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GOLD TO GO

U.S. women are back in the finale versus Canada, a matchup 4 years in the making

Hannah Brandt celebrates one of two goals Danielle Cameranesi scored for the U.S. in a 5-0 win over Finland in the women's hockey semifinals Monday. JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY

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Some vaping products taken from students at Naperville Central High School this year.

Teens use disguised devices to boldly vape

Schools crack down as trend catches on with more students

BY VIKKI ORTIZ HEALY
Chicago Tribune

Smoking in the bathroom has returned with a vengeance and a twist at some Chicago-area high schools, where administrators worry that new ways to get a nicotine fix are making the illegal habit even more appealing to students, and harder for teachers to catch.

Educators say they have seen a dramatic increase in the number of students caught vaping on campus in recent months. Teens use devices that range from a JUUL — a slim, rectangular device that looks like a USB flash drive — to e-cigarettes, which resemble highlighter markers or oversized lipsticks.

Illinois law prohibits anyone 17 and younger from buying or possessing tobacco of any kind, and state lawmakers are considering a proposal to raise the age to 21 statewide. In 14 cities across the state, including Chicago, the legal age for purchasing tobacco has been raised to 21.

But that hasn't stopped local students from sneaking vaping devices into their backpacks, shirt sleeves and lockers.

"There's a glory to this," Bill Walsh, principal at Hinsdale Central High School, said of students smoking e-cigarettes. He said at least 30 vaping

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Hawks ban 4 fans for taunts

'No longer welcome' after ugly racial incident

BY PAUL SKRBINA
Chicago Tribune

The Blackhawks on Monday said they have informed the four people the team ejected from the United Center on Saturday for directing racist taunts at a black Washington Capitals player that they are "no longer welcome at our home games."

"Racist comments and other inappropriate behavior are not tolerated by the Chicago Blackhawks," the team said in a statement, adding that it has extended apologies to the player, Devante Smith-Pelly, and the Capitals organization.

The team declined to say how it plans to enforce the ban or whether the four people are

season ticket holders.

Smith-Pelly — one of about 30 black players in the NHL — said the "racially charged chanting" of "basketball, basketball, basketball" prompted him to confront the four fans while he was in the penalty box during the third period.

The four people then were ejected from the arena.

Blackhawks forward Anthony Duclair, who also is black, said Monday the confrontation was

no surprise to him.

"If they were Blackhawks fans, they would know there's a black hockey player on their team," Duclair said. "Happens so often, not only in hockey, not only in sports, but in society as a whole. It's just very disappointing."

More on the United Center ban, and Hawks player Anthony Duclair discusses racism in hockey, in **Chicago Sports**



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Spring has arrived

The Cubs and White Sox full spring training squads started practicing in Arizona this week, meaning Chicago baseball is just around the corner

Florida shooting spurs push for action

As teens protest, Trump backs steps on FBI database

BY CATHERINE LUCEY AND MARIA DANILOVA
Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — President Donald Trump offered support for a limited strengthening of federal background checks on gun purchases Monday, five days after a mass shooting at a Florida high school left 17 people dead and escalated the debate about controls on weapons.

One side of that debate was represented outside the White House as dozens of teens spread their bodies across the pavement to symbolize the dead and call for stronger gun controls, a precursor to a march in Washington planned next month by survivors of the Parkland, Fla., school shooting and supporters of their cause.

At his Florida club, Trump gave a nod toward a specific policy action, with the White House saying he had spoken Friday to Sen. John Cornyn, a Texas Republican, about a bipartisan bill Cornyn introduced with Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., that is designed to strengthen the FBI database of prohibited gun buyers.

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Hibernate? These bugs relish winter

Species with a natural antifreeze breed in the chilly weather up north

BY WILLIAM LEE
Chicago Tribune

A bonus of the sometimes brutal Midwest winters is the absence of creepy crawlies that take a bite out of us during the summer months.

But in forest preserves that ring the city and suburbs and along the banks of outlying creeks and ponds, a small group of bugs not only survive the deep freeze, they thrive. Mother Nature has given them a vital secret weapon

to deal with the harsh Midwest cold: a unique protein or fluid that chemically acts just like antifreeze, preventing them from freezing to death, experts say.

Finding mates is a breeze and food is plentiful, and once they gobble up the dead leaves and other plant matter they enjoy, the digested remains enrich the soil around them, local entomologists say.

"They really help to break down a lot of the plant matter that gets (into) the stream in the fall," explained R. Edward DeWalt, an aquatic entomologist with the Illinois Natural History Survey. "(If) you didn't have insects and some invertebrates doing that,



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In winter, stoneflies "only have a couple of weeks ... to find a mate and lay their eggs and die," said Crystal Maier of the Field Museum.

you'd just have rivers jammed full of leaves and sticks all the time. Because you have large numbers of insects in the year, you can take these mass of leaves and

they're pretty much gone by March or April."

This winter, temperatures

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'It was the hardest thing I ever had to do'

Anthony Rizzo looked familiar back at Cubs camp, taking grounders and batting practice after a weekend back home mourning in his hometown of Parkland, Fla. — but the first baseman never will be the same. "Going back, you don't know what to say. There's nothing you can say," Rizzo said.

David Haugh
in Chicago Sports



Madigan parts with another operative

"Inappropriate behavior by a volunteer toward a candidate and staff" during a campaign cited. **Chicagoland**, Page 4

Tom Skilling's forecast



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Abby Spangler and daughter Eleanor Spangler Neuchterlein, 16, hold hands at a "lie-in" Monday outside the White House.

Trump the Mad Tweeter takes an even darker turn



REX W. HUPPKE

Of all the tweets from the Twitter diary of President Donald Trump, the Mad Tweeter, this is the one I'll never get over:

"Very sad that the FBI missed all of the many signals sent out by the Florida school shooter. This is not acceptable. They are spending too much time trying to prove Russian collusion with the Trump campaign — there is no collusion. Get back to the basics and make us all proud!"

That was sent Saturday, two days after he stood before the nation and pledged the following to the children and parents of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., in the wake of a shooting that killed 17:

"To every parent, teacher and child who is hurting so badly, we are here for you — whatever you need, whatever we can do, to ease your pain."

It took two days for that statement to be revealed as a lie.

On Jan. 5, a caller to the FBI's general tip line gave information on Nikolas Cruz that warned of "the potential of him conducting a school shooting." The FBI acknowledged "protocols were not followed" and the tip was not relayed to the agency's Miami field office.

That was a tragic mistake, obviously, but suggesting the FBI's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election had anything to do with missing a tip that came into an unrelated part of the sprawling

agency is absurd.

Worse, though, is Trump using the deaths of those children and adults in Florida as cover to denigrate an investigation that he wants to see go away. Suggesting that, had it not been for the Russia investigation, the Parkland shooting might never have happened is not just ludicrous — it's sick. He sent that tweet while funerals for the school shooting victims were still happening.

Is that a president being "here" for the grieving families and friends of those who were killed? Is that a president trying to ease their pain?

No, it's a president incapable of seeing beyond himself, a self-absorbed president holed up in his palatial South Florida resort, about 40 miles north of Parkland, watching television and rage-tweeting the weekend away.

It's Trump, the Mad Tweeter.

And that was just the beginning.

In more than 10 tweets sent over the weekend, the president spun wildly.

He criticized his national security adviser, H.R. McMaster, who was speaking at a security conference in Germany and said that recent indictments from special counsel Robert Mueller against 13 Russian nationals and three Russian companies show that "the evidence is now incontrovertible" that Russia interfered in our election. Trump tweeted that McMaster "forgot to say that the results of the 2016 election were not impacted or changed by the Russians and that the only Collusion was between Russia and Crooked H, the DNC and the Dems."

McMaster didn't say those things because the

indictments don't say those things. At all. There is nothing in the indictments about whether the election was affected or not, nor is there anything clearing the Trump campaign of possible collusion or implicating Hillary Clinton or any Democrat. Trump wanted his national security adviser to give him cover. McMaster didn't, so Trump got mad and tweeted.

The president then tweeted about a long-debunked claim that a \$1.7 billion dollar payment to Iran under the Obama administration was somehow nefarious. It was a payment resulting from a decades-old legal dispute between the two countries stemming from an Iranian payment for weapons the U.S. never delivered.

Trump attacked Democratic Rep. Adam Schiff, referring to him as "Liddle' Adam Schiff"

He claimed, "I never said Russia did not meddle in the election," when he in fact made that very claim many times — even accepting Russian President Vladimir Putin's word that he wasn't behind it — and has done everything possible to paint the whole issue of Russian hacking and election interference as a hoax cooked up by Democrats.

Trump retweeted a tweet from his vice president bragging about high turnout at a fundraising event.

He again suggested that hearings and investigations into Russian election interference are unnecessary, and wrote: "They are laughing their asses off in Moscow."

He retweeted an anti-CNN cartoon from a cartoonist known for a controversial drawing of Hillary Clinton in blackface. (That

cartoonist's Twitter account has now been suspended by Twitter, though it's unclear which terms of service he violated.)

Trump sent a boastful tweet about some poll numbers favorable for congressional Republicans.

He praised NASCAR. And Trump attacked Oprah Winfrey following a piece she did on "60 Minutes": "Just watched a very insecure Oprah Winfrey, who at one point I knew very well, interview a panel of people on 60 Minutes. The questions were biased and slanted, the facts incorrect. Hope Oprah runs so she can be exposed and defeated just like all of the others!"

Missing is any condemnation of Russia in the face of, as Trump's own national security adviser put it, incontrovertible evidence that Russians coordinated a widespread attack aimed to disrupt the 2016 presidential elections.

Trump used the Parkland school shooting as cover to denigrate what has now been proven a legitimate and important federal investigation into Russian election meddling. He undercut McMaster and insulted the FBI, Obama, Schiff, Clinton, Democrats and, for reasons only the Mad Tweeter himself can explain, Oprah.

But he didn't condemn Putin. He didn't criticize Russia or swear to get to the bottom of an attack that should concern all Americans.

He acted cornered, self-obsessed and incapable of doing the job of president.

The Twitter diary of the Mad Tweeter took a dark turn this weekend. And it seems bound to get darker still.

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By Kim Janssen, Tracy Swartz and Phil Thompson



SONY INTERACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT

PlayStation staffers mimic Cubs bullpen pitchers' signature dance moves for "MLB The Show 18."

'MLB The Show 18' features Cubs bullpen dance moves

If your digital Cubs bullpen can't do the Running Man, what's the point of even playing the video game?

Sony's team thought as much, and added the bullpen pitchers' signature dance moves and other Cubs-related nuances to PlayStation's "MLB The Show 18."

"We all watch a lot of baseball games during the season looking for unique things we can add to the game for realism," game designer Kirby St. John said via email.

To replicate the relief pitchers' antics after each Cubs home run, staffers dressed up in motion capture suits and did several takes in the studio to get a variety of moves. Animators processed the data and game designers built them into scenes at Wrigley Field.

Bullpen dancing isn't the only Chicago-inspired nuance in

"MLB The Show 18":

■ Now video game action can be stopped for weather, and gamers can thank the Cubs' celebrated championship-clincher for that. "Rain delays are a feature we've been wanting to get in the game for a few years, and the rain delay in Game 7 of the 2016 World Series, along with some memorable ones from last year, really pushed us to get them into 'The Show 18,'" St. John said.

■ Now the greenery on Wrigley's outfield walls changes with the season. "We love re-creating little details. For example, the Wrigley Field ivy changes color and texture as the season progresses in the game," game designer Ross Houston said via email.

■ Now we know the identity of the video game version of White Sox announcer Ken "Hawk" Harrelson: MLB Network and

ESPN "Sunday Night Baseball" commentator Matt Vasgersian. Game designer Nick Livingston told Inc. in an email: "I've been a die-hard White Sox fan all my life. Hawk Harrelson was basically the soundtrack of my childhood. In past years, we had Matt Vasgersian emulate the iconic calls of Hawk, and you can still hear them throughout the game when playing at Guaranteed Rate Field in 'The Show 18.' You can put it on the boooaaard, yeeeeeSSSSSS"

■ Vasgersian also did special home run calls for Wrigley. "He has specific home run calls for when the ball lands in the basket, onto Waveland and Sheffield avenues, or on top of the right field scoreboard where (Kyle) Schwarber put it in the 2015 postseason," St. John said.

— Phil Thompson

Reality TV alum enjoying fame in city while it lasts

Kenneth "Diggy" Moreland was running late as he hustled from the airport to a "Galentine's" event at Orangetheory Fitness in the South Loop. He had just come from California, where he had done some podcast work, and now he needed to hand out roses to some pretty sweaty people.

About 12 hours later, he would appear on WCIU-Ch. 26's "The Jam" morning show to choose his Valentine's date among three finalists who applied for the station's contest. He settled on a 21-year-old woman who boasted that she's good with tools, and they were whisked away for a romantic day at the Shedd Aquarium, Navy Pier and Prosecco restaurant in River North.

Life has changed considerably for Moreland, 32, since he appeared on ABC's "The Bachelor" and "Bachelor in Paradise" last year. Though he didn't follow the well-worn reality TV path of moving to Los Angeles to focus on modeling and Instagram and modeling on Instagram, he has managed to stay in the spotlight.

A WCIU rep would not say how many entries the station received for the date sweepstakes, only that there was "a great response." Even more women have asked Moreland for autographs and pictures when they encounter him around town. Some go to extreme lengths to get his attention.

"I was walking down the street. I was getting my groceries and this girl screamed out when she was driving down Halsted: 'Ohmigod, I just saw Diggy.' She tweeted it, turned around and hopped out of her car to get a selfie with me. And this was before 'Paradise.' At that point I knew, like, this is kind of crazy," Moreland said.

Moreland was one of 31 suitors who competed for attorney Rachel Lindsay's heart on Sea-



PAUL HEBERT/ABC

Moreland appeared on "Bachelor in Paradise" last summer.

son 13 of "The Bachelorette." There were some contestants who stood out for the wrong reasons, but Moreland mostly garnered attention for his fondness of bow ties and trendy eyewear. He didn't even make Lindsay's top 10.

He went on to compete for everyone's heart on Season 4 of "Bachelor in Paradise," which aired over the summer. He returned to his job at Groupon and launched his fashion and lifestyle blog "More Than a Tie." His ultimate goal is to be a creative director for a menswear line. And, of course, to find his better half.

In the meantime, he's enjoying fame — while it lasts.

"It's very fun, it's great to be loved, to be someone that people kind of like and relate to in a good way," Moreland said. "I don't think I'll miss it. It's a good feeling to be liked, but it's one of those things, like you have your time, and in a few months, we'll have a whole new crop of guys (on 'The Bachelorette')."

— Tracy Swartz

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Don't tell me we can't stop mass killings in this nation



DAHLEEN GLANTON

Seventeen more people died last week at the hands of a deranged shooter wielding a semi-automatic rifle. Don't tell me there is nothing we could have done to stop it. Don't tell me that

this is simply what our country has become. That is a lie.

We are a nation of compassionate and dutiful people, of citizens who more often than not choose to protect rather than harm.

We have seen Americans come to each other's aid time and time again in the aftermath of hurricanes, tornadoes and floods.

What makes mass shootings so different? Why do so many of us dig our heels in the sand and choose our guns over the safety of our children? Why are we so quick to let lawmakers off the hook for shirking their duty to pass responsible gun laws?

We owe it to our children to be better than that.

After a 19-year-old gunman used an AR-15 in a massacre at a Parkland, Fla., high school last week, I decided to have a conversation with a man who owns an AR-15. He is a good and caring person, a retired educator with school-age grandchildren whom he adores.

He purchased his high-powered rifle a few days after the mass shooting at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Fla., in 2016, where 49 people were killed.

He bought it, he says, in protest of the media's depiction of all gun owners as potential deranged shooters who are likely to flip out and go on a killing rampage.

He is a responsible, law-abiding citizen, he told me, who believes that the U.S. Constitution gives him the right to own any kind of gun he wants. He feels no kinship to anyone who misuses that freedom and shoots up a school.

And, he said, he enjoys shooting it. "I love going to the gun range," he told me.

He admits, however, that he only visited the gun range once last year. The rest of the time, the \$600 rifle sits on a shelf in his closet unloaded and collecting dust alongside his six handguns.

"As long as AR-15s are legal, no one can tell me that I can't own one," he said. "But if they were illegal, I would be the first to give mine up."

It would not be surprising to find many other law-abiding gun owners who have a similar lackadaisical attitude about assault weapons. Many of them likely don't share the National Rifle Association's zeal for turning America into a free-for-all gun society.

According to a Gallup Poll in late 2017, a growing majority of Americans support passing new gun control legislation. The poll, taken after the October massacre in Las Vegas that killed 59, found that 51 percent of Americans favored increasing legislation.

How to go about it, though, was split along party lines. About 81 percent of Democrats favored calls for new legislation, while 73 percent of Republicans preferred to impose existing laws more strictly.

So why not stand together and force lawmakers in Congress and every statehouse to do the right thing?

On March 24, young people plan to march in cities across the country, doing what most adults have been too complacent to do. They will demand that Americans put aside their partisan loyalties and compromise for the good of the nation.

In an unprecedented call for action, the teenagers will push the backs of adults against the wall and force them to choose sides.

Adults will have to look young people in the eye and admit that firing a high-powered weapon at the gun range is just too much fun to give up, even if it means their children and grandchildren might never feel safe at school.

Adults will have to decide if it's more important to use an assault rifle to hunt for deer or to stop a teenager from going classroom to classroom with an AR-15 hunting for children.

And adults will have to finally acknowledge that their Second Amendment right to own any kind of firearm they choose is more important than a child's right to know that a crazed maniac would no longer be able to legally obtain any kind of gun he wants and use it on them.

Cameron Kasky, a 17-year-old junior at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, where last week's massacre occurred, summed it up perfectly on the Sunday morning news shows.

"You're either with us or against us," he said.

Our response will show, once and for all, what kind of country we have become.

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Madigan cuts ties with 2nd operative in a week

Female lawmaker alleged 'abuse of power' by staffer

BY RAY LONG AND MONIQUE GARCIA
Chicago Tribune

For the second time in a week, Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan has parted ways with a top lieutenant in his Democratic political organization, this time citing "inappropriate behavior by a volunteer toward a candidate and staff" during a 2016 campaign.

While Madigan's statement did not name the operative, sources familiar with the circumstances confirmed that it is Shaw Decremer. Democratic state Rep. Deb Conroy and several other staffers approached Madigan within the last week with complaints about Decremer's behavior, one of the sources said.

Reached late Monday, Conroy declined to detail the behavior, saying she is focused on moving forward.

"In this case, it was an abuse of power. That's all there is to it. It's not sexual harassment per se. I guess it's harassment, but I feel like it's been handled from my perspective," said Conroy, a three-term lawmaker from Villa Park. "We change the culture by calling out the bullies, by saying this behavior is not acceptable, and it needs to change."

Decremer is a Capitol lobbyist whose client list includes ComEd, Dish Network and the Illinois State Medical Society. He's also a onetime House Democratic government and campaign staffer entrusted with some of the speaker's most important races over the years. He could not be reached for comment Monday.

Madigan's latest move comes after he cut ties last week with political operative Kevin Quinn, an announcement the speaker made hours after the Chicago Tribune interviewed campaign worker Alaina Hampton, who shared text messages that detailed a relentless series of romantic entreaties from Quinn, her supervisor.

Madigan, who has weathered tens of

millions of dollars in political attacks by Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner and Tribune investigations into how the speaker's public and political interests have intersected over the years, now finds himself dealing with a burgeoning misconduct scandal involving longtime loyalists.

On Friday, Madigan sent a letter to House Democrats saying he takes "responsibility" for failing to ensure equality in the statehouse and on the campaign trail. "We must do better. We will do better," he wrote.

Over the weekend, Madigan, who doubles as Illinois Democratic chairman, sent a second letter to the party's State Central Committee. He said U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos of Moline, Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza of Chicago and state Rep. Carol Ammons of Urbana would "take the lead on facilitating a statewide discussion about the role of women in the Democratic Party of Illinois."

On Monday, state Sen. Daniel Biss, a Democratic governor candidate, said Madigan "should immediately resign" as party chairman. Last week, Democratic governor hopeful Chris Kennedy said Madigan should temporarily step aside as party chairman while an investigation is conducted.

Madigan's Monday statement did not address the specifics of the allegations made against Decremer.

"Last week, I was advised of inappropriate behavior by a volunteer toward a candidate and staff during the 2016 election. I quickly made sure the individual had no participation in any activities my committees are involved in. I offered to refer the matter to outside counsel, and that offer was declined," the statement read. "The complainant and I met with the individual, and the complainant assured me that the situation had been appropriately resolved. The individual will no longer be involved with any activities of my political committees."

Ex-cop's dropped charges still mystery

Schaumburg officer 1 of a trio accused of running drug ring

BY ROBERT MCCOPPIN
Chicago Tribune

Under pressure to reveal why they suddenly dropped charges against a former Schaumburg police officer accused of stealing and dealing drugs, DuPage County prosecutors told a defense attorney they would share the information privately, the lawyer said.

Publicly, the state's attorney's office has remained tight-lipped about why the case against ex-cop John Cichy fell apart last week on the day he was to go to trial, despite evidence that they'd said included surveillance footage of him stealing \$20,000 of planted cash from a storage locker.

Now attorneys for two other ex-officers who pleaded guilty in the scheme — and are serving long prison sentences — want answers. State's Attorney Robert Berlin's office said it will respond "in a prompt and appropriate manner" but did not specify what evidence might be shared, or when. Berlin said in a statement last week that his office had "insufficient admissible evidence" to convict Cichy, citing "recent developments."

The reversal in Cichy's case "will have no impact whatsoever" on the guilty pleas of the other ex-officers, Terrance O'Brien and Matthew Hudak, the statement said.

Heading into trial, the case against Cichy appeared solid, given the other defendants' admissions of guilt and the evidence, which also included cocaine confiscated from a drug dealer the men allegedly worked with and secretly taped audio recordings of discussions about the scheme, according to court documents and officials. And Cichy was later caught with some of the cash he was seen taking from the storage locker, officials have alleged.

Yet prosecutors ran into obstacles during the five years since the officers were arrested outside Woodfield Mall. Some recorded statements were excluded, the defense was challenging other evidence and a key witness might have been unwilling to testify. And Cichy's attorney, Jay Fuller, said prosecutors told him there was a discrepancy in the evidence, and that the credibility of a key informant was called into question by his continued drug dealing.

But none of that, on the surface, would appear to be enough to drop the case, according to defense attorneys and a criminal law professor who has no connection to the case.

Professor David Shapiro, director of appellate litigation at the MacArthur Justice Center at Northwestern University's Pritzker School of Law, called it a "head-scratching" decision.

"I am in no position to know about (Cichy's) guilt," he said, "but what's surprising to me is that there's a decision not to go forward despite significant evidence."

The case began when Carol Stream



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Former cop John Cichy had faced charges connected to stealing and dealing drugs.

authorities confiscated cocaine from a man who told them he was dealing drugs for three police officers. Authorities said the trio confiscated marijuana and cocaine from dealers, turned in some as evidence and kept the rest to sell.

Working with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, investigators enlisted the dealer as an informant and recorded his conversations with the officers. They planted the \$20,000 in a storage unit and had the informant tell the officers it belonged to a drug dealer and how to get into it. The officers were arrested in January 2013 and promptly resigned.

O'Brien and Hudak pleaded guilty the following year and were sentenced to 24 and 26 years. They're expected to serve about half of that.

But Cichy's case plodded along while he remained free on bond. As recently as last year, prosecutors went back to a grand jury to indict Cichy on 10 additional charges.

Prosecutors had already run into obstacles that weren't factors in Hudak's and O'Brien's cases. For one, they lost an appeal seeking to submit at Cichy's trial recorded statements from Hudak and O'Brien about their delivery of 120 grams of cocaine to an informant. The statements included various aspects of drug dealing, such as the informant telling Hudak, "I brought you 11 grand in a week, bro."

Second, Cichy's attorney had filed a motion again alleging late disclosure of evidence, including a police report of another alleged dealer telling police that Cichy told him he could flee to Mexico and get away with it, and writings by Hudak confiscated from his jail cell. Fuller asked that the evidence be barred from use at trial.

Third, prosecutors had planned to call Hudak and O'Brien as witnesses against Cichy. But Hudak apparently wasn't required to testify as part of his plea deal, and

Madigan went on to say he does "not tolerate inappropriate behavior or abuse of any kind" and remains "committed to ensuring all individuals can do their work without fear of harassment, abuse, or retaliation."

Decremer, 43, is an operative known for his sharp elbows who developed a lucrative lobbying practice after leaving the House Democratic staff following the 2012 election.

In 2016, Decremer and his wife paid the \$1.1 million asking price for a house in the Ravenswood Manor neighborhood.

Decremer also was the star of a June 2012 Tribune story that detailed how Madigan uses a ready reserve of public employees he shifts off the payroll at will to add muscle to the most powerful election force in Illinois. Decremer was among Democratic staffers deployed to answer phone calls, coordinate campaigns and scour petitions of competing Democrats to get them kicked off the ballot.

Just weeks before the March 2012 Democratic primary, Decremer walked into the headquarters of a candidate for state representative to deliver a message.

"You aren't going to like me," Decremer declared to those inside Democrat Carole Cheney's headquarters, according to several Cheney staffers in the room.

Decremer said Madigan was putting his political muscle behind another Democrat in the party primary, and he strolled around the office, making snide comments about Cheney's low-budget campaign until, according to Cheney and other witnesses, Cheney said she had enough and asked him to leave.

Before he did, Decremer asked if she would pose with him for a picture.

"I keep pictures of all the people we beat," he told her.

And on Election Day, Cheney lost to Stephanie Kifowit, who remains in the legislature representing an Aurora district.

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his attorney said he'd advised him to refuse to testify and cite the Fifth Amendment.

But those factors had been known for some time, and defense attorneys didn't expect them to be deal-breakers. One additional new wrinkle, Fuller said, was a so-called "chain of evidence" problem: Police had reported confiscating six bags of cocaine, but the crime lab that analyzed the evidence found seven bags.

Defense attorneys said that, under the law and ethical guidelines, prosecutors must disclose evidence that might be favorable to the defense.

"Prosecutors have a continuing higher duty to always make sure that evidence used to obtain and sustain a conviction is good evidence," Hudak's attorney, Thomas Glasgow, said.

Their defense attorneys maintain the evidence against Cichy was virtually the same as against the other two police officers, so that any major change should affect their clients as well.

"Let us review everything that led to their decision," O'Brien's attorney, Paul DeLuca, said. "If it doesn't relate to us, fine, we'll move on. I think as co-defendants, we're entitled to that."

Robert Bell, associate special agent in charge for the DEA Chicago Field Division, which participated in the investigation of the three officers, referred questions to DuPage County prosecutors.

But he said: "As investigators, we understand that our role is to investigate and find facts and evidence. Prosecutors take the evidence we provide and make prosecutorial decisions based on that evidence and developments in that case. So we're very comfortable with that and understand that the rule of law is paramount."

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New Ives, Kennedy ads heat up governor race

AG hopefuls also launch TV spots with month to go before primary

By RICK PEARSON
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With a month to go before the March 20 primary, several statewide candidates are trying to ramp up their campaigns with a wave of television ads as voters start to tune in to the approaching election.

On Monday, governor hopefuls Jeanne Ives, a Republican, and Chris Kennedy, a Democrat, launched new TV spots, as did Democratic attorney general candidates Highland Park Mayor Nancy Rotering and state Sen. Kwame Raoul of Chicago.

The campaigns are attempting to break through the noise as two wealthy candidates for governor, Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner and Democrat J.B. Pritzker, have been on the air with

ads for nearly a year.

On the Republican side, Rauner in recent days has turned his attention away from Pritzker and toward his GOP primary challenger, Ives, a three-term Wheaton representative whom he earlier sought to dismiss as a “fringe” candidate. Now Rauner is employing his most-turned-to political attack, seeking to link Ives to Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan, his chief political nemesis.

In response, Ives is up with a new ad in which a narrator calls her the only candidate for governor who “consistently fights for Illinois taxpayers.”

“That’s why the tax watchdog group, Tax Accountability, endorsed Jeanne Ives over Bruce Rauner and made her the

first state representative to earn a perfect score from the group,” the narrator says.

The endorsement and rating comes from the Taxpayers United of America, a Chicago-based group headed by James Tobin. He also serves as president of the Taxpayer Education Foundation, which argues the discredited theory that President Abraham Lincoln fought the Civil War over taxation rather than slavery.

“Slavery was not the reason for the War Between the States,” says a foundation post on Lincoln shredding the Constitution.

“Lincoln wanted to prevent secession at whatever cost because his primary goal was retaining the tax revenue from the Southern States,” the document says. It added, “Slaves were not important to Lincoln except as propaganda.”

Asked in an email if Ives

shares Tobin’s views on Lincoln, Ives spokeswoman Kathleen Murphy said “no.”

“She shares the sentiments of Taxpayers United of America on lowering taxes on Illinois families,” Murphy said.

In November, Rauner used social media to tout a high rating from Taxpayers United for “taxpayer friendliness” before eventually removing the posts because of the Tobin-led foundation’s theories on Lincoln.

On the Democratic side of the governor’s race, Kennedy reached back to his iconic Massachusetts political family with a new half-minute ad that opens with a photo of his late father, Robert F. Kennedy, and President John F. Kennedy. The ad then shows his father working a campaign rope line before shifting to Chris Kennedy working a campaign parade route.

“I come from a family that has embraced the no-

tion that we’re all in this together,” Kennedy says in the ad.

“The state needs to change. We have to make sure that education is paid for at the state level and not through local property taxes,” he says. “I believe in building things up, not in tearing them down. I believe that compromise is not surrender. I know this is doable, I know that we can do it. Let’s go where we need to go.”

In the eight-way contest for the Democratic attorney general nomination, Rotering launched an ad that begins as a biographical spot before taking on perhaps her best-known primary rival, former Democratic Gov. Pat Quinn.

“When Pat Quinn failed to ban assault weapons to protect our cities, I took action and fought the NRA all the way to the Supreme Court and won,” Rotering says in the ad, citing her

municipality’s gun control ordinance. “You want an attorney general unafraid to push a real progressive agenda? I’m your woman.”

Raoul, a state lawmaker who has received the endorsements of major Democratic-allied groups, also launched his second TV ad. It refers to curbing gun violence and juvenile safety, and mentions that he filled former President Barack Obama’s state legislative seat when Obama went to the U.S. Senate following the 2004 election.

“Like every parent, I worry about my two kids,” Raoul says in the ad. “So when I was asked to fill Barack Obama’s seat, I started our work. Tougher laws for reckless gun dealers, keeping kids safe from online predators and reforming the criminal justice system.”

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Mike Stock, center, Naperville Central’s dean of students, said students are more “bold” with vaping than cigarettes.

Teen vaping on the rise

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devices were confiscated in January, compared with less than a handful each year in previous years. “I don’t think students understand what the long-term effect is.”

Last month, a panel of health experts convened by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine released a report that showed that young people who begin with e-cigarettes are more likely to transition to combustible cigarette use, putting them at higher risk for addiction. The report, which was requested by a division of the FDA, is the most comprehensive analysis of existing research on e-cigarettes.

The American Academy of Pediatrics released a public service announcement last week urging parents to learn the various names for e-cigarettes and what they look like, because e-cigarettes can be especially addictive for developing brains. The announcement comes a year after the academy joined other health organizations in a report urging the FDA to prohibit all candy- and fruit-flavored tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, cigars and hookah tobacco, asserting that these products are undermining national efforts to reduce youth tobacco use and placing children at risk.

Still, those working to keep kids away from e-cigarettes say several factors still stand in the way of their efforts: E-cigarettes are easily available online and at a growing number of storefronts, many times without measures in place to keep away underage users. They are offered in flavors appealing to children, including chocolate, mango and creme brulee.

And the devices are so new and can be so discreet that many parents don’t realize that their children are carrying them, said advocates, who added that more needs to be done to ensure that e-cigarettes and related products do not end up in the hands of children.

Prompted in part by the rise of vaping among their peers, some students at Stevenson High School approached state Sen. Julie Morrison, D-Deerfield, about sponsoring a bill that would raise the legal age of tobacco and tobacco-related purchases to 21 statewide.

“With vaping, the new e-cigarettes, which have flavors like cotton candy and strawberry, a lot of high school students just don’t equate that with something that causes serious harm,” said Ashleigh Machado, 17, one of the students who approached Morrison about the rise in teen tobacco use.

“I told them I would love to work with them because young people are most directly affected by this law, and by raising the age to 21, it would limit the access and make a dent in the pipeline,” Morrison said.

The bill, which passed by both House and Senate committees, is expected to go before the state legislature for a final vote.

The FDA was originally scheduled to review its e-cigarette regulations last year, but its commissioner, Dr. Scott Gottlieb, delayed the review as part of a broad plan to reduce tobacco deaths in the United States.

That delay has allowed more young people to get pulled into the habit, said Vince Willmore, vice president for communications at the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, based in Washington, D.C.

“We’ve made huge progress in reducing youth smoking in our country, and we’re very concerned that e-cigarettes and products like JUUL will undermine that progress and re-normalize tobacco use among kids,” Willmore said.

The concerns have met pushback from the e-cigarette industry, which contends that their products offer addicted cigarette smokers a better option by delivering nicotine without having to burn tobacco. Late last month, a group of e-cigarette makers filed a lawsuit against the FDA challenging the existing

regulations set in 2016. Those rules require e-cigarettes, cigars, hookahs and pipe tobacco to be subject to the same guidelines as traditional cigarettes.

The report from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine did acknowledge that substituting e-cigarettes for conventional cigarettes reduces users’ exposure to many chemicals and carcinogens, but that their long-term effects are unclear.

To combat the vaping trend, school officials from Naperville to Elmhurst have been training staff and sending newsletters home to parents about the dangers and prevalence of e-cigarettes.

At Naperville Central High School, dean of students Mike Stock said school officials have referred 20 students for disciplinary action for e-cigarette use this year, compared with only one incident each year for the previous three school years.

Campus supervisors have been instructed to make frequent stops in bathrooms, where students congregate to share a JUUL pod or take puffs of their own devices. Unlike cigarettes, which are easy to detect because of the smoke and smell that lingers on clothing, vaping devices leave behind fruit and candy scents, and can easily be tucked into a backpack or shirt sleeve, Stock said.

“It’s something that the kids are a little bit more bold with compared to cigarettes,” Stock said. “Sometimes they’re doing it out in the open, waiting for buses.”

Julie, a 17-year-old junior at Naperville North High School, said she was surprised when a friend pulled her into a bathroom stall early in the school year and asked her to try a JUUL. She didn’t know what it was but declined after the friend explained it was an e-cigarette. Since then, Julie said she has routinely seen her peers vaping.

“It’s not my thing, but it’s just very surprising who

does it,” said the student, who asked not to give her last name because she didn’t want to incriminate her friends. “There’s not ... a stereotype of the kids who do it. It’s become so popular among students that it’s a variety of people.”

In Elmhurst, York High School parents received an email from administrators in October with a photograph of five varieties of e-cigarettes, and a warning that the “relatively new activity that students are engaging in at school and at home” would lead to disciplinary consequences for students caught using them at school.

“We ask for your support at home by discussing this issue with your child and letting them know it is not something administration, staff or parents support,” the email said.

Walsh, the principal at Hinsdale Central, said some students bring in JUUL devices dipped in tequila or vodka, which is inhaled along with the tobacco. For such dangerous and reckless violations, detention or suspension from school activities does not seem to be enough to stop such behavior, Walsh said.

“It is really, really concerning,” Walsh said. “They’re putting liquid through their lungs and I don’t think students truly understand that.”

Students also often don’t understand that research has shown that nicotine exposure can harm their still-developing brains. Without a concerted effort from educators, parents and public health administrators, the e-cigarette trend will only continue to flourish, said Willmore, of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

“We’re concerned that e-cigarettes have moved from being a fad to being an established tobacco product among kids,” he said. “There really needs to be action to prevent that from happening.”

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Climate change could affect insects

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have been average — save for this month, when temperatures so far have been about 8 degrees lower in the Chicago area, according to the National Weather Service. Snowfall this winter had been below average until the recent snow totals put the Chicago area above average, said Ben Deubelbeiss, a weather service meteorologist.

But DeWalt warned that climate change could alter everything, from when the winter bugs emerge to their migration patterns. Changing weather patterns in the southern U.S. has already led to the hatching of fewer winter stoneflies — an aquatic insect also abundant in the Chicago area — and they now emerge from November to January instead of March, he said.

“This is what we have to look forward to, perhaps by the end of the century,” DeWalt said. “Illinois winter temps have already increased. So far, no range changes noted, but my prediction is that some (stonefly) species will migrate further northward while others will be removed from the southern part of the state.”

Illinois is home to at least 50 species of insects, arachnids and organisms that emerge during the winter months to feed or lay eggs before the spring thaw.

One of the most abundant of the local winter insects are the winter stoneflies, which emerge as adults from oxygen-rich freshwater, typically outside the Chicago area, beginning in November. In fact, 20 of the state’s 65 native stonefly species emerge from November through March, according to the Prairie Research Institute. Stoneflies can be found in wooded areas from the Kankakee River down to the Vermillion River, climbing trees to eat algae and fungus to help their eggs mature. After mating they lay eggs back into the stream. The eggs hatch quickly, and the stonefly nymphs will stay in the water through the summer until they emerge as adults in November to restart the life cycle.

Many of these insects require specific conditions to survive, experts say. The winter stonefly, for example, prefers life beyond the city, said Crystal Maier, the collection manager of insects at the Field Museum.

“They are restricted to very clean water,” she said. “They need water that’s

fast-flowing. It has to be super clean, free from pollutants, and they will only survive in those clean streams. It’s not that Lake Michigan isn’t clean — can’t comment on that — it’s that it’s the wrong type of habitat.”

Maier has a particular fascination with the winter stonefly, which spends most of its life underwater until emerging from streams and rivers in the dead of winter.

“They will spend a year, two years underwater, and that’s where their life is,” said Maier, who studies aquatic insects. “They only have a couple of weeks, maybe, to find a mate and lay their eggs and die. And these guys only come out in the wintertime.”

Also out in the cold weather: snow flies, which resemble large wingless mosquitoes. They emerge during winter and can be seen walking over snow before laying their eggs.

While no longer classified an insect, the minuscule springtail, also called the snow flea, is a six-legged organism that clusters in the thousands in melting snow amid fallen logs and leaves to feast on dead plant matter.

A variety of spiders are drawn outside to feed on the winter insects, putting them among the few active winter predators.

Many winter insects remain a mystery to scientists, with far more attention focused on their warm weather counterparts.

“The ones that are out on the snow are the ones that are actually kind of fascinating because most insects — and I guess most creatures in general — they’re dormant in the wintertime,” the Field Museum’s Maier said.

Snow fleas, snow flies and winter stoneflies can be found throughout the state, though catching a glimpse of them may be tough, even if you’re on their turf.

Some, like the springtail, are barely perceptible to the naked eye unless you spot tens of thousands of them gathered on melting snow in wooded areas. Others, like the winter stonefly, can be spotted climbing trees near fast-moving creeks and streams throughout central and southern Illinois.

Maier had some advice for people eager to see the winter bugs in action: “If you go out to the forest preserves, keep your eyes open. I try to, but I try to hibernate when it’s cold out,” she joked.

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Winter stoneflies, shown at the Field Museum last week, emerge from streams and rivers in the dead of winter.

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Former Russian trolls: Indictment appears accurate

Several who worked at 'factory' think U.S. charges well-founded

BY NAIRA DAVLASHYAN AND IRINA TITOVA
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ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — While Russian officials scoff at a U.S. indictment charging 13 Russians with meddling in the 2016 U.S. presidential election, several people who worked at the same St. Petersburg "troll factory" say they think the criminal charges are well-founded.

Marat Mindiyarov, a former commenter at the innocuously named Internet Research Agency, says the organization's Facebook department hired people with excellent English skills to sway U.S. public opinion through an elaborate social media campaign.

His own experience at the agency makes him trust the U.S. indictment, Mindiyarov told The Associated Press. "I believe that that's how it was and that it was them," he said.

The federal indictment

issued Friday names a businessman linked to President Vladimir Putin and a dozen other Russians. It alleges that Yevgeny Prigozhin, a wealthy restaurateur dubbed "Putin's chef," paid for the internet operation that created fictitious social media accounts and used them to spread tendentious messages.

The aim of the factory's work was either to influence voters or to undermine their faith in the U.S. political system, the 37-page indictment states.

Putin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters Monday that while the indictment focuses on "Russian nationals," it gives "no indication that the Russian government was involved in this in any way." Peskov reassured that Moscow did not interfere in the U.S. election.

Mindiyarov said he failed the language exam needed to get a job on the Internet Research Agency's Facebook desk, where the pay was double that of the domestic side of the factory. The sleek operation pro-



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Marat Mindiyarov, a former internet troll, said he believes U.S. charges to be accurate.

duced content that looked as if it were written by native English speakers, he said.

"These were people with excellent language skills, interpreters, university graduates," he said. "It's very hard to tell it's a foreigner writing because they master the language wonderfully."

The English test he took asked for a writing sample about Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton's chances of winning the U.S. presidential vote, Mindiyarov recalled.

Mindiyarov said he took a job at the troll factory in late 2014 because he was unemployed and curious.

At the time, about 400 people occupied four floors of an office building and worked 12-hour shifts, he said. Most of the operation focused on the separatist insurgency in eastern Ukraine and Western sanctions against Russia, not political races in the West, he said.

The factory had video and photo departments, Mindiyarov said. The trolls received their wages in cash and operated in teams as they tried to foment public interest with fake discussions, he said.

"We worked in a group of three where one played the part of a scoundrel, and the other one was a hero, and

the third one kept a neutral position," he said. "For instance, one could write that Putin was bad, the other one would say it was not so, and the third would confirm the position of the second while inserting some picture."

After only a couple of months, Mindiyarov quit. He said he hated the work.

"The world in those comments was divided into black and white: America was bad, Putin was good," he said. "They praised whatever had to do with Putin and criticized anything related to America, 'gay' Europe, and so on. That was the principle of the work."

Another former worker at the St. Petersburg workshop, Lyudmila Savchuk, also described it as an efficient venture that churned out posts around the clock.

Like Mindiyarov, Savchuk was employed in the domestic department of the "troll farm," not the international division. Nevertheless, she said her experience there corresponds with what she knows of the allegations made by U.S. authorities.

"The posts and comments are made to form the opinion of Russian citizens regarding certain issues, and as we see it works for other countries, too," Savchuk told the AP.

Paid trolls used carefully crafted fake identities that made them come across like real people, she said.

"Therefore," Savchuk said, "it's hard to tell that the account was made for the propaganda."

Prigozhin, "Putin's Chef," owned businesses that hosted the Russian leader's dinners with foreign dignitaries. He used his relationship with Putin to expand his business to include services for the Russian military.

"I'm not at all upset that I'm on this list," Prigozhin said of the indictment in comments carried by Russia's state RIA Novosti news agency. "If they want to see the devil, let them see him."

Turkey warns Syria against entering Kurdish-held area

BY ZEINA KARAM AND BASSEM MROUE
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BEIRUT — Turkey warned the Syrian government Monday against entering the Kurdish-controlled enclave in northern Syria where a major Turkish military offensive is underway, saying it would hit back at the troops if their goal is to protect the Kurdish fighters.

The warning sets up a potential clash between Turkish troops and Syrian government forces backed by Russia and Iran, whose deployment would be a first step toward restoring President Bashar Assad's presence along the border with Turkey.

The warning by the Turkish foreign minister came shortly after Syrian state media said pro-government forces would enter Afrin "within hours" to "bolster" local forces in confronting Turkey's "aggression" after reaching an agreement with the Kurdish militia known as the People's Protection Units, or YPG, which controls Afrin.

Details of the deal were not announced by either side, and Kurdish officials said talks were still underway. By nightfall, no troops had entered Afrin.

Assad's troops have had no presence in Afrin since they pulled out of most of northern Syria in 2012, as nation-wide protests against Assad transformed into a civil war. A return to the area, where a potent mix of regional and international powers have boots on the ground, could lead to confrontations.

But depending on the details of the agreement, it



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A Turkish-backed Syrian fighter runs Monday after firing a mortar at Kurdish forces.

may also serve to defuse the situation in Afrin, where Turkey has been struggling to achieve results in its now month-long offensive to push back YPG fighters from its borders.

Ankara considers the YPG a "terrorist group" linked to the Kurdish insurgency within Turkey's borders. On Jan. 20, it launched a major air and

ground offensive, pounding the area with airstrikes and artillery on a daily basis.

Turkey's foreign minister, speaking at a news conference in Amman, Jordan, said Turkey would have no problem if Syrian government forces were entering Afrin to clear the area from YPG fighters but that it would strike back if it

turns out the deployment was meant to shore up the Kurds against Turkey.

"If the regime is entering to protect the YPG, then no one can stop us, stop Turkey or the Turkish soldiers," Mevlut Cavusoglu said.

Turkey's Deputy Prime Minister Bekir Bozdogan later denied the Syrian state media reports, saying they

were "false" and had "not been confirmed by authorities." He added, however, that any move to protect the Kurdish fighters would be a "disaster" for the region.

Turkey has supported rebels fighting to overthrow Assad throughout the seven-year civil war, but in recent years has focused more on trying to

contain the Kurds. Government troops deployed along its borders may be more palatable for Ankara than the continued presence of the powerful YPG.

The group has received weapons and training from the U.S. for years and has been Washington's main partner in the war against the Islamic State group in Syria.



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Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf lauded the "effort to remedy Pennsylvania's unfair" congressional elections.

Pennsylvania's new congressional map could boost Democrats

BY MARC LEVY
Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Pennsylvania's high court issued a new congressional district map for 2018 elections on Monday, potentially giving Democrats a boost in their quest for control of the U.S. House unless Republicans can to stop it in federal court.

The map of Pennsylvania's 18 congressional districts is to be in effect for the May 15 primary and substantially overhauls a Republican-drawn congres-

sional map widely viewed as among the nation's most gerrymandered. The map was approved in a 4-3 decision, with four Democratic justices backing it and one Democratic justice siding against it.

The divided court appears to have drawn its own map with the help of a Stanford University law professor, although some district designs are similar to proposals submitted to the court by Democrats.

Most significantly, the new map likely gives Demo-

crats a better shot at winning a couple more seats, particularly in Philadelphia's heavily populated and moderate suburbs. There, Republicans had held seats in bizarrely contorted districts, including one labeled "Goofy Kicking Donald Duck."

Democrats quickly cheered the new map, which could dramatically change the predominantly Republican, all-male delegation elected on a 6-year-old map. The new map repackages districts that had been stretched nearly

halfway across Pennsylvania back into compact shapes and reunifies Democratic-heavy cities that had been split by Republican map drawers.

"It remedies the outrageous gerrymander of 2011, and that's the important thing, that the gerrymander be over," said David Landau, the Democratic Party chairman of Delaware County, which was ground zero for the "Goofy Kicking Donald Duck" district. "All that zigging and zagging is all gone, and it makes Delaware County a competitive seat

now."

Republican lawmakers said they will quickly challenge the map in federal court, arguing that legislatures and governors, not courts, have the constitutional responsibility to draw congressional maps.

Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf lauded the court's "effort to remedy Pennsylvania's unfair and unequal congressional elections" and he said his administration will work to update elections systems for congressional races.

Florida shooting spurs push for action

Shooting, from Page 1

"The president is supportive of efforts to improve the federal background check system," Sarah Huckabee Sanders, the White House press secretary, wrote in a statement Monday morning.

Sanders qualified the support, emphasizing that talks continue and "revisions are being considered."

The main action Trump has taken on guns in office has been to sign a resolution blocking an Obama-era rule designed to keep guns out of the hands of certain mentally disabled people. The president has voiced strong support for gun rights and the National Rifle Association.

The senators' bill is narrow in focus, reinforcing the requirement that federal agencies report all criminal infractions to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System and creating financial incentives for states to do so.

Federal agencies are required to report various felonies, indictments and crimes, including domestic assaults, into the federal database, but Congress has no power to compel states to do the same.

The Murphy-Cornyn legislation would offer direct financial incentives, as well as favorable future access to other federal assistance programs, to states



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Demonstrators lie on the ground near the White House on Monday as part of a push for stronger gun controls.

that report infractions into the system.

The National Rifle Association has not opposed the bill, as it has broader pieces of legislation, such as banning assault rifles or limiting the sale of high-capacity magazines.

The bipartisan background check legislation was introduced after the Air Force failed to report the criminal history of the gunman who slaughtered more than two dozen people at a Texas church in November.

The White House statement comes as shooting

survivors and other young people press for more gun control in a rising chorus of grief and activism. Their "March for Our Lives" is planned March 24 in Washington.

But previous gun tragedies have not produced action in Congress. After the Las Vegas massacre in the fall, Republicans and Democrats in Congress talked about taking a rare step to tighten the nation's gun laws. Four months later, the only gun legislation that has moved in the House or Senate instead eases restric-

tions for gun owners.

Over the weekend at his Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida, Trump weighed gun control measures in conversations with friends, according to people who spoke to him. He told them he was affected by seeing victims at a Florida hospital on Friday evening.

Trump has focused his public comments on mental health rather than guns. The White House says the president will host a "listening session" with students and teachers this week and will discuss school safety

with state and local officials. But they have offered no further details on who will attend those sessions.

The community around the Parkland school has been holding funerals at the grim pace of several per day. And at the school itself, hundreds of mourners visited Monday to lay flowers and hang balloons on 17 crosses and Stars of David that now mark a corner of the campus.

At a church in the neighboring community of Coral Springs, more than 1,500 mourners turned out to

remember 14-year-old freshman Alaina Petty.

"The only thing I want to say about what happened to her is that it was a very, very ugly act that was committed by one person," Meghan Petty said. "But as you look around at how many people who are here there are thousands more who are doing something really beautiful for my sister."

Also on Monday, the shooting suspect, Nikolas Cruz, appeared in court for a procedural hearing about how legal paperwork would be handled in the case. Cruz said nothing when he made his first in-person appearance in Broward County Circuit Court. A previous appearance had been by a video connection from jail.

Wearing an orange prison jumpsuit, Cruz kept his head down and did not appear to make eye contact with the judge or others in the courtroom, though he responded briefly to someone on the defense team.

The hearing concerned rules that will govern how documents are sealed. Circuit Judge Elizabeth Scherer said she was in favor of openness whenever possible.

Cruz's lawyers have said he will plead guilty if prosecutors agree not to pursue the death penalty.

The Washington Post contributed.



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At least 24 Americans stationed in Havana experienced strange symptoms of illness.

Illnesses of Cuba-based U.S. diplomats still go unexplained

BY TRACY WILKINSON
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The mystery surrounding strange symptoms of illness experienced by at least two dozen U.S. diplomats stationed in Havana has still not been resolved.

More than a year after the symptoms were first reported, and the U.S. government blamed them on "attacks" against the diplomats, a new report by U.S. medical experts can find no explanation.

The study by a team from the University of Pennsylvania, published last week in the Journal of the American Medical Association, concluded the diplomatic personnel suffered brain injuries without evidence of head trauma.

The Americans reported a range of symptoms including hearing loss, headaches, dizziness, nausea and loss of concentration. Initially, the U.S. government blamed the symptoms on "sonic" or "acoustic" attacks but has since backed off those labels.

Yet the Penn group could not determine a cause, saying that any "sensory phenomena" was of "unclear origin."

"These individuals appeared to have sustained injury to widespread brain networks without an associated history of head trauma," the study said.

"Nonetheless," the JAMA added in an attached report, "the similarities among the 21 cases merit consideration of a common medical, environmental, or psychological event as the potential cause."

The State Department has said a total of 24 people reported symptoms after hearing strange, high-pitched sounds, or a kind of pressure on their ears, at their diplomatic homes in Havana or in hotels. The study's authors said they looked at only 21 cases of people who submitted to "multidisciplinary evaluation."

The symptoms were first reported in late 2016 but not disclosed by the State Department until August. In response, Washington expelled 17 Cuban diplomats from Washington and ordered most of its own diplomatic personnel from Havana back to U.S. soil and restricted travel there to emergency personnel.

The two governments at first said they were cooper-

ating in the investigation but soon fell into mutual recrimination. The government of President Raul Castro condemned the purported attacks and denied any involvement but later called into question the veracity of the incidents.

The Trump administration, after first welcoming Havana's cooperation, later blamed Castro's government for failing in its duty to keep foreign diplomats safe on the island as per international treaty.

The chill in diplomatic relations followed a major opening between Washington and Havana under President Barack Obama, which ended half a century of Cold War hostilities. The U.S. reopened its embassy in Havana, and Cuba did the same in Washington, in 2015.

Trump had pledged to roll back that opening but so far has taken only limited steps to restrict some travel to and trade with Cuba by U.S. citizens.

And despite the tension over the embassy illnesses, the two governments have been meeting regularly, according to officials from both sides.

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Supreme Court to hear case on political attire at the polls

BY JESSICA GRESKO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A "Make America Great Again" hat. A tea party T-shirt. A MoveOn.org button.

Wear any one of those items to vote in Minnesota, and a poll worker will probably ask you to remove it or cover it up.

Like a number of states, Minnesota bars voters from wearing political items to the polls to reduce the potential for confrontations or voter intimidation. But that could change. The Supreme Court on Feb. 28 will consider a challenge to the state's law, in a case that could affect other states, too.

Wen Fa, a lawyer with the Pacific Legal Foundation, the group behind the challenge to Minnesota's law, says voters wearing political apparel shouldn't have to hang up their hats, turn their T-shirts inside out or put their buttons in their bags just to cast a ballot.

Wearing political clothing is "a passive way to express core political values," said Fa, who said the case is "about the free speech rights of all Americans."

Minnesota sees it differently. In court papers, it says the law is a "reasonable restriction" that preserves "order and decorum in the polling place" and prevents "voter confusion and intimidation."

"I think what's important to understand is the purpose of this prohibition is to protect the fundamental right to vote," said Daniel Rogan, who is arguing the case for the state and said he doesn't know of anyone being issued a fine of up to \$300 allowed under the law. Lower courts have sided with the state.

Beyond Minnesota, state laws vary in their fashion policing of the polls.



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Several states have laws banning political attire at polling places. Minnesota's is being challenged.

Some states allow voters to wear whatever they want. Others bar campaign clothing directly related to candidates or issues on the ballot. Minnesota has a broad law that also bans "political" attire, including clothing promoting a group with understood political views, such as the tea party or MoveOn.org.

The sides in the Supreme Court case disagree about which states have laws similar to Minnesota's, but each side's number is roughly 10.

Elections officials in states with restrictions say it's not a big issue. Most people who wear prohibited items to the polls just aren't aware of the law or forget, officials say, and comply with requests to cover up.

Will Senning, Vermont's elections director since 2013, said he can't remember any Election Day calls about people refusing to comply with his state's law. Elaine Manlove, who has headed elections in Delaware since 2007, couldn't think of a single prosecution under her state's statute nor could Mark Goins, who has overseen Tennessee elections since 2009.

But Goins said he'd be concerned about allowing clothing supporting candidates or political parties at polling places.

"I think you run the risk of having political disputes inside the polling location, and sometimes these disputes can get pretty loud," Goins said.

The Supreme Court last considered the issue of free speech at polling places in 1992 when the court upheld a Tennessee law prohibiting the display or distribution of campaign materials within 100 feet of a polling place.

The case now before the justices began in 2010 when several groups sued after Minnesota officials made clear they wouldn't permit residents to vote while wearing tea party apparel or buttons that said, "Please I.D. Me." The buttons referred to legislation then under discussion in the state and ultimately defeated that would have required residents to show photo identification to vote.

Two voters who defied elections officials — one who wore a "Please I.D. Me" button and another who wore both a button and tea party T-shirt — were asked to cover up or remove the items. Both were ultimately allowed to vote wearing the apparel, though their names were taken down for potential prosecution. Andy Cilek, one of the voters confronted by poll workers, called the policy "absurd."

Now, at the Supreme Court, Cilek's side has both the support of the libertarian Cato Institute and the liberal American Civil Liberties Union, and his lawyer believes the case is not one that will divide the court along ideological lines.

"The American electorate is surely hardy enough to vote their conscience even if they notice their fellow citizens wearing, say, a Black Lives Matter or AFL-CIO T-shirt, or a Women's March hat, or a pro-life or peace-sign button," the ACLU told the court in a brief.

Merkel proposes German governor for key post

BY FRANK JORDANS
Associated Press

BERLIN — Chancellor Angela Merkel proposed Monday that the governor of Germany's tiny western state of Saarland run her party's day-to-day operations, putting Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer in position eventually to succeed Merkel as leader of the center-right Christian Democratic Union.

Merkel said she wants the party to elect Kramp-Karrenbauer to the post of

general-secretary next Monday. The party's current general-secretary, Peter Tauber, is stepping down after facing health issues.

Speaking alongside Kramp-Karrenbauer at the party's headquarters, Merkel said the 55-year-old Catholic would bring a lot of experience and credibility to the role at a time when the Christian Democrats are under pressure to define their political positions.

Conservative voters have abandoned the party in recent years, partly over

Merkel's welcoming stance on immigration, yet it still came first in September's election. "We are experiencing one of the most difficult political phases in the history of (post-WWII) Germany," Kramp-Karrenbauer told reporters, explaining why she was willing to leave her post as governor of one of Germany's 16 states to devote her energy to the party's headquarters in Berlin.

Kramp-Karrenbauer has been governor of Saarland on Germany's western bor-

der with France and Luxembourg since 2011. During that time she worked to make French a second language in the state and improve economic, cultural and political ties with France.

Merkel was elected general-secretary in 1998, a role that traditionally involves managing the party's campaigns and developing its political messages. Merkel went from general-secretary to party leader in 2000, becoming Germany's chancellor five years later.



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German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Saarland Gov. Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer meet Monday with the media.

NEWS BRIEFING

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17 people killed in collapse of garbage mound in Mozambique

JOHANNESBURG — Heavy rains triggered the partial collapse of a huge mound of garbage in Mozambique's capital on Monday, killing 17 people who were buried by debris.

Authorities believe more bodies could be buried at the Hulene garbage dump on the outskirts of Maputo, and a search was underway. The garbage mound in the densely populated area rose to the height of a three-story

building, according to the Portuguese news agency Lusa.

Half a dozen homes were also destroyed and some residents fled for fear of another collapse.

People often comb through the garbage mound searching for food and items to sell.

Health workers have long raised concerns about the impact of the fumes, flies and other hazards of the dump on the surrounding community.

Iranian rescuers find wreckage from crash of passenger plane

TEHRAN, Iran — Iranian search and rescue teams on Monday reached the site of a plane crash that authorities say killed all 65 people on board, Iran's Press TV reported.

The Aseman Airlines ATR-72, a twin-engine turboprop, went down on Sunday in foggy weather, crashing into Mount Dena in a remote area of southern Iran.

Press TV said search teams reached the crash

site before dawn on Monday. The station said the weather had improved, though it was still windy. The semi-official Tasnim news agency cited the military as saying Russia had helped locate the crash site. Russia and Iran are military allies.

The ATR-72 went down near its destination, the southern city of Yasuj, some 485 miles south of the capital, where it took off.

Feathers fly as chicken shortage shuts KFCs across Britain

LONDON — Many fast-food fans were in a flutter Monday after most of the 900 KFC outlets in the U.K. and Ireland were forced to close because of a shortage of its signature dish, chicken.

The company apologized to customers, blaming "teething problems" with its new delivery partner, DHL.

KFC first apologized for the problems on Saturday. In an update Mon-

day, it listed almost 300 stores as open, but did not say when the rest might join them.

It said those branches that remained open were operating with a limited menu or shortened hours.

DHL, which took over the KFC contract from Bidvest Logistics in October, said that "due to operational issues a number of deliveries in recent days have been incomplete or delayed."



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Indonesian eruption: Billowing smoke and volcanic ash from Mount Sinabung looms over students Monday in Tiga Pancur village on the Indonesian island of Sumatra. The volcano was dormant for four centuries before exploding in 2010, 2014 and 2016.

Judge grants \$300M loan for Puerto Rico power company

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A federal judge on Monday approved a \$300 million loan for Puerto Rico's power company that officials say will help keep the troubled agency operating until late March.

The ruling comes just days after the judge had rejected an initial \$1 billion loan request made by a federal control board overseeing the U.S. territory's finances.

The judge had said officials did not provide sufficient evidence proving Puerto Rico's Electric Power Authority needed the money, so the board

submitted a revised request for \$300 million on Friday.

Hours before the judge approved the request, Gov. Ricardo Rossello maintained that the company still needed a \$1 billion loan to keep operating in the months ahead.

"There's no money," he said. "We're in a precarious situation."

The board said in a previous filing that it planned to request more loans. The initial \$300 million would come out of the government's general fund, but officials needed permission from the court to do so given that the island is

undergoing a bankruptcy-like process to restructure a portion of its \$73 billion public debt amid an 11-year recession.

Rossello stressed that the U.S. territory also needs a separate, billion-dollar loan that the U.S. Congress approved in October for disaster recovery.

Federal officials said in December that they were withholding the funds because they believed the government still had enough cash available.

Nearly 250,000 customers remain without power after Hurricane Maria hit Sept. 20.

Calif. #MeToo lawmaker faces harassment claims

California Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia, one of the leading voices behind the #MeToo movement, is facing accusations that she sexually harassed staffers — including one who said she fired him after he refused to play a game of spin the bottle.

David John Kernick, a

former field representative for Garcia, said that the Democratic lawmaker approached him after a fundraiser at a whiskey bar in 2014 and suggested that they play spin the bottle in her hotel room, according to a complaint filed Saturday with the California Department of Fair Em-

ployment and Housing. Kernick said he was written up for insubordination after he questioned the appropriateness of Garcia's suggestion and was fired two days later.

The complaint also says that Kernick's time working for Garcia was "extremely stressful."

Islamic State ambushes Iraqi fighters, killing 27

BAGHDAD — Islamic State militants ambushed a group of Iraq's Shiite-led paramilitary fighters, killing at least 27, more than two months after Baghdad declared victory over the extremist group, officials said Monday.

The Popular Mobilization Forces, an umbrella group of mostly Shiite militias, said the attack took place southwest of the northern city of Kirkuk, where the paramilitaries were conducting overnight raids.

The attackers were disguised in army uniforms and manning a fake checkpoint, a statement said, adding that ensuing clashes lasted for at least two hours and that some militants were killed.

Brig. Gen. Yahya Rasool, an Iraqi military spokesman, blamed Islamic State " sleeper cells" and said Iraqi forces were searching the area to find the perpetrators.

President Donald Trump tweeted Monday his endorsement of Republican Mitt Romney in Utah's Senate race. Romney thanked Trump in a tweet. Also Monday, Gridiron President David Lightman announced that Trump would attend the 133rd Gridiron Club Dinner on March 3. Trump skipped it last year.

An original Pablo Picasso print worth up to an estimated \$50,000 was stolen from a Milwaukee art gallery. Appraiser Bill DeLind said his business partner noticed the original 1949 print was missing from DeLind Fine Art Appraisals on Friday. Picasso did only 30 of the "Torero" prints and signed each one.

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More endorsements for the U.S. House

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3rd District

You can think of Rep. **Dan Lipinski** of the 3rd Congressional District as a conservative Democrat or a true-blue bipartisan. Both are true, which makes him unusual in the House. "If I think it's good for my constituents and good for the country, I'm willing to work with anybody," says Lipinski, from Western Springs. His approach, which has made for some lonely moments, faces a challenge from Marie Newman of La Grange, a political newcomer.

This race is on the national radar because the 3rd District may be shifting to the left: Voters picked Bernie Sanders over Hillary Clinton in the 2016 primary. The district includes Chicago's Bridgeport neighborhood and swings into the western suburbs.

Lipinski voted against the Affordable Care Act in 2010 because it funded abortion and because he believed it was too costly. It turned out he was right — Obamacare is in danger of collapse. Lipinski supports revisions to stabilize it, while Newman wants to go much further. She advocates universal health insurance, a concept she and other progressives, including Sanders, refer to as "Medicare for all." It's a popular notion among some Democrats, but we've yet to see a feasible, affordable plan to give everyone health insurance. In fact we've yet to see a proposal that isn't fantasy.

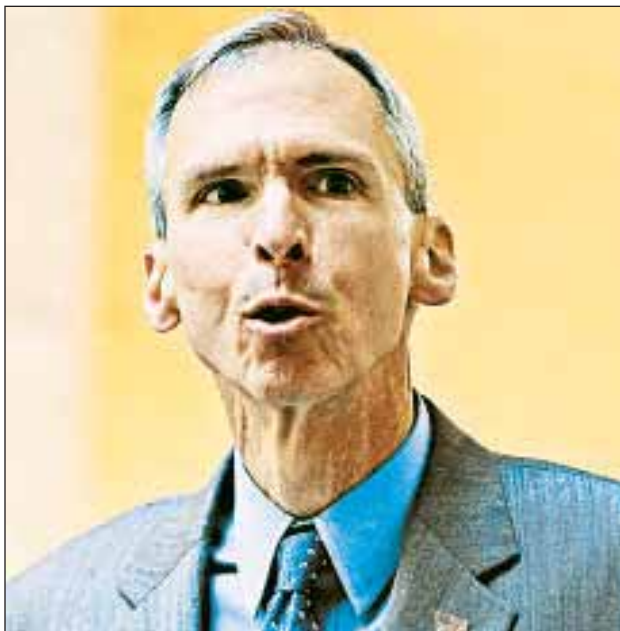
Lipinski and his district have been a good fit for a long time, and we like his thoughtful, independent approach. Lipinski is endorsed.

There's no race on the Republican side in the 3rd District, but we hope voters send a message by ignoring the lone candidate on the ballot, Holocaust denier Arthur J. Jones of Lyons. He is a neo-Nazi and white supremacist whose vile campaign is a disgrace to the Republican Party. He's unchallenged because the 3rd District is so solidly Democratic that no other Republicans were interested in the race. The Illinois GOP apparently didn't notice Jones was the sole candidate until it was too late to field another candidate, even a write-in. So Jones will be the nominee. Republicans, please don't legitimize his candidacy with your vote.

4th District

Democratic Rep. Luis Gutierrez, who has served in Congress since 1993, was poised to run and win again in the Chicago-centered 4th Congressional District — until, suddenly, he wasn't. In late November, at the start of the brief window in which primary candidates file to run, Gutierrez announced his retirement and his preferred successor: Jesus "Chuy" Garcia, a Cook County Board member and former candidate for Chicago mayor.

Here was a do-si-do in



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Rep. Dan Lipinski and his district have long been a good fit.



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Sol Flores hopes to succeed longtime Rep. Luis Gutierrez.



MICHAEL TERCHA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Rep. Mike Quigley is a leader on national security issues.

the Chicago political style: Pick your guy while making it tough for other would-be candidates who'd have to scramble to file. Meanwhile, should Garcia win, Mayor Rahm Emanuel no longer would need to worry about Garcia challenging him in 2019.

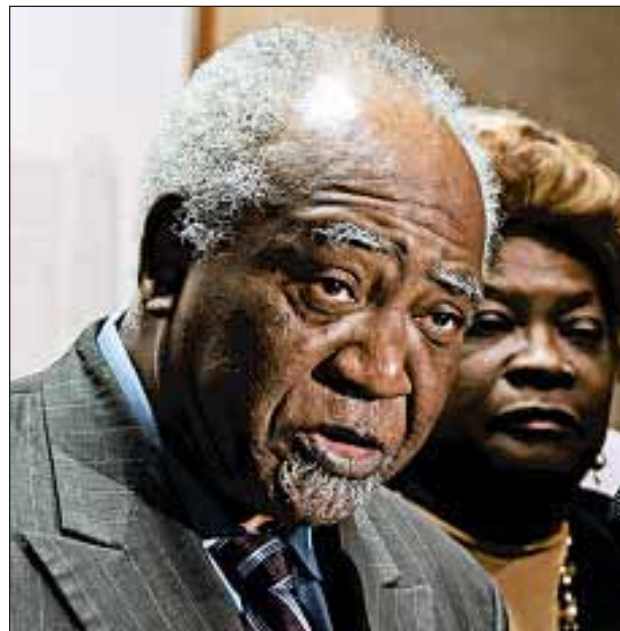
These insider handoffs rob voters of choices, or attempt to. It's not a good look for Gutierrez or Garcia.

While Gutierrez was playing succession politics with Garcia, other candidates jumped into the race, though most faded. The best still standing is **Sol A. Flores**, executive director of La Casa Norte, a nonprofit group in Humboldt Park. She built it into an 80-employee organization that delivers housing and social services to homeless families and victims of domestic abuse. It currently is building a community center that includes a federally funded health care center.

Flores, who said she wants to work to preserve the Affordable Care Act, contends the Republican tax overhaul doesn't support the middle class and discourages community investment in housing and other needs. "Lowering corporate tax rates creates a disincentive for corporations to participate in tax credit programs," she said. "We've taken many steps backwards."

Flores said she'd negotiate over an idea she doesn't like (such as President Donald Trump's border wall) if it led to achieving something she believes in (such as protecting young immigrants known as Dreamers). "Sometimes dumb ideas produce great results," she said.

Also running is Richard Gonzalez, a Chicago police sergeant and president of a nonprofit affordable housing development company. Gonzalez said the district doesn't get its proper share of federal resources, which



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Rep. Danny Davis stays focused on his constituents' needs.



LEEF CAMPAIGN PHOTO

Republican Jeffrey Leef is seeking a rematch against Davis.



SANGARI CAMPAIGN PHOTO

Sargis Sangari is out to unseat Rep. Jan Schakowsky.

is why he was running before Gutierrez announced his retirement. "Education, jobs, youth mentoring, economic development, crime: These issues haven't been addressed or have been completely neglected," he said.

We admire Garcia's basic decency and past independence. But this election is an opportunity to introduce a vital new voice to Congress from Chicago. We like Flores' background and enthusiasm. Flores is endorsed. Mark Wayne Lorch of Riverside is unopposed on the Republican side.

5th District

Democratic Rep. **Mike Quigley** of Chicago excels at the twin tasks of representing constituents in the 5th Congressional District while looking after the interests of the nation. Seeking his sixth term, Quigley sits on two key House committees, appropriations and intelligence.

He worked with Republicans to seal a \$1 billion funding agreement to begin modernization of the Red and Purple "L" lines.

He's also a leader on national security issues. In a rare bipartisan success story, Republicans and Democrats, including Quigley, have renewed a vital program to keep Americans safe: Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Amendments Act. "I can list specific examples of people and threats that were thwarted by 702," Quigley told us.

Other Democrats running: Benjamin Thomas Wolf, a former FBI agent; Sameena Mustafa, a commercial real estate broker and former Planned Parenthood manager; and Steven J. Schwartzberg, who holds a doctoral degree in history.

Quigley is endorsed. Tom Hanson of Chicago is unopposed on the Republican side.

7th District

Democratic Rep. **Danny Davis**, who has served in Congress for more than 20 years, is one of Chicago's most prominent African-American politicians. The district includes the West Side, and Davis focuses on issues crucial to minority communities, the poor and vulnerable children.

We often disagree with Davis on policy and sometimes on protocol. He was among the Illinois Democrats who boycotted President Donald Trump's State of the Union address, which he should have attended. But where was Davis instead? Yep, in the district, talking politics with constituents.

Challenging Davis is Anthony V. Clark, a high school special education teacher from Oak Park. He founded the Suburban Unity Alliance, which promotes community diversity. Clark is politically active and enthusiastic. We encourage him to stay involved, but in this race Davis is endorsed.

On the Republican side, **Jeffrey A. Leef**, a radiologist from River Forest who lost to Davis in 2016, seeks a rematch. Leef says Republicans who opposed Obamacare "lied" to the public that they had a plan to replace the Affordable Care Act. Leef favors a market-oriented overhaul of the health care system. Also running is Craig Cameron, a Chicago construction manager. Leef is endorsed.

9th District

Republicans in the 9th Congressional District have struggled at times to recruit strong candidates to face Democratic Rep. Jan Schakowsky of Evanston. In this election,

Schakowsky has no opponent, and GOP voters can nominate a good candidate to challenge her in November. We like **Sargis Sangari** of Skokie, a retired Army lieutenant colonel who continues to do foreign policy work through his own research institute, the Near East Center for Strategic Engagement.

Sangari was in Myanmar recently to study the persecution of the Rohingya minority. His take: Myanmar's military, on China's behalf, is clearing out the region to help protect China's investment in resources such as energy pipelines. "It's really tied to the fact that China is trying to put pressure on all our allies in the region," he said. Sangari's military background, including combat deployments, strengthens his breadth of expertise.

Also running is D. Vincent Thomas Jr. of Evanston, a Coast Guard reservist who has a doctorate in public policy. He believes in limited government and a strong military but said he isn't overly focused on partisan issues. "I don't think 'Democrat' or 'Republican,'" he told us. "I think 'single mom' or 'single dad' or 'married couple' who could barely make ends meet. I think about my shipmates." Other candidates: John D. Elleson, a pastor from Arlington Heights, and Glencoe resident Max Rice. Thomas also impressed us, but Sangari is endorsed.

Next: Our final choices in U.S. House races.

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PERSPECTIVE



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The great Bernie Sanders/ messy car correlation



HEATHER WILHELM

Across the sprawling highways and quiet suburban streets of America, a disturbing phenomenon has taken hold. Perhaps you have noticed it yourself. Perhaps, more troubling, you are a perpetrator. It's somewhat sneaky, but you can see it if you know where to look: There is a shockingly high correlation between owning a Bernie Sanders bumper sticker and having an embarrassingly messy car.

Lest you scoff, look for yourself. Next time you see a car sporting a Bernie Sanders sticker, there's a good chance the inside of the car will look like a rabid wildebeest stampede plowed through a half-hearted garage sale held in that iconic and creepy abandoned amusement park still standing, albeit somewhat creakily, deep in the heart of Chernobyl.

At this point, if you have both a tidy car and a Sanders bumper sticker, you might be feeling a bit indignant, and understandably so. All I can say is, congratulations! You should feel proud, though I do encourage you to chide any of your messy socialist friends. After all, they are not only making you look bad. They are also illustrating one of the most powerful

critiques of socialism — if a society expects everyone else to take care of everything, few will take care of anything — while also giving those of us on the libertarian-leaning end of the spectrum minor panic attacks about the perils of United Kingdom-style nationalized health care and the overall tragedy of the commons.

I should clarify that I am not talking about junky cars, or old struggling cars, or cars that have been dinged up and need repairs. Such conditions are understandable if you can't afford to fix them. No, no: I am talking about perfectly nice cars — Subarus, Volvos, Priuses — with interiors that look like a cartoon crime scene. Cars whose mess is so overwhelming that you don't have to be a snoop, nosily peering into windows in the parking lot, to notice it. It's a level of mess that could cheerfully break through brick walls, much like the hopped-up Kool-Aid Man of yore.

Here are things I have seen in cars adorned with Bernie Sanders stickers: broken dog kennels, piles of hangers dangling with dry-cleaner plastic wrap, enough granola-bar wrappers to fuel a walk down the entire Appalachian Trail, empty 2-liter soda bottles, dirty Kleenex piles, half-eaten sandwiches, and one scornfully unopened copy of "What Happened" by Hillary Clinton. Often these things are all mixed together, creating a terrifying melange of slack. People, this is really not that hard: There are trash

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and recycling receptacles all around! I admit that my findings are not scientific. They are based on personal observation. With this in mind, for you sticklers out there, I spoke with two automobile experts about this troubling phenomenon.

The first, Twitter sensation and "freelance vehicular anthropologist" David "Iowahawk" Burge — you can follow him at @iowahawkblog, where he serves as one of the rare shining lights in that dark and unforgiving social media jungle — pointed me to the "old left/right libertarian/authoritarian graph." This framework argues that those on the left-authoritarian side are more likely to drive a Prius; those on the right-authoritarian side are partial to Ford F-350s.

Right-libertarians like me should apparently be driving "a Tesla, a McLaren P1, or a '33 Hupmobile rat rod," which is troubling, given that I have no idea what a '33 Hupmobile rat rod is.

This observation is backed up by numerous studies, by the way: Republicans are more likely to drive pickup trucks and Mustangs and convertibles, while Democrats lean more

toward hatchbacks and imports and eco-cars. When it comes to the striking correlation between Sanders stickers and messy cars, Burge concurs with my thesis: "It's a sincere expression of lack of respect for private property, even their own." He also went on to explain the time I saw a sad-looking caged bird in the back of one such car — "Come on, their cats have to eat something" — and astutely noted that bags of cat litter often make up a key ingredient in the aforementioned backseat melange of slack.

The second expert I consulted, Neal Pollack, a novelist, humor writer and reluctant car journalist, is personally lukewarm on the cars-are-linked-to-political-affiliation theory: "Most people, believe it or not, have little to no political affiliation. They drive cars because they have no other way to get to work," according to Pollack.

But what of the seeming correlation between having a faded Bernie Sanders sticker and a mortifyingly messy car? "In a true socialist future," Pollack told me, "we'd all take the electric tram to work, or at least to pick up our Universal Basic Income check. Sanders supporters are just anticipating that day."

By jove! Of course!
Suddenly, it all makes sense.

National Review

Heather Wilhelm is a National Review columnist.

OP-ART JOE FOURNIER

FIRST CLASS!

BY JOE "WOULDN'T WANT HIM TO BE UNCOMFORTABLE AS HE DISMANTLES THE E.P.A." Fournier

EPA DIRECTOR SCOTT PRUITT EXPLAINS

DON'T BLAME ME! BLAME MY MOTHER HEN SECURITY TEAM FOR MY HAVING TO FLY FIRST CLASS!

I WANT TO FLY COACH, BUT EVERY TIME I DO, THE RIFFRAFF (OR AMERICANS I WORK FOR) RECOGNIZE ME AND THREATEN TO THROW ME OUT OF THE PLANE WHEN WE'VE REACHED CRUISING ALTITUDE. SO, MY WORRYWART SECURITY DETAIL INSISTS I WEAR THIS BIG, BULKY PARACHUTE!

I MEAN, LOOK AT THIS! I CAN'T EVEN LOWER MY TRAY!



PERSPECTIVE

International students vital to U.S. culture

BY MICHAEL A. McROBBIE

The number of international students studying at U.S. colleges and universities declined last year for the first time in more than a decade. For a host of reasons — including the harm the trend will do to America's standing around the world, to its most competitive industries, and to universities' bottom lines — this is tremendously problematic. Universities nationwide, including mine, must arrest this downward trend.

America remains the most welcoming nation in the world to international students. Last year, more than 1 million foreign students studied in the U.S. At my institution, Indiana University, we welcomed nearly 9,000 students from 144 countries in 2017, one of the largest cohorts of foreign students in the U.S.

The national trend, however, is one of slowed growth in the number of new international students, which declined across the nation by nearly 10,000 students, or 3 percent, in 2016 — the first recorded drop in 12 years.

A number of factors contributed to this decline, including greater global competition for international students. Harmful new U.S. immigration policies and harsh anti-foreigner rhetoric are not helping, and could, in fact, accelerate this trend.

Much of the concern has focused on the negative impact of this decline on the balance sheets of some American universities. There is no denying that at some midsize and smaller colleges and universities, smaller international enrollments are squeezing already tight budgets.

But dollars and cents are not the whole story. We should broaden the conversation to demonstrate the full range of ways America benefits tremendously by welcoming international students to its shores.

For instance:

- They enrich our campuses and the communities we serve.
- They bring valuable cultural perspectives to our classrooms and campuses.
- They expose U.S. students to new ideas, helping them to reflect on the increasingly diverse compositions of our communities.
- Most important, they contribute to an educational environment that prepares our students to be “globally ready” for an interconnected and competitive future.

Case in point. In a decade in which my institution nearly doubled international student enrollment, we also witnessed dramatic growth in the number of student organizations that have international interests (now over 200), a re-energizing of programs in language and cultural studies, and an infusion of global focus and international networking.

Many foreign students have had to succeed in the highly competitive educational environments of their home countries, master English to gain admission to American colleges and universities through very selective screening processes, and then graduate from a completely different educational system.

All of this clearly indicates that these students are among the best and the brightest in their countries. It is no surprise, then, that over time they become leaders in their countries in areas such as business, education and government.

They also become passionate and generous alumni of their American alma maters, and they become great supporters and friends of this country. There can be few better examples of America's “soft power” than this.

We must combat the common misperception that international students pay considerably more to receive a college degree than their domestic peers do. At many universities, international students pay no more than standard out-of-state tuition prices. For example, at Indiana University, a student from California pays the same tuition as a student from China. Foreign learners are not, as some critics repeatedly suggest, “taking spots away” from deserving in-state students. At Indiana University, we have consistently enrolled around 75 percent in-state students, and many of our peer institutions across the Midwest educate comparable numbers of resident students.

There also is an important financial impact worth mentioning. International students continue to make major contributions to our local economies — during the 2016-17 academic year, the more than 1 million students studying at U.S. colleges and universities contributed nearly \$37 billion and supported more than 450,000 jobs to the U.S. economy, making higher education one of the major positive contributors to the U.S. trade balance.

Finally, making disparaging comments about certain countries reinforces the negative attitudes and perceptions many international students have at the precise time we are trying to demonstrate how much we value them and the vital contributions they make to our campuses.

Congress and government could do more to better understand the valuable contributions international students make to our nation. These students play an important part in the role colleges and universities have in furthering our nation's foundations of openness, civility and prosperity.

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Haiti's Foreign Affairs Minister Antonio Rodrigue leaves a Thursday news briefing about Oxfam aid workers' sexual exploitation of girls.

Oxfam sexual abuse scandal points to larger problem

BY STAN CHU ILO

When the former head of Oxfam, Barbara Stocking, admitted on the BBC earlier in February that aid workers of the charity had engaged in sexual exploitation of underage girls in earthquake-ravaged Haiti, it sent shock waves around the world.

What is more shocking, however, is that the charity knew about what it calls “a culture of impunity” at the highest level of its board leadership but chose to protect the abusers against prosecution. Protecting the reputation of the organization was considered more important than protecting the lives of the vulnerable.

In addition, in most cases these alleged sexual predators got good job references moving from Oxfam to other charities. No one knows how much harm they may have caused to communities, children and women. More stories of abuse are emerging in Oxfam's African and Asian outposts showing that there is a pattern of abuse, cover-ups and lack of transparency at Oxfam.

According to Andrew MacLeod of the Hear Their Cries advocacy group, as shocking as Oxfam's revelations are, such sexual exploitation is only the “tip of the iceberg” of pervasive sexual abuse among aid workers in the developing world. According to him, there is a growing realization today that the worst crimes of child abuse and child rape by aid workers make up a substantial percentage of sex abuse accusations against aid workers from many nongovernmental organizations, the United Nations and peacekeeping forces.

U.N. agencies are the worst offenders, based on available statistics. According to an investigation by The Associated Press, between 2004 and 2014 the U.N. reported more than 2,000 cases of sexual abuse and exploitation by U.N. peacekeepers.

The United States Institute for Peace, in a 2013 special report titled “Criminalizing Sexual Exploitation and Abuse by (U.N.) Peacekeepers,” has chronicled numerous incidents of rape, pedophilia, prostitution and other forms of sexual

exploitation of children, girls and women by U.N. peacekeepers in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mozambique, Eritrea and Somalia; of prostitution and trafficking in Bosnia and Liberia; and abuse of minors in Sierra Leone.

In February 2017, U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres reported 145 incidents of sexual abuse involving 311 victims, 309 of whom were girls. Eight months later, another troubling report was released by the U.N. showing that since 2015 there had been 83 allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse by the U.N. mission alone in the Central African Republic. These allegations were leveled against 177 U.N. peacekeepers by 255 survivors. Because U.N. peacekeepers enjoy near-immunity, only five of the accused have been jailed.

Even though the U.N. claims to have a zero tolerance for sexual abuse among its workers, it has not yet demonstrated full transparency and accountability.

Many of us who work in international development, especially in Africa, are aware that sexual exploitation of the poor and vulnerable children and women is the world's “worst kept secret.”

The abuse of the poor by aid workers continues to increase in places such as Africa because of the unequal power relationship between the aid worker and the local people, the lack of proper oversight from their home offices and top-down structure of authority among these international charities. A situation in which aid workers are not accountable to the local recipients of their aid cannot promote respect.

Indeed, in many cases, the local agents are in cahoots with their international colleagues in perpetuating these abuses, in “arranging” for the prostitutes and in helping them to cover their tracks. Furthermore, the legal protection and enforcement against sexual exploitation of women and sexual abuse of children that are in place in the West do not often apply in developing countries.

Sexual exploitation and abuse by aid workers against the poor is a stain on the conscience of humanity. It undermines

the credibility and good intention of charities. It also defeats the goodwill of people who give their money to international charities hoping that these donations will be used to improve the quality of lives of people in war-torn and poverty-stricken societies.

The first core value of humanitarian work as developed by the international community through the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs is the principle of humanity. It states that “human suffering must be addressed wherever it is found” and that the purpose of humanitarian action is “to protect life and health and ensure respect for human beings.” It is obvious to many today that rather than protect lives, some aid workers are destroying the lives of vulnerable children and women, leaving permanent scars, damaging the fabric of societies and harming our collective humanity and common values.

This is why a new global network and universal protocol needs to be developed to treat the abuse of children and women by aid workers as a crime against the principle of humanity. There should be a common code of conduct and an international criminal code. Those codes should apply to all aid workers and protect whistleblowers, prosecute the perpetrators in their own countries and rehabilitate and compensate victims.

According to the U.N.'s Guterres, there should be no place for sexual abuse and exploitation in our world. However, he and other world leaders, NGOs and governments must go beyond words and come up with a strong international law and convention to protect our vulnerable children, girls and women in poor communities from predatory aid workers.

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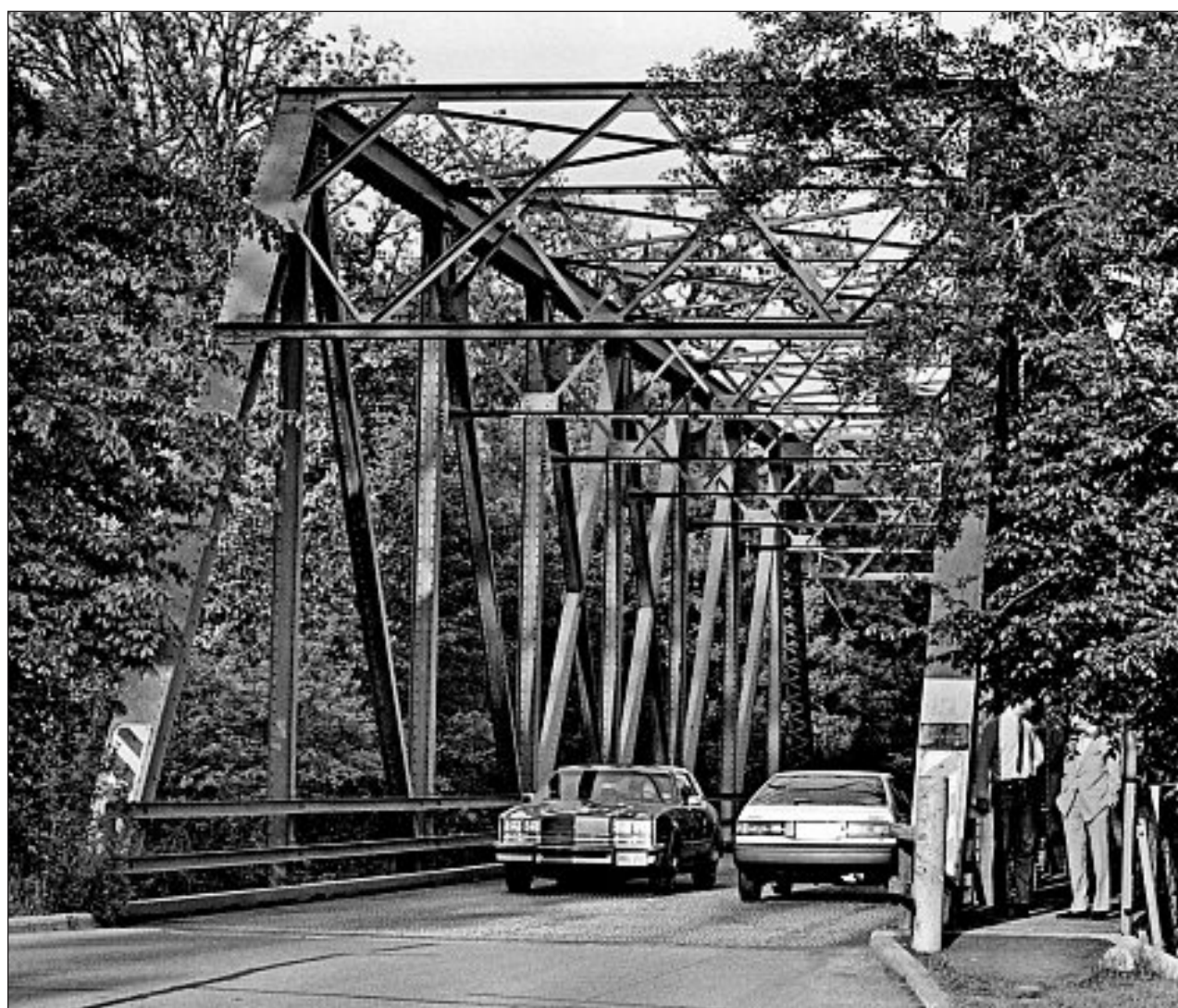
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CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Old Rockland Road bridge, seen in 1987, has been subject to debate among Libertyville residents.

The green bridge

Libertyville has plans to scrap the truss on the Rockland Road bridge. For more than 40 years, my parents have lived in “the blue house by the green bridge,” where they raised their four children. All of us will miss the bridge in our own ways, and I’m not sure you’ll find any Libertyville residents who are better acquainted with the bridge than we are.

Before its floor was replaced, the noise of cars going over its metal grated bottom lulled us all to sleep. We never even heard it, but visitors always remarked about the sound when they slept over. The bridge has been in the backdrop of prom pictures and even wedding photos,

so many events celebrated in our backyard. The bridge even made a national appearance when a national weatherman broadcasted from it during a flood.

My sister had her first kiss on the bridge’s banks, and it’s where her husband proposed to her. We even have a picture that shows my middle sister with a neighbor friend holding a sign that says “Save the Bridge” from over 20 years ago when they first wanted to take it down.

Before GPS, whenever we had to give directions to dates, friends and visitors, we always ended with “the blue house by the green bridge.” We sure will miss the bridge! It’s been a part of our family for as long as I can remember.

— Jennifer Barnabee, Libertyville

A true honor

Call me frugal, but I say no military parade!

Instead, develop new housing for American veterans. The same money to fund such a parade would provide housing for thousands of homeless vets.

We feel ashamed that there are homeless vets here in Chicago.

If President Donald Trump develops housing for veterans — who will be grateful and feel honored — the whole country will love him.

What a legacy!
— Kathie Newhouse, Chicago

Red light reform

Congestion on Michigan Avenue — traffic and pedestrians — has been and always will be a major issue in getting around the city. Adding red light cameras may increase revenue for the city, but they won’t solve the problem.

The biggest source of congestion on Michigan Avenue is pedestrians, and by no means am I suggesting banning pedestrians. But there is a simple solution that has been incorporated in other cities that works very well. At each intersection where there are traffic lights, add an “all walk” signal — also known as a pedestrian scramble. Right now cars that are trying to turn right off of Michigan Avenue or left on to Michigan Avenue are held up by pedestrian traffic. An all-walk signal would

eliminate that.

For those unfamiliar with all walk, there would be a signal where all vehicle traffic is stopped and pedestrians may cross any way they choose, across or diagonally. When the light returns to traffic, pedestrians would not be allowed to cross, thus eliminating the backup of traffic. The only way this would work, though, would be through strict enforcement of the pedestrian no walk.

Then the second part of this would be to time the lights for vehicle traffic so that traffic can move through multiple lights before a stop. Let’s make Michigan Avenue a viable thoroughfare for both vehicles and pedestrians.

— Bill Kalnes, Burr Ridge

What happened to America?

I want my country back. The one where we can all disagree and still be Americans. The one where we can trust our president whether we voted for him or not. The one where we can trust our elected officials whether we voted for them or not. The one where, bottom line, we’re all in this together. The one where we don’t cozy up to the despots in the world and poke our good friends and allies in the eye.

A friend, commenting about all my political rants, said, “You’re on the list.”

Frankly, my dear, I don’t give a damn, because I don’t want to live in a country with “lists” of enemies who consist of people who don’t agree with corruption, lying and breaking the law.

What happened to that America? Where did all the hatred come from?

I want my country back. I want to trust in its institutions. I want to believe in the rule of law.

I want checks and balances. I want to live under the Constitution, even if we don’t all exactly agree on what the founders “meant.”

If I wanted despotism, I’d live in Russia.

I want my country back.
— Brenda Segal, Glenview

The final check

Will the U.S. Supreme Court save our democracy?

The Supreme Court is addressing gerrymandering cases in Wisconsin and Maryland. This is critical.

In the book, “The Despot’s Accomplice: How the West is Aiding and Abetting the Decline of Democracy,” the author states:

“Democracy in the United States has recently been performing badly on several fronts, and most of them are due to three major pitfalls: gerrymandering, ensuing gridlock, and out-of-control campaign spending.”

Now we know that the Supreme Court, with its Citizens United and subsequent rulings, actually abetted the out-of-control campaign spending. So will the court step up on the gerrymandering cases and save our democracy? Or will the justices let gerrymandering stand, and thereby doom the chance of anyone getting his or her vote fairly tallied? Our democracy is on the line.

— Lee Knohl, Evanston

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This is why Jared Kushner’s gargantuan debt matters

BY JENNIFER RUBIN

Politico reports: “Jared Kushner, a White House aide and President Donald Trump’s son-in-law, appears to have drawn more money out of three separate lines of credit in the months after he joined the White House last year, a newly released document shows.

“Recent revisions to the financial disclosure form filed by Kushner’s wife, Ivanka Trump, bumped up each of those debts to a range of \$5 million to \$25 million.

“Versions of the couple’s disclosures made public in July valued those debts at \$1 million to \$5 million apiece. The loans were extended by three banks: Bank of America, New York Community Bank and Signature Bank. ... One debt did drop in value as Ivanka’s form was revised: The amount owed on a Visa account went down to a range of \$50,001 to \$100,000, from \$100,001 to \$250,000.”

(As an aside, who carries that much credit-card debt? Are the Kushners’ liquid assets so low that their lifestyle has to be paid for by borrowing at presumably outrageous rates?)

Kushner’s financial problems

relating to his 2007 purchase of the 666 Fifth Ave. building for \$1.8 billion have come up in the context of the Russia investigation. In September, The Wall Street Journal reported:

“Some of President Donald Trump’s lawyers earlier this summer concluded that Jared Kushner should step down as senior White House adviser because of possible legal complications related to a probe of Russia’s involvement in the 2016 presidential election and aired concerns about him to the president, people familiar with the matter said.

“Among their concerns was that Mr. Kushner was the adviser closest to the president who had the most dealings with Russian officials and businesspeople during the campaign and transition, some of which are currently being examined by federal investigators and congressional oversight panels. Mr. Kushner, Mr. Trump’s son-in-law and confidant, has said he had four such meetings or interactions.

“Another issue was Mr. Kushner’s initial omission of any contacts with foreign officials from the form required to obtain a security clearance. He later updated the form several times to

include what he has said were more than 100 contacts with foreign officials.”

Kushner met with Sergey Kislyak, the Russian ambassador, to discuss a secret back channel and with the head of a sanctioned Russian bank, Vnesheconombank (VEB). (“The conversation is curious not only because it represents a top Trump official secretly meeting with an arm of the Russian government, but also because accounts of the meeting differ in important ways,” The Atlantic’s David Graham noted at the time. “Kushner says he attended the meeting in his capacity as an adviser to President-elect Trump. But VEB says that the meeting concerned Kushner’s family real-estate business.”) And he was present at the now-infamous June 2016 meeting at Trump Tower attended by a Kremlin-connected lawyer.

Kushner’s financial problems make these contacts all the more troubling. As he was racking up debt, Fordham Law School professor Jed Shugerman tells me, Kushner “also just coincidentally was setting up secret lines to the Kremlin and was meeting with (Russian President Vladimir) Putin’s banker a month after the election. And he just coinciden-

tally was meeting with Russians offering dirt in Trump Tower during the election.” He explains, “Kushner’s massive debts are an important piece of the entire Russia conspiracy on some of the parties’ motives (Kushner, former national security adviser Michael Flynn and Trump) for such inexplicable behavior and such risk-taking.”

In addition to the Russia investigation, prosecutors in Brooklyn have subpoenaed records from Deutsche Bank, which has lent “hundreds of millions to the Kushner family real estate business.” (As The New York Times noted, “there is no indication that the subpoena is related to the investigation being conducted by Robert S. Mueller III.”) The Washington Post has reported that a month before Election Day 2016, “Kushner’s real estate company finalized a \$285 million loan as part of a refinancing package for its property near Times Square in Manhattan. The loan came at a critical moment. Kushner was playing a key role in the presidential campaign of his father-in-law, Donald Trump. The lender, Deutsche Bank, was negotiating to settle a federal mortgage fraud case and charges from New York state regulators that it aided

a possible Russian money-laundering scheme. The cases were settled in December and January.”

In sum, Kushner has huge and growing debt, many suspicious Russian contacts and a close relationship with Trump. “The more money Kushner owes, especially to lenders or guarantors who do not have America’s best interests at heart, the more he and his father-in-law the president are subject to compromising pressures at best and outright blackmail at worst,” constitutional lawyer Larry Tribe tells me. “The fact that Kushner, without full security clearance, is permitted to peruse the president’s daily briefing, containing the most secret information that exists, makes all of Kushner’s financial obligations and debts urgent threats to our national security. This situation is unconscionable.”

Perhaps those Trump lawyers were right — the president would have been much better off without the Russian-entangled Kushner in his administration.

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Chloe Kim, of the U.S., on a qualifying run in the halfpipe at the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea. Kim won the gold medal.

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SOCIAL MEDIA ALTERING GAME

Gold medals still a big ticket, but some Olympic athletes enhance sponsorship opportunities via online popularity

By MAE ANDERSON
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A gold medal used to be the golden ticket for lucrative endorsements — think Mary Lou Retton on a Wheaties box. But in the age of social media, athletes are making a name for themselves well ahead of time.

Even more so than in Rio in

2016 and Sochi in 2014, Pyeongchang athletes are Olympian at building brands.

Before breakout star Chloe Kim won gold in the snowboarding halfpipe event, her infectious personality and heartwarming origin story had already won her sponsorships from Toyota, Samsung, Visa and others.

Of course, winning a gold

medal amplifies an athlete's reach.

When Kim started the Olympics, she had 15,000 Twitter followers. She now has more than 285,000. She charmed thousands with tweets about eating ice cream and churros and being “hangry” because she didn't finish breakfast before her event.

Christopher R. Chase, a specialist in high-profile sports marketing at the Frankfurt Kur-nit Klein & Selz law firm, estimates 17-year-old Kim could be worth “in the high hundreds of thousands” or even the low

millions of dollars, propelled in part by her achievements off the slope.

Medals still matter. Skater Nathan Chen likely hurt his chances for new sponsorships after a pair of disappointing performances, which made him unlikely to medal at an individual event. But Chen can still capitalize in the long run.

“He is young and should have more Olympic competitions in the future,” Chase said. “America loves a comeback story.”

For athletes these days, med-

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Next for Amazon: Tracking hands?

Warehouse workers could get wristbands that monitor motion

By ALLY MAROTTI
Chicago Tribune

As Amazon continues its quest to shrink delivery times and add warehouses in Illinois, the e-commerce behemoth is eyeing technology that could track the movements of its workers' hands as they fulfill orders.

The company recently won patents for wristbands that could be used as part of an inventory system, communicating with equipment in warehouses and nudging employees via vibrations if, for example, they were about to place items in the wrong bins. But in a world where the legal limits on gathering and using people's data remain largely undefined, use of such devices could quickly turn nefarious, some experts say.

The concerns tied to such a device range from the potential for discrimination to data security risks for the company's employees, which number more than 8,000 in the Chicago area.

Amazon waited almost two years for the patents to be approved, and it's unclear whether it ever plans to deploy the technology in its warehouses. The company said it does not track or intend to track its employees' locations, but the concept still sends chills down the spines of the privacy-conscious. And if it doesn't, some experts say, it should.

“Employers are increasingly treating their employees like robots,” said Lori Andrews, a profes-

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Google browser a 2-way street

Internet's largest ad company is now in ad traffic cop business

By HAYLEY TSUKUYAMA
Washington Post

Google, already one of the dominant players in the online advertising world, may soon have even more power in that space. It is now taking on the challenge of determining what's a good ad or a bad ad to decide which ones the majority of web users see.

Google's Chrome browser, which is used by about 60 percent of desktop and mobile internet users, on Thursday began automatically blocking some of the web's most annoying ads. Those include video ads that autoplay with sound, pop-up ads with countdowns and “sticky” ads that take up a large portion of the screen no matter how much you scroll down to lose them.

Those types of ads do not meet new standards set by the Coalition for Better Ads, a group of internet companies, online advertisers and publishers looking for a way to make online advertising more palatable to users. (The Washington Post is a member of the Interactive Advertising Bureau, one of the groups involved in the coalition.)

Google's stated goal is to make the web less infuriating to navigate. “It's clear that annoying ads degrade what we all love about the Web,” Chrome Vice President Rahul Roy-Chowdhury said Tuesday in a company blog post.

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Facebook sticks with disputed app

Experts say company's Messenger Kids is putting children at risk

By BARBARA ORTUTAY
Associated Press

Facebook is forging ahead with its messaging app for kids, despite child experts who have pressed the company to shut it down and others who question Facebook's financial support of some advisers who approved of the app.

Messenger Kids lets kids under 13 chat with friends and family. It displays no ads and lets parents approve who their chil-

dren message. But critics say it serves to lure kids into harmful social media use and to hook young people on Facebook as it tries to compete with Snapchat or its own Instagram app. They say kids shouldn't be on such apps at all — although they often are.

“It is disturbing that Facebook, in the face of widespread concern, is aggressively marketing Messenger Kids to even more children,” the Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood said in a statement this week.

Messenger Kids launched on iOS to lukewarm reception in December. It arrived on Amazon devices in January and on Android on Wednesday. Through-

out, Facebook has touted a team of advisers, academics and families who helped shape the app.

But a Wired report last week pointed out that more than half of this safety advisory board had financial ties to the company. Facebook confirmed this and said it hasn't hidden donations to these individuals and groups — although it hasn't publicized them, either.

“We sometimes provide funding to cover programmatic or logistics expenses, to make sure our work together can have the most impact,” Facebook said in a statement, adding that many of the organizations and people who advised on Messenger Kids

do not receive financial support.

Facebook didn't invite prominent critics, such as the nonprofit Common Sense Media, to advise it on Messenger Kids until the process was nearly over. Facebook would not comment publicly on why it didn't include Common Sense earlier.

A few weeks after Messenger Kids launched, nearly 100 outside experts banded together to urge Facebook to shut down the app, which it has not done. The company says it is “committed to building better products for families, including Messenger Kids. That means listening to parents and experts, including our critics.”

ROBERT REED
has the day off



Don't let shopping apps' features take charge

BY LAUREN SCHWAHN
Nerd Wallet

Retailers such as Target and Amazon are embracing mobile applications to help consumers save money and time with features like digital wallets and augmented reality. When used strategically, apps can streamline in-store trips and online purchases, but shoppers could also find that convenience comes with a risk: impulsive decisions and overspending.

"Now shopping can be anytime, anywhere, multiple times a day, which is great for customers who value convenience," said Casey Taylor, a partner in the Atlanta office of Bain and Co., a management consulting firm. "But for customers on a budget, what I would share as the primary caution is that it makes it very easy — almost too easy."

Here's how to get the most out of retail apps, while avoiding the down-

sides.

Don't enable notifications: Push notifications — alerts that pop up on your phone — and emails tend to "catch people at vulnerable moments," enticing them to spend money on things they otherwise wouldn't, said Marshal Cohen, chief industry analyst at the NPD Group, a market research company.

Data show that 9.6 times more users make a purchase when an app sends a promotional push notification compared with those who didn't receive one, according to Leanplum, a mobile marketing platform. Notifications also increase the amount an average shopper spends 16 percent.

Do make a shopping list: Take inventory and make a list of what you need. Shopping lists can deter impulse purchases by keeping specific merchandise top-of-



JENNY KANE/AP

Retailers' shopping apps offer a lot of convenience for consumers. But for some, they can cause overspending, impulse buying or not always finding the best price for an item.

mind. Most retailer apps make it easy to view and edit lists on your device.

For example, the app for Kohl's enables shoppers to

set a budget, and then automatically deducts the price of each item on the list.

Don't keep payment in-

formation on file: Although storing shipping and billing information speeds up the checkout process, it can also smooth

the way for frivolous purchases. Researchers have found that compared with cash, behind-the-scenes payment methods make shoppers feel detached from their money.

Instead, enter payment information each time, rather than saving credit card numbers or linking to a PayPal account. The extra step makes the exchange of money feel more real.

Don't focus on one retailer: Through exclusive offers and built-in loyalty programs, "individual retailers' shopping apps intend to lock in shoppers," said Jie Zhang, a professor of marketing at the University of Maryland.

But using only one retailer's app could mean missing out on opportunities to save money.

Use a price comparison tool, like ShopSavvy or Google Shopping, to locate the best price across multiple merchants.

Amazon to track worker motion?

Wristbands, from Page 1

sor at the Illinois Institute of Technology's Chicago-Kent College of Law. Part of the problem is that workers rarely realize it, she said.

Some companies hand out Fitbits as part of wellness programs, but those are collecting data on employees, Andrews said. A vending machine company in Wisconsin offered last summer to implant microchips in its employees' hands to ease daily tasks like buying snacks or using the copy machine, the company has said.

If an employer is hacked, information on workers' movements or other habits could be stolen, Andrews said. The data gleaned from a company-issued device also could end up in insurers' hands. "You might have trouble getting life insurance if they learn you bought a lot of Cheetos," Andrews said.

Amazon says the wristband technology, for which the Seattle-based company was awarded patents at the end of January, could improve the work of warehouse employees and make them safer.

"Every day at companies around the world, employees use handheld scanners to check inventory and fulfill orders," spokeswoman Angie Quennell said in an email. "This idea, if implemented in the future, would improve this process for our fulfillment associates."

The scanning devices Amazon's warehouse employees use now are similar to those used in supermarkets or department stores, Quennell said. "We do not use GPS to monitor people's location in our fulfillment centers or for any other purpose," she said.

The wristbands wouldn't use GPS technology either. Instead, the patents Amazon received cover radio frequency and ultrasonic tracking technology. A wristband with radio frequency technology, like Bluetooth or Wi-Fi, could receive signals from antennas in a warehouse and nudge a worker's hand with a vibration, indicating which direction it should move toward the right inventory bin.

Ultrasonic tracking has been used in retail stores and advertising. If a beacon with the technology is installed on a rack of sweaters in a store, for example, it can ping customers' phones as they browse, sending them coupons for sweaters. The technology described in

Amazon's patent could allow the wristband to communicate with transmitters throughout a warehouse.

The devices could give employers a fine-tuned understanding of how workers' hands are moving, what's working in the warehouse and what isn't, said Romit Roy Choudhury, a computer engineering professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

"Putting the wrong box in a particular place can have cascading effects," he said. "Being able to track these things and give an alert on your wrist saying that you put it in the wrong place, I think, is very important."

However, some argue the technology could lead to discrimination. Even if the wristbands don't use GPS tracking, they could tell a company if a woman is taking longer bathroom breaks than co-workers or whether a disabled employee is moving more slowly, which could reflect negatively on his or her job performance, said Paula Brantner, senior adviser at employee rights organization Workplace Fairness.

And if Amazon, a leader in multiple industries, starts using this technology, it won't be long before other warehouses follow suit, Brantner said.

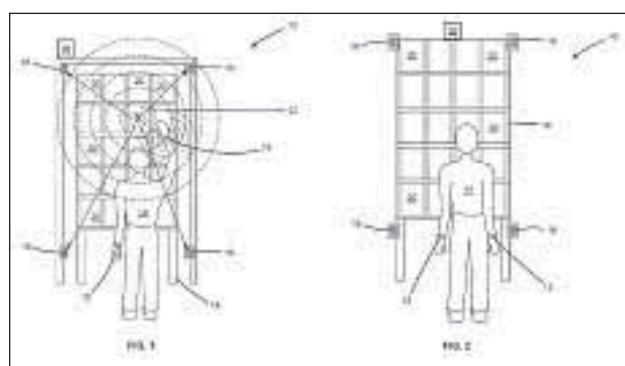
Amazon announced its first Illinois warehouse in 2015 and now operates nine. The tech giant also is weighing cities around the U.S. and Canada for a location for its second headquarters, known as HQ2. Chicago is on the short list of 20 contenders.

At some of Amazon's "fulfillment centers" around the country, robots move among the employees, grabbing racks of items and bringing them to the workers. Others, such as the facility in Romeoville, aren't as high-tech and are filled with employee-operated forklifts and items sliding along conveyor belts.

The company has been criticized for difficult working conditions at its warehouses. Still, job fairs for Amazon's warehouses draw hundreds of potential applicants.

Technology is pushing boundaries in the workplace, Brantner said, and employees have few rights to deny it. "Everybody wants those Amazon jobs," she said. "If you don't want to wear the wristband, someone else will."

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An illustration demonstrates the potential use of wristband technology for Amazon warehouse workers.



EZRA SHAW/GETTY

U.S. skier Mikaela Shiffrin celebrates a gold medal in the ladies' giant slalom at the Winter Olympics.

Branding is part of the game

Olympics, from Page 1

als are icing on the cake, no longer the sole reason for endorsements. And medal winners without a good personality might have trouble finding sponsors.

"The more medals, the more coverage, the more salient these people are" for endorsement consideration, said Will Davie, a group strategy director at Drogas5, an ad agency that has worked with athletes such as Michael Phelps. "But how smart, how engaging they are in social media and the image they cultivate is starting to become more and more important."

On Twitter, Instagram and Facebook, athletes are in charge of their own narratives.

They are building their own internet personality and brands — the way the Kardashians have outside sports, said Jim Andrews, senior vice president of

ESP Properties, a sports and entertainment marketing agency.

For example, skier Mikaela Shiffrin has parlayed her Olympic success, beginning with her first gold medal in Sochi when she was 18, to a net worth reportedly in the millions. Though she missed the medal stand Friday, she won gold in the giant slalom a day earlier.

Her Twitter feed, with more than 120,000 followers, is littered with references to her endorsers, including Barilla, Bose and Oakley.

Before his team won bronze for team ice skating, skater Adam Rippon stayed in the headlines with his social media presence. Olympians from veteran skier Lindsey Vonn to newcomer snowboarder Red Gerard are all careful curators of their online personas.

But as much as athletes can use social media to win

people over, there's a flip side when bad behavior is uncovered. Speedo and other sponsors dropped swimmer Ryan Lochte after he tried to cover up a drunken incident in Rio in 2016.

And in 2009, when images of Phelps circulated online showing him apparently smoking marijuana, he was suspended from swimming and Kellogg's temporarily dropped him.

Still, the current environment has given athletes a much bigger platform to express themselves. While social media was around during prior Olympics, it has a much bigger presence this time around, with everything from Instagram "Stories" to auto-play videos on Twitter parlaying brand messages. The speed in which athletes break out to become stars happens more quickly now.

And athletes no longer are limited to a short window after the Olympics to

promote sponsorships. They can now do it year-round online and at events for more popular sports like figure skating or snowboarding.

That's important because the Olympics have strict rules about what can be promoted during the Games, given that the Olympics have their own sponsors.

Peter Carlisle, who oversees the Olympics and Action Sports division at the marketing firm Octagon, said it's too early to tell exactly how performance on and off the Olympic stage will translate to endorsement dollars, but social media is a big factor.

"Any athlete or celebrity that has an influential social media footprint certainly can commercialize that," he said. "It's now an essential part of just about every endorsement deal, sponsorship or arrangement any of these athletes have."

Ad-blocking feature new in Chrome

Google, from Page 1

Using the coalition's standards, Google will evaluate the advertisements on websites and rate them as acceptable or failing. Sites then have 30 days to shape up their advertising and submit themselves for re-evaluation or face having their ads blocked by Chrome.

According to Google, it has so far identified 1,500 of the Internet's most-trafficked sites with ads that violate the new standards. About 850 of those have a failing status, meaning they could see their ads blocked within the next 30 days.

Publishers are the most likely to take an initial hit from Google's ad changes, said Peter Reinhardt, chief executive of the Segment customer data platform. Media companies have been more aggressive

about the types of advertisements they use, he said, as Google and Facebook have tightened their hold on the digital ad industry.

Those two internet giants received 60 percent of the country's digital advertising dollars in 2017, according to the research firm eMarketer.

Google's move with Chrome follows Apple's decision last June to put features addressing online advertising into its Safari browser. But the companies' approaches to ad blocking are quite different, Reinhardt said.

Apple's changes targeted advertisers who track users across the Web and compile data, rather than blocking the ads' appearance. Since the Safari change, some advertisers have seen revenue fall by as much as 20 percent, Reinhardt said.

Google aims to change how websites look and behave when people are using them.

It also offers an alternative to third-party ad blockers, which often block both ads and trackers, that may be more palatable to Google and other companies that profit from advertising. By addressing the ads that Google surveys have found to be most annoying, Chrome's tool may persuade internet users not to take more drastic options that hide or eliminate all online ads on their screens.

An internet free of tracking and ads is obviously not Google's endgame. After all, the company makes most of its money through advertising — more than \$95 billion last year. While some see this as reforming the ad industry from the inside, Google is fielding

criticism for the way the blocker is being implemented.

Some note that the company had a lot of say in writing the standards, according to a report from The Wall Street Journal. Paul Boyle, vice president of public policy for the News Media Alliance, told The Associated Press that Google's decision to incorporate these standards into Chrome turns voluntary standards into de facto law.

Reinhardt said the new Chrome feature likely will accelerate new trends in the digital ad space, including fueling Google and Facebook's ad duopoly. As for publishers, he said, it's already clear that many are pushing subscriptions more heavily to offset the need for more aggressive advertising — a trend that Google's new tool will likely encourage.

OBITUARIES

JIM BRIDWELL, 1944-2018

Yosemite rock climber steadily lived on the edge

'Child of the '60s' partied hard, made legendary ascents

Associated Press

PALM DESERT, Calif. — Jim Bridwell, a hard-partying hippie and legendary climber who lived his life vertically on some of the toughest peaks in Yosemite National Park, has died. He was 73.

Bridwell died Friday morning at a hospital. He had liver and kidney failure from hepatitis C that he may have contracted in the 1980s when he got a tattoo from a headhunting tribe in Borneo, his wife, Peggy Bridwell of Palm Desert, told The Associated Press.

The flamboyant Bridwell was idolized by some and labeled reckless by others, but no one disputed his skill on a rock face.

He made some 100 first ascents in the California park and on peaks in Alaska and the Andes. In 1975, Bridwell, John Long and Billy Westbay became the first climbers to ascend a route called The Nose on Yosemite's 3,000-foot El Capitan in a single day. A previous climbing team needed seven days. A photograph of them afterward with Bridwell shirtless in a psychedelic vest and smoking a cigarette became famous.

While he may have been viewed as reckless, Bridwell also helped establish the first formal Yosemite search-and-rescue team, pioneered rescue techniques and invented climb-



RON GOMEZ 2015

Jim Bridwell made 100 first ascents in California's Yosemite National Park.

ing gear.

Climbing "was his life," Peggy Bridwell said. "He didn't care if you were a good climber, if you were a bad climber, if it was your first climb. He was always willing to help. He was a great teacher."

Fellow climber Dean Fiedelman, 62, told the San Francisco Chronicle how Bridwell was the person you would go to if you got into trouble on a climb.

"He was the kind of guy who brought out the best of you, but he was also a child of the '60s, a hard-drinking guy, who took acid trips as part of his journey and smoked unfiltered Camels almost until the end of his life," Fiedelman said. "He lived life with a lot of passion."

Bridwell, who loved birds of prey and was nicknamed "the Bird," began climbing in the 1960s. In the 1970s, he was part of an

outlaw group of Yosemite climbers who took on the hardest, steepest and most dangerous pitches, using minimal gear and aiming for style, precision and speed.

The Stonemasters lived hand-to-mouth in campgrounds, playing music, drinking and smoking marijuana. By some accounts, they managed to recover pounds of marijuana from a smuggling plane that crashed in the park in 1977 with 6,000 pounds of pot aboard.

But they were experts at free climbing and big-wall work, priding themselves on attacking the most daunting routes.

Instead of technical clothing, they favored white bell-bottom or painter pants, climbing shirtless or in gaudy paisley shirts with headbands to hold back their long hair.

Bridwell frequently wrote or spoke about climbing as a form of liberation, although it cost him dearly. He suffered broken ribs and smashed teeth in accidents. At times he made money as a ski guide or held other jobs, but frequently he just scraped by, often leaving his wife and son behind as he traveled the world.

"There aren't many people who've managed to be a failure for this long a time," he said in a 1986 profile in Rolling Stone magazine.

In 1982, Bridwell was in a group that made a 300-mile trek around, rather than up, Mount Everest.

In addition to his wife, Bridwell is survived by his son, Layton.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON FEBRUARY 20 ...

In 1933 the U.S. House completed congressional action on an amendment to repeal Prohibition.

In 1942 Hockey Hall of Famer Phil Esposito was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

In 1962 astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth, circling the globe three times inside the Friendship 7 Mercury capsule.

In 1965 the Ranger 8 spacecraft crashed on the Moon after sending back thousands of pictures of the lunar surface.

In 1974 Democrats on the House Judiciary Committee voted to test President Richard Nixon's willingness to cooperate with its impeachment inquiry, asking the White House for specific items of Watergate evidence.

In 1978 Cyprus agreed to free Egyptian commandos who survived an airport fight with Cypriot troops while trying to free hostages on an airliner in Lanarca, Cyprus.

In 1980 the U.S. announced it would boycott the Summer Olympics in Moscow to protest the Soviet presence in Afghanistan.

In 1981 the space shuttle Columbia cleared the final major hurdle to its maiden launch as the spacecraft

fired its three engines in a 20-second test.

In 1985 British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher told a joint session of Congress that Western military strength brought the Soviets to the bargaining table in Geneva.

In 1986 South Korean troops jailed approximately 300 political opponents.

In 1988 American Brian Boitano won the men's figure skating gold medal at the Winter Olympics in Calgary, Alberta.

In 1996 gangsta rapper Snoop Doggy Dogg and his former bodyguard were acquitted of murder in the 1993 shooting death of an alleged gang member.

In 1998 Americans Tara Lipinski, 15, and Michelle Kwan, 17, won the gold and silver medals, respectively, in women's figure skating at the Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan.

In 1999 Chicago Tribune movie columnist Gene Siskel died in Evanston of brain cancer; he was 53.

In 2002 in Egypt's worst railroad disaster, a fire killed 360 passengers aboard a train traveling from Cairo to Luxor.

In 2003 fire erupted at a West Warwick, R.I., nightclub during a pyrotechnic display at a concert by the rock band Great White, killing 100 people and injuring more than 200 others.

In 2005 Israel's Cabinet gave final approval to the government's planned withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and four West Bank settlements. Also in 2005 counterculture writer Hunter S. Thompson died in Woody Creek, Colo., of a self-inflicted gunshot; he was 67.

In 2006 sportscaster Curt Gowdy died in Palm Beach, Fla.; he was 86.

In 2013 former U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. pleaded guilty to conspiring with his then-Chicago alderman wife, Sandi, to siphon \$750,000 in campaign funds for personal use. She pleaded guilty for failing to report income on the couple's tax returns. (He later was sentenced to 30 months in prison; she was sentenced to 12 months.) Also in 2013 Office Depot and OfficeMax agreed to a merger in a proposed \$1.2 billion all-stock deal.

In 2016 the Jazz Record Mart, a Chicago landmark since 1962 that long billed itself as "the world's largest jazz and blues record store," closed. Also in 2016 gunman Jason Dalton opened fire outside an apartment complex, a car dealership and a restaurant in the Kalamazoo, Mich., area, killing six people in a rampage that lasted nearly seven hours, police said. The 45-year-old Uber driver, who had been picking up riders in the hours before he began shooting, seemed to choose his victims at random.

Chicago Tribune Death Notices
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Death Notices

Arnoux, Barbara L.

Barbara L. Arnoux, 70, of Glenview, formerly of Evanston, February 18, 2018. Loving wife of Thomas. Loving mother of Pam (Michael) Conrad and Jeff Arnoux. PROUD grandmother of Kelsey. Dear sister of Karen Kostopoulos. Fond aunt of Jim and Jason. Dear cousin and great friend to many. Visitation Wednesday 3-9 p.m. at the **N.H. Scott & Hanekamp** Funeral Home, 1240 Waukegan Rd, Glenview where funeral service will be held Thursday 12 Noon. Interment private. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000. Dept 142, Memphis TN 38148-0142, www.stjude.org. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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Babka, Doris J.

Doris J. Babka, age 96, beloved wife of the late Nicholas; loving mother of Jane Mertens and Mariann (Arthur) Gutshall; Cherished Grandmother of Nicole (David) Bengtson, Maureen (Derrick) Hall, and Emily (Michael) Luman; Dear Great Grandmother GG to Drew, Nick, Allie, Penny, Jacob and Lucy; fond sister to the late Mary Roberts and Lewis.

Doris grew up in Wisconsin and moved to Chicago, graduating from the Cook County School of Nursing. She worked at Cook County Hospital and then became a Public Health Nurse in Berwyn, Illinois. She was active in PTA as president and Girl Scouting as a leader. After retirement, she enjoyed volunteering at FISH in Downers Grove, and also playing bridge and reading. Donations may be made to St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Downers Grove, or the charity of your choice. Memorial Service and interment will be private. For info. **Modell Funeral Home** 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Brown, Christopher W. 'Chris'

Christopher W. "Chris" Brown, age 59, a lifelong resident of Naperville, IL, passed away Monday, February 19, 2018 at Edward Hospital in Naperville after a short but courageous battle with cancer. He was born December 18, 1958 in LaGrange, IL. Arrangements by **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL**. For service times and a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213.

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Carlson, David L.

Age 68, passed away peacefully the evening of February 11, 2018. Cherished son of the late Janet (nee Fowler) and the late Carl Carlson. Beloved brother of Alan, Steven, Jeffrey and Douglas Carlson. Proud uncle of many nieces and nephews. Private funeral services to be held.

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Dorth, Diane K.

Diane K. Dorth, nee Bloner; age 74; beloved wife of Gunther; loving mother of Steven (Nanette Kalinski) and David (Kari); fond sister of David Bloner. She lived and loved for her God, her family and her friends. Visitation Thurs., Feb. 22, 2018, 3-9 PM at Matz Funeral Home, 410 E. Rand Rd. Mt. Prospect. Funeral Fri. 9:30 AM to St. Emily Church for mass at 10 AM. Interment All Saints. Member of the Des Plaines Garden Club and an associate of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the American Cancer Society appreciated. 847/394-2336

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Faydash, Steve

Stephen L. Faydash, 72, of Oak Park, IL, died on February 13, 2018, while volunteering at Lapham Peak, Kettle-Moraine State Forest, Delafield, WI. Cherished partner of Kathleen Sobarnia, also of Delafield. Beloved and adored father of Katherine Faydash (Ben McCracken), of Chicago, Margaret and son-in-law Matt Teasdale, of Minneapolis, and Maureen Faydash, of Oak Park, and their mother, Mary Faydash; grandpa to Kane, Fara, and Haze; loving brother of Audrey Keenan (deceased) and fond brother-in-law of William Keenan; uncle to Becky Vucko, Roxy Summers, and Peg Goolsby. As a lover of the outdoors, when he wasn't spending time with his family, he enjoyed sailing, kayaking, fishing, hiking, and biking. Steve was a volunteer buckthorn buster with Friends of Lapham Peak and a supporter of St. John Cantius Patrons of Sacred Music. Memorial Mass, February 24, 2018, 11:00 a.m., St. John Cantius Church, 825 N. Carpenter, Chicago, with a celebration of his life to follow immediately at Cucina Paradiso, 814 North Blvd., Oak Park, IL. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to Friends of Lapham Peak (www.laphampeakfriends.org). Be excited.

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Feuerstein, Renee

Renee Feuerstein, nee Hodes, 96 of Wilmette and formerly Skokie. Beloved wife of the late Maurice Feuerstein; loving mother of Katy (Stephen) Friedman and Allen (Luisa) Feuerstein; proud grandmother of Andrew Friedman, Brian (Lily) Friedman, Michael (Christina) Feuerstein and Alexandra Feuerstein; caring sister of the late Martin (late Estelle) Hodes. Services Thursday, February 22, 2018, 10:00 a.m., at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd., Wilmette, IL 60091. Interment Waldheim Cemetery. Information 847-256-5700.

Weinstein & Piser
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Foster, Irene H.

Irene H. Foster, nee O'Flaherty. Beloved wife of the late John J., Jr. Dear mother of John (Carol), Mark (Nancy), Mary Therese, Rev James, CSC, Helen (James) Milan, Barbara (George) Reynolds and Margaret (Richard) Greenfield. Loving grandmother of Jim and Dan Milan, Jean (Lance) Pennington, Dan (Beth) Tucker, Maureen (David) Budding, Katie (William) Brennan, Patty (fiancé Robert Schmidt), Brian and Mary Beth Reynolds, Bridget, Meg, Anne and Kevin Greenfield and great grandmother of Matthew, Olivia, Jack, Sarah, Sophie and Maggie. Dear sister of Mary Margaret Ramker and the late Paul B. O'Flaherty. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Friends and family will gather Wednesday 9:30 a.m. at Most Holy Redeemer Church; 96th and Lawndale, Evergreen Park until time of Mass of Christian Burial 10:30 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. 773-779-4411

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Green, Edward Richard

Edward Richard Green, 81. Beloved husband of Rosemary, nee Nasti. Loving father of Suzanne Green, Jennifer Green and Heidi (Rick) Reed. Proud grandfather of Michael and Jonathon Deaton and Tim Reed. Dear brother of Steven Green. Service Wednesday, 11 AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Road (One block north of Lake Cook Road) Buffalo Grove, with visitation beginning at 10:30 AM. Interment Randhill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his memory to the charity of your choice. Arrangements by: **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Halperin, Joan

Joan Halperin, 84. Loving mother of Bari Halperin, Daniel (Sharon) Halperin, and Robert (Julie) Halperin; cherished grandmother of Madeline, Sydney, Caroline, and Sam. Visitation Tuesday, February 20th, 12 p.m. until time of service at 1 p.m., at **Drechsler, Brown & Williams Funeral Home**, 203 S. Marion St., Oak Park. Interment Private. Family will be sitting Shiva at 726 Bonnie Brae Place, River Forest, IL from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Jewish United Fund or Oak Park Temple are appreciated. Funeral info: drechsler-brownwilliams.com or 708-383-3191

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Hanczar, Virginia

Virginia B. Hanczar, nee Wachowicz, age 91, formerly of Cicero and Western Springs. Beloved wife to the late Florian Hanczar. Loving mother of Diane (Allen) Bishop and Gail (Michael) Polzin. Caring aunt to nieces and nephews. A Mass of Christian burial will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday in St. Hugh Church 4315 Joliet Ave., Lyons. Visitation will be 9-10:15 a.m. Thursday in the church. For further information 815-883-8321 or www.shieldsfuneralchapel.com.

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Jaffe, Jerome 'Jerry'

Jerome "Jerry" Jaffe, 84, beloved husband of Laurie nee Eichner; loving father of Tammy (Paul) Motin and Debbie (Scott) Carlson; cherished Papa of Stacey, Stephanie, Tyler and Sarah; also survived by "granddog" Chelsea. Funeral service Wednesday 10 AM at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd., Wilmette. Interment Jewish Oakridge Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to American Heart Association, Rainbow Hospice or Congregation Etz Chaim, Lombard. Info: 847-256-5700.

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Keeran, Ethel Christine

Ethel Christine Keeran, nee Hunt, 95, of Park Ridge. Beloved wife of the late Walter N. Keeran. Loving mother of Nancy Elizabeth Michalski. Proud grandmother of Natalie Christine Michalski. Dear sister of the late Edith Naslund. Fond aunt of Judith Ann Smith, Carol Jean Kofink and Susan Victoria Paulson. Visitation Wednesday, February 21, 2018, from 3-9 pm at the **M J Suerth Funeral Home**, 6754 N. Northwest Hwy., Chicago. Funeral Thursday, lying in state 9:00 AM at Edison Park Lutheran Church, 6626 N. Oliphant Ave. (At Avondale) Chicago until time of service 10:00AM. Interment at Mt. Hope Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials to First Lutheran Church - Ogema, W4950 State Road 86, Ogema, WI 54459 appreciated. For further information 877-631-1240 or www.suerth.com.

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Kleppinger, Rita E.

Rita E. Kleppinger nee Spafford, 91, of Western Springs. Beloved wife of the late Norman R.; loving mother of John (Joann) Blanchfield, Rita (Bill) Nemchok, James L. (Dr. Patti) Blanchfield and the late Debbie Blanchfield and Diana Blanchfield; grandmother of Steven, Eddie, Bobby, Val, Cathy, Angel, Joe, Deanna, Daniel, Craig and Cherylann; great grandmother of many; sister of Lois and the late Doris and Margie; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation at **Ahlgrim Funeral Home**, 567 S. Spring Rd., Elmhurst from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 21, 2018. Services at the funeral home 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 22, 2018. Interment Mt. Emblem Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Memorials will be appreciated for the charity of your choice. Info 630-834-3515 or www.ahlgrim.com.

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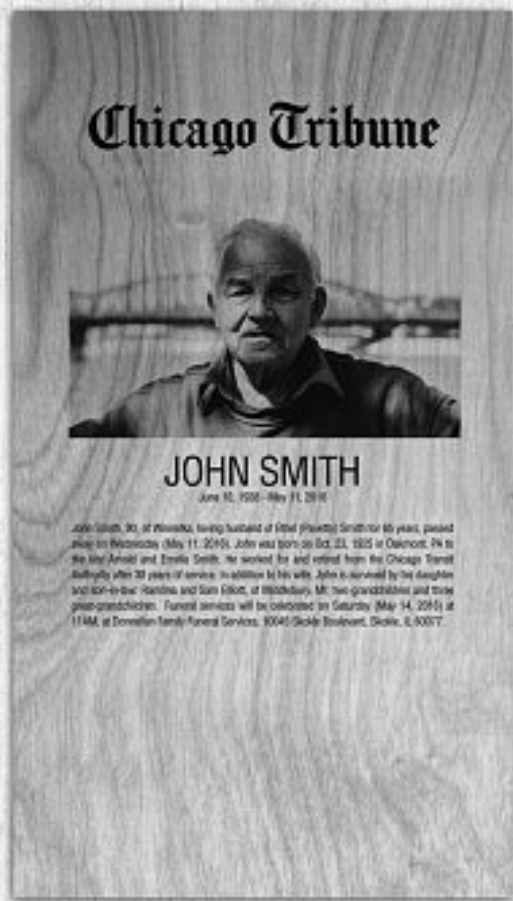
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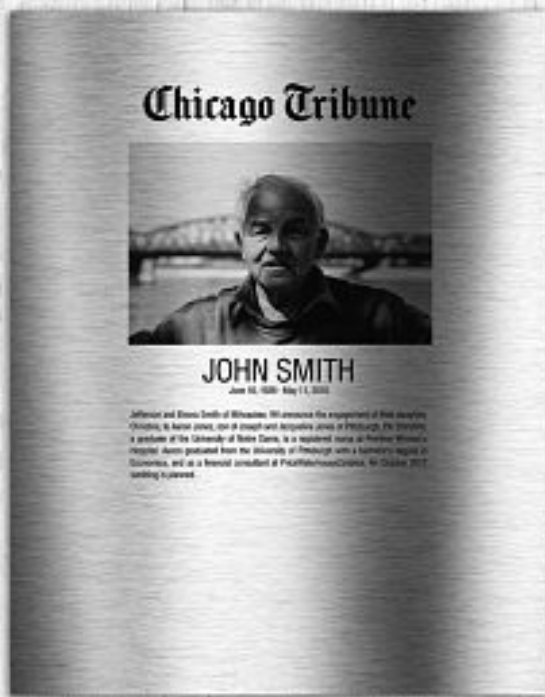
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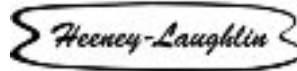
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Koerber, Eleanor

Eleanor Koerber, beloved wife of Roger, loving mother of Donn, the late Jeff, Gary and Roger Jr. Visitation Wednesday 4-8pm at Williams Kampp Funeral Home 430 E. Roosevelt Rd. Wheaton. Funeral Prayers at the funeral home Thursday 9:15 am. Funeral Mass 10 am at Christ the King Church 1501 S. Main St. in Lombard. Interment Private. For info 630-668-0016 or www.williams-kampp.com
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McElroy, Eileen M.

Eileen M. McElroy (nee Newell), Age 88, Born into Eternal Life on February 18, 2018. Loving mother of Joseph (Kay) and Thomas (Laura) McElroy. Cherished grandmother of Mike, Laura, and Brendan McElroy, and Melissa and John McElroy. Dear sister of Tom (Doris) Newell, John Newell, and Joan Newell Cochran. Eileen was a Beverly resident for over 60 years and devout parishioner of Christ the King Parish where she sang in the choir. She taught Special Education in southside Chicago Public Schools for 30 years. She loved her family, bridge, her cats, and a good party. She was an excellent cook, a stylish dresser and a diligent gardener who always thought her roses could have been doing a little better. Family and friends will meet at Christ the King Church, 9235 S. Hamilton Ave., Chicago, IL 60643 on Thursday morning for visitation 9:30am-11:00am. Mass of Christian Burial 11:00am. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL. Memorials to Christ the King School Foundation or Emilie's Fund c/o Smith Village, 2320 W. 113th Place, Chicago, IL 60643 are most appreciated. Info: **Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors** 708-636-5500 or www.heeneyfh.com



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Muska, Patricia Ann

Patricia Ann Muska, 82 (nee Teisler) of Bloomingdale, Beloved wife of Ralph; Devoted mother of Keith J. (Cyndee) Muska, Brian J. (Nancy) Muska, Loving grandmother of Kathrine, Joseph and Maddie Muska; Dear sister in law of Thomas R. Muska; Dear aunt of Scott, Craig and Eric Muska. Pat was a volunteer for 14 years at Alexian Brothers Medical Center, an avid golfer, a terrific bowler and a diehard White Sox fan. Whatever challenges Pat took on in her life, she did it with tremendous grace, dignity and always gave it her all. Funeral Friday, 8:30 a.m. family and friends are asked to gather at **Salerno's Rosedale Chapels** 450 W. Lake St. Roselle, IL 60172 (3/4 mile west of Bloomingdale/Roselle Rd.) to St. Isidore Church. Mass 9:30 a.m. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 3:00-9:00 p.m. For info 630-889-1700 or www.salernofuneralhomes.com



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Newey, Dean Alan

Dean Alan Newey, 64, of Chicago. Beloved brother of Paul (Patricia), Davis (June Murray) and the late Arthur (Deborah). Loving uncle of Jennifer, Jason (Cheri), Katelyn Newey and Beverly (Aaron) Chapman. Devoted great-uncle of Tyler and Colin. Visitation 9am until Funeral Service 11am Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to N. A. M. I. or the Assyrian Evangelical Church, Chicago. Dean was a music lover and he also enjoyed bible studies. Funeral home phone 708/352-6500 or www.hjfunerals.com
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Nidetz, Barbara

Barbara Nidetz, 86. Beloved wife of the late Melvin Q. Nidetz. Loving mama of Sandra and Alan (Linda). Precious grandma of James and Robert (Elizabeth). Cherished GG of Elliott and Ilana. Auntie & cousin to many and friend to all. An avid needlepointer, collector of elephants, lover of art and president & founding member of the WWC Club. She was always "perfectly peachy." Service at Wednesday 12:30 PM at Temple Beth Israel, 3601 Dempster, Skokie, IL 60076. Interment at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Temple Beth Israel, www.tbiskokie.org or a charity of your choice are deeply appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel**, 847.229.8822, www.cjfunfo.com.



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Panzica, Sr., Nicholas

Nicholas Panzica Sr. Age 82. Beloved Husband of RoseAnn. Dearest father of Jacqueline Pleasnick, MaryJo (William) Taylor, Nicholas Jr. and the late Karen Buchanan. Cherished Grandfather of 9. Great grandfather of 8. Fond brother of Jack Jr. (Margaret). He was preceded in death by his other siblings and parents. Many other relatives and friends. Funeral prayers Wednesday 10:00 AM from **Brust Funeral Home** 415 N. Gary Ave Carol Stream to St. Luke Catholic Church 421 Cochise Ct Carol Stream for Mass 10:30 AM. Visitation Tuesday 3-9 PM at the funeral home. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum Hillside, IL. 630-510-0044
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Phalin, Patricia Joan 'Pat'

Patricia "Pat" Joan (Giek) Phalin, age 87, passed away February 14, 2018 at Norwood Crossing in Chicago. Pat was born July 14, 1930, the daughter of Fred E. and Marian F. (Novy) Giek. Pat graduated from Crystal Lake High School in 1948. A few months prior to graduation, Pat met the love of her life, Larry Phalin. They married in 1951, made their home in Cary and raised their daughter and three sons there. Pat graduated from McHenry County College with an Associate degree and later Northern Illinois University, majoring in Special Education.



Pat cared about her community and put her thoughts into action. She was considered the force and inspiration behind the formation of the Cary Park District in 1971. As the mother of four young children, she found it particularly frustrating that Cary had no community pool so she set out to rectify that. Today the Cary Park District includes a community pool as well as 52 parks and approximately 846 acres of trail and open spaces. For many years, Pat also volunteered Monday evenings for PADS at St. Peter & Paul church. Pat's other major focus was Pioneer Center for Human Services, a McHenry County organization that provides services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Pat worked at Pioneer Center from 1978 through 1994 providing work adjustment training to scores of individuals. She held the important role of intake counselor and helped start a support group for the families of the individuals served by the center. Her efforts helped people go out into the working world and gain greater independence. She made a difference in many lives.

Pat loved social events and typically wanted to be the first to arrive and the last to leave. She enjoyed playing bridge and in her younger days, found pleasure in overseas travel with Larry. Above all, Pat was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren were her special pride and joy. Pat is survived by her children, Teresa (Joe) Rudnik of Zion, Paul (Lisa) Phalin of Chicago, David (Kathleen) Phalin of Chicago and James (Marianne) Phalin of Troy, ID; grandchildren Matt Mena, Shanna (Brad) Hollandsworth, Ralph Garner, Daniel (Allie Tate) Phalin, Brett (Molly) Phalin, Aaron Phalin, Aidan Phalin; great-grandchildren Isla and Emme Hollandsworth, brother Tom (JoAnn) Giek of Scottsdale, AZ, and many loving nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Fred Giek, mother, Marian (Novy) Giek, husband Thomas Lawrence "Larry" Phalin, and brother, Paul Giek. Visitation will be Thursday, February 22nd from 3 pm to 8 pm at **Kahle Moore Funeral Home**, 403 Silver Lake Rd, Cary. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 am on Friday, February 23, 2018 at St. Peter & Paul Church, 410 First St., Cary with interment to follow at St. Patrick Countryside Catholic Cemetery in McHenry. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Pioneer Center for Human Services, 4031 W. Dayton St, McHenry, IL 60050; www.pioneercenter.org. For more information, visit kahlemoore.com or call 847-639-3817.

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Prosser, Julia W.
Julia W. Prosser age 73 of Roselle, (nee Wirry), Beloved wife of 49 Years of Darryl Prosser; Devoted mother of Joseph (Alison) Prosser, and Lauren Prosser; Loving grandmother of Darryl and David Mix, Christopher and Matthew Prosser; Dear sister of the late Rosemary DiPrima. Julia was a special education teacher's assistant at Lake Park High School, and she was minister of hospitality at St. Walter church for several years where she volunteered and greeted parishioners and handed out the prayer books. Visitation Sunday, 3:00-8:00 p.m. at Salerno's Rosedale Chapels 450 W. Lake St. Roselle, IL 60172 (3/4 mile west of Bloomingdale/Roselle Rd.). Funeral Monday, family and friends are asked to gather at St. Walter Church 130 W. Pine St. Roselle, IL for mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment private. For info 630-889-1700 or www.salernofuneralhomes.com.



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Pummer, Nancy Anne Lucille

Nancy was born in Chicago to Ray and Mary Anne Kincaid. She passed away peacefully February 18, 2018 in South Elgin. Nancy is survived by her husband of 67 years, Robert Pummer, Sr.; children, Anne Hathaway, and Robert (Mary E.) Pummer, Jr.; grandchildren, Holly, Keith, Robin, April, Melanie, Chris, Nick, Ben, Jason, and Rachel; eleven great grandchildren; one great, great grandchild; and brother, Patrick Kincaid. She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Billy and Donald. Visitation will be 9am until the funeral service at 11am, Thursday, February 22 at **Davenport Family Funeral Home**, 149 W. Main St. (Lake-Cook Road), Barrington. Private burial will follow in St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery, Palatine. Please omit flowers. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to a charity of your choice, or, in Nancy's memory, perform a random act of kindness. Arrangements were entrusted to **Davenport Family Funeral Home**, Barrington. Please visit davenportfamily.com to send condolences, or call 847-381-3411 for information.



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Schoppe, Willard E.

Willard E. Schoppe, age 85, a life-long resident of Bensenville, IL, passed away peacefully Sunday, February 18, 2018. He was born September 20, 1932 in Elk Grove, IL, the son of Reinhardt and Viola (nee Everding) Schoppe. He graduated from Bensenville Community High School in 1950. He was co-owner of Reliable Trucking Company with his brother, Robert and cousin Edward Prehm from 1950-1970. He served in the US Army and was awarded a Purple Heart after being wounded in action on July 13, 1953 in the Korean War. He was a member of the American Legion Post 1205 for over 63 years. He was also a member of VFW Post 2149 and Lion's Club. Willard married Elizabeth A. (nee Hasse) on February 8, 1958. He spent 36 years of his life serving the community on the Bensenville Fire Department. He joined the Bensenville Volunteer Fire Department in 1957; served as Assistant Fire Chief from 1970-1980; in 1982 was appointed Fire Chief where he served in this capacity until he retired on November 29, 1993. Willard headed the Fire Prevention Bureau for 12 years prior to being appointed Fire Chief. Through his years on the Fire Department he was instrumental in advancing the areas of fire inspection and prevention in the community and oversaw the development and construction of Fire Station #2 on Foster Ave., which was named in his honor upon his retirement.

Willard is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Elizabeth "Betty" Schoppe; cherished children, Kimberly, Kenneth and Karen (Donald) Draxler; loving grandchildren, Evan, Aaron and Sarah Draxler; brother, Reinhardt (Elizabeth) Schoppe; sister-in-law, Loretta Schoppe; sister-in-law Joyce Cutler; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Robert; father and mother-in-law, Fred and Alvina Hasse; brother-in-law, Donald Hasse; and son-in-law, Dean Hilke.

Lying in State, Thursday February 22, 2018 from 9 AM until time of Funeral Service 10 AM at Faith Community Church, 192 S. Center Street, Bensenville IL. Interment Lakewood Memorial Park, Elgin IL. Visitation Wednesday, February 21, 2018 from 3-8 PM at **Geils Funeral Home**, 180 S. York Road, Bensenville IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Faith Community Church, would be appreciated. For funeral information, please call 630-766-3232 or www.geilsfuneralhome.com



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Shelton, George Hallett

George Hallett Shelton was born October 18, 1933 in Paducah, Kentucky. He died, at home, in Tucson, Arizona on February 8, 2018.



He left Paducah to attend the University of Notre Dame on a Naval ROTC scholarship. After graduating with a degree in accounting in 1955, he was stationed in New Orleans where he met his future bride, Carol Marie Hurlley. They were married on December 28th, 1957 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Metairie, Louisiana.

The couple moved their family to Wilmette, Illinois in 1963 and started spending winters in Tucson in 1997. George worked at Howe Barnes Investments in Chicago for 30 years. He was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Wilmette for several decades and, more recently, attended St. Mary's Catholic Church in Evanston and Santa Catalina Catholic Church in Tucson.

He was preceded in death by his parents George and Mary Ellen (Rogers) Shelton, and his four older siblings: John, Barbara Bacon, Margaret Saunier, and Betty.

He is survived by his wife and their five children: George III of Wilmette, John (Wendy) of Wilmette, Michael (Julie) of Wilmette, Margie of Dublin, CA, and Susan (Terry Dyer) of Plano, TX, as well as 13 grandchildren: Steven, Michelle, Maggie, Hayley, Katie, Jack, Erick Rodriguez, Emmy, Nick Rodriguez, Allie Dyer, Rosie, Carrie Dyer, and Brian Dyer.

The funeral mass was on Saturday, February 17th at Santa Catalina Catholic Church in Tucson.
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Sternfeld, Merna Carol

Merna Carol Sternfeld, nee Marmon, age 84, beloved wife of the late Milton; loving mother of Eydie (late Rick) Keith and the late Susan (Jeb) Hasenjaeger and the late Laurel Kaufmann; mother-in-law of Paul Kaufmann; adored grandma of Jason (Emily) Keith, Dana (fiancé Ari Hyman) Keith, Alexandra (fiancé Graham Timion) Kaufmann and Jeremy Kaufmann; proud great grandmother of Eli; special and life-long friends of Millie Gerber, Sabra Pitler, Karen Pollakov and Sherry Krule. Service Wednesday, 2:00 p.m. at The Chapel, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Rd., Buffalo Grove (1 blk N. of Lake Cook Rd.). Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, www.themmr.org or Cancer Wellness Center, www.cancerwellness.org. Info: The Goldman Funeral Group, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.



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Sutfin, Roger

Roger F. Sutfin, 81, life-long resident of Chicago, Itasca, Glen Ellyn, and Wheaton passed away on Friday, February 2, 2018. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Rev. Jeanette (Jan) Sutfin, sons Gary (Sarah), Gregg (Tara), and Glenn (Kat) and brother Frank (Carol). Memorial Visitation Saturday, February 24, 2018, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM followed by the Memorial Service at 12:00 PM – both at Gary United Methodist Church, 224 N Main St, Wheaton, IL 60187. **Hultgren Funeral Home** 630-668-0027
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Tortorelli, James

James Anthony Tortorelli, 59, died Feb. 12, 2018. Survived by his daughters, Megan (Andrew Seek) and Mallory; granddaughters, Bernadette and Amelia; sister, Diane (Ron Willis); brothers, Charles and Robert (Susan); and many nieces and nephews. Jim spent most of his 21 years in the USAF as a Signals Operator on the EC-130 Compass Call electronic attack aircraft. A memorial service will be held at 11:15am on Fri., Feb. 23, 2018 at the Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to Chicago Veterans.
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Truax Jr., Byron Edwin

Byron Edwin Truax, Jr., age 65, passed away at his apartment in Chicago, Illinois on Saturday, February 17, 2018 after a courageous journey with ALS. Byron – BJ to his family – was born on January 30, 1953 at Ft. Benning, Georgia, the first of 8 children, to Byron and Mary Anne Truax. After an early childhood in Elmhurst, Illinois, Byron spent his elementary and high school years in Miami, Florida, and graduated as a scholar athlete from Christopher Columbus High School. His competitive spirit extended to a variety of sports including track and field, basketball, and boxing. A passionate life-long learner and self-taught student of the marimba and cello, Byron was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in geology from the University of Illinois and later Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in electrical engineering from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and the University of Illinois respectively. He served for two years in the United States Army, and later went on to work for a variety of manufacturing companies in the Midwest as a design engineer. In 2012, Byron was part of a team that secured a United States patent relating to a machine management system. Bryon lived his life with an orientation towards others. In addition to his military service and contributions as an officer with the Illinois Central Section of the Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and other volunteer work, Byron was known for his deep faith, as well as the generosity, kindness and graciousness he regularly displayed to family, friends, and strangers. Survivors include his parents Byron and Mary Anne Truax; siblings Helen (Ian), Tom (Laura), Mary (Robert), Patty (Steve), Terry (Laura), Richard (Sally); and numerous nieces and nephews. A funeral mass will be celebrated on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Ita Catholic Church at 5500 North Broadway, Chicago, Illinois. Visitation will be available at St. Ita starting at 10:15 a.m. prior to the funeral mass. Interment will be at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, Byron's family requests that any donations be directed to the Les Turner Foundation (www.lesturnerals.org), Paralyzed Veterans www.pva.org or Christopher Columbus High School www.columbusbushs.com/page/support-cchs/memorial-fund. Good night sweet prince and flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.

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Tsouchlos, Shirley Helen

Shirley Helen (Peters) Tsouchlos passed away on Friday February 2, 2018 at the age of 88, she was the loving mother of Kathleen Ann Tsouchlos (1975) and John Dominic Tsouchlos Jr., Manager of Public Safety at Dominican University in River Forest, IL. Shirley was a long time employee at the Chicago Tribune retiring in 1989 and then worked for the Chicago Cubs as an usher at Wrigley Field for 15 years. Shirley's cremated remains will be buried at St. Joseph Cemetery in River Grove alongside her daughter on Saturday February 24, 2018 in a private ceremony.
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**Walsh, Antionette F.**

Antionette F. Walsh (nee DeMarie), age 88, passed away peacefully at home with her family at her side, beloved wife of the late Robert E. Walsh; loving mother of Sandra (Gerald) Zabel, Robert Walsh, Michael (Nancy) Walsh, Denise McGann and Delia (Lev) Melinyshyn; dearest grandmother of Anissa Rusthoven, Carey Mawhinnie, Melanie (Len) Rusthoven, Katie (Brian) Karmowski, Lisa (Mike) Shenouda, Stephanie Melinyshyn, Tracy Walsh, Michael Walsh, Robert (Katelyn) Walsh, Samantha (Andrew) Sturgeon and Sophia McGann; dear great-grandmother of Richey Mawhinnie and Nicholas Shenouda; devoted sister of Cuneo (Mary) DeMarie, Louis Maschio, Geneva (the late Joseph) Dornseifer, Marie (the late Randall) King, the late Frank (the late Helen) De Marie, Donald (Mary Ann) DeMarie, Joseph (Rosalee) DeMarie and Samuel DeMarie; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday 4-8 P.M. Funeral Friday 9:15 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home** 17909 S. 94th Ave. Tinley Park to St. Elizabeth Seton Church Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers Memorials to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated. Funeral Info: 708 532-3100



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Weber, Norma M.

Norma M. Weber, nee Carlstedt, 94 years. Beloved wife of the late Henry P. Devoted mother of Dennis (Mary Ellen), Michael (Judith) and Nancy (Gregory) Crossett. Loving grandmother of 8. Cherished great-grandmother of 11. Dear sister of Irvin, Richard, and David Carlstedt. Visitation Wednesday 3-9 P.M. Funeral Thursday 9 A.M. from the **Becvar & Son Funeral Home**, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood, to Incarnation Church for a 9:30 A.M. Mass. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Dysautonomia International would be appreciated. (708) 824-9000 or www.becvarfuneralhome.com



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MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF
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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father) And Any And All Unknown Fathers**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 14, 2015**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** 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 **02/26/2018**, at **10:30 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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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
February 20, 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
Demarion Murphy

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Delonda Murphy (Mother)
JUVENILE NO.: 15JA00885

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Black (Unknown Last Name) (Father), (Unknown) (Father) and Delonda Murphy (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 4, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** 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 **03/12/2018**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **17** COURTROOM **K**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Kaylie Slezewski Madeline Slezewski

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Nichole O'Hara (Mother)
JUVENILE NO.: 14JA00186 14JA00187

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Nichole O'Hara (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **September 15, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** 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 **03/06/2018**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **17** COURTROOM **K**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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IN THE INTEREST OF
Mariah McBride Monique McBride Na'ida Palmer

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Shawnquial Minnis (Mother)
JUVENILE NO.: 15JA00086 15JA00087 17JA00365

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **James McBride (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **November 22, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** 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 **03/12/2018**, at **10:30 AM** in CALENDAR **9** COURTROOM **I**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Cook County Zoning Board of Appeals
Location: 118 N Clark St., 22nd Floor, Chicago, IL
Date & Time: 3/7/2018 at 1:00pm

Reference: V 18-04
Subject Property: 13765 Santa Fe Trail, Orland Park, Illinois
Variance Request: increase of the height of a fence

Reference: V 18-05
Subject Property: 10517 W. Fullerton Avenue, Melrose Park, Illinois
Variance Request: (1) a reduction of the front yard setback (2) a reduction of the right interior side yard setback and (3) a reduction of the bulk requirements for an accessory structure located in the left interior side yard setback.

Reference: V 18-06
Subject Property: 2908 Linneman Street, Glenview, Illinois
Variance Request: reduce front yard setback

Reference: V 18-03
Subject Property: 1675 Marion Street, Schaumburg, Illinois
Variance Request: (1) reduce lot area, (2) reduce lot width, (3) reduce left interior side yard setback and (4) increase FAR.

Reference: V 18-07
Subject Property: 3148 Alta Street, Melrose Park, Illinois
Variance Request: reduce right side yard setback

Reference: V 18-08
Subject Property: 1311 62nd Place, LaGrange, Illinois
Variance Request: (1) reduce lot area, (2) reduce front yard setback

Reference: SU 18-01
Subject Property: 16629 Orange, Orland Park, Illinois
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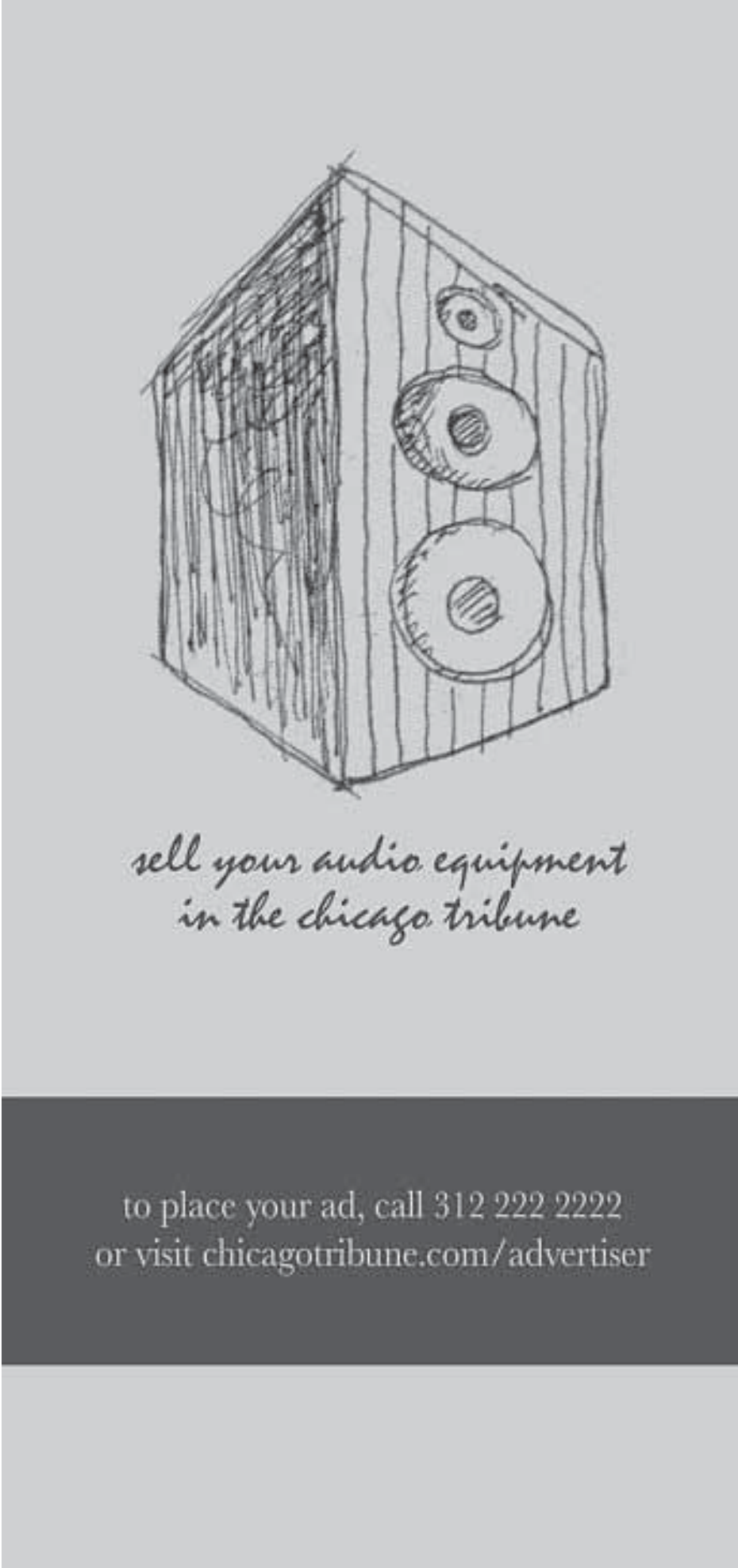
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Treasurer

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TO THE CREDITORS OF THE FAILED INSTITUTION

All creditors having claims against the Failed Institution must submit their claims in writing, together with proof of the claims, to the Receiver on or before **March 21, 2018** (the "Claims Bar Date"). Claims may be submitted by fax or by mail to the following address:

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1601 Bryan Street
Dallas, TX 75201
Attention: Claims Agent

You can obtain an official Proof of Claim form and instructions at www.fdic.gov or by calling 972-761-8677.

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TO THE DEPOSITORS OF THE FAILED INSTITUTION YOUR INSURED DEPOSITS HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER INSTITUTION

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4. Write to the New Institution and notify it that you wish to keep your account(s) active with the New Institution. Please be sure to include the name of the account(s), the account number(s), the signature of an authorized signer on the account(s) and a name and address.

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In the event you disagree with the FDIC's determination of your insurance coverage as represented by the account(s) made available at the New Institution, you may seek a review of the FDIC's determination in the United States District Court for the federal judicial district where the principal place of business of the Failed Institution was located. **You must file your request for this review no later than 60 days after the date on which your Deposit(s) became available to you at the New Institution. Filing a request for review will not prevent you from using the funds in your new account.**

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Anthony Rizzo and Jason Heyward leave the field after batting practice Monday in Mesa, Ariz. Rizzo spent the weekend grieving in Parkland, Fla.

Duclair: Not an isolated incident

Hawks' lone black player says racist taunts no surprise

By PAUL SKRBINA
Chicago Tribune

Anthony Duclair said he has heard the slurs, seen the gestures.

The Blackhawks' lone black player, and one of about 30 in the NHL, Duclair said he was disappointed but not surprised at the racial taunts four fans aimed at Capitals player Devante Smith-Pelly on Saturday night at the United Center.

"Happens so often, not only in hockey, not only in sports, but in society as a whole," Duclair said early Monday afternoon before the Blackhawks faced the Kings at the United Center. "You'd think there would be some change after some years, especially (after the NHL) came out with the ad, 'Hockey is for Everyone.'"

"If they were Blackhawks fans they would know there's a black player on their team. These four people think a certain way, and it's not just those four people. It's a lot more. There's a lot more racism than you guys think."

A Blackhawks official said Monday afternoon the four people who were ejected from Saturday's game were informed they no longer are welcome to attend games at the United Center. The team said it would not comment on how it planned to enforce the ban or whether or not any or all of the four are season ticket holders.

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HITTING HOME

Rizzo's visit to shooting site 'hardest thing I ever had to do'

MESA, Ariz. — With a heavy heart and weary soul, Cubs first baseman Anthony Rizzo spoke to a roomful of reporters Monday about his weekend grieving back home in the Parkland, Fla., community ripped apart by last week's deadly school shooting.

But Rizzo really was speaking to you, the Cubs fan. You, the White Sox fan.

You, the casual sports fan who kinda sorta pays attention.

You, the humans prone to go about our own lives at a dizzying pace that too easily desensitizes us to tragedy — like the one Rizzo clearly still is trying to process.

"As a human being, probably like everyone in here when they heard 'initial shooter,' I took my next golf swing," Rizzo recalled of his first reaction to news reports. "That's how numb this country is to it. Until



DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

something crazy happens, you hear 'open shooter' nowadays, it's OK, you take your next breath, and keep going. Then I found out it was at Douglas ... and it was gut-wrenching."

Rizzo graduated from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in 2007, the site of one of the deadliest mass shootings in American history last Wednesday that took 17 lives. He studied in the same classrooms in which students dodged bullets and starred on the same fields where they fled. He knows a good friend

who teaches at the school and saved several lives by tying tourniquets for wounded students. His agent's niece died in the gunfire. He and his brother, John, played for football coach Aaron Feis, who sacrificed

Turn to **Haugh, Page 4**

Reinsdorf stays patient with plan

At 81, Sox chairman not backing off investment in long-term rebuild



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the White Sox

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Cubs Chairman Tom Ricketts made sure Rick Renteria was given a World Series ring for his one-year managerial stint on the

North Side in 2014.

White Sox Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf is counting on Renteria to get him one more ring to go along with his 2005 bling.

But other than Renteria, the head honchos of Chicago's two baseball teams really don't have a lot in common.



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Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf signed off on the Sox rebuild plan in 2016.

Ricketts often wanders around Wrigley Field talking to fans and usually sits in a box seat behind the Cubs' dugout. Reinsdorf stays in his suite.

Ricketts talks to the Cubs writ-

ers on occasion and has an annual news conference at the start of every spring. Reinsdorf doesn't speak on the record with the Sox media, and hasn't held a news conference in years.

While Ricketts addressed his team on the first full workout Monday in Mesa, Ariz., Reinsdorf isn't expected to come to Camelback Ranch until the Cactus League games start next weekend.

But now Reinsdorf, 81, is taking a page from the Ricketts playbook. Ricketts endured a difficult rebuild and watched the plan come to fruition with a playoff team in four years and a championship in five. Reinsdorf approved a Sox rebuild after watching the 2016 team fall apart from a 23-10 start, and is entering Year 2 of the plan.

"He's the man, the man that had to OK the plan," reliever Nate Jones said. "And he did, and he wants to see it through. He wants to build it through the ground up, make our farm system the best it

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WINTER OLYMPICS



BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI/GETTY-APF

They meet again: U.S. gets another shot at Canadians

Rivals will play for gold medal in women's hockey for third consecutive Olympics after breezing through semifinals. Canada has won last four golds, owns 24-game Olympic winning streak. **Page 7**

OPENING SHOT

Steve Rosenbloom: Tuesday is the first time teams can put transition and franchise tags on players, and I'm wondering, can the Bears tag Antonio Brown? **More, Page 2**
Brad Biggs: Fuller presents Bears with difficult call. **Page 5**



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TOP OF THE SECOND



STEVE ROSENBLIOM

Color these fans despicable

Do we know their names yet?
Do we know the names of the four idiots who screamed racial taunts at Devante Smith-Pelly during the Blackhawks-Capitals game Saturday night?
Do we know the names of the four despicable fans who were yanked from their seats on the glass and run out of the United Center after chanting “basketball, basketball, basketball” at the black hockey player sitting in the penalty box?

We need to know their names; I do, anyway. I want them outed. If those four pieces of scum think it’s amusing to treat another human as a second-class citizen based on skin color alone, then I believe we should let them know how amusing it is to the rest of us when they are the ones being publicly humiliated.

It seems like such a gimme that judging a person based solely on skin color is ignorant. A person’s character and acts should define him or her, not skin, beliefs or sexual orientation. But sadly, we again learn that America not only hasn’t made the kind of racial progress one would expect but arguably has regressed to a time well before Martin Luther King bravely led marches and spoke publicly and persuasively for civil rights.

This incident at the United Center, you are reminded, comes during Black History Month, as well as during the NHL’s Hockey Is For Everyone Month, an initiative aimed at inclusiveness regardless of race, religion or sexual orientation. I point this out not to underscore painful irony but to reinforce the need for education, no matter how obvious the concept that all men are created equal.

Those four loathsome fans might be a hit in the groups with which they hang. Good. Let’s give them the big stage. Let’s give them publicity they apparently desire from the big-shot seats. Let’s help them own their overt, inexcusable racism and teach them that the greater part of society doesn’t laugh but instead ostracizes.

Remember how that torch-carrying dope was identified at the white supremacist march in Charlottesville, Va., last August and promptly lost his job? And remember how several other people were identified in news photos and on social media and also lost their jobs for participating? I want these sick people who were kicked out of the Hawks game to face



JEFF HAYNES/AP

The Capitals’ Devante Smith-Pelly argues with Hawks fans from the penalty box Saturday.

something onerous that makes them understand how painful their awful actions were.

They were sitting in the expensive seats. They were confronted by Smith-Pelly. They should be easy enough to identify. People around the city know them — neighbors, co-workers, employers.

The Hawks certainly know who they are. The organization must have IDs from the process of ejecting them. Making those names public would strike a blow for the fairness these morons refuse to comprehend.

I don’t know if it’s legal for the Hawks to announce who they are, but facile organizations have a talent for getting out information they want out.

We know who Steve Bartman is, don’t we? We know the name of that long-abused fan who was turned into a pariah

just for instinctively doing what virtually every baseball fan would do. He did nothing to deserve being treated as vermin of the lowest order. We should know the names of these vermin.

I realize this reads angry and vengeful. Well, I’m angry. This is a disgusting act. Racism is virulent. It retards human growth and reflects weapons-grade stupidity. And so, that outrage has manifested itself into this piece that reeks of revenge. But there’s something else.

Outing these dopes would offer something else that would be much more satisfying: a chance for them to apologize and commit to community service in the form of speaking to schools about racial sensitivity. Rehabilitation beats revenge.

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THE LINEUP

‘Risk’ strikes wrong note



Fergie apologized after trying something different with the national anthem at Sunday’s NBA All-Star Game.

“I’ve always been honored and proud to perform the national anthem and last night I wanted to try something special for the NBA,” the Grammy-winning singer said in a statement Monday. “I’m a risk taker artistically, but clearly this rendition didn’t strike the intended tone. I love this country and honestly tried my best.”

The slow, bluesy rendition wasn’t well-received at the Staples Center or on social media. A low chuckle rumbled through the sold-out arena after she finished the first line with a throaty growl on “the dawn’s early light.”

Warriors All-Star Draymond Green captured the mood — and became an instant GIF — when he was shown open-mouthed on the scoreboard and television broadcast.

TNT commentator Charles Barkley joked that he “needed a cigarette” after Fergie’s performance. AP

This catcher also pitches



Just six weeks after Notre Dame’s Citrus Bowl victory over LSU, the Irish baseball team pulled off a surprising season-opening series win at LSU, the 2017 national runner-up.

Freshman Cole Kmet of St. Viator played a role for both Irish teams. Kmet, a tight end in football, made his college baseball debut Saturday and threw four innings of shutout relief in a 10-5 victory.

“He showed tremendous mental toughness,” Notre Dame coach Mike Aoki said. “He got himself into three 3-0 counts and retired the guy on each one.”

The Irish, coming off a 26-32 season, bounced back to win the series after blowing a six-run lead Friday. AP

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Hawks forward David Kampf and Kings defenseman Christian Folin battle Monday night.

KINGS 3, BLACKHAWKS 1

Form fitting: Offense missing in home loss

Two days after rout of Caps, Hawks net 1 goal on 28 shots

BY PAUL SKRBINA
Chicago Tribune

One Blackhawk scored a goal Monday against the Kings, two days after seven scored Saturday during a victory over the Capitals.

As a result, the Blackhawks lost 3-1, their ninth defeat in 10 games overall and eighth in their last nine tries at the United Center as a trying month continued.

“Definitely been a tough month,” Hawks coach Joel Quenneville said before Monday’s loss.

“We just want to look forward, play the right way. ... We’re all capable of it. The consistency, let’s nail that part.”

The Blackhawks were consistent Monday, but not in a way they would have liked, at least early.

Thanks to goals from Torrey Mitchell and Andy Andreoff, the Kings outscored them 2-0 in the first period and outshot them 15-4.

“If we were able to put our finger on something, this season would be a little different than it is right now,” defenseman Jordan Oesterle said after the Hawks fell to 25-27-8, pushing them 13 points out of the second wild-card spot behind four teams in the Western Conference.

The second period wasn’t much better. Dion Phaneuf made it 3-0 a little more than four minutes in, and the Blackhawks came

PAUL SKRBINA’S THREE STARS

1. **Andy Andreoff, Kings:** One goal.
 2. **Jonathan Quick, Kings:** 27 saves on 28 shots.
 3. **Dion Phaneuf, Kings:** One goal.
- Up next:** Vs. Senators, 7 p.m. Wednesday; NBCSCH, WGN-AM 720.

THE SUMMARY

Los Angeles	2	1	0-3
BLACKHAWKS	0	0	1-1
FIRST PERIOD: 1.			
Los Angeles, Mitchell 4 (Thompson, Clifford), 8:31.			
2. Los Angeles, Andreoff 3 (Brodzinski, Amadio), 16:37.			
Penalty: Murphy, Hawks, (high sticking), 6:05.			
SECOND PERIOD: 3.			
Los Angeles, Phaneuf 5 (Martinez, Kempe), 4:04 (pp).			
Penalty: Bouma, Chi, (interference), 2:46.			
THIRD PERIOD: 4.			
BLACKHAWKS, Sharp 7 (Dahlstrom), 1:42.			
Penalties: Sharp, Hawks, (hooking), 2:59; Kempe, LA, (tripping), 5:02.			
SHOTS ON GOAL:			
Los Angeles	15	14	3-32
BLACKHAWKS	4	11	13-28
			1-3
			0-1

Goals: Los Angeles, Quick 22-21-2 (28 shots-27 saves).
BLACKHAWKS, Forsberg 6-11-3 (32-29).
Referees: Brian Pochmara, Kevin Pollock.
Linesmen: Shandor Alphonso, Derek Amell.

up empty on 11 more shots on goal. Patrick Sharp scored early in the third period, his first goal since Jan. 9 and seventh of the season.

“These last couple of weeks have been maybe as hard as it gets,” Sharp said. “But nobody’s going to feel sorry for us.”

■ The Blackhawks traded defenseman Michal Kempny to the Capitals for a conditional third-round draft pick.

The 27-year-old defenseman had one goal and six assists in 31 games this season and will be an unrestricted free agent after this season.

Kempny was signed on May 24, 2016 as a free agent.

Hawks’ Duclair not surprised by taunts

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“Racist comments and other inappropriate behavior are not tolerated by the Chicago Blackhawks,” a team statement said.

Duclair said he endured racially fueled taunts while he was growing up, such as name-calling and gestures directed at him.

Duclair said he spoke with Smith-Pelly after the game Saturday and said he was proud of Smith-Pelly for standing up for himself.

Smith-Pelly was in the penalty box during the third period when the four fans directed chants of “basketball, basketball, basketball” at him, implying Smith-Pelly would be better suited for that sport because he is black.

“(Hockey is) obviously a (predominantly) white sport,” Duclair said. “You just want to ... do what you love every day. There are some ignorant people in this world. You have to deal with that. ... It’s unacceptable.”

Smith-Pelly told reporters in Buffalo on Sunday he had heard the “basketball” chant when he was younger and was just as upset then as he was Saturday, when he exchanged words with the offenders.

“I didn’t really tell anyone. I kind of just brushed it off,” Smith-Pelly said. “We’re at a time we can’t brush it under the rug. You have to start calling people out, making sure people see other people’s true colors. I’m just trying to get the conversation started, show whoever these people were, their true colors.”

Duclair said he didn’t feel he had the voice to speak out when he was younger and that he kept his encounters with racism mostly to himself.

“Whether it happens to Devante Smith-Pelly or a random guy on the street, you should be comfortable in your own skin and your own gender and nationality, your religion, your beliefs,” Duclair said. “Everyone’s equal; everyone should love each other.”

The NHL’s “Hockey is for Everyone” program promotes a “safe, positive and inclusive environment for players and families regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, disability, sexual orientation and socio-economic status,” according to the league.

The Blackhawks had their “Hockey is for Everyone” night Thursday at the United Center.

The team also is involved with the Inner-City Education Program, established in 2003 with the intent to give youth from low-income families educational and hockey opportunities that might not otherwise have been available.



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Hawk Anthony Duclair says “you have to start calling people out” for racism.

Hawks captain Jonathan Toews said “it’s time to start moving past” such behavior as was exhibited Saturday night.

Blackhawks coach Joel Quenneville called the action of the four fans “totally unacceptable.”

Quenneville said he apologized to Smith-Pelly, the Capitals and coach Barry Trotz.

“We have to learn from something like that,” Quenneville said. “It can’t happen.”

Saturday’s incident wasn’t the first time it has happened in the NHL.

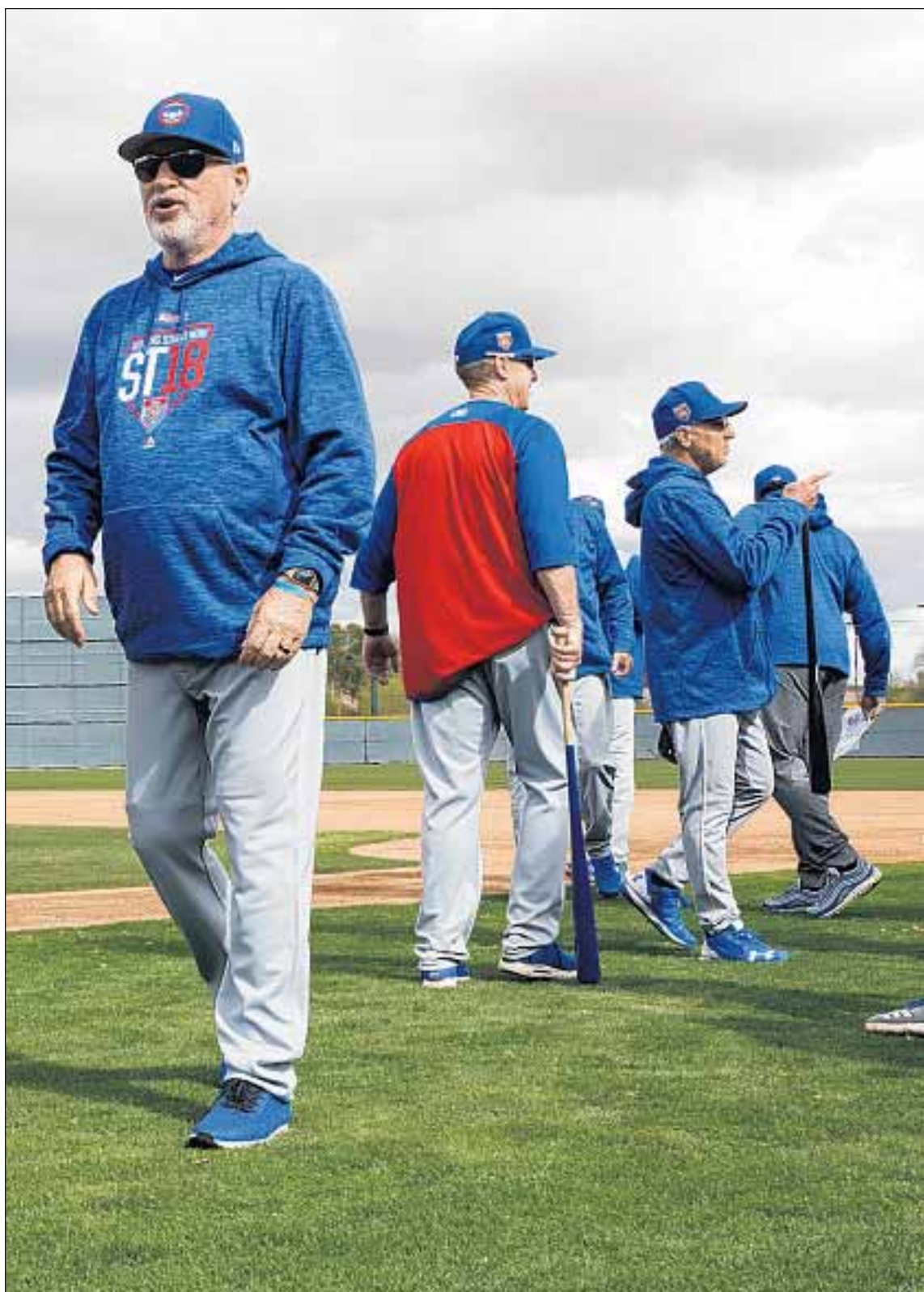
The Lightning’s JT Brown, who is black, said he received death threats and racial insults via social media after he raised his right fist during the national anthem earlier this season.

In 2011, a banana was thrown at the Flyers’ Wayne Simmonds during a pre-season game in London, Ontario. In 2012, the Capitals’ Joel Ward was barraged with racist remarks on Twitter after he scored the winning goal in overtime against the Bruins in Game 7 of their first-round playoff series.

NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman condemned the spectators who were ejected from the United Center in a statement Sunday, deemed the incident “isolated” and said the league “will take steps to have our clubs remind all stakeholders that they are entitled to enjoy a positive environment — free from unacceptable, inappropriate, disruptive, inconsiderate or unruly behaviors or actions and may not engage in conduct deemed detrimental to that experience.”

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CUBS



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Manager Joe Maddon surveys the practice fields as the Cubs begin their first full-squad workout Monday.

All systems glow

Maddon calls vibe in this camp 'ridiculously good' as Ricketts delivers annual pep talk to the troops

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — All the Cubs understood the direct message from Chairman Tom Ricketts on Monday during his annual remarks to the team before its first full-squad workout of spring training.

"I won't say a season is a failure because you don't win the World Series," Ricketts said afterward. "But it is our goal."

Manager Joe Maddon, who is in the fourth year of a five-year contract with a 2016 World Series title on his resume, fully supports that goal.

"Getting to the World Series is No. 1, and winning it would be awesome," Maddon said. "That is our goal, but the vibe (with this team) is ridiculously good. It is."

"You can feel (the interaction). There's a conservative confidence about them, meaning there's this mild swagger they don't want to show but feel good about it. I like it."

Maddon said he delivers the same message as Ricketts with different wording and that the Cubs' unveiled slogan of #EverybodyIn stresses teamwork.

Addison Russell, one of the stars of the Cubs' postseason run

to the 2016 Series, welcomes the challenge Ricketts presented.

"We take that first meeting very seriously," Russell said. "The coaches come into spring training with goals for themselves as well. And they let it be known throughout the clubhouse."

"It's great. You hear what the whole mental aspect is and trying to accomplish something as a club. They emphasized it. And we're listening and taking it in, and it's a good vibe right now."

Ricketts realizes the expectations of the fans have swelled in the aftermath of three straight trips to the NL Championship Series and the highest victory total in the regular season and playoffs during that span.

"I don't blame them," Ricketts said. "We should have high expectations. We have a great team."

Ricketts and Maddon stopped short of saying the season would be a failure if the Cubs didn't win the Series.

Ricketts added that injuries could play a factor and that the NL Central is stronger thanks to upgrades the Brewers and Cardinals made.

Monday's workout appeared as businesslike as any of the previous first full-squad workouts during the Maddon tenure. After

addressing his speech at a vigil for victims of the mass shooting at his high school alma mater in Florida last week, first baseman Anthony Rizzo hit several deep drives during batting practice, joked with his teammates and went out of his way to sign autographs for several dozen fans.

Maddon acknowledged his emphasis on energy and enthusiasm was similar to past seasons, although he provided a new wrinkle by showing a videotape of the San Antonio Spurs' camaraderie, teamwork and precision.

Jason Heyward sent the video to Maddon, who also mixed in some art-like highlights of Cubs' defense, baserunning and pitch execution.

"It's the same stuff, but I try to present it in a different way," Maddon said. "Listen, this is my fourth year here. You never want the message to grow old, so I think it's important to say the same thing in other words."

"That's the essence of a good instructor. As a hitting coach, you try to get the same concept across to two different people. But if you say it one way to both guys, one guy may get it and the other may not. The essence of getting a message across is to say the same thing in different words."

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WHITE SOX

Being 'old' is all new for Garcia

At 26, All-Star OF is a veteran presence for batch of newcomers

BY CHRIS KUC
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GLENDALE, Ariz. — Avisail Garcia scanned the clubhouse as the White Sox full squad officially reported to spring training at Camelback Ranch and looked a bit shocked.

"Everybody is 22, 21, 20," Garcia said Monday. "I'm 26, but I feel old."

While age is relative, Garcia has a point in that he is one of the team's most experienced players. The right fielder's 4.167 years of service time in the majors is the second-most among Sox position players behind newcomer Welington Castillo. That experience is something Garcia plans to utilize in a clubhouse that features plenty of youth while the organization continues its rebuild.

"I think it's important for me to have a lot of experience now in the big leagues and try to help the young guys, make them feel comfortable," Garcia said. "We're a family, you know? We try to compete and get better every day and every year."

Garcia is looking to build off a 2017 season during which he made his first All-Star Game appearance and finished second in the American League with a .330 batting average.

"I just try to get better, try to improve," Garcia said. "Hopefully, I can stay healthy so I can do the best for my team and try to win."

Sox manager Rick Renteria said Garcia is "full of confidence" after his stellar '17 season.

"When you have what we consider a pretty significant breakout year for him, he should not try to do too much," Renteria said. "(He should) stay within himself and let the numbers take care of themselves. If you trust the work you're putting in and you have confidence in your ability, (you) have an opportunity to repeat good output."

To that end, the 6-foot-4 Garcia reported to camp early and said he weighs 251 pounds, seven fewer than when he arrived in Glendale a year ago. His goal is to be down to 246 or 247 by opening day.

Thanks to a rigorous conditioning program that had him up with the sun and working out during the winter, less of Garcia has been more. Why is he focused on dropping weight?



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Avisail Garcia is coming off a breakthrough season in which he hit .330, second in the AL.

"For speed, for everything," Garcia said. "You don't get tired too fast. When people lose a lot of pounds, they feel way better. They sleep better."

Also making Garcia sleep better was winning his arbitration case against the Sox. He will receive a salary of \$6.7 million in 2018.

"I'm excited," he said. "Nobody likes to go to arbitration, but it's part of the business."

Now the onus is on Garcia to keep taking care of business on the field, as he did last season with a .330/.380/.506 slash line, 18 home runs and 80 RBIs. It was a breakthrough performance that surprised many, but not Garcia.

"I believe in myself," he said. "I believe in what I put in in the offseason: a lot of sacrifice. That's why I'm here. I want to keep working hard and do my best to improve."

Said Renteria of Garcia's offensive outburst last season: "Everybody was hopeful that at some point that might be some of the results."

"I saw what he did (two years ago when) ... he hit the All-Star break and kind of tapered off and wasn't able to regroup. Last year, you saw when we got into that particular aspect of the season, he had a little stumbling block, recovered and continued to move forward. It's basically trying to minimize the little lulls, and he was able to recover and have a tremendously good major-league season."

As far as goals for '18, Garcia said "personal goals or personal numbers are going to come by themselves. I just try to win and play hard every single day."

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WHITE SOX NOTES

Hansen has been hard not to notice

Standing 6-8, righty looks impressive in early bullpen sessions

BY CHRIS KUC
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GLENDALE, Ariz. — **Alec Hansen** has been an early standout at White Sox spring training and not just because the right-hander is 6-foot-8.

Hansen has been impressive during bullpen sessions, hitting his spots while flashing a fastball that tops out at 99 mph.

"I've had good command of my pitches this whole off-season," Hansen said. "I attribute that to being in better shape and more athletic. It gives me more control and I hope that continues."

Hansen is one of the more intriguing Sox prospects, ranked No. 54 overall by MLB Pipeline. The 23-year-old whom the Sox selected in the second round (49th overall) of the 2016 draft relies on his curveball as his out pitch. In a combined 26 games in the minor leagues last season, Hansen struck out 191 batters in 141 1/3 innings.

Not bad for a guy who didn't focus on playing baseball until he was a junior in high school in Loveland, Colo. Before taking to the diamond, Hansen was a quarterback on the junior varsity football team.

Hansen is ticketed to start the season at Double-A Birmingham, where he finished 2017 after Class A stops at Kannapolis and Winston-Salem.

"I just focus on being my best every day and I know the rest will take care of itself," Hansen said. "I've been doing well."

"I've moved up, and that will continue."

Game changer: Sox manager **Rick Renteria** said he is on board with the new pace-of-play initiatives Major League Baseball announced Monday. While deciding not to include a 20-second pitch clock for 2018, MLB did impose stricter rules on mound visits, including a limit of six per nine innings without a pitching change.

"Everybody is concerned with pace of play," Renteria said. "The game goes as it goes."

"Everybody has to deal with the limitations and constraints of guys going out and talking to the pitcher or infielders, things of that nature. We'll try to work around the limitations. Hopefully, we'll be able to communicate enough so it's not an issue."

Opening remarks: Monday marked the official reporting date for the full Sox squad, and Renteria delivered a message to the group.

"Continue to do what we've started to do on this journey: stay focused, prepare well (and) hustle," Renteria said. "Go out there and do everything to continue the path that we're on."

"I think they're all on board and as excited as we are (with) the prospects and the possibilities of everything as they continue to grow together as a team. We have a lot of guys; obviously not everybody's going to make (the major-league) club, but every single one of them has a chance to be a part of this as we continue to move forward."

"Just to let them know, the White Sox try to play the game a particular way."

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Gimenez OK with 'pace' edict

Catcher says new MLB rule on limiting mound visits appears 'doable'

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — Catcher **Chris Gimenez** was encouraged that Major League Baseball will allow a maximum of six mound visits per nine-inning game without a pitching change.

Limiting mound visits is one of MLB's rule changes designed to speed up games. The Players Association refused to agree to the changes formally but signed an agreement not to challenge them.

"It's a lot better than three," Gimenez said Monday. "(Six) is doable. At least they took some of our considerations at heart in doing this. We can save some (of the six trips) for later innings, in situations when you're going to

make multiple trips."

Manager **Joe Maddon** said he was curious as to what the average actual number of trips to the mound in a game has been, but said, "Whatever the number is, we'll abide by it."

Maddon didn't think catcher **Willson Contreras**, who is notorious for frequent visits to the mound, would be affected much by the new rules.

"We'll just have to figure out non-verbal methods of communicating," Maddon said. "We won't be texting."

Chilly on Chilly: Red Sox owner **John Henry** took an indirect shot at Cubs coach **Chili Davis** for the Red Sox's drop in production in 2017 from 2016 in slugger **David Ortiz's** final season.

"Our approach last year was lacking offensively, and we had issues that the players already have talked about," Henry told

Red Sox writers. "But I don't agree that we haven't really made much in the way of changes. I think (our coaching changes) were significant."

The Henry-owned Red Sox hired Davis twice, first as their Triple-A hitting coach in 2011 and then in 2014 as the major-league hitting coach after he had served in that same role with the Athletics.

Extra innings: In his state-of-the-Cubs' address Monday, Chairman **Tom Ricketts** said many issues made it tough to speculate on Wrigley Field being host to an All-Star Game soon as well as forecasting how soon the club could finalize its own television network. Ricketts also sensed he's pretty sure that free agent **Jake Arrieta** will "find a good situation." ... Infielder **Ben Zobrist** (back) was held out of Monday's workout as a precaution.



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Cubs first baseman Anthony Rizzo has a hard time dealing with his emotions as he answers questions in Mesa, Ariz.

Tragedy hits home for Rizzo

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his life using his body as a shield to protect kids. "A true hero," Rizzo said. "A monster comes in shooting up the school and he jumps in front of them to save their lives. Every single one of my best friends has memories of him." Those memories were made in Parkland, where Rizzo's parents, John and Laurie, were among the first homeowners back when the city of 30,000 had just one stoplight. He rushed home last Thursday night to speak at a vigil to look into the eyes of the students and teachers who survived and offer support simply with his presence. It was Rizzo who requested a role in the service so students could hear from someone who once sat where they sit, a star who never forgot his roots. "It was the hardest thing I ever had to do," said Rizzo, who also visited victims at the hospital. "Going back, you don't know what to say. There's nothing you can say. When people get shot, you're grateful they're alive.

When they pass away, you're grateful that you knew them. Just to see how real it is, it's sad. It's why I'm so proud of what they're doing. They're going to turn this tragedy into something positive." Rizzo isn't ready yet to turn this into a political debate, not with the grief still raw and fresh. He stayed away from a question about the AR-15 rifle used in the massacre and called out any "irresponsible" media members who reported he pushed for more gun control. "To be clear, I did not say the word gun one time," Rizzo said. People might read into that comment and Rizzo's reluctance to immediately use his platform to politicize the issue. But nobody should. They should allow Rizzo time to mourn with members of his hometown before judging his level of social activism. Rizzo didn't win the Roberto Clemente Award last year because of the way he turns his back on social causes. He didn't beat cancer because he's meek. "I play baseball, I'm an athlete, my opinion is my

opinion," Rizzo said. "I don't think it's fair to my teammates or anyone else if I come out and start going one way or the other. My focus is on baseball. My focus also is on Parkland and supporting them in whatever direction they go. For me, it's hard enough to hit a baseball. I definitely am not going to try to be a baseball player and a politician at the same time." This simply was a 28-year-old attempting to speak about an unspeakable act, trying to put something in perspective a nation struggles to understand. This was a baseball player spraying to all fields emotionally, connecting with sincerity. "Anthony's character always has been one of the most amazing things I've seen in baseball," Cubs Chairman Tom Ricketts said Monday. There might come a day when Rizzo lends his voice to the ongoing national conversation on gun control or sharpens his opinions on potential solutions to the problems that make American schools so dangerous — but not yet. Not

with the tears still falling and Rizzo's mind still racing. "I don't know enough about it," Rizzo said. "I know there are a lot of shootings. I don't know what needs to be done but some type of change needs to happen for the better. "You just hope that somewhere up the line of command people are thinking the same things a lot of innocent kids are thinking: 'Why am I scared to go to school? Why am I scared to say goodbye to my son or daughter?'" Rizzo paused. Anguish covered his face. "God forbid, someone was in an argument with someone they love that day," Rizzo said. "It is a bad time right now in the country with all these shootings." It was time for Rizzo to return to work, normally restored by the rituals of spring training. Good ol' No. 44 took grounders at first base and swings in the batting cage Monday, a familiar Chicago star who never will be the same.

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Reinsdorf patient with Sox rebuild

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can be, keep feeding the big-league team, and give us championships year after year, not just a one-year thing." According to those close to him, Reinsdorf has had no second thoughts about the rebuild, even as most expect the Sox to slog through a difficult season in the American League Central. Bovada.lv, a Las Vegas oddsmaker, pegged the over-under on Sox wins at 68, second-worst in the majors to the Marlins' 64½. "He's been fantastic from the start," general manager Rick Hahn said of Reinsdorf. "He deserves the most credit of anyone in that, as he is the quickest to point out, at his age he's not as confident that he gets to see the fruits of his labor for the long term. "He's not just supportive each step of the way, but very involved each step of the way, and curious as to what the plan is in terms of specific targets and helping in any way he can. "Luis Robert was a perfect example. He was involved every step of the way (of Robert's signing) because he knew that was an opportunity to acquire another premium talent piece that involved a large economic commitment and one he was willing to make to facilitate the process." Hahn admitted he felt a bit of trepidation when he approached Reinsdorf in 2016 with his plan, knowing it would take a few years of hardship before it blossomed. What if Reinsdorf just said "no"? "Certainly it was a possibility, just as there was concern about how the fans would receive it," Hahn said. "Or what impact it could have on the business side of the organization, or real considerations about the ancillary effects of

doing this. We knew from a baseball standpoint it made the most sense. Even before any of us started advocating for it, Jerry knew (it had to be done)." So far the plan seems to be working out as expected. The Sox have amassed a boatload of top prospects, and the fans seemingly have bought into it. It remains to be seen how quickly the Sox can meld together and start to win with consistency. If they bring up outfielder Eloy Jimenez and starter Michael Kopech early in the season, we should have a good indication by the end of 2018. Of perhaps sooner, if you ask Yoan Moncada, who believes the Sox could contend for an AL wildcard spot. "That's our goal, to go out every day and try to win games," he said. "We don't have control of the outcome, but our mind is on doing the things we have to do (to get there)." Jones, now an elder statesman on the team at the age of 32, concurred with the young second baseman. "We want to see what we're all about and prove some people wrong," he said. That would be fine with Reinsdorf, the man who OK'd the plan. Optimism abounds in spring training, and a recent change in their radio outlet, from WLS-AM 890 to WGN-AM 720, figures to provide a boost in Sox talk. "I believe baseball, of all the sports, is a radio game," Reinsdorf told WGN-AM 720. "With the right radio announcers who are able to paint a picture, baseball is a beautiful thing on radio." It's more beautiful, of course, when the team is winning.

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Cornerback Kyle Fuller, a first-round pick in 2014, had his best season in 2017. He is coming out of contract.

Defense's future nears crossroads

As window to tag players opens, Bears have to decide Fuller's fate

For the second straight year, the Bears face the possibility of losing a former high draft pick to free agency at a position where a clear replacement isn't in place.

Wide receiver Alshon Jeffery, a second-round pick in 2012, exited last March after two underwhelming contract years and quickly turned a one-year, prove-it deal with the Eagles into the long-term payday he was seeking. Now cornerback Kyle Fuller, a first-round pick in 2014, is coming out of contract with the sides approaching a crossroads. Fuller produced his finest season last year, and the only cornerbacks with playing time in 2017 who remain under contract are Marcus Cooper, a disappointing free agent addition last March, and Cre'Von LeBlanc, the backup nickel back. If Fuller doesn't return, the Bears head into free agency March 14 needing two starting cornerbacks for a defense that ranked seventh versus the pass.

Tuesday is the first day teams can use the franchise or transition tag; the deadline to do so is 3 p.m. March 6. Tagging Fuller is one way to bring him back and create time to possibly sign him to a multiyear deal. The deadline for that would be July 16.

So what are the options for the Bears and Fuller, keeping in mind that free agency is a two-way street?

Option 1: Attempt to sign Fuller to a multiyear extension before the new league year begins March 14. After a tumultuous 2016 season — Fuller missed the entire season following minor arthroscopic knee surgery during training camp, and the Bears declined the fifth-year option in his contract — multiple teammates said they expected Fuller to head out of town as quickly as he could in free agency. But those comments didn't come from Fuller, and they were made in October and November.

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Defensive coordinator Vic Fangio, who was blunt in his assessment of Fuller late in the 2016 season, patched things up with him, and with a new head coach in place, it's impossible to rule out a long-term deal. Money

can assuage any remaining hard feelings. For Fuller, doing a deal before free agency means eliminating 31 other potential bidders, so it might make the most sense for him to see what else is out there. Finding common ground now could prove challenging because Fuller surely sees big dollars in his near future.

Option 2: Allow Fuller to gauge his market value. There's a risk in doing this as Fuller could enter free agency and never look back. If the Bears feel comfortable in their relationship with him, this could allow Fuller to get a clear picture of how he's viewed around the league and establish a price the Bears could choose to match or better. Teams sometimes choose this approach because it allows the market to set the value. Other quality cornerbacks will be available — including Trumaine Johnson, Malcolm Butler, E.J. Gaines, Bashaud Breeland, Aaron Colvin and Fuller's 2017 teammate, Prince Amukamara — and the draft, particularly in the first and second rounds, is strong at the position.

Option 3: Secure Fuller for 2018 with the franchise tag, which the Bears have used previously on Jeffery, Henry Melton, Matt Forte and Lance Briggs, or the transition tag, which they have used only once on defensive lineman Bryan Robinson in 2001. If the Bears want to see multiple years of high-level play from Fuller before committing the kind of guaranteed money needed in a multiyear deal, they could put him in a contract year with the tag and give him a chance to prove it again. It's not a perfect solution, but it mitigates long-term risk.

Joel Corry, a former agent who contributes to CBSSports.com, estimates the franchise-tag value at cornerback will be \$15.2 million, while the transition tag will be close to \$13 million. The franchise tag is far more common as it greatly reduces the chance for player movement. The seldom-used transition tag might make more sense in this case as it's slightly less money. While the Bears would not receive draft-pick compensation if another team signed Fuller to an offer sheet, they would have right of first refusal, and that's significant. The Bears are flush with salary-cap space, so it's not like another team could sign Fuller to an offer that would put them in a bind to match. In fact the other team could be doing the Bears a favor by doing the heavy lifting — negotiating a deal — for them.

Option 4: Move on. The Bears are thin at cornerback and have already been kicking tires, bringing in David Amerson for a visit before he signed a one-year deal with the Chiefs. It's not like they're in position to let better players walk out of Halas Hall, but if they don't deem Fuller to be an elite cornerback, perhaps they put a multipronged plan in place to restock the position.

General manager Ryan Pace has been hesitant to hand out big deals and has pursued coveted cornerbacks on the free-agent market pretty much since his arrival. If he deems Fuller to be the kind of player he has been seeking all along, the Bears will surely try to secure Fuller somehow. He just turned 26, and while the 2016 season remains a mystery — and Fuller's entire professional career is under the microscope, not just last season — he has otherwise been durable.

Fuller had 24 passes defensed last season, tied for third in the NFL according to STATS, and was targeted 110 times, the second-highest figure in the league. Cornerback and wide receiver are the Bears' most pressing roster needs, and it will be fascinating to see which direction they choose.

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On course: Bulls aim to keep up intensity

The Bulls reconvene Tuesday for an evening practice at the Advocate Center, their roster whole and the standard the same.

"I want to see us battle every time we step on the floor," coach Fred Hoiberg said. "Simple as that."

There are no excuses for otherwise. That's the standard by which management is judging Hoiberg and his staff. And players such as Cameron Payne and Noah Vonleh will be gift-wrapped playing time to prove they belong in the league.

This area of accountability is where Hoiberg has displayed his most growth.

His terse news conference after Wednesday's noncompetitive loss to the Raptors wasn't merely a byproduct of a coach eager to get to the All-Star break. He was upset his team failed to meet the standard it has achieved most games.

Hoiberg reacted similarly after the Bulls allowed C.J. McCollum to torch them for 50 points in a 16-point loss last month in Portland. Never mind that Lauri Markkanen and Kris Dunn were in Chicago for paternity leave and concussion protocol, respectively, and Nikola Mirotic remained at the team hotel as management prepared to trade him.

Hoiberg wasn't having it. "You take this season in chunks, and from where we started at 3-20, we really grew and got better and put together a stretch of great basketball," Hoiberg said. "We're not doing that now. This kind of defensive effort won't cut it. We have to keep growing."

That Hoiberg and his staff are holding this standard, no matter the circumstances and personnel, is the right approach. Hoiberg admittedly struggled with accountability at times during his first two seasons while coaching headstrong veterans such as Jimmy Butler and Dwyane Wade.

But he has found his footing with this young team. And his message is resonating.

"Having guys out shouldn't matter," Zach LaVine said that night in Portland. "We're all professional players. We can't get down 20 points or give up 40 points in the first quarter like

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On the Bulls

that. You can count all the factors, but the guys we have are more than capable of doing the job."

Management has frequently praised Hoiberg and his staff publicly.

"When we were 3-20, these guys were coming

to work every day ready to play, ready to practice and get better," executive vice president John Paxson said. "In that regard, we have a really good thing going. The coaching staff has been positive. They've worked with these young kids every day. Our veterans are great veteran players. They practice hard. So it shows our young players the value of that."

The Bulls don't play until Thursday at home against the 76ers. Whether it's that game or the next one Saturday in Minnesota, Dunn said he's hopeful to have the 20-minute restriction lifted that he played under in his first game back from an 11-game absence.

The Bulls have played just four games with their core of LaVine, Dunn and Markkanen, going 2-2. In all four, either LaVine or Dunn played on a 20-minute limit.

"I'm excited for what we can do," LaVine said.

LaVine in particular has quietly started to find his offensive rhythm. In five games this month, he's averaging 22.4 points and shooting 39.3 percent from 3-point range.

"My legs are coming and I'm getting more in that rhythm," LaVine said. "I'm just hoping to keep stringing good games together."

That's the goal for all of the players and coaches. They've tuned out the tanking talk all season to focus on what they control — playing hard and playing to win. Of the 25 remaining games, only 11 are against teams over .500 and eight are against teams with worse records than the Bulls.

"We're competitors," Denzel Valentine said of the players' mindset. "We can compete with any team. We have shown that on multiple occasions. We just have to execute and play hard."

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JIM YOUNG/AP

Maryland's Anthony Cowan drives past Northwestern's Isiah Brown.

MARYLAND 71, NORTHWESTERN 64

Prosperity remains temporary for Cats

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN
Chicago Tribune

The moment that encapsulated this one?

Vic Law, looking frustrated if not enraged, coming off the court with 2 minutes, 40 seconds to play. Pulled after Chris Collins noticed he turned his right ankle, Law walked by his coach and didn't even reciprocate Collins' arm tap.

Law marched around the bench area with a grimace, taking a seat to tighten the laces on his right sneaker. He did not return to another downer of a game.

Northwestern led Maryland by 11 points early in the second half Monday night at Allstate Arena but ended up losing 71-64.

The signature for this tired, undermanned team has become blowing double-digit leads. Most notable is the 27-point edge it squandered against Michigan State on Saturday.

Northwestern (15-14, 6-10 Big Ten) is in ninth place in the league. If the standings hold, the Wildcats will get a third chance at Madison Square Garden to try to beat Maryland in the eight-versus-nine conference tournament game.

The effort was there for Northwestern, but 14 turnovers — 10 in the second half — doomed a team playing without Bryant McIntosh, who missed his second straight game with a right shoulder injury.

"The turnovers were the story," Collins said. "Without McIntosh, we don't have a true point guard on the floor. We just got really

sloppy. Give Maryland credit, but I thought we had some mental fatigue in the second half."

During one brutal stretch Barret Benson flipped a pass to the wrong team, Gavin Skelly switched his pivot foot and Scottie Lindsey gave up the ball with a silly pass and later committed an offensive foul in the backcourt.

Lindsey did score a team-high 15 points, knocking down 3 of 5 3-pointers. Dererk Pardon attempted just six field goals but had 14 points to go with six rebounds and three blocks.

Asked what is motivating a team that is far removed from the glory of last season, Pardon replied: "Winning the ballgame — by any means."

The Wildcats have lost four straight, blowing leads in the last three.

Collins hopes McIntosh will be able to play Thursday against Wisconsin on Senior Night, Northwestern's last game at Allstate Arena, saying: "The kid has meant so much to us."

Collins said Law will get treatment for his ankle. The Wildcats are in a stretch of four games in nine days and clearly gassed.

"There will be no laying down," Collins said. "We'll see if we can finish this thing out in a good fashion."

Maryland (19-11, 8-9) won its first road game since Dec. 3 as Kevin Huertter scored 18 points.

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WOMEN'S HOCKEY

A final 4 years in making

After overtime loss in Sochi, U.S. primed to face Canada in contest for gold medal

By CHIP SCOGGINS
Minneapolis Star Tribune

GANGNEUNG, South Korea — The drill looked monotonous. Over and over, the U.S. women's hockey team worked on crashing the net in search of scoring opportunities in practice Sunday.

"Now we've got to execute and get the puck across the goal line," coach Robb Stauber said.

Just like that, their practice paid off.

Less than three minutes into the first period of the women's Olympic semifinal Tuesday, Gigi Marvin parked in front of the goal, took a pass from Meghan Duggan from behind the net and buried it to give Team USA a 1-0 lead over Finland.

The barrage didn't let up. The Americans rolled over Finland 5-0 to punch their ticket to the gold-medal game.

"We put our attention on scoring," Stauber said. "When you're outshooting teams 2-1 and you're barely winning or not scoring as much as you'd like, what else are you going to repeat?"

Speaking of repeating, the gold-medal game will look awfully familiar. The Americans will meet archrival Canada for gold for the third consecutive Olympics.

Canada shut out the Olympic Athletes from Russia 5-0 in the other semifinal. The Canadians have won four consecutive gold medals and own a 24-game Olympic winning streak.

The Americans are trying to win gold for the first time since the 1998 Nagano Games.

"This team is ready," Duggan said. "This team is full of passion and energy and excitement. We've worked really hard this tournament, the last four years and our whole entire lives to put ourselves in position to go after a gold medal."

Led by Dani Cameranesi's two goals, they had little trouble in the semifinals, improving to 8-0 against Finland in the Olympics. The Americans held a commanding 38-14 advantage in shots and were relentless in their attack. Their formula looked exactly like what they had worked on in practice.

"Hey, here are the facts: Canada has watched us practice four days in a row, and they've watched what we've been doing," Stauber said. "And we've been going to the net hard, and we've been putting pucks to the net. It doesn't matter. You've got to score."



CARLOS GONZALEZ/MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE

Monique Lamoureux-Morando tries to get the puck past Finnish goalie Noora Raty in the first period of the Americans' semifinal victory.

Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson smoked a slap shot for a 3-0 lead during a two-man advantage in the second period. Hilary Knight scored 34 seconds later on a redirect from in front of the net.

"We're clicking," Knight said. "We're humming."

In analyzing video of the preliminary games, the coaching staff noticed teams collapsing their defense to prevent prime scoring chances.

"Teams respect our speed and our skill," Stauber said. "They pack it in. They make it very hard to make clean plays through those tight areas, which is a good game plan on their part. I would too."

Stauber said opponents sometimes "turn their heels to the net and guard us like a football receiver" when the U.S. has speed rushes down the wing.

"That won't change," he said. "We have to drive even harder than we have. Period."

That's why Stauber devoted so much time to scoring goals in traffic from close range. They scored a lot of them from that area in the semifinals, and now they have a shot at gold again — against some very familiar faces.

It's part of the routine now, as much a staple of the Winter Games as the medal ceremonies, the doping scandals and the sequins on the figure skaters: the U.S. facing Canada for the women's hockey gold medal.

Jennifer Wakefield scored twice and Shannon Szabados stopped 14 shots for the four-time defending champions.

This will be the fifth time in six Winter Games since women's hockey was added to the program that the North American neighbors have met in the final. No one else has ever skated away with an Olympic gold medal.

Canada outshot Russia 47-14 but struggled to pull away, scoring just once in each

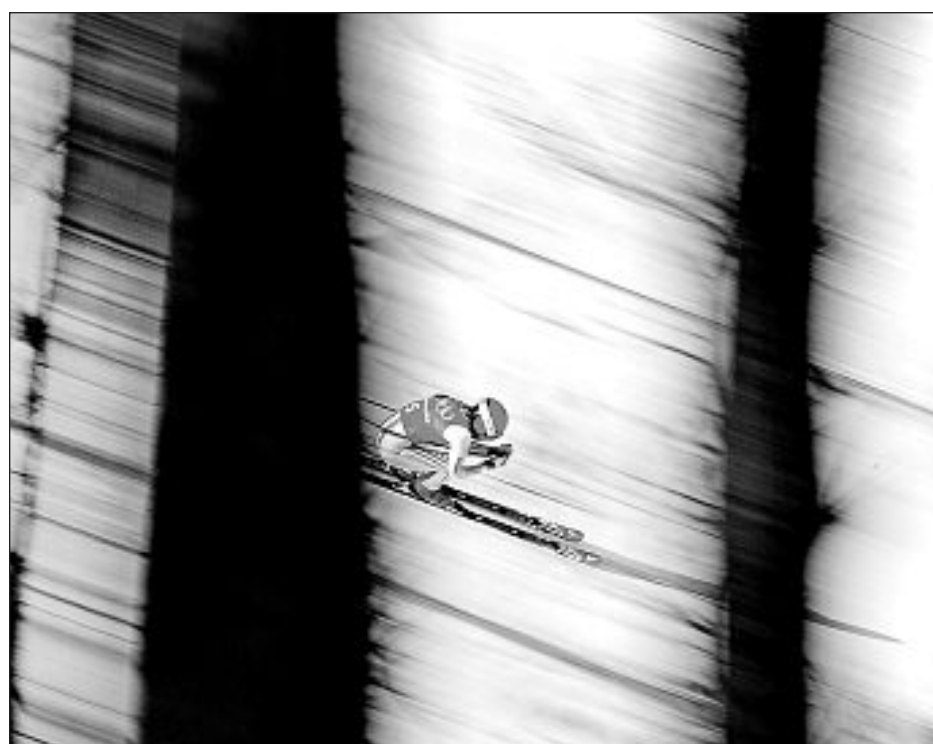
of the first two periods before Wakefield bounced one in off goalie Valeria Tarakanova's right arm just two minutes into the third.

The Americans won the Four Nations Cup, third only to the Olympics and world championships in importance, beating Canada in three of the first four games in a Pyeongchang tuneup tour. But Canada has won the last four, with a 2-1 victory in the pool-play finale Thursday.

None of it matters, really. The gold-medal match is the game these two have been looking forward to since Canada rallied from a two-goal deficit and beat the Americans in overtime four years ago in Sochi.

And a victory is the only thing that can help the 10 American holdovers from that team ease the pain of their 2014 collapse.

Associated Press contributed



TOM PENNINGTON/GETTY

Mikaela Shiffrin, taking a training run Monday in downhill, decided to skip that discipline.

WOMEN'S ALPINE SKIING

Shiffrin to skip downhill, face Vonn in combined

News services

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — Mikaela Shiffrin, who has one gold medal and one disappointing fourth-place finish at this year's Winter Olympics, is dropping the downhill from her schedule, meaning she has only one more chance at a medal.

With high winds forecast for Friday, officials decided to move up the women's combined — which consists of one run of downhill and one of slalom — to Thursday. That put the combined a day after the downhill and meant Shiffrin would have faced races on back-to-back days. So her effort in the combined, in which she should contend for gold, could be compromised.

"As much as I wanted to compete in the Olympic downhill, with the schedule change it's important for me to focus my energy on preparing for the combined," Shiffrin said. "I'm looking forward to cheering on our girls racing in the downhill and to compete myself in Thursday's combined."

The combined will also be the first head-to-head Olympic race between Shiffrin and U.S. teammate Lindsey Vonn, 33, who has said this will be her last Winter Games.

The combined is an event that adds the

times from one downhill run and one slalom run, so it provides an intriguing matchup between 2010 Vancouver downhill gold medalist Vonn and slalom star Shiffrin.

Shiffrin was 23rd fastest in Sunday's training run and 16th Monday, an indication she likely would not contend for a medal in downhill. By contrast, Vonn, who is strongest in the speed events, was first and third in the two training runs.

Vonn is considered the favorite in downhill. That has long been her best event, the one in which she has produced 42 of her women's-record 81 World Cup race wins, including three in a row heading into the Olympics. She also owns four downhill world championships medals.

"She is definitely the favorite," said Italy's Sofia Goggia.

Shiffrin's pre-Games plan of attempting to medal in five events hasn't gone as she had hoped. After starting with gold in the giant slalom, she finished a surprising fourth in the slalom. She dropped the super-G after weather compacted the 11-event Alpine schedule.

The downhill is a relatively new event for Shiffrin, who established herself as a star in the technical events of slalom and giant slalom. She has been improving in the speed events of downhill and super-G.

ROUNDUP

Canadian stars dance to gold; U.S. men gain hockey quarters

Associated Press

Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir won the gold medal in ice dance Tuesday, becoming the most decorated figure skaters in Olympic history with their third gold and fifth medal.

The Canadian pair scored a record 206.07 points total to beat Gabriella Papadakis and Guillaume Cizeron of France, who broke their own world record for a free dance with 123.35 points.

American siblings Maia and Alex Shibutani took the bronze medal.

Still alive: Ryan Donato scored twice and James Wisniewski converted on a two-man advantage as the U.S. men's hockey defeated Slovakia 5-1 to advance to the quarterfinals.

Mark Arcobello and Garrett Roe also scored for the Americans, who will face the Czech Republic on Wednesday (Tuesday night, U.S. time).

Up ... and down: American Brita Sigourney won the bronze medal in the women's freestyle ski halfpipe, the two-time Olympian clinching third on her final run.

Defending champion Maddie Bowman of the U.S. crashed near the end of her final run and placed 11th of 12 finalists.

Canada's Cassie Sharpe won gold and France's Marie Martinod silver.

Dead heat in bobsled: Justin Kripps and Alexander Kopacz were thoroughly confused when they crossed the finish line. They knew they had just won an Olympic gold medal for Canada and were puzzled why the rival Germans were celebrating.

Eventually, it made sense.

The closest Olympic sliding race in history had two sets of winners. Canada and Germany will share gold from the two-man bobsled event after Kripps and Kopacz finished their four runs in the exact same time as the German duo of Francesco Friedrich and Thorsten Margis.

The time: 3 minutes, 16.86 seconds.

"I managed to see the clock that said No. 1 on it," Kripps said. "At first I thought that we won outright, and then these guys ... were super excited. And I was like, 'These guys are really happy for us.'"

Justin Olsen and brakeman Evan Weinstock were the top Americans, placing 14th.

Mustache man golden: The red handlebar mustache finally has a golden accent. After winning two bronze medals, Robert Johansson helped Norway win the large hill team ski jumping title.

Johansson, with distinctive red facial



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir of Canada celebrate after winning gold in the ice dance, the third gold of their career.

BY THE NUMBERS

MEDALS TABLE		
NATION	G	S B TOT
Norway	11	9 8 28
Germany	10	6 4 20
Canada	8	5 6 19
Netherlands	6	5 2 13
United States	5	3 4 12
France	4	4 4 12
Austria	4	2 4 10
South Korea	3	2 2 7
Japan	2	5 3 10
Switzerland	2	4 1 7
Italy	2	1 3 6
Czech Republic	1	2 3 6
Slovakia	1	2 0 3
Belarus	1	1 0 2
Britain	1	0 3 4
Poland	1	0 1 2
Ukraine	1	0 1 1
China	0	5 2 7
OA Russia	0	3 8 11
Australia	0	2 1 3
Slovenia	0	1 0 1
Finland	0	0 3 3
Spain	0	0 2 2
Kazakhstan	0	0 1 1
Latvia	0	0 1 1
Liechtenstein	0	0 1 1

Through 2 of 5 medal events for Tuesday

MONDAY'S MEDALISTS

BOBSLED
Men's Two-Man
G: Germany (Francesco Friedrich, Thorsten Margis)
G: Canada (Justin Kripps, Alexander Kopacz)
S: Latvia (Oskars Melbardis, Janis Strenga)
SKI JUMPING
Team Event Large Hill
G: Norway (Andreas Stjernen, Robert Johansson, Johan Andre Forfang, Daniel Andre Tande)

S: Germany (Richard Freitag, Karl Geiger, Andreas Wellinger, Stephan Leyhe)
B: Poland (Kamil Stoch, Stefan Hula, Maciej Kot, Dawid Kubacki)

SPEEDSKATING
Men's 500
G: Hvard Lorentzen, Norway
S: Cha Min-Kyu, South Korea
B: Gao Tingru, China

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE
BIATHLON
Mixed Relay, 6:15 a.m.
CURLING
Men
Switzerland vs. U.S., 6:05 a.m.
Norway vs. Italy, 6:05 a.m.
Japan vs. Denmark, 6:05 a.m.
Women
South Korea vs. OA Russia, 7:05 p.m.
Sweden vs. China, 7:05 p.m.
Switzerland vs. Denmark, 7:05 p.m.
Canada vs. Britain, 7:05 p.m.

FIGURE SKATING
Women's Short Program, 8 p.m.
MEN'S FREESTYLE SKIING
Ski Cross Seeding Round, 9:30 p.m.
Ski Cross Finals, 11:15 p.m.

ICE HOCKEY
Women's Fifth Place
Switzerland vs. Japan, 2:30 a.m.
Men's Qualifications
Finland vs. South Korea, 7 a.m.
At Gangneung Hockey Centre
Slovenia vs. Norway, 2:30 a.m.
Switzerland vs. Germany, 7 a.m.
Men's Quarterfinals
Czech Republic vs. U.S.-Slovakia winner, 10 p.m.

NORDIC COMBINED
Men's Jumping (Large Hill), 5 a.m.
Men's 10km Race, 7:45 a.m.
SHORT TRACK SPEEDSKATING
Women's 1000 Qualification, 5 a.m.
Men's 500 Qualification, 5:45 a.m.
Women's 3000 Relay Final, 6:30 a.m.
MEN'S SNOWBOARDING
Big Air Qualifications, 7:30 p.m.

hair, leaped 136 meters with the final jump as Norway overwhelmed 2014 champion Germany, which took silver.

He also won bronze medals in the normal and large hill individual finals.

Norwegian skater sets mark: Hvard Lorentzen of Norway won the 500-meter speedskating gold in an Olympic-record time of 34.41 seconds.

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Ice dancer flashier than she intended



PHIL ROSENTHAL
On media

French ice dancer Gabriella Papadakis held up as best she could.

If the world saw Papadakis giving her all with partner Guillaume Cizeron at the Pyeongchang Winter Games, skating live Sunday night

on NBC, it also saw more than she ever wanted to show.

Alas, Papadakis' costume proved not nearly as strong as she was, coming apart behind her neck seconds into her routine, compromising the top's structural integrity. The wardrobe malfunction resulted in brief exposure of her left breast on live global TV and reportedly on video screens in the arena. It was, she told reporters, her "worst nightmare happening at the Olympics."

That Papadakis and Cizeron could get through their short program at all under the circumstances speaks to her focus, determination and skill. They had a stellar free dance Monday to win the silver medal.

"Somehow they did get to the end of the music, but the costume, early on, you could tell she kept trying to keep the top of her costume in place the rest of that short program," NBC announcer Terry Gannon said as the French skaters completed their routine.

"I can't even describe not only how distracting that is but just how disappointing it is that they had to perform that program with that distraction," said NBC analyst Tanith White, a 2006 Olympic silver medalist. "It's just not the kind of thing you want to have to worry about in competition."

"They are such exceptional skaters. But unfortunately that was distracting throughout the entire program and it hurt them in their technical execution, which is really where they shine. They are such a strong team. I'm just heartbroken that this even had to be part of their Olympic story."

NBC edited video of the exposure for the overnight rerun of its prime-time coverage as well as its online clips.

Papadakis and Cizeron said they were aware of a problem within the opening notes of Ed Sheeran's "Shape of You" as they began their routine.

"I felt it right away, and I prayed," Papadakis said. "That was all that I could do. ... I told myself I don't have a choice, I have to keep going, and that's what we did. And I think we can be proud of ourselves to have been able to deliver a high performance with that happening."

Historians will point out the original Olympians in ancient Greece often competed naked. The world and the Olympics have changed a bit since then.

Ice dancing, however, apparently is fraught with peril when it comes to these incidents, what with the style and makeup of the outfits and the movement and physical forces in play.

Flashy U.S. skater Adam Rippon recently said, "There's no such thing as a wardrobe malfunction, only a wardrobe opportunity." But not everyone's sequins reflect well in the light.

Last week in the team competition, South Korea's Yura Min, who was born in California and has dual citizenship, spoke of being "terrified the entire program" after a critical clasp in back came undone early in her short program with partner Alexander Gamelin.

NBC's White said she, too, had experienced a wardrobe problem, "but not to the degree" Papadakis did.

"It's just very upsetting," White said. "I don't even have words. It's just not at all what we expected in this moment."

Remember how American Tonya Harding freaked out and asked for a restart of her routine in the 1994 Olympics? All she did was break a lace on one of her skates.

"They have the most sublime skating quality," White said of Papadakis and Cizeron. "It looks completely effortless. And all things considered, they still did exceptionally well."

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WHAT TO WATCH TUESDAY

Lindsey Vonn will try to win the downhill. And Carpentersville's Bradie Tennell harbors medal hopes in figure skating. **TV listings, Page 6**



GREGORY BULL/AP

Liz Swaney competes, sort of, in women's freestyle skiing halfpipe qualifying Monday.

FREESTYLE SKIING

Shambles or just a sham?

The essence of competition: Some athletes have no chance yet find their way into Games

By WILL GRAVES
Associated Press

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — The words left Liz Swaney's lips without an ounce of irony. She meant them. All of them.

"I didn't qualify for finals, so I'm really disappointed," the 33-year-old Californian said after coming in last in the 24-woman Olympic women's freestyle skiing halfpipe qualifying field Monday.

She seemed surprised ...
■ Even though her score of 31.40 was more than 40 points behind France's Anais Caradeux, whose 72.80 marked the lowest of the 12 skiers to move on to the medal round.

■ Even though Swaney finished in about the same position in each of the dozen events she competed in across the globe over the last four years in the run-up to the Pyeongchang Games.

■ Even though her two qualifying runs featured little more than Swaney riding up the halfpipe wall before turning around in the air and skiing to the other side. It was a sequence she repeated a handful of times before capping her final trip with a pair of "alley oops," basically inward 180-degree turns more fitting for the local slopes than the world's largest sporting event.

Halfpipe is judged on a 100-point scale. Swaney has yet to break 40 in a sanctioned competition — not because she regularly wipes out trying to throw difficult tricks but because she doesn't even attempt them.

Yet she's here in South Korea as part of the Hungarian delegation, the latest in a series of quixotic pursuits that include running for governor of California as a 19-year-old student at Berkeley to trying out for the Oakland Raiders cheerleading team to mounting a push to reach the Olympics as a skeleton racer for Venezuela. She started skiing eight years ago and got serious about it only after the skeleton thing didn't take.

"I still want to inspire people to get involved with athletics or a new sport or a new challenge at any age in life," she said.

That tale is hardly new, though Swaney's unusual path offers a Rorschach test of sorts on what the Olympics actually mean.

The Games have long trafficked in the soft-focus narrative of plucky dreamers with no shot. Think Eddie "The Eagle" Edwards, the Jamaican bobsled team or shirtless Tongan Olympian Pita Taufatofua, who came in 114th of 116 skiers in the 15-kilometer cross-country race.

Swaney's story is more complicated. Let's get this out of the way: She did nothing illegal to get here. She racked up the required points to reach the Olympic standard. She jumped through the necessary hoops to join Team Hungary, the connection coming from her maternal grandfather. She has spent more than her fair share of money hopscotching continents chasing a dream.

No matter how you try to frame the questions, the answers come back the same. She swears this isn't a publicity stunt.

"I'm trying to soak in the Olympic experience but also focusing on the halfpipe here and trying to go higher each time and getting more spins in," said Swaney.

One problem. Swaney doesn't go very high. Or spin very much.

But Swaney is here because she earned her way in. Still, it leads to the inevitable question: Should she be?

"I'm a pretty open-minded person," said Marie Martinod of France, a silver medalist in halfpipe four years ago. "So I couldn't be proud dealing some pins with some crazy exotic country and giving (criticism) to this girl that is trying to get into the Olympics. No, she's part of the game. It's a game, just (a chance) to share stuff and be able to see the whole world (come) together for once."

Four Americans entered the contest, with three moving on to the finals. The one who didn't make it? Devin Logan, who scored 71.60 in her first run to just miss the cutoff while dealing with a knee injury.

At least Logan was in the conversation. Swaney wasn't, and she likely won't be.

Canadian Cassie Sharpe, who revels in pushing the boundaries each time she drops in, isn't sure being competitive should matter, even at the Olympics.

"If you put in the time and put in the effort to be here," she said, "you have as much of a right to be here as I do."

HOME TEAM

Tracking local Olympians competing in Pyeongchang



Kendall Coyne
Hockey/Palos Heights

The 25-year-old, making her second appearance for Team USA, scored the winner in the team's first game. On Monday, the U.S. beat Finland 5-0 in the semifinals.

Next: Gold-medal game vs. Canada, Thursday



Hilary Knight
Hockey/Lake Forest

Knight, who lived in Lake Forest from age 6 to 14 and played on boys teams, won silver medals at the 2010 and 2014 Olympics. On Monday, she scored as the U.S. beat Finland 5-0 in the semifinals.

Next: Gold-medal game vs. Canada, Thursday



Kevin Bickner
Ski jumping/Wauconda

Bickner attended Wauconda High School until moving to Park City, Utah, to train. He is one of three Olympians from the Norge Ski Club in Fox River Grove. He finished 18th in the normal hill and took 20th in the large hill. As part of the large hill team competition Monday, the U.S. finished ninth.

Next: Finished



Michael Glasder
Ski jumping/Cary

Glasder, who at 28 is nearly six years older than any of his rivals, is a 2008 Cary-Grove graduate who trains at the Norge Ski Club in Fox River Grove. He did not advance to the large hill final. As part of the large hill team competition Monday, the U.S. finished ninth.

Next: Finished



Casey Larson
Ski jumping/Barrington

Larson, 19, is a member of the Norge Ski Club. By high school he was training on the U.S. developmental team. He failed to qualify in the large hill event. As part of the large hill team competition Monday, the U.S. finished ninth.

Next: Finished

■ **Bronze:** Alexa Scimeca Knierim (Addison) for team figure skating
■ **Bronze:** Bradie Tennell (Carpentersville) for team figure skating

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DAVIE HINSHAW/CHARLOTTE OBSERVER PHOTOS

This photo shows Dale Earnhardt visiting with Wessa Miller, a 6-year-old girl he met through the Make-A-Wish Foundation, before winning his first Daytona 500 in 1998.

Two wishes get fulfilled

In 1998, Dale Earnhardt won his 1st Daytona 500 with help from a young fan, who met her hero

BY DAN GELSTON AND MARK LONG
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Dale Earnhardt was NASCAR's "Intimidator."

He stormed into the sport and won his first Cup championship in only his second full season. Earnhardt had achieved about all there was to do in NASCAR by 1998, including a record-tying seven Cup Series championships.

Winning the Daytona 500 was the only milestone that eluded Earnhardt over the first two decades of his career. He was a victim of bad luck, missed opportunities and close calls that stamped him 0-for-19 in NASCAR's biggest race.

He typically was among the few favorites to win Daytona International Speedway's most prestigious event. But Earnhardt lost 14 times driving the famed No. 3 car for Richard Childress Racing, and both men desperately wanted to avoid more heartache.

It all changed Feb. 15, 1998. At 46, Earnhardt was the sentimental choice and at last won "The Great American Race."

It's a NASCAR moment that has stood the test of time. It included a lucky penny and a pit-road processional never before seen in auto racing.

This is the story of that memorable day, told by men who lived it: Earnhardt's team owner (Childress), crew chief (Larry McReynolds), two fellow championship drivers (Jeff Gordon and Darrell Waltrip) and race announcer (Mike Joy).

Earnhardt had won 30 races at Daytona entering that day, so despite a 59-race winless streak in the Cup Series, he was the popular pick to end both streaks in the season opener. He won one of the twin qualifying races three days earlier.

Childress: The biggest thing was Dale's confidence going into that race. He was always confident racing here, but we all just felt that was our day. We knew we always had a shot. He was a man (who) could make up everything for us, and he did that day.

McReynolds: It seemed the deeper we got into Speedweeks, the better the car got. We finally reached the point that we really felt the only (thing) that could beat us is if we ended up doing something to beat ourselves.

Gordon: As many times as it had gotten

away from him, it didn't seem to deter him from being just as motivated the next year.

Waltrip: I won in '89, and it took me 17 tries. I knew what he was going through. I knew the anguish, the disappointment. He wouldn't let on a lot. He was one tough guy — (he'd say), 'Yeah, well, no big deal. We'll get them next year.'

That wasn't really how he felt. I knew it had to absolutely tear him up every time because he would get so close and then something would happen.

Joy: They were not picked to win by everybody, but everyone felt he would contend for the win (and) lead laps. And then everybody thought fate would intervene as it had 19 years in a row before.

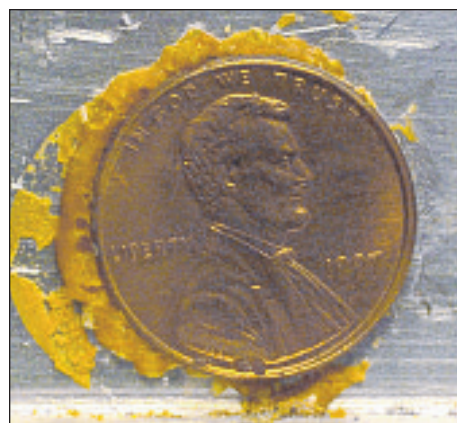
Earnhardt had a number of fluky failures in the Daytona 500. In 1997, with 10 laps to go and running near the front, he was involved in a late crash that sent his car flipping down the backstretch. In 1993, Dale Jarrett passed him for the lead on the last lap. In 1991, he obliterated a seagull on the backstretch, damaging his radiator and forcing him to pit for repairs. In 1990, he cut a tire less than mile from the finish line, allowing Derricke Cope to steal one of his two career victories.

McReynolds: Knowing the history and all the things that had bitten that (No.) 3 car with Dale driving it for the previous 19 Daytona 500s, you knew (that) until you saw that checkered flag wave that race was not over.

Waltrip: It got down to the end of the race. I said, 'Who's leading?' (Crew chief Jeff Hammond) said, 'Dale.' I said, 'Well, he won't win.' He never had. Always something would happen, but this day he pulled it off.

As Earnhardt crossed the finish line, the grandstands erupted in celebration. No one expected that emotion to carry onto pit road. As Earnhardt drove toward victory lane, crew members from nearly every team lined up to congratulate him.

Childress: A lot of people had a love/hate relationship with Dale. But there were so many fans, people (who) worked on other race teams (and) were really Dale Earnhardt fans. And to see them all out there, everyone knew how important that win was to Dale. I just hugged him and said, 'Man, we



Dale Earnhardt glued this penny to his car's dashboard before the 1998 Daytona 500.

got it. We got it. We finally got it.'

McReynolds: I did not even know until later that this receiving line on pit road had formed to congratulate him. I thought what was really cool was even the (No.) 18 team of Bobby Labonte and Joe Gibbs Racing that had run second to us, they were out there congratulating Dale.

The entire industry, the other teams, everybody involved knew how much Dale really wanted to win this Daytona 500 and how much it meant to him.

Gordon: That was an awesome moment, unbelievable, (to see) somebody so deserving get that kind of respect.

Waltrip: I remember coming around off Turn 4 and all the cars are backed up on the track. I said to Hammond, 'What's going on anyway? How come we can't get on pit road?' He said, 'Pit road is full of people and they're all standing out there. Everybody is wanting to congratulate Dale.'

For a second, it kind of aggravated me. But then I thought, 'How cool is that to have everybody line up and congratulate him on winning that race?' Our sport is full of Dale moments, things that Dale did that we never forget, and that was one of those moments.

Joy: That was the first time ever. When Tony Stewart ran the last race of his career and Jeff Gordon (ran) the last race before he retired and Martin Truex won his championship at Homestead, we saw a similar outpouring of people lining up on pit road. But not to the magnitude of this. This was really special and unique.

Earnhardt credited 6-year-old Wessa Miller for helping him get that elusive win. He met Miller through the Make-A-Wish Foundation after the final practice for the

race. Miller gave Earnhardt the penny and told him she had rubbed it and that it would bring him good luck. As she handed it to him, he said he hoped so.

McReynolds: The car gets back to the garage area and no Dale. Finally, here he comes and he's like a man on a mission. He walks by me (as if) I wasn't even standing there. I see him over in the tool box, digging through drawers. I said, 'Dale, what are you doing?' He says, 'I got something I've got to do.'

I knew he had something in his hand. He kept pulling drawers open. He finally found a tube of weather-strip adhesive like we (use to) glue the lug nuts on the wheels. I looked at him and he had glue running down his uniform. He had enough glue on this one penny to glue a dollar's worth of pennies on the dash. I finally said, 'Dale, I don't know what you're trying to do. Let me help you. You're trying to glue this somewhere.' I still remember her name: Wessa Miller. Her wish was to come to Daytona and meet her hero, Dale Earnhardt Sr. We got the penny glued on the dash.

Childress: The lucky penny the little girl gave him is still on the dash today.

Twenty years later, the victory still resonates throughout racing — partly because Earnhardt died three years later at the famed track but mostly because he had come up short so many times before. There have been better races, there have been better finishes, but there's arguably never been a better Daytona 500 moment.

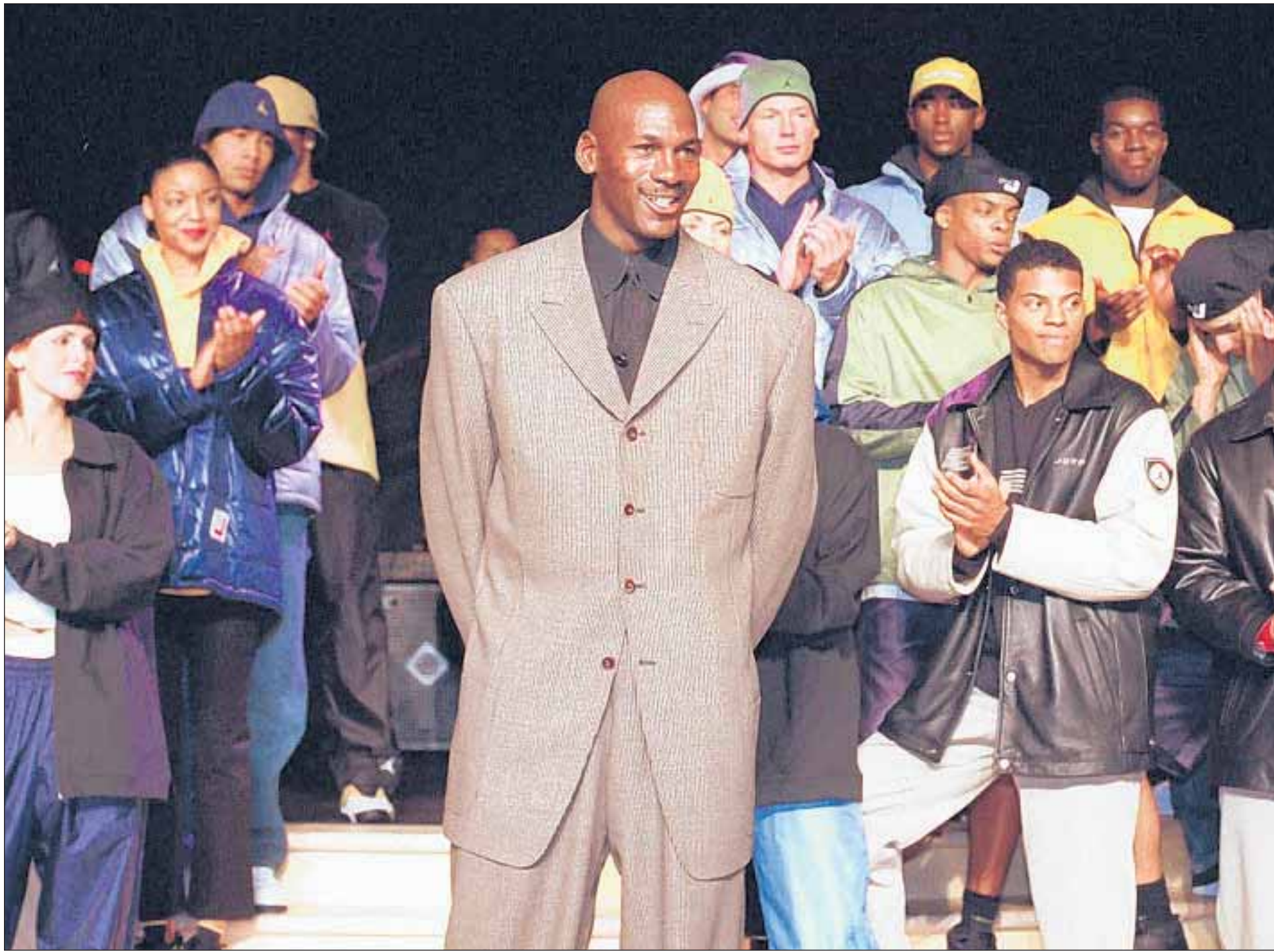
McReynolds: I don't know if you could have scripted it any better.

Childress: It will be talked about for many years.

Gordon: That's what I find fascinating about it now, especially being in the broadcast booth. What draws people in? What makes people remember a race and (have it) recognized as one of the all-time great races? It was single file for a lot of that race. There was not a lot of phenomenal racing, yet people go back and say this is one of the all-time greatest races. It's more because of the story."

Waltrip: When an Earnhardt does something, it's a big deal — whether it's Junior or Senior. There have been a lot of incredible Daytona 500s, before that win and after. What Dale meant to the sport and what that race meant to Dale gives that race a little bit more significance than some of the others.

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Michael Jordan stands with a group of models at the Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas on March 2, 1999, where he previewed the Fall/Holiday 1999 Jordan collection, a sub-brand of Nike.

Playing games or politics?

Black athletes in 1980s, '90s weren't very outspoken, but they weren't silent, either

BY JESSE J. HOLLAND
Associated Press

By the 1980s, America finally publicly embraced the black athlete, looking past skin color to see athleticism and skill, rewarding stars with multimillion-dollar contracts, movie deals, lucrative shoe endorsements and mansions in all-white enclaves.

Who didn't want to be like Mike?

But those fortunate black athletes such as Michael Jordan and Tiger Woods did not, for the most part, use their celebrity to speak out. Most were silent on issues like the crack epidemic, apartheid in South Africa, the racial tensions exposed by the O.J. Simpson trial and the police brutality that set off the Rodney King riots.

Of course, there were exceptions — more, perhaps, than are generally remembered. And the times and the media of those times did not necessarily lend themselves to protest.

But while Jack Johnson and Muhammad Ali once stood up — and more recently, Colin Kaepernick, LeBron James, Serena Williams and others would not back down — black athletes of the '80s and '90s were known mostly for playing games.

"It seems to me that we need to rethink how we define 'activism' since black athletes certainly were involved in various social causes during that era," said Johnny Smith, the Julius C. "Bud" Shaw Professor of Sports, Society and Technology at Georgia Tech. "Anecdotal, I think about them donating to various scholarship funds and participating in 'Say No to Drugs' campaigns. That's certainly a form of activism.

"However, on the whole, the most prominent black male athletes were not confrontational or outspoken."

When Harvey Gantt took on conservative Republican Sen. Jesse Helms in 1990, Jordan — the undisputed superstar athlete of his time — refused to support the black Democrat in his native North Carolina, reportedly saying Republicans buy shoes too.

It took until 2016 for Jordan to finally speak out strongly on a social issue by condemning the killing of black men at the hands of police, writing in a column published by The Undeclared website.

Woods said this week that throughout American history, blacks have struggled.

"A lot of different races have had struggles, and obviously the

African Americans in this country have had their share of struggles," Woods said. "Obviously has it gotten better, yes, but I still think there's room for more improvement."

The mold of the public activist — the person who is willing to lead but also willing to lose everything for a cause — doesn't fit everyone, said Harry Edwards, a scholar of race and sports who has worked as a consultant for several U.S. pro teams.

Some guys are fine "picking up a paycheck" because they don't want to be bothered, Edwards said.

"But that's fine, because that has always been there," he said. "That was there during slavery. Nat Turner comes and says, 'Hey, let's run away. Let's get some guns. Let's get some machetes, and let's fight for our freedom.' And you always have someone say, 'You kidding me?'"

Dominique Wilkins, an NBA Hall of Famer known as "The Human Highlight Film" for his thunderous, acrobatic dunks during the 1980s and '90s, believes social media have amplified athletes' voices — and the Twitter-less past did not offer sports stars the soap boxes they have now.

"We didn't have a platform because it wasn't that type of media around," Wilkins said. "You had the normal, everyday media, but you didn't have Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, you didn't have any of that."

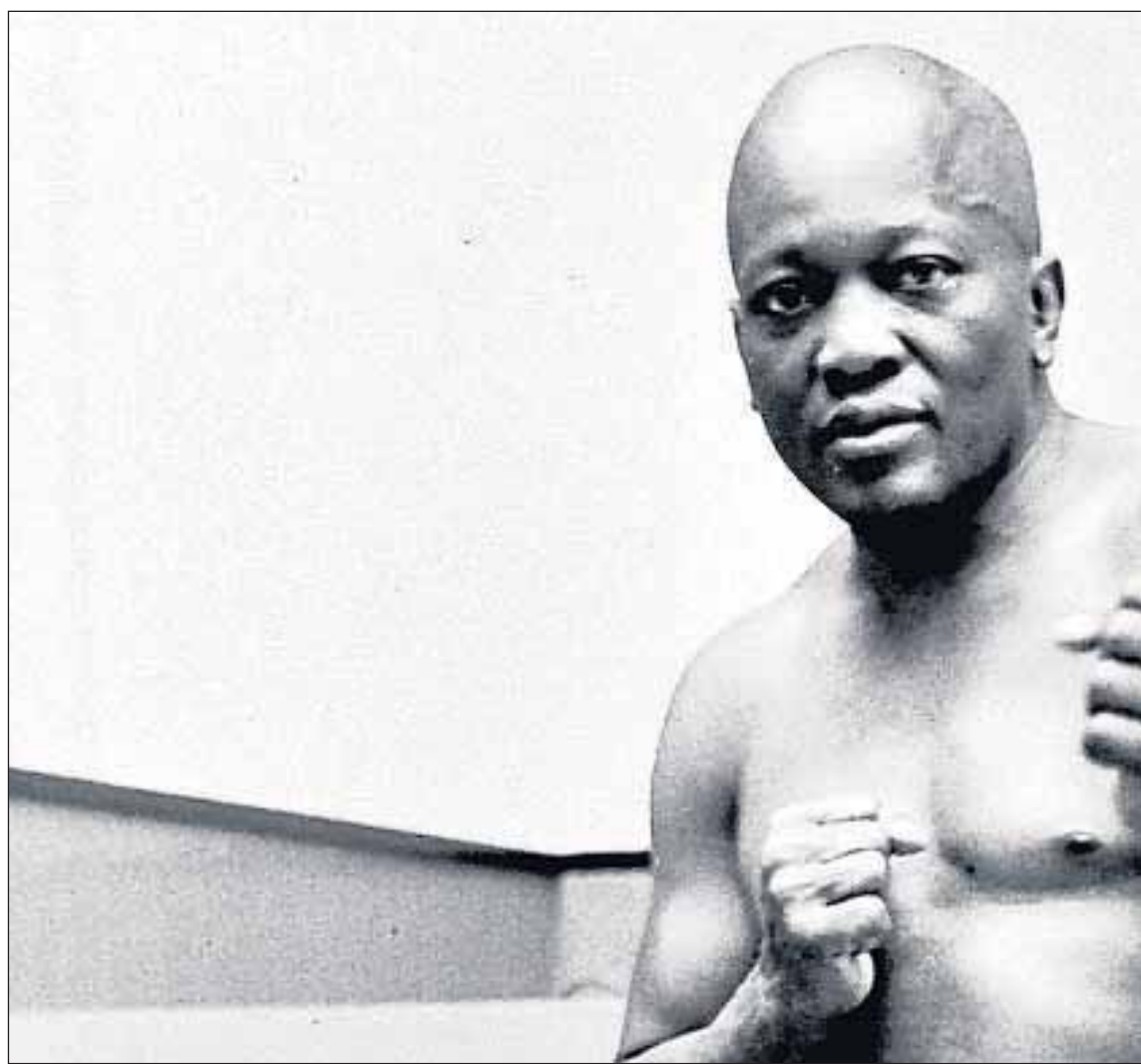
Wilkins, 58, said people are completely off base when they say his generation didn't do anything or care about what was happening in their communities and in the world.

"We grew up in a different era," said Wilkins, an NBA analyst for Hawks games for Fox SportsSouth. "We were born in the civil rights era. I remember when Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated. People who say we didn't care about what they're talking about. We cared. We were a part of it, so we cared.

"Our parents lived it. Our grandparents lived it. How can we not care?"

The activism of the time was different, said sports historian Victoria Jackson, who works in the School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies at Arizona State.

Behind the scenes, superstar athletes worked in their communities and with schools — without making their activities known or asking for publicity for their time.



AP

Jack Johnson, striking a pose in 1932, was the first black world heavyweight boxing champion from 1908-1915.

Millions of dollars went to schools like historically black colleges and universities — as well as other deserving charities including social justice charities — without public acknowledgment, Jackson said.

"While we might have seen a decline in athletes voicing strong opinions publicly about systemic racism, police brutality, criminal justice and education and residential and workplace reform, and perhaps the growth of endorsements contributed to this, I would suspect — if we did a little digging — we'd find countless stories of athletes doing work in the space of social justice and that this is the constant theme in the long historical arc," she said.

There were some who spoke loudly. A dashiki-wearing point guard Craig Hodges, Jordan's teammate on the Bulls for four seasons from 1989-92, presented then-President George H.W. Bush with a letter in 1991, urging more concern for African-Americans during one of the Bulls' championship trips to the White House.

During the 1995-96 season, Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf began stretching or staying in the locker

room during the national anthem. Abdul-Rauf was suspended for one game. But at season's end, despite averaging 19.2 points and 6.8 assists, he was traded from the Nuggets to the Kings. And when his contract expired two years later, he couldn't get a tryout and was out of the league at 29.

Those protests, some say, might not represent the most radical actions of black athletes of the time, which were in the boardrooms, not on the streets.

Jordan built a brand that turned him into a Nike powerhouse, and he brought African-American businessmen and women up the ladder with him before becoming the first black sports billionaire with his NBA team ownership of the Hornets.

Magic Johnson, in addition to building a business empire, spoke out passionately about the HIV/AIDS crisis after contracting the disease.

The NFL's Man of the Year award was long named for Walter Payton, who pushed organ donation into the public limelight in Chicago and around the country through his foundation while advocating for minority ownership

in professional football.

Mike Glenn, a 10-year NBA veteran who played from 1977-87 and member of the National Basketball Retired Players Association board of directors, believes how those first black millionaires went about their business helped build the foundation that allows athletes to speak out today.

"All of them were aware of backlash," said Glenn, a collector of documents on African American history and culture. "They were aware that if you say certain things it may hurt your brand or may hurt your ability to do things or that maybe even the league would take a different look at you. It was an insecurity of their position regardless of how much success they had."

Jordan and other iconic athletes of that period established the power of individual sports brands, a transitional platform Glenn believes athletes benefit from today.

"LeBron has taken what Michael had," Glenn said, "and taken it a step further."

Associated Press reporters Kyle Hightower and Errin Haines Whack contributed.



PAUL HEBERT/ABC

Krystal, a fitness coach and this season's villain on "The Bachelor," brings strong reactions in one viewer's brain, which are tracked in a functional magnetic resonance imaging scan.

REALITY CHECK

Is 'The Bachelor' making me dumb? I hopped in an MRI to find out

BY HANNAH JEWELL | The Washington Post

The first time "The Bachelorette" autoplayed into my life in 2013, I knew I was a goner. I had not sought out this show. It had chosen me, delivered by the whim of a Hulu algorithm and ensnaring me in its rosy grasp. As soon as I had begun watching the gentle-souled Desiree Hartsock set out in her quest to find The One, I was hooked.

I have enjoyed "The Bachelor" and "The Bachelorette" and even "Bachelor in Paradise" ever since stumbling upon Desiree's season, but my pleasure in this show has always been accompanied by a bit of shame and a genuine worry: Was watching "The Bachelor" making me dumb? My head never feels more empty than at the end of an episode. Is this because the show sends me into a state of deep, meditative relax-

ation? Or does each rose ceremony carry off a dozen of my brain cells, never to return?

I recently set out to answer this question by having a brain scan while watching clips of "The Bachelor." Functional magnetic resonance imaging, or fMRI, uses a powerful magnetic force to track the passage of blood on its merry quest around the human brain. By seeing what parts of the brain are

awash in iron-rich oxygenated blood, you can see what regions are more active than others.

My colleague Anna Rothschild and I traveled to Indiana University in Bloomington, where two scientists agreed to clamp my head to a gurney and insert my immobile form into a whirring magnetic tube normally reserved for proper scientific inquiry.

This season's Bachelor is Arie Luyendyk Jr., known only as Arie in this universe where youngish lovers pursue the dream of marital bliss without the hindrance of surnames. Arie is a deeply uncontroversial 36-year-old race-car driver turned real estate agent from Scottsdale, Ariz. He's relatively handsome — if Arie were your accountant, for instance, you might tell your friends, "I have a surprisingly hot

accountant." In Bachelor Nation, however, all good citizens must suspend disbelief and agree that it is plausible — nay, natural — that such a man would be the focal point of the fierce romantic competition of 29 beautiful and charming women.

Any pseudo-experiment worth its salt requires a neutral control, so in addition to watching moments from "The Bachelor" meant to elicit strong emotions, I needed clips that were likely to inspire no feelings in me whatsoever. For that purpose, I selected three clips of Arie talking about his hopes and dreams, in all his perfect neutrality. The other clips were ones meant to induce feelings of empathy, vicarious embarrassment and intense dislike. For the latter, I chose the greatest moments of this

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MY WORST MOMENT

Jason Ritter's audition for a tough-guy role was a fail

BY NINA METZ
 Chicago Tribune

Sweet, funny and a wellspring of optimism about human nature, the ABC dramedy "Kevin (Probably) Saves the World" has been one of the brighter spots of the TV season. It stars Jason Ritter as a lost soul who leaves his scummy Wall Street job to move back to Texas, where an angel (seen almost exclusively by him) advises him on his quest to help others and ... yes, save the world.

Ritter recently bought a home in LA with fiancée Melanie Lynskey, but the pair have been in different cities much of the year shooting their respective TV shows (Lynskey is in Hulu's upcoming Stephen King series "Castle Rock"). "We've had weekends where we've been able to unpack a box or two," Ritter said, "but once I'm done here, we're going to go home, finish unpacking — and the main plan of this year is to set a wedding date and a venue and get the ball rolling."

If you need an actor who can play bafflement with a comic edge, Ritter is your man.

But king of the jungle? Maybe not so much.



TAYLOR JEWELL/AP

Jason Ritter, star of ABC's "Kevin (Probably) Saves the World," plays a lost soul who leaves his scummy Wall Street job and moves back home to Texas.

"Sometimes you go to an audition for a role that's out of your wheelhouse and it's like, 'Oh, what a challenge. Maybe I can find something!' Other times it's like, 'Oh, this is going to be embarrassing.' One of my very first auditions in Los Angeles was when I went out for the title role in the WB 'Tarzan' series and it was like, has anybody actually seen me? All these other people (waiting to audition) looked

like the guy who eventually got it — they were bronzed, long hair, ripped, animal-instinct dudes. I was trying to figure out how to smolder somehow and when I looked in the mirror in the bathroom and tried it, I just looked confused."

Tough-guy roles aren't his thing, either.

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Feeling time, Robert Plant deepens quest

BY DAN HYMAN
 Chicago Tribune

Robert Plant is hellbent on making the most of his remaining years. "You've got to keep moving," says the 69-year-old former Led Zeppelin singer who when calling recently from New York City, while en route to a chess lesson, excitedly explains how in the nearly 40 years since his famous band's dissolution he's been on a "rampant search" and an ongoing "quest for creating great sound."

"I'm told you get a certain time in your life to do something and then after awhile maybe you just start repeating yourself," he says. It's why Plant, who plays the Riviera in Chicago on Tuesday, has made it a priority in recent years to remain open to new and unexpected creative collaboration.

"I'm always changing the picture," the Welsh singer says before noting how in the past 15 years alone he's veered from 2007's "Raising Sand," a sweet and shadowy Grammy-winning collaboration with bluegrass singer Alison Krauss, to 2010's "more psychedelic and trippy" "Band of Joy," recorded with an entirely new band and assistance from close friend Buddy Miller and former girlfriend Patti Griffin.

Beginning with 2014's "Lullaby ... and the Ceaseless Roar," and continuing with last fall's "Carry Fire," Plant reunited with

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CELEBRITIES

Priestley enjoys tackling obstacles

BY LUAINEE LEE
Tribune News Service

PASADENA, Calif. — Actor Jason Priestley used to be an adrenaline junkie, but his big risks these days involve trying things he's never done before.

"If I'm scared of a project, I take it," he says, plopping on a leather-backed chair in a hotel meeting room.

"I find that's how you grow and that's how you learn and get better at anything. You have to put yourself in situations that frighten you. And I find that true in all areas of your life. You have to push yourself," he says.

"If all you do is play it safe all your life, you never learn what you're capable of. But you also never force yourself to get better or to learn."

Looking at him today, it's easy to remember that Priestley jettisoned to fame as the good-guy Brandon Walsh in "Beverly Hills, 90210."

The role hoisted him to teen-idol status. But he wasn't one to relish that too long. Since then he's been a race car driver, a downhill skier, a director of considerable standing, an on-the-job producer, an author and, of course, the star of shows like "Call Me Fitz," "Haven" and his new detective thriller, "Private Eyes," airing on Ion Television.

At 48, Priestley is a seasoned veteran of show biz. He doesn't choose an acting part casually. And his role as the ex-hockey player-turned-private investigator in "Private Eyes" boasts a piquant amount of humor and grit for him to



BROOKE PALMER/TNS

Former teen idol Jason Priestley appears with Cindy Sampson in Ion Television's mystery series "Private Eyes."

say yes to three seasons.

While Priestley loves overcoming obstacles, one of them — negotiating a fleeting race car down the speedway — landed him in the hospital for three months. "I broke my back, broke both my feet, ripped my nose off my face, had to have this part of my skull rebuilt," he says, patting his temple.

"That whole experience changed me in that it just made me appreciate every day a little bit more, and that experience made me come to grips with my own mortality. I was 33 when I had that accident, and that was the first time I came to grips with my mortality. Before that, it never crossed my mind," he says, shaking his head.

He quit racing a year and a half later. "I just had to get back in the car a couple of times," he says. "It was time (to quit). There's an old saying in racing: 'It's time to walk away when you still CAN walk away.'"

The father of a girl, 10, and a boy, 8, Priestley confides that he aims to spend more time with the family. Today, in fact, he's driving his son to Bakersfield, Calif., where his boy is taking part in a gymnastics contest. Both children are in gymnastics, he says.

The Canadian-born actor is also passionate about directing. "I do spend so much of my life behind the camera these

days, and I seem to enjoy that more — to be perfectly honest, oddly enough," he says.

"It's a strange thing because the jobs are so incredibly different. And I still do find my work as an actor to be enjoyable and rewarding. But I find that the challenges that I'm constantly faced with as a director are bigger, and they require more complex solutions. Therefore when I am able to overcome those challenges, I find that to be more fulfilling."

He admits there have been times when he became disillusioned with his chosen field.

"I think it's very easy, certainly later in life and later in your career as I am now, to become jaded by this business because at the end of the day, it's a business. And people make business decisions. And it's easy to become bitter and jaded," he says.

"And I think it's important to remember your artistic roots and what it was that made you want to become an artist in the first place, and to hold on to that sense of wonder and to remain inspired by it. And so I've worked very hard to remain on that side of the fence. I try to surround myself and work with people who are like-minded and who haven't become too jaded by the process and who are still motivated by the magic."



ASK AMY

BY AMY DICKINSON

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3 sisters not into family's annual trip

Dear Amy: Every year, our aunts, uncles and cousins plan a yearly "European family vacation."

The "Reunion Committee" sends out an "invitation newsletter" informing family members about the location, etc., and after each vacation they send a follow-up newsletter about how much fun they had, where they went, etc.

My two sisters and I have no desire to attend these "family vacations" because for one thing, we cannot afford them, and secondly, we have not seen or spoken to these family members for about 20 years. We live simple lives and do not fit in because they are on a different socioeconomic level.

We love them, but just really don't fit in with them. We appreciate the fact they are including us in the planning of these family vacations, but we are just not into this.

Our question to you is how can we tell the Reunion Committee to remove us from the mailing list, without coming across as being nasty and rude?
— Three Simple Sisters

Dear Sisters: Although you say you love these family members, you also say that you have not seen or spoken to them in two decades. If this annual vacation roundelay is your only contact, you should initiate some other form of contact with them before you cut this off completely.

You can't control how people interpret this request: "Please remove my sisters and me from the family group vacation email chain." But I wonder if you really care how these people view you, since the

undercurrent of your question is laced with judgment for them having the gall to try to include you in a family vacation that you cannot afford (or simply don't want) to take.

You feel excluded from these family members because you haven't seen them in 20 years. And you continue to not see them because you feel excluded.

The best way to feel part of a family is to spend time with them. The second-best way is to be in touch with them.

You could write: "We wish we could spend time with family members, but will probably never join you on the annual vacation to Europe, so it might be best to remove our names from the group email. If there are more local get-togethers in the works, we'd love to know about them."

Dear Amy: In your column, you ran a letter from "Doggy Manners," who complained about "therapy dogs." This was almost certainly the wrong term. I'm hoping you could clear up some misunderstandings for your readers:

Service dogs have been trained to perform work for persons with an ADA-qualifying disability. Training takes about two years, and producing the dog costs at least \$25,000. A disabled handler may be accompanied by the service dog anywhere the public is permitted.

Emotional support dogs are pets with no special training. They get the label if a clinician writes a letter stating the owner has an ADA-qualifying mental illness and is emotionally dependent on the pet.

These dogs are legally different from pets in only two ways. They must be permitted in no-pets housing (if the housing is covered by the FHA) and for the moment, the airlines permit them in the cabin.

Therapy dogs are trained to be affectionate and have nice manners. They are tested and approved by a foundation, and they are insured. These dogs, with their handlers, are invited to places like nursing homes to be petted and enjoyed. They have no special standing for access other than by invitation.

Due to internet scams, millions of Americans think it's OK to buy a certificate and a vest online, put it on a pet dog, and take the dog with them wherever they go. Service dog teams (including me and my dog) have been attacked and bitten, as have members of the public.

For people who present pets as service dogs: Stop thinking only about yourself. You're hurting your dog, interfering with disabled people who rely on their dogs and infringing on the rights of the public and businesses. If you wouldn't buy a fake handicapped parking placard for your car, stop pretending your pet is a service dog.
— Service Dog Trainer

Dear Trainer: Thank you for the correction and clarification. "Doggy Manners" was complaining about "emotional support" dogs but used the term "therapy dogs." I repeated the mistake in my answer.

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Feeling time, Plant intensifies quest

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a diverse collection of world musicians, dubbed the Sensational Space Shifters, many of whom he's worked with in various capacities for nearly 20 years.

"But it starts with the will to combine various little bits and pieces of ideas that constantly appear," Plant explains of what binds together his various projects. "Just keep exploring this amazing workshop of ideas and sounds and idioms."

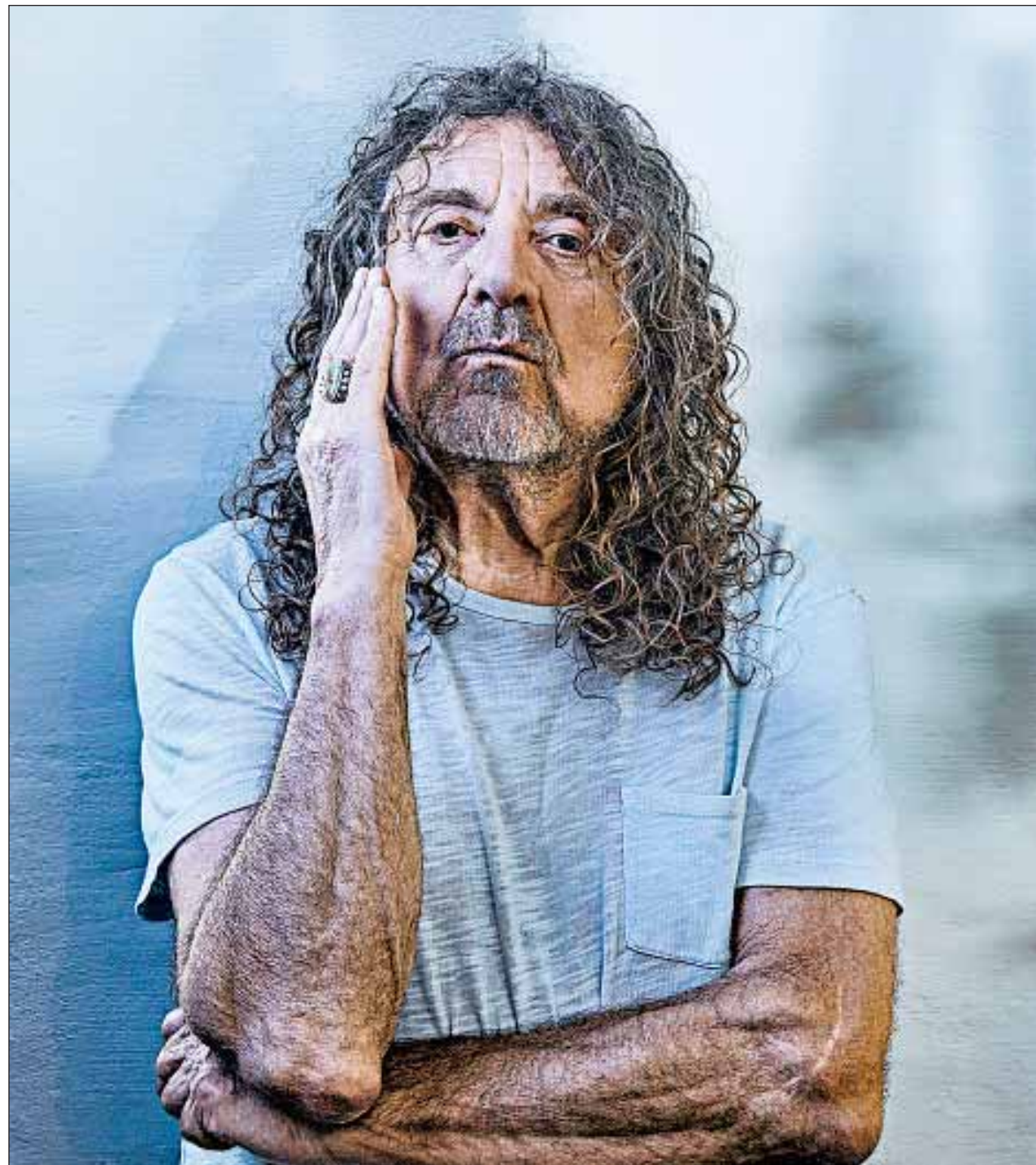
"Carry Fire" draws from Plant's longtime embrace of Celtic, roots and Middle Eastern music, and it's also one of his most timely works: "Bones of Saints" is an anthem against mass shootings while "New World" tries to make sense of the unfortunate human impulse toward xenophobia. "Out here the immigrant takes hold/ Across the plains and over mountains/ Put flight to all who came before/ They're barely human," Plant sings in his banshee howl.

To hear him tell it, Plant's search and passion for musical discovery is hardly a new phenomenon. He recalls traveling to Bombay, India (now Mumbai) in 1971, with Led Zeppelin guitarist Jimmy Page, and being utterly inspired by the sights and sounds of the then-foreign land.

"Page and I ended up there with a small orchestra with a two-track Revox tape recorder recording 'Friends' and 'Four Sticks,'" he says referencing a pair of Zeppelin songs that appear on the band's third and fourth albums, respectively.

"Apparently we were the first European rockers to play in Bombay. We went to this club and I played drums, Jimmy played guitar. We did 'Whole Lotta Love' and other songs like that. It was all very fun.

"There's all sorts of music everywhere," Plant says, "and everybody of a certain stature is always looking for



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Since Led Zeppelin disbanded in 1980, singer Robert Plant has been experimenting with new sounds and styles.

the next hike into the next great musical adventure. I just figure, considering I was supposed to just be a rock singer, I've been very fortunate to modify what I do and give bits and pieces of my energy to people to change it around a bit."

A prime example, he says, was his participating in the 2016 Lampedusa

benefit tour with Emmylou Harris, Steve Earle and the Milk Carton Kids to raise awareness of the refugee crisis. Not only was it for a good cause, but Plant recalls how the stripped-down nature of the performances allowed him to use his notoriously versatile voice in thrilling new ways: "It was so moving to sing

with such beautiful voices around me and for me to play and sing where there's nowhere to hide."

Even Plant, however, will acknowledge some of his classic-rock contemporaries — many of whom seem perpetually on a greatest-hits tour with songs made famous several decades back — have not taken the

same course as he has taken. "Older musicians who get famous for one thing, I think they all want to do different things," he says. "But if you're not on the pipeline or if you can't hear the subterranean drumbeat, it's not quite so easily found."

As for the constant speculation and media

hype about a potential Led Zeppelin reunion tour — a prospect only amplified by the group's remaining members reuniting for a one-off benefit show in 2007 to honor late Atlantic Records President Ahmet Ertegun — Plant can only laugh. As he sees it, by Zeppelin disbanding after drummer John Bonham's death in 1980, the members better preserved their legacy.

"The reason that I feel strongly about the beauty of Led Zeppelin and that other people do, too, is because we didn't overblow it," Plant says. "We didn't end up getting a new drummer. We didn't end up really going into super-cliche characters lumbering along. If your heroes continue in the same vein forever, the whole thing is just taken for granted and it becomes some dreary old Tin Pan Alley that needs some new backdrop. We knew that Bonham was irreplaceable. By bowing out at the right time, we didn't mess it up."

"Nobody in the band really knew what the hell we were about at all anyway," Plant says with a laugh. "You can hear those Zeppelin songs and there's quite a lot of naivete. I don't think I've sang about Gollum or Frodo for about what seems to me about 47 years and yet still I'm castigated for it."

Plant says he has no plans to slow down anytime soon, but he feels it's not entirely his decision. "If there's no creative renaissance, then you don't write new songs. And if you don't write new songs, then you must think about doing something else with the years that are left."

"Plus," he adds with a laugh, "if I couldn't do any of this anymore, I'd just be following my soccer team."

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Rhye steps out of the shadows

New album by mastermind Mike Milosh hits tender notes on rougher scale

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"I'm gonna do this one kind of quiet," Mike Milosh said, standing in a rehearsal studio surrounded by the members of his sophisticated soul-funk band Rhye.

As the musicians eased into the relaxed groove of "Song for You," Milosh murmured breathily about finding the courage to make oneself vulnerable to a lover.

Eventually the tune picked up a bit of weight with Claire Courchene's trombone and a beat that drummer Zach Morillo tapped out against his thighs; in response, Milosh sank slowly to his knees, as though he could restrain the music by making himself smaller.

A singer of uncommon delicacy and nuance, the Rhye frontman and mastermind was doing what he could on a recent afternoon to protect his voice ahead of a lengthy tour behind "Blood," the Los Angeles group's stirring new album, which came out earlier this month. (Rhye is scheduled to play Chicago's Thalia Hall on March 3.)

"I don't want to risk straining it," he explained.

In truth, quiet isn't a mere practicality for Milosh — it's an aesthetic position.

Five years ago, the soft, refined sound of Rhye's debut, "Woman," made the act an instant sensation among fans and critics who compared the group to sensual R&B thinkers like Sade and Maxwell.

Some of the attention came initially as a result of the mystery that Milosh and his former creative partner, producer Robin Hannibal, cultivated by keeping their faces hidden in photographs; many assumed the high-voiced Milosh was a woman.

Now the group, minus Hannibal, is back with its long-awaited follow-up.

"Blood" is slightly rougher around the edges than "Woman"; it's less polished and precise, with more air in the arrangements. But the music is still strikingly tender. And in



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"I'm not married to any one identity of what it is," says Rhye's Mike Milosh of his sly yet serene sound. The soul-funk band just released the album "Blood."

songs like "Please" and "Song for You," Milosh is still tweaking slow-jam convention by presenting himself as a romantic supplicant — a man eager to be vanquished by love — rather than a sexual conqueror.

"My heart's on the pavement where we're building you and me," he sings with something like ecstasy in "Please."

What's remarkable about the singer's commitment to this style is that the time between albums might easily have coarsened his attitude. Milosh and his wife (to whom he dedicated "Woman") divorced, and he went through a dispute with his old record label.

There was also his split from Hannibal, who went on to collaborate with artists such as Wet, Kimbra and LA's Niia.

"A lot of hard things happened over the last few years," Milosh, 42, said after the rehearsal, curled on a sofa in the studio's dimly lit control room. "But life is short. Why would you waste time sitting in trauma over something?"

Indeed, though "Blood" opens with a track in which

Mike Milosh "really cares about fragility, which there's far too little of in basic ideas of masculinity."

— Thomas Bartlett (or Doveman), songwriter and producer

the singer reflects on his divorce — called "Waste" — the album soon moves on to explore the promise of new love. And not in a single-and-ready-to-mingle way. Milosh's depiction of courtship, with its slow development of a shared universe, can feel refreshingly respectful in this age of news stories about callous and domineering men.

"Mike really cares about fragility, which there's far too little of in basic ideas of masculinity," said Thomas Bartlett, a songwriter and producer (also known as Doveman) who worked with him on the new record. "It was a little bit of a mission to make that fragility central — to not be embarrassed by it."

Which isn't to say the music is prudish or effete. Milosh writes vividly about the physical sensations of sex, and "Blood's" album cover shows his girlfriend's naked body. Recently, the singer said, an online ad for

the record was flagged by Facebook for nudity, which got him thinking about how the impulse to objectify is a learned behavior.

"Maybe I have a really naive perspective," he admitted, "but I just thought it was a beautiful shot that embodied the intimacy of the record."

Much of that intimacy comes from Milosh's lyrics and from his vocals, recorded in whispery close-up. But "Blood" also has a sense of musicians playing together in a small room that distinguishes the album from the slicker, more digitally processed "Woman."

In "Please," for instance, Milosh proudly noted that you can hear the creak of Bartlett's piano bench — something he and Hannibal would've been careful to remove from one of Rhye's older songs.

The singer attributed that shift to the nearly 500 concerts Rhye played

around the world after its debut came out. The live work, Milosh said, was in part a means of making money in order to buy back an option on Rhye's second album. (Hannibal never performed onstage with the group, one reason he and Milosh drifted apart.)

In the studio this time, Milosh was inspired to capture the peculiarities of a given moment: what happened when a certain group of players gathered in a certain place at a certain time. Beyond Bartlett, his collaborators included Nate Mercereau, known for his work with Kesha and Jay-Z, and King Henry, an LA-based producer with credits on songs by Beyoncé and Major Lazer; the album also features input from members of Rhye's live band.

Asked how he might define Rhye — as a group or a project or perhaps a concept — Milosh said he wouldn't, really. "I'm not married to any one identity of what it is," he said, though his singing and lyrical sensibility definitely serve as a through-line.

So, too, does his face at this point. Thinking back to Rhye's early days, Milosh insisted he wasn't trying to

be enigmatic. He'd had his feelings hurt when someone made fun of his nose in an online comment, so he decided not to put himself in the act's photos.

But those five years of shows got him comfortable enough with being looked at that he appears in the music video for "Please."

And at a moment when the influence of Rhye's crafty yet tranquil sound can be detected in mainstream pop — listen to Calvin Harris' "Slide" or "Ruin the Friendship" by Demi Lovato — Milosh says he'd be open to teaming with an established star if the right person were interested in trying out his style.

Especially if it helped fund his big dream, which is to buy a farm in Canada, where he grew up, and build his own secluded recording studio, far from the distractions and noise of LA and New York.

"People could fly in for a month," he said, "and just cook and hang out and go on wilderness hikes."

And enjoy the limitless quiet.

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Audition for tough-guy role is a total fail

Ritter, from Page 1

My worst moment ...

"There was an audition for a remake of a Japanese horror movie — not 'The Ring' but one of the other ones that came after that. I can't remember which one. The role was for this guy who beats people up all the time. He's scary and he's constantly challenging everybody.

"I know myself enough to know I'm not physically imposing so I thought, maybe instead of being a tough guy, I'll play it like a guy who just doesn't care if he gets beat up. Like, he's a rebel: 'Yeah, tell your boyfriend I want to talk to him!' That kind of thing. That he's a masochist or something — he has nothing to lose so he has no fear.

"So I've made this choice (laughs) and there's four scenes; I really worked hard on them. And I go in for the audition and the director's there. I'm halfway through the first scene and he lets out this sigh and it really felt like I must have been — well, I hope I was the straw that broke the camel's back. I hope I was just one in a series of bad auditions. But it did feel like whatever I was doing broke him.

"He let out this sigh. And he put his head between his hands and I can still picture it: He had shaved it completely to the skin, and his fingers on his head were so clear, and he was rubbing it like he was trying to survive



GUY D'ALEMA

A spiritual being named Yvette (Kimberly Hebert Gregory) tries to guide Kevin (Jason Ritter) on "Kevin (Probably) Saves the World." Ritter says tough-guy roles aren't for him.

the rest of the scene. And I'm still performing and trying to play this guy who's like, 'I don't care about anything!' and now I'm super thrown and vulnerable and second-guessing everything.

"It's also such a weird thing in an audition where the person who's supposed to be seeing if you're good enough is not even looking at you. It's this weird thing where you're like, 'Should I do more or just trust that

they're going to look at the tape at some point?"

"So anyway, I got through the rest of the scene and still, without looking up at me, his head still in his hands, he said: 'Thank you!' really, really loud. Like, 'Get out,' basically. And the casting director kind of looked at me and she went, 'There's more scenes ...' It was very sweet of her to try to do that. And he went, 'Thank you' again.

"I felt like I actually sent this person into a spiral of depression! It for sure ruined his day. It felt like he was thinking, 'This movie is never going to get made if I'm getting the caliber of actor like that guy.'"

What's a more tactful response actors get at auditions when it's not working out?

"Most people do try to have a polite face, which is nice. But when you're first

starting out, you fall for it every time: 'I think it went pretty well!' It gets a little confusing. For the most part, people are nice. Some of the better casting directors know that it's an awkward and strange and vulnerable process and try to make you as comfortable as possible. But, unfortunately, they're not all like that.

"Sometimes later on you'll see a trailer for a movie and be like, 'Oh, I guess I didn't get that!' — they never really call you and say 'no.' You just get tired of waiting and then you know.

"With this one, I have no idea exactly what I did wrong. But immediately it went from 'Hey, this is an interesting take; maybe they'll get into this!' to 'Nope, everything I'm doing is wrong and it is actually painful and I should stop it as quickly as possible. I'm causing this man existential pain.'"

The takeaway ...

"Well, first of all, I have no idea how much of this was sour grapes, but when I left I was like, 'I didn't even want to be in that! I liked the original better and I thought this script had problems!'"

"But I think that had I really truly listened to my gut, I would have gone, 'This is just not my part.' And I think as actors we have a tough time saying, 'That's out of bounds for me,' because we like to think we can do anything.

But I think on some level you know. And it was one of those moments where, when he put his head down in his hands, I thought, 'I agree with you, sir. I don't know why I'm wasting both of our time. This was a mistake.' So I probably should have listened to that little voice that said, 'Maybe let this one go.'"

"I've actually gotten to play guys where I've really stretched. That's a whole other thing, where you go in and you audition and you're like, whew, that was a stretch! And then they're like, 'You got the part!' and you're like: Oh, shoot! I figured out how to do those two scenes, but a whole movie? I may have oversold myself.

"The character that was most (unpleasant) I ever played was for this movie called 'The Education of Charlie Banks' (from 2007), where I sort of torture Jesse Eisenberg's character. There was a twisted sense of justice and fairness that this guy had and it was only if you thought you were better than him that he would bring the hammer down and solve his problems with violence. So that was really fun and I had a great time — obviously I don't solve my problems with violence! — but I was able to take the thread of my own soul and life experiences and put it into a tapestry for the role."

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RECORDINGS

Superchunk disillusioned and ferociously fired up

BY GREG KOT
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Sometimes a guy can only take so much. Mac McCaughan arrived at that moment in November 2016, around the time of the presidential election, and poured his unfiltered anger into a batch of songs that make up Superchunk's sardonically titled "What a Time to be Alive" (Merge).

Never particularly keen on writing protest music or songs that could be construed as overtly political in a career that stretches back to 1989, McCaughan took the dive because if not now, when? At a certain point, silence becomes its own form of cancer. The members of Superchunk — who grew up in the punk and indie-rock eras of the late '70s and '80s — survived another political dark age during their youth by finding a community of like-minded punk rock kids who wrote and sang anthems for the dissenters, and now they're returning the favor.

One of the new album's best songs, "Reagan Youth," distills that legacy in a couple of minutes. Yet even as it pays tribute to the anarcho-punk band name-checked in the title ("Reagan Youth taught you how to feel/ Reagan Youth showed you what was real"), it acknowledges that the conservative political organization of the same name was speaking loudly at the same time to a different and ultimately more powerful constituency.

The song questions music's purpose amid demoralizing grown-up realities, as did Superchunk's previous album, "I Hate Music." But whereas "I Hate Music" often struck a contemplative



JIM WILBUR, FROM LEFT, MAC MCCAUGHAN, LAURA BALLANCE AND JON WURSTER OF SUPERCHUNK PACK SOME POLITICAL PUNCH INTO THEIR NEW ALBUM.



'What a Time to be Alive'

Superchunk
★★★ 1/2 (out of 4)

tone, "What a Time to be Alive" roars.

The title track takes what sounds like a sly jab at gerrymandering in the pre-chorus, but the song never turns into a lecture. On the contrary, it crashes like a closed fist. The band's ferocity conjures the earliest Superchunk shows, when these North Carolina kids threw themselves around the stage like pinballs in search of a target. Now the target is fixed, and the songs keep it sharply in focus. The rhythm section — Laura Ballance's growling bass lines, Jon Wurster's mix of

propulsion, power and finesse — complements the damage inflicted by the taut guitars of Jim Wilbur and McCaughan.

Inspired by a photograph of male politicians smiling upon passage of a bill that took away reproductive health care from women, "I Got Cut" doesn't mince words: "All these old men won't die soon enough." But the message sent by the corrosive guitars is just as explicit.

On the final two tracks, Superchunk channels the pugnaciousness and vulnerability of the early Who. Over the ringing guitars of "All for You," McCaughan issues a demurrer — "I don't like to get hit" — and then a demand — "but fight me." The closing "Black Thread" tunnels through the bile and violence. "Cut the black thread," McCaughan sings, a plea with multiple meanings, the political made personal, an anthem for those as disenchanted as he and his band are.

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Hey, brain scan, does 'Bachelor' do harm?

Reality check, from Page 1

season's villain, the 29-year-old fitness coach Krystal, known for her ability to stretch the word "hiieee" over three punishing seconds.

When it was time to receive the results of my scan, Sharlene Newman, a professor in the department of psychological and brain sciences at Indiana University, kindly explained that it would not actually be possible to see individual brain cells, to find out if they were dying in real time.

However, there were other kinds of brain activity to track. As I anticipated, the clips I watched of Arie elicited so little activity in my brain that Newman said I "may as well have been asleep."

I'm sorry, Arie. I'm sure that by the end of this season you will find a wife in whose brain you will stir a scientifically observable presence of oxygenated blood.

My reaction to Krystal, however, was entirely different. While Newman gently assured us that the technology does not yet exist to watch brain cells being murdered in real time, it did appear as though every time I saw Krystal on screen, my brain caught on fire.

Krystal lit up my amygdala, which is a center for emotional processing and is associated with anger, as well as my anterior cingulate cortex and orbitofrontal cortex, associated with regulating emotion. This means that while my feelings were set ablaze, with the fMRI capturing the presence of oxygen-rich blood in angry bits of the brain, another, more educated part of my brain was trying to rein these feelings in, telling myself that it would be inappropriate to totally lose it over a woman on reality TV, even if she did speak in a sexy baby voice.

Another region of my brain to light up with activity was the striatum — an area associated with drug addiction and craving. It seemed I both hated and adored Krystal more than I would ever have cared to admit. If Krystal wasn't making me dumb, she was at least sending me on an emotional spiral.

Outright fury, a civilizing restraint and a budding addiction: This was my brain on Krystal.

As illuminating as my time in the tube had been, however, there is no magnetic field powerful enough to truly answer the question of why I consistently feel such shame for watching "The Bachelor." To get to the bottom of this, I spoke to Brenda Weber, who studies reality TV and is chair of the department of gender studies at IU.

It turns out that shaming people for enjoying certain forms of culture is nothing new. I might be feeling shame from watch-



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A contestant from a previous "Bachelor" season — not this one with Arie Luyendyk Jr. — says the show has artistry.

ing "The Bachelor," Weber explained, "because people buy into the cultural hierarchies that say high culture is more important than low culture. Anything that requires an expert to help you understand it is always already more important than something that you can watch without an interpreter."

So you may need an expensive degree to truly understand centuries of wisdom generated about Shakespeare, but because "The Bachelor" is accessible to the masses may be why some people call it "trash."

One person who expertly straddles the supposedly separate worlds of high and low culture is Sharlene Joynt, a Canadian opera singer who appeared on Juan Pablo Galavis' season of "The Bachelor" and now writes "Bachelor" recaps for Flare.com. Could someone who works in high art see the artistry of reality TV?

"I think what the producers do is a true art," Joynt told us. When it comes to her colleagues in the opera world, however, "the usual opinion is that all reality TV is garbage," she explained. "It's a shame, because I do think there is a lot of joy in watching 'The Bachelor' and I do think there is an artistry there, and it's fascinating."

As I came to understand that watching "The Bachelor" was not in fact going to make me dumb — or at the very least, any dumber than I already am — I wondered what it could do to a brain to actually be on "The Bachelor."

Although Joynt dumped her bachelor on the show, she believes that the process can lead to actual love — and thinks that if she had met her non-reality-TV husband in that hyper-intense setting, they would have ended up together just the same.

"I challenge anyone to go on that show and stay for a while and not feel some feelings for the lead," Joynt explained. "It's tunnel vision. You don't have anything else to focus on... I really think that the longer you stay, the more special you feel, and it's hard not to credit your bachelor with making you feel spe-

cial, because he's kept YOU all this time."

Former Bachelorette Desiree Siegfried (then Hartsock) says that the lack of distractions led her to love, marriage and now a baby with contestant Chris Siegfried.

"You're not talking to your girlfriends. You're not talking to family members. You don't have any connection to the outside world," she told me. "It's very conducive to figuring out who is there for you and what you want, because you don't have other opinions" to distract you.

It's possible to fall in love quickly because of the heightened nature of the experience, Siegfried says, but it was also one of the hardest things she has ever done. "It's like 10 years of dating. Imagine all of the emotions you go through in 10 years — that could be three different boyfriends, dating ups and downs — condensed down to 10 weeks."

If we love the story of how Romeo and Juliet met, married and died in less than four days, why shouldn't we believe that the glossy-haired, abstruse contestants on "The Bachelor" could fall in love?

As for its viewers: You can be a passive watcher of "The Bachelor," or you can watch it while thinking critically about gender, about the ways in which reality TV creates narratives that may be less than real, and about the way the show tries to cope with issues such as race, slut-shaming and consent as awkwardly as wider society does.

You can watch "The Bachelor," or whatever form of "low" culture most appeals to you, in an intelligent manner — just as you can go to an art museum and stupidly laugh at the nakedly languishing men and women of Baroque art.

In less time than it takes "Bachelor" contestants to complete the journey from perfect strangers to happily engaged, in any case, I have finally come to terms with my Monday night ritual.

I will no longer consider this ridiculous show a guilty pleasure, but merely a pleasure.

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Dustin Ybarra

"Kevin (Probably) Saves the World" (9 p.m., ABC): Kristin (India de Beaufort) is enlisted by Kevin (Jason Ritter) to help him try to get Tyler's (Dustin Ybarra) friendship back in the new episode "Old Friends." The situation has an unexpected result as Kevin and Kristin get much closer. There's a fun aspect here for fans of the former series "Reaper" as Bret Harrison and Tyler Labine reprise their roles from that show.

"Lethal Weapon" (7 p.m., FOX): "Conspiracy Theory" was the title of a different Mel Gibson movie, but its theme factors into "Fools Rush In" as Riggs and Murtaugh (Clayne Crawford, Damon Wayans Sr.) try to separate theory from fact. Riggs' connection to Molly (Kristen Gutoskie) deepens. Murtaugh and Trish (Keesha Sharp) seek the right preschool for Harper. Kevin Rahm and Jordana Brewster also star.

"Bull" (8 p.m., CBS): Bull (Michael Weatherly) has reservations in more ways than one in "Play the Hand You're Dealt," as he's drawn into a tribal court when his roommate from college becomes the prime suspect in a murder. Also, Bull has his first encounter with Marissa's (Geneva Carr) new beau (guest star Gary Wilmes). Freddy Rodriguez, Jaime Lee Kirchner, Annabelle Attanasio and Christopher Jackson also star.

"The Mick" (8:30 p.m., FOX): Mickey (Kaitlin Olson) tries to milk a 100th-birthday visit to the kids' great-grandmother (guest star Judith Roberts) for all it's worth — and it could be worth quite a bit, as suggested by the woman's vast mansion — in "The Matriarch." The woman thinks Mickey is a longtime friend of hers ... actually, more than a friend, as it turns out.

"NCIS: New Orleans" (9 p.m., CBS): Cassidy Freeman ("Longmire") guest stars in "The Asset," playing an ex-sleeper agent who works with Tammy (Vanessa Ferlito) to locate a missing Russian spy. The man who disappeared has enough information on other sleeper agents to have prompted someone to kill his Navy escort, which also draws Pride (Scott Bakula) and the director of the FBI (guest star Derek Webster) into the case. Lucas Black also stars.

"The Detour" (9:30 p.m., TBS): With wife Robin (Natalie Zea) at least temporarily out of work, Nate (Jason Jones) has to step up and take over the role of family breadwinner — and with viable job options sorely limited, he signs up to work on an Alaskan factory fishing trawler, one of those "Deadliest Catch"-style boats. If he's successful, it'll mean a nice payday, but it also means he faces seven months of rotting fish, meth fumes and separation from his family, in the new "The Boat."

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Jack Black; actor Kate Hudson.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Justin Theroux; Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.); Portugal. The Man performs.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

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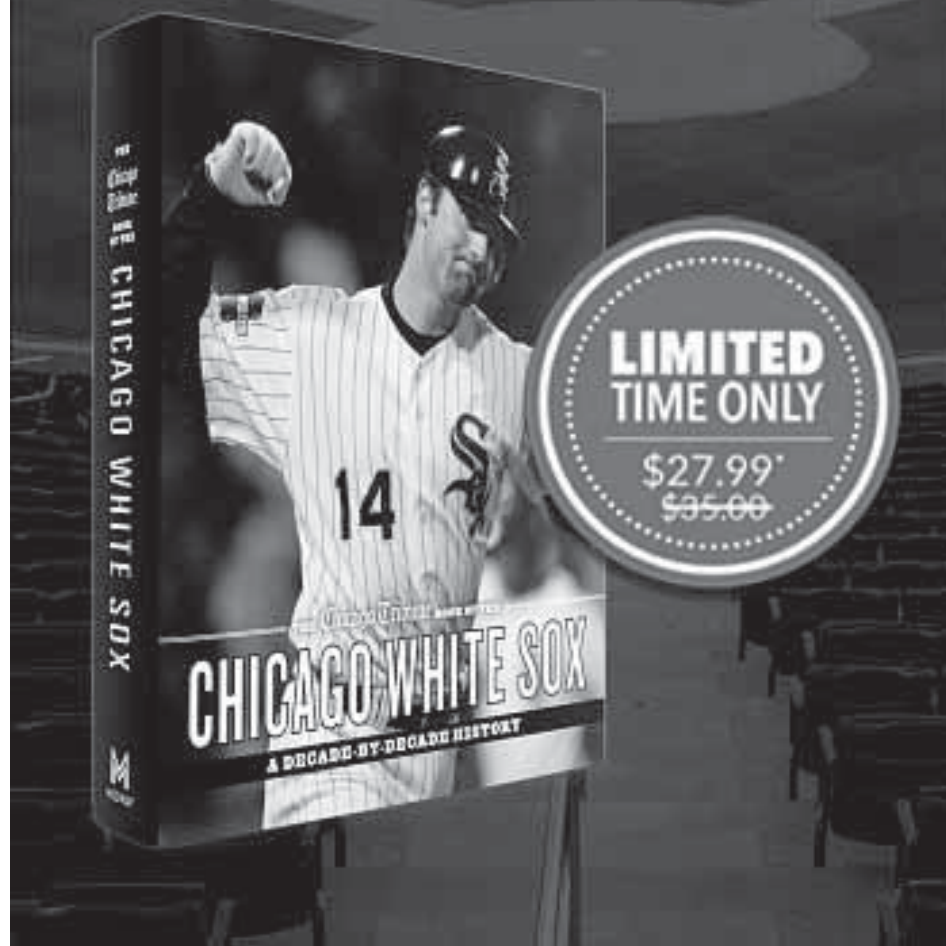
TUESDAY EVENING, FEB. 20

MOVIES

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	NCIS: "Fake It 'Til You Make It." ©		Bull: "Play the Hand You're Dealt." ©		NCIS: New Orleans: "The Asset." ©		News (N) ♦
	NBC 5		2018 Winter Olympics: Alpine Skiing, Figure Skating, Bobsled, Snowboarding, Alpine skiing (women's downhill); figure skating (ladies' short program); bobsled; snowboarding. (N) (Live) ©					
	ABC 7		The Bachelor Winter Games (N) ©			Kevin (Probably) Saves the World (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN 9	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) ©		WGN News at Ten (N)
	Antenna 9.2	3's Comp.	Soap ©	Benson ©	Wings ©	Murphy	Becker ©	Coach ©
	This TV 9.3	Amityville 3-D (PG, '83) **		Tony Roberts. ©			Christina's House (R, '00) * ©	
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		We'll Meet Again: "Freedom Summer." (N) ©			Frontline: "Bitter Rivals: Iran and Saudi Arabia." (N) © (Part 1 of 2) ♦	
	The U 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)		The Game	The Game	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Mama's	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek: "Court Martial."		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦
Bounce 26.5	Living Single	Living Single	The Glimmer Man (R, '96) *		Steven Seagal.		Exit Wnds ♦	
FOX 32	Lethal Weapon: "Fools Rush In." ©		LA to Vegas ©	The Mick ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)	Modern Family ©	
Ion 38	Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds: "Legacy."		Private ♦	
Telem 44	José José, el principe (N)		Sangre de mi tierra (N)		Señora Acero 4: La C (N)		Chicago (N)	
CW 50	The Flash ©		Black Lightning ©		The X-Files ©		X-Files ♦	
UniMas 60	La niña (N) ©		La tierra prometida (N)		40 y 20	40 y 20	Noticias Uni	
WJYS 62	Israel	The Gospel	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Dr. T Felder	Paid Prog.	Monument	
Univ 66	El rico y Lázaro		Papá a toda madre		Caer en tentación (N)		Noticias (N)	
CABLE	AE	Intervention ©		Intervention (N) ©		Undercover High (N) ©		Inter. ♦
	AMC	Cool Runnings (PG, '93) ***	Leon. ©			Problem Child (PG, '90) * John Ritter. ♦		
	ANIM	River Monsters ©		River Monsters: "Lair of Giants." ©				Monsters ♦
	BBCA	Out for Justice (R, '91) **	Steven Seagal. ©			Hard to Kill (R, '90) ** Steven Seagal. ♦		
	BET	♦ (6:30) Boyz n the Hood (R, '91) ***	Larry Fishburne.			Dea. Chronicles (Series Premiere) (N)		Chronicles
	BIGTEN	♦ College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Indiana at Nebraska. (N) (Live) ©				The B1G
	BRAVO	Real Housewives (N)		Real Housewives (N)		Bethenny (N) Bethenny &		Watch (N)
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics
	CNBC	Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		2018 Winter Olympics (N) ♦		
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦
	COM	Drunk	Drunk	Drunk	Drunk	Drunk (N)	Period (N)	Daily (N) ♦
	DISC	Moonshiners: Outlaw		Moonshiners: "Sour Mash Unfiltered." (N) ©				Moonshine ♦
	DISN	Andi Mack	Stuck	Bizaardvark	Raven	Gravity Falls	Gravity Falls	Andi Mack
	E!	Bring It On (PG-13, '00) **	Kirsten Dunst. ©			Bring It On (PG-13, '00) ** © ♦		
	ESPN	♦ College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Kentucky at Arkansas. (N) (Live)				SportCtr (N)
	ESPN2	♦ College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Mississippi at Missouri. (N) (Live)				Basketball
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD	Chopped ©		Chopped ©		Chopped (N) ©		Chopped ♦
	FREE	♦ Definitely	The Age of Adaline (PG-13, '15) **	Blake Lively. ©				700 Club ♦
	FX	♦ (6) Mission: Impossible Rogue Nation ('15) *** ©				Baskets (N)	Baskets ©	Baskets ♦
	HALL	Full House	Full House	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	Golden Girls
	HGTV	Fixer Upper ©		Fixer Upper (N) ©		Restored (N)	Hunters	Hunters
	HIST	Digging Deeper (N)		The Curse of (N)		(9:03) Hunting Hitler (Series Finale) (N)		Oak Island ♦
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Fury *** ♦
	LIFE	Married	Married (N)	Married at First Sight (N)		This Time Next Year (N)		Married ♦
	MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	MTV	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	The Challenge (N) ©		Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. ♦
	NBCSCH	NHL Hockey: San Jose Sharks at St. Louis Blues. (N) (Live)				All-Access		The Loop (N)
	NICK	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (PG-13, '14) **	Megan Fox. ©			Full House		Friends ©
OVATION	♦ (6) The Karate Kid (PG, '84) ***	Ralph Macchio.			Crimson Tide (R, '95) *** © ♦			
OWN	The Haves, Nots		The Haves, Nots (N)		The Haves, Nots		The Haves ♦	
OXY	Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago ♦	
PARMT	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Ink Master (N) ©		Hangover ♦	
SYFY	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Detour (N)	Conan © ♦	
TCM	Viva Zapata! (NR, '52) ***	Marlon Brando. ©			A Thousand Clowns (NR, '65) ***			
TLC	Fat Fabulous (N)		(8:03) I Am Jazz (Season Finale) (N)		Seeking Sister Wife ©		Fabulous ♦	
TLN	Let Think	Wealth	Focus on Is	Like You	Sig. Insights	Tru News	Robison	
TNT	Red (PG-13, '10) **	Bruce Willis. ©			(9:15) Red 2 (PG-13, '13) ** © ♦			
TOON	King of Hill	Amer. Dad	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	
TRAV	Delicious Destinations		Bizarre Foods (N)		Bizarre Foods/Zimmern		Bizarre ♦	
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Mom ©	Mom ©	King	
USA	WWE SmackDown! (N) (Live) ©				Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	
VH1	America's Next Model (N)		Love & Hip Hop Miami		Love & Hip Hop ©		Hip Hop ♦	
WE	Law & Order ©		Law & Order ©		Law & Order ©		Law ♦	
WGN America	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Bellevue (N) ©		Cops ©	
PREMIUM	HBO	Get Out (R, '17) ***	Daniel Kaluuya. ©	Divorce ©		(9:15) 2 Dope Queens		Here ♦
	HBO2	Real Time With Bill Maher		Last Week	High Main.	Traffic Stop	Morgan (R, '16) *** ♦	
	MAX	Whip It (PG-13, '09) ***	Ellen Page. ©			(8:55) 17 Again (PG-13, '09) *** ♦		
	SHO	♦ (5:55) G.I. Jane ('97) ***	Homeland: "Rebel Rebel."			The Chi ©		Toon Pres.
	STARZ	♦ (6:09) Obsessed ('09) *		Counterpart ©		(8:56) Wild Things (R, '98) ** ♦		
STZNC	♦ (5:46) Shane ('53) ****		(7:47) Marnie (PG, '64) ***		Tippi Hedren. ©		Ash ♦	

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Feb. 20): Learn and grow this year. Expand your understanding through direct experience and teamwork. Summer love fills your heart with courage to face changes. Inspiration energizes your physical practices, health and work. Community action gets satisfying results. Strengthen bonds and win together.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. A profitable opportunity is worth pursuing. It's a good time for a significant conversation, to launch or make your move. It could have long-lasting benefit.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. You wear your confidence well. You're making a good impression on someone you care about. Make an important decision for a personal project.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 6. Consider things from a higher perspective. Changes a level up affect you positively. Visualize everything falling into place. Organize and plan.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Teamwork propels your project to a new level. Hold meetings, attend classes and participate in your community. Together, you're an unstoppable force.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Take charge to surmount a professional challenge. Extend your area of influence. Friends have useful suggestions and resources. Reach out.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Education and exploration have your focus. Research and study. Attend conferences, classes and seminars. For real insight, go directly to the source.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. You have more patience with numbers. Take advantage and reconcile shared accounts. Practical actions pay off. You're gaining respect from someone you admire.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Work with a partner to go further while having more fun. Negotiate who will do what. Keep your promises and strengthen your relationship.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Your physical action is required. Keep practicing to grow your capacities and skills. Focus on details and technique. Steady work pays off.

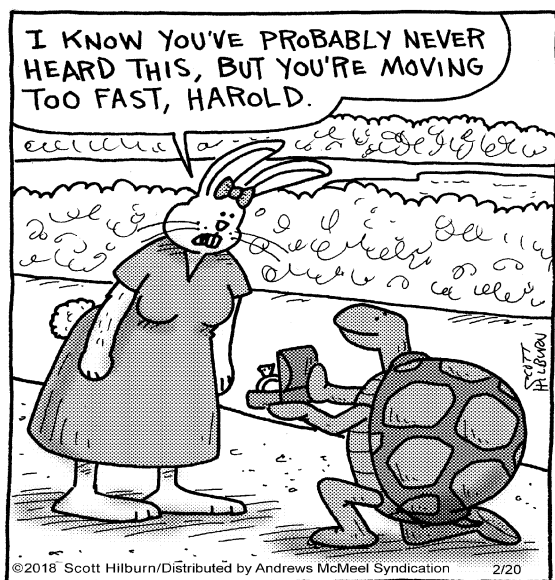
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Relax and enjoy time with family and friends. Get advice, but make your own decisions. Let them know how much you appreciate them.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 5. Stay home and take it easy. Conserve resources by consuming thoughtfully. Cook up a simple feast for your family. Clean, organize and beautify your space.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Make agreements, negotiate bargains and sign contracts. Research, write and publish. Invite participation, and promote an opportunity. Communication channels are wide open.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

Neither vulnerable, North deals

North
 ♠ A J 10 8 7
 ♥ K 8 6
 ♦ A 3
 ♣ Q 9 7

West
 ♠ 9 6 5 3 2
 ♥ 3
 ♦ K 10 9 2
 ♣ J 3 2

East
 ♠ 4
 ♥ 10 5 4
 ♦ J 8 7 6 5
 ♣ K 6 5 4

South
 ♠ K Q
 ♥ A O J 9 7 2
 ♦ Q 4
 ♣ A 10 8

West knew that North held the ace of diamonds from the auction. He reasoned that declarer would not risk going down at trick one on a diamond finesse if there were another line of play available. South could have ducked this lead around to his queen, but who would have done that? A diamond was the only lead to trouble the contract.

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣*	Pass	7♥	All pass

*3 key cards, among the 4 aces and the king of hearts
Opening lead: Ten of ♦

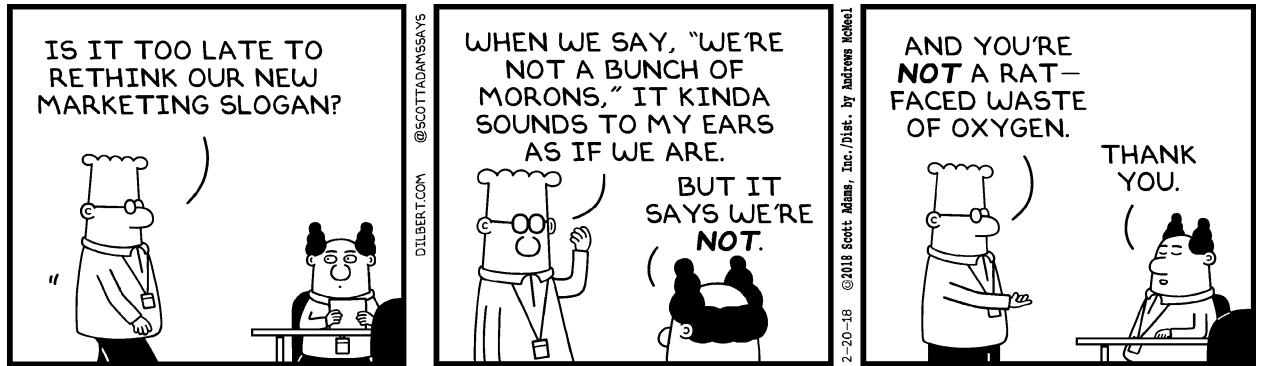
hearts to cash the rest of the spades. As it was, declarer led a heart to the king, drawing the last trump, then led a spade to his king, and overtook the queen of spades with dummy's ace. The horrible spade split defeated the contract.

Declarer was extremely unlucky, but also lazy. After the king of hearts, South should have crossed back to his hand with the king of spades and cashed all of his hearts, followed by the ace of clubs. In the four-card ending, West would not have been able to keep all four of his remaining spades and the king of diamonds. South would have had his 13 tricks.

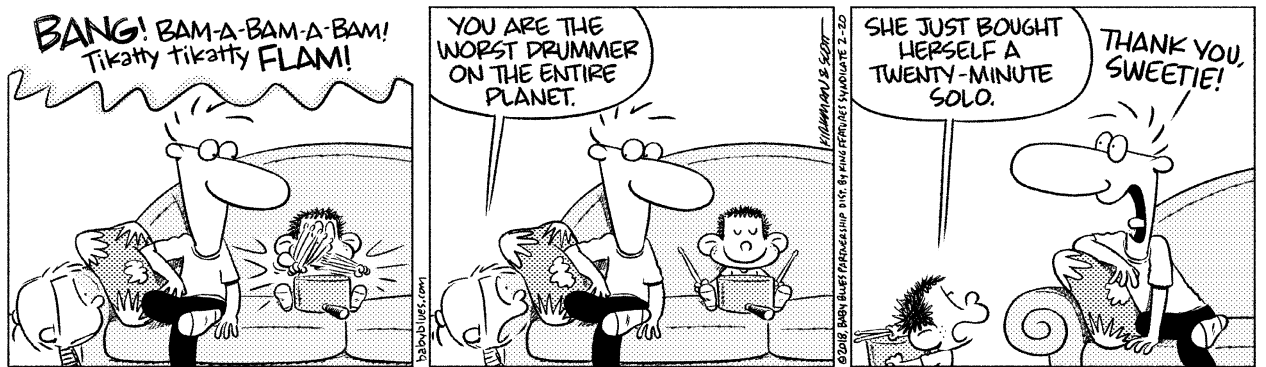
It's a good idea to run your long suit before committing to a crucial play. You never know what might happen.

— Bob Jones
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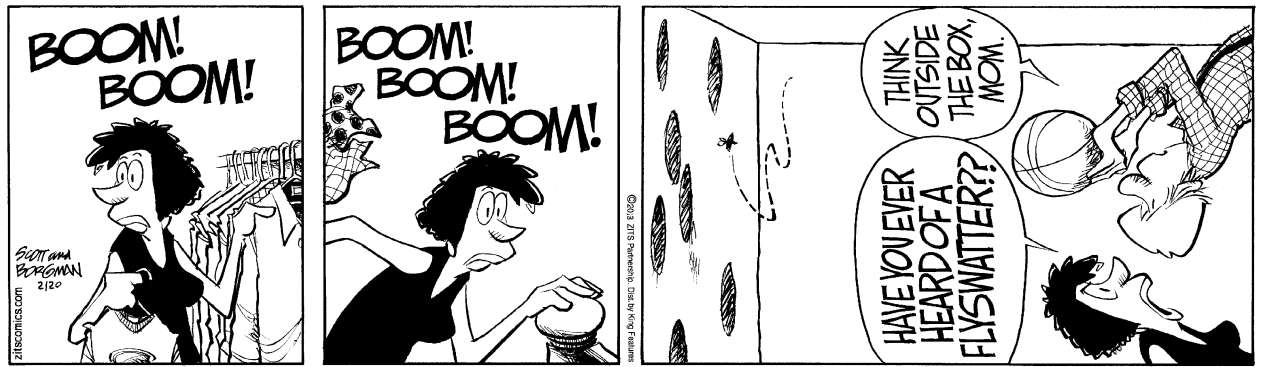
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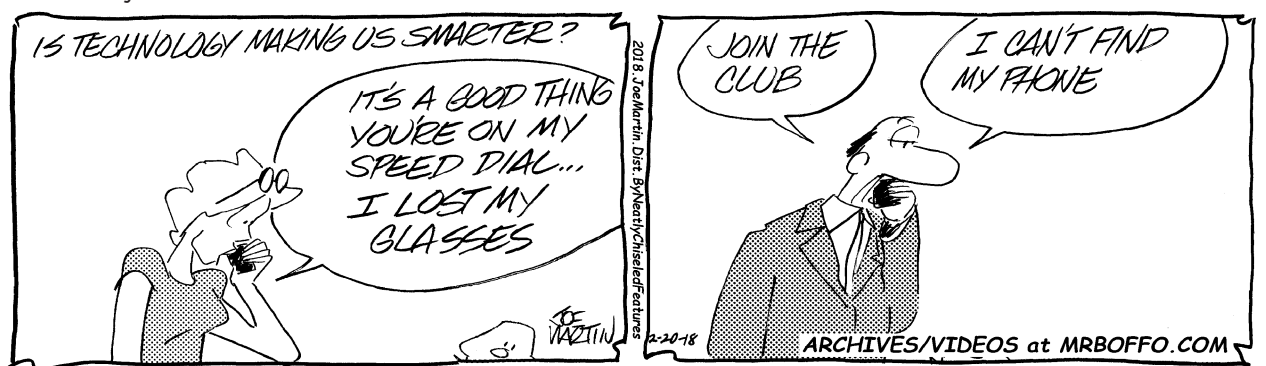
Baby Blues



Zits



Mr. Boffo



Frazz



Classic Peanuts



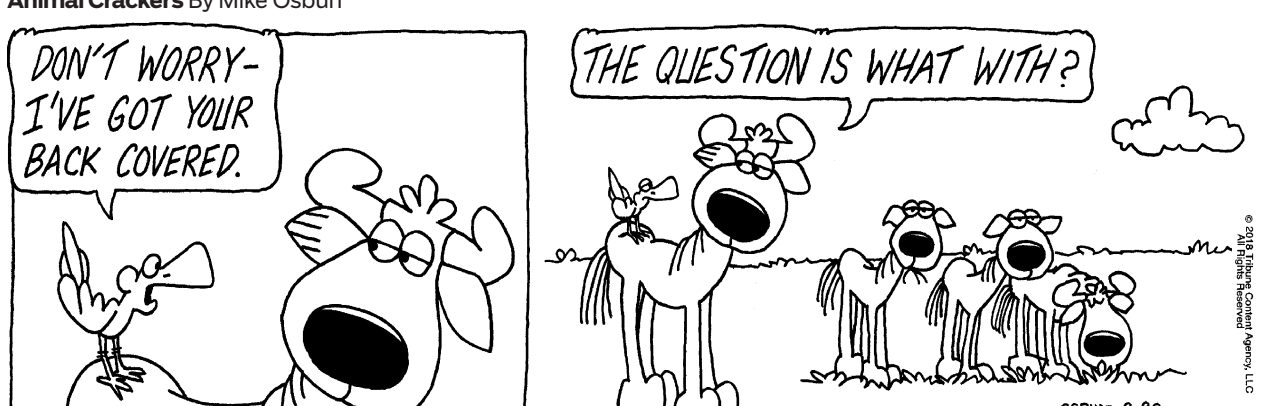
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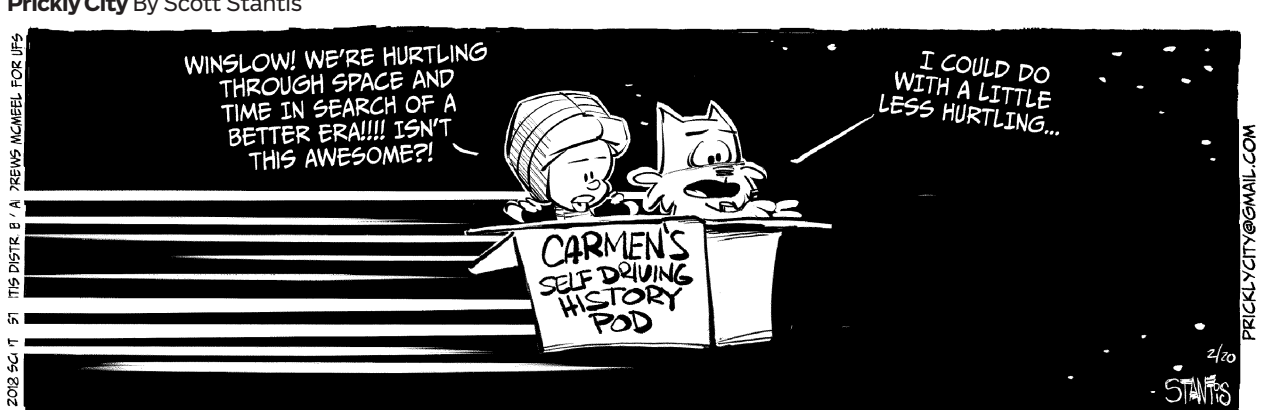
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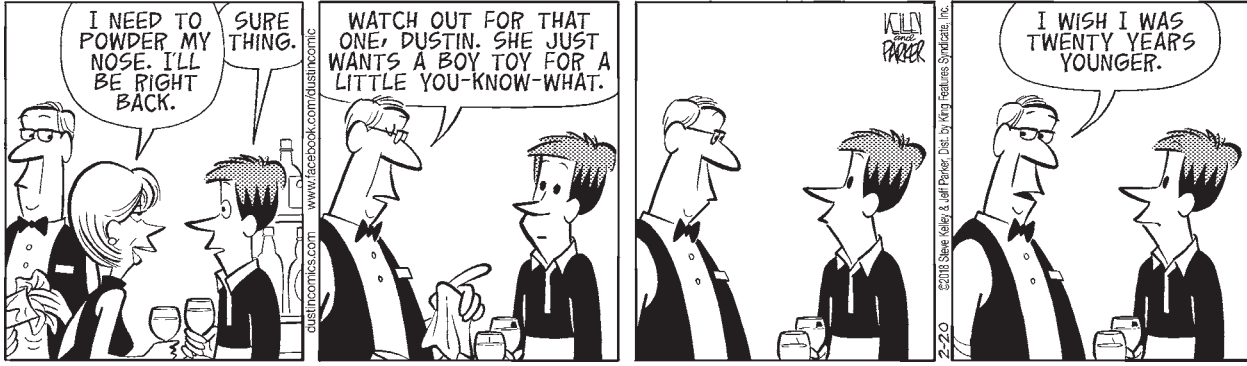
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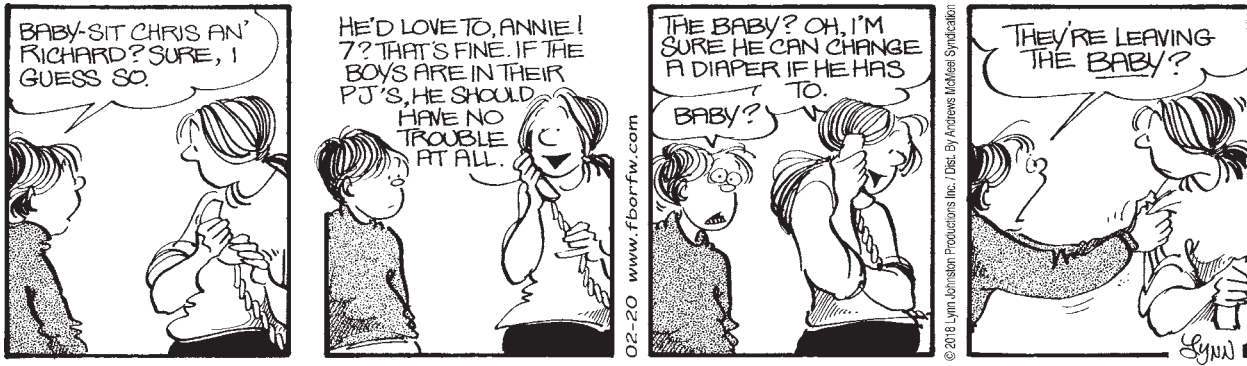
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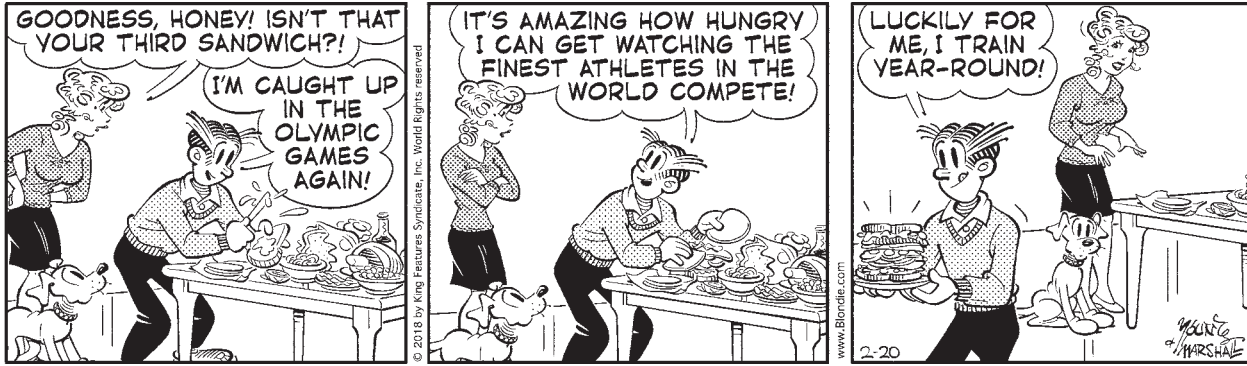
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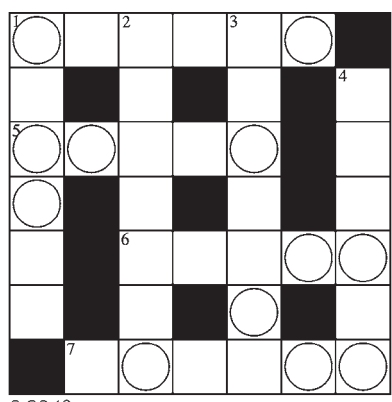
Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

The lyrics of "Hail to the Chief" come from the 1810 poem "The Lady of the Lake" by whom?
 A) Elizabeth Barrett Browning
 B) Sir Walter Scott
 C) Walt Whitman
 D) William Wordsworth
 Monday's answer: The 1987 documentary "Hail! Hail! Rock 'n' Roll" commemorated Chuck Berry's 60th birthday.

Jumble Crossword



CLUE ACROSS
 1. ___ support
 5. Float, coast
 6. Not these
 7. Make-believe

CLUE DOWN
 1. Troop group
 2. Dampen
 3. Amazing
 4. Reveal

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.

BONUS ○○○○○○○○○○ ○○○○○○○○○○
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 By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

2/20

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7	1	8	2	9	6	3	4	5
6	9	2	5	3	1	8	7	4
8	5	3	7	4	9	6	2	1
1	4	7	6	2	8	5	3	9

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Monday's solutions

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Jumble

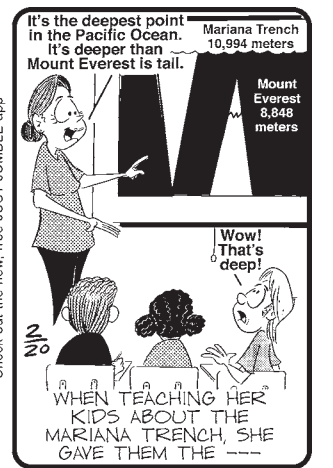
Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

OAKAL ○○○○

VONWE ○○○○

RWATDO ○○○○

DRYEEE ○○○○



Answer here



Monday's answers

Jumbles: WHACK THYME EIGHTY SIDING
 Answer: The app that could translate "hello" into any language was — "HI"-TECH

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Crossword

2/20

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- Across**
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 11 With 25-Across, "Scream" director
 14 Watery expanse
 15 Double-check, as totals
 16 Shakespearean prince or Broadway producer
 17 "Never!"
 19 Incoming flight info
 20 Flower parts
 21 Visit
 22 Fedora feature
 23 Valley with wine cellars and sellers
 25 See 11-Across
 27 Rock gently
 29 "Is this a good move for me?"
 31 Folk singer Phil
 32 Steeped beverage
 33 Become a pro at
- Down**
 36 After "no," "Not possible!"
 37 "Not another problem!"
 39 State
 40 Appetizer follower
 42 That woman
 43 Tortoise racer
 44 Carpenter's cordless cutter
 46 Temper tantrums
 47 Tank type
 48 Mix
 50 Jelly holders
 51 Turf roll
 53 Olympic segments
 57 Outback bird
 58 "I don't need a second opinion!"
 60 Sit-up targets
 61 Sporty Chevy
 62 Angler's dangles
 63 "Nope"
 64 Portfolio part
 65 Snooty sorts
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TUESDAY, FEB. 20 NORMAL HIGH: 37° NORMAL LOW: 22° RECORD HIGH: 64° (1930) RECORD LOW: -9° (1896)

Waves of heavy rain to persist through Tuesday

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 64 **LOW 33**

■ Unseasonable warmth brings heavy rain threat. Flood watch continues through Tuesday night.

■ Very mild. Temps at daybreak hover in upper 50s—a level more than 20 degrees above normal.

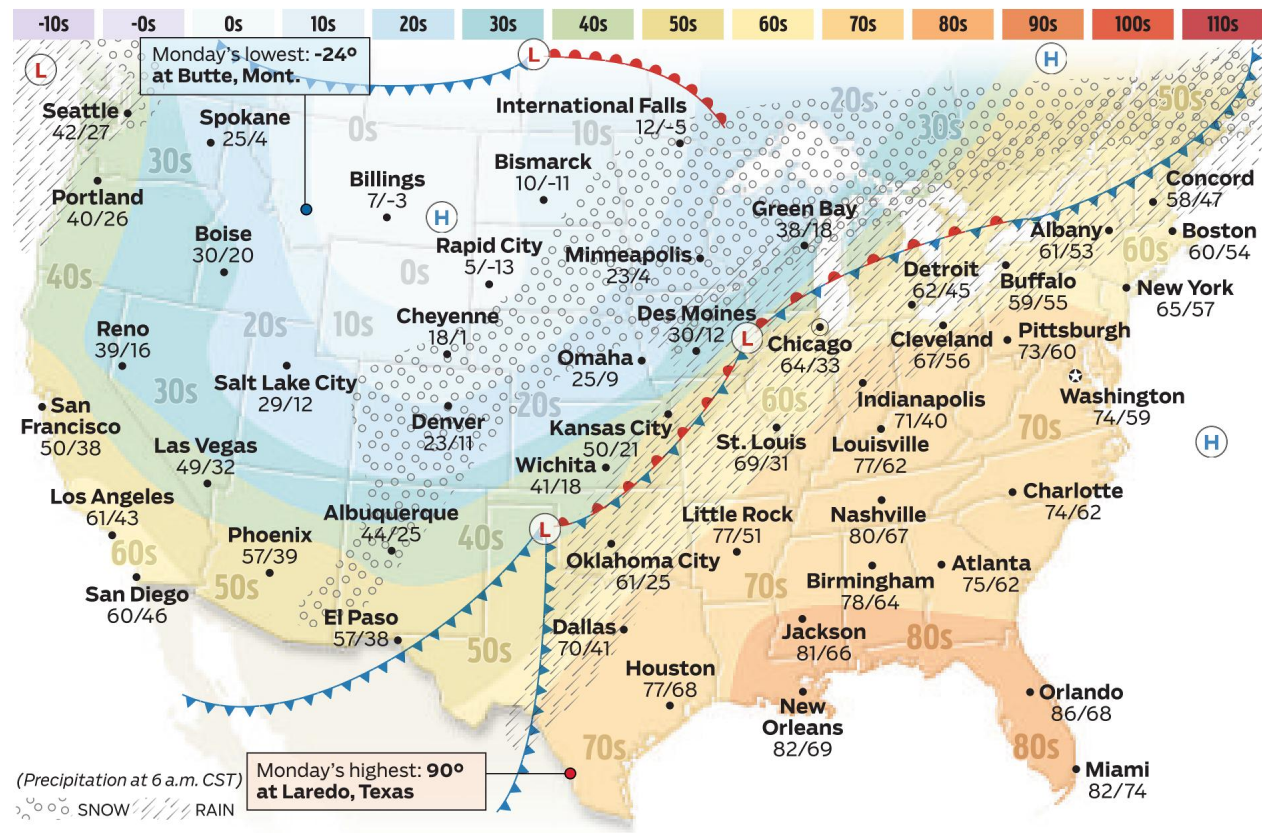
■ Showers and a few t-storms, likely ongoing to start the day, produce locally heavy downpours.

■ S-SW winds 15-20 mph.

■ Temps peak in low-mid 60s. Very mild but shy of the 70-degree record for the date set last year.

■ Rain diminishes to patchy drizzle in the wake of an evening cold front. Temps drop to near freezing overnight.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Periods of rain and thunderstorms are to persist into Tuesday evening, maintaining a flood threat across the entire metro area. Chicago lies on the warm side of a front extending from the southern Plains to lower Michigan. Moisture-rich Gulf air is being focused along this boundary, which separates polar air from unseasonable warmth, more typical of late April.

Monday evening, while temperatures hovered near 60 degrees in Chicago, Minneapolis sat at a brisk 21 degrees. This clash between air masses will hold nearly stationary over the area until Tuesday evening, when colder, drier air to the northwest pushes through, ending the heavy rain threat. Totals of 2-4 inches are possible by Wednesday morning, with the higher totals more likely from the far south suburbs and into northwest Indiana.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21

HIGH 36 **LOW 27**

Colder and rather brisk. Temps hover in the mid 30s most of the day. Fair, then clouds begin to increase overnight. Temps dip to the mid-upper 20s. N-NE winds 15-20 mph.

THURSDAY, FEB. 22

HIGH 38 **LOW 30**

Dry and seasonably cold, though clouds thicken through the day. Temps hold in the upper 30s most areas, but may top 40 south of the city. Rain likely at night. NE winds 15-25 mph.

FRIDAY, FEB. 23

HIGH 45 **LOW 32**

Rain producing system heads east, but considerable cloudiness remains. Temps reach the low-mid 40s, then dip to around freezing at night. NW winds 10-15 mph.

SATURDAY, FEB. 24

HIGH 44 **LOW 34**

Peeks of sun emerge from otherwise gray skies. Temps remain above normal, peaking in the low-mid 40s. Rain chances increase again late and at night. NE winds 10-20 mph.

SUNDAY, FEB. 25

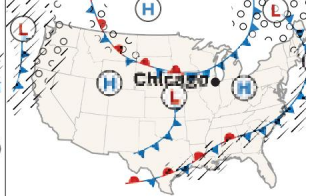
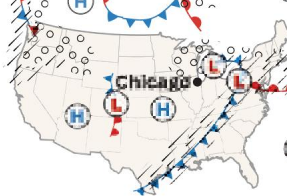
HIGH 44 **LOW 32**

Clouds linger early, then becoming mostly sunny. Temps remain well above normal, again reaching the low-mid 40s. NW winds turn S by evening. Overnight temps hold near freezing.

MONDAY, FEB. 26

HIGH 45 **LOW 29**

Sunshine gives way to increasing clouds by late afternoon. Breezy but continued mild for the season. Temps climb to the mid 40s. S winds 15 to 20 mph.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
Why is it warmer near the lake than it is inland?
— Karina Monarrez, Cicero

Dear Karina,
There are two reasons for higher temperatures at the lakefront during the winter. The first is the "heat island effect." An urban area has higher average temperatures than its rural surroundings due to its greater absorption, retention and generation of heat than rural areas. Furthermore, the heat island effect in Chicago is greatest in the inner city and near the lake.

Secondly, Lake Michigan in the winter is a source of heat. Its relatively warm water ("warm" compared with colder wintertime air temperatures) keeps temperatures over the lake and at the lakefront higher than inland readings. In the summer, however, lake water temperatures are usually cooler than inland air temperatures.

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Hear Tom Skilling's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Thundery downpours on frozen ground elevate flood risk

FLOOD WATCH
In effect through 6 AM Wednesday
Range in model rainfall forecasts:
1.30 to 4.35"
Average of forecasts centered on Chicago: **1.76"**

THE CHICAGO AREA'S HEAVIEST RAINFALL EVENT
Since Oct. 22, 23, and 24, 2017: **1.97"**

T-STORM CHANCES
Tuesday forecast
Indicates the chance of one or more t-storms within 25 miles of a location

- 20%
- 40%
- 50%
- 60%
- 70%

CLASH OF AIR MASSES SET UP LATE WINTER STORMINESS
Tuesday forecast

SIDE VIEW OF TUESDAY'S CHICAGO ATMOSPHERE
Why t-storms matter—they produce bursts of heavy rainfall

Moisture converges on t-storms generating especially heavy rain

T-Storms form in area of strong upward vertical motion

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

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MIDWEST CITIES

TUES./WED.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	ts	70	38	rn	40	36
Carbondale	ts	65	30	sh	37	29
Champaign	ts	65	30	sh	37	29
Decatur	ts	65	29	sh	37	30
Moline	ts	50	20	pc	33	25
Peoria	ts	62	26	cl	35	27
Quincy	ts	62	24	cl	35	29
Rockford	rn	49	21	pc	33	24
Springfield	ts	67	28	cl	38	30
Sterling	rn	50	19	cl	35	23
Indiana	sh	73	44	rn	48	37
Bloomington	cl	73	43	rn	45	40
Evansville	cl	66	38	cl	42	31
Fort Wayne	ts	71	40	rn	44	35
Indianapolis	ts	71	40	rn	44	35
Lafayette	ts	66	33	sh	37	31
South Bend	rn	61	30	sh	34	28
Wisconsin	fr	38	18	pc	29	15
Green Bay	fr	38	18	pc	29	15
Kenosha	fr	56	24	cl	34	25
La Crosse	fr	31	11	pc	27	16
Madison	rn	40	17	pc	29	19
Milwaukee	rn	53	21	cl	33	24
Wausau	fr	31	10	pc	22	4
Michigan	rn	62	45	rn	50	28
Detroit	rn	62	45	rn	50	28
Grand Rapids	rn	60	33	cl	38	27
Marquette	rs	33	15	pc	24	9
St. Ste. Marie	fr	35	17	sh	23	12
Traverse City	sh	51	27	cl	29	21
Iowa	cl	27	9	pc	27	17
Ames	cl	27	9	pc	27	17
Cedar Rapids	rn	36	12	pc	29	20
Des Moines	fr	30	12	pc	30	19
Dubuque	rn	39	16	pc	29	21

OTHER U.S. CITIES

TUES./WED.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	pc	61	53	sh	73	34
Albuquerque	pc	44	25	pc	48	31
Amarillo	su	55	16	pc	29	21
Anchorage	pc	31	20	sh	30	26
Asheville	pc	69	57	sh	72	57
Aspen	sh	19	0	pc	30	15
Atlanta	fg	75	62	ts	76	62
Atlantic City	sh	60	50	pc	63	46
Austin	ts	72	59	ts	65	43
Baltimore	pc	72	58	pc	77	50
Billings	su	7	-3	pc	14	-5
Birmingham	pc	78	64	ts	80	63
Bismarck	sh	10	-11	su	16	-7
Boise	su	30	20	cl	37	23
Boston	pc	60	54	pc	71	39
Brownsville	pc	83	71	pc	83	70
Buffalo	rn	59	55	rn	58	28
Burlington	sh	76	63	ts	77	62
Charlottesville	cl	74	62	pc	76	61
Charltn SC	cl	74	62	pc	76	61
Charltn WV	pc	80	61	ts	75	46
Chattanooga	sh	76	63	ts	77	62
Cheyenne	pc	18	1	pc	26	9
Cincinnati	pc	75	61	rn	64	37
Cleveland	sh	67	56	rn	60	32
Colo. Spgs	cl	29	8	su	27	14
Columbia MO	ts	64	25	cl	37	29
Columbia SC	ts	80	64	pc	82	63
Columbus	pc	72	61	rn	64	35
Concord	pc	58	47	pc	77	60
Crps Christi	ts	77	67	pc	77	60
Dallas	ts	70	41	rn	45	39
Daytona Bch.	pc	80	66	pc	79	64
Denver	sh	23	11	su	31	15
Duluth	sn	22	4	su	23	3
El Paso	pc	57	38	pc	61	38
Fairbanks	ss	31	11	ss	22	20
Fargo	ss	11	-7	su	15	0
Flagstaff	pc	30	5	pc	33	11
Fort Myers	pc	90	68	pc	90	66
Fort Smith	ts	69	42	sh	44	40
Fresno	su	57	33	pc	58	36
Grand Junc.	pc	33	14	pc	37	23
Great Falls	pc	7	-10	su	15	-8
Harrisburg	pc	71	54	sh	74	44
Hartford	pc	60	52	pc	71	42
Helena	su	5	10	pc	13	9
Honolulu	pc	81	69	pc	82	70
Houston	ts	77	68	ts	77	62
Int'l Falls	sn	12	-5	pc	18	-9
Jackson	ts	81	66	ts	79	66
Jacksonville	pc	82	67	pc	81	66
Jameau	pc	77	62	pc	39	25
Janeau	pc	50	21	pc	36	28
Kansas City	su	61	43	pc	60	44
Las Vegas	su	49	32	pc	50	34
Lexington	pc	77	64	pc	69	44
Lincoln	pc	24	9	su	30	16
Little Rock	ts	77	51	rn	52	41
Los Angeles	su	81	63	pc	60	44
Louisville	pc	77	62	pc	66	42
Macon	sh	79	64	sh	81	61
Memphis	sh	75	55	ts	61	45
Miami	pc	82	74	pc	82	73
Minneapolis	su	23	4	su	21	3
Mobile	ts	76	67	ts	77	67
Montgomery	pc	79	65	pc	82	63
New Orleans	pc	80	67	pc	78	54
New York	pc	65	57	pc	72	46
Norfolk	sh	76	61	pc	78	60
Okla. City	ts	61	25	cl	36	29
Omaha	pc	25	9	su	30	18
Orlando	pc	86	68	pc	87	65
Palm Beach	pc	82	74	pc	81	72
Palm Springs	su	62	38	pc	63	43
Philadelphia	pc	71	56	pc	75	47
Phoenix	su	57	39	pc	60	41
Pittsburgh	cl	73	60	rn	68	37
Portland, ME	sh	46	38	pc	62	31
Portland, OR	su	40	26	cl	42	27
Providence	pc	60	53	cl	67	41
Raleigh	fg	75	59	cl	79	61
Rapid City	pc	5	-13	pc	18	2
Reno	pc	39	16	cl	40	22
Richmond	pc	75	59	pc	78	57
Rochester	rn	64	60	pc	63	28
Sacramento	pc	55	29	pc	57	34
Salerno, Ore.	cl	44	28	cl	44	29
San Antonio	ts	76	67	ts	68	48
San Diego	su	60	46	pc	59	49
San Francisco	pc	50	38	pc	51	40
San Juan	pc	81	73	sh	80	73
Santa Fe	pc	36	15	pc	37	21
Savannah	cl	77	63	pc	81	63
Seattle	pc	42	27	sh	42	27
Shreveport	sh	76	64	pc	66	52
Sioux Falls	sh	12	-5	su	21	5
Spokane	cl	25	4	pc	28	10
St. Louis	ts	69	31	sh	39	33
Tucson	pc	54	36	pc	52	41
Tulsa	pc	66	28	cl	38	32
Tallahassee	pc	82	64	pc	82	61
Tampa	pc	87	69	pc	88	66
Topeka	pc	37	16	pc	36	25
Turkey	fg	65	51	pc	70	34
Tulsa	pc	66	28	cl	38	32
Washington	pc	74	59	pc	78	52
Wichita	ts	41	18	pc	36	25
Winn-Barre	fg	65	51	pc	70	34
Yuma	su	63	37	pc	64	41
Algeria	su	85	74	su	88	75
Amsterdam	pc	61	47	pc	66	47
Ankara	pc	54	38	pc	54	38
Athens	rn	57	46	pc	58	40
Auckland	pc	75	64	pc	75	64
Baghdad	pc	66	52	pc	66	52
Bangkok	pc	90	79	pc	90	79
Barbados	sh	81	74	pc	81	74
Barcelona	pc	61	45	pc	61	45
Beijing	su	47	22	pc	52	25
Beirut	pc	65	54	pc	65	54
Berlin	pc	41	24	pc	41	24
Bermuda	pc	68	64	pc	68	64
Bogota	ts	67	46	pc	67	46
Brussels	pc	43	26	pc	43	26
Bucharest	ss	38	31	pc	38	31
Buenos Aires	su	35	32	pc	35	32
Buenos Aires	pc	86	61	pc	86	61
Cairo	su	76	55	pc	76	55
Cancun	ts	84	75	pc	84	75
Caracas	cl	75	59	pc	75	59
Casablanca	pc	64	46	pc	64	46
Copenhagen	cl	38	29	pc	38	29
Dublin	pc	50	36	pc	50	36
Edmonton	sh	11	-6	pc	11	-6
Frankfurt	pc	64	46	pc	64	46
Geneva	pc	44	30	pc</		