAdmrl	69.57	-08	+22.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	31.20	-15	+11.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.40	-10	+13.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	20.63	-20	+14.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	33.50	-13	+15.8
Vanguard TtBMDIdxAdmrl	10.53	-03	+1.1
Vanguard TtBMDIdxIns	10.53	-03	+1.1
Vanguard TtInBdxAdmrl	21.57	-01	+2.8
Vanguard TtInSdxAdmrl	30.41	-40	+22.0
Vanguard TtInSdxIns	121.60	-1.61	+22.0
Vanguard TtInSdxInsPlus	121.62	-1.62	+22.0
Vanguard TtInSdxInv	18.18	-24	+21.9
Vanguard TtSMIdxAdmrl	66.86	-27	+18.4
Vanguard TtSMIdxIns	66.87	-27	+18.4
Vanguard TtSMIdxInv	66.83	-27	+18.3
Vanguard WngtnAdmrl	71.84	-28	+12.2
Vanguard WlslyncAdmrl	63.92	-24	+7.3
Vanguard WndsrIAdmrl	66.98	-39	+15.1

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**Georgiou, Dr. Peri P.**

Dr. Peri P. Georgiou (nee Pandazi), 96, beloved wife of the late George; devoted mother of Thomas George (Christina Maria) and Andrew (Jennifer); cherished grandmother of Peter Thomas, Jason, Stephanie Christina, Anna and Patricia and great grandmother of Mila; loving sister of George (Helen) Pandazi and the late Dr. Andrew (the late Magdalen) Pandazi; dearest sister-in-law of Olga Georgiou, the late Helen Georgiou, the late Eva Gale, the late Athena MacKellar, and the late Beatrice Missias; fond Aunt of many nieces and nephews and friend to many. Peri wove her artistic and creative talent into all aspects of her life. She was a mentor and an example of what could be accomplished in life as great musician, educator, artist and friend. A trailblazer starting from humble beginnings, Peri earned her Ph.D. in education and enjoyed a long career on the faculty of Northeastern University. Inspired by her parents, Peri shared her voice and passion for playing the piano from leading holiday sing-a-longs to formal recitals. In 1957, Peri was the founding chairperson of The Chicago Diocese Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Choirs and in 2006 received the Patriarch Athenagoras Medal from The National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians, awarded to individuals who have made exemplary contributions to church music. Visitation Friday, February 9, 2018 from 4 - 8 pm at Salerno's Galewood Chapels 1857 N. Harlem Ave. Chicago. Family and friends will meet Saturday morning at 11:30 a.m. at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church 601 S. Central Ave. Chicago, for 12 Noon Funeral service, interment will follow to Elmwood Cemetery in lieu of flowers, donations in her memory to Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians, c/o Joanne Volakakis, 130 S. Canal St. #10B, Chicago, IL 60606, appreciated. Arrangements by NICHOLAS M. PISHOS FUNERAL DIRECTOR, LTD. 773-889-1700



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**Goldberg, Dorothy**

Dorothy Goldberg nee Beegun. Beloved wife of the late Jordan "Buddy" Goldberg. Devoted mother of Susie (Warren) Levins, David (Barbara) Goldberg and Paula Moskovits. Loving Bubbe of Joseph (Vanessa), Hindel, Mindy (Roie), Chevie (Sholly), Yisroel (Jessica), Chana (David), Baruch (Adi), Chaya, Mendel (Charlie), Lana and Gale. Proud great grand bubbe of Aaron, Isaac, Lillia, Matan, Ariel, Effie, Alexandra, Chana, Menachem, Sara, Raphie, Jacob, Lucia and Cayden. Devoted daughter of the late Mindel and Yisroel Beegun. Cherished sister of the late Bess (the late Harry) Siegel, Harry (the late Mollie) Beegun, Marie (the late Harvey) LaMell, Sam (the late Esther) Beegun, Max (the late Alice and the late Florence) Beegun. Dear sister in law of Donna (the late Joe) Goldberg. Will be missed by many nieces and nephews. Service Thursday 10AM at Chicago Jewish Funerals, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Westlawn. Memorials in her memory can be made to your favorite charity. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com)



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**Griffey Klemm, Geraldine M.**

Geraldine M. Griffey Klemm nee Galella, age 88; beloved wife of the late Carl Klemm and the late George Griffey; loving mother of the late Michael G. Griffey; cherished grandmother of Michael G. (Kelly) Griffey; fond great-grandmother of John, Kate, Michael and Meghan; sister of the late Marie (Vito) Gattone, Louis (Elaine) Galella and Annette Rapinac; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday 3-9 P.M. at Modell Funeral Home, 7710 S. Cass Ave., Darien where a funeral service will be held Monday at 10:00 A.M. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For funeral info: (630) 852-3595 or [www.modelldarien.com](http://www.modelldarien.com). Sign Guestbook at [chicagotribune.com/obituaries](http://chicagotribune.com/obituaries)

**Griffey, Sr., Michael**

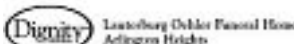
Michael Griffey, Sr., age 67; cherished son of the late Geraldine Griffey Klemm and the late George Griffey; beloved father of Michael (Kelly) Griffey; cherished Grandpa Mike of John, Kate, Michael and Meghan. Visitation Sunday 3-9 P.M. at Modell Funeral Home, 7710 S. Cass Ave., Darien where a funeral service will be held Monday at 10:00 A.M. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For funeral info: (630) 852-3595 or [www.modelldarien.com](http://www.modelldarien.com). Sign Guestbook at [chicagotribune.com/obituaries](http://chicagotribune.com/obituaries)

**Gusinde, Elinor M.**

Elinor M. Gusinde, 77 of Glenview, IL was born June 10, 1940 in Chicago to James and Lucille (nee Russell) Donohoe and passed away peacefully February 5, 2018 surrounded by her family. Elinor was the beloved wife of Frank A. Gusinde; loving mother of Laura Malone, Gregory (Kathi) Gusinde and Megan (J.P.) Paul; cherished grandmother of Elinor and Ryan. Jack Gusinde and Ryan, Matthew and Nicholas Paul; dear sister of Sr. Kathleen Donohoe, O.S.F., Ruth Piper, Joan Donohoe and the late Thomas (Nancy) Donohoe, sister-in-law to Diana (Gusinde) Fletcher and the late Jack Fletcher; and special "auntie" to her treasured nieces and nephews, including the late Shannon Piper. Elinor so adored her family and her lifelong, precious friends. Elinor enjoyed an exciting nursing career, spending two decades as the head nurse of the Emergency Rooms at both St. Francis and Evanston Hospitals. While raising three young children, she was an active and giving neighbor in her Lakewood-Balmoral neighborhood, being named Neighbor of the Year in 1975. Her greatest joy was spending time with family and friends. She and Frank treasured their winters spent in Las Vegas and Elinor was often found in the pool swimming laps and chatting with friends. Never short for conversation, Elinor loved meeting new people and she charmed everyone she met. She was deeply loved and will be forever missed. Memorial visitation will be held Sunday, February 11, 2018 from 3-7 PM at **Lauterburg & Oehler Funeral Home**, 2000 E. Northwest Highway, Arlington Heights. Family and friends will gather on Monday, February 12 at 9:45 AM at Mary Seat of Wisdom Catholic Church, 920 Granville Avenue, Park Ridge for a Memorial Mass at 10:00 AM. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to Misericordia Heart of Mercy, 6300 N. Ridge Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660. Funeral info 847-253-5423 or [lauterburgoehler.com](http://lauterburgoehler.com).



Jack Gusinde and Ryan, Matthew and Nicholas Paul; dear sister of Sr. Kathleen Donohoe, O.S.F., Ruth Piper, Joan Donohoe and the late Thomas (Nancy) Donohoe, sister-in-law to Diana (Gusinde) Fletcher and the late Jack Fletcher; and special "auntie" to her treasured nieces and nephews, including the late Shannon Piper. Elinor so adored her family and her lifelong, precious friends. Elinor enjoyed an exciting nursing career, spending two decades as the head nurse of the Emergency Rooms at both St. Francis and Evanston Hospitals. While raising three young children, she was an active and giving neighbor in her Lakewood-Balmoral neighborhood, being named Neighbor of the Year in 1975. Her greatest joy was spending time with family and friends. She and Frank treasured their winters spent in Las Vegas and Elinor was often found in the pool swimming laps and chatting with friends. Never short for conversation, Elinor loved meeting new people and she charmed everyone she met. She was deeply loved and will be forever missed. Memorial visitation will be held Sunday, February 11, 2018 from 3-7 PM at **Lauterburg & Oehler Funeral Home**, 2000 E. Northwest Highway, Arlington Heights. Family and friends will gather on Monday, February 12 at 9:45 AM at Mary Seat of Wisdom Catholic Church, 920 Granville Avenue, Park Ridge for a Memorial Mass at 10:00 AM. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to Misericordia Heart of Mercy, 6300 N. Ridge Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660. Funeral info 847-253-5423 or [lauterburgoehler.com](http://lauterburgoehler.com).



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**Hacker, Elizabeth T.**

Elizabeth T. Hacker, nee Timmerman; Loving wife of the late Charles; Dear mother of Richard (Gwen), late Carol (Dick) Holmes, Greg (Debra), Beth (late Frank) Guadagnoli, Chuck (Chris), Tom (Kathie), and Ray (Karen); Proud Grandma of 20, and Great-Grandma of 26; Dear sister of the late Margaret (late Lou), Irmgard (late Jerry), Eleanor (Bill), and Elvira (late Len); Fond aunt, and great-aunt, of many nieces and nephews; Visitation Friday 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Funeral Saturday, 10:00 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th St. Chicago Ridge to St. Linus Church, 10300 S. Lawler Ave., Oak Lawn; Mass 11:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Linus Church, St. Patrick's Residence of Naperville, or a charity of your choice, would be appreciated; For Funeral info (708) 422-2700, or [www.curleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.curleyfuneralhome.com)



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**Halik, Lynnette C.**

Lynnette C. Halik nee: Hiller age 87, beloved wife of the late William R. Halik. Devoted mother of Cindy Matyus (former wife of Dan Matyus) and Bill (Cynthia) Halik. Loving Grandmother of Allison and Carolyn Matyus and William and Katherine Halik (Fiance Charlie Bowman). Lynnette was an avid bowler and her home was a special place for her children and their many friends. Family and Friends will gather on Saturday February 10, 2018 at the Lutheran Church of The Good Shepherd 7800 W. McCarthy Rd. Palos Heights, where Lynnette will lie in state from 9:00 am to time of service 10:00 am. Interment Bethania Cemetery. In Lieu of flowers donations to an animal charity of your choice appreciated. Arrangements Entrusted to **Schmaedeke Funeral Home** 708-448-6000 or [www.schmaedekefuneralhome.com](http://www.schmaedekefuneralhome.com)



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**Harris, Ralph**

Ralph Harris, 70, beloved son of the late Bernice nee Ferdinand and the late Joel H. Harris; loving brother of Alan (Judy), Max (Janis), Yra (Janice) and the late Joyce Harris; cherished uncle of 16 and great uncle of 12. Comical, philosophical, musical, inquisical, analytical and walked to beat of his own drums. Graveside service, Friday 10 AM at Shalom Memorial Park, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Gastrointestinal Cancer Research Fund, Rush University Medical Center, 1700 West Van Buren - Suite #250, Chicago, IL 60612 or visit [rsh.org](http://rsh.org) or [convio.net/RHarris](mailto:convio.net/RHarris). For information or condolences, Shalom Memorial Funeral Home, (847) 255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com)



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**Hermes, Helen V.**

Helen V. Hermes, nee Dore, 80, of Glenview, passed away February 6, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Jack Morrison; loving mother of James (Mary Ann) Hermes, Tim (Nancy) Hermes, and Jerry (Joellen) Hermes; cherished grandmother of Mary (Joe) Calandra, Michael, James, Derek, Rachel, Ryan and Jack Hermes; dear sister of Mickey (late Frank) Volini, the late Gerald (Marilyn) Dore, and the late John (late Judy) Dore; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held Saturday, February 10, 2018 from 9:30 am until time of Mass 10:30 am at St. Catherine Laboure Church, 3535 Thornwood, Glenview. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Catherine Laboure Church, 3535 Thornwood, Glenview, IL 60026. Funeral information 847-998-1020.



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**Jackson, Vernon**

Jackson, Vernon, died 1/27/2018. Visitation on 2/10/18 at 1:pm, service at 2:pm, both at **Hillsboro Memorial FH.**, Brandon, FL PH: 813.689.8121.

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**Jaeger (Lavat), Eleanore L. 'Ellie'**

Born February 10, 1929 - Deceased February 2, 2018 Daughter of Nelson E. and Helen (Woodward) Lavat. Ellie spent her childhood in Kirkwood, Missouri, with her brother Eugene and sister Helen, both deceased. She attended St. Louis University and graduated from University of Missouri with Bachelor of Arts degree June, 1953.

She married Ben Jaeger March 16, 1954, and they lived briefly in Maryland (Ben's military) and then in the Chicago area, settling and building their home and business in Bristol/Yorkville in 1964. Her husband Ben, her two daughters Carol (Mike) Brabo and Joan Costello, and her four grandchildren Alex (Kendall) Costello, Andrew Costello, Joshua Brabo, and Bethany (Jacob) Johnson survive her. Ellie was a gentle soul who loved nature and loved horses, competing in hunter/jumper. Her family was a source of joy to her and she was extremely proud to be their mom/grandma. Ellie will be greatly missed.

A celebration of life memorial is planned for Saturday, February 17, 2018 from 1-4 pm at Kennedy Pointe of Blackberry Oaks Golf Course - 2245 Kennedy Rd - Bristol, IL to share your memories. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Nature Conservancy or a charity of your choice. Arrangements by **Nelson Funeral Homes & Crematory**, (630)553-7611 or [www.NelsonFuneralHomes.com](http://www.NelsonFuneralHomes.com).

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**Joseph, Irene**

Irene Joseph, née Tichauer, 97, of Los Angeles. Beloved wife of 33 years of the late Dr. Paul Joseph; loving mother of Shirley (Jonathan Asher) and Lester (Sarah Rockwell); grandmother of Aaron and Zachary (Katherine), Andrew and Alexander Joseph; proud great-grandmother of Isaac and Emma Asher. Graveside service Fri, Feb. 9, 11:00 AM, at Jewish Oakridge Cemetery, 4301 W. Roosevelt Rd, Hillside. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Simon Wiesenthal Center, 1399 South Roxbury Drive, Los Angeles, California 90035. For info: 847-256-5700.



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**Juliano, Michael**

Michael Juliano age 87 of The Villages, Florida passed away February 5, 2018. He was a firefighter with the Chicago Fire Dept. for over 27 years retiring as a Lieutenant. Michael was a Marine war veteran serving proudly with the U.S. Marine Corp. He is survived by his wife Carol, sons Rand of Seattle, Michael of Brooklyn, N.Y., daughter Michele of Chicago. A funeral Mass will be held in the Chicago area at a later date.

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**Konstantelos, Harold M. 'Bobby'**

Harold M. "Bobby" Konstantelos, 78, Beloved husband of Kiki (nee Kintis); Loving brother of Demetri (Diane), Yvonne (Steve O'Malley) Sito, Fritz, Annette (Jim) Starr and the late Eleni; Dearest brother-in-law of Anna Kintis, Georgia (Milton) Karabetos, Alekos (Ellie) Kintis and the late Pat (the late Gregory) Alantzas; Fond uncle to many nieces and nephews and friend to all. Harold authored "Three Wise Cats" published by Penguin & Pegasus Book of Poems. Visitation Friday, February 9, 2018 from 10 a.m. until time of Funeral service 11 a.m. at St. Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church 1401 Wagner Rd. Glenview, IL., Interment will follow to Elmwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to your favorite animal shelter. "May His Memory Be Eternal". Arrangements by NICHOLAS M. PISHOS FUNERAL DIRECTOR, LTD., info 847-581-0536.



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**Koscielniak, Mary**

Koscielniak, Mary A. Nee Zajac. Beloved wife of the late Stanley. Loving mother of Diane (Gerald) Romanek and the late Jerome. Dear grandmother of Gerald Jr. (Melissa), Catherine (Walter) Lester, Christine (Pierre) Doucet, Jessica (Robert) Gardinier, Jeffrey (Michelle), Meghan (Jeffrey) Hodges. Dear great grandmother of 16. Lying in state Saturday at Our Lady of Ransom Church 12-1pm with a funeral Mass at 1pm. Interment St. Adalbert. For more info call 847-685-1002 or [www.cooneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.cooneyfuneralhome.com)

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**Kulaga, John**

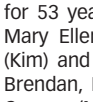
John Kulaga, 98, of Plainfield, formerly of Cicero, and retired Western Electric employee, died February 4, 2018. Please visit [www.fredcdames.com](http://www.fredcdames.com) for his complete obituary and arrangements, or call (815) 741-5500.



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**La Cien, Richard A.**

Richard A. La Cien age 83. Longtime Flossmoor resident, born and raised in Chicago's Roseland neighborhood. He received a B.S. in Accounting and a Juris Doctorate from DePaul University, spending 19 years in private law practice before serving as an Associate Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County from 1980 until his retirement in 2002. Husband for 53 years of Kathleen nee Lo Verde. Father of Mary Ellen (David) Born, Richard (Laura), Gregory (Kim) and Brian (Bridget) La Cien. Grandfather of Brendan, Richard III, Gina and Charlie. Brother of George (Mit) La Cien and Paul (Marjorie) La Cien CPD, retired. Uncle and dear friend of many. Resting at **Panozzo Bros. Funeral Home**, 530 W. 14th St. (U.S. Rt. 30, 3 blk E. of Western Ave.), Chicago Heights on Friday February 9th from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Family and friends will meet Saturday morning at Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish, 16043 S. Bell Rd., Homer Glen, IL. Mass 10:30 AM. Interment private. Memorials in Richard's name to The Dawn Brancheau Foundation at [www.DawnsFoundation.org](http://www.DawnsFoundation.org) or School District 170 Education Foundation, 30 West 16th Place, Chicago Heights, IL 60411, would be appreciated by his family. For further service information, please contact 708-481-9230 or [panozzobros.com](http://panozzobros.com).



for 53 years of Kathleen nee Lo Verde. Father of Mary Ellen (David) Born, Richard (Laura), Gregory (Kim) and Brian (Bridget) La Cien. Grandfather of Brendan, Richard III, Gina and Charlie. Brother of George (Mit) La Cien and Paul (Marjorie) La Cien CPD, retired. Uncle and dear friend of many. Resting at **Panozzo Bros. Funeral Home**, 530 W. 14th St. (U.S. Rt. 30, 3 blk E. of Western Ave.), Chicago Heights on Friday February 9th from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Family and friends will meet Saturday morning at Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish, 16043 S. Bell Rd., Homer Glen, IL. Mass 10:30 AM. Interment private. Memorials in Richard's name to The Dawn Brancheau Foundation at [www.DawnsFoundation.org](http://www.DawnsFoundation.org) or School District 170 Education Foundation, 30 West 16th Place, Chicago Heights, IL 60411, would be appreciated by his family. For further service information, please contact 708-481-9230 or [panozzobros.com](http://panozzobros.com).

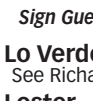
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**Lekkas, Nicholas E.**

Nicholas E. Lekkas. Loving father of Lilia Lekkas, Emmanuel (Georgina) Lekkas and the late Michael (Julie) Campbell; fond papou of 11; dear brother of James, Richard and the late Anthony. Visitation Friday February 9, 2018 from 10:30 a.m. until time of 11:00 a.m. Funeral Service at **Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church**, 2501 S. Wolf Rd. Westchester, IL



60154. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. Info 708-456-8300 or [www.cumberlandchapels.com](http://www.cumberlandchapels.com).



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**Lo Verde**

See Richard A. La Cien notice.

**Loster, Florence**

Florence Loster (nee DiGioia), age 96, passed away February 6, 2018. Beloved Wife of the late John E.; Loving Mother of John (Marilyn), Jacquelyn (Patrick) Morrissey and Jeffrey (Karen); Devoted Grandmother of 7 and Cherished Great Grandmother of 9. Visitation at the Pedersen Ryberg Mortuary, 435 N. York St., Elmhurst on Friday, February 9, 2018 from 3 to 9 p.m. Family and friends will meet on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 134 Arthur St., Elmhurst, IL. for a Funeral Mass at 9:30 a.m. Entombment Christ the King Garden Mausoleum Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery, Hillside, IL. For info 630-834-1133 or [pedersenyberg.com](http://pedersenyberg.com)

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**Martens, Vivi Thiessen**

Vivi Thiessen Martens died peacefully on Saturday, January 13, at the Balfour Residences in Denver, Colorado. She was 88.



Memorial services will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 3637 Golf Rd in Evanston on February 9 at 3 PM. Donations can be made to Chicago Lyric Opera in lieu of flowers. Please see full obituary at [www.horancares.com](http://www.horancares.com).

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**Monroe, Jeffrey Charles**

Jeffrey Charles Monroe, 54, of Avon, IN, passed away on February 4, 2018. Jeff was born February 23, 1963 in Chicago, IL. He was employed for 20 years at Allison Payment Systems - he was also a part time Uber Driver. He was a loving, kind and caring man who was taken from life way too soon.

Jeff is survived by his wife and partner of 25 years, Deborah S. Monroe; his mother, Deborah L. Monroe of Las Vegas; his father, Demosthenes Monroe (Matty) of Burbank, IL; his brother, Daniel Monroe and sister Dawn Monroe. He is also survived by Charles Blunt, Jr., Carlton Blunt (Jamie), Vandrie Hickey (Jarel), and D'lana Oneal (Antonio).

He will be missed always by his 26 nieces and nephews including the girls, idle hands, and the boy.

Visitation will be held Thursday, February 8, 2018 from 5pm-9pm at **Flanner Buchanan-Floral Park - Indianapolis, IN**. Additional visitation will be held at the funeral home Friday, February 9 from 10am-12pm. Funeral services will immediately follow at 12pm on Friday. Jeff will be laid to rest at Floral Park Cemetery.

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**Morrison**

See Helen Hermes notice.

**Nelligan, Ann Marie 'Myra'**

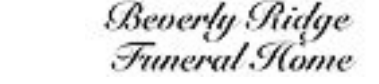
Ann Marie "Myra" Nelligan, age 79, passed away February 6, 2018. Wife of the late Thomas Nelligan, daughter of the late Robert and the late Maura McCambridge; sister of Joseph, Declan, Dairmaid, Robert, Cynthia, Ethna, the late Ita and the late Tony. Head nurse at Columbus Hospital in Chicago and Greenwood Medical Center in Evanston. Funeral Mass Saturday, Feb. 10th at noon, St. Isaac Jogues, 8149 W. Golf Rd., Niles, IL. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. Info 773-774-3333.



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**O'Malley, Thomas A.**

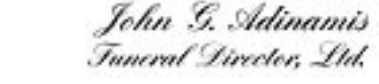
Thomas A. O'Malley, age 83, Veteran US Army, Retired CPD with 40 years of service, passed away Tuesday, February 6th surrounded by his family. Beloved husband of Sharlene, nee Mahoney for 62 years. Dear father of Patricia (Al) Rzeckowski, Karen (Michael) Berchman, Janice (Tom) O'Brien, Edward (Barbara) and the late Sharon. Loving grandfather of 12 and great grandfather of 10. He was preceded in death by his three sisters and four brothers. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Saturday 9:15 a.m. from **Beverly Ridge Funeral Home**, 10415 S. Kedzie Ave to St. Cajetan Church Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials to Autism Speaks; 3500 W. Peterson, Suite 204; Chicago, IL 60659. Visitation Friday 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. 773-779-4411



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**Pappas, James**

James W. Pappas, beloved husband of the late Katherine Pappas; Loving father of Fr. Euphrosynos, John Pappas, Marina (Paul) Kantzavelos and Angela (the late Dr. Tom) Georginis. Proud grandfather of Peter (Jamie), Stacy and Katherine Georginis and Alexa and Anastasia Kantzavelos. Devoted son of the late William and the late Marina nee Beleos. James was a WW II veteran. He was a Corporal in the Air Force for three years. Family and friends will meet Friday, February 9, 2018 at St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church, 2350 W. Dempster St., Des Plaines for visitation from 10:00 am until time of funeral service at 11:00 am. Interment in Ridgewood Cemetery. Arrangements by **John G. Adinamis Funeral Director, Ltd.**



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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.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com)



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**Podgers, James 'formerly Zalesny'**

On February 1st, Jim died peacefully at home surrounded by his family. He is survived by his wife, Cis Redmond, children Kevin, Michael and Hilary, sisters Patti (Jim Johnson) and Dede (Ray Noonan) and many other nieces, nephews, family, friends and retail establishments. He joins his beloved parents, Julie and Jerry Podgers, in heaven. Jim enjoyed a 37 year career at the American Bar Association, mostly working for the ABA Journal. He was especially proud of helping open the door to the Journal's coverage of international law (how else to get that fabulous free travel?). He especially enjoyed covering: the 1998 Rome Statute creating the International Criminal Court; the Hawaiian independence movement (coincidentally at the same time the Wisconsin Badgers were in Hawaii playing the Rainbow Warriors, he figured he pulled off a fast one with that assignment); and the Magna Carta anniversary in London (where he pilfered Margaret Thatcher's paper clip off the podium at Royal Albert Hall). He was able to interview many interesting people: Gerald Ford, Bianca Jagger (she sent him her personal phone number, "You know, just in case" per Jim), Telford Taylor (lawyer at the Nuremberg trials) and in his final interview, a lawyer with a passion for bullfighting. He was the happy escort of Les Girls: Maria Knight, the late Jeanne Gray and the late Marcia Kladder - his partners in gossip and jollity at the ABA. He was a charter member of FATS, his UW Madison ever-faithful, interesting and hilarious college buddies. There was no end to the discussions on Badger football. The group is now into its third generation and going strong. A devoted jazz fan, he was the lead sax player in

**Santangelo, Alterigio 'Arthur'**

Alterigio Santangelo "Arthur", Age 97, Proud WWII Army Veteran, beloved husband of the late Tina; loving father of Marisa, Angela (Carl) McClain, Louis (Gina) and Dominic; cherished grandpa of James, Ryan and Dylan; proud great grandpa of Matthew and Ava. Visitation Friday, from 4 to 9 P.M. Funeral prayers, Saturday, 9:15 A.M. at **The Elms Funeral Home**, 7600 W. Grand Ave. Elmwood Park, procession to St. Celestine Church for 10 A.M. Mass. Entombment All Saints Cemetery. For information www.elmsfh.com or (708) 453-1234.

**THE ELMS FUNERAL HOME**Sign Guestbook at [chicagotribune.com/obituaries](http://chicagotribune.com/obituaries)**Segal, Harry L.**

Harry L. Segal passed away peacefully two days after his 94 birthday in the company of his daughter and son-in-law in their home in Lenexa, KS. He was born in Chicago, IL in 1924 and lived there, as well as Arlington Heights, IL. After 40 years at Jewel Food Stores, working from stockboy to vice-president, he and his wife, the late Margaret (Peggy) Segal retired to Tucson, AZ. He met his next wife, the late Diane (Dee) Stott at a widowhood support group. Harry was a WWII Navy veteran who served in the historic Battle of Okinawa. He leaves behind two grandchildren, Kelsey and Taylor Baron, of whom he was forever proud, his much-respected son-in-law, Craig Baron, his beloved daughter, Mary Lee, and his loving daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Bradley Vogan. He is preceded in death by his wives and his cherished daughter, Kathleen Segal Baron. Memorial contributions may be sent to Lambs Farm, Libertyville, IL.

Sign Guestbook at [chicagotribune.com/obituaries](http://chicagotribune.com/obituaries)**Sfickas-Konopiots, Helen**

Helen Sfickas-Konopiots, 82, passed away on Sunday, February 4, 2018. She is the beloved wife of the late Gus; loving mother of John, Janie and Paula (Dave) Steil; devoted daughter of the late John and Koula Lordots; proud Yiayia of Jim (Hana), Megan and Alexa Steil; cherished great- Yiayia of Lucy; dear sister of Chris (Esther) Lordots and Jack (Barbara) Lordots; fond sister-in-law and aunt to many nieces and nephews. Family and Friends will meet on Saturday at Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church, 1401 Wagner Rd., Glenview for visitation at 11:30 until the time of Funeral Service at 1:00 pm. Interment in Elmwood Cemetery. Kindly omit flowers. Arrangements by John G. Adinamis Funeral Director, Ltd.

**John G. Adinamis Funeral Director, Ltd.**Sign Guestbook at [chicagotribune.com/obituaries](http://chicagotribune.com/obituaries)**Shaughnessy, PhD, Mary Rose**

Mary Rose Shaughnessy entered eternal life, her next adventure, surrounded by family and friends on January 22, 2018 following a short illness. Born April 28, 1931 in Kansas City to Frances S. and Joseph B. Shaughnessy, her Catholic family life and education at St. Mary's College '52 led her into religious life in the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, of which she was a member for 14 years. As Sr. Joseph Frances, she taught English and Math in high schools in Indiana, Illinois and Michigan. In extracurricular programs, she sponsored student groups interested in debate, speech, drama, yearbook, newspaper, film, and art. She earned a master's degree in English at Notre Dame '60 during summer vacations.

After teaching at Saint Mary's, she left the Holy Cross Sisters in 1966 and entered the PhD program in English at the University of Chicago, receiving her doctorate in 1973. In 1968, she began teaching at Chicago State University where she remained the rest of her professional career, becoming a full professor and teaching a wide range of courses in the English Department: American literature, women's literature, history of literary criticism, and the always popular composition courses.

During this period, she pursued further educational interests, studying scripture at Catholic Theological Union in her beloved Hyde Park. She also pursued an interest in architecture, earning a degree in interior design from Harrington Institute of Interior Design '80. China interested her, so she mastered the language, received a Fulbright and taught at Nanjing University in 1985 and 1986, continuing her connections with her students for the rest of her life. Sailing was a big part of her life from 1980-1996. Her catboat Rum Rum Tugger and Jackson Park Yacht Club were her summer home.

After her retirement from teaching in 1996, she continued working as an artist. She worked in the Hyde Park Art Center's Ceramic studio beginning in 1990 and began selling her ceramics at the Community Art Fair. She found she was good at sculpture and filled her house with busts and figures. She also enjoyed painting-watercolor, pastels and Asian ink. She taught pastel painting at the John Campbell Folk School in North Carolina. Genealogical research attracted her in retirement, and she researched the Shaughnessy family and all the various descendants back through Aaron Burr to Charlemagne.

England, Europe, Israel, Egypt, China, India, Turkey, Russia, Mexico were all travel destinations. The internet brought her new ways to travel. Cruising replaced sailing. Every year she found another cruise or two. Road Scholar (formerly Elderhostels) offered another opportunity to travel. Her latest passion was discovering her singing voice as a member of the Hyde Park women's choir, Le Cantani di Chicago.

Although she lived in Chicago, she maintained close relationships with her family from Kansas City, her sister Kathleen and Dick Connor's family, her sister Carol (Bob deceased) Miller's family, and her deceased brother Joe (Pat deceased) Shaughnessy's family and all their children, several of whom she nurtured and mentored when they visited and careered in Chicago. Rose will be greatly missed!

Rosary at 11:00, followed by Visitation with Memorial Mass at 12:00 on February 12 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Contributions may be made in her honor to her parish, St. Thomas, Le Cantani di Chicago or to Saint Mary's College.

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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.

**Glueckert Funeral Home Ltd.**Sign Guestbook at [chicagotribune.com/obituaries](http://chicagotribune.com/obituaries)**Tabert, Ronald Thomas 'Ron'**

Ronald T. "Ron" Tabert passed away on February 5th. Ron was born on March 4, 1933, in Chicago, to Harriet, nee Populorum, and Henry Tabert, and they preceded him in death. Ron was the loving brother of the late Lois Grosard; beloved uncle of Louis (Beverly) Doll of Cincinnati, OH, Michael (Bonita) Doll of Jacksonville, FL, Robert (Ellen) Doll of Erlanger, KY and Nancy (Dr. Steven Kaplan) Doll of Portland, OR. Ron is also survived by many nieces, nephews, close friends and his extended family from Our Lady, Mother of the Church Parish. Ron was employed at the First National Bank of Chicago (Now J.P. Morgan/ Chase) for 35 years, and he served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955. In lieu of flowers, donations to: Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care 1550 Bishop Ct. Ste #145, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056 would be appreciated. Visitation Friday, February 9th, from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Funeral services will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, at the funeral home, and will then proceed to Our Lady, Mother of the Church for Mass at 10:30 a.m. Entombment will follow at St. Joseph Mausoleum. Info www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708-456-8300.

**CUMBERLAND CHAPELS**Sign Guestbook at [chicagotribune.com/obituaries](http://chicagotribune.com/obituaries)**Tokarczyk, Stanley C.**

Stanley C. Tokarczyk, 93, of Stickney passed away February 5, 2018. Loving husband of the late Estelle nee Kozlowski; beloved father of Shirley, Robert (Elizabeth) and the late Ronald (Mary Ann); cherished grandfather of 6, great grandfather of 14 and great great-grandfather of 1; dear brother of the late Anna, the late Mary, the late Sophie and the late Joseph. Stanley served in the Army during WWII in the Pacific. Visitation Friday, February 9, 2018 from 2pm to 8pm at Mount Auburn Funeral Home, 4101 S. Oak Park Ave. Stickney, IL. Chapel service Saturday at 10:30am. Interment Mount Auburn Cemetery, Stickney, IL. Info: (708)-749-2033 or www.mountaurnfuneralhome.com

**Dignity Mt. Auburn Funeral Home**Sign Guestbook at [chicagotribune.com/obituaries](http://chicagotribune.com/obituaries)**Tomasian, Martin John 'Marty'**

Marty passed peacefully surrounded by his loving family. His beloved Connie Tomasian, Daughters Charlene Vickery (Randy), Helene Tomasian, and son Michael Tomasian (Shannon). Granddaughters Madison, Morgan and Miranda Vickery and Elise and Bethany Tomasian. Brother Don Tomasian (Jeanie), Sister Leah Johnson. Preceded in death by his parents Mike and Nasali Tomasian, Siblings Mike and Marlene Tomasian and Alma and Kurt Apton. A Celebration of Life will be held February 24th, 4-8 at Armand's Victory Tap 1416 S. Michigan Ave. Email m.tomasian@gmail.com for info/RSVP

Sign Guestbook at [chicagotribune.com/obituaries](http://chicagotribune.com/obituaries)**Trovela, Julita Zornosa**

Julita Zornosa Trovela, Jul. 23, 1918 - Feb. 7, 2018, of Chicago, IL, formerly of Majajjay, Laguna Philippines, beloved wife of the late Crispin, dearest mother of Mabel (Jimmy), Romulo (Nieves), Violet (Roman), Mennas, Marino (Rowena), Mariquita (Danny), Noel (Mariliza), Janina (Lee), and Adonis (Annie); grandmother of Oliver (Arnie), Vanessa (Mike), Sheila (Jerome), Celestine (Eric), Julian (Katrina), Zelig (Marissa), Maricris, Brian, Kevin, Matthew, Frieda, Noelle, Michael Lee, Brandon and Jason; great grandmother of Mariah, Neoxander, Mikey, Genna, Jericho, Astrid, Rixel, Camden, Amber, Lyla, Lorenzo, Damen, Desmond, and Calliope; greatly missed by extended family member Lou. Funeral Saturday Feb. 10th, 9:15 am from **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N. Cicero Ave. Chicago to St. Margaret Mary Church for mass at 10:00 am. Interment Rosehill Cemetery. Visitation Thursday Feb. 8th and Friday Feb. 9th from 3-9 PM. Info 773-736-3833 or visit Julita's memorial at [www.smith-corcoran.com](http://www.smith-corcoran.com)

**Smith-Corcoran Funeral Homes**Sign Guestbook at [chicagotribune.com/obituaries](http://chicagotribune.com/obituaries)**Verell, Jewel G.**

Jewel G. Verell, 78, of Duxbury, died peacefully at home surrounded by her loved ones on February 4, 2018 following her brave five year battle with cancer. Beloved wife of Charles F. (Chuck) Verell. Loving mother of Jason J. Verell and Megan E. Verell. A Memorial Service will be held at Mayflower Church, 207 Main St., Kingston, MA on Wednesday February 14 at 11:00AM., followed by a reception at the church. Donations in Jewel's memory may be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Attn: Ovarian Cancer Contribution Services, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02445, or The Gideons International, The Gideons International Processing Center, P.O. Box 97251, Washington, DC 20090-7251. For online condolences please visit [www.shepherdfuneralhome.com](http://www.shepherdfuneralhome.com).

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Brenton H. "Brent" "Bink" Wadsworth, age 88, U.S. Air Force veteran 1952-1954, a resident of Yorkville, IL and Tarpon Springs, FL, died Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at his home. He was born March 11, 1929 in Buffalo, NY. Beloved husband of Jean Wadsworth (nee Both), whom he married February 14, 1954, loving father of Stanley Wadsworth of Aurora, IL, Leslie (Paul Loague) Wadsworth of Aurora, Martha (Mark Grimm) Wadsworth of Cornelius, NC and Eric (Traci) Wadsworth of Tampa, FL, adored grandfather of Brenton and Tess Wadsworth, devoted son of the late Dr. Harold and Julia (nee Hamilton) Wadsworth, dear brother of Betty Jones of Joliet, IL and the late Stanley (Mary of Scottsdale, AZ) Wadsworth, fond brother-in-law, cousin, uncle, great-uncle and friend of many.

He grew up in Joliet, IL and is a Graduate of University of Illinois School of Landscape Architecture. He worked for Robert Bruce Harris, a mid-century golf course architectural firm. He then proudly served in the U.S. Air Force from 1952 to 1954. He married Alice Jean Both, of La Grange, Illinois in 1954. In 1955 he started a golf course design firm, Packard and Wadsworth. Then in 1958 parted ways to establish Wadsworth Golf Construction Company for the purpose of constructing golf courses. The golf industry exploded and The Wadsworth Golf Construction Company has built over 900 golf courses primarily in the United States with many receiving high accolades. He modestly achieved extensive recognition of his contributions to the game of golf. Brent believed in providing the less fortunate people an opportunity for enjoyment from the game of golf. Through his Company, contributions are made to charities devoted to these endeavors. In particular, the disadvantaged, disabled, families and youth are targeted recipients. To further those goals, he established the Wadsworth Golf Charities Foundation in 1997 along with his wife and children. The Foundation, through the years, sought to make the character building attributes of golf accessible to more people by making gifts and grants to many organizations throughout the entire country that supported the Foundation's mission of self improvement, which in turn could benefit society to become a more honorable, gentler and friendlier place. Aurora University inducted Brent with a Doctorate of Humanities in 2008 and he received a Doctorate of Humanities in 2013 from Lewis University. The enrichment from several church affiliations was paramount in Brent's daily life and his marriage of 63 years. He loved life and had a unique zeal when interfacing with people whether it was childhood friends, neighbors, employees, church members, customers or locals. He was devoted to his fraternity and friends from college throughout his life. Recreation was always close to nature as he was amazed at the incredible beauty enveloped across the country.

Brenton's amazing life was one of genuine hard work, resourcefulness, great accomplishment, unprecedented generosity, eternal modesty and unwavering kindness. All apparent in his unforgettable smile. It is hard to believe that he started with nothing and gave as each success afforded him to do so. As a special friend acutely acknowledged at his 60th Birthday "You would never hear a word of this from Brent as Brent's life was heaven sent." Visitation Saturday, February 10, 2018, 3:00-5:00 PM at **Overman-Jones Funeral Home, 15219 S. Joliet Road (Corner of Rts. 30 & 59), Plainfield.** Additional Visitation Sunday, February 11, 2:00-3:00 PM at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2505 Boomer Lane, Yorkville, IL 60560, (630) 553-7645. Funeral Services will follow Sunday, 3:00 PM at the church with Rev. Michael Stoner officiating. Private Interment: Oak Grove Cemetery, Bristol, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations in Brent's memory can be made to the: Wadsworth Golf Charities Foundation.

The Foundation is dedicated to improving society through the embodiment of the moral, ethical and cultural codes of the game of golf. Checks may be made to Wadsworth Golf Charities Foundation, 13941 Van Dyke Road, Plainfield, IL 60544, (815) 436-8400 or please visit [www.wadsworthgolffoundation.org/donation.php](http://www.wadsworthgolffoundation.org/donation.php) For more information, please call (815) 436 - 9221 or visit [www.overman-jones.com](http://www.overman-jones.com)

**Friedrich Jones Funeral Homes & Cremation Services**Sign Guestbook at [chicagotribune.com/obituaries](http://chicagotribune.com/obituaries)**Widere, Thomas James**

Widere, Thomas J. of St. Petersburg FL passed away Sunday, January 28, 2018, at age 85. He graduated from St. Paul's HS and then joined the US Coast Guard. He worked for Widere and Smith Printing Co. while attending the University of Tampa. After graduating with a Bachelors Degree he moved to Chicago IL where he was a Program Analyst for the Chicago Tribune until his retirement. He is survived by his younger brother Joseph & wife Ginny, sister-in-law Rita Widere, 8 nieces and 1 nephew. There will be a Mass on Monday, February 12, 2018 at 10:00 AM at St. Matthews Church. The address is 9111 - 90th Ave. Largo, FL 33777. He will be laid to rest in a private ceremony at Bay Pines National Cemetery. Cards & condolences may be sent in care of Rita Hopkins, P.O. Box 9998, Bay Pines, FL 33744

Sign Guestbook at [chicagotribune.com/obituaries](http://chicagotribune.com/obituaries)**Wilson, Margie Benoit**

Margie Benoit Wilson of Crown Point, IN passed away on February 2, 2018 at the age of 93. Proceeded 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.

Sign Guestbook at [chicagotribune.com/obituaries](http://chicagotribune.com/obituaries)**Wolf, Constance 'Connie'**

Constance "Connie" Wolf, nee Hlavacek, age 72, of Western Springs. Retired manager of a group practice of physicians. Beloved daughter of the late Dr. Louis Hlavacek and Elizabeth Hlavacek, nee Brandt; dear sister of the late Elizabeth Hartman; aunt of Carl (Kristine) Hartman and great aunt of Stephanie Hartman.

Loving wife of Wayne Wolf. Visitation Thursday, February 8, 2018, 3 P.M. to 8 P.M. at **Hitzeman Funeral Home, Ltd.** 9445 West 31st Street, Brookfield. Funeral Friday, February 9, 2018, 11 A.M. at Bohemian National Cemetery. Interment Private. A continuous slide show of Connie's photos and travel will be displayed at the visitation. Connie has Masters Degrees from University of Illinois and Northwestern Kellogg School of Management. Known for her photographic skills she was a member of several photography groups and clubs. Longtime member of Svobodna Obec, CSA Fraternal Life Woodrow Wilson Lodge and a volunteer at the Morton Arboretum. Memorials appreciated to Morton Arboretum, 4100 Illinois Route 53, Lisle, IL 60532. Information 708-485-2000 or [www.HitzemanFuneral.com](http://www.HitzemanFuneral.com)

**HITZEMAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES**Sign Guestbook at [chicagotribune.com/obituaries](http://chicagotribune.com/obituaries)**Wolf, Kenneth J.**

A fashion jewelry pioneer, ex-commodity floor trader, and entrepreneurial extraordinaire, Kenny passed of natural causes in Boca Raton, Florida Tuesday, February 6, 2018. Starting by sweeping floors in the iconic Berns-Friedman wholesale house, and its affiliate; Eisenberg Ice, he ultimately bought the firm in the 1970's and capitalized on such novelties as the Mood Ring and Pet Rock. Trading at the CME in the 70's and later building multiple commodity related businesses from that. Living life to the fullest, he was a world traveler. He is survived by his children Scott, Barry, Marcy, and Stacy, as well as his sisters Roz and Jeannie. He always said, "If I knew I was going to last this long...I'd take better care of myself!"

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Loretta Zoellick, 82 of Mundelein, IL. Loving and beloved wife of 60 years to Harold; wonderful mother to Steve and Mike Zoellick and Jane Haller; and loving grandmother of Claire Zoellick, Sarah and Haley Zoellick, and Dan and Jay Haller. Passed peacefully in her sleep with family by her side. She was an active contributor and leader in school, community, and church organizations. She loved her husband, her family, children, the Cubs, and her life. She passed as she lived, with grace, kindness, and good cheer.

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IN THE INTEREST OF **Adel Salim AKA Adel Mustafa Salim**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Daisy Ortega** (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 15JA00714

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NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Mustafa Salim (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 2, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Bernard Sarley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/01/2018**, at **11:00 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 terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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IN THE INTEREST OF **Antoinette Reyes**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Justine Alfaro** (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00930

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Justine Alfaro (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **September 12, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Bernard Sarley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/22/2018**, at **1:30 PM** IN CALENDAR 9 COURTROOM I, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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**February 8, 2018**

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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 **Brandon Rogers Tyler Rogers**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Brandy Rogers** (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00014 18JA00013

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Ray Ray (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **January 5, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/01/2018**, at **11:30 AM** IN CALENDAR 12 COURTROOM L, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF **Cheyell Krystoljoy Watkins**

A MINOR NO. 2018JD00137

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Lakeshia Allan (Mother)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **January 24, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Cynthia Ramirez** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/21/2018** at **9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR 52 COURTROOM 2,

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT  
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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 **Damani Brown AKA Gilmore**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Amelia Brown** (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA01283

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Antohn Gilmore AKA Anthon Gilmore (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 6, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** 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 **03/01/2018**, at **9:30 AM** IN CALENDAR 7 COURTROOM 6, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
**February 8, 2018**

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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 **Emrizon Dixon Derrick Emmons**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Antasia Dixon** (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA01325 17JA01327

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Derrick Emmons (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 19, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Bernard Sarley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/22/2018**, at **9:30 AM** IN CALENDAR 9 COURTROOM I, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
**February 8, 2018**

### 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 **Hector Skinner**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Sharita Skinner** (Mother) AKA **Sharita Alicea**

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA01281

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 6, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Peter Valkelis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/01/2018**, at **9:30 AM** IN CALENDAR 13 COURTROOM M, 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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**February 8, 2018**

### LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF **Henri Mendiz-Perez**

A MINOR NO. 2017JD02127

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Elba Perez-Fuentes (Mother) Roberto Mendez-Vazquez (Father)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **December 5, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Terrence Sharkey** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/22/2018** at **9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR 63 COURTROOM 13,

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT  
**February 8, 2018**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF **Johmie Cole**

A MINOR NO. 2018JD00186

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Ronald Cole (Father)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **January 31, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Patricia Mendoza** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/22/2018** at **9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR 53 COURTROOM 4,

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**February 8, 2018**

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IN THE INTEREST OF **Joseph Valquez**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Maria Vasquez** (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 15JA00127

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NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Riley Davis (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 27, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/01/2018**, at **10:00 AM** IN CALENDAR 12 COURTROOM L, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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**February 8, 2018**

### 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 **Keith Stevenson**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Tawanda Siveles** (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA01255

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Charles Long and "Dasha" (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **November 30, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Nicholas Geanopoulos** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/01/2018**, at **10:00 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.

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Three-time Team USA captain **Chris Chelios** is turning in his sweater for a suit — and it seems to be fitting just fine

By **STEVE ROSENBLOOM** | Chicago Tribune

The 2018 U.S. men's Olympic hockey team will of course include Chris Chelios. It's an Olympic law or something.

Because no American player has worn the red, white and blue sweater more than the four Olympics in which Chelios has participated.

Because no American player has captained more than the three U.S. Olympic hockey teams on which we saw the old man and the C either.

Because this is what you expect from a guy who played more NHL games than any other defenseman. Chelios shows up and shows up and shows up.

Difference this time is, when he shows up in Pyeongchang, South Korea, Chelios will be behind the bench instead of on it. The Chicago native will be coaching as an assistant to Tony Granato, part of the hockey royalty that is the Downers Grove Granatos and a former Olympian and four-time 30-goal scorer in the NHL whose day job is to coach the men's hockey team Wisconsin, his and Chelios' alma mater.

"Whenever you get a chance to represent your country, you do it," Chelios said by phone recently. "I do, anyway. I think it's great."

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## Slight Sox: Club can use snubs for good



**PAUL SULLIVAN**  
On the White Sox

The latest slap to the White Sox's face brought a rapid response from their usually humor-challenged Twitter account.

After some Sox fans noted the answers to a "Wheel of Fortune" puzzle featured every major Chicago sports team but the Sox, a photo of the puzzle board immediately spread on Twitter. Every slight can be magnified on social media, and the perturbed masses reacted as you would expect.

The Sox's Twitter account then joined in, tweeting a Photoshopped version of the puzzle board with "White Sox" added and the reply: "Here we fixed it, @WheelofFortune."

Advantage, Sox.

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### BULLS AND BLACKHAWKS

## 'It was tough to get through'

Kris Dunn (above) eager to return after concussion suffered Jan. 17, but there's still no timetable. **Page 3**

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STEVE ROSENBLIOM

## Crawford's return enough?

Is it fair to ask whether Corey Crawford can come back and save the Blackhawks' season?

Is it too early to ask if the No. 1 goalie has to come back and save the jobs of general manager Stan Bowman and coach Joel Quenneville?

Too late. I just asked. The first question is more immediate, but both will be asked, believe me, because it's hard to imagine this organ-I-zation not shedding blood if the Hawks miss the playoff for the first time in 10 years.

The Hawks just blew a game at home to a Western Conference opponent ahead of them in the wild-card race. Entering play Wednesday, they were seven points and four teams out of the last playoff spot. They have lost three in a row overall and five straight at home. They have been outscored 14-8 in their last 10 third periods.

Hurry, Corey, hurry. Crawford is back on the ice, finally, although he hasn't gone through a team practice as he comes back from a concussion or vertigo or who knows what kind of upper-body injury.

Crawford hasn't played since Dec. 23, missing the last 18 games. The Hawks are 7-8-3 without him. He will miss Thursday's game against a Stars team that is better than the Hawks, but then, who isn't? He will miss games for the foreseeable future. He can't save the season unless he plays. He can't save jobs unless he saves shots.

Crawford ranked among the league's best in goals-against average and save percentage when he got hurt. He was the Hawks' best player. They haven't had a best player since. They haven't had enough players come through to save the season.

The backup goalies have been nice stories, but you want to pet them more than rely on them.

The kids had scored the Hawks' last 14 goals until Patrick Kane potted one in the third period in the loss to the Flames on Tuesday. Kane leads the team in scoring. He pretty much is the only big-money, big-name player to contribute in a big way. He could be excused for wondering where his ring-wearing buddies Jonathan Toews, Duncan Keith, Brent Seabrook, Patrick Sharp and Brandon Saad have been.

In Sharp's case, the press box. His homecoming has been a disaster of Johnny Oduya proportions. Saad has been nearly as



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The Hawks are 7-8-3 without injured goalie Corey Crawford, who last played Dec. 23.

big of a mistake. He scored three goals in his first game after being traded for Artemi Panarin and has scored 10 in the last 52. Yes, just 10. Playing on the top line — just 10. He was shunted down to the third line and then the fourth Tuesday because there's no fifth line.

Keith hasn't scored since March. The team should think about staging a "Heritage Night" for his last goal.

If the Hawks think about firing Quenneville for failing to make the playoffs, then Bowman seemingly would have to go, too, for sticking the coach and the team with Seabrook for the next millennium, or so it will seem. Seabrook's \$6.875 million average salary this year and every year through — gag — 2023-24 is more than former Norris Trophy winner Erik Karlsson, but Seabrook plays worse at five-on-five than almost every other Hawks defenseman, including the demoted Cody Franson, according to Corsica Hockey.

Similarly, Toews' \$10.5 million average salary exceeds that of NHL goal-scoring leader Alex Ovechkin, but the Hawks cap-

tain's 14 goals are fewer than Thomas Vanek, who's 34 and costs just \$2 million.

Are those failures the fault of Bowman? Quenneville? Maybe it's on the players, who have faceplanted in a big way. It looks like everyone was being deodorized by Crawford's Vezina Trophy-worthy play.

Who knows, maybe Crawford's injury shields everyone, although it's hard to believe wonks in the organ-I-zation can ignore the gaping wound that has been the Hawks' play.

The Hawks have been exposed, and it's dire. Remember, "One goal" is winning the Stanley Cup. It is not squeaking into the playoffs, and it certainly is not missing them altogether, not after consecutive first-round exits, not after last year's epic fail in getting swept by the eighth-seeded Predators. The trade deadline is still to come at the end of the month, but that isn't the most important watch.

Hurry, Corey, hurry.

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### THE LINEUP

#### Picture him in pinstripes



Seahawks quarterback **Russell Wilson** has been traded — from the Texas Rangers to the New York Yankees.

The Rangers selected Wilson in the Triple-A portion of the Rule 5 draft during the winter meetings in December 2013, about two months before he led the Seahawks to a win over the Broncos in the Super Bowl. On Wednesday, the Rangers traded Wilson to the Yankees for future considerations.

Wilson is expected to join the Yankees at their spring camp in Tampa, Fla., at some point in March.

"This is a unique opportunity for us to learn from an extraordinary athlete who has reached the pinnacle of his profession," Yankees GM Brian Cashman said in a statement. "There is a genuine excitement (from players) in having Russell join us for a short time in camp." *Tribune news services*

#### 'Tough choice' for No. 54



Now that **Brian Urlacher** is on his way to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, he has work to do and decisions to make.

Wednesday on WMVP-AM 1000's "Waddle & Silvy," the former Bears linebacker said he has "a tough, tough choice" to make when it comes to who will present him during the ceremony in August. He has narrowed it down to three of his former Bears coaches — Lovie Smith, defensive coordinator Greg Blache and linebackers coach/defensive coordinator Bob Babich.

"They've had the biggest influence on my career," Urlacher said. "It's hard. I wish I could choose all three."

Urlacher also has a speech to write. He indicated it will focus on "all the people who helped me get there."

*Colleen Kane*

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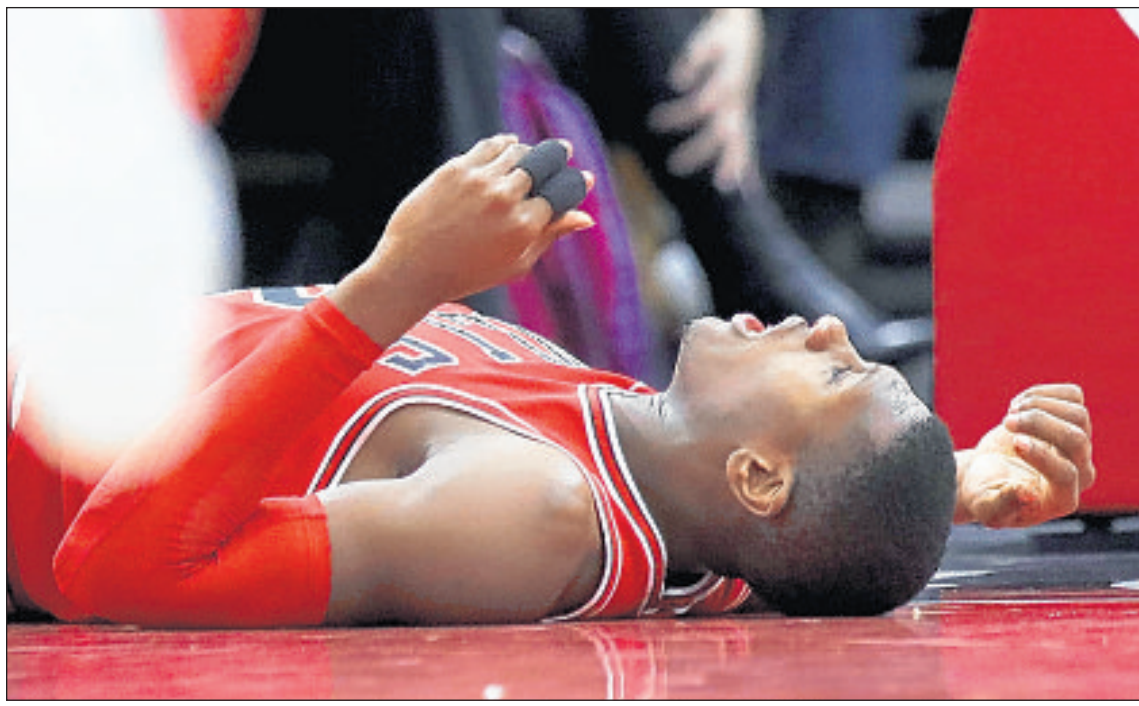
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## BULLS



# Dunn's recovery has some teeth

Guard still not out of concussion protocol but finally 'doing good'

By K.C. JOHNSON  
Chicago Tribune

Several times Kris Dunn's father made him watch the replay of the fall that concussed Dunn, dislocated two of his teeth and took a chunk out of the United Center floor.

"It was definitely a scary fall," Dunn said Wednesday in his first public comments since the Jan. 17 incident. "But as long as I had my teeth in there, I was fine. I played football, so as long as those were in there, I'm good."

Dunn can chuckle about the situation now that he is better.

"Last week, I felt fine," he said. "I wasn't doing the things I was doing before. I wasn't sleeping during the day (or) getting the headaches during the day or at night."

"I'm a high-energy guy. I like to laugh and all that. And I had that bounce to me. Everybody started to see me getting better. It was just a process of trying to maintain that energy."

That process is ongoing, and there's no timetable for Dunn's return. He has not officially exited the league's concussion protocol despite taking part in non-contact portions of Tuesday's Windy City Bulls practice and Wednesday's NBA Bulls practice.

But the fact he's up and about and has, in coach Fred Hoiberg's words, "one more step" to pass is a good sign. The Bulls are 1-7 since Dunn went down.

"People thought I almost broke my neck, so the fact I have my teeth is definitely a blessing," said Dunn, who said dentists had to make sure the nerves to his teeth's roots weren't dead. "The concussion protocol was a pain. It kept coming back."

"When I thought I felt good, it just kept rising some days. I would go outside, try to take walks and clear my head and wasn't doing well. It took a while, but now I'm doing good."



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The nasty fall Kris Dunn took Jan. 17 against the Warriors, above, put him in the NBA's concussion protocol, where he has remained since.

Well, except for that running thing. Conditioning and taking contact are Dunn's remaining hurdles.

"I can tell you one thing: My legs are dead," he said. "When you have injuries (such as) a sprained ankle ... you can do (physical) activities. But with a concussion you can't. So (Tuesday) was like my first time actually touching the floor."

Dunn will wear a mouthpiece upon his return and said he won't make a decision on whether to play in the Rising Stars Challenge during All-Star weekend until he sees how the next few days unfold. The former high school football star suffered his first concussion in the 2016 NBA Summer League with the Timberwolves.

"I knew what to expect: a lot of headaches," Dunn said. "You're going to feel fog some days, low energy, fatigue. I never slept so much. In the daytime, you'll just go to sleep out of nowhere and then you'll be up all night."

"It was tough to get through. I'm just happy to be back." Just as when he suffered an

open dislocation of his left index finger that sidelined him for this season's first four games, Dunn vowed not to change his aggressive approach.

"I'm going to go dunk it for sure," he said. "You can't be scared when things like this happen. You just have to keep doing what you do, but it's tough."

"I tell people I got hurt more in basketball than I did in football. It's kind of weird to me. All of them have been freak accidents, so I'm not too worried. If they were all minor injuries, then I'd have to look at my body, but they've all been freak accidents. You just have to get through it."

And Hoiberg is happy Dunn has almost done so.

"He's a ways away," Hoiberg said. "He hasn't done anything for three weeks. His inactivity will prevent him from playing anytime soon."

"But the important thing is he was able to do some non-contact drills. It's great to see him."

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## BLACKHAWKS

# Numbers lacking for team's leaders

Big-money veterans have not been meeting statistical expectations

By PAUL SKRBINA  
Chicago Tribune

The three players with letters sewn to their Blackhawks sweaters have big contract numbers attached to their names.

The numbers put up this season by captain Jonathan Toews and alternate captains Duncan Keith and Brent Seabrook, though, don't correlate with the nearly \$23 million investment the team has in them collectively for this season and fall in line more with the Hawks' 24-21-8 record.

This part of the core that helped lead the franchise to three Stanley Cup titles since 2010 has combined for 17 goals and 57 assists. The team is gasping for playoff air for the first time in 10 seasons, with hockey-reference.com putting their chances of qualifying at 10.1 percent, with a 0.1 percent chance of them winning it all.

"I don't think anybody has exceeded expectations or come close to it, especially the top guys," Blackhawks coach Joel Quenneville said. "But that's across the board. I don't think anybody should be satisfied with where they're at in their play."

Except maybe Patrick Kane, the lone core player whose numbers on the ice line up with the ones on his paycheck. He has a team-high 21 goals and 32 assists.

But before Kane scored during Tuesday night's 3-2 loss to the Flames, the team's previous 14 goals came courtesy of five players 23 years old or younger.

Those players — Alex DeBrincat, Anthony Duclair, Vinnie Hinostroza, David Kampf and Nick Schmaltz — will make roughly \$4.56 million combined and have combined for 44 goals and 54 assists.

So while the future may look bright, the lights of the past have been dimming.

Toews said just as the youngsters can learn from the veterans, the inverse also is true.

"We've talked about that ... having humility and not taking anything for granted or expecting anything," he said. "You're not going to be given anything and it doesn't matter what you have accomplished, you have to earn that respect every day."

But nostalgia can be seductive. Quenneville sat Seabrook for a game earlier this season. But he has just three goals and 12 assists

## STARS AT BLACKHAWKS

TV/radio: 7:30 p.m. Thursday; NBCSCH, WGN-AM 720.

**Storylines:** The Stars are where the Blackhawks want to be — in one of the two wild-card playoff spots. Ten points and four teams separate the two, making this a must-win for the Blackhawks if they have any hopes of keeping their streak of nine straight playoff appearances alive.

**Trending:** The Hawks have lost five in a row at home and three in a row overall, while the Stars are 7-2-1 in their last 10. ... Hawks rookie Alex DeBrincat has five goals in his last five games and 19 this season, tied for second among rookies. ... The Stars have allowed just 13 goals in their last eight games and are fifth in goals-against at 2.56.

and has been struggling recently while paired with Erik Gustafsson.

"There's no doubt it was a shock to him and a shock to the rest of us," Toews said. "Some of our veteran guys, myself included, we need to be better. We have to be better and lead this team the way it needs to be led."

Keith's ice time has gone down a bit, too. But Quenneville admitted the leash remains longer with his core players, whose performance he deemed "fine."

"Their experience and their leadership qualities and what they mean to the organization, what they meant in the past ... they certainly earned that," Quenneville said. "It's human nature that, 'Hey, we're a proud organization, proud players.'"

"They're accustomed to winning. Now all of a sudden we're not at that pace, and whether their own play isn't as good as they would like, or the team play, they take pride in that."

Toews was visibly upset after Tuesday's loss, the team's third in a row overall and fifth straight at the United Center. Keith, too, has searched for answers and accepted responsibility.

Quenneville labeled Seabrook "the most vocal guy in the locker room."

"This season has offered some (different) challenges as opposed to past years," said Keith, who hasn't scored a goal since March and is 0-for-124 this season with 25 assists. "You look at our record, and where we're at, as a player, looking yourself in the mirror, you can't say it has been good enough. It hasn't been good enough."

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## BLACKHAWKS NOTES

## Controversial goal, long review not easy to forget

By PAUL SKRBINA  
Chicago Tribune

Jeff Glass wasn't about to put his money where his mouth was.

The 32-year-old Blackhawks rookie goalie makes \$575,000. He wasn't in the mood to donate a portion of that to the NHL in the form of a fine by sharing his thoughts about a controversial goal the Flames scored with 3 minutes, 30 seconds left in Tuesday night's 3-2 loss.

"I wish I made more money," Glass said when asked Wednesday about a score that was credited to Michael Stone but appeared to deflect in off the high stick of Johnny Gaudreau.

Glass immediately signaled that the goal should have been disallowed because of the high stick, but the call stood after review.

Earlier in the game, what would have been Ryan Hartman's go-ahead goal was disallowed after two reviews, the second of which determined he interfered with Flames goalie Mike Smith.

"For whatever reason, we're not getting the bounce," Glass said. "(Tuesday) night was the perfect example ... of being right there and for whatever reason not getting the call."

"Those things happen, so we have to make our own luck and not put ourselves in position where one call determines the game, which seems to be what is happening right now."

The nearly eight minutes it took for the reviews on Hartman's would-be goal took their toll on the Hawks, coach Joel Quenneville said.

Quenneville claimed the call could have gone either way, but



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After Tuesday's 3-2 home loss to the Flames, rookie goaltender Jeff Glass says the Hawks 'have to make (their) own luck.'

took way too long nonetheless.

"That's what video replay does in games," Quenneville said. "Whether they get it right or not, (I) still don't know if that's the best thing for slowing down the pace and excitement of a building and things that can generate enthusiasm. Slows you down, but that works both ways."

**Crawford update:** After being on the ice for workouts for four straight days, goalie Corey Crawford took the first of two consecutive scheduled days off Wednesday. Crawford, who has been on injured reserve with an upper-body injury since Dec. 27, might travel with the team on its upcoming three-game trip, Quenneville said.

**One-timers:** Center Artem Anisimov did not practice Wednesday but likely will play Thursday against the Stars. ... Defenseman Jan Rutta also did not practice Wednesday, but his status for Thursday was up in the air, Quenneville said.

## BULLS NOTES

## New dad Markkanen awaits play day

By K.C. JOHNSON  
Chicago Tribune

Parenthood is "awesome." His conditioning is "good." And Friday can't come soon enough.

That was Lauri Markkanen's world in a nutshell when he rejoined the Bulls on Wednesday after missing the three-game West Coast trip for the birth of his first child. The Bulls actually planned for Markkanen to fly commercially to Sacramento on Sunday for Monday's game, but the snowy Chicago weather didn't cooperate.

"It was annoying," Markkanen said. "I went to the airport, grabbed some lunch, and when I went to the gate everything was canceled. I tried to catch a connecting flight, but everything was booked full."

Rather than have Markkanen fly four hours on game day, management kept the rookie home.

"That was a smart move to (let me) get a really good workout in and be ready to go," Markkanen said.

Nevertheless, the Kings' defensive game plan left coach Fred Hoiberg wistful.

"Based on how Sacramento plays ball-screen actions, it could

have been a really fun night for Lauri," Hoiberg said. "But it was the right move not to fly him out the day of the game and get back at 5 a.m. (Tuesday)."

Instead, Markkanen practiced Tuesday with the Windy City Bulls and will start Friday against a Timberwolves team that technically drafted him but traded his rights in the prearranged Jimmy Butler deal.

"I'm really excited to play basketball again — it has been a while," Markkanen said. "I'm just trying to help the team. Hopefully, we can bounce back."

The Bulls have lost seven straight.

**Deadline day:** Leading up to Thursday's 2 p.m. Central trade deadline, the Bulls remained in discussions with several teams.

**Robin Lopez, Jerian Grant** and the newly acquired expiring deals of **Tony Allen** and **Jameer Nelson** are all in play, although Lopez's deal has trade value into next season. But there was less optimism Wednesday that another deal will occur.

The Bulls continue to be involved in talks for the Jazz's **Rodney Hood**, a source said.

Hoiberg worked as an executive

with the Timberwolves, so he has seen deadline day from multiple angles.

"Everybody lies up until the last 24 hours, then things start to get serious," he said. "From all perspectives — being a player, being in the front office, now as a coach — (you) just worry about what you can control. When that day does pass, it really is a sense of relief."

**On hold:** Acquired in last week's Nikola Mirotic trade to the Pelicans, Allen never reported to the Bulls. He will be waived if he's not traded.

Nelson has been shooting and participating in the non-contact portions of Bulls practices. If he's not traded, he could be a buyout candidate as he played regular minutes with the Pelicans.

**Cha-ching:** In Forbes' annual valuations of NBA franchises, the Bulls ranked fourth behind the Knicks, Lakers and Warriors at \$2.6 billion.

It's the first time all 30 NBA teams were valued at at least \$1 billion.

Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf led a group of investors who purchased the Bulls for \$16 million in March 1985.





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Steve Yzerman, from left, Chris Chelios, Brett Hull and Brendan Shanahan at the '02 Games.

## From captain to coach, Chelios at 5th Olympics

*Chelios, from Page 1*

Granato and former Team USA GM Jim Johansson offered Chelios this chance, a Badgers hockey sleeper cell awakening before taking a tragic turn last month.

Johansson died in his sleep Jan. 21. He was 53, three years younger than Chelios. The pair played together on Wisconsin's 1982-83 national championship team.

"It was terrible," Chelios said. "He was the kind of guy everybody loved. He had to cut players, but nobody disliked him." Coaching would be one way for Chelios to stay involved in a game that he seemingly has refused to leave, and you can understand why. Almost 40 years ago, he was cut by two junior B teams in Canada and had to scrounge for money to get back to the States.

No wonder he played in the NHL until he was 48 and played as if he would have to scrounge for money again to get home. Chelios once said he feared losing more than he enjoyed winning, and it seems obvious where that mindset began. Whatever works, right? And that worked in a glorious way for Chelios. That smallish kid rejected on the snowy prairies of Canada would grow up to become the greatest U.S.-born player, win three Stanley Cups with Montreal and Detroit, captain his hometown Blackhawks and ascend to the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Coaching was the only next step, and that step wasn't much of a surprise to Hawks senior adviser Scotty Bowman, who coached against Chelios and later had him in his dressing room in Detroit.

"You could see he was such an intelligent player," Bowman said. "He was confident and calm but also had a lot of smarts."

"You can't play like he did and not have extra knowledge. It's a matter of translating that to your players."

Chelios previously worked behind U.S. benches at the Deutschland Cup and World Junior Hockey Championships, helping lead the Yanks to a bronze medal at the 2016 world juniors. He has also worked in player development for the Red Wings and quickly learned that as much as he loves the NHL, he wouldn't love coaching in the NHL.

"I couldn't imagine doing this in the NHL because it's 82 games," Chelios said. "That's a grind. I don't know if I'd want to do that. I've been offered NHL assistant jobs, but I just couldn't commit to the 82 games and that kind of schedule right now. I like my free time. I like seeing my kids play — my daughter (Tara) plays lacrosse (for Northwestern), Jake plays for Charlotte in the AHL. I wish he'd get more of a chance. I have thought about coaching him. It'd be buses (in the minors), but I think he should get a chance."

As a player, Chelios was emotional. A face wash here, a two-hander across the ankles there — yes, Chelios the player would

**"As a coach ... you can't get caught up in the emotional part of it."**

— Chris Chelios

respond to seemingly every slight that Chelios the coach learned he cannot brook.

"You can't get caught up in the game," Chelios said of the biggest difference between lacing up Bauers and Cole Haans. "That's what I did as a player. That's the way I played. As a coach, you learn to keep calm and realize the decisions you have to make. You can't get caught up in the emotional part of it."

"I've also learned you can't treat everybody the same. I saw coaches do that. I don't think you can. Every player's different. It's like your kids. You don't treat your kids the same way."

The NHL elected to skip the 2018 Games, leaving countries to cobble together teams of amateurs and former pros, roster makeup that is closer to Chelios' 1984 team — when the Olympics featured amateurs, quote-unquote when it came to the Soviets — than teams of the last two decades.

"We have some pros, like Brian Gionta, some guys who played in the NHL and maybe were too small to last but played in Europe," Chelios said. "In '84, we were all amateurs. We had two guys from the 1980 team, John Harrington and Phil Verchota, but the rest of us were inexperienced."

Ah, yes, the 1980 team. Chelios was on the squad that traveled to Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, with the burden of defending the impossible, the gold medal known as the "Miracle on Ice." One of Chelios' teammates was future Hawks first-round draft choice Eddie Olczyk, who skated on what was called the "Diaper Line." The '84 team was young and inexperienced and out of miracles.

"We were treated great," Chelios said of his team that went 2-2-2 and failed to medal. "Everything was first-class. We had high hopes, but it didn't come out that way."

Chelios' next three Olympics starred NHL players on every team — he won his only medal in 2002, a silver — and while the rosters changed dramatically, the most important lesson in such tournaments has not.

"Urgency early," Chelios said. "Definitely need urgency early. I've found if you start well, you're going to do well in any tournament. It's easy to lose three or four games quickly and you're out."

You know where there's urgency? In the fear of losing and having to scrounge for money to get back home from South Korea.

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## Coverage of Games never ends

NBC broadcasts 2,400 hours over television, streaming



**PHIL ROSENTHAL**  
*On media*

Has it really been four years since the Sochi Winter Olympics and Science Fair?

Ready or not, here come the 2018 Games from Pyeongchang, South Korea, where it is either today, tomorrow or something.

Time to get

reacquainted with the biathlon, luge and Nordic combined.

The opening ceremony is Friday, so naturally, coverage here in Chicago began Wednesday with a couple of curlers streaming live on NBCOlympics.com and the NBC Sports app, then on cable's NBCSN.

NBC's over-the-air prime-time coverage begins Thursday with live figure skating, as well as some skiing, and concludes Feb. 25 with the closing ceremony, in which the Olympic torch will be extinguished and after which many of us will be exhausted.

Between broadcast TV, cable and digital streams, more than 2,400 hours of coverage will be sent back to the U.S. in one form or another.

One plus is that the 15-hour time difference with South Korea means there will be plenty to follow for night owls and early risers. Olympic TV coverage will not be staggered by U.S. time zones, instead offered coast to coast simultaneously.

The biggest benefit will be in prime time in that 7 p.m. here is 10 a.m. there. NBC can plan to present something live every night.

"That's right when many of the marquee events, figure skating, Alpine, snowboarding, are going to be taking place," NBC Olympics executive producer Jim Bell said.

All told, NBC says it will have at least 176 hours of over-the-air coverage carried locally by NBC-5.

The "Today" show will be in Pyeongchang, but NBC's Olympics daytime block will run 2-4 p.m. weekdays and 2-5 p.m. weekends. Prime-time coverage will begin at 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 6 p.m. Sundays.

NBCSN will have about 369 hours of coverage and will have around-the-clock coverage between 12:30 p.m. Sunday and 9 a.m. Feb. 25, save for breaks of two hours or less on the 12th, 17th and 18th.

CNBC will have 46 hours of coverage. USA Network has 40 1/2 hours. Hockey fans will find games, beginning Saturday, mostly on USA Network and NBCSN, with some on CNBC. (Look for NBC Sports Chicago's Leila Rahimi as part of the women's hockey coverage team.)

Between the NBCOlympics.com website and NBC Sports app, more than 1,800 hours of streaming coverage will be available, including live streams of NBC prime-time broadcasts.

If you're really eager to watch the opening ceremony live Friday, you can get a live stream of world-feed video and on-site audio at 5 a.m. But if you want commentary, features and editing, you'll have to wait until 7 p.m. for the prime-time NBC broadcast with Mike Tirico and Katie Couric.

The NBC website will offer three digital-only video channels — Gold Zone, Olympic Ice and Off the Post — while there also will be a daily Olympics podcast, "The Podium," offered each morning about 7 a.m., beginning Thursday.

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EVENT	THU 8	FRI 9	SAT 10	SUN 11	MON 12	TUE 13	WED 14	THU 15	FRI 16	SAT 17	SUN 18	MON 19	TUE 20	WED 21	THU 22	FRI 23	SAT 24	SUN 25
Ice hockey			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Luge			●	●	●	●	●	●										
Nordic combined							●						●		●			
Short-track speedskating			●			●				●			●		●			
Skeleton								●	●	●								
Ski jumping	●		●		●				●	●		●						
Snowboard			●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●		●	●	●	●	●
Speedskating			●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●		●		●	●	

**WHITE SOX**

# Sox can use slights for good

Sullivan, from Page 1

But then a “Wheel of Fortune” spokeswoman told the Tribune’s Phil Thompson it wasn’t really a snub — the puzzle in question used only “single-word, interlocking answers.” Using “Whitesox” would have been against the “Wheel of Fortune” rules, and everyone knows the game show doesn’t allow rule challenges.

But the show’s response didn’t matter. A snub is a snub, and this latest one won’t soon be forgotten. Any time the Sox sense a snub, it quickly becomes another chapter in the long-running soap opera “Sox versus the World.”

The only difference in this episode was, the disrespect was shown by a game show instead of the media. Poor, pitiful Sox. Can’t buy a break, much less a vowel.

If the Sox were smart, they would use these alleged slights to their advantage, accepting their fate as a local cult favorite and marketing themselves as the town’s one true underdog. A creative slogan would be a good start:

“Chicago’s other ballclub.”  
 “Hey, we’re over here.”  
 “The Few. The Proud. The Snubbed.”  
 “Come for the food, stay for the game.”

“Ligue-free since 2003.”  
 “Try Not to Snub.”

I’m sure Sox marketing guru Brooks Boyer or the team’s social media employees can come up with some better ones if they put their minds to it.

Of course, this overwhelming feeling of being disrespected is nothing new on the South Side. In his 1962 autobiography, “Veeck as in Wreck,” former Sox owner Bill Veeck wrote of the difficulties of erasing common perceptions about going to ballgames at 35th and Shields:

“The problem of attracting other Chicagoans to the games, particularly women, was complicated by the noisome reputation of Comiskey Park, a problem made even more difficult by the competition of ‘Beautiful Wrigley Field’ on the other side of town. Comiskey Park is in the grimy, back-of-the-yards section of the South Side, and though it was basically a sound and solid structure, the maintenance had been so completely neglected over the years that it had all the appearances of an outdoor slum. ... You did not want to walk your dog at night unless you wanted both yourself and the dog mugged.”

Veeck never was shy to point out the lack of respect for the organization and once measured column inches in the Chicago

newspapers to show how much more coverage the Cubs received than his Sox. He has been dead for 32 years, but that basic message has been passed down from generation to generation of Sox fans, making my family holiday gatherings rather awkward.

Fortunately another season looms, and Sox fans already are in midseason form.

Just on Tuesday I received a long, typed letter from a 62-year-old Sox fan chronicling the disparity in newspaper coverage of the two teams. He chose to use a week in January that coincided with the Cubs Convention as evidence of the pro-Cubs bias but otherwise made a valid argument. Another fan sent an email informing me “the red-headed stepchild is being overlooked ... throw us a bone or an acorn.”

If the Sox’s prospects live up to their hype, the team should have plenty of acorns in 2018.

Year 2 of the rebuild begins Tuesday, when Chicago’s cult favorites gather at Camelback Ranch in Glendale, Ariz., for the start of camp.

The overriding message from serially snubbed Sox fans is crystal clear.

Attention must be paid.

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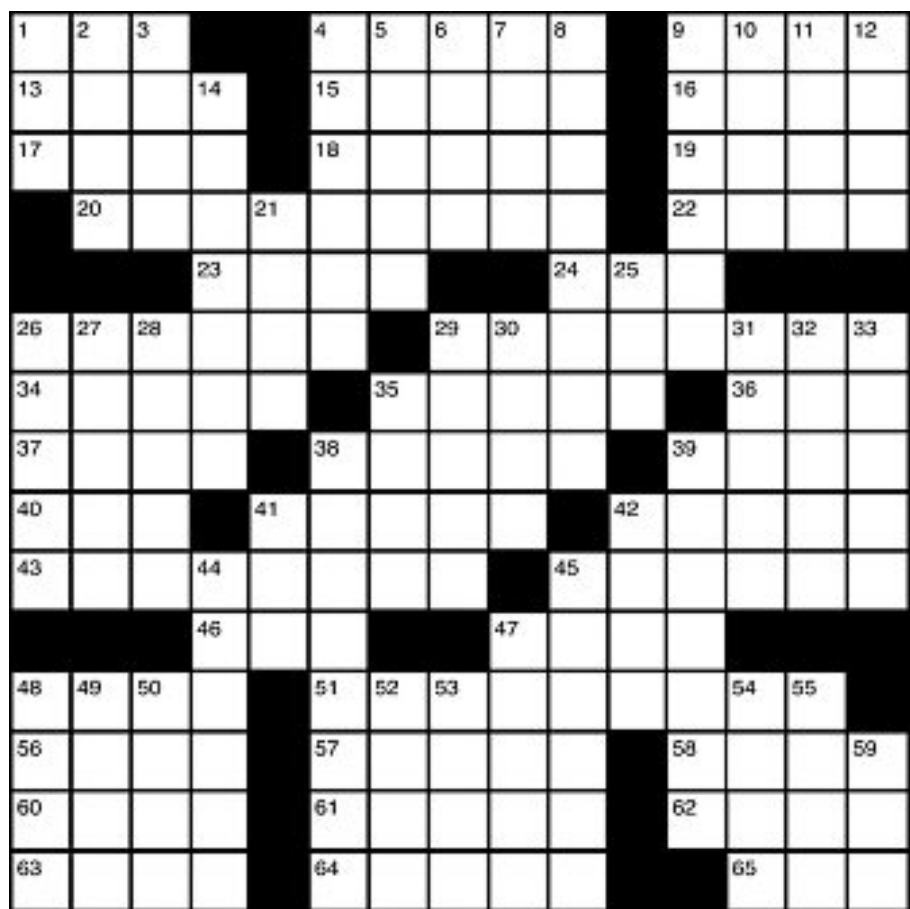
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## Crossword



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**ACROSS**

- 1 Become firm
- 4 Feb. 14, 2018 distribution
- 9 Scotch and \_\_\_; mixed drink
- 13 Way out
- 15 Sandbar
- 16 Made fun of
- 17 Create
- 18 Elves' employer
- 19 Go before others
- 20 Cruel
- 22 Landers and others
- 23 Take a break
- 24 That fellow
- 26 Unoccupied
- 29 Points of view
- 34 Standing straight
- 35 Candid
- 36 Otto \_\_\_ Bismarck
- 37 Gypsy \_\_\_ Lee
- 38 Street talk
- 39 Star's car, for short
- 40 "I \_\_\_ Rock"; hit tune of the '60s
- 41 \_\_\_ up; fills the gas tank
- 42 Of the moon
- 43 Tiny fishes in a can
- 45 Withdraw, as states might from a nation

**DOWN**

- 46 Monogram for inventor Bell
- 47 Couldn't swim
- 48 E's followers
- 51 Taking into custody
- 56 Press clothing
- 57 In \_\_\_; bawling
- 58 Fruit of the \_\_\_; undies brand
- 60 Ernie's buddy
- 61 Metal piece for a door hanger
- 62 Days of \_\_\_; times long past
- 63 Convince
- 64 Rims
- 65 Barbie's beau

**Solutions**



- 25 Pen contents
- 26 Actress Miles and others
- 27 Fragrance
- 28 Actor Romero
- 29 Exams taken before a panel
- 30 Cookware
- 31 Of sheep
- 32 Wanderer
- 33 Night noise
- 35 Escape
- 38 Bask outdoors
- 39 Fortunately
- 41 Desert fruit
- 42 Gave for a time
- 44 Delicate
- 45 Talks like a brat
- 47 Twilled fabric
- 48 Little lies
- 49 Expanded
- 50 Israeli dance
- 52 Actor Tim \_\_\_
- 53 \_\_\_ a bell; sounded familiar
- 54 Breakfast \_\_\_; kitchen recess
- 55 VP Al \_\_\_
- 59 Fellows

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TEAM	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
					ORL 7 WGN-9 AM-670		TOR 7 NBCSCH AM-670
		MIN 8:30 ESPN AM-670	WAS 7 WGN-9 AM-670				
			@MIN 7:30 NBCSCH AM-720		@ARI 8 NBCSCH AM-720	@VEG 9 NBCSCH AM-720	

## THURSDAY ON TV/RADIO

TIME	PROGRAM	NETWORK
7 p.m.	Celtics at Wizards	TNT
9:30 p.m.	Thunder at Lakers	TNT
<b>MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b>		
4 p.m.	Bryant at Wagner	CBSN
6 p.m.	Georgia Tech at Louisville	ESPN2
6 p.m.	Vermont at Albany	ESPN
6 p.m.	Tulane at Tulsa	ESPNNews
6 p.m.	Austin Peay at Murray State	CBSN
7 p.m.	Youngstown State at UIC	NBCSCH+
7 p.m.	Duke at North Carolina	ESPN
7 p.m.	Stanford at Utah	FS1
8 p.m.	Wisconsin at Illinois	BTN, WSCR-AM 670
8 p.m.	SMU at Houston	ESPN2
8 p.m.	Tennessee Tech at Jacksonville State	ESPN
8 p.m.	Southern Illinois at Illinois State	CBSN
9 p.m.	UCLA at Arizona	ESPN
9 p.m.	Washington at Oregon	FS1
10 p.m.	USC at Arizona State	ESPN2
10 p.m.	Santa Clara at BYU	ESPN
<b>WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b>		
6 p.m.	Maryland at Michigan State	BTN

## BOYS BASKETBALL

4:30 p.m.	Greensboro (N.C.) at Spartanburg (S.C.)	BTN
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## GOLF

2 p.m.	PGA Pebble Beach Pro-Am	Golf Channel
10 p.m.	World Super 6 Perth	Golf Channel

## NHL

7:30 p.m.	Stars at Blackhawks	NBCSCH, WGN-AM 720
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## WINTER OLYMPICS

5 a.m.	Curling, ski jumping	NBCSN
7 p.m.	Figure skating, freestyle skiing	NBC-5
7 p.m.	Curling, Alpine skiing, luge	NBCSN
10:35 p.m.	Curling	NBCSN

## TENNIS

7 a.m.	ATP Open Sud de France	Tennis Channel
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## GOLF: TEEING OFF THIS WEEKEND

PGA AT&T PEBBLE BEACH PRO-AM	PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS
<b>Site:</b> Pebble Beach, Calif. <b>Courses:</b> Pebble Beach Golf (Yardage: 6,816; Par: 72); Spyglass Hill (Yardage: 6,953; Par: 72); Monterey Peninsula (Yardage: 6,958; Par: 71). <b>Purse:</b> \$7.4 million. <b>Winner:</b> \$1,332,000. <b>TV:</b> Thursday-Friday, 2-5 p.m. (Golf Channel); Saturday, 12-30 p.m. (Golf Channel). <b>3-6 p.m.</b> (CBS); Sunday, noon-3:45 p.m. (Golf Channel); 2-5 p.m. (CBS). <b>Defending champion:</b> Jordan Spieth. <b>Last week:</b> Gary Woodland won the Waste Management Phoenix Open. <b>FedEx Cup leader:</b> Patton Kizzire. <b>Notes:</b> Rory McIlroy makes his PGA Tour season debut and first appearance at the AT&T Pebble Beach. ... This is the second tournament of the year that features the top three players in the world — Dustin Johnson, Jon Rahm and Spieth. <b>Next week:</b> Genesis Open. <b>Online:</b> www.pgator.com	<b>Site:</b> Boca Raton, Fla. <b>Course:</b> The Old Course at Broken Sound, Yardage: 6,807, Par: 72. <b>Purse:</b> \$1.6 million. <b>Winner:</b> \$240,000. <b>TV:</b> Friday, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (Golf Channel); Saturday, 2:30-4:30 p.m. (Golf Channel); Sunday, 2-4 p.m. (Golf Channel). <b>Defending champion:</b> Scott McCarron. <b>Last tournament:</b> Jerry Kelly won the Mitsubishi Electric Championship. <b>Notes:</b> The PGA Tour Champions is on the U.S. mainland for the first time this year. ... Coming off his season-opening victory in Hawaii, Kelly is skipping this week to play on the PGA Tour in the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am. <b>Next week:</b> Chubb Classic. <b>Online:</b> www.pgator.com/champions
<b>PGA WEB.COM TOUR COLCUMBIA CHAMPIONSHIP</b> <b>Site:</b> Bogota, Colombia. <b>Course:</b> Bogota CC. Yardage: 7,237. Par: 71. <b>Purse:</b> \$700,000. <b>Winner:</b> \$126,000. <b>TV:</b> None. <b>Defending champion:</b> Ethan Tracy. <b>Last week:</b> Scott Langley won the Panama Championship. <b>Next tournament:</b> El Bosque Mexico Championships on Feb. 11. <b>Online:</b> www.pgator.com/webcom	<b>PGA TOUR STATISTICS</b> <b>VICTORIES</b> Patton Kizzire 2 <b>TOP 10 FINISHES</b> Brian Harman 4 Chesson Hadley 4 Patton Kizzire 4 Andrew Landry 3 Marc Leishman 3 Pat Perez 3 Justin Stuard 3 <b>FEDEXCUP POINTS</b> Patton Kizzire 1,246,590 Jon Rahm 907,850 Brendan Steele 811,556 Pat Perez 769,833 Gary Woodland 749,875 <b>SCORING AVERAGE</b> Dustin Johnson 68.744 Justin Rose 68.984 Ricky Fowler 69.496 Chesson Hadley 69.722 Patton Kizzire 69.700 Zach Johnson 69.706 Matt Kuchar 69.716 Alexandre Deschamps 69.721 Wesley Simpson 69.724 Gary Woodland 69.732
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## TENNIS

ATP OPEN SUD DE FRANCE	ATP SOFIA OPEN
<b>R1: Montpellier; indoor-hard</b> John Millard Gasquet d. Danil Medvedev, 6-3, 6-3 #5 Richard Gasquet d. #9 Yuiichi Sugita, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4 Ruben Bemelmans d. Calvin Hemery, 6-1, 6-6 Piere-Hugues Herbert d. Kenny de Schepper, 7-6 (4), 6-7 (5), 6-4 Nicolas Mahut d. Dustin Brown, 6-7 (2), 7-5, retired <b>Second round singles</b> #1 David Goffin d. Gilles Simon, 6-4, 6-2 #6 Andy Rublev d. Jeremy Chardy, 6-2, 6-1	<b>R1: Bulgaria; indoor-hard</b> Marius Copil d. #5 R. Haase, 7-6 (5), 6-4 Maximilian Marterer d. Matej Zajac, 7-6 (3), 6-4 Blaz Kavcic d. Laslo Djere, 6-4, 6-4 Andreas Seppi d. M. Youzhny, 6-3, 6-4 Marco Cecchinato d. Salvatore Caruso, 7-6 (4), 6-3 <b>Second round singles</b> Mirza Basic d. #4 Philipp Kohlschreiber, 7-5, 7-6 (5) Jozef Kovalik d. Lukas Lacko, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5

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Justin Bour, Mia	3.4M	3M
Yolmer Sanchez, Sox	2.35M	2.1M
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Eugenio Suarez, Cin	4.2M	3.75M
J.T. Realmuto, Phi	3.5M	2.9M

## TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL	DETROIT	SOCCER
<b>MLB:</b> Suspended Nationals C Raudy Read 80 games without pay after positive test for Boldenone, a performance-enhancer in violation of MLB's Drug Program. <b>AMERICAN LEAGUE</b> <b>Minnesota:</b> RHPs Myles Jaye, Michael Kohn and Jake Reed; Cs Williams, Austin Brantley and Bobby Witt; INFs Taylor Featherston, Nick Gordon, Gregory Petit, Brock Stastny; OFs Nick Buss, Ryan LaMarre and LaMonte Wade agreed to minor league deals. <b>Texas:</b> Traded LF Russell Linton to Yankees for future considerations. Named Josiah Jones major league director of peak performance. Brett Hayes major league advance scout; Randy Smith and Al Hargreaher scout; Scotts Casey Fox assistant, player developer; Eric Jensen pitching coach; Jeff Blum pitching coordinator, Vincent Natali OL coach; Ren Kalkstein senior advisor and Andrew Koo analyst, baseball operations. <b>Wendell Koo analyst:</b> suspended 2-year deal. Designated INF Matt Reynolds for assignment. <b>BASKETBALL</b> <b>NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION</b> <b>L.A. Clippers:</b> G Lou Williams agreed to extension. <b>New York:</b> Traded C Willy Hernangomez to Hornets for 2020 1st round second round draft picks and F Johnny O'Bryant. <b>FOOTBALL</b> <b>NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE</b> <b>Washington:</b> Named Sam Shade assistant special teams coach.	<b>DETROIT:</b> Named David Corrao director of football research, Paul Pasqualoni defensive coordinator, Jeff Davidson OL coach, George Godsey QB coach, Al Golden LB coach, Brian Stewart DB coach and Chris White TE coach. <b>San Francisco:</b> Re-signed DL Cassius Marsh to 2-year deal. <b>SOCCER</b> <b>MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER</b> <b>MLS Players Association:</b> Named Dan Johns chief operating officer. <b>TENNIS</b> <b>ITF:</b> Reduced the ban on Ilie Nastase by 8 months and doubled his fine to \$20,000 following appeal of sanctions for comments and misconduct at the Romanian Fed Cup captain. <b>COLLEGE</b> <b>Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference:</b> Named Phil Paquette suspended new member of communications. <b>Mountain West:</b> Director of New Mexico senior F Joe Furstinger I game and issued public reprimand to Boise St. sophomore G Justinian Jessup for actions in a men's basketball game Tuesday. <b>Clemson:</b> RB CJ. Fuller is transferring. <b>Fordham:</b> Named Paul Rice defensive coordinator, Vincent Natali OL coach, recruiting coordinator, and Scott Valance DL coach. <b>Georgia:</b> Rehired asst. football coach Scott Frazier. Named Cortez Hankton asst. football coach. <b>Georgia Tech:</b> Men's assistant basketball coach Darryl Labarrie resigned. <b>Rutgers:</b> Named Nunzio Campanile running back coach.	<b>DETROIT:</b> Named David Corrao director of football research, Paul Pasqualoni defensive coordinator, Jeff Davidson OL coach, George Godsey QB coach, Al Golden LB coach, Brian Stewart DB coach and Chris White TE coach. <b>San Francisco:</b> Re-signed DL Cassius Marsh to 2-year deal. <b>SOCCER</b> <b>MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER</b> <b>MLS Players Association:</b> Named Dan Johns chief operating officer. <b>TENNIS</b> <b>ITF:</b> Reduced the ban on Ilie Nastase by 8 months and doubled his fine to \$20,000 following appeal of sanctions for comments and misconduct at the Romanian Fed Cup captain. <b>COLLEGE</b> <b>Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference:</b> Named Phil Paquette suspended new member of communications. <b>Mountain West:</b> Director of New Mexico senior F Joe Furstinger I game and issued public reprimand to Boise St. sophomore G Justinian Jessup for actions in a men's basketball game Tuesday. <b>Clemson:</b> RB CJ. Fuller is transferring. <b>Fordham:</b> Named Paul Rice defensive coordinator, Vincent Natali OL coach, recruiting coordinator, and Scott Valance DL coach. <b>Georgia:</b> Rehired asst. football coach Scott Frazier. Named Cortez Hankton asst. football coach. <b>Georgia Tech:</b> Men's assistant basketball coach Darryl Labarrie resigned. <b>Rutgers:</b> Named Nunzio Campanile running back coach.

## NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE										
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF	
Boston	39	16	.709	—	5-5	L-1	21-8	18-8	24-11	
Toronto	37	16	.698	1	7-3	W-3	22-4	15-12	21-7	
Philadelphia	26	25	.510	11	5-5	W-1	14-10	12-15	14-13	
New York	23	32	.418	16	3-7	L-4	16-11	7-21	11-20	
Brooklyn	19	37	.339	20½	2-8	L-4	11-18	8-19	12-21	
SOUTHEAST										
Washington	31	23	.574	—	6-4	L-1	17-9	14-14	18-13	
Miami	29	26	.527	2½	3-7	L-5	13-12	16-14	20-15	
Charlotte	23	30	.434	7½	5-5	L-1	15-14	8-16	12-17	
Orlando	17	36	.321	13½	5-5	W-2	10-14	7-22	10-22	
Atlanta	17	37	.315	14	4-6	W-2	12-16	5-21	7-26	
CENTRAL										
Cleveland	31	22	.585	—	5-5	W-1	20-7	11-15	23-12	
Milwaukee	30	23	.566	1	7-3	W-3	18-9	12-14	17-16	
Indiana	30	25	.545	2	6-4	L-1	19-11	11-14	20-15	
Detroit	27	26	.509	4	5-5	W-5	18-10	9-16	16-18	
BULLS	18	35	.340	13	2-8	L-7	11-14	7-21	16-15	
WESTERN CONFERENCE										
SOUTHWEST										
Houston	40	13	.755	—	9-1	W-6	20-6	20-7	22-8	
San Antonio	35	21	.625	6½	5-5	W-1	22-6	13-15	20-11	
New Orleans	25	25	.500	12	6-4	W-3	22-7	14-13	14-19	
Memphis	18	36	.333	22½	2-8	L-5	13-16	5-20	15-20	
Dallas	17	37	.315	23½	2-8	L-1	10-18	7-19	9-25	
NORTHWEST										
Minnesota	34	23	.596	—	5-5	L-1	22-6	12-17	25-9	
Oklahoma City	31	24	.564	2	6-4	W-1	19-9	12-15	16-16	
Denver	29	25	.537	3½	6-4	W-3	22-7	14-13	14-19	
Portland	29	25	.537	3½	6-4	L-3	15-10	14-15	16-14	
Utah	26	28	.481	6½	8-2	W-7	15-9	11-19	16-14	
PACIFIC										
Golden State	41	13	.759	—	6-4	L-2	19-7	22-6	22-10	
L.A. Clippers	27	25	.519	13	6-4	W-2	16-12	11-13	20-16	
L.A. Lakers	22	31	.413	18½	7-3	W-3	13-14	9-17	10-21	
Sacramento	17	36	.319	23½	4-6	W-1	16-16	9-20	9-22	
Phoenix	18	38	.321	24	1-9	L-4	9-20	9-18	12-22	

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS										
DETROIT 115, Brooklyn 106	HOUSTON 109, MIAMI 101	CLEVELAND 140, Minnesota 138 (OT)	NEW YORK 92, MEMPHIS 88	SAN ANTONIO 129, PHOENIX 81	INDIANA 91, New Orleans, ppd.					
<b>THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE</b>	Atlanta at Orlando, 6	New York at Toronto, 6:30	Boston at Washington, 7	Charlotte at Portland, 7	Oklahoma City at Golden State, 9:30					
Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers, 9:30	MINNESOTA at Bulls, 8:30	L.A. Clippers at Detroit, 6	New Orleans at Philadelphia, 6	Cleveland at Atlanta, 6:30	Charlotte at Sacramento, 8:30					
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FORBES.COM TEAM VALUATIONS										
TEAM	CV	1-YR	REV							
New York	\$3.6B	9%	\$426M							
L.A. Lakers	3.3B	10%	\$371M							
Golden State	3.1B	19%	\$359M							
BULLS	2.6B	4%	\$281M							
Boston	2.5B	14%	\$257M							
Brooklyn										

## NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

### BIG TEN RANKINGS

With 247Sports.com national composite rankings in italics



#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10	#11	#12	#13	#14
Ohio State	Penn State	Michigan	Nebraska	Maryland	Michigan State	Minnesota	Iowa	Wisconsin	Indiana	Purdue	Illinois	Rutgers	NU
Signees: 26 Rank: 2	Signees: 23 Rank: 5	Signees: 19 Rank: 21	Signees: 24 Rank: 22	Signees: 23 Rank: 28	Signees: 21 Rank: 32	Signees: 26 Rank: 35	Signees: 23 Rank: 40	Signees: 20 Rank: 44	Signees: 26 Rank: 48	Signees: 24 Rank: 49	Signees: 23 Rank: 53	Signees: 21 Rank: 57	Signees: 18 Rank: 59

### NORTHWESTERN

# Bowser has big goals with Wildcats

Recruit expected to help offset loss of Jackson at RB

By **TEDDY GREENSTEIN**  
Chicago Tribune

As a boy Isaiah Bowser would keep his scarred hands in his pockets or sit on them during class. Anything to stop kids from staring and asking why they appeared different.

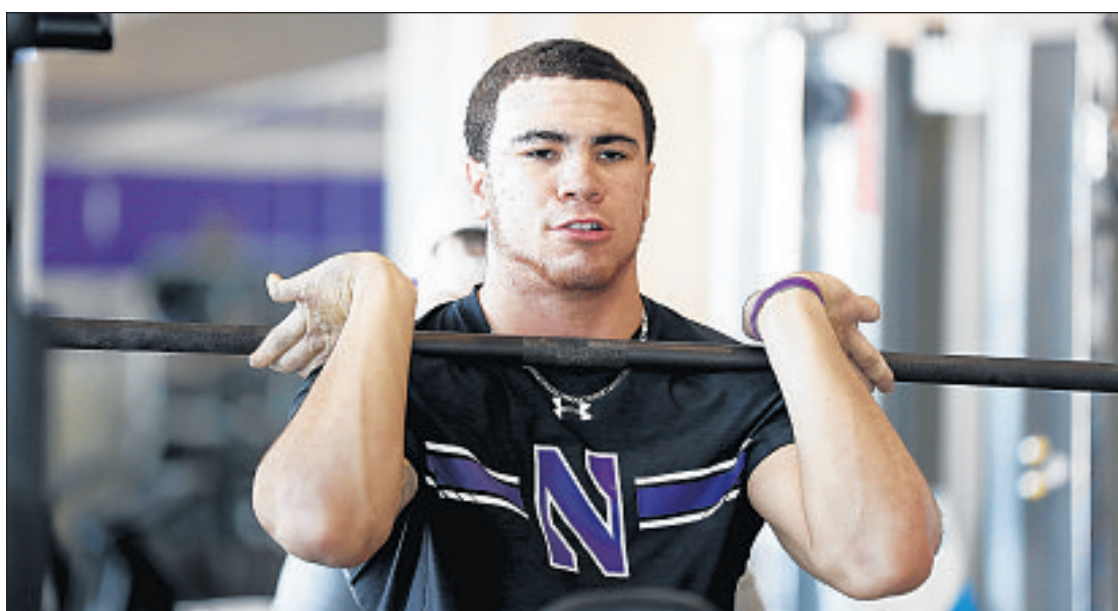
But those days are long gone. Bowser became an honor-roll student in the central Ohio town of Sidney and a star football player. He rushed for 2,695 yards as a senior — 413 in one game — and enrolled early at Northwestern, where he'll help try to compensate for the loss of all-time rushing leader Justin Jackson.

Perhaps coincidentally, perhaps not, NU coach Pat Fitzgerald said Bowser had a "very Justin-like high school career. Unbelievable production."

Jackson rushed for a school-record 6,531 yards at Glenbard North and then, like Forrest Gump, never stopped running. He cranked out another 5,440 yards for Northwestern, shattering Damien Anderson's school record. He ranks third in Big Ten history behind Wisconsin's Ron Dayne (7,125) and Ohio State's Archie Griffin (5,589).

So you could say the Wildcats running backs room has a bit of a void.

That said, Jeremy Larkin returns after rushing for 503 yards (6.0 per carry) as a redshirt freshman. John Moten is back after flourishing in 2016 as a redshirt freshman (340 yards, 6.0 average) but getting just 17 carries last season. Sophomore Jesse



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Isaiah Bowser is drawing comparison to Northwestern's all-time leading rusher Justin Jackson.

Brown will compete for playing time.

And so will Bowser. Northwestern has a history of getting major production from freshman tailbacks.

Tyrell Sutton rushed for 1,474 yards as a first-year player in 2005. As of early this week, Bowser had not heard of Sutton. But if Bowser excels this fall, he will. Sutton is also from Ohio.

Speaking of his goals, Bowser said: "I hope to play (as a freshman); I don't want to red-shirt. The goal for my career is to win a Big Ten championship and make first-team All-Big Ten. And, yes, of course, I want to go to the NFL."

The 6-foot-1, 205-pound Bowser is a three-star recruit who drew offers from Cincinnati, Navy, Air Force and several MAC schools but not Ohio State. He

considered Harvard and Yale until attending a Northwestern camp and meeting Fitzgerald and his player host, Larkin, who encouraged him to try yoga. (Room temperature, not hot.)

His position coach will be Lou Ayeni, a new addition to the staff. Matt MacPherson, a defensive graduate assistant under Randy Walker, has shifted to cornerbacks coach.

"He's a big, good-looking kid," Ayeni said of Bowser. "He can move around. It will be fun to watch him in the spring."

"There's no JJ, no bell cow. I've seen and heard a lot of good things about (Larkin), but you have to go earn it."

Bowser earned acclaim in his hometown as a leader. Sidney athletic director Mitch Hoying told the Dayton Daily News: "You could spend a lifetime in educa-

tion and you'd be lucky to get one or two Isaiahs in all those years. He's an incredibly good kid. He's the best combination of athletic accomplishment, mental and physical maturity and academic prowess."

His early days were troubled, though, after an incident a month before his second birthday.

Isaiah and older sister Mariah were being watched by her mother's boyfriend. In a fit of rage, he put Isaiah's hands in scalding water, causing second-degree burns.

Bowser said the incident made him more determined to succeed.

"When I was younger, I was embarrassed about it," he said. "It doesn't affect me anymore. I'm not trying to hide it."

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### WILDCATS CLASS AT A GLANCE

■ **Strengths:** Northwestern's class is typical — solid with few headliners. The standout is Lincoln-Way East DE Devin O'Rourke, who turned down Notre Dame and Penn State. Coaches hope he'll develop into a Dean Lowry type. LB Khalid Jones of South Carolina is also drawing an intriguing potential comparison: Anthony Walker. WildcatReport.com analyst Louie Vaccher believes DE Andrew Leota and LB Grayson Mann are underrated.

■ **Holes:** The class has only one receiver, the 5-10, 165-pound Jacob "J.J." Jefferson from St. Pius X in Houston, which produced Venric Mark. NU could have used more speed in this class, missing on Warren WR Micah Jones, who selected Notre Dame.

■ **Class notes:** It won't be fair to ask RB Drake Anderson to equal the feats of his father. Damien Anderson rushed for 4,485 yards during his NU career. ... Dunlap superback Charlie Mangieri has good bloodlines as well. Uncles Ed Sutter (1988-91) and Danny Sutter (1992-95) were NU standouts at linebacker.

### THE SIGNEES

With hometown/high school (early enrollees in italics, Wednesday signees in bold)

Drake Anderson, RB, Chandler, Ariz.  
Wyatt Blake, DT, Crystal Lake Central  
Isaiah Bowser, RB, Sidney, Ohio  
A.J. Hampton, DB, Warren, Ark.  
Payne He'Bert, OL, Pearland, Texas  
Jacob Jefferson, WR, Houston  
Khalid Jones, LB, Greenville, S.C.  
Brian Kaiser, SB, New Trier  
Andrew Leota, DE, Asheville, N.C.  
Charlie Mangieri, SB, Dunlap  
Grayson Mann, LB, Fort Worth, Texas  
Jeremiah McDonald, DB, Slidell, La.  
Greg Newsome, DB, Carol Stream (IMG Academy)  
Devin O'Rourke, DE, Lincoln-Way East  
Jaylen Rivers, LB, Decatur, Ga.  
Charlie Schmidt, OL, Libertyville  
Sam Stovall, OL, Chattanooga, Tenn.  
Jason Whittaker, QB, Rockford, Mich.

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## NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

## ILLINOIS

## Avery bringing strength

Recruit from Dallas highlights Illini's class

BY SHANNON RYAN  
Chicago Tribune

Bishop Dunne High School coach Michael Johnson recalled a Texas state playoff game during Calvin Avery's junior year in which the athletic defensive lineman simply took over.

"To get 4½ sacks from the defensive tackle position? That's unheard of," Johnson said. "(Our opponent) was undefeated and averaging 50 points, and we shut them down. Calvin was a big reason for that. He establishes a physical dominance."

Illinois noticed his powerful performances and was able to win over Avery, who also considered Oklahoma and TCU among offers from more than two dozen FBS programs. The four-star prospect from Dallas signed with the Illini during the early signing period in December, the headliner of a 23-player class that coach Lovie Smith completed on national signing day Wednesday.

Ranked 19th in the nation among defensive tackles in 247Sports.com's composite rankings, the 6-foot-2, 310-pound Avery brings power and athleticism to Champaign. Johnson said Avery can bench-press 405 pounds and squat nearly 600.

"He's got great use of his hands," said CBS Sports recruiting analyst Tom Lemming, who saw Avery compete in person several times. "He's tough, he's aggressive. To be all-state and all-Metroplex (in the Dallas-Fort Worth area) means an awful lot to me because that's an area loaded with big-time ballplayers."

Johnson said Avery connected with Smith and "had an overall comfort with the staff."

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STEVE HAMM/DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Dallas Bishop Dunne defensive lineman Calvin Avery chose Illinois after receiving offers from more than two dozen schools.

## I ILLINI CLASS AT A GLANCE

■ **Strengths:** In addition to restocking the quarterback room with a trio of dual threats — MJ Rivers, Coran Taylor and Matt Robinson — Illinois continued to focus on bulking up its lines. Calvin Avery and Verdis Brown give defensive coordinator Hardy Nickerson a pair of four-star, Under Armour All-America interior linemen, while Reuben Unije, Jordyn Slaughter, Kievan Myers and Julian Pearl bolster an offensive line that started three freshmen and a redshirt freshman last year.

■ **Holes:** After getting big contributions last fall from WR Ricky Smalling, TE Louis Dorsey and RBs Mike Epstein and Ra'Von Bonner, the Illini didn't add any "wow-factor" skill-position players on offense. RB Kenyon Sims was a priority recruit for new offensive coordinator Rod Smith, who had recruited Sims at Arizona, but RB Jakari Norwood and WRs Carlos Sandy and Edwin Carter — all from Florida — had only one other Power Five offer among them.

■ **Class notes:** With the exception of Brown, who played at Mount Carmel before transferring in his junior year to IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla., the Illini signed no Chicago-area players. ... It's clear Lovie Smith's staff is focusing on areas where talent abounds: Illinois signed 11 players who went to high school in Florida, five from Texas and four from California.

## THE SIGNEES

With hometown/high school (early enrollees in italics, Wednesday signees in bold)

Calvin Avery, DT, Dallas  
Daniel Barker, TE, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.  
Sydney Brown, DB, Bradenton, Fla.  
Verdis Brown, DT, Chicago (IMG Academy)  
Edwin Carter, WR, Jacksonville, Fla.  
Ron Hargde, DB, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.  
Jacob Hollins, LB, Fresno, Calif.  
Ezekiel Holmes, DE, Wichita Falls, Texas  
Kerby Joseph, DB, Orlando, Fla.  
Jartavius Martin, DB, Lehigh Acres, Fla.  
Kievan Myers, OL, Dallas  
Jakari Norwood, RB, Deerfield Beach, Fla.

Julian Pearl, OL, Danville  
MJ Rivers, QB, Frisco, Texas  
Matt Robinson, QB, San Juan Capistrano, Calif.  
Carlos Sandy, WR, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.  
Kenyon Sims, RB, San Diego  
Jordyn Slaughter, OL, Belleville Althoff  
Coran Taylor, QB, Peoria  
Khalan Tolson, LB, St. Petersburg, Fla.  
Reuben Unije, OL, Alpharetta, Ga. (IMG Academy)  
Nick Walker, DB, St. Louis (Cisco College)  
Delano Ware, DB, El Cerrito, Calif.

## LOCALS

## Virginia Tech makes grade for Patterson

School's top academics, program's read-option fit Solorio QB's skill set

BY MIKE HELFGOT  
Chicago Tribune

Throwing in Quincy Patterson's group was an NFL quarterback, and while Matt Blanchard was not exactly a household name, he sufficiently impressed a high school freshman brand new to the position.

Patterson began training at noted quarterback guru Jeff Christensen's Throw It Deep Academy not long after playing the position for the first time as an eighth-grader, which quickly gave him a sense of his potential.

"Matt Blanchard was a backup quarterback on the Panthers, and I'm watching him throw and I'm thinking, 'Wow,'" Patterson said. "Then I end up making good throws, and I was thinking, '... I can do something like this.'"

It's early yet to project Solorio's Patterson as the 32nd NFL quarterback to be tutored by Christensen, a former NFL quarterback himself who was screaming from the mountaintop in 2009 when Division I coaches were ignoring Rolling Meadows senior Jimmy Garoppolo, a Christensen client now coming off a 5-0 run as the 49ers starter.

But at 6-foot-4 and 235 pounds with a big-time arm, speed, brains and character, Patterson certainly appears set up for success at Virginia Tech.

The state's top-ranked quarterback in the Class of 2018 signed with the Hokies in the early signing period with his sights set on preparing for two professions.

"If I can pull a Deion Sanders — but with football and engineering — that would be nice," Patterson said.

A 4.4 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale and a 1,260 SAT score (680 math) explain why Patterson chose and stuck with Solorio rather than any number of strong football schools that tried to

## FBS SIGNEES

With high school and college (area signees with Illinois, Northern Illinois, Northwestern and Notre Dame listed with those classes)

Jaylan Alexander, Hoffman Estates, LB, Purdue  
Zaire Barnes, Carmel, S, Western Michigan  
Matt Bjorson, Hinsdale Central, TE, Indiana  
Ben Bryant, Lyons, QB, Cincinnati  
Jeremy Cooper, Mount Carmel, OL, Cincinnati  
Camron Donatlan, West Aurora, WR, Wyoming  
Bryce Effner, Metea Valley, OL, Penn State  
Nolan Eike, Batavia, OL, Central Michigan  
Craig Elmore, Phillips, RB, Kent State  
Samson Evans, Prairie Ridge, RB/WR, Iowa  
TJ Ivy, Marist, TE, Indiana  
Jayshon Jackson, Simeon, WR, Cincinnati  
Jeff Jenkins, Prairie Ridge, OL, Iowa  
Isaiah Lee, Nazareth, DT, Iowa State  
Nick Marozas, Brother Rice, OL, Indiana  
Gavin McCabe, Marist, DE, Indiana  
Will McCabe, Fremd, DE, Western Michigan  
Nick Mihalic, Niles North, P, Western Michigan  
Keonta Nixon, Lake Park, WR, Central Michigan  
Mike O'Laughlin, Fenwick, TE, West Virginia  
Quincy Patterson, Solorio, QB, Virginia Tech  
Byron Perkins, De La Salle, CB, Purdue  
Alec Pierce, Glenbard West, WR, Cincinnati  
Jayden Reed, Naperville Central, WR, W. Michigan  
Stephen Ruiz, Nequa Valley, K, Nevada  
Jack Sanborn, Lake Zurich, LB, Wisconsin  
Ryan Sellig, Lakes, LB, Western Michigan  
Noah Shannon, Oswego, DT, Iowa  
Mariano Sori-Marin, Providence, LB, Minnesota  
Matthew Stuckey, Rich Central, S, W. Michigan  
Jack Sullivan, Plainfield East, DE, Purdue  
Terrance Taylor, Phillips, LB, Toledo  
Elijah Teague, Marist, DT, Minnesota  
Mario Wright, Homewood-Flossmoor, LB, W. Kentucky

persuade him to leave throughout high school.

Ignoring the student for the athlete was a mistake on the college recruiting trail as well.

"One school told us on a visit that, 'We're not going to bother with the academic side,'" Solorio coach Matt Erlenbaugh. "He looked at me and was just like, 'Thank you for your time.'"

Virginia Tech's engineering school ultimately separated it from the two dozen colleges to offer Patterson a scholarship, but so did the Hokies' read-option offense that fits Patterson's skill set to a T-square.

"These guys are tremendous coaches at Virginia Tech, great teachers," Christensen said. "They won't be in a hurry to play him. He will be able to redshirt."

"... He's throwing it perfect. He has potential beyond potential. He could be a guy who plays on Sundays. He has the skill set. It's the same conversation I had with Garoppolo."

Mike Helfgot is a freelance reporter for the Chicago Tribune.

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NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

# Georgia's on their minds

Bulldogs end Alabama's 7-year run by reeling in top recruiting class

BY MATT MURSCHER  
Orlando Sentinel

Georgia may have been the runner-up for the national championship, but the Bulldogs were the clear-cut winners on national signing day.

Coach Kirby Smart signed the top 2018 recruiting class, unseating his former employer, Alabama, which had racked up seven consecutive No. 1 classes.

Cornerback Tyson Campbell of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., got things rolling early Wednesday, picking the Bulldogs on ESPN2. He was the seventh five-star recruit in Georgia's class, joining six others who signed letters of intent in December.

"I felt comfortable and it's a place I could see myself playing," Campbell said.

Georgia wasn't done making waves, flipping a pair of in-state, four-star linebackers — Quay Walker from Alabama and Otis Reese from Michigan — and capping the day with four-star

TOP 10 NATIONAL CLASSES  
247Sports.com composite rankings



- **1. Georgia:** Bulldogs' seven 5-stars are four more than signed by rest of SEC combined.
- **2. Ohio State:** Urban Meyer pulled three 5-stars from Florida to go with four of top five in Ohio.
- **3. Texas:** Tom Herman kept 11 of top 15 from leaving state in his first full cycle in Austin.
- **4. USC:** Trojans' typical strong close included 5-star CB Olajiah Griffin — son of rapper Warren G.
- **5. Penn State:** Signed two of nation's top eight players in DE Micah Parsons, WR Justin Shorter.
- **6. Clemson:** Only numbers (just 17 signees) limited high-quality class with five 5-stars.
- **7. Alabama:** Streak of No. 1 classes ends at seven, but beating out LSU for Patrick Surtain eases sting.
- **8. Miami:** All but five of Hurricanes' 23 signees from in state, including a dozen from South Florida.
- **9. Oklahoma:** Sooners added coveted DT Michael Thompson to go with 5-star OT Brey Walker.
- **10. Notre Dame:** CB Houston Griffith, son of ex-Illini RB Howard Griffith, is Irish's highest-rated signee.

Texas wide receiver Tommy Bush's announcement on ESPN2.

Smart said the new early signing period gave his staff an edge.

"One of the things that helped us today is the fact we knocked a lot of the work out in December," Smart said. "We were able to focus a lot of our attention on the four or five guys (who) made up the remainder of our class."

The Bulldogs signed 15 in-state players after landing 17 in 2017, when their class ranked third nationally.

"What (Smart) did — and what the previous staff had been unable to do — was put a fence around the state of Georgia," said Tom Lem-

ming, national recruiting analyst for CBS Sports Network. "He seemed to sign almost every single guy he wanted from the state. It's a class loaded with superstars."

Ohio State finished second in 247Sports.com's composite rankings — which factor in ratings from all of the major recruiting services — despite a slightly better average player rating (94.29 to 94.23). Much of the Buckeyes' class was also in place before Wednesday, including eight recruits who are already enrolled.

"January was far less drama, far less panic (than) normally you deal with," coach Urban Meyer said.

Ohio State secured the nation's No. 1 offensive tackle — Nicholas Petit-Frere, who signed Wednesday — and defensive tackle, early signee Taron Vincent.

"I felt this was the place for me," Petit-Frere said on ESPN2.

With close to three-quarters of FBS prospects signing in December, much of the thrill was drained from Wednesday's activities. The remaining undecided elite recruits became even more popular, though, which made it tougher to figure out where they might land.

"There were a lot of 50-50 battles that could have gone either way," said Mike Farrell, national

recruiting director for Rivals.com. "In years past, it's been much more predictable."

Campbell's teammate at American Heritage High School and fellow five-star cornerback, Patrick Surtain Jr., chose to play for Nick Saban at Alabama, spurning his longtime favorite, LSU.

"They win championships, and I want to be a part of that," Surtain said.

Perhaps the biggest surprise of the day was the strong performance by Florida State coach Willie Taggart and his staff, who salvaged the No. 11 class despite a coaching change in late November.

"Willie Taggart will do even better than Jimbo Fisher when it comes to recruiting," Lemming said. "I think next year they'll have a shot at the No. 1 class."

Michigan, on the other hand, endured a disappointing day. Coach Jim Harbaugh's Wolverines finished with the No. 21 class.

"They've finished in the top five each of the last two years," Farrell said. "They lost their best player to Georgia, so they definitely didn't close like they wanted."

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Florida wide receiver Kevin Austin says his visit to the Notre Dame spring game helped persuade him to sign.

NOTRE DAME

## Void at receiver filled

With St. Brown, Sanders, Stepherson leaving, Irish add four 4-stars

BY LAMOND POPE  
Post-Tribune

Equanimous St. Brown declared for the NFL draft. C.J. Sanders reportedly plans to transfer. And after a string of incidents away from the field, Kevin Stepherson is no longer with the program.

Those offseason moves mean Notre Dame has holes to fill at wide receiver. Kevin Austin is looking to step in as a freshman.

"That's the biggest goal," he said.

Austin is one of four four-star receivers in Notre Dame's 2018 recruiting class. He signed in December along with Warren's Micah Jones and Braden Lenzy of Oregon. Lawrence Keys of New Orleans signed Wednesday, when the Irish completed a 27-player class that's ranked 10th nationally.

"This was a big need for us, to gain depth at the wide receiver position," coach Brian Kelly said, "and we were able to do that."

Austin is the No. 82 player in the country and No. 14 wide receiver, according to the 247Sports.com composite rankings. The 6-foot-2, 197-pounder from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., said his visit for the spring game helped persuade him to join the Irish.

"The rich history of Notre Dame got me interested," Austin said, "and when I went to visit, it felt like home."

Notre Dame plans to use Austin in a variety of ways.

"We wanted somebody that has versatility at that position," Kelly said. "He can play X, Z and W.

IRISH CLASS AT A GLANCE

■ **Strengths:** In addition to signing four four-star receivers, Notre Dame landed two top-100 players among its four linebackers. Shayne Simon is No. 90 nationally, No. 6 at outside linebacker and No. 3 in New Jersey in the 247Sports.com composite rankings, while Californian Jack Lamb is No. 99 nationally and No. 4 at inside linebacker. Bo Bauer and Ovie Oghoufo round out the quartet, and all except Simon were early enrollees.

■ **Holes:** Notre Dame made additions at running back, cornerback, wide receiver and offensive line Wednesday, but the Irish missed out at defensive end. They were in the running for three-star recruit Derrick Eason, but the Norfolk, Va., resident decided to sign with North Carolina State.

■ **Class notes:** The 27-player class is Notre Dame's biggest since 2006. ... DLs Justin and Jayson Ademilola are in line to be the first twin scholarship players on Notre Dame's roster since George and Josh Atkinson in 2013. (Austin and Bailey Ross were walk-ons in 2015-16.) ... OL Cole Mabry's uncle Jim earned All-America honors as an offensive lineman at Arkansas in 1989.

THE SIGNEES

With hometown/high school (early enrollees in italics, Wednesday signees in bold)

Jayson Ademilola, DT, Jackson, N.J.  
Justin Ademilola, DE, Jackson, N.J.  
Derrick Allen, DB, Marietta, Ga.  
Kevin Austin, WR, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.  
Bo Bauer, LB, Harborcreek, Pa.  
Tario Bracy, DB, Milpitas, Calif.  
DJ Brown, DB, Annapolis, Md.  
Noah Boykin, DB, Washington  
John Dirksen, OL, Maria Stein, Ohio  
C'Bo Flemister, RB, Williamson, Ga.  
Ja-Mion Franklin, DT, Ridgely, Md.  
Houston Griffith, DB, Chicago (IMG Academy)  
Luke Jones, OL, Little Rock, Ark.  
Micah Jones, WR, Warren

Phil Jurkovec, QB, Pittsburgh  
Lawrence Keys, WR, New Orleans  
Jack Lamb, LB, Temecula, Calif.  
Braden Lenzy, WR, Tigard, Ore.  
Cole Mabry, OL, Brentwood, Tenn.  
Paul Motala, DB, Mishawaka, Ind.  
Ovie Oghoufo, LB, Lathrup Village, Mich.  
Jarrett Patterson, OL, Laguna Hills, Calif.  
Shayne Simon, RB, West Orange, N.J.  
Jahmir Smith, RB, Sanford, N.C.  
George Takacs, TE, Naples, Fla.  
Tommy Tremble, TE, Johns Creek, Ga.  
Joe Wilkins, DB, North Fort Myers, Fla.

"Smooth player, catches the ball extremely well, has great speed. We wanted someone that wasn't going to be penciled into a position."

Austin caught 35 passes for 761 yards and 11 touchdowns as a senior at North Broward Prep. He had 41 catches for 1,021 yards and 13 touchdowns as a junior.

"He's a difference-maker," North Broward Prep coach Rex Nottage said. "Every time he gets the ball in his hands, there is the

possibility to score."

Austin is already getting a jump on learning the playbook.

"As a freshman, you really don't know the plays coming from high school," Austin said. "They are a little more complicated. (Wide receivers coach Del) Alexander is helping during the process before I get there in June to put me in the best position."

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NORTHERN ILLINOIS

## Huskies' recruiting stays close to home

NIU's run of recent success helps them keep players in state

BY MIKE HELFGOT  
Chicago Tribune

The setting was a national all-star game sponsored by a big shoe company, with even the practices televised on ESPN2.

Recruiting, quite naturally, dominated conversations among 100 high school football players headed to Alabama, Georgia, Clemson and the rest.

"When they get to me and they ask, 'Who are you committed to? NIU?'" Justin Hall said, "one of the kids said, 'Who are they?'"

"I couldn't believe it. There was a lot of joking around, but it left something with me, like, 'This is how they are looking at it.'"

Six straight MAC West titles earlier this decade and a stunning 2013 Orange Bowl berth have not transformed Northern Illinois into a high-profile program nationally, but the Huskies are as hot as ever locally.

Hall, a defensive back from Homewood-Flossmoor, is among the centerpieces of what could be the best group of in-state players NIU has ever landed.

All 24 members of the class signed during the early signing period, 14 from Illinois, including the top six according to 247Sports.com's composite rankings: Waubonsie Valley tight end/wide receiver Charles Robinson, Peoria offensive tackle Marques Cox, Hall, De La Salle linebacker Joe Bonds, Andrew tight end Mike DeHaan and Oswego East defensive back Antwain Walker.

"Best in-state class they've ever had," said veteran recruiting analyst Tim O'Halloran of Edgytim.com and Rivals.com. "High-caliber athletes. They changed their philosophy. They had offers out to a lot of (juniors) first on signing day last year, which they had never done before."

The reason for the shift, according to NIU coach Rod Carey, was twofold. The new early signing period altered the recruiting calendar, and the end of the Huskies' streak of eight straight bowl appearances in 2016 meant more time to recruit.

"Part of the reason we moved slow for so many years was simply the time factor," Carey said. "Playing in the MAC championship, then playing a bowl game, your first job is the team."

"After last season, my point was, we are going to use this time. That is the No. 1 reason we got out ahead. We know these kids, we offer them and we thought we could really get our hooks into Illinois, and we did."

Starting early proved beneficial in the recruitment of Hall, who was thinking more along the lines of Illinois than Northern Illinois.

"My 7-on-7 coach kept telling me, 'These NIU coaches really like you, they want you to visit,'" Hall said. "I was one of those

HUSKIES CLASS AT A GLANCE

■ **Strengths:** Speed was the key to the Huskies allowing the fewest yards and points in the MAC last season, and a secondary hit hard by graduation will receive an infusion of speed and athleticism from Justin Hall, Antwain Walker and Devin Haney, who will vie for immediate playing time. Joe Bonds and Reggie Jennings, the No. 13 player in Wisconsin in the composite rankings, add speed and depth at linebacker.

■ **Holes:** The class includes just one defensive end, Caleb Wright, though the position figures to be a strength next season with the return of All-American Sutton Smith, Josh Corcoran and a host of reserves. Voids exist in the secondary and at receiver, where five newcomers, led by WR/TE hybrid Charles Robinson, will have a chance to make an impact.

■ **Class notes:** The top-ranked player in the class, Robinson tweeted his intention to "double sign" with Iowa Western Community College in case he falls short of qualifying as a freshman. Waiting on late qualifiers has served NIU well in recent years. ... C.J. Perez, a center from Butler Community College in Kansas, is the lone junior-college transfer and one of just three offensive linemen. ... The Huskies have played musical chairs at QB the last couple of seasons, but it's hard to envision Jiya Wright working his way under center next fall.

THE SIGNEES

With hometown/high school (early enrollees in italics, all signed during early period)

Joe Bonds, LB, De La Salle  
Amir Brummett, WR, Dec. MacArthur  
Marques Cox, OL, Peoria  
Mike DeHaan, TE, Andrew  
Erick Doke, RB, Kenosha  
Jeffrey Griffin, DT, Homewood-Flossmoor  
Justin Hall, DB, Homewood-Flossmoor  
Devin Haney, DB, Kansas City, Mo.  
J.D. Harris, DB, Columbus, Ind.  
Cortez Hogans, LB, Palatine  
Reggie Jennings, LB, Milwaukee  
Fotis Kokosioulis, WR, Maine South  
Zhamaine March, DB, Detroit  
Jyrant Mitchell, WR, Rich Central  
Queneil Morrison, DT, Phillips  
Kewan Parker, LB, Miami  
Leon Payne, WR, Simeon  
C.J. Perez, OL, Shawnee, Kan. (Butler CC)  
Nolan Potter, OL, Cedar Rapids, Iowa  
John Richardson, K, Brother Rice  
Charles Robinson, WR/TE, Waub. Valley  
Antwain Walker, DB, Oswego East  
Caleb Wright, DE, Brookfield, Wis.  
Jiya Wright, QB, Fort Wayne, Ind.

kids mad U. of I. didn't offer, and I'm thinking, 'NIU, I don't know.' After he told me so many times, I said, 'Let me see what they're about.'

"I went down there and realized I knew more people there than U. of I. I really liked it there. Then the second time I visited was better, the third was better, the fourth was better. One of these times, I'm not going to leave."

Mike Helfgot is a freelance reporter for the Chicago Tribune.

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KRISTIE RIEKEN/AP

Murissa Horton dribbles through several Sands defenders during a high school game in Welch, Texas, where Dawson has consolidated its boys and girls teams to save the season.

## Takes a village to play hoops

Faced with severely declining numbers, boys, girls combine efforts — and teams — to save season in small Texas town

BY KRISTIE RIEKEN  
Associated Press

WELCH, Texas — Murissa Horton set her feet, steeled herself and was knocked to the court taking a charge from a barrel-chested teenage boy who outweighed her by more than 100 pounds.

The 5-foot-6 high school senior bounced up, adjusted her ponytail and got back to work.

Boys against girls isn't just something you see at practice for the Dawson Dragons. At one of the smallest high schools in Texas, injuries and dwindling enrollment prompted the Dragons to consolidate the girls and boys basketball teams. The coed squad is playing a boys schedule, with Horton as a starter and one of the team's best players.

"That Horton girl can play; I would take her anytime," Sands coach Billy Grumbles said after his team beat Dawson 51-23 last month.

To understand this unusual situation requires a bit of history about this slice of West Texas.

Dawson is in the town of Welch, population 222 and the kind of place where everyone knows your name and probably your mother, grandfather and some of your cousins too. Tumbleweeds roll down main street, and Welch is surrounded by acres upon acres of cotton fields dotted with oil wells, pumping along and leaving a slightly sour smell in the air.

It's a place so small there isn't even a Dairy Queen, so often a mainstay for hamlets in flyover states. There's a lone convenience store, and the main business in town is a cotton gin, Welch Cotton Inc.

The gin is the lifeblood of Welch. It provides jobs, boosts the economy and serves as a community outpost, a place where farmers and other townsfolk stop in

to catch up with one another and gossip about local events.

In this town it's impossible to ignore the sweeping presence of cotton.

The grass along the highways has a white tinge because of a cotton candy-like coating of the fiber that escapes the gin as it separates seeds from the cotton. More of the delicate fiber floats through the air in gossamer-thin strings that make it seem like spiders have been working overtime spinning webs.

Glen Phipps owns Welch Cotton and is one of the school's biggest supporters, donating money to various causes at Dawson and bankrolling a trip for all the school's students to make the 63-mile trek to Lubbock to watch a Texas Tech basketball game.

His family has been part of the community for generations. He graduated from here in 1973, his grandfather was on Dawson's first school board and two other relatives currently serve on the board.

"The school is so important to me, my family and our community in that the school brings everybody together," he said. "The school is kind of that tie that binds, that makes it a community for everybody."

This town knows it can always count on cotton, but oil is much more fickle and a major contributor to the situation the basketball team is in. Just five years ago, property values in the district were more than \$260 million. Last year plummeting oil prices put the values at just \$90 million and left Dawson, like all schools dependent on property taxes, scrambling for ways to remain open.

The uncertainty prompted the majority of Dawson's 12-person junior class to transfer last summer. That exodus combined with two Christmas break transfers left the school with just 18 students. The school had seven boys to field

a six-man football team last fall, but with a three-person eighth-grade class, all girls, there won't be enough students to play football next season.

There may not be enough to put separate basketball teams on the court either.

"In the bigger schools, it's next man up," said Jeff Fleenor, the principal and superintendent who has two daughters on the basketball team. "Here there's not that next man."

Dawson basketball teams played separately before the holiday break, but nagging injuries often left the five-girl team with just three healthy players.

And after two of the seven members of the boys team returned to South Texas when their migrant-worker parents finished seasonal work, the school's two coaches and Fleenor decided to meld the group into one team to guarantee a complete season.

The University Scholastic League, which regulates public high school sports in Texas, approved the consolidation with the condition that the team play a boys' schedule through the season.

"The girls were in trouble, the boys were in trouble," coach Ed Robison said. "It wasn't that we saved the girls program or the boys, but we were able to help out both programs by combining. At least we have a stable team that will show up and be able to play every night."

No one can remember a time when teams were consolidated like this, but several coaches in the area recalled times when small schools had a single girl who mostly rode the bench on the boys team because no girls team existed.

The Dragons play in a gym with just five rows of seats on the home side and three on the visitors'. It's the focal point of the one-building school that serves children from kindergarten through 12th grade. A painting of a large purple dragon in midflight dominates one wall, and the words to the school song highlight another. Those words

paint a picture of the landscape the school calls home: "In the midst of dark oil derricks, cotton fields in bloom, stands the best of royal high schools, Dawson here's to you."

The 18-year-old Horton is expected to be the school's valedictorian this year. She's thoughtful and polite and exudes an eloquence of someone much older. She averaged almost 20 points for the girls team but has had to adjust her game and become more of a facilitator now that she's competing against boys.

It's not an ideal situation for her and the other four girls on the team, but Horton focuses on the positives of the compromise.

"We're able to respect the opportunity more and we're even more thankful for it," she said. "Yeah, it can be kind of a curse in some ways, but more than that it's a blessing that we've learned to handle adversity that nobody else could even imagine."

The girls say most of Dawson's opponents have been respectful. They have heard a few sexist comments, and Robison said he's heard some of the boys from other teams saying things like: "Hey, babe, what's your number? What's going on?"

Horton tries to tune out those things and wishes it wasn't an issue.

"We're not out here as girl basketball players; we're just basketball players," she said. "We want to play the game. We're not asking you to play us differently."

The team hasn't fared well since the consolidation but did beat Loop 51-21 in mid-January for its first win as a coed squad to earn team of the week honors from a Lubbock television station. Coaches and players take great pride in that recognition. Though they often end up on the wrong end of lopsided games, the Dragons are improving and believe they're gaining respect around the district.

"It's not like a sideshow," said coach Tonja Edens, the former girls coach who teams with Robison to lead the coed group. "We're

out here competing."

Grumbles, the Sands coach, shared the message he had for his guys before they faced Dawson.

"I told my team you've got to play against them just like they're boys because we're playing a boys schedule," he said. "You're not playing against girls. You've got to take them seriously. In this situation it doesn't matter what gender they are, you have to play like it's just another high school game."

Edens, who played college basketball at a Division III school, said there was some concern about the safety of the girls because of the size and strength of varsity boys. Each girl was asked about the risks, and all agreed it was worth it to salvage their season.

Edens has had to adjust her coaching style to accommodate the change.

"You're not going to get bigger than them or stronger than them," she said. "So you're going to have to get smarter. You need to stay on the ground. You need to block them out."

Donovan Thornton is the only senior boy on the team, now split evenly with five boys and five girls. The soft-spoken Thornton raves about the leadership Horton has provided and said some of the things he's heard from opposing teams have ticked him off.

"It does upset me because we came together just to play basketball," he said. "We want to play basketball, and the fact that people want to downgrade us, it's not right."

Other than that, he's been perfectly happy with this set up because it ensured that Dawson gets to play every game in his last season.

He believes the group has merged well and said a sign hanging in the middle of the gym that read "Peanut Butter & Jelly" is a representation of that fact.

"It's an analogy like the girls and boys go together like peanut butter and jelly go together on a sandwich," he said before flashing a big grin and trotting back to practice.

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## Black athletes have history of breaking down barriers

Stars in almost every sport have tried to correct social injustices

BY ERRIN HAINES WHACK  
Associated Press

This year's NFL season featured two of America's pastimes: football and race, with pregame protests dividing fans along color lines and making Sunday afternoons among the most segregated hours in the country.

While some fans would prefer players stick to sports, many black athletes have chosen a different path by protesting, making people uncomfortable.

"The whole purpose of the demonstrations is to get (fans') attention," Kareem Abdul-Jabbar said in an interview with the Associated Press. "These are the people that ignore the fact that people are being shot dead in the street. They've found ways to ignore it."

For weeks, some NFL players, most of them African-American, knelt silently on the sidelines as the national anthem played before kickoff. Their goal: to raise awareness about disparities in policing in communities of color, and about persistent, systemic racism in America.

It was a new approach to an age-old problem.

For generations, black athletes from heavyweight boxer Jack Johnson to tennis champions Venus and Serena Williams to former NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick have protested in ways large and small to highlight injustice, galvanize support and move the country forward. Often met with backlash from fans uninterested in mixing sports and social issues, many have taken stances that have cost them their careers.

The roots of black athlete activism can be traced to the dawn of black freedom. Even after slavery ended, black Americans were barred from full participation in the public sphere: denied the right to vote, access to mass media, or equal housing and schools.

Because they were blocked from entry in most civic institutions for much of the 20th century, black people found public visibility and expression in other arenas — often cultural ones, like music and sports.

Johnson fought — and beat — white boxers at the height of Jim Crow, when blacks were presumed to be inferior, and dated white women, upending the social norms of the day.

When he finally lost, it would be a generation before another black boxer would be allowed to compete at such a level, and the message had been sent to black athletes that disrupting society came with consequences.

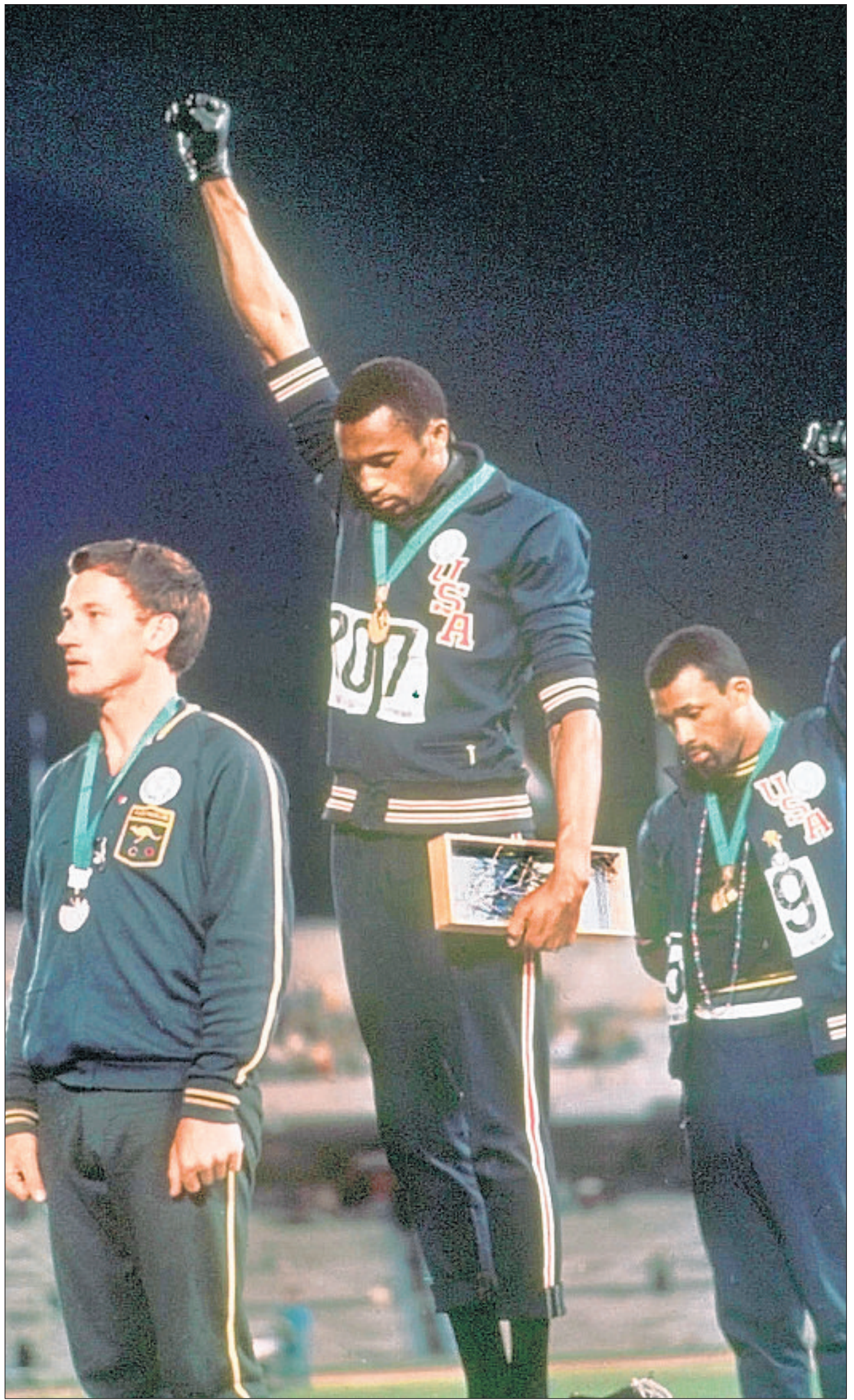
"It's because of what happens to him that others know they have to toe the line," said New York University historian Jeffrey Sammons. "They can't be seen as defiant or opponents of the system. ... They know they can't succeed without living up to expectations and being humble, unassuming and supportive of the established order."

Then came along Muhammad Ali, who was not one to toe the line.

Ali was the most visible and influential athlete of his generation when he protested the Vietnam War as racially unjust by refusing to be drafted in 1967, a move that cost him his livelihood, derailing his fighting career for years.

Ali's actions influenced others. Abdul-Jabbar boycotted the 1968 Summer Olympics. At the same games, held in Mexico City, American track athletes Tommie Smith and John Carlos held raised fists covered in black leather gloves as the national anthem played after winning gold and bronze medals in the 200-meter race.

Abdul-Jabbar, who at 70 represents a bridge between Ali and Kaepernick, went on to a storied NBA career, but Smith



Tommie Smith and John Carlos protest after Smith received gold and Carlos bronze for the 200-meters at the 1968 Summer Olympics. AP

**"The whole purpose of the demonstrations is to get (fans') attention."**

— Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

and Carlos returned home to the threat of having their medals taken, and faced difficulty finding coaching jobs.

"It was an international stage that was being used to promote how unified and wonderful the world is, but black Americans at that point were still in a very tough struggle to obtain their rights, both human and political," Abdul-Jabbar said of the 1968 games. "The fact that (Smith and Carlos) used an international platform to speak for people who usually don't have any power to be heard made it all the more significant."

Carlos said Mexico City was the only place he could've made such a statement.

"At that time, for me, there was no other vehicle than the Olympic Games," he said. "I felt like the humanitarian issues at that time, as well as the humanitarian issues of today, are more

compelling to me than an Olympic medal. I love the Olympics and I love sports, but I love a just cause for humanity even greater."

It is a sentiment shared by NFL players.

The killing of mostly unarmed black men by mostly white police officers sparked the Black Lives Matter movement, which has again drawn black athletes into the national conversation on race. The sideline protests in the NFL — started in August 2016 by Kaepernick — have been the most prominent display of players' engagement, though black athletes in baseball and basketball have also had smaller displays of activism.

Because sports are such a prominent aspect of American life, they remain an effective way to bring attention to issues of racial injustice.

"This is our inheritance," said

Howard Bryant, senior writer at ESPN and author of the forthcoming book "The Heritage: Black Athletes, A Divided America, and the Politics of Patriotism."

"You're not allowed to check out," Bryant said. "This is going to continue until the United States respects the black brain more than the black body. Then sports can go back to what it was supposed to be — just a game."

Media — and social media in particular — has helped in recruiting athletes to the cause, explained Color of Change Executive Director Rashad Robinson, whose online civil rights organization has joined with athletes in addressing systemic racism and mobilized its membership to boycott the NFL and its corporate sponsors.

Such stands have often come at a cost, even for today's players, who are far more prominent and wealthy than their predecessors. Like players who spoke out before them, they have been met with violence and vitriol, described as unpatriotic, ungrateful and disrespectful.

"The public is used to black guys selling sneakers and making jump shots," Bryant said. "Do white people want to hear what black people have to say? No, they don't. Does it need to be said? Yes."

Abdul-Jabbar agreed, tying Ali's fate to Kaepernick's as two athletes who sacrificed their livelihoods at the height of their careers for a greater cause.

"Anybody that knows anything about football will tell you that (Kaepernick) is a talented athlete and should be on somebody's team," said Abdul-Jabbar, author of "Becoming Kareem: Growing Up On and Off the Court." "I think he's being blackballed."

But with the cost are also benefits. Using the universal language of sports as a platform to discuss race reveals racism and galvanizes support to end it, Robinson said.

"Part of why people are paying attention is because of exactly who they are," he said. "Throughout time, it has been the people with reputations and something to lose whose risk-taking has helped result in change."



HILARY HIGGINS/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The "Takashi Murakami: The Octopus Eats Its Own Leg" exhibition, featuring the Japanese pop artist's work, was a huge draw at the Museum of Contemporary Art last year.

# POPULAR ATTRACTIONS

Led by MCA, many Chicago museums set attendance records in 2017

By STEVE JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

**B**lockbuster exhibitions steered some of Chicago's leading museums to attendance gains and records in 2017, most notably the MCA, which rode its most-popular-ever Takashi Murakami exhibit to a 49 percent boost over 2016.

Other big gainers were the Adler Planetarium at 10 percent, National Museum of Mexican Art at 16 percent and Field Museum at 9 percent. And several institutions reported their highest attendance ever.

Biggest loser? The Art Institute, which had the unenviable task of following a year with a major van Gogh exhibition and suffered a 9 percent drop, to 1.62 million visitors.

These were among the self-reported results in this year's annual attendance report released by Museums in the Park, an umbrella organization for 11 institutions on Chicago Park District land and four affiliated institutions that

also exist on public land.

In the west suburbs, Morton Arboretum — the most popular area institution that is not part of the coalition — again set an annual attendance record, with 1.1 million attendees. That's a 1.3 percent increase over 2016.

In total, the Museums in the Parks and affiliates welcomed 16.33 million visitors in 2017, a 2.7 percent boost over 2016's 15.9 million figure. That's part of a continuing positive trend, following a 4 percent increase last year and a 6 percent bump the year before that.

The free Lincoln Park Zoo once

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TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Attendance at the Art Institute of Chicago was down about 9 percent in 2017.



JOE MAZZA PHOTO

"Moon Man Walk" stars Chanell Bell and Debo Balogun.

**IN PERFORMANCE** 'Moon Man Walk' ★★★

## Outpouring of secrets after mother's death

By KERRY REID  
Chicago Tribune

The premise is familiar — a young man confronts his own past (including long-held secrets) in the aftermath of a parent's death. But like the celestial satellite that provides part of its title, James Ijames' "Moon Man Walk" also holds out the possibility for finding a new world — even if it requires a journey to

some darker places.

Monarch (Debo Balogun) is a librarian and aspiring writer in San Diego who tells us early on that he "lived his life as a mighty man-boy." He's also a mama's boy, as he tells Petrushka (Chanell Bell), the high-spirited patron of the library who comes in looking for a new Walter Mosley novel and ends up flirt-

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### MY WORST MOMENT

## Justina Machado on improv

'One Day at a Time' actress recalls early scene with Sean Penn

By NINA METZ  
Chicago Tribune

The Netflix sitcom "One Day at a Time" — which just premiered its second season — is one of the better shows to emerge from the nearly 500 scripted series of the past year or so. A remake of the original 1970s comedy, it's been updated to center on a Cuban-American family. Both funny and emotionally resonant, it stars Justina Machado, a Chicago native who began her career working with companies such as Organic, Victory Gardens, the Goodman and the Latino Chicago Theatre Company.

Though based in Los Angeles for the past two decades, Chicago remains a big part of her identity. "I have friends here in LA who make fun of me all the time: 'All right, Chi-Town.' And I'm like, 'What are you talking about?' And they're like, 'All you ever say is you're from Chicago,' and I'm like, 'No I don't!' But it's true. Look, I'm from Chicago and I'm very proud and grateful. I have three brothers and a sister; one brother lives with me in LA and everybody else is still in



RICARDO DEARATANHA/LOS ANGELES TIMES 2017

Justina Machado said improv is "not my cup of tea," a fact that tripped her up when she had a bit part opposite Sean Penn.

Chicago. And they're happy for me, but they're so Chicago — my career is impressive for about a minute. They keep it *real* real, my family, I'll tell you that."

Despite her years working as a performer in Chicago, she stuck with theater and avoided sketch and improv. That's an important detail to remember for her story below.

"Quite frankly, I'm not into it," she said about improv. "If I have to do it, I'll do it, but you have to be so quick on your feet. I ad-

mire it, but it's not my cup of tea."

### My worst moment ...

"The first awkward thing that happened in my career was when I had just moved to LA and I had an audition — but I was at the wrong Warner Bros. building. I went to the one in Hollywood as opposed to the one in Burbank, which was a stupid mistake, but I had just

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# CELEBRITIES

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Britain's Prince Harry and fiancée Meghan Markle watch a dance performance in Wales last month.

## Prince Harry wants Fergie at wedding

To Prince Philip and Prince Charles, Sarah Ferguson, the ex-wife of Prince Andrew, is a royal embarrassment, what with her past affairs, her high-profile financial woes, her Weight Watchers endorsement and her tawdry commercial ventures over the years.

But the Duchess of York is well-regarded by her nephew Prince Harry, and he has reportedly insisted that she be included on the guest list for his May 19 wedding to Meghan Markle at Windsor Castle, various outlets are reporting.



Ferguson

"Harry has nailed his colors to the mast on this," a royal aide has told the Daily Mail. "He wants his aunt there — and she will be."

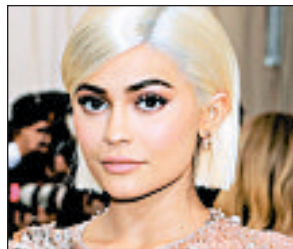
Since the death of his mother, Princess Diana, in 1997, Harry has reportedly remained on good terms with Ferguson, who still shares a home with Andrew, despite their 1996 divorce. Harry also is close to her daughters, Princess Beatrice and Princess Eugenie, and has vacationed with the York family.

But Buckingham Palace has made it "very clear" that it doesn't want the Duchess of York to attend the wedding, with palace courtiers regarding Ferguson as an "awkward aunt" problem, the Daily Mail said.

Ferguson wasn't invited to the 2011 wedding of Prince William to Kate Middleton. Ferguson later told Oprah Winfrey that the snub left her feeling "so totally worthless" and ostracized.

The Daily Express said that Harry is especially keen to avoid causing his aunt further pain, and that's why he has told palace officials that he wants her there.

— Martha Ross, East Bay Times



NEILSON BARNARD/GETTY

**Kylie Jenner new queen of Instagram:** The baby-name announcement of reality star Kylie Jenner, above, became the most popular post on the social media site Wednesday, surpassing Beyoncé's pregnancy announcement of 2017. Jenner shared a photo Tuesday of her daughter's tiny hand captioned with the baby's name, Stormi Webster. The post collected 13.7 million "likes" by Wednesday afternoon, compared with 11.2 million for Beyoncé's pregnancy photo. Born Feb. 1, Stormi is the first child for Jenner and her boyfriend, rapper Travis Scott.

**Even more "Star Wars" films:** "Game of Thrones" creators David Benioff and D.B. Weiss are writing and producing a new series of "Star Wars" movies for Lucasfilm. The Walt Disney Studios said Tuesday the films will be separate from the Skywalker saga and the new trilogy being planned by "The Last Jedi" director Rian Johnson. No release dates have been set.

**Cosby trial delay?** Bill Cosby's lawyers said Tuesday that they would seek to delay his April 2 sexual assault retrial if some of his other accusers are given a chance to testify. The 80-year-old entertainer's legal team raised the prospect of postponing the retrial in court papers that opposed a prosecution bid to let jurors hear from up to 19 other women who say Cosby drugged and molested them. Cosby's lawyers argued they would need extra time to look into the women's allegations.

**Feb. 8 birthdays:** Composer John Williams is 86. Actress Cecily Strong is 34.



## ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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### Time to reconcile with abusive dad?

**Dear Amy:** My husband, "Steven," was raised by an abusive father. He received regular beatings and humiliation (in front of his friends) as punishment. He was not a bad kid. His mother stood by passively and did nothing about it.

Steven had two siblings who were not treated badly. As an adult, his mom and dad continued to "put him in his place" in other ways. Since he could no longer be beaten, at family gatherings they liked to humiliate him by bringing up "bad" things he did when he was a child.

No matter what his accomplishments were, they never praised him. He is a 60-year-old man now. He has suffered his entire life and was made to feel like there was something wrong with him.

When we noticed that our daughter was also being singled out and treated as if she was inferior to her cousins, we finally felt we had to do something about it and decided to no longer celebrate holidays with them.

We send cards and email greetings, but we do not feel it is healthy for us to spend time with them.

This has made us so much happier, and our holidays are now stress-free.

Steven's father has Alzheimer's now, and his brother has contacted him acting contrite for his past behavior. He wants to get together. I am fearful about this. My husband is a wonderful person and wants to do the right thing. What is your opinion?

— Worried Wife

**Dear Worried:** I think your husband should seek

a meeting with his brother, and perhaps also visit his father.

I believe that the right thing to do is to give people a chance to make amends, while still reserving a self-protective skepticism and overall release from specific expectations about how things will go.

Your husband's parents created a toxic atmosphere in their home, where one child was singled out for tough treatment, and the other children were enlisted as part of the abusive system. Understand that when parents do this, all of the children suffer. The child being abused suffers, of course, but their siblings grow up witnessing this behavior, knowing that they might be next and feeling extremely conflicted and guilty.

Now that the father is no longer a threat, Steven's brother might have had a genuine realization regarding the family dynamic, and it could be healing for Steven to talk to his brother about it.

I know from my own experience with a tough and sometimes frightening father that my willingness to spend time with him at the end of his life proved liberating. I hope you will support your husband's choices through this challenging time.

**Dear Amy:** My father-in-law is dying of pancreatic cancer, and may have only months to live.

I was assisting him on his phone and found evidence he had an affair. I saw an exchange of X-rated messages and "I love yous." I pretended not to see and said nothing to him. I assume the affair is

over; he can barely care for himself, and my mother-in-law is his caregiver.

But what now? I know the information would hurt my wife, her sisters and of course my mother-in-law, who have all been taking care of him. I am angry at him for betraying our family, but I feel saying something would make things worse in this hard time. Do I keep his secret?

— Worried Son-in-law

**Dear Son-in-law:** When faced with a dilemma regarding divulging a secret, the questions to try to resolve are, "Who would benefit?" and "What good would it do?"

In many cases regarding family secrets, the "good" is simply "truth." If it is the truth, then those affected by the truth — even if it is a tough truth — should be led to the light.

In this case, your father-in-law has no opportunity to alter his behavior, and little opportunity to explain, apologize and make amends. I think you should let this one lie.

**Dear Amy:** You were too easy on "Fed up in Chicago," the vegetarian whose mother-in-law brought meat dishes to their home. Even Fed Up conceded that her MIL was probably just trying to be social. Her characterization of these dishes as "disgusting" was revealing. She's the rude one.

— Fellow Vegetarian

**Dear Fellow:** I agree that this trashing was quite unnecessary.

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## 'Supergirl' digs into origin of villain Worldkiller Reign

By JACOB BRYANT  
Variety

In its third season, the CW's "Supergirl" has proven the value in getting to know who a character is and what might make her become a villain.

Rather than having a powerful new threat just pop up in National City, the season has devoted nearly as much screen time chronicling Samantha "Sam" Arias' (Odette Annable) journey to becoming the Worldkiller Reign as Supergirl (Melissa Benoist) has been getting herself.

"From the very beginning, I said even at Comic-Con, this is the first time we're seeing the origin of the villain," Annable said. "I didn't just show up and start killing people, and that isn't even what Reign is about. She's not coming in to go on a rampage. She's very specific and dispenses her justice in a way that she sees fit. I think that the slow burn, and seeing Sam's life and how they wove her into the lives of other characters on the show, makes for a great story."

Sam doesn't know that she is Reign, but she has realized that there's something wrong with her. Here, Annable teases the two sides to her character. The following is an edited transcript.

**Q: Has what initially interested you about playing Reign changed over the course of the season?**

A: It hasn't actually. The reason why I signed on to the show and was excited to play these characters is because of how much the writers are giving me to work with. Both characters are so dynamic in different ways. I get to explore so much humanity with Sam and what it means to be a mother and to protect what she's built. And with Reign, she's just so powerful and



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Odette Annable plays Samantha "Sam" Arias, who is becoming villain Worldkiller Reign, in "Supergirl."

so fierce and so fun.

**Q: There's a very fun Jekyll-and-Hyde quality to Sam and Reign.**

A: Yeah, that's what I love about it. Sam has no idea that she's Reign, and it's so heartbreaking to see her desperation and see that unfold throughout the season. It's really dynamic.

**Q: Is it ever difficult to hop back and forth between the head space of the two characters?**

A: I thought it was going to be difficult to jump between the two, but in my mind they're not connected at all. One of them is one thing, and the other is something completely different, so I've separated them completely in my head so that they don't bleed into each other at all.

**Q: We've seen a bit of Sam's humanity bleed over into Reign. Can you tease anything about their internal conflict in the episodes to come?**

A: I will say that there is

a turn, and you'll see it very soon. It has to do with Sam exploring and really digging into what's going on with her body.

**Q: Sam finally confessed in Alex that something is wrong with her. Are the two of them going to continue working on figuring out what's wrong with her alone, or is she going to loop in Kara and Lena?**

A: Right now Sam's in a place of desperation. She's going to turn to whoever she can to find answers. She's on a mission to find out what's going on, and she'll enlist whoever she needs.

**Q: Ruby has to be catching on that there is something wrong with her mom.**

A: Yeah, Ruby is a really smart cookie. Kids are intuitive, and Ruby knows that something's going on with her mother. Sam is fiercely trying to protect her daughter, and that also comes to a head.

## BOOK REVIEW

Zadie Smith  
digs deep into  
culture, self

Essay collection thoughtful, moving

BY AMY GENTRY  
Chicago Tribune

At the beating heart of Zadie Smith's latest collection, "Feel Free," an eclectic mix of book reviews, celebrity profiles, awards speeches and long-form philosophical musings, is an essay called "Getting Out and In." A consideration of Jordan Peele's debut feature film "Get Out" alongside the controversial Dana Schutz painting "Open Casket," the essay drew praise and ire in equal measure when it was first published in Harper's Magazine last July. Not since her 2008 polemic "Two Paths for the Novel" has anything Smith has written caused such reverberations. It's the kind of essay that sheds light on a whole career, and it would justify this collection even if "Feel Free" didn't include a handful of more perfectly crafted pieces of prose.

The painting under consideration in "Getting Out and In" is an abstract portrait of Emmett Till's ravaged corpse; the question at hand is whether a white woman had any right to paint it. Taking, at face value, writer and performance artist Hannah Black's open letter to the Whitney, co-signed by dozens of black artists, urging that the painting be removed from the Whitney Biennial "with the urgent recommendation that (it) be destroyed," Smith dutifully points out that to destroy art is "the province of Nazis and censorious evangelicals."

Her real answer, though, comes in an intense moment of intimacy and identification as she stands

before the painting itself. Smith is the biracial daughter of a black Jamaican mother and a white British father, raised in the council flats of multicultural London. As a novelist, she has been writing about cross-cultural encounters for 20 years, since she sold her precocious debut "White Teeth" to best-selling acclaim as a 19-year-old Cambridge undergraduate. Now married to a white poet, she stands in the gallery with her white-skinned, green-eyed children, wondering whether they will be considered "black enough" to create art about black pain.

What has this to do with Peele's horror-comedy, in which black characters are lobotomized and inhabited by white parasites who control them from the inside? As Smith points out in another essay, Peele is biracial, too, and by juxtaposing "Get Out" with "Open Casket," she reads a level of anxiety about being biracial into the film that few of its overwhelmingly enthusiastic critics have noticed. The film's black victims, Smith hints chillingly, are not just metaphors for the sort of cultural appropriation of which Schutz stands accused. They are also metaphors for the biracial American experience itself, with its long history of rape: "To be biracial in America ... was in a literal sense to live with the enemy within." If, in Peele's film, "to be oppressed is not so much to be hated as obscenely loved," "Get Out" portrays biracial identity as a state of existence in which the oppression is internalized, an internal oppressor forev-



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Zadie Smith, who is biracial, often returns to the topic of cross-cultural identification.

er violating an internal oppressor, the two mixed up in an endless grip of violence and desire.

Smith leans vertiginously into this schism. And then, just as suddenly, she pulls away. "(T)he truth is I didn't feel very much," she says of Schutz's painting, later repeating: "The truth is that this painting and I are simply not in profound communication."

This rhetorical pattern of intimacy and withholding characterizes much of Smith's best essay-writing, and though it can be frustrating, it creates a hypnotic rhythm that is undeniably effective. "Some Notes on Attunement," a meditation on Smith's sudden love of Joni Mitchell's music after years of antipathy, is perhaps the loveliest example. Just as in "Getting Out and In," Smith describes a moment of cultural encounter that is at once peculiarly

intimate and completely dissociated from its true object. Standing with her husband at Tintern Abbey, she has a kind of epiphany: "As I remember it, sun flooded the area; my husband quoted a line from one of William Wordsworth's Lucy poems; I began humming a strange piece of music. Something had happened to me." The grass is green, the music is "Blue."

The moment passes swiftly, revealing, as always, Smith's true subject: the radical discontinuity of a self "whose boundaries are uncertain, whose language is never pure, whose world is in no way 'self-evident.'" Diving into the cracks between her former and current self, Smith asks, "Who was that person? Petulant, hardly aware that she was humming Joni, not yet conscious of the transformation she had already

undergone. ... How does such a change occur?"

The most yawning gulf of all, of course, is the chasm between an individual's experience of free will — feeling free, as the title would have it — and the reality of being bound, "Get Out"-style, by a body that is intimately implicated in a particular and bloody history. Returning to the topic of cross-cultural identification again and again, Smith finds moments of optimism to balance the despair, but rarely dwells on them; "Some Notes on Attunement," after some fascinating detours through Seneca and Kierkegaard, ends on Mitchell, in an interview, laughingly imagining the first line of her novel: "I was the only black man at the party." "We were always going to find each other," Smith writes, without further comment.

The sturdiest promise of



## 'Feel Free'

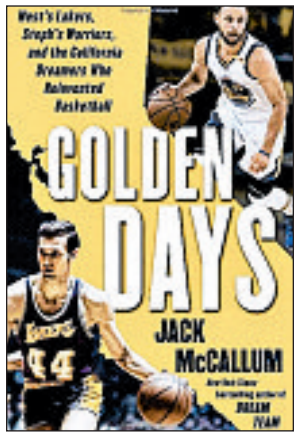
By Zadie Smith, Penguin, 464 pages, \$28

the realist novel, of which Smith is currently both our best theorist and most devoted practitioner, remains its ability to create empathy with those unlike ourselves. While Smith is not naive about this claim, she finds a way to tolerate its worst offenses; a lengthy assessment of J. G. Ballard's "Crash" begins with the older white author snubbing her on a riverboat and ends with the shrugging observation that "dreams are often perverse." Such ambivalence can be surprisingly moving.

Or perhaps I find it so because, as a female writer close to Smith in age, my own ambivalence toward her is born of identification. I'm now in middle age, and the reflections on motherhood and death that cloud even the lightest essays in "Feel Free" move me to tears. An essay called "Joy" is actually about pain; the title of "Man Versus Corpse" speaks for itself. As I read through them, my 3-month-old son wailing in the next room, I considered how the phrase "feel free" can be experienced as either an invitation or a command. If I hardly believe in my own ability to live up to it, there is at least some comfort in thinking Smith doesn't always either.

Amy Gentry is a freelancer and the author of the novel "Good as Gone."

## Sports book roundup



## 'Golden Days' by Jack McCallum, Ballantine, 336 pages, \$28

Jack McCallum no longer covers the NBA on a regular basis for Sports Illustrated, but thankfully he still writes books about the game. His latest effort, "Golden Days," shows why he was the 2005 winner of the Curt Gowdy Media Award from the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. McCallum connects today's glory team, the Golden State Warriors, to one of the most iconic teams: the early 1970s Los Angeles Lakers. The link for both is Jerry West.

As a player, West was a regal superstar who endured constant heartbreak in losing seven straight NBA Finals. He is appropriately nicknamed "The Logo," because that is him on the NBA's familiar trademark. As a storied NBA executive nearing age 80, he served as a consultant and part-owner of the Warriors during their recent run to two NBA titles.

McCallum artfully tells the stories of both the teams in alternating chapters. He documents how the '71-'72 Lakers, also featuring the great and mercurial Wilt Chamberlain, ran off a record 33-game winning streak en route to finally leading West that elusive first NBA title. He also charts the rise of the Warriors, built around an unlikely superstar in Steph Curry, who initially detested the notion of playing for Golden



State. McCallum shows how the Golden State guard has revolutionized the game with his three-point shooting prowess. Mostly, though, this book is a fascinating look at West, a complex man who cuts a huge swath of NBA history.

## 'The Best American Sports Writing,' edited by Howard Bryant, Mariner, 416 pages, \$15.99

This annual sports anthology series always is a pure joy. The writing is brilliant, and the reporting and storytelling are supreme. This book isn't a recap of stories documenting the big sporting events, such as the World Series and Super Bowl. Rather, it is a somewhat eclectic mix of pieces that dig deep into the soul of sports.

This year's edition, selected by guest editor Howard Bryant, a senior writer for ESPN.com and ESPN The Magazine, features entries by heavyweights such as David Remnick, Roger Angell and Pat Jordan. You will be hard-pressed to find a better account on the downfall of Tiger Woods than Wright Thompson's story for ESPN The Magazine. Of local interest, there is a compelling piece by Rick Telander for Sports Illustrated on the sad post-football life of former Bear William Perry. The beauty of this book is that if you have only 15 minutes, you can pick out a story or two and be thoroughly entertained and enlightened.

BY ED SHERMAN  
Chicago Tribune

## 'Game Change' by Ken Dryden, Signal, 368 pages, \$27.95

Chicago fans will forever remember Ken Dryden as the young Montreal Canadiens goalie whose stellar play broke the hearts of Blackhawks fans in the 1971 Stanley Cup Final. Dryden went on to have a Hall of Fame career. Now he has emerged as an important critic of hockey, arguing that safety measures need to be put into place to reduce head injuries.

In "Game Change," Dryden bases his case on the story of journeyman player Steve Montador. He played defense for several teams, eventually finishing his NHL career with the Blackhawks in 2011-12. After Montador died in 2015 at age 35 of a drug overdose, it was found he suffered from chronic traumatic encephalopathy, a neurodegenerative brain disorder linked to repeated concussions. Dryden says he chose Montador as his subject because he was just "an everyday player."

Dryden maintains the increased speed of the game has produced higher-impact collisions, resulting in more devastating blows to the head. Dryden calls on NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman and team executives to come up with solutions that will eliminate hits to the head. He doesn't want to see more Steve Montadors.

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## BOOK REVIEW

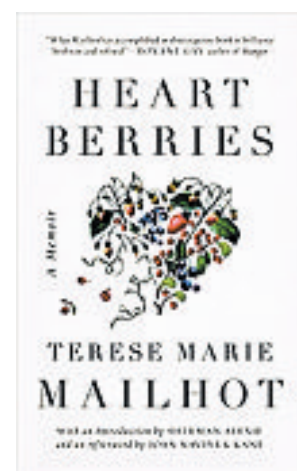
## Memoir gives searing look at Native American experience

BY KATHLEEN ROONEY  
Chicago Tribune

Sherman Alexie's introduction to Terese Marie Mailhot's debut memoir, "Heart Berries," is incandescent with glowing praise, all of it deserved. "I was aware," he writes, "within maybe three sentences that I was in the presence of a generational talent." If that weren't enough, in his blurb, he calls the book — centered on Mailhot's coming of age on the Seabird Island Indian Reservation in British Columbia and later as a writer — "an *Iliad* for the indigenous," invoking Homer's classic saga.

Although this slim and devastatingly calibrated memoir which features brief, impressionistic and carefully modulated essays tops out at 160 pages, "Heart Berries" truly does provoke the reader to reconsider what it means to be epic. For an epic is traditionally a long narrative poem in an elevated style, one derived from ancient oral tradition, narrating the deeds of a heroic figure or the history of a nation.

Here, in her fragmentary and interconnected narratives of family love and trauma, neglect and healing, mental illness and recovery, Mailhot offers her own quest for autonomy and self-determination in a milieu in which "Indian girls can be forgotten so well they forget themselves." In blunt yet lyrical prose, she depicts struggles and stories — of herself, her mother, her father and her grandmother — that are at once singular and sovereign, yet also representative and collective, portraying the travails and quotidian heroism required to be "a woman wielding narrative now," particularly in a world



## 'Heart Berries'

By Terese Marie Mailhot, Counterpoint, 160 pages, \$23

where "no one wants to know why Indian women leave or where they go."

The book opens with the tone-setting "Indian Condition." Without apology, arrogance or sentimentality, Mailhot divulges key features of her story, including her teen marriage and decision to leave her reservation. "I left my home because welfare was making me choose between my baby's formula or oatmeal for myself," she writes. "The ugly truth is that I lost my son Isadore in court. ... The ugly of that truth is that I gave birth to my second son as I was losing my first. My court date and my delivery date aligned. In the hospital, they told me that my first son would go with his father."

The collection's Maggie Nelson's genre-bending book "Bluets," and that choice is apt. Not unlike Nelson, Mailhot chops and loops her narrative threads, pausing to rest on aphoristic truths and rhetorical questions. In the

middle of the epistolary "Indian Sick" — set inside the hospital where she has committed herself and directed at "Casey," her white fiction professor, erstwhile lover and eventual father of her third son — she stops and states, "If transgressions were all bad, people wouldn't do them. Do you consider me a transgression?"

Sharp and scorching, her approach walks the knife's edge between accessibility and experimentation, rendering in detail what it's like to be "ill and alone and intelligent," trying to make a life as an artist and a single mom with PTSD, an eating disorder and being bipolar.

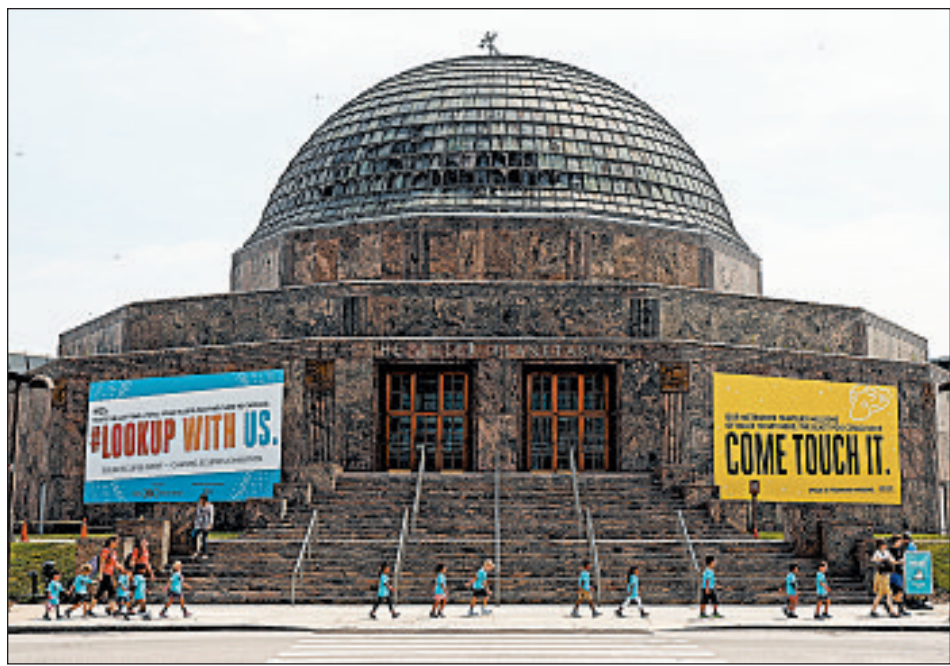
It's exciting to think that a person might be able to write their way out of seemingly insurmountable personal, cultural and historical trauma. It's even more exciting to actually watch someone appear, at least partly, to do so.

The afterword takes the form of a frank Q&A with Mailhot, conducted by the Inupiaq poet Joan Naviyuk Kane. Replying to Kane's question about her assertion that "indigenous identity is fixed in grief," Mailhot says, "I don't feel liberated from the governing presence of tragedy. The way in which people frame our work, and the way our work exists, or is canonized — we are not liberated from injustice; we're anchored to it." And that's an excellent point: No amount of literature can remedy or reverse the colossal injustices perpetrated against indigenous people by white individuals and institutions. Nevertheless, this unconventional epic should be part of the canon.

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The National Museum of Mexican Art reported a 16 percent jump in attendance while the Adler Planetarium, aided by the solar eclipse, drew about 60,000 more people than in 2016.

# Blockbusters help draw big crowds

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again reported the highest attendance overall (and its highest ever), at 3.77 million visitors, followed by Brookfield Zoo at 2.22 million and Shedd Aquarium at 1.98 million.

In a statement, Museums in the Park President Deborah Lahey, who runs the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, attributed the continuing growth to the range and quality of Chicago's offerings as well as efforts to make them more broadly accessible.

Most have 52 free days for Illinoisans per year, with February being the month most packed with free days. In the past year, the Art Institute and MCA both made it easier for teens to get in without paying. The Art Institute said its initiative resulted in a more than quadrupling of teenage attendance.

The other big attendance gambit in 2017 was the Shedd Aquarium's overhaul of its admission policies, streamlined pricing designed in part to reduce confusion and, therefore, wait times.

The new policies took effect in July, and Shedd officials report that visitors in the first two months saw a 45 percent decrease in wait times to get in.

Overall for the year, Shedd's attendance was up almost 3 percent, to 1.98 million visitors.

The Field Museum's

9.1 percent growth, to 1.8 million visitors, was fueled by a rush of visitors for the ending of its exhibit on the Terracotta Warriors Chinese sculptures, by the temporary "Jurassic World" exhibition and by its highest February attendance in history, its third straight year of being free in that month, according to a spokeswoman.

The Field had double-digit attendance growth each of the previous two years, including 19 percent last year. The Field figures include about 200,000 off-site users of its programs, a spokeswoman said, and did in at least 2016 as well.

In this, its 125th anniversary year, it is remodeling its central Stanley Field Hall. Key changes include Sue the T. rex moving to a bespoke exhibit hall upstairs that will be ready next year, and a replica skeleton of *Patagotitan mayorum*, the largest dinosaur yet discovered, being mounted in the main hall.

Adler Planetarium in 2016 set an attendance record for the era in which it has been charging admission. It blew that away in 2017 with the 10.1 percent growth to 636,000 visitors. One key contributor? The solar eclipse that crossed Illinois in August, and Adler's vigorous efforts to help people see and understand it.

Attendance records also came at the Chicago Bota-

nic Garden and at the Museum of Contemporary Art. The MCA's 371,000 visitors were the most ever and came in the 50th anniversary year of the institution just east of Michigan Avenue.

"Takashi Murakami: The Octopus Eats Its Own Leg," a retrospective look at the dynamic Japanese pop artist, greeted 205,000 visitors, breaking the museum's single-exhibition attendance record of 193,000 set by "David Bowie Is." (The Bowie exhibition, incidentally, returns to the U.S. next month for the first time since the rock star's death; on March 2 it begins a 4½-month run at the Brooklyn Museum, said by organizers to be the final stop of the show's five-year tour.)

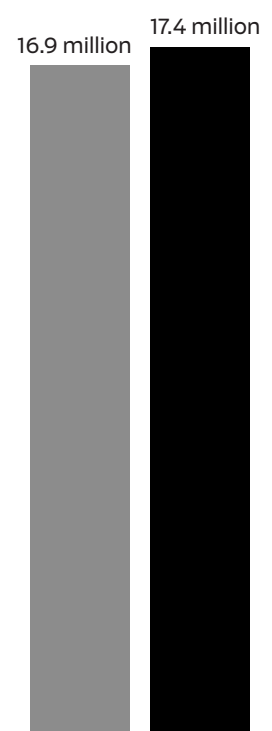
But MCA attendance also was boosted by interest in "Merce Cunningham: Common Time," a show about the modern dancer, in its anniversary retrospectives, and in a \$16 million makeover of its building, a spokeswoman said.

As for the Art Institute, the almost 10 percent audience drop was not a surprise, officials said. "The break-out popularity of 'Van Gogh's Bedrooms' in 2016 was an incredible moment we worked hard to create, but do not expect to replicate year-on-year," Andrew Simnick, senior vice president for finance, strategy and operations, said in a statement. "We

## Chicago-area museums and parks attendance

	2016	2017	% Change
Lincoln Park Zoo	3.55 million	3.77 million	+5.9%
Chicago Zoological Society/ Brookfield Zoo	2.26	2.22	-1.8%
Shedd Aquarium	1.92	1.98	+2.9%
Art Institute of Chicago	1.78	1.62	-9.3%
Field Museum	1.65	1.80	+9.1%
Museum of Science and Industry	1.50	1.49	-0.5%
Morton Arboretum	1.08	1.10	+1.3%
Chicago Botanic Garden	1.08	1.12	+3.3%
Adler Planetarium	577,749	636,008	+10.1%
Chicago Children's Museum	409,979	388,915	-5.1%
Chicago Academy of Sciences/Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum	294,261	297,344	+1.0%
Chicago History Museum	288,501	291,376	+1.0%
Museum of Contemporary Art	248,542	371,119	+49.3%
National Museum of Mexican Art	165,049	191,796	+16.2%
DuSable Museum of African American History	115,364	111,893	-3.0%
National Museum Puerto Rican Arts & Culture	24,980	26,524	+6.2%

Total attendance at all +2.6%



SOURCES: Museums in the Park and affiliates, Morton Arboretum

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predicted and planned for it?"

A National Museum of Mexican Art spokeswoman said the free museum's attendance increase was sparked by a spate of sponsored events, especially

ones related to its 30th anniversary celebration.

The other institutions in the Museums in the Park coalition are the Chicago Botanic Garden, Chicago Children's Museum, Chicago History Museum,

DuSable Museum of African American History, Museum of Science and Industry, and National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts & Culture.

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# Flashbacks fill in pieces for grieving son

Moon, from Page 1

ing with him.

When Monarch gets word that his mother, Esther (Shadana Patterson), has died suddenly, he hops a flight to his native Philadelphia — and coincidentally, Petrushka is his seatmate. She takes it upon herself to help him through the disorienting galaxy of grief.

It's easy to see some parallels to films like Zach Braff's "Garden State" in

this synopsis, and Bell's Petrushka does have a bit of the manic pixie dream girl to her as she coaxes Monarch to confront his past — namely, the father he never knew. But Ijames' play and Definition Theatre Company's production (directed by Tyla Abercrombie) move beyond the easy tropes to ground the story in poignant and well-drawn vignettes and flashbacks.

Most of the latter involve Monarch's childhood with his mom, who tells him that

his father is on the moon. He's actually in prison for an unspecified crime — which Monarch learns for sure only by finding letters from his dad, Kesi (Michael Anthony Rawlins), tucked away in a box in his late mother's home. We also see flashbacks to Esther and Kesi's relationship, which gives us a good idea of why she became so protective of her only child and determined he'd make different choices.

In one of the most heart-

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rending flashbacks, Monarch confronts Esther about his father and her refusal to tell him the truth as they prepare to attend her father's funeral. They both hurl the kinds of hurtful words that lodge in the memory and heart forever.

But Ijames also has a great handle on the odd flashes of humor that emerge in the midst of death rituals. A trip to the undertaker and the florist (both played by Rawlins, who, like Patterson, excels at playing a variety of sup-



JOE MAZZA PHOTO

Debo Balogun and Chanell Bell in James Ijames' play.

porting characters) captures the awkwardness of picking out caskets and floral arrangements for people who are presumably beyond caring about such things.

There are also some endearing oddball moments where Rawlins en-

acts Monarch's childhood fantasy of how his father got trapped on the moon, and a few meditations on how the moon came to be in the first place — spun out in its own trajectory after a profound collision. It's an apt metaphor for what it feels like to be an adult orphan, or at least a near-orphan, cast out in a new and unfamiliar orbit.

The pacing grows slack from time to time, but I suspect it will tighten up over the run. The relationship between Balogun's Monarch and Bell's Petrushka (who also knows something about parental loss) is quirky without being cloying. By the end, we can believe that Monarch has learned something about reaching out from beyond the books and stories he's used to cover a deeper connection with unvarnished truth.

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# WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Meghan Trainor

**“The Four: Battle for Stardom”** (7 p.m., FOX): This competition has had a fairly compact run, marked by the fact that after a little over a month, it airs its two-hour season finale here. The last four contestants who have vied to stay in the game — literally — face the music, also literally, to be declared the winner. Sean Combs, DJ Khaled and Meghan Trainor are the mentors and judges, with Fergie serving as host.

**“Grey’s Anatomy”** (7 p.m., ABC): A contest at the hospital for surgical innovations is under April’s (Sarah Drew) guidance in the new episode “Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger” — which, for those who know their television history, will be familiar as a phrase drawn largely from “The Six Million Dollar Man.” A friend makes a suggestion to Catherine (guest star Debbie Allen, also an executive producer of this show) that involves Jackson (Jesse Williams) as well.

**“Supernatural”** (7 p.m., CW): Danneel Ackles, a “One Tree Hill” alum and the wife of series star Jensen Ackles, guest stars in the new episode “Devil’s Bargain.” She plays a faith healer who enters into a pact with Lucifer (Mark Pellegrino) — which can’t be good news for Sam, Dean and Castiel (Jared Padalecki, Jensen Ackles, Misha Collins). Jack (Alexander Calvert) remains very much on the radar of Asmodeus (guest star Jeffrey Vincent Parise).

**“Scandal”** (8 p.m., ABC): Olivia (Kerry Washington) is resigned to doing anything and everything necessary to prevent Jake (Scott Foley) from becoming Mellie’s (Bellamy Young) chief of staff in the new episode “Army of One.” Quinn (Katie Lowes) starts to chafe under Rowan’s (Joe Morton) custody. Abby, Huck and Charlie decide to move the firm that bears Quinn’s name forward.

**“S.W.A.T.”** (9 p.m., CBS): With Hondo (Shemar Moore) sidelined by a misconduct allegation, Deacon (Jay Harrington) assumes the lead to seek robbers who have been targeting marijuana supply sites in “Blindspots.” Tan (David Lim) may provide a break when he connects the criminals’ modus operandi to a case that involved him while he was a policeman in Hollywood.

**“60 Days In”** (9 p.m., AE): Jaclin winds up with a target on her own back after she tries to help Stephanie switch to another room in a new episode called “Sexual Preference.” Emmanuel likewise finds himself targeted for retribution after he steps in and tries to break up a fight. Andrew worries that a rumor about him being gay could make him the victim of bullying or something far worse.

**“Conan”** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Jamie Dornan; actress Jenna Fischer; comic Jena Friedman.\*

**“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert”** (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Joel McHale; actress Yara Shahidi; Joywave performs.\*

**“Jimmy Kimmel Live”** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actress Ellen Pompeo; Elise Trouw performs.\*

**“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon”** (11:05 p.m., NBC): Jimmy Fallon brings A-list guests, signature comedy bits and chart-topping music to late night.\*

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BROADCAST	<b>CBS</b>	2	Big Brother: Celebrity Edition (N) ©		The Big Bang Theory	Young Sheldon		S.W.A.T.: “Blindspots.” ©	News (N) ◆
	<b>NBC</b>	5	2018 Winter Olympics: Figure Skating, Freestyle Skiing, Figure skating team event (men’s and pairs’ short program); freestyle skiing (moguls). (N) (Live) ©						
	<b>ABC</b>	7	Grey’s Anatomy (N) ©		Scandal: “Army of One.” (N) ©		How to Get Away With Murder (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) ◆
	<b>WGN</b>	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) ◆
	<b>Antenna</b>	9.2	3’s Comp.	Soap ©	Benson ©	Wings ©	Murphy	Becker ©	Coach ©
	<b>This TV</b>	9.3	Alice (PG-13/90) ★★★	Mia Farrow, Joe Mantegna. ©			Broadway Danny Rose (PG/84) ★★★		
	<b>PBS</b>	11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Fighting on Both Fronts	DuSable to Obama: Chicago’s Black Metropolis ©			John Lewis-Get ◆
	<b>The U</b>	26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)		The Game	The Game	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	<b>MeTV</b>	26.3	Andy Griffith   Andy Griffith		Gomer Pyle	Mama’s	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	<b>H&amp;I</b>	26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ◆
	<b>Bounce</b>	26.5	Living Single	Living Single	Bait (R/00) ◆	Jamie Foxx, David Morse.			
	<b>FOX</b>	32	The Four: Battle for Stardom: “Finale.” (N) ©				Fox 32 News at Nine		Modern Family ©
	<b>Ion</b>	38	Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods: “Warriors.”		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Blood ◆
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<b>CW</b>	50	Supernatural (N) ©		Arrow (N) ©		Law Order: CI		Law CI ◆	
<b>UniMas</b>	60	La niña		La tierra prometida		Renta cong	Renta cong	Noticias Uni	
<b>WJYS</b>	62	Paid Prog.	S. Glory	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Paid Prog.	Know-Cause	Monument	
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CABLE	<b>AE</b>		The First 48 ©		Watch Along (N)		60 Days In (N) ©		60 Days In
	<b>AMC</b>		The Day After Tomorrow (PG-13/04) ◆◆	Dennis Quaid. ©			Ghost Rider (07) ◆◆◆		
	<b>ANIM</b>		North Woods Law ©		North Woods Law: Uncuffed (N)				North-Law ◆
	<b>BBCA</b>		◆ (6) Apocalypse (R/06) ◆◆◆	Rudy Youngblood. ©			Thursday Night Darts: Premier (N)		
	<b>BET</b>		◆ (6:32) The Players Club (R/98) ◆◆	LisaRaye.			Black (N)	Mancave (N)	Rundown (N)
	<b>BIGTEN</b>		◆ Wm. Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Wisconsin at Illinois. (N) (Live) ©				The BIG
	<b>BRAVO</b>		Top Chef ©		Top Chef (N) ©		Bethenny & Bethenny		Watch (N)
	<b>CLTV</b>		News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics
	<b>CNBC</b>		Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		Jay Leno’s Garage (N)		Jay Leno’s ◆
	<b>CNN</b>		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ◆
	<b>COM</b>		South Park	South Park	Tosh.0 ©	Tosh.0 ©	Tosh.0 ©	Tosh.0 ©	Daily (N) ◆
	<b>DISC</b>		◆ (6) Moonshiners (N) ©		Killing Fields (N) ©		◆ (9:01) Moonshiners: “Rye Rides.” (N) ◆		
	<b>DISN</b>		Andi Mack	Stuck	Bizaardvark	Raven	Gravity Falls	Gravity Falls	Andi Mack
	<b>E!</b>		Bride Wars (PG/09) ◆	Kate Hudson. ©			Revenge Body		E! News ◆
	<b>ESPN</b>		College Basketball: Duke at North Carolina. (N) (Live)				College Basketball (N) ◆		
	<b>ESPN2</b>		◆ College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Southern Methodist at Houston. (N)				Basketball
	<b>FNC</b>		Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	<b>FOOD</b>		Chopped: “Cocktail Party.”		Chopped: “Flavor Savor.”		Beat Play (N)   Beat Bobby		Beat Bobby
	<b>FREE</b>		Beyond (N) ©		◆ (8:01) Lilo & Stitch (PG/02) ◆◆◆	Chris Sanders ©			700 Club ◆
	<b>FX</b>		Kingsman: The Secret Service (R/14) ◆◆◆	Colin Firth, Michael Caine. ©					Bourne ◆
	<b>HALL</b>		Full House	Full House	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	Golden Girls
	<b>HGTV</b>		Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Hunters
	<b>HISTV</b>		Swamp People (Season Premiere) (N)		Swamp People (N)		◆ (9:03) Swamp People		Swamp ◆
	<b>HLN</b>		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	<b>IFC</b>		◆ (6:30) Meet the Parents (PG-13/00) ◆◆◆				Portlandia	Meet the Parents ◆◆◆◆	
	<b>LIFE</b>		Project Runway (N)		Project Runway (N)		Making a Model (N)		TBA ◆
	<b>MSNBC</b>		All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	<b>MTV</b>		◆ Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out	Wild/Out (N)
	<b>NBCSCH</b>		◆ Pregame (N) NHL Hockey: Dallas Stars at Chicago Blackhawks. (N) (Live) ©						Postgame
	<b>NICK</b>		Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (PG-13/14) ◆◆	Megan Fox. ©			◆ Fresh Prince		Friends ©
	<b>OVATION</b>		◆ (6) A League of Their Own (PG/92) ◆◆◆	Tom Hanks.			Two Weeks Notice (PG-13/02) ◆◆◆		
	<b>OWN</b>		20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 on ID ©		20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 ◆
	<b>OPX</b>		NCIS: “Mother’s Day.” ©		NCIS: “Double Identity.”		NCIS: “Jurisdiction.” ©		NCIS © ◆
<b>PARMT</b>		Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Lip Sync (N)	Lip Sync (N)	◆ (9:32) The Hangover ◆		
<b>SYFY</b>		◆ Contagion	Mad Max: Fury Road (R/15) ◆◆◆	Tom Hardy. ©				Magicians ◆	
<b>TBS</b>		Brooklyn	Brooklyn	Brooklyn	Brooklyn	Brooklyn	Brooklyn	Conan (N) ◆	
<b>TCM</b>		San Francisco (NR/36) ◆◆◆	Clark Gable. ©			◆ (9:15) That Hamilton Woman ◆◆◆◆			
<b>TLC</b>		My 600-Lb. Life: “Supersized: Karina’s Story.” (N)				Family by the Ton (N)		My 600-Lb ◆	
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<b>TRAV</b>		Mysteries at the Museum		Mysteries-Museum (Season Premiere) (N)		Mysteries-Museum (N)		Secrets ◆	
<b>TVL</b>		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Nashville ©		King	
<b>USA</b>		Remember the Titans (PG/00) ◆◆◆	Denzel Washington. ©			Mod Fam	Mod Fam		
<b>VH1</b>		RuPaul’s Drag Race: All Stars ©		America’s Next Model		RuPaul’s Drag Race: All ◆			
<b>WE</b>		Growing Up Hip Hop		Growing Up Hip Hop (N)		Growing Up Hip Hop		Hip Hop ◆	
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	<b>HBO2</b>		High Main.	High Main.	High Main.	All Eyes on Me (R/17) ◆◆◆	Demetrius Shipp Jr. © ◆		
	<b>MAX</b>		Drag Me to Hell (PG-13/09) ◆◆◆		◆ (8:40) The Mummy (PG-13/99) ◆◆	Brendan Fraser. ◆			
	<b>SHO</b>		◆ (6:30) Con Air (R/97) ◆◆	Nicolas Cage.		The Bye Bye Man (PG-13/17) ◆		SNCTM ◆	
	<b>STARZ</b>		◆ Star Trek: First Contact	◆ (7:50) Star Trek: Insurrection (98) ◆◆		◆ (9:36) Straw Dogs ◆◆◆			
	<b>STZNC</b>		◆ Return/Lonesome Dove		The Trouble With Harry (PG/55) ◆◆◆		Once in West ◆		

# WBEZ’s ‘Making Obama’ eyes Chicago’s role

BY DARCEL ROCKETT  
Chicago Tribune

What goes into the making of a person? Circumstances, experiences, rearing, genetics and opportunities — the mix yields something different in each person; qualities that are revealed as time goes on.

Former President Barack Obama is no different. The Columbia University graduate came to Chicago at the age of 24 with the job offer of a role as a community organizer. From there the relationship with the city was formed and the foundation that would create the 44th president of the United States was built, according to WBEZ Chicago’s latest podcast, “Making Obama.”

“The city of Chicago played an essential role in shaping Obama’s approach

to politics and WBEZ had a front row seat to that journey,” said podcast series host Jennifer White. “For this series, we spoke with many of the key players who were part of those pre-White House years — some people you will recognize but others you probably won’t.”

The “podumentary” is a six-part series that documents Obama’s life before the White House — from his early days as a South Side community organizer to his time as a rookie politician being hazed in the Illinois state House, to an embarrassing run for U.S. Congress. WBEZ sat down with Obama in a candid conversation, and interviewed those around him during the early days in politics; the podcast also draws on Chicago’s coverage of his political life



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Barack Obama became head of the Harvard Law Review in 1990. The WBEZ show “Making Obama” debuts Thursday.

and dozens of hours of original interviews about his formative years. It’s the second of WBEZ’s “Mak-

ing” series — the first featured Oprah Winfrey. “The production process took months,” White said.

“We conducted over 50 interviews ... that left us with over 80 hours of interviews. Colin McNulty, the producer, and I worked hard to craft a story that captured the essence of Obama’s time in Chicago in the ‘80s, ‘90s and ‘00s. That also meant digging through a lot of archival audio that we mixed in to create a really sound-rich podcast. But in the end, we’re telling the people’s stories, so those stories are the backbone of the whole project.”

In one clip from the podcast, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel describes why Obama thrived in local politics, “He has an unbelievable, warm, capturing smile. It covers a very tough, steel spine.” And in another excerpt from the project, Obama says, “A story like mine could have happened in another city,

but my story could have only happened here.”

“By the time much of the nation got to know Obama, he was a polished politician,” White said.

“Through this project, we hope to shed light on what he had to learn, how he had to grow and how he wasn’t on this inevitable path to the presidency. There are a lot of things that happened — some of it just plain old luck — that helped him get there, and Chicago was certainly a conduit to his success.”

The first episode of the “Making Obama” debuts Thursday. Episodes will be released weekly and be available for download or streaming on podcast platforms and [wbez.org/obama](http://wbez.org/obama).

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# Justina Machado on improv with Penn

Moment, from Page 1

moved there so I didn’t know.

“So I’m looking for the room and I wasn’t in the right place, but a casting director for a different movie was there and he said, ‘Oh my God, would you read for this movie? I think you’d be perfect.’ And I was like, ‘OK,’ so I walk in and I read and I get it! It’s a little part in a movie with Sean Penn and Robin Wright called ‘She’s So Lovely’ (from 1997).

“I don’t remember what the role was — I was selling him tickets to a dance I think, and Robin Wright was embarrassed because he didn’t have any money, that’s what it was. He didn’t have any money to get in and he starts charming me.

“So I’m on set the first day, we’re about to shoot the scene and I remember being so nervous and wanting them to write me out because I was so scared! I didn’t want to do it! And then I see Sean Penn walk-

ing toward me, and I had never seen a movie star before and the first thing I thought was, ‘Oh, my God, he’s so short!’ — because you’re so used to thinking people in movies are tall, but he was short!

“He comes up to me and he goes, ‘What’s your name?’ and I said, ‘Justina Machado!’ But he was improvising. And I didn’t realize that until the director, Nick Cassavetes, goes, ‘No, Justina — not your real name.’ And I was like, ‘Well, how would I know? He didn’t tell me he was going to improvise!’

“And I remember being offended that he didn’t tell me we were improvising, and that’s when my Chicago kicked in and I got defensive: ‘Well, he didn’t tell me!’ Because I really thought he wanted to get to know me — and he didn’t.” (Long laugh.)

**What was going through her mind ...**

“I felt like everyone was in on the joke except for

me. When Nick Cassavetes came over and goes, ‘No, Justina, not your real name — he’s improvising,’ that’s when my no-nonsense side came out, right away.

“Because at first I was so terrified, I couldn’t believe I was working with Robin Wright and Sean Penn, I always loved him when I was younger, I was such a big fan. But as soon as he did that, all that went away! And by the way, how weird is that? We haven’t even met each other and you want to start improvising? He didn’t apologize or anything — Sean Penn didn’t talk to me.

“But what happened was, we had done his coverage and we were coming back the next day to do my coverage and Nick Cassavetes said, ‘You’re doing a great job,’ and I said, ‘How do you know, the camera’s not even on me?’ And he’s like, ‘Sean says you’re doing a great job’ — so Sean spoke through Nick Cassavetes. But he never spoke to me. But you have to understand

it’s not like it scarred me, it’s just a funny story!”

**According to IMDb, the character is listed as “Carmen Rodriguez — Lady Ticket Taker.”**

“Yes, because I made up the name! My character had no name, she was just a ticket-seller. But once I realized we were improvising I went along with it and gave her a name. So a lot of that scene is improvised. It was daunting at first, but once I got over the fact of who he was — and my embarrassment — I just thought, ‘I gotta go for this.’ I already saw that he wasn’t going to warn me about anything, so I just had to go with it.

“I actually got another job because of that scene, a movie called ‘In the Electric Mist’ with Tommy Lee Jones. This is really interesting, because Tommy Lee Jones is lovely, really. I loved working with him. But he doesn’t suffer fools, you know? So you really have to be on your toes, and



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Justina Machado, a Chicago native, began her career working with companies such as Organic and Victory Gardens.

that’s what one of the producers said when I went in to meet with him and the director, Bertrand Tavernier. They saw me going toe-to-toe with Sean Penn and they thought that I could handle Tommy Lee. I’m not kidding you, that really happened.”

**The takeaway ...**

“I don’t know if there’s any kind of takeaway ex-

cept that it was my first Hollywood experience. Maybe the rose-colored glasses were taken off quickly — oh, OK, it’s like this. Gotta get down to business. Once you’re on that set, it’s work.

“And I was open, I went back and forth with him and we got a beautiful scene.”

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### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (Feb. 8): Your career is on fire this year! Careful planning and preparation pay well. Your confidence rises with practice and personal growth this spring. Breakthroughs in physical health and fitness this summer lead to new self-image and a growing romantic partnership. Kindle sparks through passionate inspiration.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. The next two days favor travel and exploration. Push your boundaries and frontiers, and try new ideas, cultures, flavors and points of view.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. Take action to grow shared financial accounts today and tomorrow. Make investments, set up automatic deductions or revise budgets. Discover unexpected savings.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 9. Get twice as far with the help of a partner. Find efficiencies by sharing the load. You can profit now from a dreamer's vision. Collaborate.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 7. Your talents are getting popular. Reduce stress by scheduling carefully and guarding time for exercise, healthy meals and rest. Postpone non-essential tasks.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Plan some fun for the next few days. Physical action gets results. Raise the level of your game with practice. Save time for romance.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Pour energy into a domestic project for long-lasting results. It's amazing what a coat of paint can do! Transform your home with decisive action.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Get your message out, and it travels further than expected. Passions are stirred up; stay respectful. Keep digging and find a valuable clue.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. The next two days could get especially profitable. Actions taken now can have long-term benefit. Push to gain more authority and income.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Use your power and confidence to advance a personal dream. Move quickly and go farther. Find valuable efficiencies and shortcuts.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 6. If you push too hard, you can burn out; slow down and recharge batteries. Strategize and plan for simple solutions. Envision and dream.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Pull together as a team. Together you can advance further than expected. Many hands make light work; invite your crew to participate.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Crazy dreams seem possible. Follow a professional ambition with decisive action to reach new levels. Strategize, and then move the pieces into place.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater



### Bliss



### Bridge

Both vulnerable, South deals

<b>North</b>	♠ 10 9 8 7 4 3 2	♥ AK 5	♦ 7 3	♣ 2
<b>West</b>	♠ K 5	♥ J 10 9 8 7 4	♦ K 5 4	♣ K J
<b>East</b>	♠ A J 6	♥ Q 6 2	♦ 10 9 8 2	♣ 9 6
<b>South</b>	♠ Q	♥ 3	♦ A J 6	♣ A Q 10 8 7 5 4 3

Today's deal is from a recent tournament in Australia. North's five club bid seems remarkable to us, but it led to an interesting contract. Note that it would take an opening diamond lead to trouble a three no trump contract.

Five clubs would have been defeated had West led the king of spades, but that would be an unlikely lead in any case and even more so after North bid the suit. Declarer scooped up the opening heart lead with dummy's ace and quickly cashed the king to shed his spade loser. Playing on clubs would require a 2-2 split with the king

**The bidding:**

South	West	North	East
1♣	1♥	1♠	2♥
3♣	3♥	5♣	All pass

**Opening lead: Jack of ♥**

inside — against the odds. South saw that if he could score a diamond ruff in dummy, he could handle any 2-2 club split, and also handle a 3-1 split as long as either the king or the jack were singleton. The problem was to keep East off lead so he couldn't lead a trump.

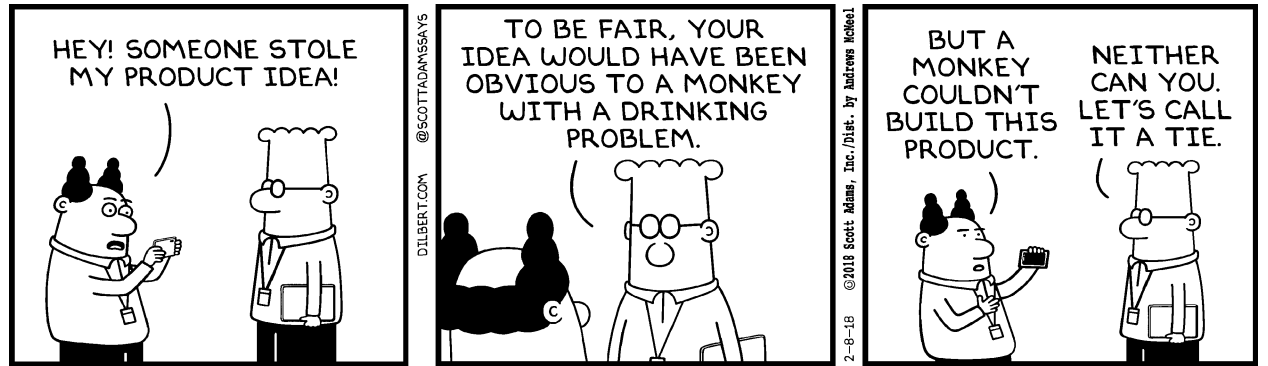
At trick three, South led a low diamond from dummy and covered East's card with the jack. West won with the king, but could do nothing to hurt declarer. South ruffed the heart continuation and then cashed the ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond. He crossed back to his hand with a spade ruff and cashed the ace of clubs, claiming his contract when the jack fell.

You might think that East could defeat the contract by playing the queen of diamonds on the first round of the suit, but South can still triumph by winning with the ace and exiting with the jack.

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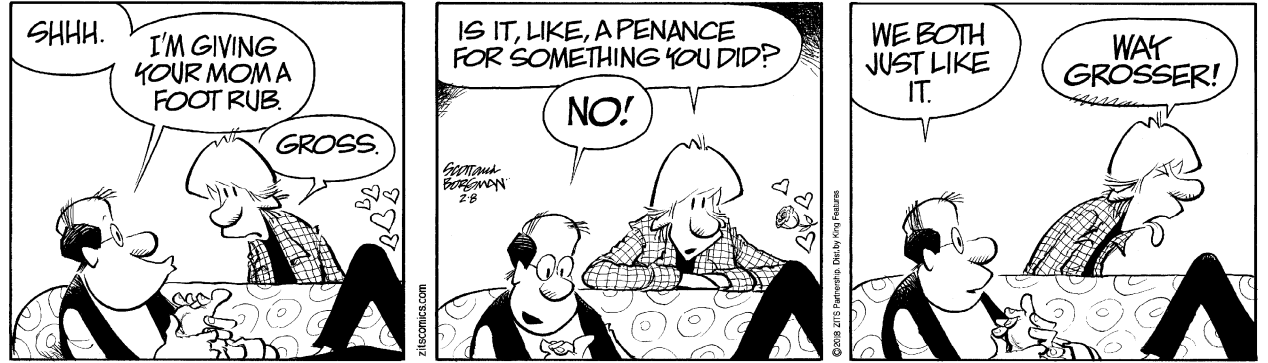
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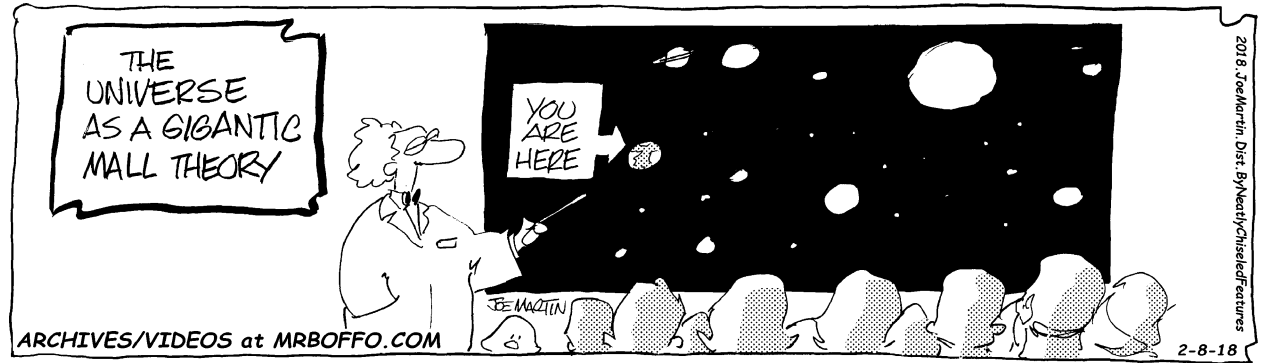
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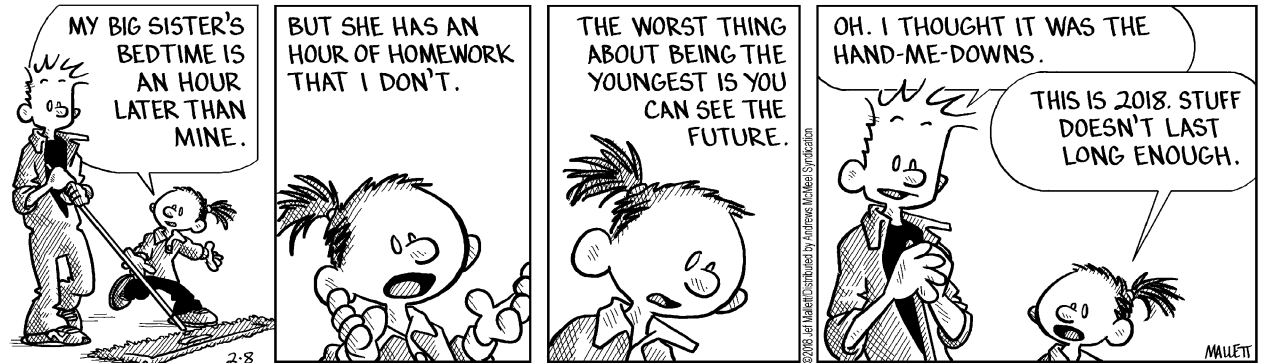
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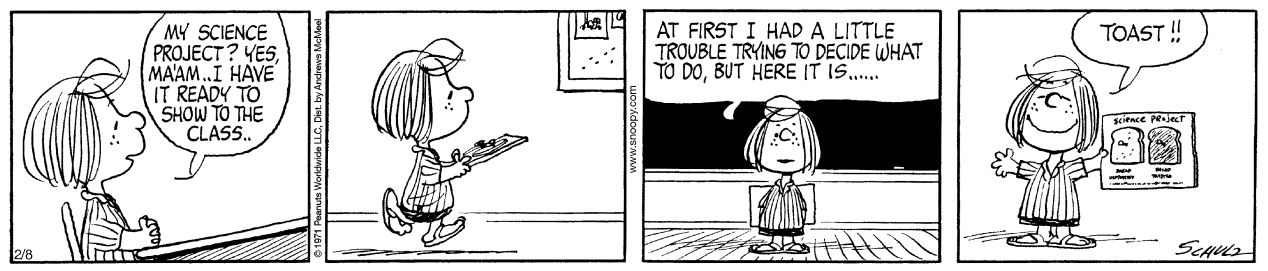
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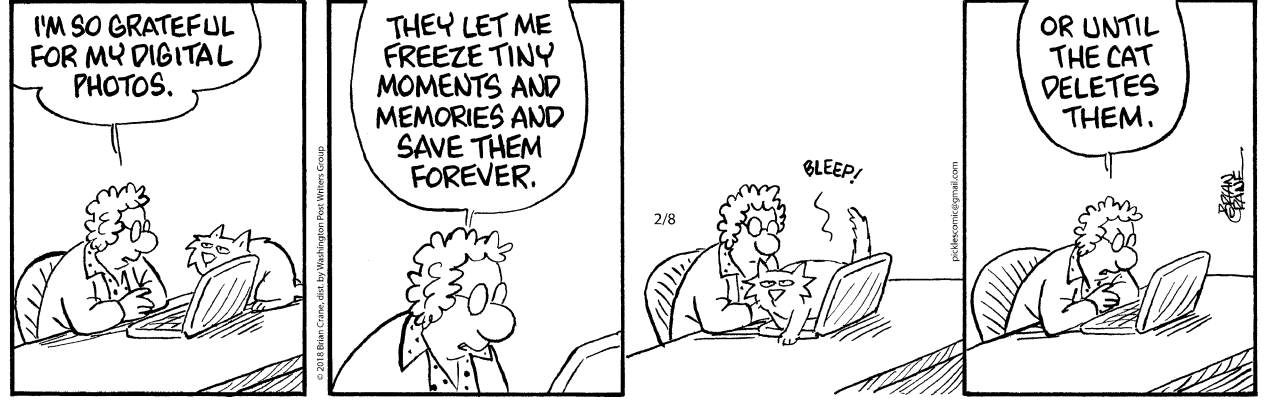
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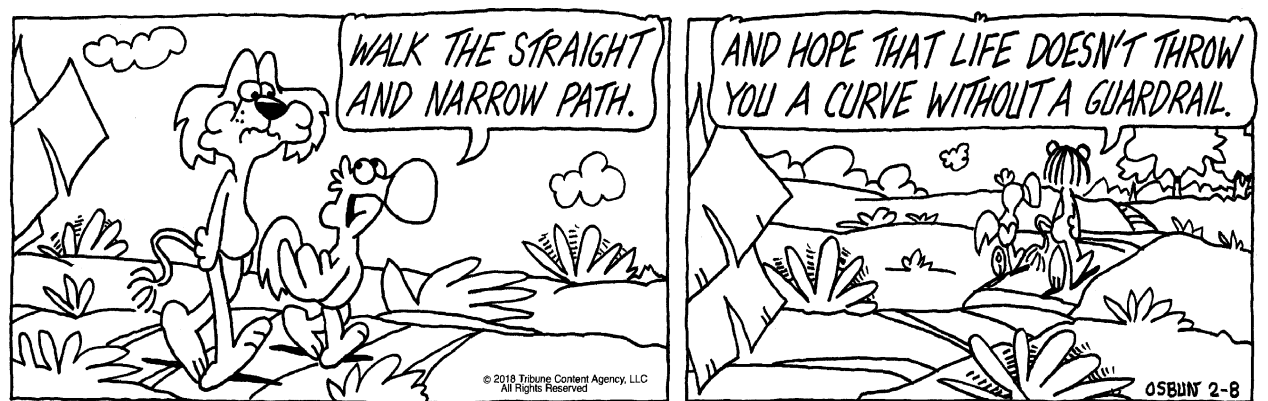
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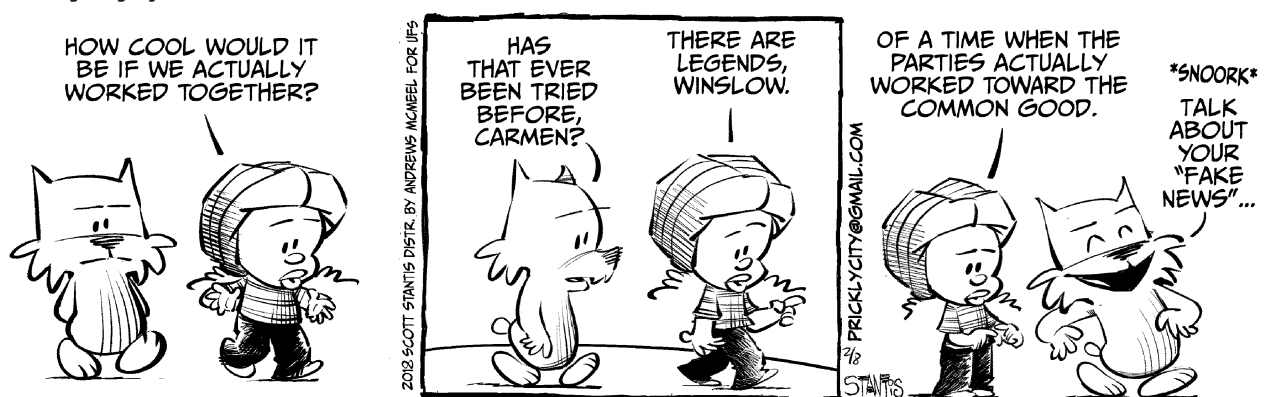
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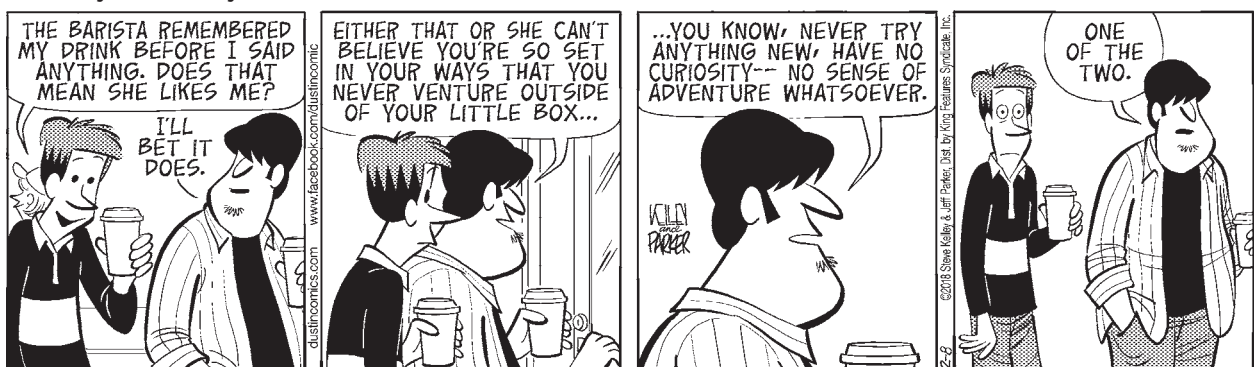
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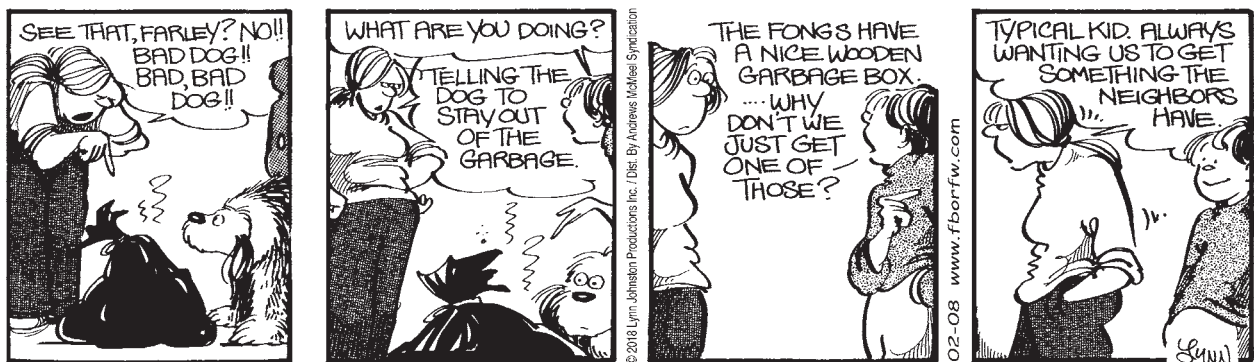
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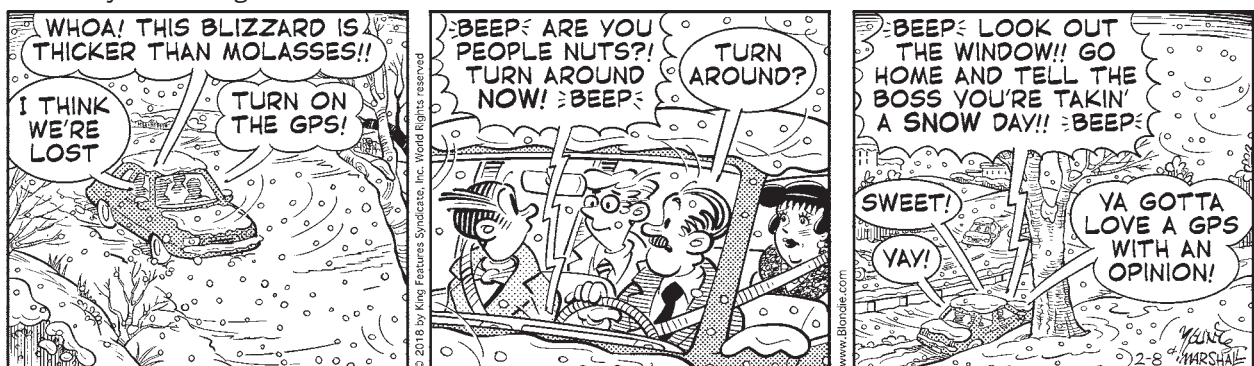
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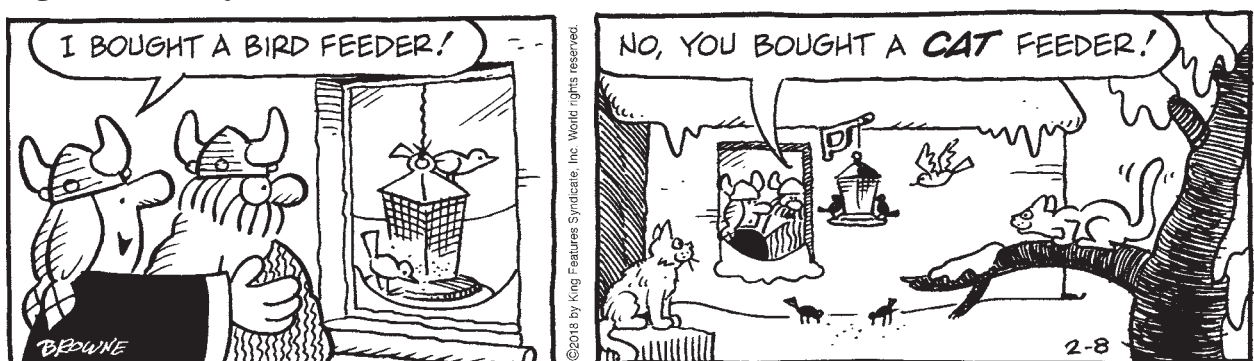
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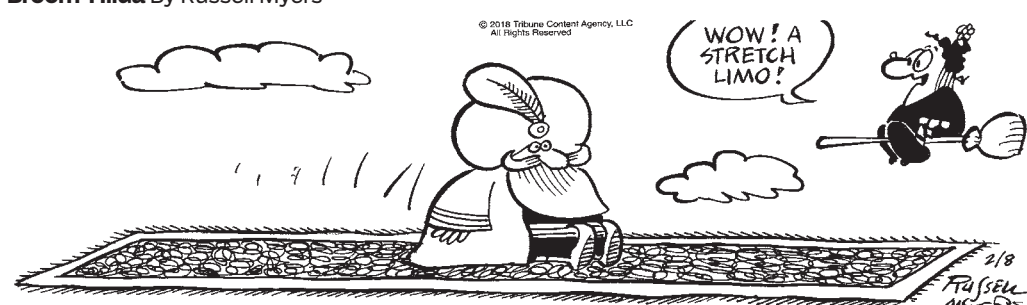
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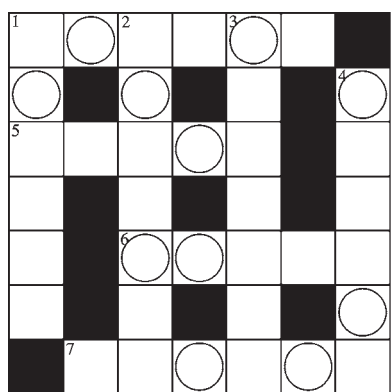
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**Wall tiles in New York City's Astor Place subway station bear what motif related to the Astor family fortune?**  
 A) Beaver  
 B) Cannon  
 C) Gold nugget  
 D) Steam ship

**Wednesday's answer:** The first official Winter Olympic Games were held in 1924 in Chamonix, France.

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**Jumble Crossword**



**CLUE ACROSS**

- Harsh
- Put in force
- Mad
- Light \_\_\_\_\_

**CLUE DOWN**

- \_\_\_\_\_ overlook
- Get the idea
- Type of sword
- Come into sight

**ANSWER ACROSS**

1. CTSRIT  
 2. ACETN  
 3. AERIT  
 4. NESRO

**ANSWER DOWN**

1. NCICES  
 2. ZAELEI  
 3. ALSTCSU  
 4. EARPAP

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.

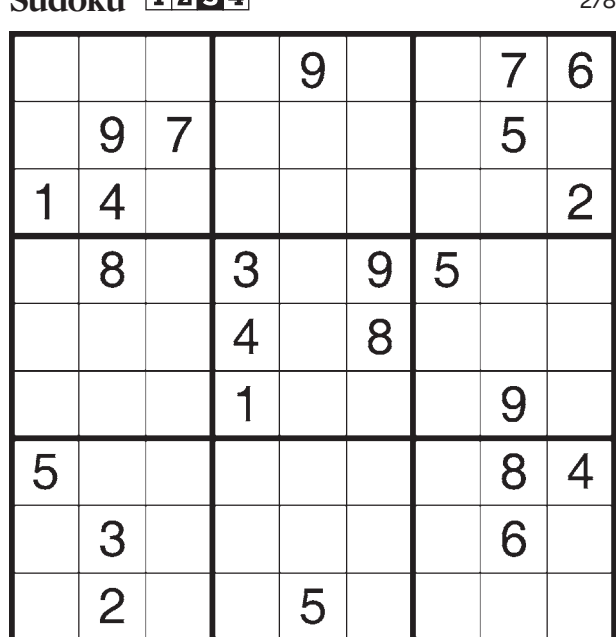
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ANSWERS: 1A-Enact 2D-Keatler 2D-Cutlath 4D-Appar 7A-Enact 8A-Enact 9A-Enact 10A-Enact 11A-Enact 12A-Enact 13A-Enact 14A-Enact 15A-Enact 16A-Enact 17A-Enact 18A-Enact 19A-Enact 20A-Enact 21A-Enact 22A-Enact 23A-Enact 24A-Enact 25A-Enact 26A-Enact 27A-Enact 28A-Enact 29A-Enact 30A-Enact 31A-Enact 32A-Enact 33A-Enact 34A-Enact 35A-Enact 36A-Enact 37A-Enact 38A-Enact 39A-Enact 40A-Enact 41A-Enact 42A-Enact 43A-Enact 44A-Enact 45A-Enact 46A-Enact 47A-Enact 48A-Enact 49A-Enact 50A-Enact 51A-Enact 52A-Enact 53A-Enact 54A-Enact 55A-Enact 56A-Enact 57A-Enact 58A-Enact 59A-Enact 60A-Enact 61A-Enact 62A-Enact 63A-Enact 64A-Enact 65A-Enact 66A-Enact 67A-Enact 68A-Enact 69A-Enact

**Sudoku** 1234

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9	8	3	2	7	4	5	1	6
7	6	5	1	3	9	2	4	8
1	2	4	8	6	5	7	3	9
8	9	2	6	5	3	1	7	4
3	5	6	7	4	1	9	8	2
4	7	1	9	2	8	3	6	5
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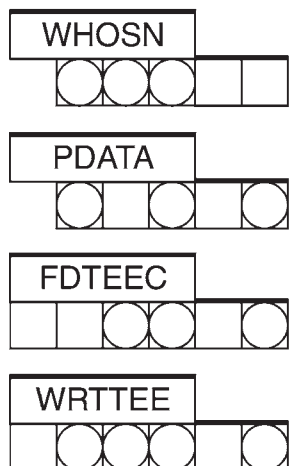
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

**Wednesday'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



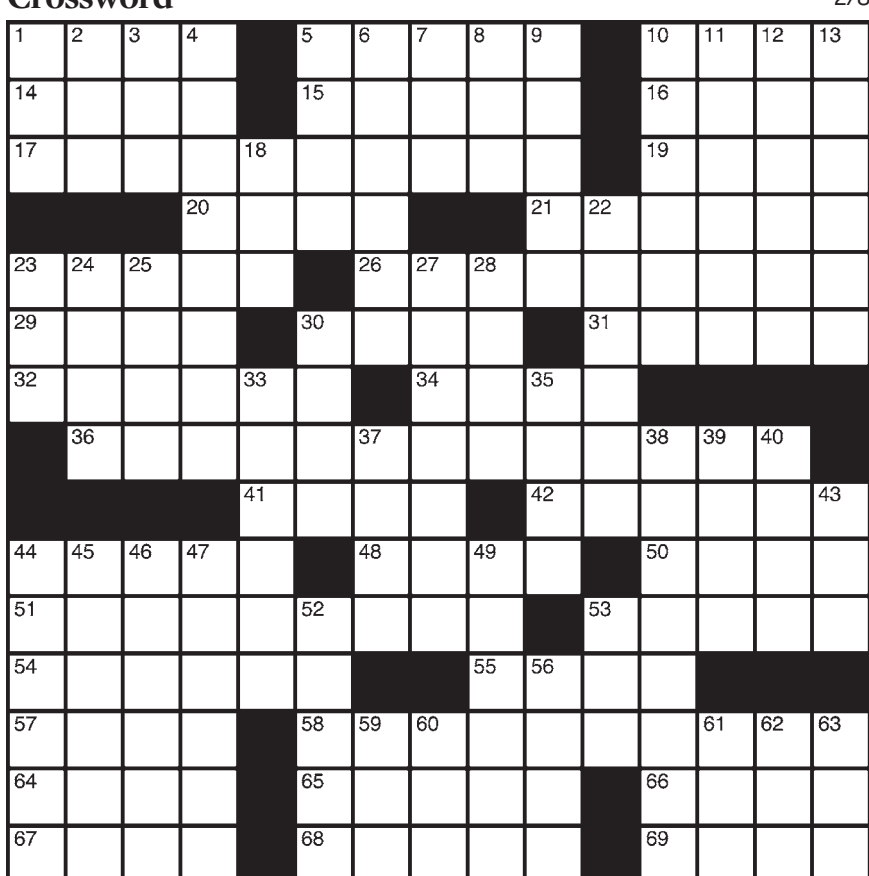
**Wednesday's answers**

Jumbles: NUDGE ABATE SCRIPT LATELY  
 Answer: The importance of the Wright brothers' success could be seen — "PLANE" AS DAY

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**Crossword**

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**Across**

- Color changers
- Allowing for the uncertainty of the future
- Fairy tale bear
- Set
- Greenland coin
- Holiday lead-ins
- Aerialists' insurance
- Days in Durango
- Side by side?
- Medical priority system
- Visually transfixed
- Porsche Boxster, e.g.
- Mauritania neighbor
- Make a big stink
- Immobile
- Lining fabric
- Zebra hunter
- Breakfast order ... and a hint to the last words of 17-, 26-, 51- and 58-Across
- Loaves that may be seeded
- Printing goofs
- Narrow groove
- Take to heart
- "Yikes!"
- Like some pizza ovens
- Decorative draperies
- Brand name for the sleep aid zolpidem
- Culture starter?
- Tropical tuber
- Conflict in Tennyson's "The Charge of the Light Brigade"
- Tiny bit
- Broadcaster
- Sticking point
- Many Christmas presents
- Involuntary muscle contraction
- Jet black
- "Stand By Me" director
- Bowling alley initials
- Some square dancers
- Baldwin brother
- "Maybe"
- 1930s migrant to California
- Beverage company — Cointreau
- Coffee server
- Binged (on)
- Paint brand sold at Home Depot
- Got big enough for "Born This Way" Lady
- Antlered animal
- Program interruptions
- Try to hit, as a fly
- Minestrone ingredient
- Drink named for a Scottish hero
- Make a scene and act up
- One of a '50s singing quartet
- Ancient empire builders
- Madrid Mrs.
- Start of an idea
- Fabric flaw
- Yo La Tengo guitarist Kaplan
- Whichever
- King of ancient Rome

**Down**

- Wedding reception VIPs
- Vote for
- Cookie baker in the Hollow Tree
- More disreputable
- Terrier breed from Scotland
- Richly decorated
- Rival
- Ronald
- Stops working for a while
- Highway divider
- Pilot
- Scanty
- State strongly
- Little Italian number

**Wednesday's solution**

ESS SAVERS ARAL  
 MET OMBLET PACE  
 BANGUPTIME ORCS  
 REBARBS DAIMLER  
 YEAR BENGALCUB  
 OLDDPEAR LOOIE  
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# CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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THURSDAY, FEB. 8      NORMAL HIGH: 33°      NORMAL LOW: 18°      RECORD HIGH: 62° (1925)      RECORD LOW: -17° (1899)

## Heavy snow Thursday still falling all day Friday

### LOCAL FORECAST

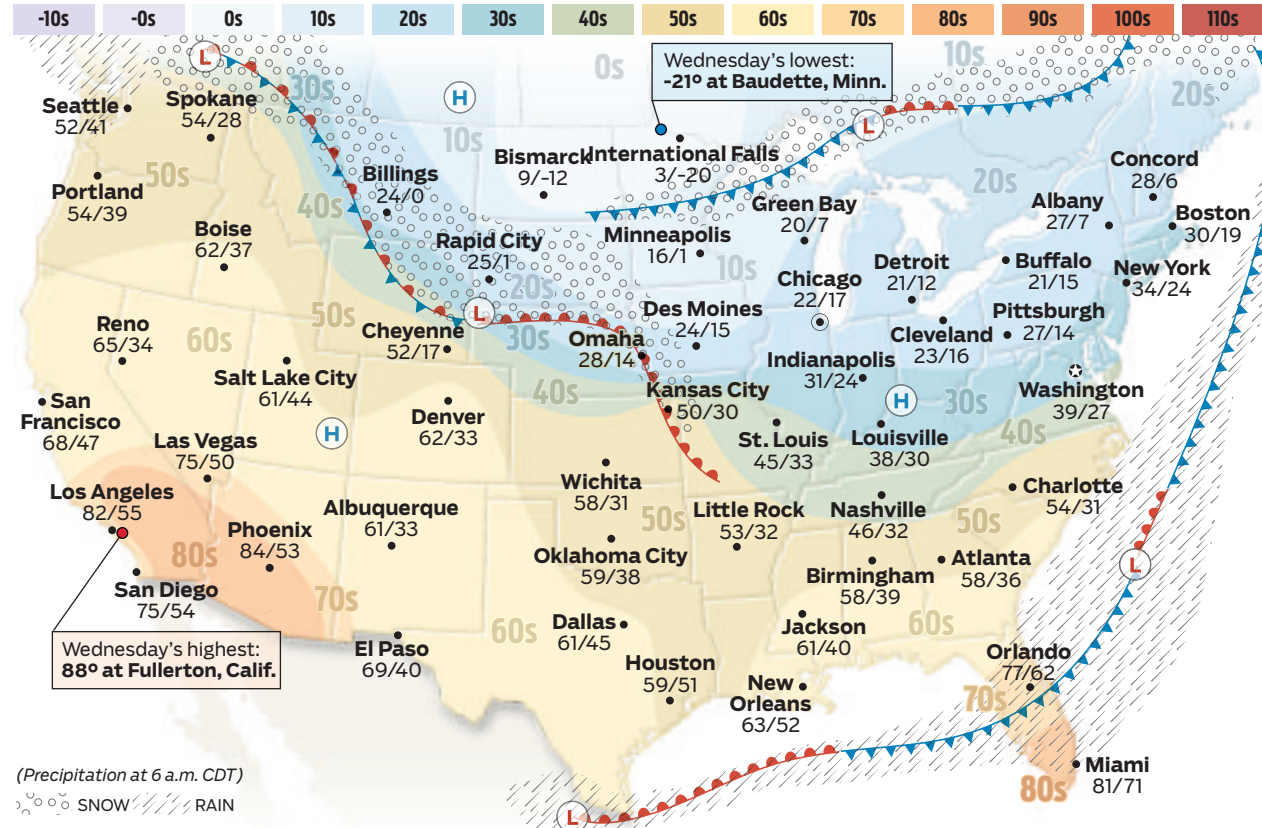
**HIGH**      **LOW**  
**22**      **17**

■ Heavy snow begins later Thursday evening and continues Friday – accumulation 4-6-inches by Friday morning along and north of I-80 including the city of Chicago lower totals in counties farther south.

■ Clouds and few flurries to start the day, becoming partly cloudy later in the morning. Clouds thicken from the west in the afternoon with accumulating snow likely overspreading the area during the evening.

■ High temperatures 20 to 25 degrees. Southwest winds.

### NATIONAL FORECAST



A winter storm will move east out of the central Plains Thursday, bringing our area increasing and lowering clouds during the afternoon and eventually heavy accumulating snow beginning during the evening and continuing overnight and all day Friday.

Greatest snowfall totals are expected in counties along and north of Interstate 80, where 4 to 6 inches are forecast by early Friday, with storm totals of 8 to 10 inches or possibly a foot at some locations, before snowfall diminishes and ends by evening. Lesser storm totals on the order of 2 to 6 inches are expected in counties farther south.

Both the morning and evening commutes Friday will most likely be a slow-go, featuring snow-covered highways, snow plows and difficult and dangerous driving conditions.

### FRIDAY, FEB. 9

**HIGH**      **LOW**  
**27**      **17**

Heavy accumulating snow – storm total 8 to 10-inches with localized amounts up to a foot. Snow diminishes and ends during the evening. Highs in the mid 20s. Partly cloudy, a chance of flurries overnight. Winds shift NE.

### SATURDAY, FEB. 10

**HIGH**      **LOW**  
**26**      **16**

A possible break in the snow early, then snow likely returns in the afternoon. Highs in the middle 20s. Accumulating snow likely overnight. Northeast winds.

### SUNDAY, FEB. 11

**HIGH**      **LOW**  
**22**      **6**

A good chance of snow south, partly cloudy with light snow or flurries north. Highs 20 to 25. Clearing skies and cold overnight. Northwest to west winds.

### MONDAY, FEB. 12

**HIGH**      **LOW**  
**27**      **21**

Mostly sunny with highs in the lower 30s. Increasing clouds overnight. Westerly winds.

### TUESDAY, FEB. 13

**HIGH**      **LOW**  
**36**      **22**

More clouds than sun with a chance of light rain or flurries – highs in the middle 30s. Clearing skies overnight. Southwest winds shift northwest by afternoon.

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14

**HIGH**      **LOW**  
**35**      **22**

Valentine's Day. Mostly sunny with an increase in high thin cirrus clouds in the afternoon and mid-level clouds at night. Highs in the middle 30s.

### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
We are currently in a streak where it seems to be snowing every day. What is the city's record for most consecutive days with a measurable snowfall?  
—Jim Klipper Highland, Indiana

Dear Jim,  
The city is in the midst of a snowy period which began on Feb. 3; daily measurable snowfall through Sunday would tie the record of nine days. Chicago climatologist Frank Wachowski reports that duration has been hit twice, first from Jan. 29-Feb. 6, 1902, then from Jan. 6-14, 2009. The 1902 string was much ado about nothing, as the combined nine-day snowfall total was just 5.0 inches. The 2009 stretch was far more significant, totaling 18.0 inches, and was followed by extremely cold weather with the mercury dropping to minus 18 degrees at O'Hare Airport, minus 23 at Barrington and 30 below zero at Joliet on January 18.

**Write to: ASK TOM**  
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Chicago, IL 60618  
asktomwhy@wgn9.com

WGN-TV meteorologists Steve Kahn, Richard Koehneman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

Hear Tom Skilling's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

## Potentially Chicago's heaviest snow producer in over a year

**CHICAGO SNOWSTORM TIMELINE**  
Centered on the city:

- Steadiest snow begins** 8 P.M. THURSDAY
- MORNING & EVENING COMMUTES** THUR. NIGHT
- STEADIEST SNOW WINDS DOWN** FRIDAY
- SNOW INTENSITY PICKS UP AGAIN** FRIDAY
- More sporadic snow showers Friday night** FRI. NIGHT
- Second wave** SATURDAY

**MODELS SUGGEST SHARP CUT-OFF ACROSS SOUTHERN SUBURBS**  
Computer models suggest "little" or no snow downstate  
MUST BE MONITORED CLOSELY

**HEAVY SNOW** Chicago  
**LITTLE OR NO SNOW** Southern suburbs

**THE INCOMING SNOW SYSTEM**  
Potentially the Chicago area's heaviest snow-producer in over a year  
**PREVIOUS HEAVIEST SNOW:** DEC. 10-11, 2016  
**7.8"**

**2017-18 SEASON'S HEAVIEST SNOW**  
Predicted snowfall totals:  
Local 12" totals  
Chicago 8"+

**FRIDAY'S PREDICTED ATMOSPHERIC SET-UP**  
30,000 FT. JET STREAM WINDS  
Chicago  
MOIST GULF AIR  
AT LEAST 0.50" OF EVAPORATED WATER

**FRIDAY'S WEATHER MAP SNAPSHOT (6 A.M.)**  
COLD AND WINDY  
FRIDAY'S SNOW-MAKER

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives  
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### CHICAGO DIGEST

**WEDNESDAY TEMPERATURES**

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	16	7	Midway	21	16
Gary	23	17	O'Hare	20	14
Kankakee	16	9	Romeoville	18	13
Lakefront	22	16	Valparaiso	23	18
Lansing	19	15	Waukegan	21	12

**CHICAGO PRECIPITATION**

PERIOD	2018	NORMAL
Wed. (through 6 p.m.)	0.11"	0.06"
February to date	0.46"	0.36"
Year to date	2.00"	2.09"

**CHICAGO SNOWFALL**

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Wed. (through 6 p.m.)	1.7"	1.1"
Season to date	16.0"	17.8"
Normal to date	22.9"	24.1"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

**LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS**

THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Wind SW 5-15 kts.	NE 10-22 kts.
Waves 1 foot	1-2 feet
Wed. shore/creeper water temps 33°/33°	

**U.S. SNOW COVER**

FEB. 7	2018	2017
Area covered by snow	44.8%	34.8%
Average snow depth	3.9"	6.1"

**TRACKING THE COLD**

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	32 days	30 days
Subzero lows	9 days	6 days

**CHICAGO AIR QUALITY**

Wednesday's reading: Moderate  
Thursday's forecast: Moderate  
Critical pollutant: Particulates

**THURSDAY RISE/SET TIMES**

Sun	6:55 a.m.	5:15 p.m.
Moon	1:13 a.m.	11:41 a.m.

**3RD Q**      **NEW**      **1ST Q**      **FULL**  
Feb. 7      Feb. 15      Feb. 23      March 2

**XXXDAY PLANET WATCH**

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	6:49 a.m.	4:35 p.m.
Venus	7:23 a.m.	5:48 p.m.
Mars	2:19 a.m.	11:44 a.m.
Jupiter	12:57 a.m.	10:54 a.m.
Saturn	4:24 a.m.	1:36 p.m.

**BEST VIEWING TIME**      **DIRECTION**

Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	Not visible	
Mars	5:45 a.m.	245° SSE
Jupiter	5:45 a.m.	31° S
Saturn	6:00 a.m.	115° SE

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College



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Tips for brewing stylish tea at home **PAGE 2**

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TIP  
of the  
DAY

**Save water in the kitchen:** In past years, water-saving kitchen faucets have not received as much attention as water-saving bathroom faucets. What difference would it make if the faucet used fewer gallons per minute (gpm), since the end goal was to fill up the pot for cooking or a cup for drinking? However, even with a dishwasher, pots, pans, cups and dishes do get washed in the sink as well.

Since every drop counts, there's a new push to start installing water-saving kitchen faucets. Usually an efficient kitchen faucet uses fewer than 1.9 gpm. Those interested should check local codes and choose an approved water-saving kitchen faucet for their area.

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# High time for a cuppa: Teaware steeped in style

**By KIM COOK**  
Associated Press

Tea lovers are inclined to brew a pot any time of year, but especially now, in the dead of winter. Time to put the kettle on and savor the warm, soothing flavor of steeped tea leaves.

Luckily, supermarkets and specialized shops are full of the fragrant dried leaves, in both loose and bag form. And there's gear galore for those interested in preparing and savoring a delicious cupful.

Yixing Chinese teapots are made of organic zisha clay that's free of lead, arsenic, cadmium and other toxic substances and has a natural plasticity that makes it easy to mold. Mrs. Lin's Kitchen offers one with the spout and handle crafted in the shape of a branch in winter.

Good Life Tea has a smart and sturdy teapot with a simple modern design. It comes in fun colors like mandarin, lime, turquoise, purple and blue. Here too is a range of traditional Japanese iron

teapots, including a gift set that includes a cast-iron teapot with a dragonfly motif, a trivet, two cups and two tea tins covered in handmade washi paper and filled with jasmine pearls and gyokuro green teas.

CB2's teaware collection includes a reactive, iridescent, glazed teapot and a stainless-steel canister finished in either copper or gold for storing your teas. You can put on a show at teatime with the Betty teapot, made of ultradurable beaker glass. A removable glass infuser perches in its belly, ready to be filled with loose tea.

A pretty addition to a clear pot: Good Life Tea's flowering tea — a blend of lily, jasmine and osmanthus dried into a pod that unfolds into a mini garden in the pot when you add hot (not boiling) water.

Stovetop or electric kettle? There are stylish options either way. Smeg's retro-style kettle comes in colors like cream, red, pastel green and black, and in an electric or variable-



This iridescent, reactive, glazed teapot from CB2 has a lustrous finish.

CB2



GOOD LIFE TEA

Good Life Tea's Round Ceramic Teapot with a Loose Tea Infuser comes in fun colors like mandarin, lime, turquoise, purple and blue.

temperature version. The latter is good if you brew a lot of different kinds of tea; herbal teas brew best in very hot water, black teas slightly less so, and green and white teas a little cooler still.

Stephen Twining, a 10th-generation descendant of the man who

founded Twinings tea, has some pro tips for perfectly brewed tea:

**Use fresh, cold water.** "Never reuse already boiled water."

**Never let the water over-boil.** "In doing so, you'll cause the oxygen in the water to be reduced, making the tea taste flat."

**Pour the water over the tea bag.** "Place the bag in the mug first, and then pour the boiling water over it."

**Let the tea bag sit.**

Twining says it's best to let it sit and steep rather than dunk it or squeeze it.

**Be patient.** "I recommend letting it steep for a full four minutes." However, green tea is ready in two, oolong in three and chai in five. Impatient sorts should go with white tea, for which a quick one minute of brewing will suffice.

Twining has some interesting herbal teas, including Buttermint, which blends peppermint and vanilla flavors. Berry Fusion brings together strawberry, blueberry and blackberry, along with rose hips, apple and licorice root for a complex, flavorful cup.

## FINDS

# Wine server never removes cork

**By GREGG ELLMAN**  
Tribune News Service

"The wine you want in the amount you want without ever pulling the cork." That's how Coravin describes its bottle opener, and you might be inclined to think it's just another gimmicky gadget.

Call it magic, or just call it technology. Either way, this is an innovative device that actually works.

How, you ask? At last month's Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Coravin displayed the upcoming model 11, which should set you back around \$999. It shoots a thin needle into the bottle's cork and any wrapping the cork is sealed in. No need to remove a thing.

I witnessed this myself. A company representative kindly poured me a glass of wine. She handed me the

bottle to inspect, and it was the real McCoy — no hidden curtains, no rabbit in a box, just a wine opener and a bottle. Which I then turned over to see if anything would spill, and not a drop escaped. Upon close inspection of the spot where the needle entered, you can barely see any evidence.

This system allows your wine to remain fresh since the cork is not removed.

The Coravin holds your bottle, and with load cell technology, the capsule-loading chamber creates the perfect amount of force for an airtight seal, ensuring no gas escapes after probing the bottle. According to Coravin, the capsules contain more than 99.99 percent pure argon gas to protect the remaining wine from oxidation.

If the high-end model scares you, there are more



The Coravin model 11 shoots a thin needle into the bottle's cork and any wrapping the cork is sealed in. No need to remove anything.

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\$299.95) offers similar benefits. It includes two Coravin capsules to pour up to 30 glasses of wine.

Model 11 will be out in September and will come with an app to make it the world's first connected and fully automatic wine preservation opener. The app will make suggestions for wine and show how much gas is left in the capsules.

choices. The Coravin Model Two Wine System ([www.coravin.com](http://www.coravin.com),



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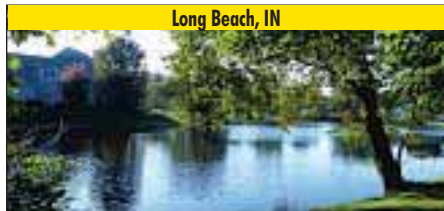
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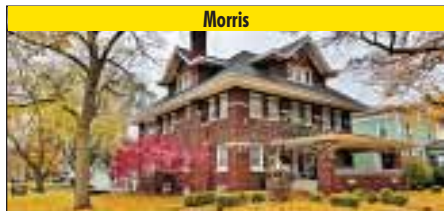
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# Persian quilt design having a moment in U.S.

Intricate suzanis not just for covering beds

BY ELIZABETH MAYHEW  
The Washington Post

In recent months, several decorating books have been published that examine the interiors of some of the world's most enviable stylemakers. Many of the featured projects, particularly the more bohemian ones, include an antique suzani quilt thrown over a bed, ottoman or side table, or a suzani-patterned pillow tossed on a sofa.

Is the suzani a secret ingredient for stylish, free-spirited design?

Graphic, colorful and intricate, suzanis are the Central Asian equivalent of the American quilt. Although probably also made in centuries before, the oldest suzani examples we know of date to the 18th century and were typically created by women as part of their dowry. Suzanis were hand-stitched and hand-embroidered with a small tool like a crochet hook (*suzan* means “needle” in Persian) and were used to cover beds, tables, windows, walls and even horses. They were sometimes used as prayer mats.

With solid neutral cotton or silk backgrounds often stitched together in pieces, the defining characteristic of suzanis is their intricately embroidered or applied patterns — vines, leaves, flowers (especially tulips and carnations) and fruits such as pomegranates — all reminiscent of ancient Greek or Ottoman Empire designs and applied in rich colors using natural dyes made from indigo, pomegranates, walnuts and other organic sources. What make vintage suzanis so appealing in that off-beat, bohemian kind of way, are their imperfections. Because they were handmade, the patterns often don't line up and the stitching, while beautiful, is not always uniform.



PIER 1

Pier 1's four-piece set of suzani patchwork stacking mugs with stand (\$19.95, [pier1.com](http://pier1.com)).

Perhaps no one has been a greater champion of suzanis in the United States than Marian McEvoy, former editor-in-chief of *Elle Decor* and *House Beautiful* magazines, for whom I once worked. McEvoy, whose Hudson Valley home is featured in Miguel Flores-Vianna's book “Haute Bohemians,” has been an avid suzani admirer since she spotted a huge specimen in Paris almost three decades ago.

Suzanis are “upbeat, folkloric, exotic and hard to ignore,” McEvoy says.

They're also incredibly versatile: ornate and fanciful, graphic and bold. McEvoy considers suzanis as much a decorative staple as toile and has thrown them over beds and on the backs of sofas, hung framed suzani fragments on her walls, and applied them to chair backs, stools or pillows. (McEvoy showed how she cut out medallions from suzani remnants and used them to update her home in her book “Glue Gun Decor.”)



MICHAEL VALDEZ/SERENA & LILY

Serena & Lily's quilt (\$228-\$368) and sham (\$78-\$88) in navy ([serenaandlily.com](http://serenaandlily.com)).



TARGET

Target's suzani geometric melamine assorted salad plate four-piece set (\$12.99, [target.com](http://target.com)).

Although McEvoy used to be able to buy vintage pieces for a few hundred dollars, today most 18th- and 19th-century suzanis on sites such as [1stdibs.com](http://1stdibs.com) cost

thousands of dollars. Before purchasing vintage pieces, hold them up to the light to look for holes or wear. Keep vintage suzanis away from sunlight to prevent fading.

Plenty of suzani examples can be found on eBay, but many are new. A telltale sign of newness is bright synthetic colors — lime greens, purples and pinks — that are not found in vintage pieces.

As for high-end, suzani-inspired fabric and carpet designs, there are plenty available; designers such as Madeline Weinrib have peppered their collections with the motifs.

If you are looking for affordable suzani-inspired fabrics with which to upholster furniture or make curtains and pillows, check online sources such as [housefabric.com](http://housefabric.com) and [onlinefabricstore.net](http://onlinefabricstore.net). Both have multicolored designs starting around \$9 a yard.

Target and Pier 1 sell suzani-inspired curtain panels and suzani-patterned kitchen items, including plates and mugs. Garnet Hill and Serena & Lily have recently introduced new suzani quilt designs, and Pottery Barn and Safavieh have rugs that echo traditional patterns.

*Elizabeth Mayhew is a freelancer.*

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CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

## Prune red- and yellow-twig dogwoods to brighten color

BY TIM JOHNSON  
Chicago Tribune

My red- and yellow-twig dogwoods have gotten bigger than I was expecting and now have very little color in their stems. These are supposed to be good plants for winter color, but now they look drab. What can I do to improve these plants?

— Bob Johnson, *Highwood*

Dogwood shrubs and many other types of deciduous shrubs should respond well to aggressive pruning for rejuvenation unless they are under a lot of stress. Many gardeners are hesitant to prune aggressively enough to bring back overgrown shrubs.

In general, shrubs like red- and yellow-twig dogwood, which are primarily grown for their colored bark, have the brightest color in young stems, so it is best to maintain them accordingly. Old red- and yellow-twig dogwood stems develop mature bark that loses the signature colors. These shrubs also tend to get twig blight, which shows up as brown to black areas on the stems. The best solution is to prune these stems out. Disinfect your pruning tools between shrubs with

Lysol disinfectant.

Heavy pruning of overgrown deciduous woody shrubs like yours can be done during the winter dormant season. You will get the best results by completing this aggressive pruning before the plants begin to grow in spring.

Start by removing all dead or diseased wood, and prune old canes off at ground level, leaving the young stems. Prune out as many of the large stems to ground level as you can.

You may need to cut back the young growth if it is spindly. If there are not any young stems present, cut the large stems back to 18 to 24 inches from the ground. This will be unsightly, but if plants are healthy, extensive new growth should start from the old stems in spring and fill in the plants. (Red- and yellow-twig dogwoods grow best in full sun to light shade, so your shrubs' response to the heavy pruning will be diminished if the plants are in too much shade.)

If there are young canes that only need light pruning after the old stems are removed, you can still get good results even if you prune as the shrubs are leafing out. For optimal results, the latest date to do this type of pruning is in

late March (sometimes early April). The date tends to change from year to year due to differences in weather.

Healthy plants will respond with vigorous growth during the growing season. Monitor the shrubs, and nip back any spindly stems during spring and summer to develop a more densely branched shrub. Also, prune out dead wood or stubs; as the new growth develops over time, prune out any remaining large stems. This process may take a few years to complete, depending on how the shrubs respond. A good long-term maintenance program is to regularly prune plants once every one to two years to selectively remove the oldest stems and encourage new growth that will have the brightest winter color. I typically cut back red-twig dogwoods a bit each year, in addition to removing older stems, by making cuts at different heights for a more natural appearance. This will also keep the shrubs at the proper scale for your landscape.

*Tim Johnson is director of horticulture for the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe.*

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## HOME REMEDIES

# Time to replace your carpet?

BY MEGAN LINHOFF  
Angie's List

Carpeting offers a number of benefits. Not only is it cozy, quiet and easy to install, but it's also more affordable than many other flooring options. And high-quality carpeting can last a decade or more with proper care and maintenance. Of course, even the best carpets will eventually need to be replaced. Here are four signs that it's time to retire the existing carpet in your home:

**Wear and tear:** Irreparable matting, tearing and ripping are telltale signs it's time to replace your carpet. Polyester carpet fibers are known to mat and lose their form — and once this happens not even professional cleaning can revive them. Nylon carpeting is more resilient than polyester. When there is life left in nylon carpet, it will typically respond well to cleaning. It's also possible to repair some small rips and tears. Significant damage is difficult to address, however — particularly on stairs and major walkways.

**Stains:** Most carpeting comes with a stain-resistant finish. But over time, this treatment fades and

## How much will new carpet cost?

The cost to replace your carpet will depend on the square footage of the carpeted area and the kind of carpet you choose. Carpet prices start at roughly \$2 per square foot and increase with quality. Mid-grade carpet typically runs from \$3 to \$4 per square foot, and higher grades cost \$5 or more. Experts say you can expect to pay an additional \$2.50 to \$6 per square foot for new carpet padding and an additional \$2 to \$6 per square foot for installation.

leaves the carpet and pad unprotected. At this point, your carpet becomes more susceptible to deep and stubborn stains — particularly those caused by bleach, wine, mustard and biological substances such as pet urine. Professional carpet cleaners offer heavy-duty extraction services to address these stains, though biological substances can absorb into carpet padding and cause mold and mildew buildup. When this happens — or when professional carpet cleaning fails to remove stubborn stains from your

carpet — it's probably time to consider replacing it.

**Lingering odors:** Odors resulting from pets and other causes such as tobacco smoke should be eliminated or noticeably diminished after a professional cleaning. If odors remain, this could indicate that they have penetrated deep into the carpet fibers, the carpet pad or the subfloor. And, in the case of pet urine and other biological sources, it may even indicate mold and mildew growth. In these cases, it is typically most cost-effective to replace the carpet.

**Age:** After several years, even the highest-quality carpeting will start to show signs of wear. Carpet fibers will start to lose their texture and tuft. Professional cleaning will yield sub-par results. And color loss, fading and rippling will likely begin to occur. You may also notice increased allergy symptoms as older carpets collect and disperse more allergens and particulate matter. Most manufacturers say carpet will last about 10 years with proper care. If your carpet is nearing 10 years or older, you may want to start considering a replacement.



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With proper care and maintenance, you can expect your carpet to last 10 years or longer.

# Builders show exhibitors aren't all experts

Be on your guard when listening to those sales pitches

By **TIM CARTER**  
Tribune Content Agency

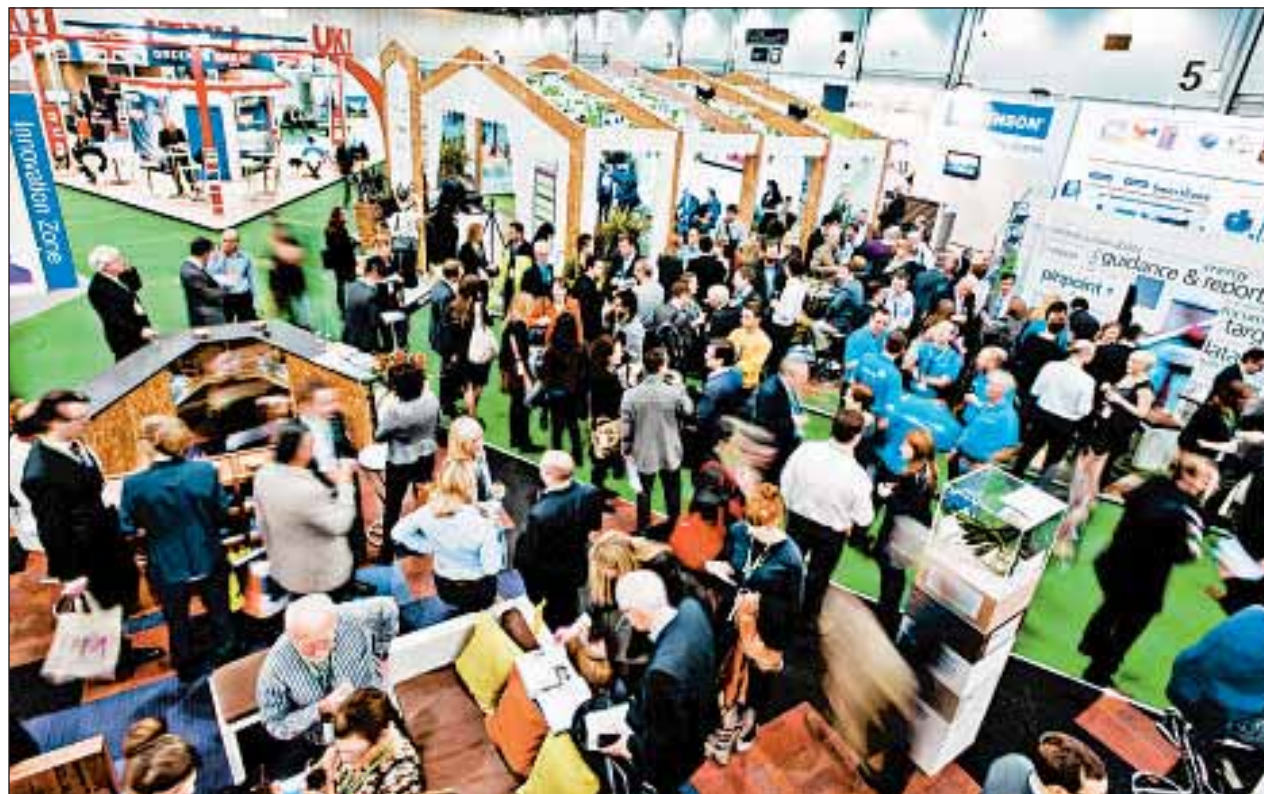
I attended the International Builders Show in January. I've lost count of how many I've been to, but I've been going for at least two decades.

Building product manufacturers use this venue to ply their new wares in front of builders and members of the press like me. Thousands of exhibitors are at the show, and tens of thousands of attendees walk many miles up and down the aisles looking at all the new eye candy.

This year's show was the most unusual one I've ever attended for a number of reasons. The evening of the opening day, I was at a dinner where five others and I were hypnotized by a comedian. It was a very relaxing experience, but just 12 hours later I found myself schooling a major manufacturer about two of its new products.

This company had invited me to a private, media-only breakfast at its booth before the show opened to the general public. I was introduced to two very young product managers who did a very good job of explaining their new exterior spackling compound and a high-strength glue in a caulking tube.

One product manager rattled off a long list of things on the outside of



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Not everything you learn about new products at a trade fair inspires confidence in manufacturers. Consumers need to watch out for their interests.

your home that the new spackling would repair. As she named each one, an image flashed in my head of the typical homeowner rolling out his or her pressure washer out of the garage.

At one point I interrupted her and asked what would happen to the new product when it was blasted with a pressure washer. Silence. I followed up, asking if they had tested the product on all the surfaces they patched trying to clean it with a pressure washer. More silence. I was deeply

troubled by that response.

The second product manager told me how the new magic glue would be great to install ceramic tile, and he asked me to try it. I obliged him by gluing a 12x12 piece of tile to some vertical drywall. Then I asked him if he had ever installed ceramic tile on a job. No, he hadn't. My follow-up question was, "Do you know how ceramic tile is installed?" No, he didn't.

I left the booth shaking my head because I couldn't think of any professional ceramic tile setter who

would use this glue to set tile. How was it that this multimillion-dollar company could allow someone to make such a claim?

A company that sells composite decking, plastic exterior home trim and aluminum deck post railings had invited me to their booth. That was my next stop. Its representatives showed me some fancy new exterior trim, and as I was leaving the booth one of them asked me look at an aluminum deck post.

Within a few minutes the company representative

and I were in a deep discussion about how treated lumber and water create a corrosive witches' brew that rapidly corrodes standard galvanized bolts that hold the aluminum railing system to the deck.

I asked a probing question if the company included type 316 stainless steel through bolts, washers and nuts with the deck posts. This is what you need to prevent a homeowner, guest or child from being injured or killed when a railing fails. The answer was no.

I've done expert testimony work for more than 15 years, my most recent case involving a roofing defect at the home of the Brazilian ambassador to Antigua. I shared with the young man what happens when a building product becomes the focus of a lawsuit.

I speculated that consumers would readily pay a small extra fee to have the correct bolts and hardware installed with the deck posts. One of the leaders in deck railing safety, Simpson Strong-Tie, offers deck post hardware that contains special galvanized fasteners. You can also upgrade to stainless steel. The company provides detailed drawings and illustrations of how to connect the hardware to treated lumber decks.

I offered to survey the tens of thousands of consumers who receive my free newsletter to see if they would be willing to pay more for the appropriate hardware, but the young man had no interest. I decided to do it anyway after getting home from the show. I was not surprised by the results. Ninety-eight percent of the survey respondents answered they'd gladly pay the small extra money for the safe stainless steel bolts.

The point I'm trying to make is that you can't hope a company is looking out for you. Unfortunately, more and more, consumers have to perform time-consuming due diligence to protect themselves.

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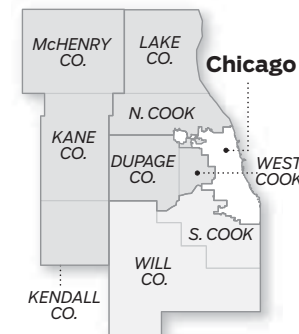
## PRICE PULSE: JULY 2016 TO SEPTEMBER 2017

### South Cook and Will housing prices

This snapshot of real estate sales, based on deeds transferred during this period, is compiled by Record Information Services from public records. Median price means that half the homes sold for more and half for less. Prices may reflect the types of housing sold, which vary according to locality and reporting period. Deed transfers often lag closing dates.

South Cook County			July 2016 - Sept 2016			July 2017 - Sept 2017		
COMMUNITY AREA	UNITS	MEDIAN	UNITS	MEDIAN	UNITS	MEDIAN		
Alsip	85	\$153,000	72	\$172,000				
Bedford Park	3	\$175,000	7	\$190,000				
Blue Island	49	\$110,500	47	\$135,000				
Bridgeview	59	\$158,000	52	\$186,500				
Burbank	123	\$172,000	105	\$188,000				
Burnham	9	\$108,500	2	\$99,000				
Burr Ridge*	36	\$506,500	29	\$490,000				
Calumet City	61	\$102,000	73	\$106,000				
Calumet Park	10	\$112,750	13	\$110,500				
Chicago Hts	45	\$100,000	57	\$110,000				
Chicago Ridge	55	\$137,000	39	\$110,000				
Ctry Club Hills	57	\$129,000	62	\$125,250				
Crestwood	69	\$105,000	71	\$103,000				
Dixmoor	1	\$62,500	0	\$0				
Dolton	38	\$108,500	41	\$130,000				
East Hazel Crest	2	\$103,250	5	\$150,000				
Evergreen Park	110	\$170,000	79	\$185,000				
Flossmoor	78	\$174,750	62	\$207,500				
Ford Heights	0	\$0	0	\$0				
Glenwood	26	\$112,000	23	\$115,000				
Harvey	12	\$76,750	5	\$100,000				
Hazel Crest	52	\$115,000	40	\$114,500				
Hickory Hills	64	\$210,250	41	\$200,000				
Hometown	20	\$108,500	27	\$125,000				
Homewood	91	\$150,000	102	\$169,500				
Justice	40	\$159,500	35	\$164,000				
Lansing	122	\$126,250	129	\$118,000				
Lemont*	108	\$393,000	133	\$345,000				
Lynwood	28	\$152,000	27	\$140,000				
Markham	22	\$88,250	22	\$108,500				
Matteson	73	\$156,000	84	\$166,000				
Merrionette Pk	10	\$106,500	7	\$138,000				
Midlothian	74	\$132,750	63	\$145,000				
Oak Forest	140	\$167,000	113	\$177,000				
Oak Lawn	299	\$170,000	268	\$180,000				
Olympia Fields	23	\$160,000	28	\$168,250				
Orland Hills	23	\$205,000	27	\$215,000				
Orland Park*	405	\$240,000	375	\$254,000				
Palos Heights	80	\$233,250	72	\$242,500				
Palos Hills	91	\$149,000	76	\$178,250				
Palos Park	44	\$277,750	47	\$350,000				
Park Forest	28	\$84,500	33	\$88,000				
Phoenix	0	\$0	0	\$0				
Posen	16	\$122,500	10	\$100,500				
Richton Park	34	\$142,250	41	\$130,000				
Robbins	0	\$0	2	\$486,250				
S. Chicago Hts	10	\$94,500	5	\$125,000				
Sauk Village	9	\$101,000	9	\$103,500				
South Holland	89	\$136,841	84	\$139,500				
Steger*	12	\$97,750	15	\$110,000				
Summit	15	\$159,000	15	\$170,000				
Thornton	9	\$169,500	12	\$119,750				
Tinley Park*	315	\$185,000	323	\$195,000				
Willow Springs	26	\$211,500	30	\$210,000				
Worth	40	\$161,500	45	\$155,000				





Will County			July 2016 - Sept 2016			July 2017 - Sept 2017		
COMMUNITY AREA	UNITS	MEDIAN	UNITS	MEDIAN	UNITS	MEDIAN		
Aurora*	110	\$215,000	88	\$243,500				
Beecher	31	\$205,000	19	\$176,000				
Bolingbrook*	341	\$210,000	319	\$215,000				
Braidwood	29	\$149,000	32	\$155,750				
Channahon	46	\$195,500	55	\$240,000				
Crest Hill	87	\$155,000	88	\$165,000				
Crete	75	\$167,000	66	\$167,250				
Custer Park	5	\$211,000	4	\$98,500				
Elwood	18	\$160,000	20	\$187,500				
Frankfort	193	\$310,000	161	\$325,000				
Godley	1	\$94,900	1	\$71,000				
Homer Glen	118	\$316,250	86	\$330,750				
Joliet	458	\$147,250	532	\$155,250				
Lemont*	2	\$272,500	2	\$180,000				
Lockport	204	\$190,000	207	\$230,000				
Manhattan	63	\$223,500	87	\$244,000				
Minooka*	11	\$290,000	10	\$222,500				
Mokena	120	\$279,500	157	\$290,000				
Monee	51	\$172,000	42	\$204,000				
Naperville*	379	\$441,000	348	\$443,250				
New Lenox	203	\$280,000	208	\$280,500				
Orland Park*	10	\$246,500	11	\$265,000				
Peotone	28	\$192,000	26	\$200,500				
Plainfield	502	\$228,500	524	\$235,000				
Rockdale	1	\$235,000	4	\$114,500				
Romeoville	193	\$168,500	214	\$181,250				
Shorewood	118	\$239,000	116	\$259,250				
Steger*	8	\$109,000	14	\$120,000				
Tinley Park*	34	\$322,750	35	\$315,000				
University Park	12	\$119,250	11	\$145,000				
Wilmington	58	\$157,110	73	\$159,000				



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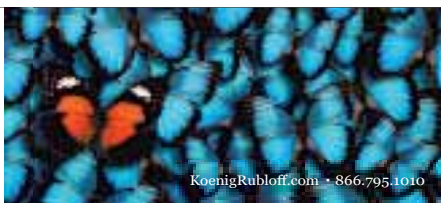
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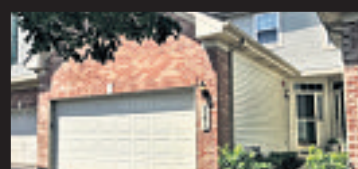
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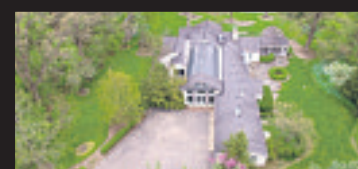
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# NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE

## Time to buy

### 2018 brings abundant choices for home buyers looking for new construction

If the new year has you in search of a new home, you'll be thrilled with the choices Chicagoland homebuilders have lined up in 2018. From maintenance-free townhome living to affordable single-family or move-up semi-custom homes, there's a new home for every lifestyle and budget.

"With the new year underway we often resolve to make changes and, for many, those changes involve making a move," says Anna Harmon, director of marketing and public relations for Shodeen Homes. "Some may be venturing out for the first time into the homebuying market while others may look to downsize and simplify their lifestyle. The benefits of new construction, including overall design, building materials used, energy-efficiency standards and warranty, offer buyers peace of mind and confidence that their new home purchase is an investment for the future."

#### New home communities for 2018 include:

- Elburn Station, a 505-acre master-planned community located west of the Randall Road Corridor and east of Route 47 in Elburn, will offer single-family homes, townhomes, rowhomes, apartments and condominiums when complete. The community is centered around the Elburn Metra train station and is served by respected Kaneland District 302 schools.

Currently sales of the maintenance-free Village Homes is underway. The Village Homes offer ranch and two-story designs ranging in size from 1,097 to 2,300 square feet of space, with two or three bedrooms, one or two baths, full basements and two or 2.5-car garages with prices starting from the \$220,000s. Two traditional series of single-family homes are also available with prices starting from the \$260,000s. Ranch and two-story homes in the Settlements Series homes range from 1,547 to 2,230 square feet in size with two to four bedrooms, 1.5 to 2.5 baths, spacious kitchens open to family rooms, private master bedrooms with private baths and two-car garages as standard. The largest of the home designs can be found in the Crossing Series with ranch and two-story plans ranging from 1,868 to 2,688 square feet in size. These homes include three to four bedrooms, two or 2.5 baths and attached two-car garages as standard. To learn more, visit [shodeenhomes.com](http://shodeenhomes.com).

- Ashcroft Place, a master-planned community at Plainfield and Wooley Roads in



The Palmetto is one of several styles offered by K. Hovnanian Homes in Sagebrook in South Elgin.



Shodeen Homes offers single-family ranch and two-story designs in the Elburn Station subdivision in Elburn.

Oswego, offers semi-custom single-family homes and townhomes. The recently opened Townes at Ashcroft Walk offer ranch, two-story and first-floor master plans from \$189,990. Ninety-three semi-custom single-family homes are also available offering ranch and two-story plans ranging from 2,447 to 3,200 square feet in size and priced from \$294,990. The highly rated Oswego School District 308 schools are all within walking distance. To learn more, visit [westpointbuilders.com](http://westpointbuilders.com).

- Sagebrook in South Elgin offers single-family new homes built by K. Hovnanian Homes with up to 3,600 square feet, four bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms and up to a three-car garage. Live within the St. Charles School District and in close proximity to shopping, dining and entertainment. Onsite sales office is located at 1991 Sagebrook Drive, in South Elgin. For more information, call 331-701-7840 or visit [khov.com](http://khov.com).

- Grande Park, which recently opened, offers 55 single-family homes in Plainfield. This clubhouse community features an aquatic center as well as a 100-acre park and miles of walking and biking trails. Ranch and two-story plans ranging from 2,045 to 3,108 square feet are offered with prices starting at \$319,990. Children attend Oswego schools and a model is open at 13528 Arborview Circle. To learn more, visit [drhorton.com](http://drhorton.com).

- Auburn Ridge, an enclave of 10 townhomes in Palatine offering first-floor master suites and within walking distance of the Palatine Hills Golf Course, will open this winter. Located at 1000 N. Auburn Woods Drive, the community offers convenient commuter access via Route 14 and Ill. Hwy.

53. To learn more, visit [drhorton.com](http://drhorton.com).

- Lake Ridge, a community of 33 townhomes in Mundelein, will open this spring and is served by highly-touted Diamond Lake Elementary School and Mundelein Cons High School. Located just off Route 45 and Route 60, the community offers floor plans from 1,756 square feet in size with three bedrooms, 2.5 baths and two-car garages. To learn more, visit [drhorton.com](http://drhorton.com).

- Tall Oaks Townhomes in Elgin offers 95 townhomes this spring and is served by Burlington Central School District 301. Both ranch and two-story plans will be offered. The townhome neighborhood is part of the larger master-planned Tall Oaks community and commuters enjoy easy access to Metra stations in downtown Elgin and at Big Timber Road. To learn more, visit [drhorton.com](http://drhorton.com).

- Trafalgar Woods, a community of 26 luxury townhomes, opening soon in Morton Grove. The two-story homes are 1,756 square feet in size with three bedrooms, 2.5 baths and two-car garages. Served by Niles Townhomes Community High School District 219, Trafalgar Woods is conveniently located near Dempster Road with easy access to downtown Chicago via I-94. To learn more, visit [drhorton.com](http://drhorton.com).

- Riverbank Crossing, a Taylor Morrison community just east of Randall Road at 1516 Batavia Ave. in Geneva, will offer 40 maintenance-free townhomes priced from the \$300,000s. Minutes from the shops, restaurants and commuter train station in downtown Geneva, Riverbank Crossings is also served by top-ranked Geneva District 304 schools. To learn more, visit [taylor Morrison.com](http://taylor Morrison.com).



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### Final Fairways homesites available

Homebuyers who are seeking the ideal blend of luxury single-family homes and an outstanding community setting will want to make Toll Brothers' Bowes Creek Country Club a must-see visit.

The Fairways, one of four exciting collections, offers attainable prices for classic single-family homes, and the final homesites within highly rated Burlington School District 301 are now available. Prices start in the low \$300,000s, and one home is available for immediate move-in.

Nestled in a picturesque setting amid views of the 18-hole public golf course designed by renowned golf course architect Rick-Jacobson, Bowes Creek Country Club includes scenic walking trails, an on-site restaurant and bar, Porter's Pub, and a convenient location near the Randall Road shopping and entertainment corridor. "Golf Advisor" has named the Bowes Creek golf course No. 1 in Illinois for 2016.

"The Fairways Collection offers buyers the opportunity to own a luxurious home with upscale features in a country club community, and at an attainable price," says Holly Sulayman, Community

Sales representative. "Award-winning Toll Brothers has been named the No. 1 Home Builder Worldwide by "Fortune Magazine" in its World's Most Admired Companies for three years in a row. We invite homebuyers to visit and see the design excellence, many customizing options, quality construction and personalized customer service that have contributed to this recognition."

Just introduced as a new addition to The Fairways Collection, the two-story Egerton is a spacious 3,029-square-foot home, with four to six bedrooms, 3.5 to 4.5 baths, and two- or three-car garage, priced from the \$360,000s.

The Egerton features an open concept living area among other elements that today's buyers are looking for.

The Bowes Creek sales office is located at 3511 Tournament Drive in Elgin, and is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. To visit, take I-90 or IL-20 west to Randall Road, south to Bowes Road, right (west) to the community and Bowes Creek Boulevard on the south side of the road. For more information, visit [tollbrothers.com](http://tollbrothers.com).

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Buyers who desire one-level living are calling Norton Lake in Campton Hills home. The Southfork for immediate move-in is featured.

# First-floor master plans bring buyers to Norton Lake

The increasing demand for single-level living combined with scenic lake views and prestigious District 303 St. Charles schools have new home buyers to Norton Lake in Campton Hills.

“Single-level living is popular with buyers of all ages,” says Anna Harmon, director of Marketing and Public Relations for Shodeen Homes, the community developer. “While many of our buyers are empty-nesters looking to ‘right-size’ many others are growing families who appreciate the convenience of one-level living. Buyers are coming locally from the Fox Valley area and as far west as Elmhurst for the opportunity to build a home and customize it for their lifestyle needs.”

One of the most popular ranch plans offered at Norton Lake is the 2,373-square-foot Southfork with three bedrooms, two baths, full basement and attached two-car garage as standard.

Priced at \$474,976, a Southfork at 39W444 Norton Lake Drive is ready for immediate move-in and includes luxury features such as wide-plank hardwood flooring, gourmet island kitchen with 42-inch white cabinets, granite countertops and stainless-steel appliances, family room with cathedral ceiling and fireplace, formal dining room with tray ceiling, study, master bedroom suite with designer luxury bath and two walk-in closets, full English basement and three-car side-load garage.

In addition to the Southfork, buyers may choose from ranch, first-floor master and two-story home designs ranging from 2,400 to 3,400 square feet, with prices starting at \$388,357. The professionally-deco-

rated, two-story Chickory model is open for touring and showcases the superior design and quality craftsmanship Shodeen Homes is known for.

Norton Lake is just west of Randall Road off Hwy. 64 (North Avenue) and centers around a 10-acre, spring-fed lake. Walking trails, parks and beautiful landscaping with large one-third to half-acre homesites add to the beauty of the community, which is served by top-ranked District 303 schools, including Bell Graham Elementary, within walking distance, Wredling Middle School and St. Charles East High School.

Commuters enjoy quick access to Metra train stations at La Fox Road and downtown Geneva as well as convenient access to I-88 and I-90. Shopping is abundant along Randall Road with the Geneva Commons shopping center minutes from Norton Lake as well as the quaint shops, boutiques and restaurants found in downtown St. Charles and Geneva.

The model home is located at 39W659 Norton Lake Drive in Campton Hills. Sales center hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday by appointment and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. To visit, take I-88 or I-90 to Randall Road, proceed to Hwy. 64 (North Avenue), west to Fox Mill Boulevard, south to Carl Sandburg Road, east to Norton Lake. For more information, call 630-232-8181 or visit shodeenhomes.com.

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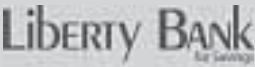

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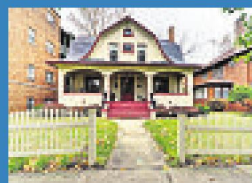
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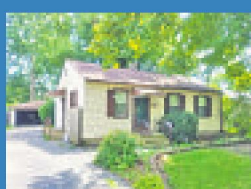
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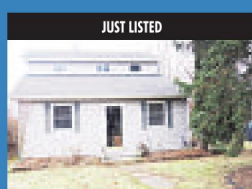
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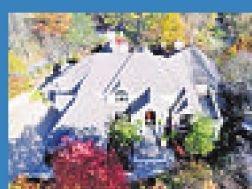
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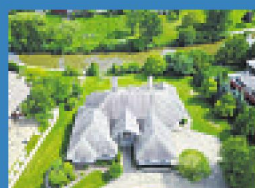
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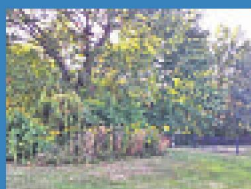
**Palos Hills \$184,900**  
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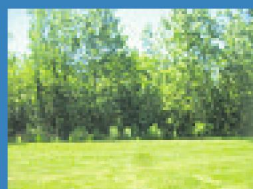
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Speed dating at Joe's Bar.

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**LIVING SINGLE » PAGE 6**

What does single life in Chicago really look like these days? With dating apps, it's theoretically easier than ever to meet people, but it doesn't always feel that way. Our reporters compared romantic stories and then decided to try out speed dating IRL. We've got the rundown on the experience. Bonus: Dating profile tips and tricks from an expert.



PAUL STRABBING

Valentine's Day oysters.

**WINE AND DINE » PAGE 10**

It's the biggest reservation night of the year. If you're at a loss for where to take your sweetheart on Valentine's Day, we have the details on what city restaurants are offering. Let us do the heavy lifting of figuring out where to go.

**FAT TUESDAY » PAGE 14**

Mardi Gras is next week! Whether you're looking to party it up in the evening or just want to find a good slice of king cake, Chicago has lots of specials on tap.



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Retro Ski Lodge Block Party.

**USA! USA! USA! » PAGE 16**

The Winter Olympics will finally grace our screens, so whether you're into curling or ice skating or you just want to see Opening Ceremony, check out these places with watch parties and specials to match.

**VROOM » PAGE 18**

The Auto Show is in town, and nearly 1,000 new vehicles are set to storm McCormick Place. There are plenty of cars to ogle, and we've got picks for the beauties you've absolutely gotta see.



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Actor/comedian Bob Saget.

**'To be Bobby then / You gotta be Bobby now'**

Get out of the house — and away from “Fuller House” — to see one of TV’s favorite family sitcom fathers take the stage for a stand-up set at Thalia Hall (1807 S. Allport St.). You’ll get to see another side of **Bob Saget** during his show, a far cry from All-American dad Danny Tanner he played on-screen for so long. If you saw any of his darker cameos on “Entourage,” you have some idea of what you’re in for. Saget understands well common perceptions of him and how to subvert that to his advantage. 7 p.m. Thursday. Tickets: \$45-\$80. [thaliahallchicago.com](http://thaliahallchicago.com)

**Downhill Olympic party up on the roof**

To celebrate the start of the 2018 Winter Olympics, J. Parker (1816 N. Clark St.) will host an **Apres Ski Party** from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday. Ski attire is encouraged, both for ambiance and a chance to win ski lift tickets to Wilnot Mountain in Wisconsin (to the guests with the best attire). Otherwise, the rooftop spot’s glass atrium will be open, featuring ice luges, shot skis and drink stations for both hot and cold beverages. A live band, a photo booth, blankets and space heaters finish off the festivities, and there’s no cover or ticket required.



Samantha Robinson in 'The Love Witch.'

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**Witchy woman meets love potion**

One of 2016’s most underrated movies, **“The Love Witch”** tells the story of — you guessed it — a modern-day witch who uses her spells and powers to make men fall in love with her. Predictably, this practice goes awry, and not always in the ways you might expect. While it’s a bit of a dark comedy, “Love Witch” also uses its premise to explore love, romance and all the gender expectations tied up in our ideas of those concepts. The film has three showings at different times Feb. 9, 12 and 14 at the Siskel Film Center (School of the Art Institute of Chicago, 164 N. State St.). Tickets: \$8-\$11. [siskelfilmcenter.org](http://siskelfilmcenter.org)

**Da Dilla Dance**

Everyone loves “Donuts.” Yes, that’s true for the food, but it’s also true for J. Dilla’s timeless production collection of the same name. And, since that is true, the Promontory (5311 S. Lake Park Ave. W.) is going to honor the anniversary of the late musician’s passing with a **CHI LOVES DILLA** party beginning at 10 p.m. Friday. In the spirit of the legendary Detroit producer’s tunes, bring only your good vibes and best grooves, and be ready to dance, with music courtesy of DJs Joe Kollege, Kwest\_on and the J Dilla Foundation. Tickets: \$10. [promontorychicago.com](http://promontorychicago.com)

**BTS 4 'SNL'**

“Saturday Night Live” is off the air for a few weeks because of the Olympics, but you can get your fix at “Saturday Night Live: The Experience” at the Museum of Broadcast Communications (360 N. State St.). Not only does the exhibit feature plenty of the show’s most famous memorabilia — the celebrity “Jeopardy!” set and the “Wayne’s World” couch, for instance — it also offers a look into the creative process behind America’s favorite sketch comedy show. Tickets: \$20-\$25. [snltheexhibition.com](http://snltheexhibition.com)



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'SNL: The Experience.'

## happy hour

Here's where to drink on a budget this week.

**THURSDAY**

**Spectrum Bar & Grill** (233 S. Halsted St. 312-715-0770) offers \$5 Greek cocktails, \$6 Greek wines and \$2.50 pork or chicken kebabs from 4 to 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY**

**Luxbar** (18 E. Bellevue Place 312-642-3400) offers select glasses of wine, beer and bites including pigs in a blanket and truffle fries for \$5 from 4 to 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY**

**The Butcher's Tap** (3553 N. Southport Ave. 773-325-0123) offers \$10 bottomless mimosas from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**SUNDAY**

**STK** (9 W. Kinzie St. 312-340-5636) offers \$7 small plates and select cocktails, glasses of wine and beers for \$5 from 5 to 7 p.m.

**MONDAY**

Wine flights and a featured small plate are half-price from 4 to 6 p.m. at **ENO** (505 N. Michigan Ave. 312-321-8738).

**TUESDAY**

All cocktails are \$5 from 5 to 6 p.m. at **Fort Willow** (1721 N. Elston Ave. 773-687-8898).

**WEDNESDAY**

**The J. Parker** (1816 N. Clark St. 312-254-4747) offers half-price specialty cocktails from 5 to 7 p.m.

# SAVE THE DATE

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<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>TILT AND TAILS AT 360 CHICAGO</b> 875 N. Michigan Ave. 888-875-8439 Meet dogs available for adoption from ALIVE Rescue on the 94th floor of the John Hancock Center. All of the revenue from admission tickets sold that day will be donated to the nonprofit. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. \$20.50. Tickets: <a href="https://www.360chicago.com">360chicago.com</a></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>BARTENDING 101 AT BERNIE'S LUNCH &amp; SUPPER</b> 660 N. Orleans St. 312-624-9892 Learn how to make three modern whiskey cocktails using a variety of bitters, syrups and garnishes. 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$45. Tickets: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com">eventbrite.com</a></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>PRIDE FILM FESTIVAL AT PRIDE ARTS CENTER</b> 4139 N. Broadway 800-737-0984 Watch eight short LGBTQ films based on the theme "love and desire" at the monthly fest. Highlights include "Bride of Frankie," a feminist nod to Frankenstein. 7:30 p.m. \$10-\$15. Tickets: <a href="https://www.pridefilmsandplays.com">pridefilmsandplays.com</a></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>CHOCOLATE AND WINE TASTING PARTY AT CITY WINERY</b> 1200 W. Randolph St. 312-733-9463 Try eight chocolates paired with nine types of wine at this casual, walk around tasting where you'll have the chance to learn about the combinations from the West Loop spot's sommeliers. 7-9 p.m. \$45. Tickets: <a href="https://www.citywinery.com">citywinery.com</a></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>  <p>ANTHONY MEADE</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>CLASSIC BOURBON COCKTAILS AT RIVER ROAST</b> 315 N. LaSalle Drive 312-822-0100 Learn how to make milk punch, a whiskey smash, an old fashioned and other cocktails using Elijah Craig bourbon. Lunch and drinks are included. Noon-2 p.m. \$65. Tickets: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com">eventbrite.com</a></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>FROST FEST AT HALSTED STREET AND BROMPTON AVENUE</b> 3514 N. Halsted St. 773-883-0500 The annual Boystown winter block party moves to a larger location, hosting beer and cider tastings and music from DJ X-Tasy. 1-4 p.m. or 6-9 p.m. \$35. Tickets: <a href="https://www.northalsted.com/frostfest">northalsted.com/frostfest</a></p>
<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>'THE MADWOMAN OF CHAILLOT' AT ATHENAEUM THEATRE STUDIO ONE</b> 2936 N. Southport Ave. 773-935-6875 Promethean Theatre presents the French satire about an eccentric countess fighting a group of corrupt executives. 2 p.m. \$19-\$29. Tickets: <a href="https://www.prometheantheatre.org">prometheantheatre.org</a></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>  <p>VAL BODURTHA</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>  <p>CHRIS SWEDA/TRIBUNE</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>'UPPERS &amp; DOWNERS DECAF AT PUBLICAN ANKER</b> 1576 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-904-1121 Breweries participating in the annual coffee beer festival will pour rare sours, saisons, lagers and barrel-aged beers at this preview party. 7 p.m. No cover.</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>'IDENTITY HEIST' AT JUDY'S BEAT LOUNGE</b> 1616 N. Wells St. 312-337-3992 Comedian Meghan Babbe hosts a monthly talk show featuring a mix of standup, improv, music and other guests. 8:30 p.m. \$13. Tickets: <a href="https://www.seconddcity.com">seconddcity.com</a></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>CHICAGO VINTAGE CLOTHING &amp; JEWELRY SHOW AT ST. ANDREWS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH</b> 5649 N. Sheridan Road 312-505-6373 Fifty vendors sell vintage accessories, shoes, handbags, coats, dresses and more at the annual event. 3-8 p.m. \$8. Tickets: <a href="https://www.vintageclothingandjewelry.com">vintageclothingandjewelry.com</a></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>  <p>VINTAGE PROMOTIONS</p>
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# Sex in the Chi

**REDEYE REPORTERS TRY SPEED DATING  
IN CHICAGO TO GIVE THE APPS A REST**

By **Sadé Carpenter and Adam Lukach** | REDEYE

Dating is complicated for any generation, but millennials must contend with the double-edged sword of technology. According to a Singles in America study from Match.com, 22 percent of millennials are more likely to feel that tech has made finding love harder.

In the interest of giving all the left- and right-swiping a rest, we sent Adam Lukach, RedEye reporter, and Sadé Carpenter, RedEye deputy editor, on a speed dating mission. This is their story.

## Dating background

**Adam:** After a yearslong relationship recently ended, I have returned to dating in earnest for the first time since 2013. Or at least I've tried. In just the last few years, the different digital avenues available for dating have changed dramatically, and every option comes with its own learning curve. Plus, I'm not the bargoer at 28 that I was at 23, which diminishes a regular meeting spot. In any case, my results from Bumble, Tinder and Coffee Meets Bagel have been mixed, at best. Instead of actual results with other human beings, I've spent more time considering how my photos look, what my bio says (and doesn't say) and should I display my top Spotify artists? Variables stack up quickly. The process can be draining, especially with your phone at your fingertips. I feel like there's a very relatable gray area between "I want to meet someone" and "I don't want to deal with all this extra nonsense."

**Sadé:** I consider myself perpetually single. My last official relationship ended a few weeks before Thanksgiving in 2013 (I just pulled up some old emails to confirm the date, and I'm definitely saving them for my memoir) and I've dated here and there in the years since without falling in love or meeting anyone who left a significant impact on my life. There was the conservative preacher's son I caught in a lie; the sensitive budding filmmaker who was kind and sweet, but ultimately not long-term relationship material; the social activist f---boy — the list goes on. I've tried the apps but, like Adam, have gotten mixed results. I swipe, we match, we message, one of us ghosts. Or, I swipe, we match, we never message at all. I completely relate to the gray area Adam mentioned. On one hand, I'd love the companionship or even a very consistent friend with benefits, but I'm also content in my singledom. I'm used to it, despite the societal pressure that comes with being unmarried and childless at 32. Like Jamila Woods sang, "I'm not lonely, I'm alone. And I'm holy by my own."

## Pre-event

**Sadé:** I've always wanted to try speed dating, which seemed perfect for a Valentine's Day story. We found My-CheekyDate on Eventbrite, and I was intrigued by the description. It's billed as a "low key, sophisticated approach to dating in Chicago." The booking process was super easy — we bought our tickets, received a confirmation email and waited. For some reason, I never thought of how heteronormative traditional speed dating is: It's all straight men going from table to table to meet straight women. In our cases that's fine, but I did start to think about how inclusive and welcoming an environment it

could be.

**Adam:** Absolutely. That was one of the first things we realized during the pre-event process: These events cast a wide net — even our age range was between 24 and 38 — and there is no telling what kind of group you'll wind up at your event. My straight, white, cis, male social profile is the most common there is, so I found many potential matches at the event, but those looking for a "less common" social profile might find some of these events frustrating in their scope of potential partners.

## The night of

**Adam:** Without being sure what to expect, I was definitely nervous prior to the event. The prospect of packing a "date" into six-minute segments felt stressful enough even if it went well, let alone if it was going poorly. Ironically, choosing an outfit felt like the easiest part of the exercise for me: black sweater, black pants and loud sneakers, which is pretty much my go-to fit for most Saturday evenings out. The event offered little in terms of dress code, though, so we had to figure that ourselves.

**Sadé:** My day before speed dating was pretty normal — I worked out, had brunch with my sister and then wandered around looking for something new to wear, unsuccessfully. I think I tried on at least three different outfits before choosing a black sweater, skirt and booties. Casual cute. The event was originally supposed to be at Suite Lounge (sexy vibe) but was moved to Old Crow Smokehouse (country vibe) so I wasn't thrilled about that. I was glad Adam and I were in it together, though, because I started feeling a little anxious about the night.

## The main event

**Sadé:** Speed dating took place upstairs, so there were regular folks downstairs drinking and eating when I walked in. A woman explained how the night would work and Adam and I chatted at the bar while we waited for it to fill up. I was pleasantly surprised by the range of ethnic backgrounds among the other daters — there were several Indian men and way more black women than I expected, as I thought I'd be the only one in a room of white people.

I sat down and waited for all the men to make their way from table to table. The organizer said the 5-7 minutes we'd have with each person would go by quickly, and she was right. I not-very-creatively asked a lot of the potential matches if they'd done speed dating before, where they worked, etc. I wrote down mini descriptions next to their names on my Date-Mate Scorecard to help me remember them: John\*, works

## Lookin' for love?

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in sales, striped tie. Mark, black coat, bank. Javier, brain cancer researcher. I didn't feel sparks with anyone and some of the prospects' jobs were more interesting than they were — I really wanted to learn more about this funeral director's work, but, alas, our time was up — but it felt nice and less superficial to chat with people I'd ordinarily left-swipe.

After about two hours, I'd had mini dates with about a dozen men. I now had to choose my top five picks of the night. If one or more of the men I chose also chose me, then we'd have a match.

### (\*names changed to protect the innocent)

**Adam:** My reactions were mostly the same as Sadé's. I was surprised and happy to see a crowd of decent diversity, the time went much quicker in practice than in theory, and it was refreshing to chat with people whom I might otherwise not approach or contact.

My experiences were a bit different, however, with the exception of the "So, is this your first time doing this?" being the go-to ice-breaker. Everyone used that. To avoid perceptions of being rude, and because I felt like everyone could see my Score Card, I limited my notes to people's names and a dot (or not) next to it, depending on whether I was interested. And, while apparently most of my ofmale counterparts had attended speed-dating before, I had not, putting me in the minority of the men there, according to the women I spoke with throughout the evening. For whatever reason, being a rookie seemed to play better than being a veteran.

Everyone was polite and kind, thankfully, and many of my mini-dates agreed that it helped to all be there for the same reason. That helped remove any potentially confusing pretense, as both parties were aware of the other's "evaluation process," so to speak, and the potential desire for a date. My results were also mixed: One of the women whom I wrote down — I thought we had a lovely conversation — left in the middle of the event, and I never heard from her as a match, so she clearly had a different experience both in our conversation and the event as a whole. I hit it off with several women talking about pop culture and Chicago, but, like Sadé, the spark-count

was relatively low.

However, I did have one mini-date that turned into a match. Amber and I hit it off almost immediately, chuckling a bit about how she didn't need to write anything down to remember which dates were good and which were not, then segueing into a more traditional "first date" type of conversation. From almost the moment we began talking, I felt more chemistry with her than I had throughout the entire of the evening, and she later confirmed the same. This would certainly be a major plus of speed dating: being able to evaluate your connection with a person, in-person, tapping straight into that "hard to measure" chemical quality without too much fumbling or guesswork.

## Afterglow

**Adam:** So, yeah, I had one match from the evening, and, to be honest, I only wrote down three names instead of five at the end, because I didn't feel that extra chemistry with many of my matches. In the future, I might consider being more open-minded at the end of the evening. Still, it worked out for me. The next morning, I received an email alerting me that my top match, Amber, wrote down my name as well, which was as validating as it was exciting. The organizers gave me her email, I reached out later that day, and we've been on one successful date since then! While the experience provided a limited pool of people and required a two-hour commitment on a Saturday night, I can say for sure that speed dating can be a successful experience, something I certainly didn't expect to be able to say on my first try.

**Sadé:** I was a little ... bewildered to learn I didn't get a match and it was a slight blow to my ego. And I know it's purely ego since I didn't feel a love connection with anyone, but there's that whole juvenile I-don't-like-you-but-I-still-want-you-to-like-me thing. I told a new friend how I was feeling, and I love her theory: "Maybe in this case they could tell you weren't feeling it, so it was a self-protection effort to not get rejected by you." I don't know if it's true, but I'm going with it, anyway. Ego, remember? I'd still try speed dating again and I'm genuinely happy Adam made a match — if it could only be one of us, I'm glad it was him. Meanwhile, I'll keep livin' single and use it as an opportunity to meet new people, embark on new adventures and continue the endless work of loving myself. If nothing else, I'm getting lots of material for that memoir.

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# Matchmaker, matchmaker

## DATING EXPERT BELA GANDHI SHARES 3 WAYS TO FIND LOVE

By Sadé Carpenter | REDEYE

After speed dating, we called up Bela Gandhi, founder of the Smart Dating Academy, to get tips on navigating the dating scene. She shared three major pipelines to meeting other singles:

### Leverage technology ...

Use the convenience of technology to your advantage, but don't overdo it. Gandhi suggests limiting dating app usage to one or two apps or websites, and quality profile pictures are a must — stay away from the selfie!

- » **Post five or six good photos** that aren't car, gym or bathroom selfies, and include a mix of head and body shots.
- » **Avoid "Where's Waldo?" shots** that make it hard for people to identify you. "Everyone knows you have friends and that you have family. I think about this as cyber marketing. This is your personal marketing in cyberspace, so it should be of you and only you."
- » **Stay away from negative profiles.** "When somebody's negative in their profile or critical or judgmental, that tells you where that person is. ... It is a harbinger of bad things to come."
- » **Once you've matched online, prescreen your date** by making time for a quick phone call beforehand. "Think about a job interview. ... Nobody's gonna be like, 'Hey you know what? Your resume looks great; come in and meet the president.' You're gonna do a phone call with HR because they're gonna screen you and make sure that you sound normal, that you can put a cogent sentence together, that you sound positive and warm before they bring you in for a face-to-face interview. Dating should be no different. ... If you hear something negative or that's red flag-y, you can get off the phone and not waste your time on a date."

### ... But do meet people IRL

"All human beings are afraid of rejection, right, and that's why starting conversations with a stranger elicits so much fear in us because we're afraid of being rejected."

- » **Use your environment** to start a conversation. If you're on the "L" and the person next to you is reading a book about



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**Bela Gandhi, founder of the Smart Dating Academy.**

Italy, ask them about it. "Don't overthink it; just do it. Give yourself three seconds and go. If not, your monkey brain takes over ... and it talks you out of it. ... If you are shyer, talk to your doorman, say something to the barista — just start slowly."

- » **Reduce personal "Do Not Disturb" signs** in public — take your headphones out and put the phone down. Try speed dating, meetups and talk to three new people each day.

### Utilize your pre-existing relationships

**Create a relationship "team"** of extroverted super connectors who won't be afraid to approach seemingly eligible dates on your behalf. This is the type of outgoing person who likes introducing people to each other, and they don't have to be your BFF to do so. "Sometimes our stronger connections can come from our weaker links," Gandhi said.

We know firsthand how hard it can be to stay optimistic, but try to keep a positive, open-minded outlook. "Anybody that wants love and is willing to do things in a different way can find love," she said. "Love exists for every person on the planet that wants it. Be inspired by that."

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# 50 Valentine's Day dining hot spots

## IMPRESS YOUR DATE WITH A DELICIOUS, ROMANTIC MEAL

By Grace Wong | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

While we can probably agree that Valentine's Day is an arbitrary date to show affection to your significant other, it's still hard to shake societal pressure to show up with roses, teddy bears, chocolates and fancy dinners.

So for those times when you need an excuse to impress that special someone, why try to learn how to make a delicious dinner on the fly when you can get a professional to do it for you? Make a reservation at one of these restaurants that have your back (Feb. 14, unless otherwise noted).

**1. Nacional 27** is hosting a four-course dinner with items like guacamole, slow-braised Cuban-style pork shoulder, churros with dulce de leche ice cream and a Moët Champagne toast. Stay after dinner for some complimentary salsa lessons, and bust out your new moves for the rest of the night. \$69.99/person, 5-8 p.m. Complimentary salsa lessons 8-9 p.m. 325 W. Huron St., 312-664-2727, [nacional27chicago.com](http://nacional27chicago.com)

**2.** Take in the sparkling views of Chicagoland at storied culinary destination **Everest**. Between glances at your sweetie and out the window, enjoy chef Jean Joho's multi-course French tasting menu, but don't forget the wine — the restaurant is renowned for its wine list. \$145/person 4:30-5:30 p.m., and \$195/person 6-10 p.m. 440 S. LaSalle, 40th Floor, 312-663-8920, [everestrestaurant.com](http://everestrestaurant.com)

**3.** Nothing says, "I love you," like a box of chocolates made by a leading pastry chef. Lucky for you, Fulton Market eatery **Swift & Sons** is offering a six-piece box of chocolates handmade by pastry chef Lauren Terrill. Pre-ordering is required at least 48 hours in advance, and you can pick up the box through Feb. 14. \$18/box. 1000 W. Fulton Market, 312-733-9420, [swiftandson-chicago.com](http://swiftandson-chicago.com)

**4.** Say a toast to love at **Osteria Via Stato**, where your Valentine's meal comes with a glass of sparkling rosé. The modern restaurant with rustic touches (think exposed stone walls) is the perfect backdrop for a four-course meal of citrus, fennel and pomegranate salad, hand-rolled gnocchi with squash, brown butter and sage, Slagel farm dry-aged beef tenderloin and a butter-scotch budino. \$59.95/person, 5-10 p.m. 620



Everest.

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GODFREY HOTEL

**Heart-shaped pizza from Dolce Italian in the Godfrey Hotel Chicago.**

N. State St., 312-642-8450, [osteriaviastato.com](http://osteriaviastato.com)

**5.** Low-lit, spacious and modern, **Wildfire** is a solid go-to for a quiet Valentine's meal. Enjoy the four-course dinner, sharing a salad and appetizer before moving on to an entree like Gruyere-crust pork chops, plus dessert. \$95/couple, 2-10 p.m. Feb. 9 through Feb. 18. 159 W. Erie St., 312-787-9000, [wildfirerestaurant.com/chicago](http://wildfirerestaurant.com/chicago)

**6.** High above the Loop, **Roof on theWit** is hosting a three-course prix fixe dinner

with items like seared scallops, lobster paella and chocolate cherry olive oil cake. Take in glittering skyline views over cocktails and wine, plus enjoy live entertainment all evening. \$80/couple, 4-11 p.m. Feb. 9 and 14, and 2-11 p.m. Feb. 10. 201 N. State St., 312-239-9502, [roofonthewit.com](http://roofonthewit.com)

**7.** At Michigan Avenue favorite **Purple Pig**, toast to Valentine's Day with a casual reception pairing Bruno Paillard Premiere Cuvee Champagne with oysters, cheese and chocolates. Not a bad way to start the amorous evening. \$20/person, 5:30-7 p.m. 500 N. Michigan Ave., 312-464-1744, [thepurplepigchicago.com](http://thepurplepigchicago.com)

**8.** Light-filled, airy and sexy, **Mercat a la Planxa** in the Blackstone Hotel is the perfect setting for a Spanish-style dinner. The four-course tasting menu features dishes like smoked trout, lamb chops and mascarpone panna cotta. The hotel is also offering a package deal: Stay the night in a romantic lake-view room, and enjoy dinner for two, starting at \$189. \$75/person, 5-9:45 p.m. Feb. 10-14. 638 S. Michigan Ave., 312-765-0524, [mercatchicago.com](http://mercatchicago.com)

**9.** Located in The Talbott Hotel, **20 East** is putting out a three-course menu for lunch and dinner with dishes like shrimp and lobster potstickers, salmon, mushroom

walnut pesto linguini and banana fritters. \$30/person from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Feb. 12-16. 20 E. Delaware Place, 312-397-3633, [20eastchicago.com](http://20eastchicago.com)

**10.** With nearly 360-degree views of the city, **The Signature Room** is hard to beat in the "amazing vantage point" department. Soak up the atmosphere over four courses with classic dishes like braised short rib, lobster bisque, rack of lamb and chocolate-covered strawberries. \$125/person, 5-9:30 p.m. 875 N. Michigan Ave., 312-787-9596, [signatureroom.com](http://signatureroom.com)

**11.** **LH Rooftop** will have two Valentine's Day menus for couples, one inspired by forests and seas, and the other inspired by dirt. *Tres* romantic, right? The dishes from executive chef Jacob Verstegen celebrate the origin of his luxe ingredients, which include preparations of king crab and veal breast, plus beet sashimi, fried sunchoke, butternut squash and chocolate cake. \$60/person, 5 p.m. to midnight weekdays and 10 a.m. to midnight weekends, Feb. 14-18. 85 E. Upper Wacker Drive, 312-357-1200, [londonhousechicago.com/rooftop](http://londonhousechicago.com/rooftop)

**12.** **Dolce Italian's** Valentine's Day offerings take the love theme to a cheesy degree (literally), with dishes like a hearts of romaine salad and a heart-shaped margherita

pizza, plus filet mignon and a dessert. \$65/couple, 5-10 p.m. 127 W. Huron St., 312-754-0700, [dolceitalianrestaurant.com](http://dolceitalianrestaurant.com)

**13.** When the Obamas celebrate their anniversary at a restaurant, pay attention. Long considered one of the city's most romantic restaurants, **Spiaggia** is hosting Valentine's Day dinner with dinner for two with bluefin tuna tartare, bucatini and steak, plus coconut panna cotta for dessert. \$240/couple, 5:30-10 p.m. 980 N. Michigan Ave., 312-280-2750, [spiaggiarestaurant.com](http://spiaggiarestaurant.com)

**14.** One of the better deals out there, seafood-focused **Portsmith** is serving a three-course seafood dinner with dishes such as an oyster trio, fish and chips, and a chocolate praline cake. \$39/person, 5-10 p.m. 660 N. State St., 312-202-6050, [portsmithchicago.com](http://portsmithchicago.com)

**15.** Located in the new Robey Hotel, **Cafe Robey** is a new entry for couples looking for a stylish evening out. Serving up modern takes on classics, the restaurant's three-course menu features saffron risotto, coffee-crusted filet mignon, and chocolate cake plus a glass of Cava for a spirited toast. \$65/person, 5-10 p.m. 2018 W. North Ave., 872-315-3060, [therobey.com](http://therobey.com)

**16.** We've heard about the aphrodisiac qualities of oysters, but **Arami** is taking that idea further with its Valentine's Day offerings. The contemporary sushi destination is serving botan ebi, a type of shrimp, with interesting flourishes like pomegranate gel, chocolate mint, umami soy and lychee, and grilled abalone with braised wakame, a type of sea vegetable — simple yet elegant pleasures for any seafood lover. \$130/couple, \$65/person, 5-9:30 p.m. 1829 W. Chicago Ave., 312-243-1535, [aramichicago.com](http://aramichicago.com)

**17.** With dark woods, warm lighting and plush interiors, **Seven Lions** is a romantic stop for couples in the Loop. Check out the four-course prix fixe with dishes like roasted lamb lavash, wild mushroom croquettes, linguine calabrese and a chocolate caramel tart. \$65/person, 4-10 p.m. Feb. 14-16, and 3-10 p.m. Feb. 17. 130 S. Michigan Ave., 312-880-0130, [sevenlionschicago.com](http://sevenlionschicago.com)

**18.** Want to keep it classic-yet-opulent on V-Day? You could do worse than **Del Frisco's**, which is serving a prix fixe menu with items like oysters with caviar mignonette, a wagyu tomahawk chop, and a 3-inch slab of 45-day dry-aged rib-eye. Don't forget to indulge in the spot's extensive wine list, or check out the new Esquire Champagne Room, located within the restaurant. \$90/person 5-11 p.m. Feb. 9-14. 58 E. Oak St., 312-888-2499, [delfriscos.com](http://delfriscos.com)

**19.** For a taste of France, head to **Margeaux Brasserie**. A wandering Champagne cart will keep spirits bright, perfectly paired with indulgent, over-the-top classics like a shellfish plateau, lobster thermidor and chateaubriand steak. Priced a la carte, 5-10:30 p.m. Feb. 10, 14, 16 and 17. 11 E. Walton St., 312-625-1324,



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**20.** Keep things simple and classic at **The Dearborn**, which is serving chilled lobster salad, pan-fried whole dorade fish, filet mignon with a lobster topper and a brownie with raspberries. 4-11 p.m. Feb. 14-18. 145 N. Dearborn St., 312-384-1242, [thedeardown tavern.com](http://thedeardown tavern.com)

**21.** The opulently decked out **Prime & Provisions** will serve Norwegian cod, scallop hash, beef tenderloin and grilled prawns. Two desserts, peach cobbler a la mode and bread pudding a la mode, end the meal on a sweet high note. 4-11 p.m. Feb. 9-14. 222 N. LaSalle Drive, 312-726-7777, [primeandprovisions.com](http://primeandprovisions.com)

**22.** Want to keep it casual and low-key on V-Day? Head to West Loop eatery **Bar Siena** for Valentine's Day specials like a poached pear salad, spaghetti hit with a dose of chocolate, or a heart-shaped pepperoni pizza. 3 p.m. to 2 a.m. Feb. 9-14. 832 W. Randolph St., 312-492-7775, [barsiena.com](http://barsiena.com)

**23.** River North's buzzy and energetic **Siena Tavern** will serve specials like lobster and beet salad, red wine risotto, Chilean sea bass and a white chocolate pistachio semifreddo, a la carte. 3 p.m. to 2 a.m. Feb. 9-14. 51 W. Kinzie St., 312-595-1322, [sienatavern.com](http://sienatavern.com)

**24.** Newcomer pan-Latin American restaurant **Barrio** will be switching out its signature blue corn tortillas for pink ones, plus couples will be greeted with a Champagne toast. For dessert, don't miss the heart-shaped tres leches cake. 3 p.m. to 2 a.m. Feb. 9-14. 65 W. Kinzie St., 312-940-9900, [barriochicago.com](http://barriochicago.com)

**25.** **Traveller Kitchen + Bar** is hosting a couple's dinner that kicks off with a Champagne toast, followed by oysters, scallops, jumbo shrimp, roasted beets and blood orange salad, lobster risotto, steak and a milk chocolate raspberry sundae. \$185/couple, 5-10 p.m. 330 N. Wabash Ave., 312-923-7705, [travellerchicago.com](http://travellerchicago.com)

**26.** West Loop's acclaimed **Sepia** will host a five-course prix fixe menu with choices like roasted oysters, seared foie gras, crab ravioli and citrus pavlova. \$110/person with an additional \$80 for wine pairings, 5:15-9:30 p.m. 123 N. Jefferson St., 312-441-1920, [sepiachicago.com](http://sepiachicago.com)

**27.** Sepia's cool, globe-trotting little sister, **Proxi**, will also host a Valentine's Day prix fixe, with offerings like oysters, king salmon, grilled squid salad, fried shrimp, lamb shank and raspberry mousse, but inflected with international flavors and techniques. \$50/person 5-10:15 p.m. 565 W. Randolph St., 312-466-1950, [proxichicago.com](http://proxichicago.com)

**28.** At **Stock and Ledger**, your four-course

dinner kicks off with a bottle of Prosecco. The Loop spot's offerings include oysters, a beet and goat cheese terrine, duck breast and fondue. \$150/couple from 4-9 p.m. Feb. 14-16, and 5-8 p.m. Feb. 17. 70 W. Madison St., 312-754-0395, [stockandledger.com](http://stockandledger.com)

**29.** Nothing says "love" like sharing **Pizzeria Bebu's** thin, chewy, craveable pizzas. Pizza-lovers can dive into limited-edition specials, like the Caponata, which is loaded with onions, garlic, golden raisins, capers, Kalamata olives, roasted cauliflower, eggplant, and a blend of Parmesan, mozzarella and Asiago cheeses. 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Feb. 14. 1521 N. Fremont St., 312-280-6000, [bebu.pizza](http://bebu.pizza)

**30.** Take a trip to **Coq d'Or at the Drake Hotel** for a sweet indulgence with your significant other. Share some oysters (\$16 for a half dozen) before dipping a couple spoons into a cherries jubilee (\$12). A glass of Oyster Bay sauvignon blanc will wash it all down, and live entertainment plays throughout the night. 4 p.m. to midnight. Through Feb. 19. 140 E. Walton Place, 312-787-2200, [thedrakehotel.com](http://thedrakehotel.com)

**31.** South American-inspired **Artango Bar & Steakhouse** is bringing Argentine flavors via its three-course prix fixe menu. Indulge in items like empanadas, ceviche, salmon, duck breast, chocolate mousse cake and a spiced cake with yerba mate ice

cream. \$55/person, 5-11 p.m. 4767 N. Lincoln Ave., 872-208-7441, [artangosteakhouse.com](http://artangosteakhouse.com)

**32.** Pan-Asian eatery **Koi** will host couples over a three-course prix fixe dinner that includes two flutes of Champagne. Offerings include mango and spicy tuna rolls, seared salmon, crispy chicken and sauteed shrimp, plus a chocolate lava cake a la mode. \$59.99/couple, 4:30 and 10:30 p.m. Feb. 9, 3-10:30 p.m. Feb. 10, 3-9:30 p.m. Feb. 11, and 4:30-9:30 p.m. Feb. 12-14. 624 Davis St., Evanston, 847-866-6969, [koievanston.com](http://koievanston.com)

**33.** Currently single? Fret not: **Raised Bar** will host “Valentine’s Day: No Date Required” party. Mingle with other members of the Lonely Hearts Club over sparkling cocktails, like the Stupid Cupid, made with Hendricks gin, Campari, lemon juice, simple syrup and Dibon Brut Cava Reserve. Dessert options for two are also available, like the chocolate strawberry fondue box. Priced a la carte 4 p.m. to midnight. 1 Wacker Drive, 312-795-3442, [raisedbarchicago.com](http://raisedbarchicago.com)

**34.** Rustic, warm and romantic, Andersonville’s **Bar Roma** serves up intimate Italian classics that may inspire your own “Lady and the Tramp” moment. Chef Fred Ramos’ “San Valentino” menu features creamed smoked chicken and rice soup, hearts of palm salad, oysters two ways, shellfish ravioli, skate wing with toasted pearl pasta and warm orange pound cake to round off the meal. Priced a la carte, 5-10 p.m. 5101 N. Clark St., 773-942-7572, [barromachicago.com](http://barromachicago.com)

**35.** Serving fondue since 1965, **Geja’s Cafe** is a neighborhood gem. True to form, the opulently designed Lincoln Park spot is serving Gruyere cheese fondue, rosé bubbly, salad, beef tenderloin, lobster tail and jumbo shrimp fondue, plus a flaming chocolate dessert fondue with coffee. \$100/person 4-6 p.m., and \$115/person 6:30-10 p.m. 340 W. Armitage Ave., 773-281-9101, [gejascafe.com](http://gejascafe.com)

**36.** Cross your fingers that you get the fireside table for two at **Bites**, in Wrigleyville. The Asian-inspired restaurant will serve a four-course menu with dishes like taro fries, king crab rangoon, salmon ceviche, squid ink fried rice, Asian pesto linguini, blueberry yuzu cheesecake and molten chocolate stout lava cake. \$33/person 4-10 p.m. Feb. 12-14. 3313 N. Clark St., 773-270-5972, [biteskitchen.com](http://biteskitchen.com)

**37.** At the classic Hollywood-inspired **Bldv**, expect grandeur on the table as well as in the decor. The three-course shared menu features options like Netarts Bay oysters, heirloom cauliflower, and filet Oscar with king crab, sauce bearnaise and broccolini. Cocktail and wine pairings will also be available. \$85/person, 5-11 p.m. 817 W. Lake St., 312-526-3116, [bldvchicago.com](http://bldvchicago.com)

**38.** Fat Rice’s not-so-secret bar **The Ladies’ Room** will be hosting “Meet Me in



Chocolate fondue at Geja's Cafe.

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The Ladies Room,” inviting guests to nosh on a four-course menu of seafood items like lobster dumplings and tea-smoked sea bass with fennel, saffron and leeks in the intimate, Asian-inspired speak-easy. \$40/person, 5:30-10 p.m. 2957 W. Diversey Ave., 773-661-9170, [eatfatrice.com](http://eatfatrice.com)

**39.** Gold Coast’s decadent **Nico Osteria** has offerings for V-Day like scallop carpacci; slow-roasted bistecca with bone marrow, baby beets and vino russo; and coconut panna cotta and prickly pear sorbet. \$75/person 5-10 p.m. 1015 N. Rush St., 312-994-7100, [nicoosteria.com](http://nicoosteria.com)

**40.** Contemporary steakhouse **Ill Forks** will feature a “Sweetheart Menu” for two with choices like a soup or a salad, filet mignon, lobster tails, whipped potatoes and a chocolate dessert. \$170/couple 5-11 p.m. Feb. 9 and 10, and 5-10 p.m. Feb. 11-14. 180 N. Field Blvd., 312-938-4303, [3forks.com](http://3forks.com)

**41.** **Vanille Patisserie** will host a couple’s teatime with some of its signature pastries,

scones, finger sandwiches and Chicago’s own Benjamin Tea. Other offerings include goat cheese, caramelized shallot and thyme tarts and strawberry Champagne macarons. \$49/person at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Through Feb. 25. 2108 N. Clark St., 773-868-4574, [vanillepatisserie.com](http://vanillepatisserie.com)

**42.** Travel to Paris with a visit to Streeter-ville mainstay **Cafe des Architectes**, which will serve a French prix fixe menu with choices like sturgeon caviar, pomegranate pear salad, seared diver scallops, porcini-rubbed steak, a cheese course and strawberry mousse. \$95/person, 5-10 p.m. Feb. 14-17. 20 E. Chestnut St., 312-324-4063, [sofitel-chicago.com/dining](http://sofitel-chicago.com/dining)

**43.** At vibrant Logan Square Mexican restaurant **Mi Tocaya Antojeria**, enjoy a four-course Valentine’s Day menu kicked off with a glass of sparkling wine, followed by seafood soup, lobster, tamales, rib-eye, and chocolate tart. \$65/person, 5-10 p.m. 2800 W. Logan Blvd., 872-315-3947, [mitocaya.com](http://mitocaya.com)

**44.** New West Loop small-plates eatery **Gideon Sweet** invites couples to enjoy a four-course menu of butter-poached Spanish red prawns, black truffle foie gras, whole roasted Maine lobster and rib-eye. \$65/person, 5-11 p.m. 841 W. Randolph St., 312-888-2258, [gideonsweet.com](http://gideonsweet.com)

**45.** Just off the Mag Mile, **Baptiste & Bottle** will host a five-course menu with offerings like oysters, veal heart, beet carpaccio, chestnut agnolotti, roasted mushrooms and yuzu custard. Don’t miss the restaurant’s extensive selection of bourbon and whiskey. \$85/person, 4-11 p.m. 101 E. Erie St., 312-667-6793, [baptisteandbottle.com](http://baptisteandbottle.com)

**46.** Stylish and tastefully appointed, with tufted banquettes, modern gilt pendant lamps and a cozy fireplace, **Ella Elli** in the Southport Corridor is the perfect neighborhood spot to nuzzle up to your sweetie. Check out the four-course Valentine’s Day prix fixe menu with dishes like oysters, sea bass, beet tartare, lobster and avocado salad, bone-in filet, and vanilla panna cotta. \$85/person, 5-11 p.m. 1349 W. Cornelia Ave., 773-935-3552, [ellaellichicago.com](http://ellaellichicago.com)

**47.** Describing **The Press Room** as a wine bar in a basement sells this stylish spot short. Boasting an extensive wine list available by the glass and the bottle, with fun offerings like a Tasmanian sparkling rosé, this West Loop watering hole is a sleeper hit among the wine-loving set. Swing by for a glass (or two) of bubbles with your sweetie, or enjoy the Valentine’s Day menu of Caesar salad, potato and leek soup, short rib, salmon and a chocolate truffle assortment. \$75/person, 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. 1134 W. Washington Blvd., 331-240-1914, [pressroomchicago.com](http://pressroomchicago.com)

**48.** Multiple locations of **Francesca’s Restaurants** will have Valentine’s Day specials, like a heart-shaped four-cheese ravioli in a white truffle cream sauce, plus sea bass, filet medallions and warm maple butter cake with vanilla gelato. Priced a la carte, 3-10 p.m. 200 E. Chestnut St., 312-482-8800, [miafrancesca.com](http://miafrancesca.com)

**49.** It’s not the most romantic of spots, but **Portillo’s** heart-shaped chocolate cake will make you weak in the knees. Snag one to share with your sweetie, and know that you’re also doing some good: 100 percent of the proceeds up to \$25,000 will be donated to the American Red Cross. \$19.49/cake. Multiple locations. 100 W. Ontario St., 312-587-8910, [portillos.com](http://portillos.com)

**50.** At **Bohemian House**, the luxe-yet-inviting River North spot, share food with your honey from a number of options in the three-course prix fixe menu: savory horseradish and parsnip panna cotta, duck confit tart, trout filet, sweetbread schnitzel and more. Round out your meal with the optional wine pairing, \$30 per person. \$50/person, Feb. 14-17. 11 W. Illinois St., [bohochicago.com](http://bohochicago.com)

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# Let the good times roll

## 13 CHICAGO SPOTS TO CELEBRATE MARDI GRAS

By **Samantha Nelson** | FOR REDEYE

Whether you call it Fat Tuesday, Mardi Gras or Carnival, the days before the start of Lent mean huge celebrations around the world. Luckily you don't have to travel to Brazil or New Orleans to get in on the fun — these 13 spots are bringing the party to Chicago with food and drink specials, live music, giveaways and more.

### The Boundary

1932 W. Division St. 773-278-1919

Order a slice of \$8 king cake made with cinnamon brown ale cake, nut crumble and cream cheese frosting and eat it carefully since if you find a plastic baby hidden inside you'll win a \$250 Visa gift card. The Wicker Park restaurant also offers other New Orleans-inspired dishes from Feb. 9 to 13, including shrimp po' boys (\$14) and alligator gumbo (\$8).

### Cactus Bar & Grill

404 S. Wells St. 312-922-3830

Slurp down two pounds of crustaceans as fast as you can for a shot at winning the bar's eighth annual Fat Tuesday crawfish eating contest from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Feb. 13. The winner of each round gets a hurricane in a souvenir glass and the top finisher takes home a \$100 gift certificate. The contest is free to watch and the \$20 entry fee supports Chicago area animal rescue organizations.

### Carnivale

702 W. Fulton Market 312-850-5005

Combining the traditions of New Orleans and Brazil, the West Loop restaurant hosts silk aerialists and flag and samba dancers during dinner on Feb. 13 and serves specials including baked oysters with Andouille sausage ragout (\$13), grilled beef with chimichurri (\$36) and king cake with ice cream (\$13).



King cake from The Boundary.

CARINA SHERMAN



Mardis Gras at House of Blues.

ALEX SCHELLDORF

### Fat Cat

4840 N. Broadway 773-506-3100

Feast on a buffet of Louisiana crawfish, chicken and Andouille sausage jambalaya, red beans and rice, Cajun fried catfish, hush puppies, corn bread, and king cake

for \$30 at the Uptown bar's 10th annual Mardi Gras celebration at 5:30 and 8 p.m. Feb. 13. They'll also hand out beads, play zydeco music and serve drink specials, including \$5 Abita beer, \$30 hurricane punch bowls and \$11 Sazerac cocktails.

### Frontier

1072 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-772-4322

The West Town restaurant's annual Fat Tuesday shrimp boil at 6 p.m. Feb. 13 offers all-you-can-eat seafood, red beans and rice, corn, potatoes and king cake for \$35. If you're not that hungry, opt for a \$13 shrimp po' boy or \$10 jambalaya. Either way you'll want to linger with \$4 Abita beer, \$6 hurricanes and \$7 Sazerac cocktails while listening to music from the Four Star Brass Band.

### Heaven on Seven

111 N. Wabash Ave. 312-263-6443

The Loop spot serves Cajun fare year-round, but they're offering specials for Mardi Gras including barbecue shrimp rice fritters (\$13.99) and green tomato Parmesan with Creole tomato sauce (\$14.99) along with hosting live music Feb. 9, 10 and 13.

### House of Blues

329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000

Get your fortune told by a palm reader and catch performances by a brass band and magician at the River North spot's Carnival of Mardi Gras celebration from 5 to 9 p.m. Feb. 13. Admission is free, but you can get in on a \$29.95 crawfish boil, which comes with a hurricane or beer, or just take advantage of specials including \$4 Abita beer.



MEGHAN BESTLER

Catch a burlesque performance by the Harlequin Girls at The Sedgwick Stop.

### Mon Ami Gabi

2300 N. Lincoln Park West 773-348-8886

The Lincoln Park French restaurant goes French Quarter at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 13 with a special dinner including oysters Rockefeller, duck gumbo, jambalaya and king cake with praline ice cream. The \$65 meal includes hurricane punch and red and white wine pairings.

### Nacional 27

325 W. Huron St. 312-664-2727

The River North club kicks off its Carnival celebration from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Feb. 8 with a set from DJ-X. Brazilian dancers and drummers perform starting at 9:30 p.m. Feb. 9 while samba dancers take the floor at 10:30 p.m. Saturday. Hurricanes are \$10 throughout the week-end.

### The Pony

1638 W. Belmont Ave. 312-453-9397

You can feel good about indulging from Feb. 8-13 since the Lakeview bar will donate \$1 from every \$5 hurricane sold to the Red Cross Relief Fund. For extra New Orleans flavor, the spot also offers a special menu of po' boys, \$4 Abita drafts and \$5 hand grenades.

### Porkchop

1516 E. Harper Court 773-493-9333

Enjoy some bayou flavor at the chain's Hyde Park location, which serves a smoked alligator sandwich with fries and coleslaw made from kudzu (\$13) plus \$9 hurricane, Sazerac and hand grenade cocktails on Feb. 13.



ERIC FELTMAN

Porkchop's alligator sandwich and Mardi Gras cocktails.

### Rizzo's Bar & Inn

3658 N. Clark St. 773-799-8161

Keep the party going from noon to 9 p.m. Feb. 17 at BeadQuest, TBOX's 10th annual Mardi Gras bar crawl. For \$20 you'll visit 10 Wrigleyville bars enjoying specials on Cajun food, beer and hurricanes and collecting beads for a chance to win prizes.

### The Sedgwick Stop

1612 N. Sedgwick St. 312-265-1907

Catch a burlesque performance by the Harlequin Girls from 8 to 10 p.m. Feb. 13 at the Old Town bar, which will also serve \$10 gumbo and \$7 hurricanes. Admission is \$20 and includes a Stolen Rum hurricane.

Samantha Nelson is a RedEye freelancer.

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## 9 PLACES WITH FOOD AND DRINK SPECIALS DURING THE WINTER OLYMPICS

By **Samantha Nelson** | FOR REDEYE

If “I, Tonya” gave you a new interest in figure skating, you’re thrilled watching snowboarding or you just can’t resist the pageantry of the Opening Ceremony, you’re going to want to find the perfect place to catch the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics. These nine spots are showing the games and adding to the fun with food and drink specials to keep you tuned in and rooting for Team USA all month long.

### Commonwealth Tavern

2000 W. Roscoe St. 773-697-7965

The Roscoe Village bar serves \$8 Korean-style barbecue wings with pickled carrots, cucumbers and green onions throughout the Olympics, which it will show with sound on 12 TVs.

### Game Room

12 S. Michigan Ave. 312-792-3535

The Chicago Athletic Association Hotel bar hosts an opening ceremony viewing party from 4 to 9 p.m. Feb. 9 featuring a shot luge, \$6 Old Fashioned shots served on shot skis, and complimentary melted Swiss cheese served with fingerling potatoes, ham, bread and cornichons. Take a break from watching the festivities on the big screen TVs to play a game of curling or bocce ball.

### Upstairs at the Gwen

521 N. Rush St. 312-645-1500

Snack on Korean-inspired bites such as bulgogi beef sliders and curried cauliflower skewers at the Streeterville hotel, which hosts viewing parties from 3 to 7 p.m. Feb. 10 and 25. The \$30 tickets include a pozole station, mulled wine, spiked cider and the chance to try your curling skills with tips from the Windy City Curling Club. Tickets: [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com)

### Hopsmith Tavern

15 W. Division St. 312-579-3636



The Game Room at the Chicago Athletic Association.

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The Gold Coast bar serves as the kickoff for the third annual Retro Ski Lodge Block Party at 10 a.m. Feb. 10, which takes on an Olympic Village theme complete with screenings of the games and opening and closing ceremonies. Dress in Olympics-themed gear or just show off your earmuffs and leg warmers as you crawl between bars for drink specials, karaoke, live music and a dance off. Tickets are \$10 at [greencurtainevents.com](http://greencurtainevents.com) and included a drink voucher and sunglasses.

### The J. Parker

1816 N. Clark St. 312-254-4747

The Lincoln Park rooftop opens its glass atrium to the elements from 3 to 7 p.m. Feb. 11 for an Apres Ski Party where you can watch the games while warming up with blankets, heaters and a hot cocoa bar. The free event also features a bloody mary bar, shot skis, an ice luge, live music and a photo booth. Dress in your best ski

gear for a shot at winning two tickets to hit the slopes at Wilmot Mountain in Wisconsin.

### Kings Dining & Entertainment

1500 N. Clybourn Ave. 312-973-4920

Drink patriotically Feb. 9-25 by ordering the Red, White & Booze (\$9.99), an ice cream-based cocktail blended with pineapple juice and pineapple and coconut rum with a blue curacao float and Pop Rocks rim. Along with watching the games, you can satisfy your own competitive impulses at the Lincoln Park spot by bowling or playing air hockey.

### Point & Feather

113 W. Hubbard St. 312-644-0113

The River North dart bar will be showing the games whenever they’re open and serving \$18 Jameson and Avion shot skis with enough booze for four people.

### STK

9 W. Kinzie St. 312-340-5636

Along with showing the prime-time events on its five TVs, the River North restaurant is serving dramatic specials including the Olympic Torch, flaming cotton candy with strawberry shortcake hidden inside (\$16) and the Winner’s Podium, a small seafood tower accompanied by a trio of lemon drop shots rimmed with gold, silver and bronze sugar (\$25).

### Tuscany on Taylor

1014 W. Taylor St. 312-829-1990

Watch all the games in the Little Italy restaurant’s bar area while sipping a \$13 Team USA martini made red with vodka, aperol and cranberry juice, or blue with orange vodka, blue schnapps and an orange slice.

Samantha Nelson is a RedEye freelancer.



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Cards Against Humanity supplied text for special Chinese New Year fortune cookies at Fat Rice.

## Chinese New Year special: Snarky fortunes at Fat Rice

By Louisa Chu | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Fat Rice will make Cards Against Humanity fortune cookies among its inventive specials for Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day. The Lunar New Year begins Feb. 16.

The Macau-inspired restaurant in Logan Square will offer oversize, chocolate-dipped, hand-decorated cookies, serving

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party game for horrible people.

"Today, you will meet the love of your life. Or maybe not. I'm just a cookie," reads one fortune revealed by Fat Rice co-owner Adrienne Lo.

"Max has been a supporter of the restaurant for a long time," said Lo about Chicago-based Cards Against Humanity co-creator Max Temkin. "We called him up about doing this, and he sent us about

100 fortunes, which we're printing out then stuffing in the cookies.

"Some are more risqué than others."

Also, in honor of the upcoming Year of the Dog in the Chinese zodiac calendar, pastry chef Elaine Townsend has created a foo dog-shaped mashup of mooncakes and Taiwanese pineapple cakes.

"They're kind of like Fig Newtons," Townsend said. "With that molasses, brown sugar pastry on the outside, and inside there's a mango pineapple jam."

Mooncakes, traditionally given most auspiciously during Mid-Autumn Festival, can be found in some Chinese bakeries year-round, and the foo dogs are actually mythical guardian lions.

The items will be available Feb. 13 to 25, while supplies last. The Fortune Cookies Against Humanity are \$18.88 each, and a foo dogs box with two cakes is \$8.88. The number 8 is lucky in Chinese culture because it sounds like "wealth" in many dialects.

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## 2018 CHICAGO AUTO SHOW STORMS INTO MCCORMICK PLACE

By Robert Duffer | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

More is better. That seems to be the approach of the 2018 Chicago Auto Show, when nearly 1,000 new vehicles storm 1 million square feet of McCormick Place from Saturday to Presidents Day.

While automakers aren't shying away from the hot but homogenous crossover segment, 2018 is marked by big trucks, utility vehicles, and a record-breaking supercar known as The King.

Test tracks are down to three, from six last year, but outdoor test drives are on the rise. There will be plenty of interactive experiences across the showroom floor, with 36 automakers represented.

### Must-see debuts

**2019 Volkswagen Arteon:** The upscale sports sedan replaces the European-styled CC sedan as the new flagship for the brand. It's wider, longer and lower with 18-inch wheels, available all-wheel drive, and a 268-horsepower turbocharged four-cylinder engine. It looks more Audi than VW, but we won't know pricing until nearer its delivery in the late summer.

**2019 Toyota Tundra TRD Pro:** Toyota builds out its off-road and racing platform with the return of the Tundra TRD Pro full-size pickup, as well as the 4Runner and Tacoma TRD Pro. The rally truck family gets 2.5-inch Fox shocks for rock crawling or off-road racing. Tundra gets new 18-inch wheels, a new grille and hood scoop. Then there's the TRD Pro badging everywhere.

**2019 Ram 1500 Mopar:** Fresh off its debut in Detroit, the new Ram full-size pickup gets Moparized. The accessory outfitter within parent company FCA builds out the truck with highlights of its 200 available parts, including a 2-inch lift kit, off-road running boards, wheel flares and other equipment meant for the trail. The bed is equipped with a Ram Rack, available in the near future, that can be slid fore or aft.

**2019 Fiat 500:** Popular in Europe but overlooked in the U.S., the two-door city car gets its first redesign since being relaunched in America in 2012.



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The 2019 Volkswagen Arteon has available all-wheel drive and a 268-horsepower turbocharged four-cylinder engine.



TOYOTA

The 2019 Toyota Tundra TRD Pro returns to the automaker's lineup.

**2018 Hyundai Sonata Hybrid/PHEV:** Hyundai refreshes its hybrid and plug-in hybrid midsize sedan to match the refreshed 2018 gas model. It gets a new grille and fenders with vertical LED fog lights. Inside gets an updated center stack and advanced safety features. The 2-liter four-cylinder powertrains remain the same, with the hybrid getting 42 mpg combined and the plug-in hybrid getting 27 miles of range. The PHEV is available in the 10 coastal EV states.

**2019 Ford Transit Connect:** The cargo wagon, which comes available with seven seats as a minivan, gets redesigned for 2019.

### Must-see new vehicles and concepts

**2019 Chevy Corvette ZR1:** Meet The King in person. America's supercar, a 755-horsepower 6.2-liter supercharged V-8 with a wing that could slice the Achilles of King Kong, just set a record for quickest production-car lap at Virginia International Raceway — one of the toughest tracks on U.S. soil — beating the Ford GT in the process. The coupe is \$120,000, the convertible \$124,000.

**2019 Ford Ranger:** It's about time Ford reintroduced what was once the best-selling midsize pickup truck. Discontinued in 2011 but sold outside of the U.S., the larger Ranger has a lot of ground to cover on the Toyota Tacoma, Chevy Colorado and GMC Canyon. It's powered by a 2.3-liter turbo four-cylinder (similar to the

Mustang) mated to a 10-speed automatic powering either rear or all wheels. It comes as SuperCab or SuperCrew. Due in spring.

**2019 Chevy Silverado:** America's second best-selling vehicle drops weight, gets longer, and rekindles the pickup truck wars with the best-selling Ford F-150 and the Ram 1500, which is also new for 2019. Moving parts are made of lightweight aluminum, though Chevy won't advertise that for fear of ad reprisal, while the bed and stationary parts are steel. There are two new V-8 engines with cylinder deactivation to save fuel, an available 3-liter six-cylinder diesel and an available 10-speed transmission.

**Cadillac Escala concept:** Showcasing Cadillac's luxurious design direction, Escala is longer, leaner and lower than the CT6 full-size sedan. This gorgeous concept might just be winking at you.

**Toyota FT-AC concept:** This is the vehicle they'll use in Jurassic World 17. Great for camping and off-roading, the black clad, steel skid-plated Subaru-beater is only a concept for now. Toyota says it's planning a subcompact crossover, so maybe this is the design future of the CH-R. It is both unoriginal and appealing, like the Jurassic franchise.

**Mitsubishi Re-Model A concept:** For classic car lovers or anyone interested in how far we've come in automotive technology, check out the Mitsubishi Re-Model A. Celebrating 100 years of Mitsubishi, the body of the Re-Model A is based on



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The 2018 Hyundai Sonata Hybrid/PHEV has an updated exterior and an interior freshening.

### Auto Show details

**When:** 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday to Feb. 18; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Feb. 19

**Where:** McCormick Place, 2301 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago

**Admission:** \$13 for adults, \$7 for seniors 62 and over and children 7 to 12; free to children 6 and under with paying adult.

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the brand's first production vehicle but built on the AWD Outlander PHEV platform.

### Must-see displays

**Camp Jeep:** You're going to see it regardless, tucked into the corner of the south hall with a line snaking through the Jeep/FCA display. Even those who loathe lines might want to check out the first new Wrangler in a decade, as well as the Renegade and Grand Cherokee. There are no driveable versions of the new Jeep Cherokee, however.

**Nissan Winter Wonderland:** Nissan has put on a great show in Chicago these last few years; 2018 might be the best yet. Inside a makeshift snow globe, reps will dispense hot chocolate from backpacks as showgoers take in a Titan snow plow pickup truck and a Chicago-exclusive Armada Snow Patrol — an SUV on snow treads instead of tires. The 370 Zki concept will also carve some sick space on the show floor, bruh. Beside that madness will be a "Star Wars" edition X-Wing Rogue and AT-M6 Titan.

**Subaru 50th Anniversary Limited Edition models:** The auto industry's hottest automaker celebrates 50 years in the U.S. by painting it all blue, Heritage blue. The full lineup gets limited edition models with unique badging, satin chrome trim and the new paint coat.

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FEBRUARY INCLUDES CIDER SUMMIT, DELILAH'S VINTAGE BEER FESTIVAL AND A DESCHUTES TAKEOVER

By Adam Lukach | REDEYE

February features some solid craft-beverage events, including a cider festival at Navy Pier, a celebration of vintage suds and a tap takeover from the West Coast.

### Cider Summit at Navy Pier

840 E. Grand Ave. 312-595-7437  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb 17, tickets \$35

Whether you're a regular cider sipper or new to the beverage, the Cider Summit should have something that will tickle your tongue among its lineup of 50-plus cider producers. The Northman and Bone and Mesh are among the local attendees, while the rest of the lineup includes makers from Seattle to Saanichton, British Columbia. Your entry ticket includes a souvenir tasting glass, 15 tasting tickets and a donation to Heartland Alliance. Additional tasting tickets are \$2 each, while cider cocktails and other beverage options will be available. [cidersummitnw.com](http://cidersummitnw.com)

### 20th Annual Vintage Beer Fest at Delilah's

2771 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-472-2771  
Noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, tickets \$20 for 20 samples, only available at the door  
Known as a whiskey bar, Delilah's also hosts an annual vintage beer festival, and

this year's edition is the 20th anniversary. That means surprise guests and surprise brews, according to the event listing, but the guaranteed lineup is also stellar, featuring Three Floyds, Pipeworks, Goose Island, Capitol, Two Brothers, Half Acre, Founder's, Bell's and more. [delilahschicago.com](http://delilahschicago.com)

### Deschutes Tap Takeover & Sled Giveaway at Franklin Tap

325 S. Franklin St. 312-212-3262  
4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, no cover, beers \$6-\$10

Oregon brewery Deschutes will be on hand to put seven of its beers on draft as well as give away a branded sled. Guests receive an entry with every purchase of a Deschutes brew from the lineup of Chair NW Pale Ale, Fresh Squeezed IPA, Pacific Wonderland and a barrel-aged anniversary edition of its Black Butte Porter. The winner will be announced at 7 p.m., but the beers last for three hours. [franklintap.com](http://franklintap.com)

# drink this

## SATSUMA KOMBUCHA ON DRAFT

By Louisa Chu | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Kombucha, at its best, tastes like sparkling sunshine; at its worst, like vinegary punishment.

The fermented, fizzy, sweetened black or green tea starts with an awful-sounding culture of bacteria and yeast and often ends with wild health claims. While the science is still out, it can be delicious.

That's thanks to brewers like Alexis Korman and Austin Sherman, who launched Big Easy Bucha in 2014. Based in New Orleans, where they met and married, they were previously a contributing editor for a wine magazine and a bar consultant, respectively. Their skills translated to lovely farmed and foraged kombucha made with local and organic ingredients, when possible.

"We use an in-house forager, Danny Milojevic, to source 100 percent of our satsumas from small farms in Louisiana. Fun fact: He's originally from Chicago," Korman said.

Recently, four of Big Easy Bucha's eight flavors were available bottled (\$5 each) at

Stumptown Coffee Roasters in Fulton Market: the Jazz Juice Tea, flavored with pineapple and elderflower; Geaux Green with Southern greens and cucumber; Cajun Kick with ginger and citrus; and Streetcar Sipper with satsuma, the orange citrus fruit. The last is also on draft (\$4 small, \$5 large).

"Our Streetcar Sipper kombucha delivers juicy citrus tones reminiscent of mandarin oranges, alongside white floral notes," Korman said. "The overall effect is light, bright, tangy and ever-so slightly sweet."

"People call us the gateway kombucha, and we take that as a compliment."

A portion of Big Easy Bucha's proceeds also benefits NOLA charities, including St. Jude Community Center to serve meals and Grow Dat Youth Farm for diverse sustainable farming.

What about a kombucha mixed drink recommendation for Chicago's current

Big Easy Bucha, [www.bigeasybucha.com](http://www.bigeasybucha.com); Stumptown Coffee Roasters, 311 N. Morgan St., [www.stumptowncoffee.com/locations/chicago](http://www.stumptowncoffee.com/locations/chicago)



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Big Easy Bucha kombucha from New Orleans is available in Chicago only at Stumptown Coffee at the Ace Hotel.

cold weather?

"One idea is a drink we call the Yes Ma'am-osa," Korman said.

"It's our Streetcar Sipper kombucha, sparkling wine and a bit of cayenne pepper with a crystallized ginger garnish. It's easy to make and adds a little sweet heat perfect

for snowy days."

In Chicago, Big Easy Bucha is only available at Stumptown, but the company is exploring other outlets, Korman said.

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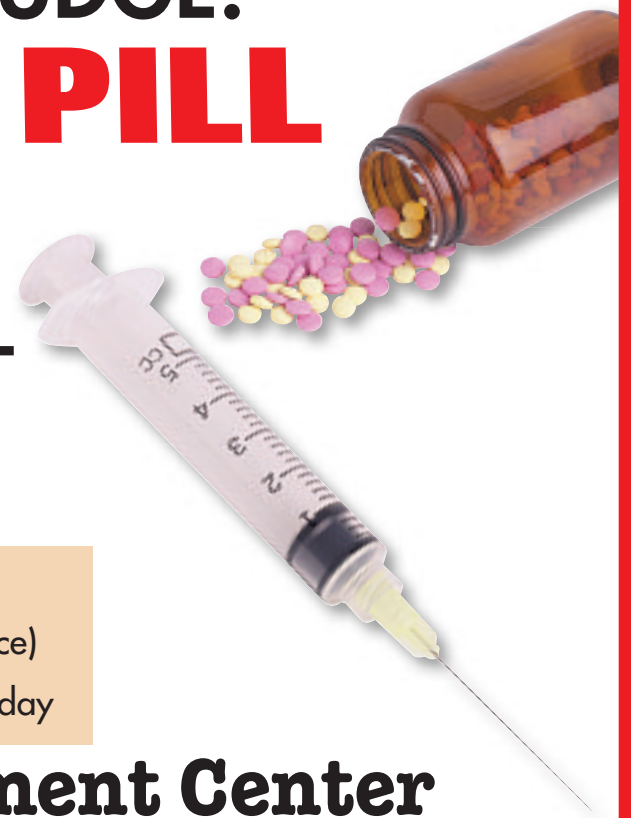
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### SUPPORT CHICAGOANS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES WITH ASPIRE

By Gwendolyn Purdom | FOR REDEYE

For nearly 60 years, the people behind Aspire have been providing opportunities and support for kids and adults with developmental disabilities in the Chicagoland area. But spokesperson Hayley Formolo said the work her organization does doesn't only benefit its participants — it benefits the whole community.

"There's a lot of potential that we may not be aware of until (people with disabilities are) actually given the opportunity to participate in the community like everyone else," she said.

Aspire breaks its city and suburban services into four categories. Its team offers services like physical and speech therapy for kids, support groups to their families and inclusion consulting for schools and rec centers. For adults, career skills training like the just-launched Career Academy in west suburban Hillside and independent living resources are available.

Aspire also partners with businesses like Chicago-based roasters Metropolis Coffee Company, giving people with autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy and other disabilities a chance to build independent job skills producing and packaging coffee while raising proceeds for Aspire programming.

Those interested in supporting the organization's work have plenty of opportunities to get involved. Volunteers can help with everything from decorating for events like the upcoming annual Big City Night fundraiser (Feb. 24 at the Palmer House Hilton) to visiting with participants at group homes (more volunteer information is available at [aspirechicago.com](http://aspirechicago.com)). Other events are planned for the spring, Formolo said.

"Inclusion sets us apart from a lot of other similar organizations because we're actually including people with disabilities in our Chicagoland community," Formolo said. "Our entire mission and mantra is this notion of 'together we're better.'"

#### GET INVOLVED

For more information about the #HugOneGiveOne campaign, visit [aspirechicago.com](http://aspirechicago.com)

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University of Chicago Folk Festival.

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# better together

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO FOLK FESTIVAL  
THEN PIZZA AT MEDICI ON 57TH

By Gwendolyn Purdom | FOR REDEYE

Rather than putting a ton of effort into an outing and then only hitting one spot, why not extend the adventure? This week, we're pairing a folk fest in Hyde Park with a casual meal at Medici on 57th.

## MAIN ATTRACTION

### University of Chicago Folk Festival

1131 E. 57th St. 773-702-9793

**How much:** \$25 Friday, \$30 Saturday, \$10 student; Saturday daytime workshops free  
Venture outside your musical comfort zone with an academic evening of traditional performances by artists from across the country and around the world. Friday and Saturday night, genres on stage at the University of Chicago's Mandel Hall range from bluegrass, to Cajun, to Honky Tonk, to the African and indigenous sounds of Son Jarocho. From 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, free folk workshops on Scandinavian dance, Irish music and more will also be on the docket. The UChicago Folklore Society has been putting on the annual campus event since 1961, and this year's lineup includes conversation starters like "modern master of bluegrass mandolin" Mike Compton, Chicago Blues Hall of Famer Mary Lane, Cajun singer and accordionist Sheryl Cormier and Chicago western swing band The Western Elstons. The festival runs Feb. 9 and 10.

## DON'T STOP

### Medici on 57th

1327 E. 57th St. 773-667-7394

**How much:** \$2.99-\$18.95

With exposed brick walls and a laid-back atmosphere, this comfy restaurant and bakery just a few doors down from UChicago's Mandel Hall offers an ideal setting for recapping your favorite moments of the foot-tapping performances you just saw. A warming bowl of Moroccan ragout (\$7.29) or the kick of an Arrabiata sandwich piled with spicy capicola, pepperoni, sopressata and provolone, served with thin-cut fries (\$8.29) are a low-key antidote to the February chill in the air. The thin crust pizzas are a neighborhood favorite, too. Split a spinach goat cheese pie (\$15.50 for a medium) or go all out with the signature Garbage Pizza (\$18.95 for a medium) topped with ground beef, Canadian bacon, sausage, pepperoni, red sauce, bell peppers, onion and mushrooms.

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**5 MUST-SEE CONCERTS IN CHICAGO THIS WEEK**

By **Efrain Dorado** | FOR REDEYE

Spread the love this Valentine's week with these stellar live acts.

**THURSDAY**

**justindemus**  
**The Empty Bottle**

1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600

Many in the Chicago music scene have praised experimental electronic artist Justin Demus, stylized as justindemus, and it's much deserved. Demus dances across style and genre as he weaves elements of rock, house, shoegaze, dance and psychedelic into his electronic tapestry. \$7. 8:30 p.m., 21+. Tickets: [emptybottle.com](http://emptybottle.com)

**FRIDAY**

**Duffle Bag Buru**  
**Schubas**

3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508

Chicago hip-hop blog Lyrical Lemonade is bringing together a stellar lineup of up-and-coming locals, including Duffle Bag Buru on his first headlining show. Buru flew onto the Chicago rap scene with his 2017 release "Whole Bag," featuring a style that blends glitzy production and hi-hat crescendos to deliver Buru's singular technique. Joining Buru are fellow local MCs Qari, Dally Auston and Adot. \$10. 10 p.m., 18+. Tickets: [lh-st.com](http://lh-st.com)

**SUNDAY**

**Adan Jodorowsky**  
**Beat Kitchen**

2100 W. Belmont Ave. 773-281-4444

Among appearing in his father's — art house legend Alejandro Jodorowsky — films, getting dance lessons from James Brown and learning guitar from George Harrison, Adan Jodorowsky was raised to excel in the arts. His inventive music style regularly dips into his Latin roots while upgrading the presentation for contempo-

rary sensibilities. Most recently, he provided the music for his father's surreal autobiographical film "Endless Poetry," in which Jodorowsky plays the younger version of his father. \$28. 8:30 p.m., 17+. Tickets: [beatkitchen.com](http://beatkitchen.com)

**TUESDAY**

**Whitney**  
**Thalia Hall**

1807 S. Allport St. 312-526-3851

This show is the first day of a three-day residency at Thalia Hall from one of the best bands in the city. While the other two days have sold out, it isn't too late to catch some feelings ahead of Valentine's Day. For all three days, Whitney will bring along some famous friends from around the city and for this particular outing, Evanston-rapper Kweku Collins lends Whitney a hand. \$25-\$40. 7:30 p.m., 18+. Tickets: [thaliahallchicago.com](http://thaliahallchicago.com)

**WEDNESDAY**

**STRFKR**  
**Concord Music Hall**

2047 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-570-4000

Hailing from the Pacific Northwest, STRFKR emerged in 2008 with its instant classic "Rawald Gregory Erickson the Second," off its debut album that would help define indie music over the next decade. Now, as the 2010s begin to wind down, STRFKR remains strong and innovative, as is displayed with its latest song, "Tape Machine," which finds the band incorporating classic synth waves and new wave influence that graciously teases what's next for the band. \$22. 7 p.m., 17+. Tickets: [concordmusichall.com](http://concordmusichall.com)

*Efrain Dorado is a RedEye freelancer.*



The answer is not watching 'Valentine's Day.'

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## How do I make Valentine's Day more imaginative?



ASK ANNA

**Anna Pulley**

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**Dear Anna,**

I hate the Hall-mark idea of prepackaged romance, but love love! My husband and I have done many things over the years to celebrate V-Day in unconventional ways, but after 12 years spent doing quirky things we both love, we're running low on novel, exciting ideas

that buck the norm. Thoughts? **—V-Stuck**

**Dear VS,**

I sure do have thoughts! Valentine's Day is crack to romantic suckers like me, and I am very much invested in helping others have amazing dates. Here are some innovative suggestions, in no particular order.

**Recreate your first date.** (Or the second or third if the "first date" part of your history was nebulous or involved a sloppy drunken make-out session on your cousin's futon.) This kind of date is great because it's super romantic but doesn't typically require any elaborate planning or mucho dinero. Bonus points if one of you picks the other one up or if you remember what you were wearing, but it's not necessary to be completely historically accurate. Bask in the glow of nostalgia at the coffee shop where you first awkwardly discussed your love of Taylor Swift and CrossFit, walk down the snowy streets where you first held hands or smooched under a street light (or at a bus stop, if you're classy like me) and remember how sweet those first blushes of love were, and still are.

**Floating, aka a sensory deprivation tank.** OK, I admit that at first glance, the idea of being buoyant in 10 inches of water and 1,000 pounds of magnesium sulfate isn't what we think of when we hear the

word "romantic." But being weightless in warm, salty water is a great de-stressor. It calms the nervous system, and allows our hyperactive brains to chillax, while heightening our senses at the same time for other sexier activities later.

**DIY food crawl.** Pick a neighborhood you've never spent much time in (but one that still has, you know, food) and plan short outings for each course. Pick a place for drinks and/or appetizers, then a place for entrees, then another for desserts. Bonus points if all the places are new to you. (New places/activities inspire love feelings, says science.) Make sure the restaurants are close enough to each other that you're not taking expensive cab rides all over the city — unless you're into that.

**A ghost tour.** From a purely biological standpoint, fear and arousal provoke similar responses from the body — sweaty palms, hairs standing on end, increased heart rate and so on. Plus, doing something a little scary makes you want to get that much closer to your sweetheart. And it's a fun way to get to know historical elements of the city that you probably never knew. Check out Chicago Haunting Tours for one option. Their "classic" tour even includes a stop at the infamous St. Valentine's Day Massacre in Lincoln Park.

**Dirty Dancing party.** Duet Dancing studio offers a "Dirty Dancing"-inspired evening (Feb. 9 or Feb. 14, \$90 per couple) of salsa dancing, basic leading and following steps and a modified version of the routine from the movie. (It's almost certain that one or both of you have harbored at least SOME erotic fantasies about either this movie or Patrick Swayze in general. Give each other the "time of your life.") It's BYOB if you need to knock one or two back in order to get jiggy wit it. Just remember that nobody puts Baby in a corner.

*Anna Pulley is a RedEye contributor. Want to ask Anna an anonymous question about love, sex or dating? Email [redyedating@gmail.com](mailto:redyedating@gmail.com).*

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## Restaurant reviews

Restaurant reviews and profiles from Tribune food critic Phil Vettel, staff reporters and freelance writers. No stars indicates a restaurant has been profiled but not reviewed, and does not reflect on quality of dining.

### GOLD COAST

**Maple & Ash ★★★** This steakhouse knows how to cook *and* how to have fun. Standards such as French onion soup are nicely rendered, and pastry chef Aya Fukai offers some of the most beautiful (and delicious) desserts you've ever seen. *Open: Dinner daily; downstairs bar open lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$18-\$54. 8 W. Maple St., 312-944-8888. — Phil Vettel*

**Margeaux Brasserie ★★** Chef/restaurateur Michael Mina has landed in Chicago at last with this glamorous, 1920s-inspired brasserie inside the Waldorf Astoria. It's as pricey as the Gold Coast address would have you expect, but superb quality and generous portions ease the sting, as do the more casual bar menu and its bargain happy-hour specials. Look to cooked seafood appetizers (roasted oysters, moules frites) to start, and make room in the budget for the splendid lobster bouillabaisse. *Open: Breakfast and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$28-\$59. 11 E. Walton St., 312-646-1300. — P.V.*

**Nico Osteria ★★★** New chef Bill Montagne has done luxury-level (C Chicago) and neighborhood-level (Snaggletooth) restaurant work in Chicago, and at this well-established Gold Coast seafooder, he's trying to do a bit of both, positing Nico as a place to drop in for a glass of wine and small pasta, as well as a legitimate dining destination. Pastas are indeed drop-in worthy, particularly the tagliolini tossed with uni butter, and higher-end main dishes such as "white Negroni" halibut and whole-baked branzino display Montagne's deft touch with subtle flavors. Factor in Leigh Omilinky's desserts and breads, and Nico Osteria has few, if any, weaknesses. *Open breakfast, lunch, dinner daily; weekend brunch. Prices: Entrees \$17 to \$42. 1015 N. Rush St., 312-994-7100. — P.V.*

**Somerset ★★★** Lee Wolen gives his seasonal American cooking a less formal, more rustic touch in this Gold Coast newcomer in the Viceroy Chicago (nee Cedar Hotel). Fans of Wolen's work at Boka know to look for signature ingredients such as



Affogato dessert with espresso poured over at Cafe Marie-Jeanne.

BRIAN CASSELLA/TRIBUNE FILE

octopus and whole-roasted chicken (the latter served Sunday-supper style, with two side dishes), but keep an eye out also for beef tartare, tossed in a mayo mixed with its rendered fat. The ever-reliable Meg Galus contributes stellar desserts, such as caramel-apple tart with burnt-cinnamon ice cream. *Open: Breakfast, lunch/brunch, dinner daily. Entrees \$23-\$55. 1112 N. State St., 312-586-2150. — P.V.*

### HUMBOLDT PARK

**Café Marie-Jeanne ★★** Run by husband-wife partners Michael Simmons (chef) and Val Szafranski (front-of-house), Cafe Marie-Jeanne is an intensely personal operation, one whose easygoing attitude and excellent kitchen work make the Humboldt Park spot a neighborhood treasure. Don't miss the duck frites dish, which mixes sliced duck breast and roasted leg

pieces with duck pate and plenty of duck-fat fries. *Open: Breakfast, lunch and dinner Wednesday-Monday. Prices: Main courses \$12-\$35. 1001 N. California Ave. 773-904-7660. — P.V.*

### HYDE PARK

**A10 ★★★** Named for a motorway that connects Italy to France, A10 offers traditional-with-a-twist Italian and French dishes from Yusho chef Matthias Merges. Small plates include bar-food riffs; large plates shine with interesting accompaniments. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday, brunch Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$14-\$30. 1462 E. 53rd St., 773-288-1010. — P.V.*

### LAKEVIEW

**Ceres' Table★★** This accomplished restaurant is respectful of Italian regional cuisine without being tradition-bound.

The all-Italian wine list is budget-sensitive when it needs to be; that and the under-\$9 cocktails make this an attractive place to imbibe. *Open: Dinner daily, brunch Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$15-\$32. 3124 N. Broadway, 773-922-4020. — P.V.*

**Ella Elli ★★** This restaurant is a sexy space filled with curvy pendant lamps and handsome couches, but it's not all looks: Chef Nolan Narut is putting out some destination-worthy plates, including ricotta gnoc-chi, sourdough slathered with avocado and everything seasoning, and baby carrots drizzled with harissa-spiked lemon vinaigrette. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Main dishes \$14-\$27. 1349 W. Cornelia Ave., 773-935-3552. — Michael Nagrant*

**Entente★★★** Ty Fujimura (Arami) has another hit restaurant with this cozy Lakeview restaurant, which opened in late 2016 and features the talents of chef Brian

Fisher (previously at Schwa and, believe it or not, Saved by the Max). The delicious, robust food (don't pass up the gorgeous octopus and pork loin entrees, nor the prettiest wedge salad in town and Katsumura's deconstructed cheesecake plate) is abetted by a robust beverage program and whip-smart, engaging service. The small, two-room space has an appealing, comfortable rusticity, but it can get pretty noisy. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. 3056 N. Lincoln Ave., 872-206-8553; ententechicago.com — P.V.*

**mfk** ★★★ With just 28 seats, mfk is tough to get into but worth the effort. Boquerones with shaved fennel should be part of any meal you assemble, and the platters — a notable fish stew starring cobia collar and a surprisingly painstaking chicken ballotine — are superb. *Open: Dinner daily, lunch Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$20-\$24. 432 W. Diversey Parkway, 773-857-2540. — P.V.*

**Sal's Trattoria** ★ Allen Sternweiler (Butcher & the Burger) is the chef behind this Lakeview charmer, so popular with young families in the neighborhood it will need a stroller valet long before it needs one for cars. A single-page, budget-conscious menu offers the usual suspects, plus efforts such as calamari under a profusion of tomatoes, lemon and capers; offbeat daily crostini (blueberry-sage jam with goat cheese, for instance); and a gorgeous spinach-arugula salad with pear, pancetta and gorgonzola. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Pasta and main courses \$15-\$25. 2834 N. Southport Ave., 773-857-1401. — P.V.*

## LINCOLN PARK

**Boka** ★★★ Chef Lee Wolen (ex-Eleven Madison Park) brings an exciting menu to a restaurant that's been a Chicago mainstay for more than a decade. While the ingredients are familiar, the execution is beautifully complex. Cocktails are first-rate, too. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$22-\$33. 1729 N. Halsted St., 312-337-6070. — P.V.*

**Chopo Chicken** Chopo Chicken in Lincoln Park looks similar to dozens of other quick-service joints popping up around town that hope to mimic the success of Chipotle (at least before all the health scares). The shtick: a short menu of four or five proteins that you can endlessly customize with toppings to your liking. *Open: Lunch and dinner daily. Prices: \$11-\$13. 2460 N. Clark St., 773-666-5925. — Nick Kindelsperger*

**De Quay** ★ Chef and owner David de Quay dips into his heritage for this 42-seater; the menu is principally Dutch-inspired, with the occasional nod to Indonesia. The hearty foods are particularly good; Indonesian representations are mild, occasionally to a fault. Very affordable wines and interesting, genever-heavy cocktails highlight the beverage program. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$18-\$28. 2470*



Dips comprised of guacamole, roasted tomato salsa and pumpkin seed hummus at Dos Urban Cantina.

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*N. Lincoln Ave., 872-206-8820. — P.V.*

**Naoki Sushi** ★ Chef Naoki Nakashima, who for years has overseen the sushi at Shaw's Crab House, is helming a small spot. The menu provides the sushi basics, all well-executed, but the specials, often including a whole-fish presentation, are where you'll get the true measure of the chef's talent. *Open: Dinner Wednesday-Sunday. Prices: Main dishes \$16-\$29. 2300 N. Lincoln Park West, 773-868-0002. — P.V.*

## LINCOLN SQUARE

**Luella's Southern Kitchen** This restaurant could very well be in the South. Shrimp and grits taste like those of Mr. B's Bistro in New Orleans, and buttermilk-fried chicken thighs are expertly prepared, served atop yeasty waffles. *Open: Lunch and dinner Tuesday-Friday, brunch and dinner Saturday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$7-\$15. 4609 N. Lincoln Ave., 773-961-8196. — Kevin Pang*

## LOGAN SQUARE

**Daisies** ★★½ Chef Joe Frillman has succeeded in creating simple, satisfying fare from local produce. You will want to order all the pastas, including stracci, tiny napkin-like noodle shreds strewn with perfectly toothsome peas and tender lamb. There is also a cornflake chicken, which is

sort of like a Japanese chicken katsu or a German schnitzel, where the cornflake crust acts like a panko breading and makes for a superior and epic chicken nugget. Daisies is the ultimate in dad food—simple dishes made great. *Open: Dinner Wednesday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$15-\$19. 2523 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773-661-1671. — M.N.*

**Dos Urban Cantina** ★★★ In a 100-seat brick-and-oak space, Topolobampo alums Brian Enyart and Jennifer Jones crank out irresistible Mexican-inspired dishes that aren't afraid of a little influence from Italy, the American South or Eastern Europe. Desserts are terrific, there's a budget-conscious wine list and cocktails include a first-rate margarita. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$16-\$21. 2829 W. Armitage Ave., 773-661-6452. — P.V.*

**Giant** ★★★ Jason Vincent (ex-Nightwood) is operating an eclectic 44-seater with co-chef Ben Lustbader and partner Josh Perlman (beverage honcho). The only common element in a menu that embraces liquefied sea urchin in fried pasta, sweet-and-sour eggplant and pecan-smoked ribs is that everything's delicious. The dining room is cheerfully noisy and unpretentious. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. Prices: Main courses \$16-\$19. 3209 W. Armitage Ave., 773-252-0997. — P.V.*

**Mi Tocaya Antojeria** ★★ Diana Davila,

the opening chef at Cantina 1910, is back with her own place, serving her own style of Mexican food that's creative, but still rooted in tradition. Try the "peanut butter y lengua," crisped cubes of braised beef tongue in a complex and delicious sauce of peanuts, cured tomato and chile de arbol. There are also four tacos on the menu, generously portioned and well-made. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. Prices: Small plates \$8-\$13, large plates \$24. 2800 N. Logan Blvd., 872-315-3947. — P.V.*

**Quote** ★★ This bilevel Logan Square Mexican restaurant wants to be your round-the-clock dining destination—your local morning cafe, casual lunch-hour taqueria, trendy neighborhood dinner spot and even late-night bar. It mostly succeeds, with considerably good tacos and some of the best tortas in the city. The basement mezcal bar is a great place to drink. *Open: Breakfast, lunch, dinner and late-night Wednesday-Monday. Prices: Tacos \$4; tortas and entrees \$11-\$24. 2456 N. California Ave., 312-878-8571. — N.K.*

**Ugo's Kitchen and Bar** ★ On a stretch of Armitage Avenue in Logan Square increasingly populated with some of the hottest restaurants in town (Osteria Langhe, Dos Urban Cantina and Table, Donkey and Stick), Ugo's is wonderfully untrendy. Highlights of the vaguely Italian menu include the chicken liver mousse, the

spreadable pork rillettes and anything fried. Build a meal out of these appetizers, and you'll leave happy. *Open: Dinner Wednesday-Monday. Prices: \$8-\$15. 2833 W. Armitage Ave., 773-698-8984. — N.K.*

### THE LOOP

**Acanto ★★** A redesign gives Acanto a more casual look than its former life as Henri, and the pasta-heavy menu is more budget-friendly, though pricier dishes, such as veal breast, are worth the money. A heavily Italian wine list and good cocktails make this a fine place to bend an elbow. *Open: Dinner and lunch daily. Prices: Entrees \$14-\$38. 18 S. Michigan Ave., 312-578-0763. — P.V.*

**Cherry Circle Room ★★** A quiet alternative to the Chicago Athletic Association hotel's relentlessly crowded rooftop bar, Cherry Circle Room is also one of the most handsome dining spaces in the city, with leather, wood and clubby good looks. Executive chef Peter Coenen's menu recalls steakhouse classics in his refined takes on Caesar salad and tuna tartare, even though there's just one steak on the menu. Roasted leg of lamb for two and duck for one are highlights, and Kristine Antonian's superb desserts deliver an exciting finish. *Open: Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$16-\$38. 12 S. Michigan Ave., 312-792-3515. — P.V.*

**Gayle's Best Ever Grilled Cheese** Farmers market favorite Gayle Voss panini presses grilled cheese sandwiches at her new permanent home in the Block 37 pedway. Follow your nose to find butter-browned slabs of sourdough stuffed with fatty farm cheese and seasonal ingredients, plus lobster grilled cheese on Fridays only. Dunk them all in a fragrant tomato pesto soup. *Open: Breakfast and lunch weekdays. Prices: Sandwiches \$6 and up. 108 N. State St., pedway level, 312-285-2202. — Louisa Chu*

**Pearl Brasserie ★★** With veteran chef and partner Jason Paskewitz joined by cocktail whiz (and general manager) Steve Carrow, it's easy to see how this 5-month-old operation could be a hit. Sitting on Wacker near the Civic Opera House, Ogilvie and Union Stations, Pearl Brasserie is a great pre-dinner or pre-commute option, but it's strength is being the best Saturday-night hidden secret in town. Paskewitz's cooking remains strong as ever, but his menu is simpler and more affordable — dinner is presented in a three-course, \$35 format, and lighter eaters may order a la carte, but the three-course option is an excellent value, with choices like Berkshire pork chop, beautiful in taste and texture, aided by rosemary-scented jus, apples, savoy cabbage and lardons. *Open: Dinner Monday to Saturday, lunch Monday to Friday. Prices: Three-course dinner, \$35. 180 N. Wacker Drive, 312-629-1030, pearlbrasserie.com. — P.V.*

**Revival Food Hall** Featuring 14 impressive



Berkshire pork chop at Pearl Brasserie.

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food stalls and a cocktail bar, Revival is easily the best place to eat lunch in the Loop. Try hot chicken sandwiches at The Budlong, poke bowls at Aloha and more. *Open: Lunch and early dinner Monday-Friday; bar until 9 p.m. Monday-Friday. Prices: Entrees \$8-\$15. 125 S. Clark St., 773-999-9411. — N.K.*

**Steadfast ★★** The most ambitious restaurant to hit the Loop in a long time is a small-plates American spot. There's a lot to love: the complex cooking of chef Chris Davies, the superb bread and dessert from pastry chef Chris Teixeira, and impressive charcuterie. *Open: Dinner Monday-Saturday, lunch Monday-Friday. Entrees \$24-\$39. 120 W. Monroe St., 312-801-8899. — P.V.*

### MAGNIFICENT MILE

**The Albert ★** Just off the lobby of the Hotel EMC2, the Albert has yet to achieve the genius of Einstein, but is a worthy addition to the dining scene. The arts-meets-science decor is highlighted by a collection of thousands of science books in high-mounted bookcases. Similarly dramatic are the plates from chef Brandon Brum-

back's kitchen (look for the aguachile-style kampachi crudo, quinoa-coated octopus and dry-aged duck), and Vanarin Kuch's gorgeous desserts. *Open: Dinner daily, brunch Saturday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$24-\$44. 228 E. Ontario St., 312-471-3883. — P.V.*

### NEAR NORTH SIDE

**Blue Door Kitchen ★★** Art Smith's Table Fifty-Two has been transformed with a revamped decor and a remade menu under chef Rey Villalobos. You'll still find such T52 staples as fried chicken and hummingbird cake, but new dishes, including an excellent Brussels-kale salad, reflect a Midwestern slant (and are a little more health-focused). *Open: Lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$16-\$44. 52 W. Elm St., 312-573-4000. — P.V.*

**Il Porcellino ★** Take Italian-American food, make it with top-notch ingredients and finish with bargain prices (for the neighborhood, at least). That's the recipe for the latest from Melman siblings RJ, Jerrod and Molly, overseen by chef Doug Psaltis. Housemade pastas, \$17 or less, are

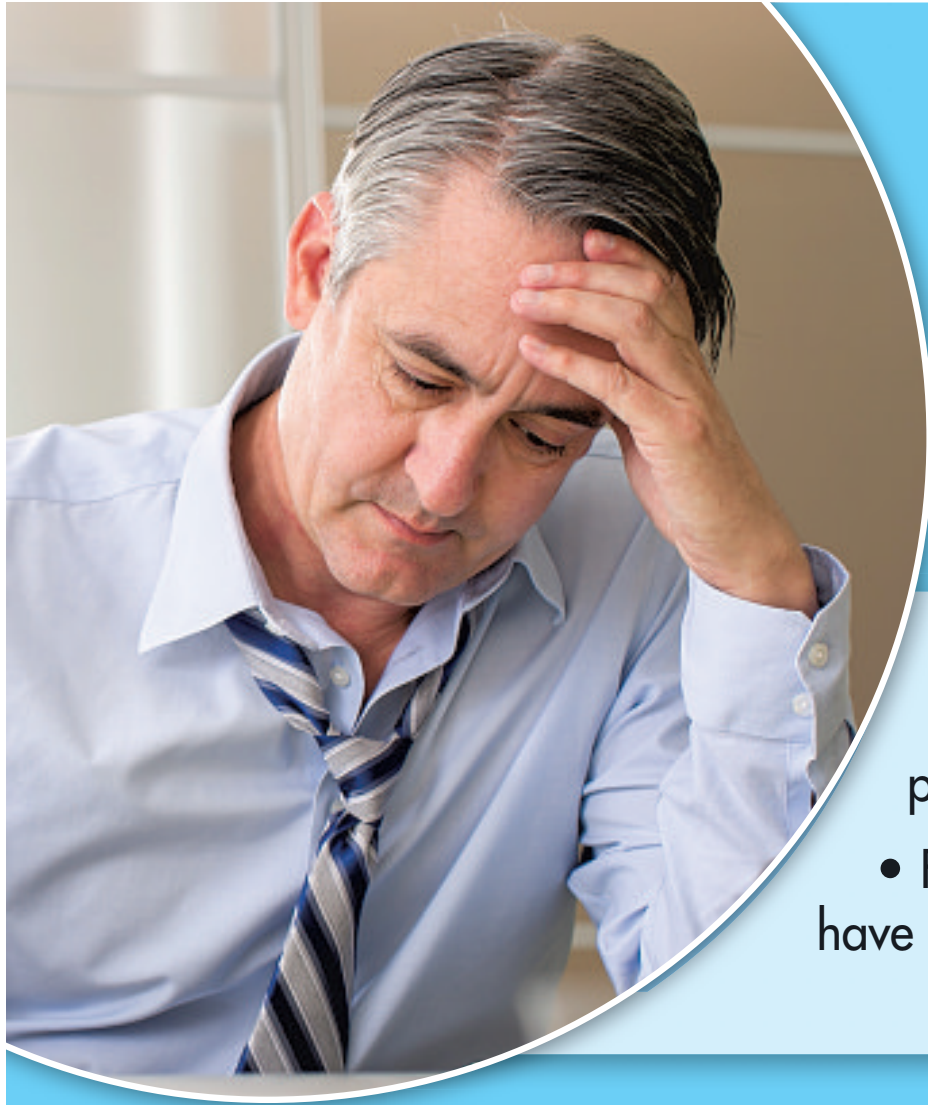
the stars, particularly the gnocchi Bolognese. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Pastas \$15-\$17, entrees \$22-\$30. 59 W. Hubbard St., 312-595-0800. — P.V.*

### NOBLE SQUARE

**Temporis ★★★** Two young veterans of Les Nomades run this 20-seat dining room in Noble Square. From the outside, it's barely noticeable as a restaurant; inside, you'll be delighted by courses like rabbit three ways (rack, tandoori-spiced loin, confit leg) and foie gras ice cream domes sprinkled with guava salt, all part of a 10-course, \$125 menu. Hidden downstairs, a hydroponic garden supplies chefs with microgreens and other basement-to-table goodies. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. 933 N. Ashland Ave., 773-697-4961. — P.V.*

### NORTH CENTER

**Kitsune ★★★** This latest effort from Elizabeth chef/owner Iliana Regan is, like every other concept she's opened, intimate, highly personal and as adorably precious as the cartoon-y figurines she employs as decoration. The 24-seat spot offers dishes



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rooted in Japanese flavors, but incorporating the local, foraged ingredients Regan is known for. For example, chawanmushi, a savory Japanese custard, comes with shredded Jonah crabmeat and overlapping coins of local radish. Don't miss the thickly sliced porridge bread served with house-cultured butter. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday, brunch Sunday. Prices: Large plates \$16-\$26. 4229 N. Lincoln Ave., no phone. — P.V.*

### PILSEN

**HaiSous ★★★** It may seem odd to travel to Pilsen to experience Chicago's best Vietnamese restaurant. You'll get over it. At the brilliant HaiSous, Thai and Danielle Dang offer a pleasant (if occasionally noisy) 115-seat dining room with excellent service and price-conscious drinks, all in service to Thai Dang's skillful cooking and appealing, cliché-free menu. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Large plates \$16-\$25. 1800 S. Carpenter St., 312-702-1303. — P.V.*

### RAVENSWOOD

**Band of Bohemia ★★★** In a sprawling brewery loaded with offbeat furnishings, find a menu so focused on suds that appetizers are listed by beer match. Yet there is also a great wine list to browse, not to mention forward-thinking dishes (vegetables get exceptionally good care here). This place does a lot of things well. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. 4710 N. Ravenswood Ave., 773-271-4710. — P.V.*

### RIVER NORTH

**Arbella** Drinks reign at the latest project from the team behind Peruvian powerhouse Tanta. The menu is divided by country or region; mezcal plays heavily into drinks in the Mexico section, while you'll find pisco and rum in Cuba. The short list of food hops around the globe, too. But beware: Cobbling together enough small plates for a meal can be deceptively expensive. *Open: Dinner and late night daily. Prices: \$8-\$15. 112 W. Grand Ave., 312-846-6654. — N.K.*

**Beacon Tavern ★★** This project by Billy Lawless (The Gage, The Dawson) is tucked into a plaza just west of the Wrigley Building. Seafood is a focus, with shrimp toast coated in truffle butter and a prawn salad that pops thanks to peppadew peppers, but there's also a towering burger. Don't skip the cheddar bay biscuits, a tongue-in-cheek homage to Red Lobster. *Open: Lunch and dinner daily. Prices: \$12-\$40. 405 N. Wabash Ave., 312.955.4226. — P.V.*

**Boarding House ★★★** There are cute touches on the menu here, such as fried polenta planks, but chef Tanya Baker's best efforts are marvels of seamlessly matching flavors, such as honey-glazed chicken with Calabrian chilies. Owner and master sommelier Alpana Singh naturally offers a stellar wine list. *Open: Dinner Monday-Saturday. Prices: Entrees \$22-\$34. 720 N.*



Fried sunchokes at Bad Hunter.

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*Wells St., 312-280-0720. — P.V.*

**Dolce Italian ★★** A little bit of South Beach shows up in River North with the opening of Dolce Italian, a concept that originated in Miami. Thin, Roman-style pizzas are a strength, along with pastas (such as a sweet-pea tortelli). *Open: Breakfast, lunch, dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$19-\$39. 127 W. Huron St., 312-754-0700. — P.V.*

**Katana ★★★** A concept that originated on LA's Sunset Strip, Katana combines nightclubby visuals with ambitious, high-level cooking, highlighted by the dishes emerging from the sushi and robata bars. The a la carte menu offers a dizzying array of choices, and one can opt for an omakase (chef's choice) menu for \$175. Beverage options are long and deep, including an impressive sake selection curated by manager (and "sake sommelier") Dila Lee. General manager and veteran Chicago restaurateur Jason Chan puts a local face on what might otherwise seem like an imported operation. *Open: Dinner daily. 339 N. Dearborn St., 312-877-5544; innovative-dining.com/restaurants/katana — P.V.*

**Portsmith ★★★** The Dana Hotel in River North has been home to a few shrewd-worthy restaurants over the years, but in Portsmith, a restaurant operated by the Fifty/50 group (Homestead on the Roof, Steadfast, more), the Dana has a restaurant worthy of attention. New England native Nate Hensler offers seafood dishes that are thoughtful and delicious, skirting the usual clichés; there's no lobster roll on the menu, for instance, but there's a crabmeat-

stuffed bao with herbed mayo. Pastry chef Chris Teixeira follows the fishy theme with desserts inspired by coastal cities worldwide, and a bread program that offers nori ciabatta and bonito-flake sourdough. *Open: Breakfast, lunch, dinner daily. Entrees \$29-\$62. 660 N. State St., 312-202-6050. — P.V.*

**River Roast ★★** Well-known chefs Tony Mantuano and John Hogan are behind this riverfront restaurant. The sized-for-two roasted entrees are the stars, including an insanely good chicken. *Open: Dinner daily, lunch Monday-Friday, brunch Saturday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$22-\$25, entrees-for-two \$39-\$42. 315 N. LaSalle St., 312-822-0100. — P.V.*

**Texican ★★** This restaurant from chef Kim Dalton, formerly of Dodo, brands itself as Tex-Mex, but it isn't what you think. Take the Texican King Ranch casserole, a soulful lasagna with crispy layers of El Milagro tortilla sandwiching perfectly braised chicken breast; or the breakfast tacos that overflow with creamy scrambled egg curds and salty bits of queso fresco. The chili, made from top round and five different chiles, is the best I've had in Chicago. *Open: Breakfast and lunch daily. Prices: Entrees \$7.50-\$10. 869 N. Larrabee St., 312-877-5441. — M.N.*

### SOUTH LOOP

**Acadia ★★★** Chef Ryan McCaskey has quietly turned his South Loop restaurant into one of the finest in Chicago. The five- and 10-course tasting menus include homages to McCaskey's beloved Maine; in the front lounge, a bar menu includes oysters,

chicken wings and a seriously good burger. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Five-course menu \$115, 10-course \$175. 1639 S. Wabash Ave., 312-360-9500. — P.V.*

### WEST LOOP

**Bad Hunter ★★** Greens and grains rule at this almost-vegetarian restaurant, though skewers of chicken thigh or charred sirloin will keep any carnivore companions happy. The drink list is notable for its clever cocktails and painstakingly sourced wines. *Open: Lunch and dinner daily; brunch weekends. Prices: Main courses \$14-\$20. 802 W. Randolph St., 312-265-1745. — P.V.*

**Blackbird ★★★** Paul Kahan's masterpiece offers both an a la carte menu and a tasting menu (9 or 10 courses). The latter, which is built around a single animal and changes monthly, offers the best insight into the chef's art. Pastry chef Nicole Guini's sweets follow seamlessly. *Open: Dinner daily, lunch Monday-Friday. Prices: Entrees \$30-\$42, tasting menu about \$115. 619 W. Randolph St., 312-715-0708. — P.V.*

**Bonci ★★★** This Roman import serves pizza with a light-as-air crust that's topped with hundreds of different high quality toppings, from traditional tomato sauce and cheese to 'nduja, burrata, potato and fresh mint. While serving some of the best pizza in Chicago, this is mostly a to-go operation, with no tables and only a few counter seats. *Open: Lunch and dinner seven days a week. 161 N. Sangamon St., 312-243-4016. — N.K.*

**City Mouse ★★** From the team that created Giant, in Logan Square, comes this

casual, brunch and dinner restaurant in the Ace Hotel in the Fulton Market District. Executive chef Patrick Sheerin oversees the eclectic menu, ranging from seriously good pastas to offbeat dishes such as fried artichokes buried under pork ragu and fried cheddar bites topped with caviar. During daytime hours, the brunch menu features griddle cakes, a double-patty burger and a “gas station” breakfast sandwich. The open-to-the-lobby is lively and loud, and there’s a delightful outdoor patio equipped with fire pits. *Open: Brunch and dinner daily. 311 N. Morgan St., 312-764-1908. — P.V.*

**Cruz Blanca ★★** Cooks heap freshly grilled meat and tortillas on a paper-covered platter for DIY assembly at Rick Bayless’s long-awaited taqueria. The spot is also a brewery with food-friendly beers. *Open: Lunch and dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$13. 904 W. Randolph St., 312-733-1975. — N.K.*

**Duck Duck Goat ★★** Reservations stretch months in advance for a shot at Stephanie Izard’s sometimes playful, always balanced Chinese plates. Noodle dishes are a must, and the Peking duck is among the city’s best. Cocktails are excellent, which is fortunate, because you’ll have one or two if you walk in without a reservation (not a bad strategy). *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$16-\$58. 857 W. Fulton Market, 312-902-3825. — P.V.*

**Else ★★** Danish is more a state of mind than of menu at David and Anna Posey’s West Loop restaurant, named for the Danish word for “love” and as warm as a lingering hug. Fans of David Posey’s work at Blackbird will find his creativity flowing freely. Choose the six-course tasting menu or order a la carte, save room for Anna Posey’s desserts and prepare to be wowed. *Open: Dinner Wednesday-Sunday. Prices: Tasting menu \$80; a la carte dishes \$15-\$22. 1350 W. Randolph St., 312-733-1314. — P.V.*

**La Josie ★★** The kitchen is led by executive Saul Chavez, a Mercadito vet. He and his crew dish up supple, house-made tortillas that waft splendid corn perfume. The fillings include a silky veal cheek barbacoa and tender cochinita pibil, featuring a sinus-clearing habanero salsa that gives you a serious chile high. The carbon-flecked al pastor is crispy, juicy and riddled with smoky pineapple. It has a serious case for best al pastor in Chicago. Guacamole, too, is inspired. Chef/owner Pepe Barajas is not yet a big star just yet, but his vision and execution of a gourmet Mexican experience on Randolph means he’s about to be a household name. *Open: Lunch and dinner Tuesday-Sunday, weekend brunch. Prices: Entrees \$14-\$35. 740 W. Randolph St., 312-929-2900. — M.N.*

**The Loyalist ★★** One flight below the acclaimed Smyth restaurant lurks John and Karen Shields’ more casual spot. It’s dark enough to work as a lounge and offers a menu deep enough to entertain serious



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**Bao to the Pork sandwich is hickory-smoked, hand-pulled pork shoulder topped with asian plum sauce, pickled daikon and carrot, fresh cucumber and jalapeno relish served on a toasted bao bun at Pork & Mindy’s.**

diners. Start with biscuits with ’nduja butter, and know that the cheeseburger might be the best of its kind in Chicago. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. Prices: Entrees \$16-\$27. 177 N. Ada St., 773-913-3774. — P.V.*

**Smyth ★★** This is a triumphant homecoming for chefs John and Karen Shields, who worked together at Charlie Trotter’s before making a name for themselves in Virginia. Choose between the 8- or 12-course menu (\$135 and \$195, respectively) and sit back for an onslaught of dishes of extraordinary complexity. It’s a joyous experience. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. 177 N. Ada St., 773-913-3773. — P.V.*

**WonFun ★★** WonFun offers Sichuan classics and modern takes on the cuisine, most of them beautifully balanced. Try chef Austin Baker’s fried chicken, presented with a Western-style cut but flavored with spices from southwest China. Upstairs, cocktail lounge 2Fun offers dim sum, late hours and, some nights, karaoke. *Open: Lunch and dinner Tuesday-Saturday. Prices: Main courses \$15-\$25. 905 W. Randolph St., 312-877-5967. — L.C.*

## WEST TOWN

**Arami ★★** The reverence with which

sushi chefs handle rice here is reason enough to visit, but this is one of the rare Japanese restaurants in which the hot dishes are even better than the sushi. Pay attention to the cocktail list, and don’t skip the black-sesame shortbread and salted-miso ice cream sandwich. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Maki rolls and entrees \$15-\$17. 1829 W. Chicago Ave., 312-243-1535. — P.V.*

**Beatnik** Beatnik is a study in texture. From the exuberantly ornate dining room to the best dishes on the menu, the West Town restaurant delights in serving up layers upon layers of style. When it works, it jives. Kick off your meal with beet hummus that sparks of citrus zest and dusky notes of clove, offset by the crunch of fried chickpeas and the salty tang of blue cheese. Other highlights included a side of broccolini, which combined fish sauce, puffed rice and pomegranate seeds to offer a smoky, umami crunch and curry meatballs, served on a pillow of mashed peas and punctuated with a nice dose of heat. *Open: dinner and late night, Tuesday through Sunday. Prices: \$9 to \$30 for shareables. 1604 W. Chicago Ave., 312-929-4945. — Jennifer Day*

**Boeufhaus ★★** Five of the seven entrees involve slab beef cooked in cast iron pans, but calling Boeufhaus a mere steakhouse might be an oversimplification. Chef Brian

Ahern takes French and German influences to create a variety of dishes with finesse. Yet the steaks are indeed the stand-outs, in particular the 55-day dry-aged rib-eye. *Open: Lunch Tuesday-Saturday, dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$26-\$60. 1012 N. Western Ave., 773-661-2116. — K.P.*

**Tempesta ★★** Everything about Tempesta Market in West Town packs a punch. The shop has room for only a deli counter, a couple of refrigerated cases of food and a few tables, but the owners have stuffed it to the breaking point with a staggering amount of meat, cheese, gelato and other goods. Tempesta is taking ’nduja — a spreadable spicy sausage made by the other family business, ’nduja Artisans in Franklin Park — along with other fine cured meats at its disposal, and crafting some of the best sandwiches in Chicago, like the Dante, which features 6 different kinds of meat. *Open: Daily, lunch and dinner. Prices: Sandwiches \$10-\$13. 1372 W. Grand Ave., 312-929-2551, tempestamarket.com — N.K.*

## WICKER PARK / BUCKTOWN

**Animale** Conceived by Italian-trained chef Cameron Grant and owner Aldo Zaninotto (both of Logan Square’s Osteria Langhe), Animale traffics in meat. You’ll find so-called “off cuts”—sweetbreads, tripe and oxtail, for example—next to a smattering of lovely pastas and sandwiches. *Open: Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$11-\$44. 1904 N. Western Ave., 872-315-3912. — Joseph Hernandez*

**The Delta** Chicago abounds with tamales, but The Delta manages to set itself apart by serving Mississippi Delta tamales, a distinct style that, if it weren’t completely obvious by now, originated in the Mississippi Delta (basically, the northwest part of that state). They differ from ubiquitous Mexican tamales in that they are constructed from cornmeal instead of masa (nixtamalized corn), and cooked in a liquid instead of being steamed. The regular red hot tamales (\$5) come three to an order and are astoundingly tender, all without a trace of grittiness, each morsel soaked in a spicy red tomato and chile broth. Also checkout the catfish (grilled not fried), which is finished with coriander, parsley, dill, tarragon, chives and marjoram, herbs that bring freshness and depth to the dish. *Open dinner and late night, daily. Prices: Entrees \$5 to \$18. 1745 W. North Ave., 773-360-1793. — N.K.*

**Pork & Mindy’s** Jeff Mauro, the star of “Sandwich King” on Food Network, picked his native Chicago for his first restaurant; more likely than not, he’ll be the guy taking your order or making your meal. A lineup of sandwiches feature smoked meats, house-made sauces and Pig Candy, Mauro’s name for brown-sugar-glazed bacon. *Open: Lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Sandwiches \$8 and up. 1623 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773-799-8759. — Marissa Conrad*

## West Side eating guide

Food critic Michael Nagrant investigates the wealth of culinary delicacies on the West Side.

### FRIED SHRIMP FROM A CENTURY-OLD SHACK

**Troha's Chicken and Shrimp House** How does a hundred-year-old landlocked Little Village restaurant end up serving some of Chicago's best flaky golden fried shrimp? One thing is certain: The fourth-generation owners are still killing it a century later. 4151 W. 26th St. 773-521-7847

### KICKIN' CHICKEN

**Papa's Cache Sabroso** Papa's kitchen rotisserie beckons with a battery of roast chickens. Their mahogany-colored and char-flecked skin and juicy flesh will make you regret every Costco or grocery market chicken you've ever bought. 2517 W. Division 773-862-8313

**El Pollo Real** The chicken here is moist and juicy to the bone, but these birds are not spit-roasted. They're grilled over live fire charcoal and develop a smoky char that pairs well with blistered knob onions and pickled red onion, perfect for swaddling in a warm tortilla. 3823 W. 31st 773-847-3907

### TACO TUESDAY FOREVER

**La Chaparrita Grocery** All the tacos are great, but the crispy tripa, or crunchy bits of offal showered with onion and cilantro wrapped in a supple corn tortilla, will change your life. 2500 S. Whipple 773-254-0975

**Taqueria Los Barrilitos** If you're looking for great tacos al pastor, you're looking for a taqueria featuring a magnificent trompo, aka a spinning pyramid of pork slathered in rusty achiote paste. 3518 W. 25th St. 773-673-0102

**Jerk Taco Man** On weekends, there are often Hot Doug's-like lines for the charcoal-grilled chicken tacos bursting with cheddar and cilantro. 4001 W. Jackson 312-709-8281

**Jarabe** The best breakfast taco/burrito: the chorizo and potato "El #1" featuring bright pico de gallo and salty queso. 2255 W. Taylor St. 312-725-0507

**El Faro** El Faro offers a vegan-friendly assortment of soy-based steak and chorizo. 3936 W. 31st 773-277-1155

### DREAMY OMELETS

**Café Marie-Jeanne** The omelet (a glistening yolk-rich curd stuffed with trout and dolloped with a cloud of dill-spiked sour cream) is an eggy masterpiece you'll be tempted to make a staple of every weekend. 1001 N. California 773-904-7660

### SOMETHING FOR THE SOUL

**Macarthur's** Macarthur's serves up soul



Citrus salmon at Boeufhaus.

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proteins like ham hocks, smothered chicken and fried chicken next to an assortment of sides like allspice-perfumed collards and quivering scoops of mac and cheese. 5412 W. Madison St. 773-261-2316

**Green Tomato Café** Once you eat the sweet and tangy barbecue-sauced BBQ Chicken sandwich, a poultry-based Sloppy Joe of sorts, you'll be giving praise to Jesus. 3750 W. Ogden Ave. 872-588-3380

**Shokolad** Ukrainian food doesn't quite get the cred of other European cuisines, but this Ukrainian Village spot offers quite the assortment of crave-worthy carbs. 2524 W. Chicago Ave. 773-276-6402

**El Milagro** The steak tacos are legendarily large, but the beef you want is the guisado de res, a juicy Mexican stew bursting with cumin and chili that will fuel you through the kind of snowpocalypse that closes down and strands cars on Lake Shore Drive. 2400 W. 21st Place 773-579-6136

**Los Candiles** At Los Candiles, if you order the huevos divorciados with chilaquiles, you get a couple of runny sunny side up eggs as well as a healthy mound of crispy chips for sopping up the bounty. 2624 S. Central Park Ave. 773-522-8544

**Pozoleria San Juan** The bowl of verde, aka green chili pozole, is like a slurpable Jacuzzi for the soul. Tender shreds of pork mingle with the carb comfort of hominy and the peppery crunchy contrast of radish, cabbage and chicharron bits. 1523 N. Pulaski Road 773-276-5825

### HOT POCKETS

**Gordilla's** Get a Durango-style burrito, or flour tortillas filled simply with a slather of creamy beans and shredded smoky chili-spiked barbacoa. The relatively svelte burrito looks more like a flauta than a steroidal Chipotle creation. 3759 W. 26th St.

773-823-1499

**Diana's** If you're in the mood for fry-oil dappled flaky empanadas stuffed with steak or crab, this is your stop. 1000 N. Francisco Ave. 773-235-9218

**Gorditas La Tia Susy** Tiny masa rounds are griddled fresh until they puff up like tortilla dirigibles, and then they're topped with mashed pintos and a glistening mound of juicy carne asada. 3500 S. Western Ave. 872-281-5099

**La Casa de Samuel** Their tortillas, delivered piping hot to your table, are so good, you might want to drape them on your face and just inhale the corn perfume like you're indulging in some weird new-age Mexican-inspired facial. 2834 W. Cermak Road 773-376-7474

**Izalco** The pupusas or masa pockets are filled with gooey cheese and beans and sport a leopard print of griddle spots that offer a smoky caramelized contrast to the fluffy interior. 4377 W. 26th St. 773-522-2050

### SLAMMIN' SAMMIES

**Moon's Sandwich Shop** Manny's gets all the glory, but the corned beef served here is just as worthy when considering Chicago's best brined beef sandwiches. 16 S. Western Ave. 312-226-5094

**Spinning J** The unique food, especially a beet Reuben that subs in roasted, thinly sliced beets for the usual corned beef, makes you feel like you're eating in the future despite the vintage decor. 1000 N. California Ave. 872-829-2793

**Doña Torta** Go with "La Bomba," which is filled with a butcher's case worth of breaded steak, pork, ham and bacon plus gooey chihuahua cheese, pineapple, and a crisp salad of lettuce, tomato, onion and

cilantro. 3331 W. 26th St. 773-257-0000

### WINE AND DINE

**Rootstock Wine and Beer Bar** Whenever I'm here sipping on a fabulous Riesling and killing some silky chicken liver pate, Rootstock purveys the kind of community and comfort that makes you want to put your roots down and be a regular for life. 954 N. California Ave. 773-292-1616

**Boeufhaus** Boeufhaus focuses on quality over quantity, provisioning discerning steakhouse seekers with delicate beignets larded with short rib and a fennel-kissed fluke crudo. 1012 N. Western Ave. 773-661-2116

**El Ideas** If you've got the money, try and score a "front row" seat, which puts you in the middle of the action, allowing you to pepper chefs with questions as they construct some of the more beautiful plates in Chicago. 2419 W. 14th St. 312-226-8144

### STELLAR SUSHI

**Kai Zan** One of the few sushi spots that focuses on serving delicate scrimps of sashimi and nigiri buttressed by well-seasoned toothsome-grains. 2557 W. Chicago Ave. 773-278-5776

### 'MERICA

**Split-Rail** Chef Zoe Schor serves up gourmet Americana, including McDonald's-killing jalapeño-tinged chicken nuggets and a stellar green bean casserole tossed with earthy 'shrooms. 2500 W. Chicago Ave. 773-697-4413

**Philly Bros** If you live in Chicago, you can have the fair come to you in the form of Philly Bros' deep fried Oreo sundae, potato chips on a stick and the Philly Burger hoagie stuffed with loose ground beef. 3944 W. Chicago Ave. 773-661-1331

## What to do this week in Chicago

Listings are subject to change. Please call the venue in advance.

### THURSDAY

**Doug Varone and Dancers** Varone performs two solos spanning his company's history, both set to Chopin Nocturnes, exploring the blur between pedestrian movement and pure dance. The program also includes "Boats Leaving," with music by Arvo Part; "Lux," with music by Philip Glass; and the duet "folded," to music by Julia Wolfe. 7:30 p.m., *Dance Center of Columbia College Chicago, 1306 S. Michigan Ave., \$30, 312-369-8330*

**Bob Saget** Live original stand-up is performed by comedian Bob Saget. 8 p.m., *Thalia Hall, 1807 South Allport St., \$45, 312-526-3851*

### Tastes of the World: Classic French:

Once a month, the restaurant dives into a curated menu highlighting international cuisine. 20 East, the recently-opened restaurant concept within The Talbott, a Joie de Vivre hotel, offers guests a culinary journey that reflects Chef Ariel Baga-diong's culinary influences. In February, guests can enjoy a Classic French menu. There is an optional beer or wine pairings for \$25. 7 p.m., *The Talbott Hotel, 20 East Delaware Place, \$45 per person, 800-825-2688*

### Liberators: An American Musical Invades CMTF

"Liberators: An American Musical" is a perfectly timed, tearjerker depiction of action told over a 70-year time span in America. Liberators is a powerful new musical which will premiere with eight other shows at The Chicago Musical Theatre Festival at Greenhouse Theater. 8 p.m., *The Greenhouse Theater Center, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave., see website for ticketing, 209-499-8327*

**Tribute to AC/DC: Back in Black** The Back in Black tribute band is an incredible, exciting, high energy reproduction of a concert performance of AC/DC. All the members of Back in Black are experienced musicians not only dedicated to the sound and look, but also capturing the power and excitement of AC/DC. They include tribute performances of both Bon Scott and Brian Johnson eras. 7 p.m., *House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St., \$15, 312-923-2000*

### FRIDAY

**Hatfield and McCoy** On the border of Kentucky and West Virginia, North and South, fact and fiction, two cabins both alike in dignity wage a whip-smart war of words and bullets. "Hatfield and McCoy" tells the true tale of the most infamous family feud in American history. Set at the close of the Civil War, a battle of Us versus Them catches two young lovers in a deadly cycle of violence. 7:30 p.m., *Chopin Theatre, 1543 W. Division St., \$20-\$50, 773-769-3832*



Ensemble cast of 'Jitney' by Congo Square Theatre Company.

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**Put the Nuns in Charge** Vicki Quade, the creator and co-author of "Late Nite Catechism," brings back her hit comedy, "Put the Nuns in Charge!" for a six-week run. Mother Superior is on hand to give a lesson into the seven deadly sins of bad behavior. Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays and 2 p.m. Sundays at the Royal George Theatre. 8 p.m., *Royal George Theatre Center, 1641 N. Halsted St., \$30, 312-988-9000*

### Magic Tree House: Showtime with Shakespeare

Climb into a musical time machine with Jack and Annie and travel back to Shakespearean England. This is a hit with kids and grown-ups alike, and is based on the book series by Mary Pope Osborne. Discover how history is shaped by those who learn to overcome their fears. 10:15 a.m., *Apollo Theater Chicago, 2540 N. Lincoln Ave., \$19 plus, 773-935-6100*

### Congo Square Theatre - Jitney by August Wilson

This is a production of the 2017 Tony Award-winning play "Jitney" by our artistic father, August Wilson. It is directed by Cheryl Lynn Bruce, and runs through Feb. 11. 7:30 p.m., *Athenaeum Theatre, 2936 N. Southport Ave., \$19.50-\$35, 773-935-6875*

**Strictly Ballroom Dance Party** Beginners to advanced dancers are invited to join May I Have This Dance for waltz, foxtrot, tango, swing, rumba, cha cha and more. 8 p.m., *May I Have This Dance, 5246 N. Elston Ave., \$15 before 9 p.m., \$10 after 9 p.m., 773-635-3000*

### SATURDAY

**The Importance of Being Gendered** A devised piece examining gender, Oscar Wilde and "The Importance of Being Ernest." 7:30 p.m., *Underground Laboratory Theater, 1020 W. Sheridan Road, free, 773-508-8400*

**10,000 Maniacs** 10,000 Maniacs return for their annual Valentine's Weekend run. 10,000 Maniacs was founded by Robert

Buck, Dennis Drew, Steven Gustafson, John Lombardo, and Natalie Merchant in the fall of 1981. Jerry Augustyniak joined in 1983. Together, with artists like R.E.M., they defined college rock and created the first wave of alternative rock bands and what became known as the alternative rock format on FM radio. 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., *City Winery Chicago, 1200 W. Randolph St., \$45-\$58, 312-733-9463*

### We the People - Songs of the Resistance

8 p.m., *Stage 773, 1225 W. Belmont Ave., \$40, 773-327-5252*

### A Celebration of Science & Reason

Sam Harris & Lawrence Krauss are two of the world's most respected scientists, authors and biggest draws in secular humanism. They will share the stage with Matt Dillahunty, a former southern baptist who spent a big part of his life studying to become a minister. Since finding his way out of religion, Dillahunty gained worldwide fame by hosting the Austin, Texas all access call in show "The Atheist Experience." He now travels the world debating and lecturing on subjects primarily relating to belief in God and skepticism. 8 p.m., *The Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St., \$83.50-\$153.50, 312-462-6300*

### SUNDAY

**JD Souther** Grammy-nominated JD Souther has penned countless hits for the Eagles, Linda Ronstadt, Roy Orbison, James Taylor, Don Henley, George Strait, Trisha Yearwood, and Brooks & Dunn and found success as a solo artist. This led him to being inducted into the Songwriter's Hall of Fame in 2013 and becoming one of the most celebrated songwriters of his generation. 7 p.m., *City Winery Chicago, 1200 W. Randolph St., \$35-\$48, 312-733-9463*

**The Humans** Stephen Karam's "The Humans" is an uproarious, hopeful and heart-breaking play that takes place over the course of a family dinner on Thanksgiving. Breaking with tradition, Erik Blake has

brought his Pennsylvania family to celebrate and give thanks at his daughter's apartment in Lower Manhattan. As darkness falls outside the ramshackle pre-war duplex and eerie things start to go bump in the night, the Blake clan's deepest fears and greatest follies are laid bare. Our modern age of anxiety is keenly observed, with humor and compassion, in this new American classic that won the 2016 Tony Award for Best Play. 2 p.m., *Cadillac Palace Theatre, 151 W. Randolph St., \$32-95, 800-775-2000*

### Cam Baby, a world premiere

This is a rich comedy that explores privacy, and the complexity of relationships, like Clara and Tim's, in the digital era. "Cam Baby" begs the question: What does it mean to truly know someone in an age of social media and surveillance? 7:30 p.m., *Flat Iron Arts Building, 1579 N. Milwaukee Ave., \$15-\$22, 201-315-9496*

**The Madwoman of Chailot** Jean Giraudoux's satiric comedy reveals a plot by a group of corrupt business executives to dig up the streets of Paris, so they can pump oil that they believe lies beneath. Their plot is challenged by the titular "Madwoman," the eccentric Countess Aurelia, an idealist who resolves to fight back and rescue humanity from the scheming and corrupt developers with the help of her fellow outcasts and her fellow madwomen. 2 p.m., *Athenaeum Theatre, 2936 N. Southport Ave., \$27; \$22 seniors (65+); \$17 students/children, 773-935-6875*

### Body and Soul: An American Bridge - Chicago Premiere

Of all the cross-cultural encounters in American popular music, none has been as complex as that between African-Americans and American Jews. This film explores the jazz standard "Body and Soul," by Jewish composer Johnny Green and performed by artists from Louis Armstrong to Amy Winehouse. 2 p.m., *Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership, 610 S. Michigan Ave., \$18; \$10*

*Spertus members; \$8 students and Spertus alumni, 312-322-1773*

**Improvised Twilight Zone** Each week the ITZ spins three, never-before-seen episodes of Rod Serling's "The Twilight Zone," from your suggestions. 8 p.m., *The Annoyance Theatre, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$8, 773-697-9693*

**Take It Back** Take It Back! is a variety show where they reclaim acts that have been historically typecast and present them in a new light, featuring a more diverse cast and a more modern context. Think "Oklahoma!" meets "Hamilton" with a "Cabaret" twist. 9:30 p.m., *The Annoyance Theatre, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$6, 773-697-9693*

## MONDAY

### Jamie Shriner Presents Little Miss

Jamie has always been certain of one thing in life: no man will ever make her feel the way garlic bread makes her feel. Or pizza. Or Oreos. Or...well, you get the idea. "Little Miss" navigates body image, sexual politics, love and relationships in an hour-long ode to all things edible. Highly recommended by the Chicago Reader for her work in "Wife Material," Jamie Shriner in "Little Miss" is not to be missed. Directed by Dana Anderson and featuring Kale Ewing. 8 p.m., *Davenport's Piano Bar and Cabaret, 1383 N. Milwaukee Ave., \$15 (2 drink minimum), 773-278-1830*

**PnB Rock - Catch These Vibes Tour** Rakim "PnB Rock" Allen's earliest inspiration didn't come from the bedroom but from the streets, and his mother's massive CD collection. 6:30 p.m., *House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St., \$29.50-\$35.00, 312-923-2000*

**Modern Masters** One of Balanchine's earliest experimental works, "The Four Temperaments" fuses classical steps with a lean, angular style. The ballet is inspired by the medieval belief that human beings are made up of four different humors that determine a person's temperament. 7 p.m., *Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University, 50 E. Congress Parkway, \$34-\$159*

**American Carnage** For the past 40 years, aspiring screenwriter Stephen K. Bannon has toiled over his magnum opus — a dramatic portrayal of the struggle between good and evil entitled "American Carnage." In a series of staged readings spanning pivotal moments of his life, Bannon examines life's most important question: is it worth descending into madness to trigger the libs? 8 p.m., *The Annoyance Theatre, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$8, 773-697-9693*

**Student Jam** A night for Annoyance students to jam. 9:30 p.m., *The Annoyance Theatre, 851 W. Belmont Ave., free, 773-697-9693*

## TUESDAY

**You Got Older** 7:30 p.m., *Steppenwolf Theatre Company, 1650 N. Halsted St., \$20-\$89,*



McCormick Tribune Ice Rink in Millennium Park.

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**Whitney** 8:30 p.m., *Thalia Hall, 1807 South Allport St., \$25, 312-526-3851*

**Ice Skating in Millennium Park** Practice your figure eights on the McCormick Tribune Ice Rink. Rink open weather permitting. Lessons are available, see website for times. *Noon, Millennium Park, 201 E. Randolph St., free, 312-742-5222*

**Junie B. Jones Is Not a Crook** Junie B. Jones is back, and she's on stage, as this is adapted from the book series by Barbara Park. Recommended for ages 5 and up, Junie B.'s everyday life is packed with amazing discoveries, cool new kids and life-long lessons about being a good person and a good friend. Visit [theatre.depaul.edu](http://theatre.depaul.edu). 10 a.m., *Merle Reskin Theatre, 60 E. Balbo Drive, \$5-\$10, 312-922-1999*

**MINT: Music Improv Night** Four ensembles of improvisers, together for four months, doing weekly music improv sets. Opportunity for good ol' community-in-song. And if you want to throw your hat in, they have auditions every four months and there are no restrictions for trying out. 7:30 p.m., *The Annoyance Theatre, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$10, 773-697-9693*

## WEDNESDAY

**An Evening with Brandy Clark** A fresh American-country artist, Brandy Clark got her start in the genre as a songwriter, contributing hits to some of the biggest names in the business. As a writer, Clark has penned music for names such as Reba McEntire, LeAnn Rimes, Billy Currington, Darius Rucker, Kacey Musgraves and more. 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m., *City Winery Chicago, 1200 W. Randolph St., \$22-\$32, 312-733-9463*

**Valentine's Day Heart-Shaped Pizzas**

**from My Pie** My Pie Pizza is offering heart shaped pizzas in honor of Valentine's Day. 11 a.m., *My Pie Pizza/Li'l Guys Deli, 2010 N. Damen Ave., Prices vary, 773-394-6900*

**Just a Friend - Movie Premiere** Annette Galloway presents, "Just a Friend," a movie that makes viewers think about the value of their own friendships. It makes the audience remember just how different male and female perceptions can be the closer two people become. 7 p.m., *Landmark Century Centre Cinema, 2828 N. Clark St., \$20, 773-509-4949*

**Southern Gothic** Written by Leslie Liautaud and directed by David H. Bell, "Southern Gothic" gives audiences the opportunity to be a "fly on the wall" at a cocktail party in Ashford, Ga. in the 1960s. Here there are four couples who gather together, but as the evening progresses, tensions rise and longtime relationships are tested. Audience size limited to 25. 7:30 p.m., *Windy City Playhouse, 3014 W. Irving Park Road, \$65-\$85, 773-891-8985*

**I'm a Good Little Devil** This Valentine's Day, an exclusive one night only show. An outrageously entertaining, colorful, and historical telling of the life of Gaby Deslys, emancipated performer from Marseille who became the most famous music hall star of the early 20th century. Romance, extravagance, song and dance, and a cast that will leave you in tears of joy! 8 p.m., *Uptown Underground, 4707 N. Broadway, \$25-\$30, 773-867-1946*

## Chicago's best dance parties

We've compiled some of our favorite dance parties — including some inclusive options — throughout the city.

**Windy City Soul Club** Windy City Soul

Club has taken up residence once a month at the Empty Bottle for the last nine years, making it one of the longest-running parties in the city. WCSC focuses on northern soul from the '60s and '70s, largely pulled from the Chicago area and classic labels like Vee-Jay or Chess records. Not only does that inject a bit of timeless local flavor to the party, but it also fosters an evening ripe for discovering some unknown gems. *Saturdays monthly at Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave., [windycitysoulclub.com](http://windycitysoulclub.com)*

**Femme's Room** Femme's Room takes over Berlin Nightclub once per month, offering a celebration of queer and femme culture that also showcases local artists that might be otherwise overlooked: "alternative DJs, performance artists, dancers, queens and punks," per the party's Facebook page. Everyone is invited, but Berlin isn't the place to be shy, so make sure you wear your dancing shoes. Oh, and probably a strong 'fit too — Femme's Room guests don't mess around with their stylish vibrance. *Monthly at Berlin Nightclub, 954 W. Belmont Ave., [facebook.com/femmes-room](http://facebook.com/femmes-room)*

**DURO** Another party aimed at being inclusive, DURO welcomes everyone but pulls a playlist that focuses on Latinx dance music, making for a floor full of furious feet during its Wednesday night appointments at Berlin. DURO is one of the city's newer parties, having celebrated its two-year anniversary in October. But creator Jesus Plaza was a longtime performer at Berlin before the party became official, and DURO has since grown to be a hopping party for all persons of color as well as LGBTQ persons. *Wednesdays biweekly at Berlin Nightclub, 954 W. Belmont Ave., [berlinchicago.com](http://berlinchicago.com)*

**Bump & Grindcore** The secondary title for Bump & Grindcore probably does the best job of explaining and selling the dance party: "An R&B Sex Jams Dance Party." Hosted monthly at Beauty Bar, Bump & Grindcore touts a different musician during every party, picking one favorite and crafting an evening of grooves from their catalogue. Greats like Whitney Houston, Britney Spears and Amy Winehouse get spins at these parties, so pick a favorite and check it out. *Monthly at Beauty Bar, 1444 W. Chicago Ave., [facebook.com/bumpandgrindcore](http://facebook.com/bumpandgrindcore)*

**Aux Cord DJs** Armed with only their setlists and an aux cord (yes, that one), Aux Cord DJs is something like the everyman of dance parties. It aims for "breaking down the barriers to DJing with nothing but an aux cord and good taste," making it sort of like a house party away from home, only with someone you can actually trust to handle the playlist. To make good on this promise, Aux Cord DJs is usually led by someone involved in the music scene in Chicago: party hosts, writers, musicians and more. *Dates and locations vary, [auxcorddjs.com](http://auxcorddjs.com)*

## Winter wonderland

The best ways to enjoy Chicago's coldest season.

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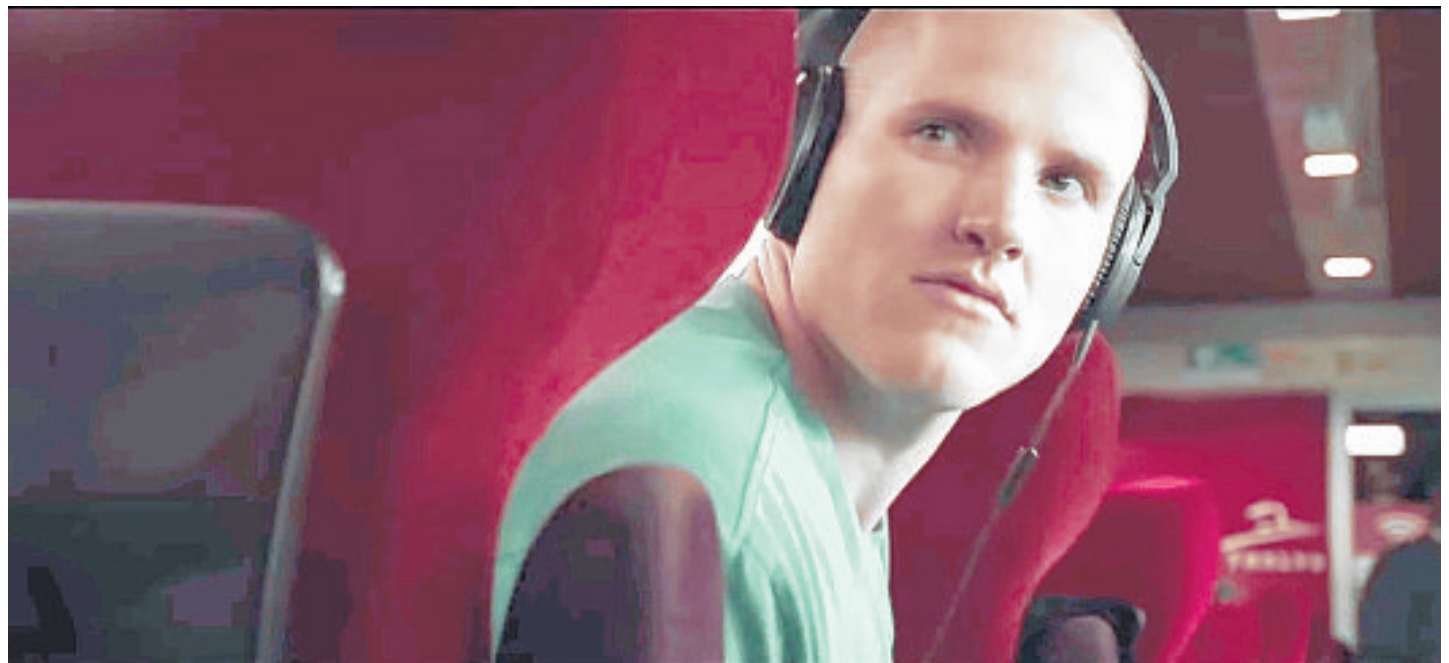
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Spencer Stone in 'The 15:17 to Paris.'

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## Movie listings

Want to catch something on the big screen this weekend? Here's what's in theaters from blockbusters to independent films.

### OPENING

**The 15:17 to Paris** Three American soldiers who thwarted a 2015 terrorist attempt on a Paris-bound train play themselves in the big-screen adaptation directed by Clint Eastwood. Judy Greer and Jenna Fischer also star in the film.

**A Fantastic Woman** In Chile, a nightclub singer/waitress is overwhelmed by the unexpected death of her older boyfriend.

**Fifty Shades Freed** Mr. and Mrs. Christian Grey (Jamie Dornan, Dakota Johnson) return for the third installment of the erotic franchise. This time, the couple tie themselves up in knots over renovating a home and Anastasia's stalker.

**Peter Rabbit** Domhnall Gleeson plays a homeowner vexed by the critters who keep invading his garden in this latest adaptation of Beatrix Potter's classic book. James Corden voices the resilient rabbit.

### NOW PLAYING

**12 Strong** ★★½ No war movie can tell more than one primary story and a few underneath that one. "12 Strong" sticks to the basics, without much interest in the differentiating specifics of the men involved, or anything on a geopolitical scale beyond the impulse these Special Forces veterans shared in the wake of 9/11. It seems to me a qualified, limited success. — *Michael Phillips, Chicago Tribune*

**All the Money in the World** ★★★ In 1973, 16-year-old John Paul Getty III, the grandson of the richest man in human history at the time, was walking alone in

Rome when a van full of Calabrian kidnapers grabbed him and sped off. The Mafia extortionists holding the teenager captive initially set the ransom at \$17 million. But Paul's mother, Abigail (Gail) Harris, didn't have it. And when she approached her ex-father-in-law J. Paul, he declined. The story here is really Gail's story, more so than Paul's or J. Paul's. The excellent Michelle Williams makes her an intriguing, cagey insider/outsider within this realm of the super-rich. — *M.P.*

**Call Me by Your Name** ★★½ "Call Me by Your Name" is about being 17. Timothee Chalamet stars as Elio Perlman, the son of an American professor (Michael Stuhlbarg). Each summer, Professor Perlman and his wife, Annella (Amira Casar), host a graduate student to help with research. This year's recruit, Oliver, played by Armie Hammer, rates as a standout. Elio's embarking on an affair with a local girl (Esther Garrel), but Oliver presents a problem he cannot solve. Is the grad student toying with the professor's son? Is he gay? What's his story? We learn a few things, but Oliver by design remains an attractive abstraction. This is a very, very good film devoted to love, and to forestalling the cure permanently. — *M.P.*

**Coco** ★★★ As with "Inside Out," the emotional climax delivers a strong impact, without bathos. And I've rarely seen a more exquisitely detailed piece of Pixar character animation than 97-year-old Mama Coco, a beatific wonder. "Coco" may not reach the Pixar heights, but there's an upside to its narrative density and elaborations: Since the movie's beautiful, a second viewing will not be difficult. — *M.P.*

**The Commuter** ★★½ There's a moment in "The Commuter" when the newly unemployed insurance salesman and former cop played by Liam Neeson is informed

that his adversaries will be coming after his wife and son. Have these fools not seen the "Taken" movies? Don't they realize that such a threat is simply going to make Liam Neeson mad? This is the fourth teaming of Neeson and director Jaume Collet-Serra, men who have made millions racing against the clock. "The Commuter" is one of those movies with good things going in one direction, and cheesy things going in the other. The movie goes off the rails somewhat before the train does, but the star gives it the ol' Liam Neeson, which Liam Neeson can do better than anybody. — *M.P.*

**Darkest Hour** ★★★ In "Darkest Hour," a dramatization of a few key weeks in the life of British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, Gary Oldman — barely recognizable, supremely vital — isn't just eating; he's feasting. A top-of-the-line visual concealment allows Goldman to put all his evident research to good use. "Darkest Hour" depicts Churchill's life in 1940, as the newly installed prime minister succeeds Conservative Party statesman Neville Chamberlain (Ronald Pickup, glowering over his mustache) amid the Nazi ravaging of Europe. Everyone's having a discreet ball portraying the private side of highly public figures in crisis. And it's a nostalgic glimpse of political life before Twitter, a time before our own, when world leaders (one in particular) fiddle while nations burn. — *M.P.*

**Den of Thieves** ★★½ In our current slew of 2½-star movies, "Den of Thieves" rates as the most curious tug-of-war, yanked back and forth between what works and what doesn't. It's a sidwinding but often surprisingly effective LA crime thriller. It's also saddled with the wrong leading man in Gerard Butler. — *M.P.*

**The Disaster Artist** ★★★ Director James Franco has made "The Disaster Artist," a

movie about the making of the flop/hit “The Room” and a genial if strangely mild ode to dreamers and strivers everywhere. If you’ve seen “The Room” (and, yes, you should), part of the payoff of Franco’s film comes in the re-creations of scenes from the source. Dave Franco, brother of James, plays Greg, the un-enigmatic opposite of Tommy. What fun there is in “The Disaster Artist” comes primarily from James Franco’s version of Wiseau, the enigma of probable Polish extraction. James Franco clearly adores his subject, and the cast brings an *esprit de crud* to the material, notably Ari Graynor (very good as a not-very-good actress). Should newcomers to this particular cinematic phenomenon see “The Room” first? Yes. Seeing “The Disaster Artist” is less crucial to their camp education.

— M.P.

**Downsizing** ½ Director Alexander Payne came up short whether trying to make social commentary, dealing with political satire or attempting just to be funny. The film is a massively muddled mess of ideas that might have made more of an impact if Matt Damon’s performance wasn’t so painfully bland. It probably wouldn’t have mattered with another actor, but it sure couldn’t have hurt. — *Rick Bentley, Tribune News Service*

**Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle** ★★½

How can you argue with a bunch of movie stars acting goofy and hawking a “believe in yourself” message? There are some odd beats and choices, but “Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle” probably doesn’t warrant that much scrutiny. Its surface pleasures are strong enough. — *Lindsey Bahr, Associated Press*

**I, Tonya** ★★★ Margot Robbie, in the role of the disgraced Olympian competitive figure skater, glides past the drawbacks, as surely as she made “Suicide Squad” a little less awful every time she reentered the plot. She’s not alone in “I, Tonya.” As Tonya Harding’s fearsome mother, the crucible in which the champion skater’s killer instinct was forged, Allison Janney brings her own deadly instincts to the project. “I, Tonya” ventures past an empathetic portrait of this woman into transforming her into a mythic anti-heroine, whose warrior spirit cannot be vanquished. It’s all there in the mock heroics of the title, riffing on “I, Claudius.” — M.P.

**Hostiles** ★★½ The time is 1892. Christian Bale plays a U.S. Army captain who has seen much slaughter in the wars against the Native American tribes. The film follows a journey north as the bigoted Capt. Joseph Blocker and his men escort a long-imprisoned and now dying Cheyenne war chief, played by Wes Studi, to his ancestral homeland. There, surrounded by his family, Yellow Hawk hopes to die with some measure of peace on his soul. The film starts with an attack on white settlers that leaves a homestead in flames and Rosalee Quaid, played by Rosamund Pike, crazed with



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Jack Black, Nick Jonas, Karen Gillan, Dwayne Johnson and Kevin Hart star in ‘Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle.’

grief. Discovered en route to Montana by Blocker and company, Quaid joins the men on the trail north. Fans of old-school, racist Westerns may roll their eyes at Blocker’s preposterous change of heart. — M.P.

**Lady Bird** ★★★★★ Watching “Lady Bird” is like flipping through a high school yearbook with an old friend, with each page leading to another anecdote, another sweet-and-sour memory. It’s a tonic to see any movie, especially in this late-Harvey Weinstein era, that does right by its female characters, that explores what it means to be a young woman on the cusp of adulthood, and that speaks the languages of sincerity and wit. As Wesley Morris noted recently in *The New York Times*: In the last 34 years, only two best-picture Oscar winners (“Terms of Endearment” and “Chicago”) featured two or more major female characters who actually talked to each other. I can think of one way to improve that record come early 2018. — M.P.

**Maze Runner: The Death Cure** ★★½

Thomas and his mates have survived the maze running conducted in the place known as The Glade. The Glade is overseen by WCKD. Patricia Clarkson and Aidan Gillen slink around searching for a cure to the global pandemic. This cure, we learn, has something to do with the blood of the uninfected maze survivors. A lot of the picture concerns the rescue of Thomas’ pal Minh (Ki Hong Lee) from WCKD

headquarters in walled-off burg of The Last City. Each supporting character receives her/his proper sendoff, and among the film’s many endings you can pick the one you like. — M.P.

**Molly’s Game** ★★★ Like writer-director Aaron Sorkin’s Oscar-winning “Social Network” screenplay, “Molly’s Game” is a shrewd welter of flashbacks and present-day scenes. Everything builds to the moment when Molly (Jessica Chastain) determines whether to plead guilty to the fed’s charges. Along the way she locks horns and trades high-speed banter with her silky-smooth attorney. Idris Elba is a godsend in this role, one that requires a fast mouth (it’s Sorkin), a lively wit and fire in the eyes. That last quality’s particularly helpful when there’s a ton of legalese to carve up and serve to the audience. — M.P.

**The Post** ★★★ Katharine Graham (Meryl Streep), *The Washington Post*’s publisher and company president, must decide whether to risk incarceration by printing the first stories about the classified report on the lies behind the Vietnam War. The film begins in 1966, with Defense Department contractor Daniel Ellsberg in Vietnam. On a flight back to D.C., Ellsberg confers with Defense Secretary McNamara (Bruce Greenwood), who expresses frustration with the war in private. This is why Ellsberg leaked a copy of the Pentagon Pages to the *Post*’s national editor Ben

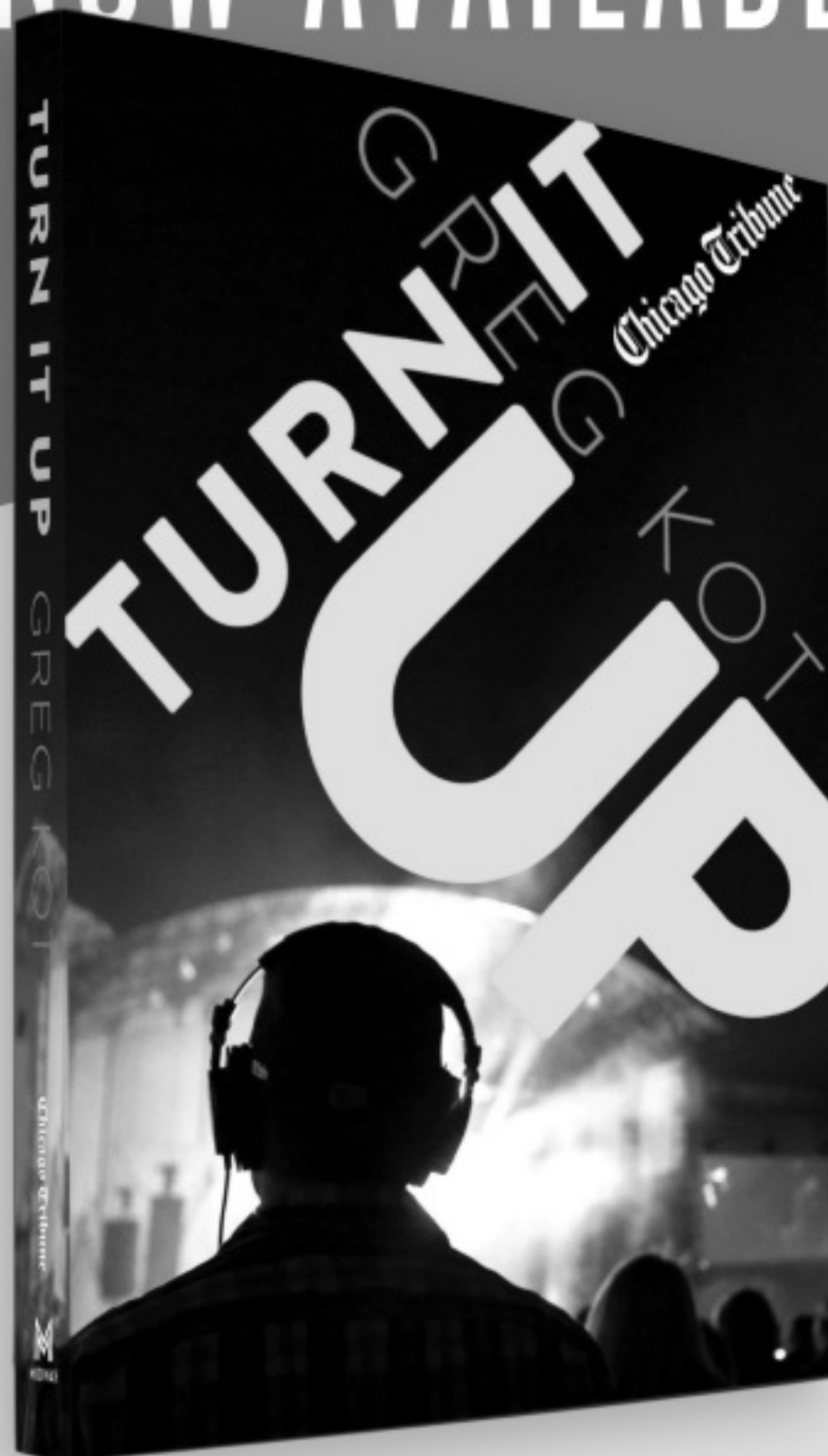
Bagdikian (Bob Odenkirk). Most of the film unfolds in 1971, in the momentous week the Ellsberg treasure-trove fell into the *Post*’s hands. — M.P.

**Star Wars: The Last Jedi** ★★½ It’s a lot of movie, in a good way. Writer-director Rian Johnson, in his fourth feature and the first of what will be, for him, at least four “Star Wars” outings, has whipped up 152 minutes’ worth of pursuit, evasion, mayhem, team-building, explosions, nostalgia and, yes, wit (spoiler alert: actual wit). — M.P.

**Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri** ★★★ For a while it’s engaging but pretty thin. Then it gets more interesting, especially for the actors. Writer-director Martin McDonagh reveals characters to be more complicated than expected, and the exceptional ensemble works wonders to flesh out the people doing the avenging, so that it’s not just plot machinery and stick figures. — M.P.

**Winchester** ★½ Stars Helen Mirren as widow and heiress Sarah Winchester and Jason Clarke as the grief-addled San Francisco doctor hired by the Winchester company to assess Sarah’s mental stability and purge himself of his own supernatural hassles. “Winchester” isn’t very good. You’ve seen better. I can say that not knowing you personally. It’s simply a statistical likelihood. — M.P.

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**Taurus** April 20-May 20

After Saturday, you'll have plenty of opportunities to mingle with friends at events that truly bring you pleasure. If you're in a relationship, then you and your sweetheart will enjoy all this time hanging out with your coupled friends. If you're single, it's possible that a romance between you and a pal will blossom or that you'll be ready to meet your next love while you're out and about.



**Gemini** May 21-June 20

Your partner will explore new philosophical, religious or metaphysical territory with you either through a workshop you attend, a book one of you is reading, or a conversation that takes an unexpected direction. Single? It's possible that someone with influence in your professional world has his or her eye on you.



**Cancer** June 21-July 22

Don't be surprised if you benefit financially from your partner in some way. This is more likely if you're living together or married since you're probably already splitting the bills. Your sweetheart might give you happy news about a raise, bonus or commission check that's extra generous. If so, he or she will want to splurge on something nice for you.



**Leo** July 23-Aug. 22

A current of excitement will run through your partner's veins early in the week, prompting him or her to take the both of you out of any rut in your relationship. He or she wants to have a unique experience with you and this should be quite a sensational ride since you'll be up for anything. Sharing your innermost fantasies and fears will bring you closer than ever.



**Virgo** Aug. 23-Sept. 22

You and your lover are enjoying switching things up in your relationship this week. It might only be your routine, such as where you go food shopping or what restaurant you dine at, but it might also have to do with your mutual fitness goals. One of you may suggest a different type of workout such as CrossFit or hiking instead of your usual couple's jog.



**Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 22

A jump-start to your heart in the most surprising way is likely this week. If you're in a relationship, your partner will do something to send butterflies to your stomach. It'll be nice to know that they still have this magical power over you! If you're single, it's possible to meet someone as you pursue an unusual creative endeavor or recreational activity this Tuesday.



**Scorpio** Oct. 23-Nov. 21

If you've been going through any rough patch in your love life, either feeling as if no one will ever want you again or struggling through a difficult situation with your current partner, then it'll all change after Saturday. This time will bring supportive energy to attract new love if you're single or help you attract sweetness and light into your current relationship.



**Sagittarius** Nov. 22-Dec. 21

An unexpectedly shocking conversation with your lover will leave you feeling liberated, yet somehow more deeply in love than ever before. It's likely that this dialogue will support your capacity to express your inner weirdo without being judged for it. In fact, you'll feel freer to be yourself than ever before, possibly more than with anyone else before in your life.



**Capricorn** Dec. 22-Jan. 19

If you've been dating someone, there might be an unexpected twist in your relationship that makes you suddenly want to nest together. That's right; you might spontaneously decide that it's time to officially move in and share living space. This could be anything from a weekend arrangement to a more full-time situation, but whatever your personal details are, it will be a sudden and exciting move for both of you.



**Aquarius** Jan. 20-Feb. 18

If you're single, you'll have an easier time meeting someone because you're emanating love vibes without even trying. Pay close attention to your surroundings. An unexpected conversation with a stranger can quickly turn into so much more.



**Pisces** Feb. 19-March 20

There's some kind of secret information about your love life that's boosting your ego in the most fascinating way. Perhaps you're indulging in a clandestine affair but that doesn't have to be the case. You might quietly become engaged or even get married Las Vegas style!

# PUZZLES FOR THE WEEK

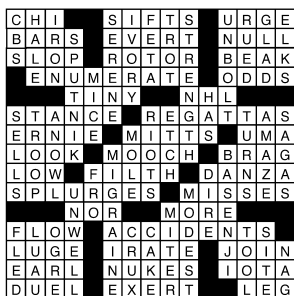
## PUZZLES FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆



### SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS



### TODAY IN THE YEAR ...

**1971:** Apollo 14 astronauts Alan Shepard and Edgar Mitchell stepped onto the surface of the moon in the first of two lunar excursions.

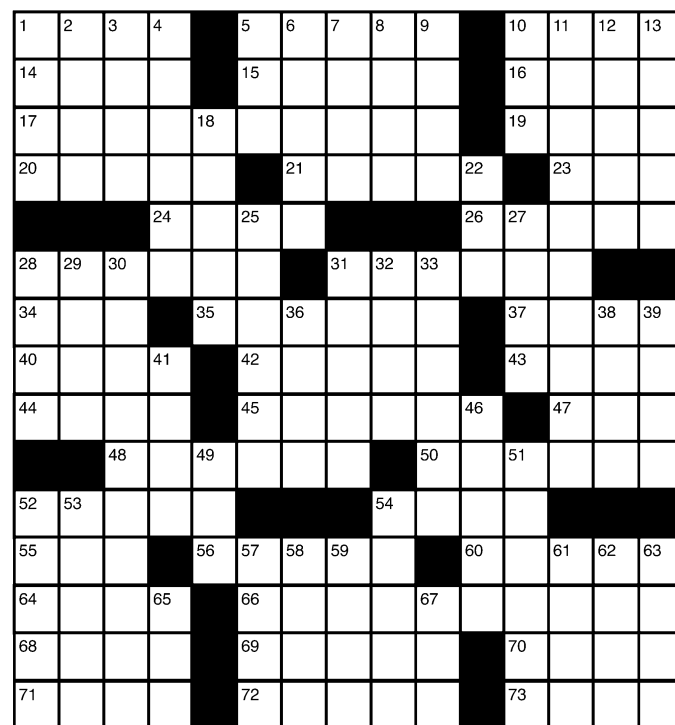
**2017:** Tom Brady led one of the greatest comebacks in sports history highlighted by an unbelievable Julian Edelman catch that helped lift New England from a 25-point hole against the Atlanta Falcons to the Patriots' fifth Super Bowl victory, 34-28, the first ever in overtime.

### ACROSS

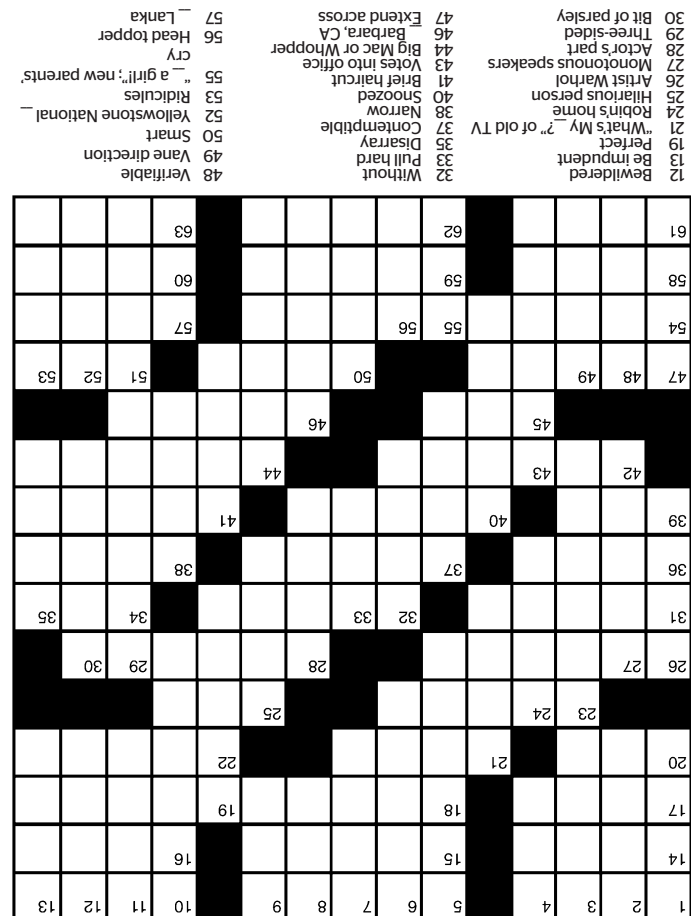
- 1 Use an ax
- 5 Domineering
- 10 Unfair slant
- 14 Sixty minutes
- 15 Make amends
- 16 ...along; move slowly
- 17 Perceptive
- 19 Tubular pasta
- 20 "Piper picked a..."
- 21 Bird of prey
- 23 Smallest two-digit number
- 24 Recipe direction
- 26 ...from; in addition to
- 28 Endured
- 31 Singer Franklin
- 34 As fit fiddle
- 35 Quiet plodding horse
- 37 Poison ivy symptom
- 40 Buddies
- 42 Sit on a perch
- 43 ...up; amass
- 44 In a ...; instantly
- 45 Parents and grandparents
- 47 TV's "Days of \_ Lives"
- 48 Interfere
- 50 Merited
- 52 Window covering
- 54 French mother
- 55 Egg producer
- 56 Narrow boat
- 60 Blazing
- 64 Actor Griffith
- 66 Nonstop
- 68 Part of the leg
- 69 No longer on your plate
- 70 Staircase piece
- 71 Corncobs
- 72 Coast
- 73 Simple

### DOWN

- 1 Poker token
- 2 Make sharper
- 3 Eject; evict
- 4 Man of the cloth
- 5 Word from Scrooge
- 6 Badger's cousin
- 7 Couch
- 8 Comfy
- 9 Holler
- 10 Show ...; entertainment industry
- 11 Ceremony for a new club member



- 12 Performed
- 13 Glow
- 18 Avarice
- 22 Have dinner
- 25 Venerated
- 27 Send a parcel
- 28 Drinks like Fido
- 29 Wise owl
- 30 Lizard-like amphibian
- 31 Home
- 32 ...up; rebel
- 33 Main course
- 36 ...weevil; cotton pest
- 38 Board game
- 39 Group of cattle
- 41 Drove fast
- 46 Plastic wrap
- 49 Nov.'s follower
- 51 Turn down
- 52 Tremble
- 53 Reddish dye
- 54 Slightly more than a
- 57 yard
- 58 High cards
- 59 Hold ...; save
- 61 Smidgen
- 62 Regrets
- 63 Catch sight of
- 65 Affirmative
- 67 Ending for Max or Joseph



- 1 Joyfulness
- 5 Not rural
- 10 Nocturnal birds
- 14 up; end a phone call
- 15 Repair eggs
- 16 Equestrian's command
- 17 "Leave, Beaver"
- 18 Fortom feeling
- 20 Initials for the FBI's
- 21 Hoover
- 22 Citrus fruit
- 23 Bender dings
- 25 Bring together
- 26 That girl
- 28 Not in class on a school day
- 31 Racket
- 32 Seat at a bar
- 34 Record speed letters
- 36 "Phoebe"
- 37 Pole ...; sport at the Olympics
- 38 Grow weary
- 39 Simple reply
- 40 Burn a bit
- 41 Bangkok residents
- 42 Needs a bath
- 44 Brup; mentions
- 45 Taking to court
- 46 Hard to climb
- 47 Weather forecast
- 50 "Lazy River"
- 51 Rehearsing
- 52 Vienna's nation: abbr.
- 53 Sweet
- 54 Razzing
- 55 Seldom sees
- 60 Holy fabrics
- 62 Harpoon
- 63 Annoys
- 11 No matter ...; at any time
- 10 Proprietors
- 9 Flamers
- 8 Org. for flyers and
- 7 King topper
- 6 Source of woe
- 5 Species
- 4 Raise the spirits of
- 3 Be impudent
- 2 Eagerness
- 1 Fs followers
- 12 Bewildered
- 13 Be impudent
- 19 Perfect
- 21 "What's My ...?" of old TV
- 24 Robin's home
- 25 Hilarious person
- 26 Artist Watrol
- 27 Monotonous speakers
- 28 Actor's part
- 29 Three-sided
- 30 Bit of parsley
- 32 Without
- 33 Pull hard
- 35 Pill hard
- 38 Contemptible
- 39 Narrow
- 40 Smeared
- 41 Bites haircut
- 43 Vices into office
- 44 Big Mac or Whopper
- 46 Barbara, CA
- 47 Extend across
- 57 Lanka
- 56 Head topper
- 55 "... a girl"; new parents'
- 53 Riddles
- 52 Yellowstone National
- 50 Smart
- 49 Vane direction
- 48 Verifiable

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### MONDAY'S SOLUTIONS



### PUZZLES FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

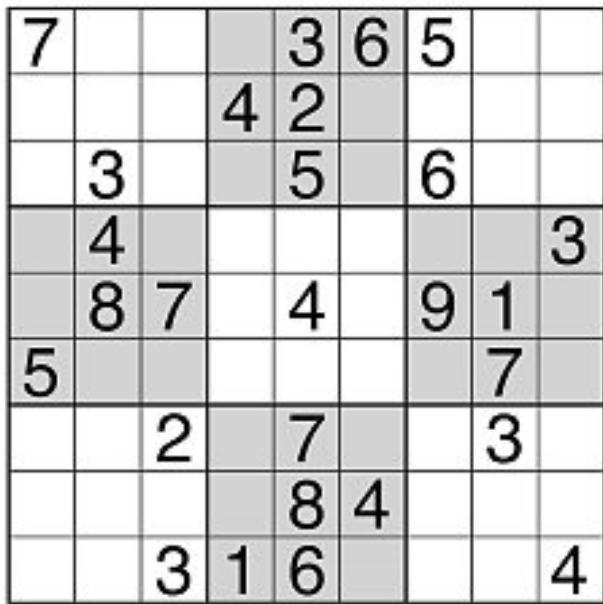
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PUZZLES FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9



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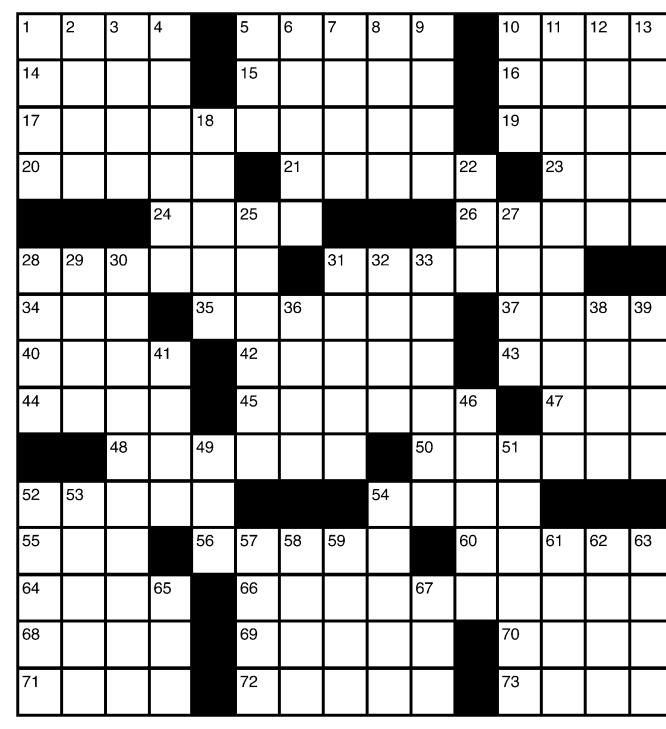
THURSDAY'S SOLUTIONS



TODAY IN THE YEAR ...

**1870:** The U.S. Weather Bureau was established.  
**1964:** The Beatles made their first live American television appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show," broadcast from New York on CBS.  
**2013:** Hundreds of mourners and dignitaries, including first lady Michelle Obama, packed the funeral service for Hadiya Pendleton, a 15-year-old honor student who was shot and killed Jan. 29 as she stood with friends at a neighborhood park about a mile from President Barack Obama's Chicago home in the Kenwood neighborhood.

- ACROSS**  
 1 Amaze  
 5 Island trees  
 10 Weapons  
 14 Eatery  
 15 Approximately  
 16 Rump  
 17 "Now"; film for Marlon Brando and Martin Sheen  
 19 Not bananas  
 20 Naps  
 21 like; appears to be  
 23 Recline  
 24 Jungle animals  
 26 Winning, so far  
 28 Frightened  
 31 Oval & square  
 34 Religious sister  
 35 Wall recesses  
 37 Carve in glass  
 40 Crematory shelf supplies  
 42 Calcutta robes  
 43 "How \_ you!"; cry of outrage  
 44 Radar screen image  
 45 "Aida" and "The Magic Flute"  
 47 "Ode \_ Nightingale"  
 48 Like rhinos and unicorns  
 50 Beetle or flea  
 52 Confidence  
 54 \_ on the wrist; mild reproof  
 55 Everyone  
 56 Beginning  
 60 Frolics  
 64 Boring  
 68 Irrelevant  
 69 Tardy  
 69 Punctuation mark  
 70 Threesome  
 71 Observes  
 72 Cairo's nation  
 73 Business rating site
- DOWN**  
 1 Indelible mark  
 2 Sticky strip  
 3 ET vehicles  
 4 Thick juice  
 5 Chum  
 6 Deep gulf  
 7 Easy stride  
 8 Think deeply  
 9 Part of a wineglass  
 10 Horse's cousin



- 11 Zillow's business  
 12 Excessive enthusiasm  
 13 Lively horse  
 18 Colorado resort  
 22 Tree secretion  
 25 Light bulb inventor  
 27 Pay attention to  
 28 Ignore rudely  
 29 Ringlet  
 30 Destroy  
 31 Tear to bits
- 32 One listed in a will  
 33 Attack violently  
 36 Outer garment  
 38 Dangerous critter, for short  
 39 Warmth  
 41 Notice  
 46 Catch in a trap  
 49 Fraternity letter  
 51 Like casual clothes  
 52 Fairy tale
- 53 Ease, as another's fears  
 54 USPS product  
 57 Friendly  
 58 Air pollution  
 59 TV show award  
 61 Deep mud  
 62 Bucket  
 63 Hog's dinner  
 65 "So Fine"; 1960s hit song  
 67 Tit for \_

**ACROSS**  
 1 "Fuzzy Wuzzy" bear...  
 5 Rainbow \_; freshwater fish  
 10 Somber; stern  
 14 Had bills to pay  
 15 Reddish dye  
 16 Houston school  
 17 Geography book  
 18 Burred the hatchet  
 20 Not \_ long shot  
 21 "Tricket to \_"; Beatles song  
 22 City in England  
 23 House tops  
 25 John Kasich, for one: abbr.  
 26 Necktie of old  
 28 Solitude lovers  
 31 External  
 32 Check recipient  
 34 out a living; get by  
 36 Rotate  
 37 Time periods  
 38 Remain  
 39 Two and eight  
 40 Measuring instrument  
 41 One's strong point  
 42 Braggart  
 44 Rescuers  
 45 "I Humbug!"  
 46 Hubb & wife  
 47 Eating utensil  
 49 Luau dish  
 50 Mastercard alternative  
 54 Entrepreneur  
 57 Precious  
 58 Singles  
 59 Embankment  
 60 Resound  
 62 Get educated  
 63 Astonish

**DOWN**  
 1 Uterus  
 2 Out of town  
 3 Spitting up  
 4 Commercial  
 5 store; secondhand  
 6 Water and Rex  
 7 more; again  
 8 Expense  
 9 Large kitchen appliance  
 10 Lord's cry  
 11 Duplicate  
 12 Like gooey cinnamon rolls  
 13 Prescriptions, for short  
 14 Six months from now: abbr.  
 15 Peepers  
 16 Meaty concoction  
 17 Paper towel brand  
 18 Hawaii island  
 19 Common metal  
 20 Laundry soap  
 21 Actress Renick  
 22 Moines, Iav

**FRIDAY'S SOLUTIONS**

**1936:** Nazi Germany's Reichstag passed a law investing the Gestapo secret police with absolute authority exempt from any legal review.  
**1942:** RCA Victor presented Glenn Miller and his Orchestra with a "gold record" for their recording of "Chatanooga Choo Choo," which had sold more than 1 million copies.  
**1966:** The Jacqueline Susann novel "Valley of the Dolls" was published by Bernard Geis Associates.  
**1968:** U.S. figure skater Peggy Fleming, in the ladies' singles event, Games in Grenoble, France, in the ladies' singles event.

**TODAY IN THE YEAR ...**

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

PUZZLES FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

# cheat sheet

By Ben Meyerson | FOR REDEYE

Quick! Think of something interesting to say at dinner Friday night. If nothing's coming to you, here are your conversation starters for the weekend.



## Beer + Mace = fun?

If regular alcohol isn't enough of a thrill for you, Dogfish Head Brewery and Mace Security International have just the thing for you. The two companies have joined forces for a special beer called **In Your Mace** — and yes, it includes the active ingredient in the self-defense spray. While it's allegedly safe to drink, the Dogfish Head team says they had to wear body suits and respirators while they were brewing the beer. Don't worry, the odds your friends will be able to prank you with this are effectively zero — only 200 bottles will be sold to the public.

DOG FISH HEAD

## 'Mario Kart' mobile?

Nintendo is bringing its super-popular Mario Kart series to smartphones, giving you another good reason to swear on your morning commute. The company hasn't released many details, but is calling the game "**Mario Kart Tour**," and says it'll be out sometime before March 2019. After holding out for years, Nintendo dove into mobile phone games for the first time in late 2016 with "Super Mario Run," and has released a few titles since then. But none of its games have matched the smash popularity of "Pokemon Go" — which Nintendo didn't build.



NINTENDO OF AMERICA

'Mario Kart' on your phone?

## 'Black Panther' jams

Marvel's "Black Panther" has been attracting hype since last year. But its soundtrack, which drops a week before the movie's debut, is almost as exciting. The all-star soundtrack features five (!) new songs featuring **Kendrick Lamar**, who curated the soundtrack, as well as appearances by The Weeknd, SZA, Vince Staples, Schoolboy Q, Anderson .Paak and James Blake. "Black Panther: The Album" is out Feb. 9 on Top Dawg/Aftermath/Interscope.

## Cheaters rejoice

Everyone has that friend or family member who can't play a board game by the rules. Now Monopoly, the most divisive board game of all time, is introducing a new edition that not only allows, but rewards cheating. **Monopoly: Cheaters Edition** rewards players for doing things like collecting rent on someone else's property, moving another player's token or sneaking out of jail. It probably won't make the game shorter, though.

## The digit: \$349

That's how much Apple's new **HomePod** speaker, which comes out Feb. 9, will cost. Apple is marketing the HomePod more as a high-end speaker system than a personal assistant — which is good, because it's a LOT more expensive than Amazon's Echo (\$99) or Google Home (\$129). For those looking for a high-quality smart speaker, though, it is still \$50 less than Google's high-fidelity Google Home Max.



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Apple HomePod speaker.



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