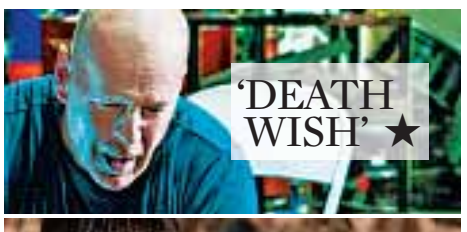


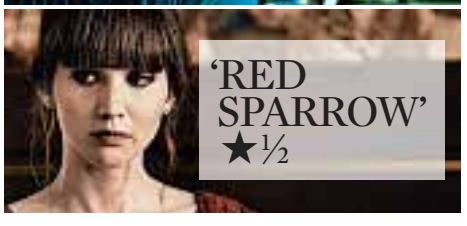
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A recent poll showed state Sen. Kwame Raoul, left, leading ex-Gov. Pat Quinn in the Democratic attorney general race.

Raoul was rolling, and along comes Pat Quinn

Attorney general opponents turn attacks to ex-governor

BY MONIQUE GARCIA, KIM GEIGER AND BILL LUKITSCH | Chicago Tribune

SPRINGFIELD — For months, the Democratic Illinois attorney general's race amounted to a stop Kwame Raoul campaign. The veteran lawmaker from the Hyde Park neighborhood raised the most money, boasted a long list of endorsements and noted that he succeeded Barack Obama in the Illinois Senate.

In recent weeks, however, it's become a race to stop Pat Quinn.

As a former governor who's been a fixture on the state political scene for several decades, Quinn enjoys wide name recognition. And with eight Democrats crowding the March 20 primary ballot, it could take as little as 20 percent of the vote to win. That means being the only candidate many voters are familiar with could provide a decisive edge.

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Governor's candidates set out to weaken foes

Kennedy in debate: Pritzker used 'language of racists'

BY RICK PEARSON AND KIM GEIGER
Chicago Tribune

Democratic governor candidate Chris Kennedy on Thursday night accused opponent J.B. Pritzker of using "the language of racists" and not political leaders when he spoke to then-Gov. Rod Blagojevich nearly a decade ago about potential African-American candidates to fill Barack Obama's vacant U.S. Senate seat.

Pritzker did not respond to Kennedy's charged comment. The billionaire Gold Coast heir and entrepreneur contended that extensive attack TV ads that Bruce Rauner is airing about the Blagojevich conversation is an acknowledgement that Pritzker is the strongest candidate to take on the Republican governor in November.

The back-and-forth between Kennedy and Pritzker came during a testy hourlong Democratic governor debate broadcast on radio and streamed on Facebook. Despite a wide range of

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ANALYSIS

Will president's vow on gun policies ricochet?



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INSIDE President Donald Trump declared Thursday the U.S. will impose steep tariffs on steel and aluminum imports, escalating tensions with China and other trading partners and raising the prospect of higher prices for American consumers and companies. **Business**

U-turns followed similar rapid-fire policy pledges

BY NOAH BIERMAN AND CATHLEEN DECKER | Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — After two weeks of shifting musings on gun measures, President Donald Trump is expected to miss a self-imposed deadline to produce specific proposals on Friday, according to aides — in the latest sign of how chaos in the White House is hampering policymaking.

Lawmakers from both parties have told Trump they can only succeed in passing the comprehensive package of gun safety proposals he's asked for if he leads the debate, and provides Republicans with political cover to stand up to the formidable gun lobbies in a perilous election year. Even so, many fear the president won't keep his word given his reversals in the past, notably on immigration and health care.

The difficulties the administration has had in forging and communicating a policy to respond to the shooting deaths of 17 students and staff members at a Florida high school two weeks ago highlight how, more than a year into his tenure, Trump has been unable to translate his impulses into actual legislative proposals, or stick to positions long enough to do so.

Just two months ago, with the new year beginning and momentum from a major victory on a tax cut bill, Trump advisers

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"My dad's kind of blown away by everything that's happened from me sitting at my computer all day." *— Robert Wieber, Palatine High School senior*



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Robert Wieber, a Challenger-level mid laner in "League of Legends," plans to attend college on a video gaming scholarship.

Video gamers who got game can power up to scholarships

College recruiting intense for new esports teams

BY JOHN KEILMAN | Chicago Tribune

Robert Wieber, a 17-year-old senior at Palatine High School, is one of the hottest college sports prospects around, drawing attention from numerous scholarship-granting programs.

The attention befits his status as one of the nation's best in his pursuit — he is ranked among the top 0.01 percent — but Wieber and his father still seem a bit amazed. His sport, after all, is a video game.

"My dad's kind of blown away by everything that's happened from me sitting at my computer all day," said Wieber, a Challenger-level mid laner in the game "League of Legends."

College esports recruiting isn't yet like Southern Cal and Notre Dame fighting over an all-star linebacker, but it appears headed in that direction. As more schools roll out scholarship-granting programs, they're jousting over top players by offering increasingly plush amenities and evermore lucrative offers.

"If you're going for the best, they're going to have four or five other schools going after them too," said Callum Fletcher, coach of the fledgling esports team at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington.

That is forcing college coaches to be resourceful and relentless as they sell their schools. The intensity has surprised high school esports advisers, who say this kind of recruiting barely existed a year ago.

"The amount of money they're offering students is unbelievable," said Amy Whitlock, who coaches Oswego East's team. "If you're good enough, you go for free. That just blows my mind."

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Mary Lou McCusker, 87, who works at a Shell station in Western Springs, is a definite nominee for the Anonymity Awards.



John Kass

Forget the Oscars — try the Anonymity Awards

The last thing America needs is the idiotic Oscars, a glitzy awards show celebrating rich Hollywood celebrities, with the millionaire show ponies bending over backward to kiss their own behinds.

Hollywood spent years publicly kissing Harvey Weinstein's behind. And at Sunday's Academy Awards they'll wipe their lips and kiss fresh behinds.

You really want to spend three or four hours watching that?

America needs some other award, not for celebrities, but for the opposite of celebrities.

For the people who are never recognized. You see them every day. They take pride in their work and do it without acclaim. You might not even know their names, but they improve your lives, sometimes a lot, sometimes just a little bit, and most are anonymous. So here's an idea:

The Anonymity Awards.

For that cashier you search out at the store, the produce guy who knows what you need. And that clerk at the post office, so efficient that when she's not there— and you're forced to deal with other clerks with their sleepy, "whatever" expressions — you almost feel like going postal yourself.

Or the teachers who save those extra unopened (healthy) snacks from the week to give to a family in need on a Friday, so the children will have something to eat over the weekend.

You don't know such anonymous people? Of course you do. They're all around you. Just open your eyes and see.

I bet you have people you'd like to recognize as well, like Mary Lou McCusker, who works at the Shell gas station at 47th and Willow Springs Road in Western Springs.

Six years ago, she broke her hip. At 87, she's still working on her feet. Brisk and efficient, she looks you straight in the eye. She's no-nonsense.

"So, if I understand the Anonymity Awards, it's like getting a pat on the head for being yourself, for being an American?" McCusker said

Yeah, something like that, Mary Lou.

"Well, if it's about recognizing people for putting effort into something, for doing your job, that's good," she told me. "People wouldn't mind being recognized. But then you'll have anonymous people waiting in line to get recognized. Still, it's nice."

McCusker was born in Detroit, worked as a nightclub singer in Chicago and then quit "because I heard about the casting couch." She's sold vacuum cleaners door to door, worked as a dental assistant and likes having a job.

"When you're 87, Social Security just doesn't cut it," she says.

She'll skip the Academy Awards on TV. She's not a fan of the show ponies.

"The movies now are about killing somebody every three minutes," McCusker said. "I want a good story, like 'Casablanca.' Is there anything out there worth seeing?"

So I told her about "The Shape of Water," a film with much Oscar buzz. It involves a mysterious creature who has intimate relations with a young Earth woman.

"They're all high in Hollywood now, aren't they?" McCusker said. "High as kites. No thank you."

Walgreens cashier Jean Boisseau, 62, is, in my mind, the best cashier in the world. She's the fastest, with the hands of a violinist or a card dealer. When you pay in cash, she snaps the bills and counts the change aloud as she puts it all in your hand.

"An award for anonymous people? I love this idea," said Boisseau. "For people that don't get recognition, that's good, because nobody really recognizes them unless something goes wrong."

Of course she's right. Most are recognized only when things go bad. Then they get yelled at or let go.

She's a bit wily and loves romantic comedies, although her favorite Hollywood movie these days is "Black Panther."

"I was born in Macon, Miss., and I never in all my life thought I'd see a black superhero," she said. "Ever."

She works at the Walgreens at 47th and Lake Park. I met her years ago at the Michigan Avenue store across from the Tribune Tower.

Jean, why do you snap the bills? That's so old-school.

"Years ago a customer had new bills, and he said he gave me just a $100 bill. I said, 'No, you gave me two $100 bills. He said, 'No, I gave you just one hundred.' So I popped it, and then popped the other one, and he thanked me so much and I've done it ever since."

You might have an Anonymity Award nominee yourself, a Tom the butcher, or an Eleftherios the waiter. Or maybe people you've never met, like the chambermaids at the hotel whom you forgot to tip. You told yourself it really didn't matter.

But it does matter. And you know it.

And what about the shy ones at your workplace who just can't put themselves forward at meetings? They're not in the popular office clique. They're not slick enough to send out group emails that serve to kiss their own behinds.

But they do their jobs with pride, and if they're not there, the place starts going to hell.

The Anonymity Awards aren't about some golden trophy.

The prize is in the way you give them your name and ask theirs when you shake their hand. It's in your eyes when you smile — not just a flash of teeth but a free, real smile — while thanking them.

Just like that, they're not anonymous anymore, are they?

And neither are you.

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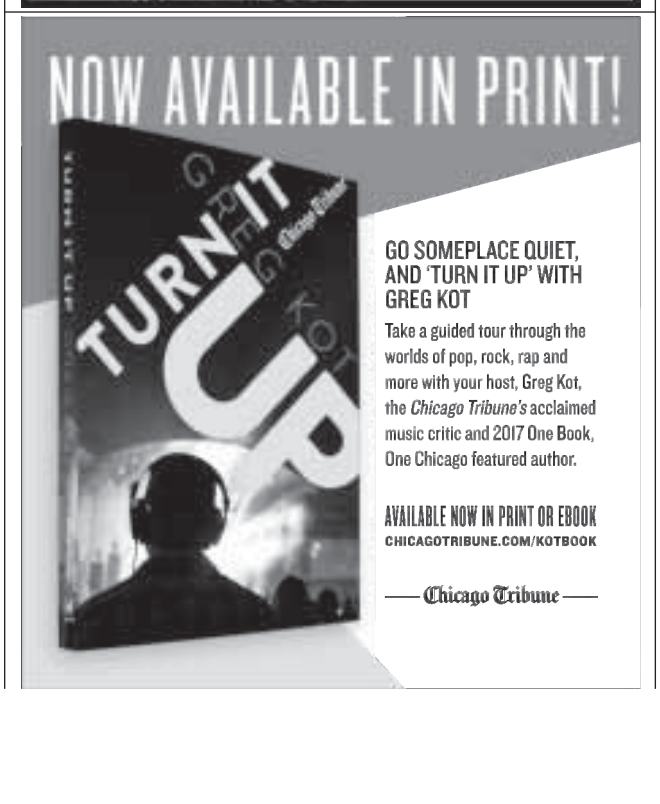


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By Kim Janssen, Tracy Swartz and Phil Thompson

These Oscar nominees have ties to Chicago area

This year's class of Oscar nominees includes a few with ties to the Chicago area. Keep an eye out for these entertainers when the Academy Awards air, beginning at 7 p.m. Sunday on ABC.

Chicago improv alum **Jordan Peele** scored his first Oscar nominations for his thriller "Get Out," which is up for best picture. Peele is also nominated for best director and best original screenplay. He faces "Dunkirk" director **Christopher Nolan**, who spent part of his childhood in Evanston.

In the supporting actor category, DeKalb native **Richard Jenkins** is nominated for "The Shape of Water," while Steppenwolf Theatre original member **Laurie Metcalf** is up for best supporting actress for "Lady Bird."

Oak Park filmmaker **Steve James** and Chicago producer **Mark Mitten** are nominees for "Abacus: Small Enough to Jail," a documentary about the only U.S. bank to face criminal charges related to the 2008 financial crisis. James is a longtime fixture at Kartemquin Films. The Chicago documentary house's "Edith+Eddie" is up for best documentary, short subject.

Former Chicago stand-up performer **Kumail Nanjiani** — tapped to present at the Oscars ceremony — and his wife, **Emily V. Gordon**, are nominated for best original screenplay for their Chicago-set romantic comedy "The Big Sick." Chicago native **Virgil Williams** and director **Dee Rees** are up for best adapted screenplay for "Mudbound."

South Side rapper-turned-actor **Common** is co-nominated for best original song for "Stand Up for Something" from "Marshall." Common — who won an Oscar in 2015 — is also set to perform the song with **Andra Day** at the Oscars. Chicago native **Gina Rodriguez** is presenting at the ceremony, and Chicago restaurateur **Giuliana Rancic** will reprise her role as a red-carpet reporter for the E! network.

— Tracy Swartz



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Olympic gold medalist Hilary Knight and her teammates have been getting VIP treatment.

Hilary Knight's sweet ride rolls on

Hilary Knight tweeted a clip Wednesday of the "Home Alone" kid running through the house, arms flailing, to give fans of a visual of her mindset when she packs for a trip.

Such was the case a day later for the Olympic gold medalist, who was answering interview questions while rolling her suitcase to join her hockey teammates on a flight from Tampa, Fla., to Washington to be honored at the State Department on Friday and a Capitals game on Saturday. Then it's off to Harrison, N.J., where the team will get the VIP treatment at the USA-France SheBelieves Cup soccer match Sunday.

For Knight, it's part of the wild ride that started in Lake Forest, reached Vancouver, Sochi and now Pyeongchang, and shows no signs of ending soon.

On attending Downers Grove native and 1998 Nagano gold medalist Cammi Granato's youth camp:

"(Oak Lawn native and teammate) **Kendall** (**Coyne**) and I figured out (this fall) that we both attended Cammi Granato's hockey camp together. We had no idea. It's pretty unique, and then years later we find ourselves on the same team, on the same line. Everything comes full circle, I guess."

On whether she empathizes with Canada's Jocelyne Larocque, who received backlash for initially refusing to wear her silver medal:

"One hundred percent. It's disappointing she couldn't wait a couple more minutes. At the same time, you are getting raw emotion. ... I remember (thinking), 'Why is that a big deal?' It's people expressing their emotion, whether you agree with it or not. It's subject to interpretation depending on how someone views the picture. I think as an athlete you tend to be cautious of your body language and what you're doing on the ice. That might be the only moment someone sees you."

On "SNL" comedian Leslie Jones, who was the team's most vocal cheerleader — and Knight's in particular — on Twitter and in person:

"I love (her antics). When I first saw her, I snuck out with a couple of our teammates and we watched our men's team play (the Olympic athletes from Russia). And she walked into the building, and I was like, 'Oh my gosh, that's **Leslie Jones**! So I ran over and said, "What's up?" ... The next time we ran into her, she's leaning over the railing into the tunnel where we walk out to the ice. She's screaming. But it's like, 'Oh my gosh, who is this woman?' And all of sudden I hear my name and I look up — and I'm trying to keep a competitive face just because it's (time for) business — but I'm about to die of laughter just before I go onto the ice."

— Phil Thompson

Jackson Jr.: Let me sell home where wife, kids live

Jesse Jackson Jr. says the wolves are at his door.

And his taxpayer-funded $125,000 in annual workers' compensation and disability payments isn't enough to maintain the lifestyle his estranged wife and fellow ex-con **Sandi Jackson** has become accustomed to, he says.

So he's asking a Washington, D.C., judge to order the sale of the $2 million home where his wife lives with her mother and the couple's 14-year-old son and 17-year-old daughter. The kids can temporarily move into a D.C. home owned by his father, **Jesse Jackson Sr.**, lawyers for Jackson Jr. say in a court filing.



Jackson Jr.



Sandi Jackson

"Sandra is currently unemployed and has refused to obtain employment to financially contribute to the parties' expenses or make efforts at becoming self-supporting," according to the filing, which says a second mortgage on the home is in arrears and that Jackson Jr. "is receiving weekly calls from the lender" about a possible foreclosure.

Jackson Jr., who lives in Chicago's South Shore neighborhood, said late last year that he and his wife are $1.8 million in debt. His recent court filing states he is paying $5,100 a month in combined alimony, child support, school fees and voluntary payments to his children, while Sandi Jackson has refused to pay the mortgage and cannot afford to buy him out. Sandi Jackson opposes the sale, according to the filing.

The couple, who both served federal prison time for using Jackson Jr.'s campaign fund for a wild spending spree, have been locked in a bitter court battle for more than a year.

— Kim Janssen

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African-Americans resisting Obama center misguided



DAHLEEN GLANTON

I'd like to talk frankly to African-Americans. In Chicago. On the South Side.

Sometimes, my people, we can be our own worst enemy.

Tuesday night, a former president of the United States stood in front of a mostly African-American crowd at McCormick Place and practically begged them not to turn their backs on a more than $500 million private investment in their community.

When has that ever happened in America?

It is undeniably absurd that Barack Obama would have to keep coming to Chicago to try to convince people who have barely seen a dime spent on their communities for decades that this kind of attention is a good thing.

While most African-Americans who live in the area fully support the Obama Presidential Center, there are some who still need convincing.

Sometimes we can become so accustomed to not having anything that we forget that we deserve everything. We fear that change could rob us of the few crumbs we have been able to scrape together for ourselves.

If we are not careful, this immobilizing fear will be our downfall.

Were the developer anyone other than Obama — whose deep roots on the South Side made the area the only real choice for his presidential center — it is likely he would have packed up his drawing board and gone elsewhere.

Fortunately, Obama gets why some people are apprehensive.

We cannot dismiss concerns of low-income residents and the elderly that they might someday be forced out of their homes by rising rents they can no longer afford. We have seen it happen in Chicago before — in Pilsen, Wicker Park and Humboldt Park.

As neighborhoods change, no one can guarantee that anything will remain the same. Obama would be lying if he said he could.

We fear that change could rob us of the few crumbs we have. ... If we are not careful, this immobilizing fear will be our downfall.

But what he said Tuesday night helped put the idea of gentrification into perspective.

"It is not my experience," he said, "... that the big problem on the South Side has been too much development, too much economic activity, too many people being displaced because all these folks from Lincoln Park are filling in to the South Side. That's not what's happening.

"We have such a long way to go before you will start seeing the prospect of gentrification," he said. "(My daughter) Malia's kids might have to worry about that. Right now, we've got to worry about broken curbs and trash and boarded-up buildings. That's what we really need to work on."

One of the problems of living in a city as segregated as Chicago is that we don't always get to see the vast treasures located in other communities. It only takes a short drive north to see what real community investment looks like.

Over the past several years, Chicago has poured billions into creating a housing, business and retail mecca downtown and farther north. Investors currently have more than $20 billion in the pipeline.

There is Wolf Point, for example — an old parking lot on the Chicago River, where three glass skyscrapers totaling more than $1 billion will soon tower over downtown.

Cranes are everywhere in the West Loop. At least three 500-foot skyscrapers are in the works. New housing, trendy restaurants and boutique hotels already are in place. McDonald's is moving its global headquarters there from the suburbs.

In Lincoln Park, construction has begun on Lincoln Common, a $350 million project on the site of the former Children's Memorial Hospital. The city recently approved plans to reshape the old manufacturing district along the North Branch of the Chicago River, paving the way for billions in private investment and tens of thousands of jobs.

While people in these affluent neighborhoods are worried about too much development, we're complaining on the South Side about the only major project to come our way in years.

Some of us are getting too caught up in the agendas of preservationist groups like Friends of the Park, Save the Midway and Jackson Park Watch that do nothing to help us solve the real problems facing our communities.

We cannot allow these groups to co-opt our once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to offer a better life for our children and turn it into a fight over saving trees and birds.

We cannot turn our backs on a chance for our young people to choose scholarships over gangs, in favor of preserving a patch of grass in neighborhoods that are filled with so many garbage-strewn vacant lots.

We cannot turn away the potential for good jobs, better housing and business partnerships that will come with this new investment — certainly not because we might have to take a less convenient route when driving near Jackson Park.

And we cannot allow anyone who dislikes the city's plan to spend $175 million on roadwork and overpasses for the Obama Presidential Center to take that money away from us.

Other neighborhoods have gotten much more from the city in regular installments. We should consider this a lump-sum payment on the city's long overdue bill to the South Side.

It is time to join forces and get to the business of knocking down any barriers that threaten to get in the way of the Obama center rising from the dirt.

Only then can we hold the former president accountable for fulfilling his promises.

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Mary Schmich has today off.

City's lawyers under fire again

Mom of teen slain by cop was asked about prostitution

BY DAN HINKEL
Chicago Tribune

An attorney is seeking sanctions against the city of Chicago after one of its lawyers recently asked the mother of Quintonio LeGrier — a 19-year-old shot to death by a Chicago police officer in 2015 — if she had engaged in prostitution with the teen's father, court records show.

A motion filed Thursday afternoon in Cook County court by a lawyer for LeGrier's estate argues that private lawyers representing the city have displayed "contemptible behavior" during depositions. The motion marks the latest controversy to spring from Officer Robert Rialmo's fatal shooting of LeGrier — who clutched a bat before he was killed — and bystander Bettie Jones, 55.

During a deposition on Feb. 14, Barrett Boudreaux, a private lawyer representing the city, asked LeGrier's mother, Janet Cooksey, "how was it that Quintonio was conceived" with his father, Antonio LeGrier, according to a partial transcript. The court records show that Boudreaux then asked, "So Antonio approached you about a sexual relationship in exchange for money; is that correct?"

Both Cooksey and Basileios Foutris, an attorney who represents the LeGrier estate, said any allegation of prostitution was both baseless and irrelevant to the lawsuit.

Cooksey wasn't at the scene of the shooting when it happened and has no firsthand knowledge of those events, Foutris noted.

A statement issued by Corporation Counsel Edward Siskel on Thursday evening said he expects "any attorney representing the city to conduct themselves within the bounds set by the courts."

"There can be no exceptions," he said. "We are conducting a review of the motion and depositions, and if we find the attorneys' questions were outside of the scope allowed by the judge, or if their actions were improper, we will not hesitate to take action."

The motion comes less than three months after Matthew Hurd, another private lawyer for the city, sought to sue LeGrier's estate to shift some of the blame and financial liability for Jones' death onto the estate. The city's lawyers backed off the politically explosive strategy the next day after a Chicago Tribune story on the filing sparked outrage on social media. Saying he had not known about the legal maneuver in advance, Mayor Rahm Emanuel called it "callous" and telephoned his apologies to LeGrier's father.

"I repeatedly keep saying they've reached a new low," Cooksey told the Tribune on Thursday. "They just constantly reach another low."

Neither Boudreaux nor Hurd could not be reached for comment.

During the deposition, Cooksey, on the advice of lawyers, did not answer questions about her son's conception.

After Boudreaux broached the topic, Foutris asked, "Really, what does that have to do with anything in this case, Barrett?

Hurd interjected, "It has a lot to do with this case."

Foutris responded, "How was he conceived? The normal way. There's your answer. Why don't you move on?"

The motion also alleged the city violated a court order by asking LeGrier's father questions about his son's mental health, among other topics. Foutris also took issue with the city's lawyers showing his father photos of his son's blood-soaked clothes during the deposition, calling that move "cruel" in the motion.

The motion marks the latest allegation of impropriety against the city's Law Department. Since 2011, federal judges have sanctioned the city nine times for failing to turn over potential evidence in police misconduct cases, forcing the city to pay more than $1.1 million in fines. Eight of those cases ended in settlements or jury verdicts totaling more than $45 million.

Rialmo's shooting of Jones and LeGrier has been a source of repeated controversy since it unfolded on the West Side the day after Christmas 2015. About 4:30 a.m., Rialmo and his partner responded to 911 calls about a disturbance at the apartment in the 4700 block of West Erie Street where LeGrier was staying with his father. LeGrier, apparently plagued by mental health problems, had behaved erratically as a student at Northern Illinois University and had altercations with peers and run-ins with police, records show.

Jones, who lived downstairs, answered the door and pointed police to the second floor. LeGrier then came down the stairs and moved toward the officers with a bat, according to an analysis released by Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx's office, which declined to bring criminal charges against Rialmo.

As Rialmo backed down the stairs, he fired eight times, hitting LeGrier six times, according to prosecutors. Jones, who was standing behind the teen, was shot once in the chest.

Rialmo's attorney, Joel Brodsky, has said his client was justified in firing in self-defense.

But the Civilian Office of Police Accountability, which investigates police shootings, ruled late last year the shooting was unjustified and recommended Rialmo be fired. COPA found that no one corroborated the officer's contention that LeGrier swung the bat, and investigators concluded the evidence suggested Rialmo was several feet farther from the teen when he opened fire than the officer had said.

Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson has yet to announce what, if any, discipline he will seek from the Chicago Police Board.

In January, Rialmo was charged with two counts of battery and one count of theft, all misdemeanors, following an early morning bar fight late last year at Moretti's Ristorante & Pizzeria on the Far Northwest Side. He is also accused of stealing the jacket of one of the men he is charged with hitting.

Brodsky has said Rialmo was defending himself against drunken aggressors and did not steal the jacket.

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Taking a stand on State Street

Protesters demonstrate in support of immigrants along the 100 block of North State Street in the Loop on Thursday. The protest also included 11 minutes of silence for the 11 million immigrants living in the U.S. without legal permission.

Boy Scouts' adult chaperones to undergo checks

BY ROBERT MCCOPPIN
Chicago Tribune

Boy Scouts of America plans to institute a new requirement that every adult — including parents with their own kids — must undergo a background check and youth protection training before participating in any Scouting activity that runs for more than 72 hours.

The change, to take effect when the Scouts' summer camping season starts June 1, is a marked expansion of the requirement, which currently applies only to registered adult volunteers, such as troop leaders.

The new standards could be further tightened, to require the training for any participating adult, according to an online announcement of the changes.

The training consists of a one-hour online course about protecting children from sexual molestation and other dangers, especially during high-risk activities like camping.

"This is meant to enhance the 'safe space' for overnight Boy Scout activities," the Scouts said in an online statement. "While incidents are rare, this will serve as an added layer of protection for our highest risk activities."

The policy applies only to Boy Scouts, generally age 11 and up, rather than the younger Cub Scouts.

The Scouts already strongly recommend that all adults involved in Scouting take youth protection training. The Scouts also require reporting to local authorities any suspicion or belief that a child has been physically or sexually abused or threatened.

Boy Scouts of America released a statement late Wednesday calling youth safety "our primary responsibility" and one that "requires sustained vigilance."

"We consistently evaluate and reinvest resources where needed to strengthen our policies to ensure they are ahead of or in line with society's knowledge of abuse and best practices for prevention," the statement continued. "We also regularly consult with experts from law enforcement, child safety, psychology, and other relevant fields."

The organization said it has expanded its youth protection training to cover the prevention of child neglect, emotional abuse and exposure to violence, "which experts agree are important to address in order to help keep youth safe."

In years past, the Boy Scouts have been accused of covering up or ignoring repeated cases of sexual abuse of youths by adults.

The Los Angeles Times in 2012 reviewed 3,100 Scout case summaries of abuse complaints submitted between 1947 and 2005, and found hundreds of failures to report molesters, and a resistance to criminal background checks that let pedophiles into the group. Offenders included trusted people such as doctors, lawyers, politicians and police. In many cases, the offenders spent time alone with their victims, a practice long prohibited by the Scouts.

From the time national background checks became widely available in 1985 until 1991 alone, the Boy Scouts admitted more than 230 men with previous arrests or convictions for sex crimes against children, who were later accused of molesting nearly 400 boys in Scouting, the Times reported.

The Boy Scouts did not require criminal background checks for all volunteers until 2008 — long after some other youth organizations started doing so.

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Palatine senior Robert Wieber, 17, a top video gamer, is drawing attention from numerous scholarship programs.

Colleges court gamers

Esports, *from Page 1*

Started in Chicago, growing rapidly

While competitive video gaming has been around for decades, the formalized college scene started only in 2014, when Chicago's Robert Morris University began awarding athletic scholarships to skilled "League of Legends" players. It was conceived as a way to stand out from the crowd and attract students who might otherwise eschew higher education.

Today, 71 colleges field varsity-level teams, said Michael Brooks, of the National Association of Collegiate eSports, and together they offer scholarships worth $9 million — a figure he expects to double this year.

As the novelty has worn off, he said, colleges that used to count on players coming to them have had to start hunting.

"It's no longer unique," he said. "They don't receive the amount of national attention they used to, so coaches pivoted and started reaching out to gamers."

Esports recruiting is similar to recruiting for football, basketball or any other traditional sport: Coaches scout talent through video, in-person visits or word-of-mouth, then try to persuade the best to choose their school with generous scholarship offers and sparkling facilities.

But there are notable differences. College coaches can have a hard time identifying prospects because high school esports teams are still relatively rare, and because gamers usually compete under made-up handles, not their real names.

And while video games such as "League of Legends" rank players, those rankings can be manipulated through a scheme known as "boosting" — paying a more skilled player to log on to your account and play for you.

Justin Bragg, who heads Illinois College's esports program, said savvy coaches can see through that ploy by watching a player compete at a tournament instead of relying solely on the ranking.

"It's pretty easy to tell when it's happening," said Bragg, a highly ranked "League of Legends" player himself. "If you're playing against way better players and you're doing things someone at that level shouldn't be doing, I'll be able to tell right away that you've boosted your account."

His school, located in the central Illinois town of Jacksonville, offers esports scholarships of up to $20,000, about half the cost of attendance. Illinois Wesleyan, meanwhile, offers a max of $2,000, but Fletcher said additional academic scholarships can take the total award much higher.

Fletcher said he takes several approaches to recruit players, from visiting high schools to using in-game messaging apps to making cold calls (esports are not governed by the NCAA, and thus coaches face no restrictions on contacting prospects).

"There's no right or wrong answer," he said. "Any opportunity to get in front of students is a win."

Fast computers, fancy chairs, sharp monitors: The esports arena

Robert Morris, the esports pioneer, still attracts plenty of unsolicited interest from high school players, program founder Kurt Melcher said. But he said the key to getting top talent is to have coaches who are embedded in their games' communities and adept at communicating with prospects.

His school, in downtown Chicago, also boasts an esports arena with ultra fast computers, fancy chairs and sharp monitors. Other schools are building similar showcases, Melcher said, a sign of one-upmanship that will likely accelerate.

"I think we'll see over time a facilities war similar to top-end athletic departments," he said. "It's important to high-level players. What kind of access will they have to their (gaming) system? What is the system? Do they have to share it?"

High school esports coaches, meanwhile, are still getting used to the whirl.

Taft coach Todd McFarlin, co-director of the newly formed Illinois High School Esports Association, said some colleges have asked for roster lists. Oswego coach Ed Cann said scouts regularly approach him via social media.

Whitlock, of Oswego East, said she has had to ask her school's athletic director for guidance on how to handle recruiters.

"We had a little bit (of attention) last year," she said. "This year it's much more aggressive."

One of her players, 17-year-old senior Christian Varacalli, first heard from Illinois College two months ago. The courtship moved quickly, and he recently accepted a scholarship offer that will pay for a good chunk of his education.

"It's definitely a blessing to be part of the first generation (of college gamers), for my family, for everyone else," he said. "But I feel that in the long-term it will become the norm."

No joke: College money for gaming is real

Most varsity teams so far are at small colleges, and scholarship money isn't enough to tempt some students to enroll. Stevenson High School esports sponsors James Barnabee said one of his students last year turned down an offer at a small school to attend the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

But even nonscholarship programs are looking for talent. Aviral Saxena, an 18-year-old Palatine High School senior, said he has been hearing from Big Ten schools that want him to compete on their club teams.

"Over the last four years, it's grown to the point where it's expected now for schools to have programs," he said.

Brooks, of the National Association of Collegiate eSports, said he expected recruiting to become a more streamlined process, with showcases, combines and online services that mimic what's already done in traditional sports. Game publishers also are creating tools that will help prospects and coaches connect, he said.

All in all, it's a good time to be a gamer.

"I've been playing video games my whole life, and when the school started a team, I thought it was a joke," said Oswego High School senior Shane Smykal, who has received a scholarship offer from Indiana Tech. "But as it picked up momentum and all these colleges started having teams, it's become tangible and real. It's really exciting."

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Wintrust crowds small; alderman rethinks parking

By John Byrne
Chicago Tribune

South Loop Ald. Pat Dowell wants to do away with special parking rules near Wintrust Arena during DePaul Blue Demons games and other events because small crowds don't justify the hassle for residents and businesses.

Dowell, 3rd, said she has heard from many South Loop residents in the past few months who are frustrated with the special zone parking in place for events at Soldier Field and the Wintrust Arena near McCormick Place.

This week, she introduced an ordinance to do away with the Wintrust event zones.

"So many events at Wintrust have a small impact on the surrounding area in terms of parking," Dowell said.

The arena opened in October, and Mayor Rahm Emanuel has predicted it will provide a shot in the arm to area bars and restaurants. When asked whether low turnout for DePaul games in particular played a role in her parking decision, Dowell said, "I didn't say that."

She said her proposal might not be the final word on parking in the neighborhood.

"All ordinances are living documents as far as I'm concerned. Wintrust Arena has a capacity of 10,000, and if we start seeing many more events with crowds approaching that capacity I would certainly look at the parking rules again if residents want to do that," Dowell said.

Her ordinance also would slightly shrink the boundaries where drivers would need special permits to park on the street during Bears games and Soldier Field concerts. Instead of stretching south to Interstate 55, the Soldier Field parking zone would go only as far south as Cermak Road.

A single block of State Street with no residences would be pulled out of the event parking program to make it easier for people to go to the businesses there, Dowell said. So would the streets of the Dearborn Park housing development south of Roosevelt Road, which the alderman said is a "secluded enclave where nobody parks unless they have a residential parking permit anyway."

"We're going block by block to see what's appropriate," Dowell said.

Currently, cars parking within the boundaries during special events need to display separate residential parking permits and event passes. Going forward under Dowell's proposed revision, a residential parking sticker would suffice, she said.

The Wintrust Arena project has been controversial since Emanuel and officials from the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority first backed it in 2012.

The construction of the arena cost about $200 million, with DePaul contributing $82 million and McPier the rest.

Emanuel kicked in $55 million in special property tax funds for neighborhood improvements. A new adjacent hotel came with a $450 million tab, which McPier picked up.

A McPier-financed study said the arena and hotel would inject about $250 million annually in new spending into the surrounding neighborhood, but that estimate was based in part on the assumption DePaul fans would nearly fill the arena for games, and attendance has fallen well below that so far this season.

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Berrios skips assessment system hearing

Aide vows a more equitable approach is in the works

By Hal Dardick
Chicago Tribune

Embattled Cook County Assessor Joe Berrios was a no-show Thursday at a hearing on his office's error-ridden system, but his top deputy pledged to work toward "fairer and more equitable" results.

The County Board Finance Committee hearing was held less than three weeks before the Democratic primary, an election that likely will determine whether Berrios gets a third term. That timing was noted by one commissioner who has been critical of the assessment system that multiple studies have concluded favors the wealthy at the expense of the poor.

"If the system's been broken for 40 years, and the leaders of this have been in office for 7 ½ years and it hasn't been fixed, then there's a serious problem," said Commissioner Richard Boykin, an Oak Park Democrat, a reference to Berrios' frequent assertions that he inherited a system that has been troubled for decades.

"And I know there's a great deal of attention to it now because we have an election coming up, and this is front and center in the election," added Boykin, who faces his own primary contest. "But I want people to have confidence in Cook County (so they know that) if they live in a home, that it's not being overassessed."

His comments came after Tom Jaconetty, a top deputy to Berrios, said the assessor's office was working as fast as possible to make some initial improvements to the system before the next round of property tax assessments they expect to complete in April.

Jaconetty told commissioners there is "a path to be able to make the assessments fairer and more equitable, and we are pledged to achieve that."

He said Berrios' office was working with the Civic Consulting Alliance, which the county commissioned to study the system and recommend improvements in the wake of "The Tax Divide," a series published by the Chicago Tribune and ProPublica Illinois.

The series concluded county assessments tended to make property taxes lower than they should have been on more expensive homes and higher than warranted on less expensive ones, with minority communities being hit particularly hard.

After the series' initial publication in June, Berrios for months asserted that his assessments were sound. But the Consulting Alliance study corroborated the Tribune's findings, concluding that the assessment system causes "a wealth transfer from owners of lower-value homes to those of higher-value homes."

"The Tax Divide" also found that although Berrios announced in July 2015 that the office had adopted new, state-of-the-art computer models to improve assessment accuracy and address persistent inequities, it never fully implemented them.

Jaconetty was asked about that at the hearing, but contended there were "flaws, difficulties and problems" with that system that in fact made the problem worse — in keeping with prior dismissals of the new system's worthiness since the Tribune first asked him about it.

But those assertions conflict with studies Berrios provided to reporters in 2016 that concluded the new model outperformed the old one on every measure used by assessment experts around the world to evaluate fairness and accuracy.

Berrios did not show up Thursday because he had "other commitments," spokesman Tom Shaer said. In the March 20 primary, Berrios faces Fritz Kaegi, who on Thursday said the voters "are going to hold (Berrios) in contempt" for not attending the hearing.

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Northlight Theatre drops plan for Evanston block

By Chris Jones
Chicago Tribune

Northlight Theatre of Skokie is walking away from a plan to build a new theater inside a larger mixed-use development in the 1700 block of Sherman Avenue in downtown Evanston.

In a statement sent to the Tribune on Thursday, Northlight Theatre, Farpoint Development and McLaurin Development jointly announced they were withdrawing their previously announced plans for the site.

Not for the first time in the famously contentious northern suburb, community opposition to a glassy high-rise building apparently scuttled the plan for making the performing arts a part of Evanston's vibrant downtown.

An arts building has been discussed for years.

"After about five months of town halls and hearing what people have to say, we realized that this is a very contentious block, the epicenter of charm and character in Evanston," said Northlight's managing director, Tim Evans. "We could see it was going to be a real tough battle, and this was not a fight we wanted to be in."

Without the theater, Evans said, the development was not otherwise viable.

Designed by Chicago-based architecture firm Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, the 395-foot, 37-story high-rise was slated to include 152 rental apartments, 153 hotel rooms, about 250 parking spaces and a theater-friendly restaurant. Northlight would have occupied two theaters.

In an interview Thursday, Evanston Mayor Steve Hagerty pointed to the large amount of organized opposition from Evanstonians, which he said was not unusual when it came to large-scale development downtown. "But at the end of the day," Hagerty said, "I think the largest issue was the number of businesses that would have been displaced."

The 1700 block — to some, the most charming block in Evanston — includes the Varsity Theatre, which opened in 1926 but is in poor shape. Other much-loved businesses on the block include Alley Gallery and Saville Flowers.

"There is a large contingent of us who would like to see us get a theater as good as Northlight for Evanston," Haggard said. "We're going to be working with other owners of land in the downtown area to see if something can happen."

Haggard also noted that any development would still need to be mixed-use in order to work economically.

"The clock is ticking," Evans said, still expressing the theater's longtime hope for a happy landing in the suburb where it was born.

Northlight was founded as the Evanston Theatre Company in 1974 and, in the 1990s, occupied the now-demolished Coronet Theatre to the southeast of the proposed site. The Equity-affiliated nonprofit theater currently has a lease at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie through 2021, and is hoping to move to a new home by that date.

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Democratic candidates for Illinois governor Daniel Biss, from left, Bob Daiber, Tio Hardiman, Chris Kennedy, Robert Marshall and J.B. Pritzker squared off in a debate on the University of Chicago campus Thursday evening.

Governor hopefuls' debate testy

Debate, *from Page 1*

subjects, little new ground was broken with less than three weeks to go until the March 20 primary. The event was hosted by the Institute of Politics at the University of Chicago, WBEZ FM-91.5 and Politico.

The leading contenders each sought to weaken the others using familiar themes: Pritzker for his conversation with the now-imprisoned Blagojevich, Kennedy over his January praise of Rauner and Evanston state Sen. Daniel Biss for sponsoring legislation to cut public employee pensions that was later struck down as unconstitutional.

Pritzker has spent recent weeks reaching out to the African-American community, a powerful voting demographic in Illinois Democratic politics, to apologize for his blunt November 2008 remarks to Blagojevich. Pritzker labeled Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White the "least offensive" among potential black contenders to replace Obama in the Senate after his election as president.

The Chicago Tribune published the government-recorded conversation, which was part of the federal investigation that resulted in Blagojevich being sent to prison on corruption charges. Pritzker was asked Thursday night about criticism from Democratic opponents that the remarks make him unelectable.

"When I say I'm wrong, I'm wrong, and I was wrong on that call and I take responsibility for that," Pritzker said before quickly shifting to say that Rauner is using attack ads only against him "because he knows that he can't win in a general election against me."

Pritzker said Kennedy recently "stood up and applauded Bruce Rauner and said that Bruce Rauner speaks truth to power, that Bruce Rauner thinks the economy, that he's doing a good job in improving the economy. I think that's wrong. I think Bruce Rauner is a failure."

Then it was Kennedy's turn to weigh in. "What J.B. says in those tapes, he uses the language, the language of racists, not language of politicians and not language of leaders," he said.

Asked after the debate whether he thinks Pritzker is a racist, Kennedy did not directly answer, returning to his contention that his opponent has used "language that is commonly associated with racists."

Responding to Pritzker's barb over his Rauner comment, Kennedy said Rauner was one of the worst governors in Illinois history, "including those who went to jail." But "when he spoke out against the pay-to-play political system that J.B. Pritzker's emerged as the poster child for, he was not wrong," Kennedy said of the GOP governor.

Kennedy, a member of the iconic Massachusetts political family, is counting heavily on support among African-American community because of the work of his late father, former U.S. Sen. Robert Kennedy, and late uncle, former President John F. Kennedy, during the struggle for civil rights. Rauner's ads have been seen as lending an assist to Kennedy, who has struggled to raise campaign cash.

But Pritzker said he's repairing any political damage with black voters despite Rauner's TV ads. "I believe people will look past the political attacks on me and instead see my real record of standing up for social and economic justice," he said.

Biss, who is seeking support from progressives who backed Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders' unsuccessful 2016 presidential bid, came under fire from Pritzker over his sponsorship of a 2013 law that reduced public employee pensions in an effort to deal with the state's massive debt to retirees. The state Supreme Court in 2015 unanimously ruled the law unconstitutional.

Biss has said he struggled with the issue "instead of shirking away from it" and tried to "do my best with the options that were available." The senator said he learned from what he previously has termed a "mistake."

"Nobody on this stage will be a perfect governor in January of 2019," said Biss, who added, "What I think my wrestling with this difficult issue, working through a series of attempts, coming out with the right point of view shows that I'll be a better governor."

Biss then accused Pritzker of helping fund a group in 2011 that he said sought a more extreme outcome to cut public pensions. He said that represented "a failure of character" for Pritzker.

That prompted Pritzker to rebut: "Well, Dan Biss likes to say that he'd be a middle-class governor, but he hasn't stood up for the middle class. He in fact introduced that pension bill that took 450,000 workers' pensions away, including teachers and nurses across the state. That's not good for the middle class.

"So, you know, the challenge, Dan, is: You're just not who you say you are."

Kennedy and Biss repeated their call for veteran Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan to step aside from his dual role as state Democratic chairman and for an independent investigation into how he handled two complaints of harassment in the 2016 election that resulted in him recently dropping two longtime political operatives.

In one case, a Madigan-driven internal investigation was conducted after he received a complaint from former campaign worker Alaina Hampton in November. Last month, the speaker announced he had terminated campaign worker Kevin Quinn, and Hampton accused Madigan's operation of slow-walking the probe.

With some in his own party questioning his veteran leadership, Madigan formed a three-woman panel — Comptroller Susana Mendoza, U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos of Moline and state Rep. Carol Ammons of Urbana — to examine sexual harassment and the role of women in the party.

But Kennedy said, "What we've seen is covering over, papering over the real issue in our state which occurs in the Democratic Party and none of the public documents that the party has issued has addressed its own bad behavior." Kennedy has been a frequent critic of Madigan and the party establishment.

Biss said he viewed the issue of sexual harassment against women "part of a larger system of oppression" in society. He vowed to name a majority of females to his cabinet if elected.

Pritzker, who has successfully coalesced support from the Democratic Party establishment, has repeatedly declined to say if Madigan should step down as party chairman, House speaker or both.

"We need an independent investigation. We need to make sure it's completely independent of Michael Madigan, of his speaker's office, of the Democratic Party of Illinois that he controls," Pritzker said.

The major contenders also agreed that residents of the Quincy Veterans Home should be moved due to continued cases of Legionnaires' disease. The outbreaks have become a major source of criticism by Democrats questioning the Rauner administration's handling of illnesses at the veterans' facility. Thirteen people died and dozens more were sick in 2015, with new cases reoccurring each year including this year.

Also taking part in the forum was Bob Daiber, the Madison County regional schools superintendent; activist Tio Hardiman; and perennial candidate Robert Marshall.

The candidates will debate again at 7 p.m. Friday, and it will be streamed live on ABC7 and broadcast at 10:35 p.m.

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Pot question gets closer to being on state ballots

By Monique Garcia
Chicago Tribune

SPRINGFIELD — The state Senate on Thursday voted to ask on the November ballot whether recreational use of marijuana should be legalized and taxed in Illinois.

The ballot question would be only advisory, so even if voters approve, lawmakers still would have to act.

Sponsoring Sen. Bill Cunningham, D-Chicago, said it is important to poll the public because some lawmakers are already working to legalize recreational marijuana use for people over 21. He noted that in most states that allow recreational use, it was done by voters expressing support in the ballot box.

"I think it well advised for us as members of the Illinois General Assembly, before we possibly take a vote on this issue, to find out what our voters think. As I said, it's been done in virtually every other state that has considered this questions," Cunningham said.

The measure cleared the Senate on a 37-13 vote, sending it to the House. State Sen. Heather Steans, who is sponsoring a bill to legalize recreational use, voted "present."

"I didn't want to do anything to make it seem like I am not negotiating in good faith on the bill I am trying to pass," she said following the vote.

Republican Sen. Chris Nybo of Elmhurst opposed the measure, saying it was "not because of the merits" of the idea. "I just think that given what the state of Illinois is facing there are so many other important issues we should be putting before our citizens," he said.

Nybo ticked off items he contended should be on the November ballot, such as asking voters how the state should deal with its massive pension debt and high property taxes. Sen. Kyle McCarter, R-Lebanon, suggested voters should be asked if lawmakers should be subject to term limits.

The vote on Thursday comes as two legalization bills remain in limbo in the House and Senate. Supporters say legal marijuana could generate millions in tax revenue, reduce prison populations and allow law enforcement agencies to focus on other crimes. But it's unclear whether they'll push forward this year.

Gov. Bruce Rauner has said legalizing it would be a mistake, and police officials have also raised concerns.

Cook County voters already will get to weigh in on marijuana this month. Commissioners last year voted to put that question on the primary ballot.

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Ill. panel advances ban on youth tackle football

By Bill Lukitsch
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State lawmakers on Thursday narrowly advanced a proposal to ban children under age 12 from playing tackle football in youth leagues, a measure aimed at preventing the brain disease that the family of famed Chicago Bear Dave Duerson blames for his suicide.

Duerson's son was on hand for an Illinois House committee meeting at the Capitol for the debate over the proposal named for his father. Banning tackling for children is meant to prevent chronic traumatic encephalopathy, a degenerative brain disease that has been linked to repetitive head trauma.

State legislative committee hearings often can be long, monotone debates. On Thursday, though, a former NFL linebacker hit a child-size mannequin to the floor in an attempt to demonstrate the danger of concussions, knocking off its Chicago Bears helmet in the process.

"For a youngster at 6 or 7 who's playing," former San Francisco 49er Chris Borland said as he hit the mannequin's helmet with another helmet, "that's an ugly, violent, nasty concussion that we're all scared of. You can take some of that out of the game."

Lawmakers narrowly approved the bill on an 11-9 vote, sending it to the House floor. Both Democrats and Republicans expressed reservations. Some lawmakers questioned how a ban would be enforced. Others said they withheld support because some groups opposing the proposal weren't at the hearing.

In a written statement submitted to lawmakers, Dr. Cynthia LaBella, medical director of the Institute for Sports Medicine at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital, said the bill's intentions "are well-meaning." But she contended "there is no data to show that eliminating tackling in youth football will reduce the risk of neuropsychiatric symptoms or disorders" in children.

On the other side, Dr. Robert Stern, a professor of neurology at Boston University and a CTE researcher, told lawmakers that the disease is caused by "sub-concussions" — small repetitive blows to the head. He said children under 12 are in a period of life that is crucial to brain development.

CTE disease has been cited as a contributor in the suicides of several former professional football players and has spurred debate over how the sport is played, prompting the NFL to track concussions more closely and put additional safety measures in place.

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8 Dems vie for Lisa Madigan's seat

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Indeed, undecided was running away with things at 39 percent in a recent poll conducted by the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Raoul was at 22 percent and Quinn at 18 percent, with none of the other hopefuls above 5 percent.

So Quinn finds the barbs are now being thrown his way, whether it's debate attacks on his attempt to cut pension benefits for state workers or a TV ad ripping his record on gun control.

For the other seven candidates, Quinn's presence on the ballot is particularly frustrating.

There haven't been many opportunities on the Democratic side to run for midtier offices, given that Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is in his fifth term and Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan is in her fourth. Madigan's surprise September announcement that she wouldn't run again meant a lot of pent-up political ambition could finally be let loose.

For Quinn, a late-career run for the state's chief legal office represents a chance at redemption. He lost the 2014 governor election to Republican Bruce Rauner by 4 percentage points. Now Quinn is banking on some buyer's remorse among Democrats who may have abandoned him the last time out.

Following a debate in Springfield last month, Quinn met some friends from local government at a downtown pizzeria he visited when he lived in the nearby governor's mansion. He ate a greasy slice from a paper plate and compared the no-frills joint to the grassroots-style campaign he said he's running.

"It was a privilege to live in the mansion, very seldom did I go out of the mansion. I didn't go to any of the bars. But this restaurant's kind of a down-to-earth place," Quinn said. "Our campaign is always down-to-earth — it's all fueled by volunteer energy. When people kind of count me out, they don't realize that I've got lots and lots of people who pass petitions for us, sign petitions, who believe in grass-roots democracy."

During candidate forums, Quinn tends to sit back while his opponents trade jabs. Even when the criticism is more direct, such as over his decision to sign a bill to decrease pension benefits for state employees, Quinn has tried to stay out of the fray.

Panned by some opponents as an illegal attempt to strip benefits from workers — the Illinois Supreme Court later struck down the law — Quinn downplays his role these days.

"It was passed by the legislature, I looked at it, I signed it," Quinn said. "There had never been a court case on this issue that was on point. The court decided. In our democracy, whether it's the U.S. Supreme Court, the Illinois Supreme Court, you accept the verdict of the court and you move on."

That response was a far cry from 2012, when Quinn declared he was "put on Earth" to solve the state's pension mess. He attempted to cut lawmakers' pay over the issue, then called a special session to get a bill on his desk.

Raoul has tried to seize on controversies that plagued Quinn's tenure as chief executive, including a patronage hiring scandal at the Illinois Department of Transportation and an anti-violence program that drew the attention of federal investigators after millions of dollars were distributed to various community groups with little oversight.

In addition, Raoul has complained that many of the accomplishments Quinn takes credit for, such as abolishing the death penalty and expanding Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act (Raoul was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2016), were measures he shepherded through the legislature.

Highland Park Mayor Nancy Rotering also has gone after Quinn's progressive bona fides, releasing a TV ad in which she criticized his record on gun control.

"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 said in the spot. "You want an attorney general unafraid to push a real progressive agenda? I'm your woman."

Quinn's campaign noted that he has long worked to prevent gun violence. As governor, he unsuccessfully pushed for a ban on assault weapons and the sale of high-capacity ammunition magazines, and tried to rewrite the state's first concealed carry legislation to put in place tougher restrictions. Lawmakers rejected that effort so they could meet a federal court deadline for legalizing some form of public possession of firearms.

For Rotering, the ad served two purposes — attempting to turn Quinn's name recognition into a liability, while allowing the candidate to try to sell herself as a small-town mayor who beat the National Rifle Association.

Rotering is best known for the assault weapons ban she enacted in Highland Park. Her confrontation with the NRA began in 2013, when the concealed carry legislation enacted over Quinn's veto gave Illinois municipalities a 10-day window to ban assault weapons and large-capacity magazines.

"People said, 'You can't even think about this. You're going to get sued by the NRA. You're a small city, you don't have the money, don't even consider it,' " Rotering told a gathering of Democrats at a meet-and-greet in Arlington Heights. "Within 30 seconds we were like, we have to do this. We need to take that stand, we need to plant that flag and say, 'Enough is enough.' "

The NRA sued, but an appeals court upheld the ordinance, and the U.S. Supreme Court declined to take the case. Highland Park's rule was allowed to stand, but because of the time limit in Illinois' concealed carry act, the window is closed to other Illinois municipalities interested in a similar ban.

Little sets the candidates apart, policy-wise.

All have vowed to use the office as a bully pulpit to push back against President Donald Trump's policies, with the candidates saying they will work to protect gay and immigrant rights, stop the rollback of environmental protections and prevent the loss of affordable health care options.

"Thank God we're all Democrats. We're not that far apart on the issues," Chicago Park District board President Jesse Ruiz quipped at a recent event.

Against that backdrop, money and influence have become the key delineators.

Raoul began the year with more than $1 million in his campaign account, buoyed by support from trade unions, fellow Democratic lawmakers and contributions from utility and tobacco companies.

That's also opened up Raoul to criticism from rivals.

At a recent Democratic forum in Springfield, Quinn went after him, even as the lawmaker's chair sat empty, with Raoul arriving after the event ended due to roads covered in ice and snow.

"We have to have an attorney general that's fighting for the consumers. That means these big banks, insurance companies, Big Tobacco, the utilities, all of them who want to influence the attorney general, you've got to say 'No,' " Quinn said.

"It is disappointing that one of the candidates that's taken the most money of anybody sitting here, probably more than the rest of us put together, is not here," he added. "I think he has to defend the fact that we don't want an attorney general who is on the campaign payroll of all these powerful interests aligned against the consumers."

Later that night, Raoul shook hands with supporters gathered for a meet-and-greet at a nearby bar. Before taking the mic, the senator was introduced by Marlow Colvin — a former state representative and vice president of governmental affairs for utility giant ComEd.

"Tonight I am here as a representative of my friend, my former colleague," said Colvin, a registered lobbyist. "I've watched him grow and develop, and take the time to prepare to do this job."

The connection provided fodder for attacks from attorney Aaron Goldstein, a former public defender. At a recent campaign event, Goldstein spoke to a largely African-American group of about two dozen people who'd trudged out on a Saturday afternoon to hear from candidates.

After delivering a speech in which he labeled Trump a Nazi and a Klansman and called for an end to the "racist drug war," Goldstein handed the microphone to Harold Davis, host of "The Butt Naked Truth," which airs on the gospel music station WBGX-1570 AM.

Davis offered his endorsement of Goldstein but didn't have much to say about the onetime defense attorney to now-imprisoned former Gov. Rod Blagojevich. Instead, Davis warned that Raoul "is not going to be an independent voice that is going to do anything for people that look like us."

"If you're looking at who's running in that race, you can see that they are trying to pass the torch to Kwame Raoul, who looks like you, but trust me, he's not you," Davis said. "All the people and all the funding that Lisa Madigan got from people, the same funders (are) giving money to Kwame Raoul."

Asked about Davis' comments, Raoul said he's stood up for issues that disproportionately impact the black community. "I abolished the death penalty," he said. "I've worked on criminal justice reform way before it became popular for everybody to work on criminal justice reform."

Raoul also has pushed back at the idea that by accepting money from certain donors that he would be beholden to them, repeatedly declaring, "I am not for sale." He's also said he is "unapologetic" about receiving a series of $10,000 campaign contributions linked to a tobacco mogul, arguing that his record supporting anti-smoking legislation proves that "no support that I get from anybody dictates how I will act as a public servant."

The senator noted that other candidates have been able to draw on their personal wealth to fund their campaigns.

"I don't have the resources to be able to do that. I gave myself $3,500 and it hurts," Raoul said. "I don't think political offices should be reserved for those of great wealth who can afford to make those types of contributions to themselves."

Still, Raoul is by far the most well-funded of the candidates, and the money stakes show him with the momentum as well. Raoul started the year with nearly $1.1 million and has raised an additional $843,000 since then.

Next closest is Rep. Scott Drury of Highland Park, who started the year with $732,000, including $295,000 he'd loaned his campaign. But Drury, a former federal prosecutor, also has had to spend money to survive a ballot challenge. He's reported only $9,100 raised the last two months.

Quinn started the year with $278,000 and has raised an additional $303,000 in large contributions. Despite his criticisms, Quinn previously accepted smaller donations from utility executives in 2009 and 2010, which he says were given by "individuals" and not "a corporate entity."

Ruiz, a Chicago attorney and Park District president, also has defended his support from utility companies, saying he was a meter reader for Peoples Gas while in college and is "glad they remember their former meter reader and have faith and confidence in my leadership."

Ruiz said he will "never pull a punch," arguing he stood against Mayor Rahm Emanuel during his time on the Chicago Board of Education. Ruiz opposed the 2015 appointment of an ally of former Chicago Public Schools CEO Forrest Claypool to serve as the school district's general counsel. The controversial hire of the district's top attorney prompted a watchdog investigation that led to Claypool's resignation.

Ruiz also was among school board members in 2013 who approved a $20.5 million contract to the SUPES Academy training organization, the deal that eventually landed then-CPS CEO Barbara Byrd-Bennett in prison after pleading guilty to corruption charges. Emanuel named Ruiz as the district's interim CEO.

Drury, who has staked much of his campaign on his opposition to Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan, criticized his fellow candidates for taking the contributions.

"If you don't want people's hooks in you, you know what you do? You don't take the money. And it's not OK to sit here and say, 'Oh, well this is a tough race ... so I'm gonna let my morals go and compromise my principles and take the money,' " said Drury, a three-term lawmaker from Highwood.

Candidate Sharon Fairley echoed those comments, highlighting her experience building the city's new Civilian Office of Police Accountability, an agency created in response to the scandal surrounding the shooting of black teenager Laquan McDonald by a white police officer.

"In Highland Park, there are signs that say, 'Character is what you do when nobody's looking.' Well, if this is what you do when people are looking, what are you gonna do when nobody's looking? This is a really serious issue, and it's a judgment issue, and it's a problem," said Fairley, who is on TV with an ad touting her Chicago Tribune Editorial Board endorsement.

First-time candidate Renato Mariotti says he avoids conflicts because his money game is run by Bear, his 4-year-old Bernese mountain dog whose photos are used to solicit donations on Twitter.

The former federal prosecutor rose to social media fame by sharing thoughts from a legal perspective on the federal probe of Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election, appearing as a cable TV pundit.

"One of the travesties of politics is that you have to be somebody with the kind of reach that I do to run a campaign without this kind of big money stuff," he said.

"It's not like I've been plotting this my whole life," Mariotti said. "I'm somebody who through a bunch of circumstances — kind of fairly crazy circumstances — got a following and a lot of supporters and decided that this was a way I could change things."

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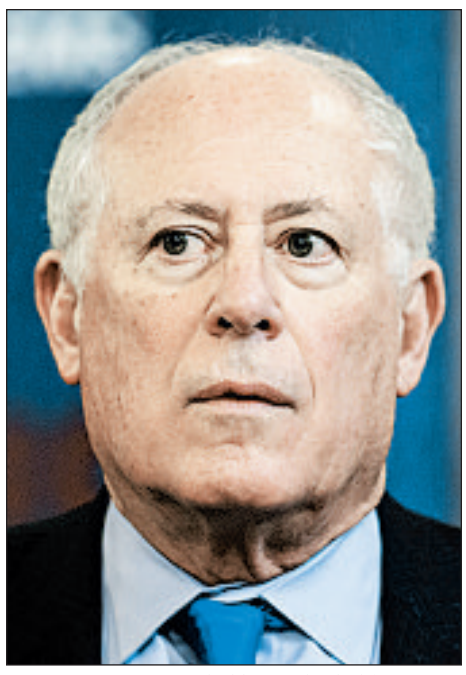
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State Sen. Kwame Raoul of Chicago



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Nancy Rotering, Highland Park mayor



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Jesse Ruiz, Park District Board president

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NATION & WORLD

Putin touts fresh arsenal, 'new reality'

He declares NATO U.S.-led missile defense 'useless'

By Vladimir Isachenkov
Associated Press

MOSCOW — An underwater drone armed with a nuclear warhead powerful enough to sweep away coastal facilities and aircraft carriers.

A hypersonic vehicle impossible to intercept as it flies in a cloud of plasma "like a meteorite."

President Vladimir Putin said Thursday that Russia has these new strategic weapons and many more, declaring: "No one has listened to us. You listen to us now."

Putin unveiled the stunning weapons catalog in his annual state of the nation speech, saying that Russia had to build them to counter the potential threat posed by the U.S. missile defense system.

And in a touch of dark humor, he invited Russians to join a Defense Ministry contest to name some of the weapons.

It wasn't immediately possible to assess whether the weapons could do what Putin said or how ready they are for deployment, but they would represent a major technological breakthrough that could dramatically bolster Russia's military capability and trigger a new arms race.

The White House said Putin confirmed that Russia has been developing "destabilizing weapons systems for over a decade in direct violations of its treaty obligations."

Spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said President Donald Trump understands the threats and that the U.S. is "moving forward to modernize our nuclear arsenal and ensure our capabilities are unmatched."

Pentagon spokeswoman Dana White said the U.S. military was prepared to defend the nation.

White told Pentagon reporters that the U.S. missile defense has never been about Russia. Washington has consistently argued that missile defense systems in Europe aren't aimed at Moscow but designed to defend against threats from Iran, North Korea and rogue threats.

Putin has shrugged off those arguments and said the U.S. has underestimated Russia's ability to mount a response.

The United States should now revise its Russia policy and engage in a serious dialogue on global security, he said.

"You will have to assess that new reality and become convinced that what I said today isn't a bluff," he said. "It's not a bluff, trust me."

He said the creation of the new weapons has made NATO's U.S.-led missile defense "useless," putting an end to what he described as years of Western efforts to sidetrack and weaken Russia.

Putin's dramatic announcement comes as he seeks another six-year term on March 18, an election he is expected to win easily.

His address was accompanied by videos and computer simulations of the new weapons, shown on giant screens at a conference hall near the Kremlin. The audience of senior officials and lawmakers broke into applause, giving him a standing ovation at one point.

"No one else in the world has anything like that," Putin said.

State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert said it was "unfortunate" to watch animation depicting "a nuclear attack on the United States" that accompanied Putin's speech, calling the video "cheesy" and adding that "we don't think it's responsible."

Putin said the nuclear-powered cruise missile, which was tested last fall, has a "practically unlimited" range and that its high speed and maneuverability allow it to pierce any missile defense.

The high-speed underwater drone also has an "intercontinental" range and is capable of slamming a nuclear warhead into both aircraft carriers and coastal facilities, he said. Its "very big" operational depth and a speed that is many times faster than any other vessel would make it immune to being intercepted by the enemy, he added.

Another new weapon, called Avangard, is an intercontinental hypersonic missile that would fly at 20 times the speed of sound and strike its targets "like a meteorite, like a fireball," he said.

The weapon is capable of performing sharp maneuvers on its way to targets, making it "absolutely invulnerable for any missile defense system," Putin added.

Tom Plant, director of proliferation and nuclear policy at the defense think-tank RUSI, said he was not sure how much of the announcement to believe.

"The thing that sounds mad, the nuclear-propulsion thing, is potentially feasible," he said, adding: "I think it's insane."



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Russian President Vladimir Putin discusses new weapons Thursday during his state of the nation speech in Moscow.

U.S. to step up sales to Ukraine

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration told Congress on Thursday that it plans to sell Ukraine 210 anti-tank missiles to help it defend its territory from Russia, in a major escalation of U.S. lethal assistance to Ukraine's military.

The long-awaited move, which lawmakers of both parties have been urging for years, deepens America's involvement in the military conflict and may further strain relations with Moscow.

Panel to probe pre-massacre 'mistakes'

Meanwhile, D.C. anti-gun violence rally hits a bump

By Mike DeBonis and Ed O'Keefe
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A Senate committee this month will examine law enforcement breakdowns surrounding the school shooting in Parkland, Fla.

Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said Thursday that the panel will hold a March 14 hearing to examine the role of federal and local authorities, as well as social-media companies, in not preventing the attack.

"The FBI and local law enforcement failed to act on credible tips that should have neutralized the killer and gotten him help," Grassley said Thursday at panel meeting.

Meanwhile, a planned rally against mass shootings can't be held in Washington this month because it conflicts with what's described in a National Park Service permit application as a "talent show."

A permit application filed last week by survivors of the massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School indicated the "March For Our Lives" rally will be on March 24, with up to 500,000 attendees expected. Mike Litterst, a spokesman for the Park Service, said organizers proposed holding the event on the National Mall but were looking to move the rally to another location after the request conflicted with a film crew's permit.

Litterst said the film permit was "from a student group at a local educational institution," but he wouldn't name the institution because "applications from educational institutions are withheld from release for privacy reasons," he wrote in an email.

A redacted Park Service permit application this week given to The Washington Post showed the application is for a "student project" related to "filming for a talent show."

The name and contact information for the permit applicant was redacted. The title of the contact was listed as "director." The title of the applicant was listed as "filming director."

Discussing the upcoming hearings at the Capitol, Grassley said Judiciary Committee staff members have been briefed by the FBI as well as by "social media companies like Google and Facebook" on the circumstances that led up to the Feb. 14 shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

Nikolas Cruz, who is charged in the massacre, allegedly delivered warnings on social media networks and in comments to classmates and others that foreshadowed the attack that left 14 students and three faculty members at his former school dead.

"It has been clear from these briefings that the systems designed to prevent troubled individuals like the Parkland Shooter from engaging in violent acts failed miserably," Grassley said. "Government must be held accountable for its mistakes. It is also clear that private companies can do more to prevent future mass shootings by identifying threatening content and warning law enforcement officials."

Grassley made the announcement at a hearing scheduled to quickly refer a slate of judicial nominees to the full Senate. But it became a back-and-forth between Grassley and the panel's senior Democrats, who called for faster action to curb gun violence and complained that the committee had shirked from other duties such as immigration reform.

The committee meeting came a day after Grassley and other lawmakers met with President Donald Trump at the White House to discuss action on new gun legislation.

The "March For Our Lives" rally, funded in part by Oprah Winfrey and other celebrities, will include "student speakers, musical performers, guest speakers and video tributes," according to the permit application, with 14 Jumbotrons, 2,000 chairs and 2,000 portable restrooms. The film crew's plans for the Mall were more modest, listing equipment such as two tables, two bikes and jump ropes.

March For Our Lives organizers didn't respond to a request for comment.

Permits for the Mall are processed in the order they are received, Litterst said, and the number of attendees or ideology of groups involved aren't factors in their approval.

The Park Service sometimes contacts applicants to see if they are willing to alter plans for larger events, he said, as in January 2017 when the Women's March on Washington conflicted with an application from the Presidential Inaugural Committee.

In that case, the inaugural committee withdrew its claim on the Ellipse adjacent to the White House, Litterst said.

Litterst said the Park Service has reached out to the initial applicant for the Mall for March 24 but hadn't heard back yet.

"The original applicant always has the right to exercise their preference for an area," he wrote.



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Law enforcement officers block off a street after last month's shooting in Parkland, Fla.

First lady obtained exclusive 'Einstein visa' in 2001

By Mary Jordan
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In 2000, Melania Knauss, a Slovenian model dating Donald Trump, began petitioning the government for the right to permanently reside in the United States under a program reserved for people with "extraordinary ability."

Knauss' credentials included runway shows in Europe, a Camel cigarette billboard ad in Times Square and — in her biggest job at the time — a spot in the swimsuit edition of Sports Illustrated, which featured her on the beach in a string bikini, hugging a 6-foot inflatable whale.

In March 2001, she was granted a green card in the elite EB-1 program, which was designed for renowned academic researchers, multinational business executives or those in other fields, such as Olympic athletes and Oscar-winning actors, who demonstrated "sustained national and international acclaim."

"We called it the Einstein visa," said Bruce Morrison, a former Democratic congressman and chairman of the House subcommittee that wrote the Immigration Act of 1990 defining EB-1.

The year that Knauss — now first lady Melania Trump — got her legal residency, only five people from Slovenia received green cards under the EB-1 program, according to the State Department.

In all, of the more than 1 million green cards issued in 2001, just 3,376 — or a fraction of one percent — were issued to immigrants with "extraordinary ability," according to government statistics.

Melania Trump's ability to secure her green card not only set her on the path to U.S. citizenship, but put her in the position to sponsor the legal residency of her parents, Viktor and Amalija Knavs.

President Donald Trump has proposed ending the sponsorship of relatives such as parents, slamming as "chain migration" the decades-long ability of U.S. citizens to assist relatives in obtaining legal residency.

Michael Wildes, an attorney for Melania Trump and her family, declined to comment on whether she sponsored her parents for green cards.

Immigration experts said the president's efforts to restrict legal immigration spotlight lingering questions about how the first lady and her family members obtained residency in the United States.



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First lady Melania Trump was granted a visa in 2001 under a program for those with "extraordinary ability."

Palestinian envoy: 'My phone is open'

No contact from White House since Jerusalem policy

By Josh Lederman
Associated Press



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Palestinian envoy to the U.S. Husam Zomlot's activities are limited to one: conducting peace talks.

WASHINGTON — A few miles down the road from Israel's gated embassy, the Palestinian envoy to Washington sits in his office wrestling with a unique diplomatic dilemma: how to advance his people's cause when relations with the United States are so distant that he hasn't even spoken to the White House in months.

Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas has written off President Donald Trump, cursing him and declaring him an illegitimate broker for peace. Trump has reacted angrily, threatening to cut off all U.S. aid and dismissing Palestinian claims that he blew up any semblance of impartiality by declaring Jerusalem to be Israel's capital.

The Americans and the Palestinians can't even agree on the basic facts of the dispute, much less the path forward for talks and an eventual peace agreement with Israel. So what's a diplomat to do?

"It's not like I am not speaking to them. My phone is open," Husam Zomlot, the Palestinian ambassador, said in an hour-long interview in his office, flanked by the Palestinian flag and portraits of Abbas and former leader Yasser Arafat.

No one has called, he said. Not since Dec. 6 — the day Trump's Jerusalem declaration triggered an unraveling of trust, diplomacy and optimism about the long-awaited peace plan being crafted by his son-in-law, Jared Kushner.

Nor has there been any substantial contact between the Palestinians and the Americans at the United Nations, according to officials from both sides. Even Tuesday, when Kushner and fellow White House envoy Jason Greenblatt traveled to New York to hear Abbas address the U.N. Security Council, no face-to-face interaction between the sides occurred.

By the time U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Nikki Haley gave her response, Abbas had left the room. No matter — Haley addressed him directly.

"Our negotiators are sitting right behind me, ready to talk," Haley said. "But we will not chase after you."

The feeling is mutual.

Zomlot — who calls himself "the man in the eye of the storm" — said the lesson learned from recent months is the Palestinians long approached their task in the wrong order.

They'd hoped U.S.-led talks would yield a deal granting Palestine legitimacy in America and elsewhere. But now, he said his people must first "correct" their bilateral relationship with the United States, building trust in each other as partners in peace.

So Zomlot, a close Abbas confidant and an economist, spends his days at the Palestinians' red-bricked delegation office along Georgetown's Wisconsin Avenue, sipping thick Turkish coffee with members of Congress, academics, think-tank types and leaders of the Arab and Jewish communities, trying to establish goodwill among the American people in hopes it will filter up to their leaders. He said he asks every lawmaker he meets the same question.

"Who are we? What is this office? Are we your peace partners? Your negotiating partners? Are we the secular liberal democratic movement that you want to empower as an inclusive movement? Or are we the terrorists, as designated by your own law?" Zomlot said, referring to a special marker in his passport that says he can enter the U.S. despite restrictions in the Palestinian Anti-Terrorism Act of 2006.

He added with an exasperated laugh: "I was teaching your kids at Harvard."

It wasn't always this way. When Trump took office vowing to broker the "ultimate deal," the Palestinians remained cautiously optimistic in public, praising his stated seriousness of purpose about Mideast peace.

Now, the Palestinians in Washington are in disaster mode. Though Trump's administration insisted the Palestinians would calm down from the Jerusalem announcement after a brief, expected bout of disappointment, the situation has only worsened.

The White House rejects the Palestinians' argument that by recognizing Israeli claims to Jerusalem, Trump gave Israel a "freebie" before peace talks even started. The Palestinians have long claimed east Jerusalem as the capital of a future state. Trump suggested he'd actually improved peace prospects by taking "the toughest part of the negotiation off the table."

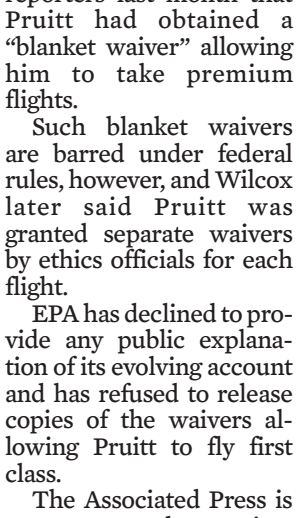
So when the Palestinians insisted Trump had disqualified the U.S. as a neutral peace broker, the White House reacted angrily. It cut tens of millions of dollars to the U.N. agency for Palestinian refugees and froze $250 million more in assistance, demanding the Palestinians agree to talks with Israel.

"What's crucial at this point in time is not to be obsessed about the box we are in. We just need to find a way out of this box," Zomlot said, adding: "We are boxed — all of us."

Case in point: The one activity the Palestinians are decidedly not engaged in — direct, active peace talks — is the only activity they are currently permitted to conduct in Washington.

EPA administrator says he may fly coach amid scrutiny

By Michael Biesecker
Associated Press



SUSAN WALSH/AP 2017

EPA chief Scott Pruitt told CBS News he instructed his staff to make changes to his travel arrangements.

WASHINGTON — The head of the Environmental Protection Agency says he may start flying in coach amid increasing scrutiny of claims that he needs to fly first class because of security concerns.

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt said in an interview with CBS News on Wednesday he had instructed his staff to make changes that could include flying coach.

"What I've told them going forward is this: There is a change occurring, you're going to accommodate the security threats as they exist, you're going to accommodate those in all ways, alternate ways, up to and including flying coach, and that is what's going to happen on my very next flight," Pruitt said. "So those things are happening right away."

That's a significant shift since last month, when Pruitt said in interviews that his chief of staff and security team had determined he should fly in premium class seats following some unpleasant interactions with other passengers.

Asked what had changed in the assessment of what was needed to keep Pruitt safe, EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox referred back to Pruitt's CBS interview and declined to provide any additional context or comment.

Since taking office last year, Pruitt has been unusually secretive about his frequent air travel. In a break from his predecessors, Pruitt's office consistently refuses to provide advance public notice of his trips, typically releasing a schedule of his meetings and appearances only after they have occurred.

Following recent media reports about Pruitt's pricey airfare, the Republican-led House oversight committee last week demanded copies of his travel records to be provided by March 6. EPA's inspector general is also auditing Pruitt's 2017 travel costs.

Federal regulations allow government travelers to fly business class or first class when no cheaper options are "reasonably available" or if there are exceptional security circumstances. Wilcox told reporters last month that Pruitt had obtained a "blanket waiver" allowing him to take premium flights.

Such blanket waivers are barred under federal rules, however, and Wilcox later said Pruitt was granted separate waivers by ethics officials for each flight.

EPA has declined to provide any public explanation of its evolving account and has refused to release copies of the waivers allowing Pruitt to fly first class.

The Associated Press is among several organizations that has sought a full accounting of Pruitt's travel and security expenses under the Freedom of Information Act. Though some records were released following lawsuits filed against the agency, EPA has refused to say how much public money has been spent for Pruitt and his staff to travel across the country and on international trips.

The limited records that have been provided show Pruitt's airfare is often several times more expensive than that of aides booked on the same flights. Often, those trips have included weekend-long layovers in Pruitt's home state of Oklahoma.

Last month, Pruitt said there were some "incidents" on flights that prompted his need for first-class seats. EPA has refused requests from AP to provide any details about those incidents.

Pruitt is the first EPA administrator to require around-the-clock protection from an armed security detail. He has also taken other security precautions, including the addition of a $25,000 soundproof "privacy booth" inside his office to prevent eavesdropping on his phone calls and spending $3,000 to have his office swept for hidden listening devices.

HUD chief nixing $31K dining set

WASHINGTON — Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson has asked to cancel an order for an expensive dining set that prompted outrage this week after revelations that it cost the agency roughly $31,000, a spokesman said Thursday.

Reports of the purchase, which HUD officials said was made without Carson's knowledge, came on the heels of allegations by a HUD employee that she was demoted after she refused to bankroll a costly remodeling of Carson's office, which she said came at Carson's wife's request.

Carson had not commented publicly on the matter.



REBECCA BLACKWELL/AP

Ambassador Roberta Jacobson says her resignation will take effect on Cinco de Mayo.

U.S. ambassador to Mexico resigning amid strained ties

By Tracy Wilkinson
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Roberta Jacobson, the U.S. ambassador to Mexico and one of the State Department's most experienced Latin America hands, said Thursday that she is quitting in what appeared to be fallout from the Trump administration's roiling relations with Mexico.

Jacobson, who spent 31 years as a diplomat, becomes the latest veteran foreign service officer to step down in an exodus of senior talent under Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, amid low morale and drastic budget cuts at the State Department.

Joseph Yun, special representative on North Korea, resigned earlier this week, and John Feeley, the U.S. ambassador to Panama, announced his decision to leave in January. Feeley said he could no longer advocate for U.S. policy in the Trump administration.

The bureau that handles Latin America, the Western Hemisphere Affairs office, has been hard-hit even as Washington and Mexico seek to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement, battle over immigration issues, cooperate on interdiction of drug trafficking and organized crime, and face other joint concerns.

In addition to Jacobson and Feeley, a 28-year veteran, Tom Shannon, undersecretary for political affairs, announced his retirement last month after 34 years at State.

President Donald Trump has yet to nominate an assistant secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs, and Tillerson has faced criticism from members of Congress and foreign policy experts who say he is steadily dismantling the State Department. He has said he is trying to streamline operations.

Jacobson's departure comes at a difficult time in U.S.-Mexican relations. Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto called off an official visit to the White House — for the second time — after a testy phone call with Trump on Feb. 20.

Trump reportedly insisted on the call that Mexico pay to build a border wall, as he had vowed during the 2016 campaign.

Jacobson, 57, did not mention the bilateral tensions in her resignation memo, which was distributed to employees of the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City, She said her resignation will take effect May 5, the Cinco de Mayo holiday.

"This decision is all the more difficult because of my profound belief in the importance of the U.S.-Mexico relationship and knowledge that it is at a crucial moment," she wrote.

Jacobson saw her authority undercut at times as Mexico's finance minister and later foreign minister, Luis Videgaray, built a back-channel relationship to the White House through Jared Kushner, Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser.

Trump had given Kushner the Mexico portfolio, among other responsibilities, and Videgaray has visited the White House without telling the State Department.

Jacobson previously served as assistant secretary of State for Western Hemisphere affairs, built up security cooperation between Washington and Mexico City, and played a key role in renewing U.S. diplomatic ties with Cuba under former President Barack Obama.

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The monthly women's magazine of the Vatican newspaper published an expose on nuns as indentured servants.

Vatican magazine decries nuns' servitude

By Nicole Winfield
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — A Vatican magazine has denounced how nuns are often treated like indentured servants by cardinals and bishops, for whom they cook and clean for next to no pay.

The March edition of "Women Church World," the monthly women's magazine of the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano, hit newsstands Thursday. Its expose on the underpaid labor and unappreciated intellect of religious sisters confirmed that the magazine is increasingly becoming the imprint of the Catholic Church's #MeToo movement.

"Some of them serve in the homes of bishops or cardinals, others work in the kitchens of church institutions or teach. Some of them, serving the men of the church, get up in the morning to make breakfast, and go to sleep after dinner is served, the house cleaned and the laundry washed and ironed," reads one of the lead articles.

While such servitude is common knowledge, it is remarkable that a Vatican publication would dare put such words to paper and publicly denounce how the church systematically exploits its own nuns.

But that pluck has begun to define "Women Church World," which launched six years ago as a monthly insert and is now a stand-alone magazine distributed for free online and alongside the printed newspaper.

"Until now, no one has had the courage to denounce these things," the magazine's editor, Lucetta Scaraffia, told The Associated Press. "We try to give a voice to those who don't have the courage to say these words" publicly.

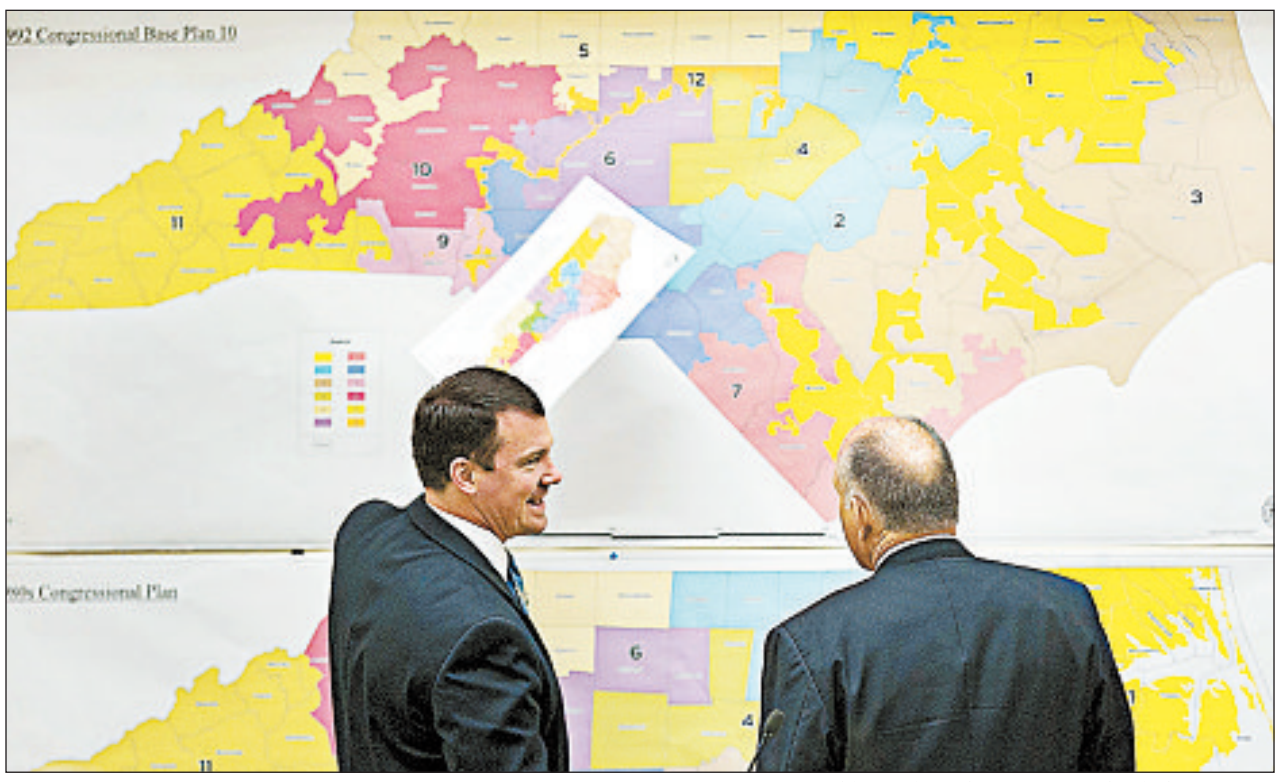
"Inside the church, women are exploited," she said in a recent interview.

While Pope Francis has told Scaraffia he appreciates and reads the magazine, it is by no means beloved within the deeply patriarchal Vatican system.

State reforms target partisan maps

Critics take on gerrymandering of state, U.S. districts

By David A. Lieb
Associated Press



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Republican state Sens. Dan Soucek, left, and Brent Jackson review historical North Carolina district maps.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Responding to complaints about gerrymandering, a significant number of states this year are considering changing the criteria used to draw congressional and state legislative districts or shifting the task from elected officials to citizen commissions.

The proposals, being advanced both as ballot initiatives and legislation, are part of a larger battle between the political parties to best position themselves for the aftermath of the 2020 Census, when over 400 U.S. House districts and nearly 7,400 state legislative districts will be redrawn.

Since the start of this year, more than 60 bills dealing with redistricting criteria and methods have been introduced in at least 18 state legislatures, already equaling the total number of states that considered bills last year, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

The Ohio Legislature already has placed a redistricting measure on the state's primary ballot in May.

Citizen efforts are underway to get redistricting measures on the November ballot in a half-dozen other states, which would mark the greatest number of such initiatives in decades.

Supporters already have submitted thousands of petition signatures in Michigan and South Dakota. Petitions are currently being circulated in Missouri and Utah. Colorado has two groups working on potential ballot initiatives. And an Arkansas attorney launched an initiative effort this past week.

"The basic bottom line is people want fairness, and they want balanced government," said Chuck Parkinson, a retired congressional staffer and customs official under Republican presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush.

Parkinson is chairman of a group pushing a South Dakota ballot measure to remove legislative redistricting from the hands of lawmakers and create a nine-member redistricting commission.

Although many redistricting proposals tout at least some bipartisan support, progressive activists and Democratic-aligned donors have helped fuel some of this year's measures.

In South Dakota, where voters defeated a similar measure in 2016, the second attempt listed just four donors as of the start of this year — former Democratic U.S. Sen. Tim Johnson, who gave $50,000, and three unions that contributed a combined $18,500.

The top donor to Utah's redistricting initiative through the end of last year was former Democratic gubernatorial nominee Michael Weinholtz, who had given $200,000.

The president of the Michigan redistricting initiative was a supporter of Democrat Hillary Clinton's unsuccessful 2016 presidential campaign, and the spokesman for Missouri's initiative is a Democratic consultant.

The Missouri measure requiring a nonpartisan demographer to draw districts has taken in more than 16,000 individual donations of $25 or less, but much of the campaign's money has come from groups aligned with Democrats. That includes about $800,000 from unions and $250,000 from an organization founded by billionaire liberal philanthropist George Soros.

Matt Walter, president of the Republican State Leadership Committee, contends the initiatives are merely "politics wrapped in some sort of illusion of citizen-participated good government."

"What we're seeing here right now is an organized, orchestrated effort by the progressive left to rig the system to their advantage," Walter said.

Democrats say it's just the opposite — that Republicans rigged the system after the 2010 Census to expand the party's grip on political power and are trying to hold onto it. They often cite North Carolina, which has been subject to multiple lawsuits over how the GOP redrew the political boundaries. Democrats have a voter registration edge over Republicans in the state, yet Republicans legislators drew congressional districts in a way that gave them a 10-3 edge in U.S. House seats.

Across the country, Republicans currently control 33 governorships and about two-thirds of all legislative chambers.

Democrats contend they want redistricting processes that are fair to voters, no matter which party is in power.

One of Democrats' top targets has been Pennsylvania, where the state Supreme Court redrew congressional districts this past week after ruling that the 2011 boundaries drawn by the GOP-led Legislature were unconstitutionally gerrymandered. Statistical voting models of the court's new plan show Democrats could significantly cut into the GOP's 13-5 seat advantage in a state where registered Democrats outnumber Republicans.

The U.S. Supreme Court is expected to rule later this year on cases alleging illegal partisan gerrymandering by Republicans in Wisconsin and by Democrats in Maryland.

An AP analysis of 2016 election data found four times as many states with Republican-skewed state House or Assembly districts than Democratic ones, based on a statistical formula cited in recent court cases.

Among the two dozen most populated states that determine the vast majority of Congress, there were nearly three times as many with Republican-tilted U.S. House districts.

Democrats have since made redistricting a bigger priority. Former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder is heading the National Democratic Redistricting Committee, which is targeting or watching governors' races, legislative elections and ballot issues in about 20 states.

Democrats want to end or diminish the legislature's role in redistricting in several Republican-led states and shift those duties to independent or bipartisan commissions, similar to the processes in place in Arizona and California. The roles are reversed in Maryland, where Republican Gov. Larry Hogan is proposing an independent redistricting commission in a state where registered Democrats outnumber Republicans 2-to-1 and have long controlled the redistricting process.

"By and large, if a commission draws the map, it is going to be a more fair, less political, less-partisan-driven map, and that's a good thing," said Kelly Ward, executive director of the National Democratic Redistricting Committee.

But Republicans contend that even independent commissions typically are filled by people with partisan preferences.

In Indiana, the Republican-led Senate voted along party lines last month to defeat a Democratic amendment that would have created a commission to recommend congressional and legislative districts. The Senate instead passed a bill setting criteria for lawmakers to consider. That bill is now in the House.

Indiana state Sen. Greg Walker, a Republican who sponsored the pending measure, said he hopes to eventually incorporate statistical analyses of partisan advantages into the Legislature's redistricting procedures.

House GOP pushing to end Russia probe despite protests

By Billy House
Bloomberg News


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Steve Bannon, top, Hope Hicks and Corey Lewandowski have declined to talk about certain matters with the House committee.

House Republicans are talking about wrapping up their investigation into Russia's campaign meddling despite protests from Democrats that three high-profile witnesses close to President Donald Trump are stiff-arming efforts to question them.

Former White House chief strategist Steve Bannon, former Trump campaign manager Corey Lewandowski and departing White House communications director Hope Hicks have each declined in separate interviews with the House intelligence committee to talk about certain matters, in some cases saying the president may want to assert executive privilege over their discussions later.

"If you were going to design this investigation for failure, that's what they'd be doing," Democrat Mike Quigley said, referring to GOP talk of closing the probe. "It's like the president is coordinating with them in this effort."

The most recent witness to balk at some questions was Hicks, who spent almost nine hours before the House intelligence panel Tuesday.

On Wednesday, she announced she is stepping down. She has told friends that she has been mulling her future for months.

As Bannon did last month, Hicks told the House panel that she had instructions from the White House to not answer questions on some topics concerning the transition before Trump took office or anything from her tenure in the administration.

Lewandowski is refusing to discuss any matters after his departure from the Trump campaign in June 2016, including conversations with the president.

Committee Democrats say members must force these witnesses to testify more fully if the panel's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 campaign and potential collusion with anyone close to Trump is to be thorough and seen as credible.

They say Republicans aren't energetically challenging questionable claims of privilege from the former aides and aren't helping to secure production of other information, including banking and travel documents.

"The integrity and independence of the committee and Congress' investigative and enforcement powers are at stake," said Adam Schiff, D-Calif., the top Democrat on the panel.

Neither committee Chairman Devin Nunes, R-Calif., nor the GOP colleague he picked to lead the panel's Russia investigation, Michael Conaway, returned messages asking for comment.

But other intelligence panel Republicans acknowledge that even they haven't been brought into any committee meetings on pursuing contempt of Congress charges or other action to compel more witness cooperation.

Quigley said that if the Republicans do move soon to shut down the probe, Democrats will counter the majority's committee report on the investigation's findings with one of their own that would point out information that should have been sought and obtained, but wasn't.

During her testimony, Hicks refused to say whether she had lied for a number of senior White House and Trump campaign officials, even as she acknowledged telling "white lies" for Trump.

According to a Democrat and a Republican on the panel, Hicks refused to answer questions about whether she had been asked to lie by White House aides and Trump's family members, including Jared Kushner, Ivanka Trump and Donald Trump Jr., Bannon, Lewandowski and Paul Manafort.

The one exception she made, according to Rep. Eric Swalwell, D-Calif., was acknowledging that former Trump national security adviser Michael Flynn had asked her during the transition period to dissemble about questions he was getting regarding his conversations with the Russian ambassador, Sergey Kislyak.

Swalwell said Hicks did not answer when he asked why she would refuse to say whether other aides had asked her to lie when she was willing to speak about Flynn, or whether she had ever witnessed Trump asking others to lie for him.

Details of much-hyped MS-13 sweep are swept under carpet

By Tom Hays and Colleen Long
Associated Press

NEW YORK — It was a tally so impressive that President Donald Trump touted it at his State of the Union address: Since May, agents cracking down on the violent gangs terrorizing the working-class suburbs of Long Island had swept up 428 gang suspects, including 220 members of the notorious MS-13.

But the sweep, Operation Matador, also has been shrouded in secrecy. Federal and state authorities have declined repeated requests from The Associated Press for even basic information made public in most law enforcement operations, such as the names of those arrested and the crimes they are accused of committing.

They won't divulge their ages, immigration statuses or current whereabouts. And while they say 44 of those arrested have been deported, they refuse to say what happened to the rest, including whether they are even still in custody. They say releasing more details could endanger the suspects and jeopardize ongoing investigations.

The lack of transparency comes amid accusations by immigration rights groups that the government is using unsubstantiated rumors of gang affiliations to detain innocent people. Federal immigration judges have already ordered the release of some detainees arrested on suspicion of being MS-13 members when the government couldn't produce any evidence of gang activity.

Some parents and activists say some of those included in the tally are innocent teenagers who came to the U.S. as unaccompanied minors, spending weeks locked in maximum-security detention centers based on flimsy and false allegations of gang activity. Civil liberties lawyers say that in some cases their alleged "activity" was wearing a black T-shirt or making a hand gesture.

"They said we have a warrant for your arrest and we don't have to explain anything to you now. We will tell you when you come with us," one teenager, who asked not to be named because she is afraid of being deported, told the AP in Spanish. "Later, they told me I had been associated with gangs."

The teenager said she was not a member of MS-13. She said she knew of people in MS-13, as do most people at Brentwood High School, a large school 45 miles east of New York City. Maybe she's talked with some of them in the hallway.

Although she was released after two months in detention, she remains worried.

"I can't defend myself," she said. "I can't explain what happened because I don't even know who is accusing me."

Immigration attorney Dawn Guidone said she represented about seven teenagers detained on gang allegations and at least two were deported. One student said all he did was wear blue, the color of the gang. Officials said he was associating with "known gang members."

"But the gang member he was associating with sat next to him in math class," Guidone said. "If that's associating, then I don't know how to even deal with that."

The federal agency leading the crackdown, Homeland Security Investigations, said that of the 428 gang suspects mentioned in the Republican president's speech, 216 faced criminal charges, but it wouldn't say whether those charges had anything to do with gang activity or violence. It said the remaining 212 were detained for suspected immigration law violations but refused to disclose their names, citing privacy concerns.

Suffolk County District Attorney Tim Sini has refused to answer questions about MS-13 arrests for more than a year.

In neighboring Nassau County, prosecutors said they "took down the alleged kingpin of MS-13 for the entire Eastern region of the United States," but they refused to name the suspect, who's awaiting extradition from Maryland. A spokesman for prosecutors said the man's identity is being withheld because an indictment naming several co-defendants is sealed as it pertains to him.

MS-13 recruits young teenagers from El Salvador and Honduras, though many gang members were born in the U.S. Long Island has a large population of unaccompanied minors from Central America, including many who were fleeing the violence in their home nations.

The gang has been blamed for at least 25 killings since January 2016 across a wide swath of Long Island. And many other people are missing.

In a July visit to Suffolk County, Trump promised his administration would "dismantle, decimate and eradicate" MS-13.

"They're going to jails, and then they're going back to their country, or they're going back to their country, period," he said.

Last year, the American Civil Liberties Union filed a class action lawsuit in California claiming some teenagers arrested in the gang crackdown were being wrongly held at detention centers.

A federal judge overseeing the case ruled the plaintiffs deserve prompt hearings and released at least nine. The judge ordered the government to disclose how many were being held. The government hasn't done so.

Declaration fades but not forgotten

Rare copy survived Civil War behind wall

By Michael E. Ruane
The Washington Post

During the Civil War, the precious document was hidden behind wallpaper in a home in Virginia to keep Union soldiers from finding it.

Later, it sat in a closet in Kentucky, in a broken frame, unappreciated and stored in a cardboard box.

And later still it was stuck behind a cabinet in the office of an energy executive outside Houston.

It was a rare parchment copy of the Declaration of Independence, made in Washington in the 1820s for founding father James Madison, and apparently unknown to the public for more than a century.

Now, the copy, one of 51 that scholars are aware of, has resurfaced via its recent purchase by billionaire philanthropist David Rubenstein.

It is one of the exquisite facsimiles made from the original handwritten calf skin document crafted in Philadelphia in the summer of 1776. Scholars say it bears the image of the Declaration that most people know, in part because the original is now so badly faded.

"This is the closest ... to the original Declaration, the way it looked when it was signed in August of 1776," said Seth Kaller, a New York rare document appraiser who assisted in the sale. "Without these ... copies you wouldn't even know what the original looked liked."

Two hundred of the facsimiles were ordered by Secretary of State John Quincy Adams, a future president, who was concerned about the already-worn condition of the 40-year-old original.

Master engraver William Stone made the copies in his shop on Pennsylvania Avenue, and created an extra one for himself.

In 1824, the facsimiles were distributed to Congress, the White House, and various VIPs like Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and Madison. Each man got two copies.

In time, both of Madison's copies vanished from view, and it is only now that one has surfaced, Kaller said in a recent interview.

"There was no idea that it had survived," he said.

The fate of the second Madison copy, and over 100 of the others, is not publicly known, he said.

When the Second Continental Congress approved the Declaration in Philadelphia on July 4, 1776, it sent a working manuscript, also now lost, to a local printer to set in type.

The printer produced several hundred copies for Congress and other officials the next day, Kaller wrote in a historical pamphlet.

On July 19, Congress ordered a handwritten, or "engrossed," copy made on calf skin, to be signed by the members.

The job went to Timothy Matlack, a congressional aide who was known for his superb penmanship.

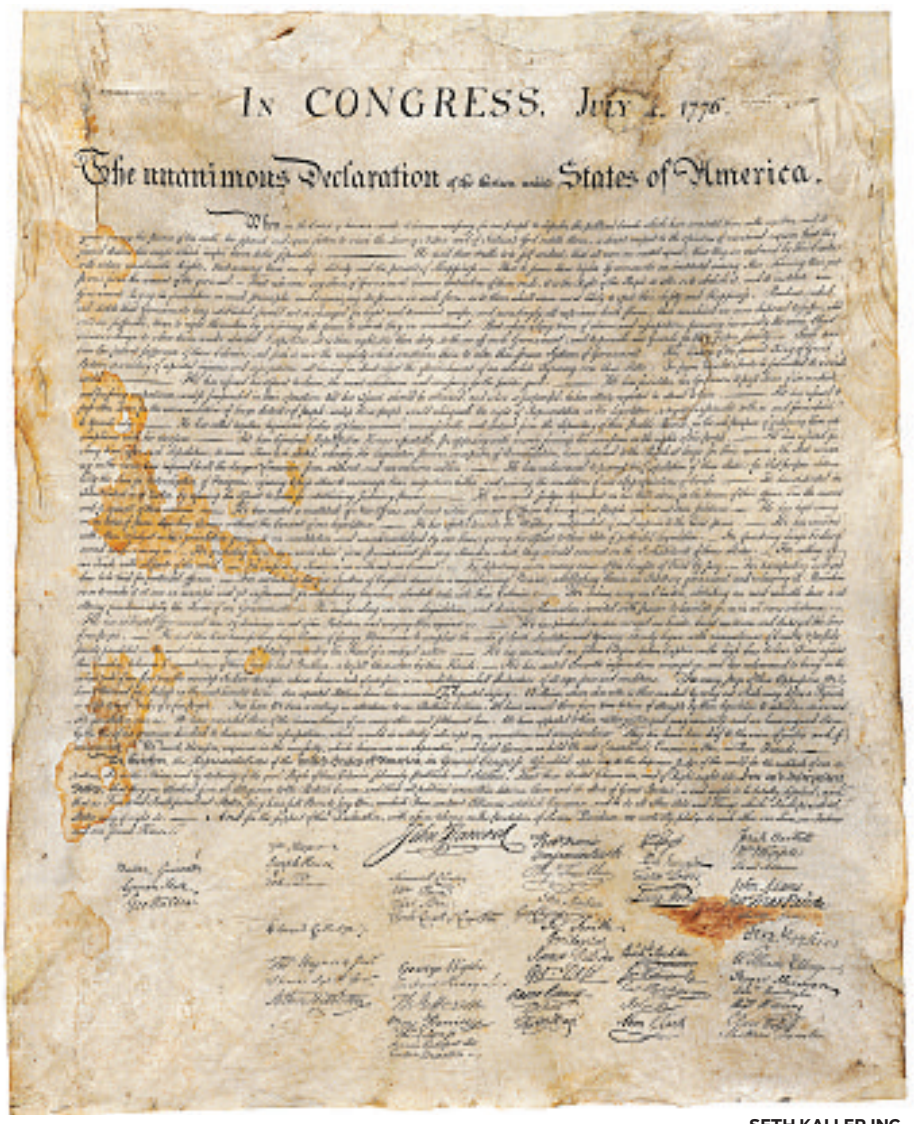
This hallowed version now resides in the National Archives, so washed out that many signatures, including Thomas Jefferson's, are either gone or barely visible.

It is through the foresight of John Quincy Adams that excellent copies of the original — except for a few interesting tweaks — survive. Kaller wrote that by 1820, the original had been handled, rolled, unrolled and marred by the efforts of earlier engravers to make decorative copies.

"Every one of the worst things that could have happened to the original" had happened, he said.

A grimy hand print was added to the damage many years later.

John Quincy Adams gave it to Stone, and the engraver worked on copying it for about two years.



SETH KALLER INC.

This copy of the Declaration of Independence was made in the 1820s for James Madison.

Kaller said he believes Stone likely first traced the original with tracing paper. He then used the tracing to hand-engrave an image of the Declaration on a copper plate, from which the facsimiles were then made.

But Stone may have made some minute textual changes, possibly to distinguish his copies from the original, Kaller wrote.

The ornate "T" in the "The" of the "The unanimous Declaration ..." seems to have been slightly altered. In the Stone copies, a decorative diagonal line runs through the "T." The line does not appear to be in the original.

In the original, there seems to be a heart-shaped flourish where the T is crossed that's omitted in the Stone copy.

Stone added an imprint across the top of the page, "ENGRAVEDed by W.I. STONE, for the Dept. of State, by order of J.Q. ADAMS, Sect. of State, July 4th. 1823."

Before the newly resurfaced copy was found, it had been kept in a cracked frame, wrapped up in a cardboard box in Michael O'Mara's office outside Houston. It had been there for 10 years, and before that it had been in his parents' house in Louisville when he was growing up.

His family had once had it framed and put on the mantel piece. His parents knew it had been passed down through his family from Madison.

But in the 1960s it was considered "worthless," O'Mara said.

When the frame cracked the document was taken down and stored.

"So for ... 35 years, it sat in a box, wrapped up, in a broken frame, in my mother's house," he said in a recent interview.

The Declaration had been handed down to O'Mara's mother, Helen, who was the great-granddaughter of Col. Robert Lewis Madison Jr., a Civil War doctor who had served in the Confederate army and treated Robert E. Lee in the last years of Lee's life.

Research indicates that the physician had gotten the document from his father, Robert Lewis Madison Sr.

Thus, the copy of the nation's founding declaration had passed through turbulent years of the country's evolution, including the war that almost destroyed the document's "united States of America."

O'Mara found in family papers a 1913 news article — the last known public mention of his Declaration — that told of its fate during the Civil War.

The family of Dr. Madison was then probably living in Lexington, Va., where the physician was a professor at the Virginia Military Institute before and during the war, according to VMI.

The clipping reported the doctor's wife put the Declaration behind "the paper on the wall" to hide it from Union soldiers should the house be searched.

O'Mara said that after his mother died in 2014, he went through papers.

"I just happened to look over at this box, and I said, 'I've either got to put that in a frame and put it up in my office or I need to get rid of it if there's some historical value.'"

In 2016, his research led him to Rubenstein, who has bought other historical documents, including Declaration copies. He emailed Rubenstein, who expressed interest. The Declaration was authenticated, and then underwent conservation at the National Archives, O'Mara said.

"I agreed to buy it," Rubenstein said in a recent telephone interview, noting only that he had paid "seven figures" for it.

Madison, president from 1809 to 1817, had been a key player in the creation of the government. This was Madison's copy of the Declaration, and "when you look at it, you can conjure up images of James Madison looking at it," Rubenstein said.

Will Trump's vow on guns ricochet?

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and many outside observers thought the White House had made progress toward solving that problem. But Trump's erratic actions on immigration, infrastructure policy, trade and now gun safety, combined with the departures of several close aides, have once again shown that any such progress is likely always to be tentative in his administration.

Gun control groups and some lawmakers, especially Democrats, seized on Trump's recent comments to express cautious optimism Thursday that, in the wake of the latest mass shooting, in Parkland, Fla., Washington could end a years-long stalemate and enact some gun restrictions.

By their remarks, they sought to hold Trump to his promises made a day earlier during a televised session at the White House at which Trump embraced several positions long opposed by the National Rifle Association — and Republicans.

"He hasn't rescinded anything he's said," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., who was at the meeting, counting the number of hours Trump had gone by Thursday afternoon without disavowing his Wednesday promises. "We're waiting, we're hoping."

At the White House meeting, he told a bipartisan group of lawmakers that he would ban so-called bump stocks by regulation. He asked them to send him "one terrific bill" — to set a minimum age of 21 for purchasing assault weapons; strengthen background checks for buyers, especially to keep guns from the mentally ill, and provide for restraining orders for gun owners in domestic violence cases, among other provisions. He shocked Democrats and Republicans by leaving open the possibility he'd support an assault weapons ban.

Even the professed optimists on the gun control side didn't expect the kind of comprehensive package that Trump urged on Congress.

Less than two months ago, Feinstein was among a bipartisan group of lawmakers at another White House session, exchanging smiles, policy ideas and vows of action on immigration — only to see Trump soon reverse course and, within weeks, ultimately doom several bipartisan bills by his condemnations.

A senior White House official said the administration would not meet Trump's Friday deadline to announce gun policy proposals because officials are following up with lawmakers on issues discussed Wednesday.



EVAN VUCCI/AP

President Donald Trump surprised Republican and Democratic lawmakers this week with his ideas about gun policy, calling for moves that went beyond proposals from many sides.

"Rather than jamming up Congress with specific proposals that become 'Trump proposals' — and all of a sudden Democrats are unified against it — allowing them to have a discussion that we can engage on is probably a better approach," the official said.

"We're not talking weeks here. We're talking days," the official added.

Meanwhile, the NRA was working to slow any follow-up from Trump on gun control measures, telling CNN his meeting with lawmakers amounted to "great TV" but bad policy that would infringe on gun owners' constitutional rights.

Gun control groups, in contrast, looked to Trump for the follow-up that would persuade Republicans to stand up to the NRA, as the president had urged.

"He needs to give them a backbone and he needs to tell them it is time to walk away from the NRA, just like American businesses are doing," said John Feinblatt, president of Everytown for Gun Safety, a group advocating for gun limits.

In an early sign of slowing momentum, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, a Kentucky Republican, told reporters that he would not schedule action on any gun-related legislation next week, focusing on banking regulations instead.

Democrats worked to keep guns at the center of debate. Sen. Minority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of California pressed Trump not to repeat the immigration experience, listing Democratic policy priorities and imploring Republican lawmakers to buck the NRA.

Pelosi, speaking to reporters, said the White House had yet to contact her following Wednesday's meeting to discuss a legislative plan.

"Calmly, prayerfully, hopefully, respectfully, I hope that the president will make clear to Republicans in Congress that we have to move forward and not just some little bill. It has to be substantial," she said.

Trump's impulsive comments and tweets, and his inexperience in policy discussions, have been a persistent source of frustration for Republican lawmakers, adding uncertainty over whether they can depend on him to stand by his day-to-day statements.

Rep. Adam Kinzinger, a moderate Republican from Illinois, could not say where the president stood on gun policy when asked on CNN on Thursday.

"I don't know," he said. "At one point, you hear him say he doesn't want to do anything, and then at another point he says he wants to do a lot."

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57% of Americans say current president is racist, survey finds

By Marwa Eltagouri
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Most Americans think President Donald Trump is a racist, according to a poll by the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

More than half of adults think his policies have worsened the lives of Muslims and Hispanics, while almost half believe the president has worsened the lives of African-Americans. Of the 57 percent of adults who say the nation's leader is a racist, 8 in 10 are black, three-quarters are Hispanic and almost half are white.

About 85 percent of Democrats say Trump is a racist, while 21 percent of Republicans say the same, according to the poll, which surveyed 1,337 adults from Feb. 15-19.

Experts say the findings should not come as a surprise considering America's polarized views on race, as well as Trump's divisive remarks in crucial moments last year as racial tensions came to a boil. When a white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Va., in August left a woman dead and several others injured, many in the nation expected the president to condemn the Ku Klux Klan, neo-Nazis and other hate groups that organized the rally.

Trump did, albeit belatedly, but then also said "there's blame on both sides."

The idea that Trump is a racist isn't new, as he had a history of actions and comments perceived to be discriminatory toward people of color that spans four decades. For example, he was sued by the federal government in the 1970s for turning black tenants away from his buildings. As president, he has continued to question whether Barack Obama, the country's first black president, was born in the United States.

Previous polls have asked about Trump's biases, including one conducted by The Washington Post and ABC News in January, which found that 52 percent of Americans said the president was biased against black people. A Quinnipiac University poll conducted in February found that 49 percent of registered voters say Trump is racist.

But the AP poll shows the highest percentages of people saying Trump is a racist.

The White House could not be immediately reached for comment. But Trump on multiple occasions has denied that he is racist.

About half of Americans, including a majority of African-Americans, think race relations are worse now than they were a year ago, according to the poll.

Sixty percent of those surveyed believe Muslims face disadvantages in American society, and 51 percent say the same for Hispanics.

The margin of sampling error for the 1,337 respondents is plus or minus 3.9 percentage points.

Associated Press contributed.

NEWS BRIEFING

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Forensic accountant chosen to tally assets of Vegas shooter

LAS VEGAS — A forensic financial consultant was appointed Thursday to tally the assets left by the man who killed himself after unleashing the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history on the Las Vegas Strip.

Accountant Larry Bertsch was instructed by Clark County District Court Judge Gloria Sturman to examine Stephen Paddock's estate and issue a report by May 31. The judge scheduled a public hearing June 28.

Attorney Alice Denton, who represents Bertsch and the Paddock estate, said the assets may be $1 million to $5 million.

No will has been found for Paddock, which means his assets would go to his mother. Paddock's brother, Eric, who has power-of-attorney for his mother, wants the assets distributed to victims. Fifty-eight people died and hundreds more were injured in the Oct. 1 attack.

French far-right leader Le Pen charged over ISIS photographs

PARIS — French prosecutors filed preliminary charges Thursday against Marine Le Pen for tweeting brutal images of Islamic State violence.

The prosecutor's office in the Paris suburb of Nanterre said the charges were issued for "distribution of violent images."

Le Pen, if convicted, could face up to three years in prison and a $90,000 fine.

Le Pen's 2015 tweets showed executions by Islamic State extremists, including the killing of U.S. reporter James Foley. She posted them in the wake of the November 2015 ISIS attacks on Paris, accusing the government of not doing enough to protect France.

Le Pen told BFM television "it's clearly aimed at silencing me."

She was runner-up to Emmanuel Macron in last year's presidential runoff.

Investor group says it has deal to buy assets of Weinstein Co.

Maria Contreras-Sweet's investor group has reached a deal to purchase assets of Weinstein Co., the former Obama administration official said Thursday.

"Our team is pleased to announce that we have taken an important step and have reached an agreement to purchase assets from The Weinstein Company in order to launch a new company," Contreras-Sweet said.

The announcement is the latest development in Weinstein Co.'s scramble to avoid filing for bankruptcy since New York company co-founder Harvey Weinstein was accused of sexual harassment and assault. The deal comes less than a week after the company's board of directors said sales talks had fallen apart.

People familiar with the talks had said the bid was worth $500 million.



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Purim holiday: Boys dance on the back of a truck Thursday in London during the Jewish holiday. Purim, celebrated by Jews around the world, commemorates the salvation of the Jewish people in ancient Persia from a plot to annihilate them, as recorded in the Bible.

Man charged with sending powder to Trump Jr., 4 others

BOSTON — A Massachusetts man was arrested Thursday and charged with sending letters with white powder to five people, including one to Donald Trump Jr. that landed his wife, Vanessa, in the hospital.



Frisiello

Daniel Frisiello, 24, of Beverly, is accused of mailing envelopes this month with threatening messages and a white substance, which turned out to be nonhazardous.

He was held during an appearance in federal court in Worcester pending a detention hearing scheduled for Monday.

"These kind of hoaxes may not cause physical harm, but they scare the heck out of people," said Andrew Lelling, U.S. attorney for Massachusetts.

Hoax attacks using powder play on fears that date to 2001, when letters containing anthrax were mailed to news organizations and two U.S. senators. Those letters killed five people.

Frisiello is also accused of sending threatening letters and powder to Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich.; Michele Dauber, a Stanford University law professor; Nicola Hanna, an interim U.S. attorney in California; and Antonio Sabato, a soap opera actor who is running for a U.S. House seat in California.

The letter to the president's son was opened by Vanessa Trump on Feb. 12. She called 911 and reported she was coughing and felt nauseous. She was hospitalized briefly.

The substance turned out to be cornstarch.

Massage therapists accuse Wynn of misconduct

Two massage therapists have claimed in new lawsuits that casino mogul Steve Wynn used his power to coerce them into sexual acts, making them the latest women to accuse the billionaire of sexual misconduct.

The 49-year-old woman and 36-year-old woman made similar allegations in their separate lawsuits about what happened during their time as therapists working for Wynn Resorts.

Wynn has denied previous misconduct accusations and attributed them to a campaign led by his ex-wife. Her attorney has denied that she instigated a Wall Street Journal story in late January that reported a number of women said he harassed or assaulted them and that one case led to a $7.5 million settlement.

Wynn resigned as chairman and CEO of Wynn Resorts on Feb. 6, less than two weeks after the story broke.

Polish law on Holocaust speech goes into effect

WARSAW, Poland — A Polish law that makes it a crime to falsely accuse the Polish nation of crimes committed by Nazi Germany took effect Thursday, part of a wider effort by nationalist authorities to use history to defend the country's honor.

For years Polish officials have struggled to fight phrases like "Polish death camps" that are sometimes used abroad to refer to Auschwitz and other death camps that Nazi Germany built and operated on occupied Polish territory during World War II.

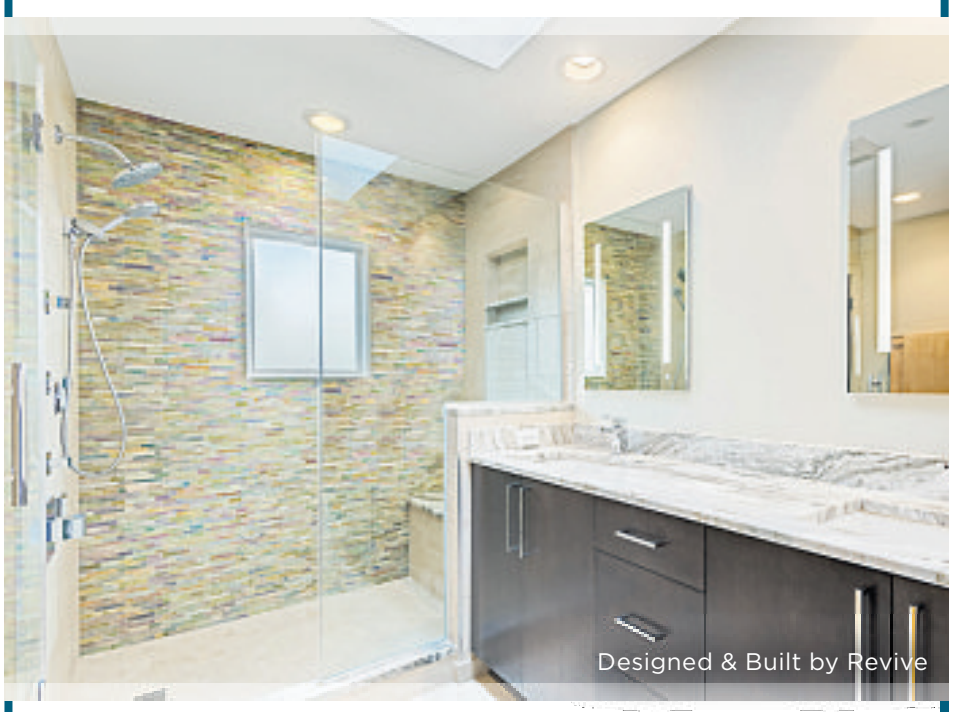
Some Poles fear that new generations will mistakenly believe that Poles were the perpetrators of the Holocaust.

The law has sparked a crisis with Israel, where Holocaust survivors and officials fear its aim is to repress debate about Poles who killed Jews during World War II.

The trial of Noor Salman, widow of Orlando, Fla., shooter Omar Mateen, opened Thursday with jury selection. Salman, 31, is charged with aiding and abetting her husband in planning the June 16, 2016, attack, which left 49 people dead at Pulse nightclub. The trial could last five weeks or more once 12 jurors are chosen.

Bernie Sanders' 2016 presidential campaign has paid a $14,500 civil penalty to the Federal Election Commission to settle a complaint the campaign improperly accepted the services of volunteers from the Australia Labor Party. Federal election law prohibits foreign national from donating anything of value in U.S. elections.

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The case for Toni Preckwinkle

So dominant is the Democratic Party in Cook County these days that Republicans don't have one candidate willing to run for president of the Cook County Board. Yet at times you have to ask if the ruling Democrats are bound and determined to squander their advantage.

How else to explain "The Silence of the Dems," the refusal of so many ruling Democrats to rebuke county Assessor Joseph Berrios for his certifiably unfair property valuations? Berrios' system — which years ago he boasted he would replace, except he didn't — discriminates in favor of affluent homeowners at the expense of poor and minority communities. Yet in an election cycle when defeating Berrios is of paramount importance and every progressive who believes in equality should condemn his injustices, we have County Board President **Toni Preckwinkle** standing beside her fellow Democratic machine boss.

Ah yes, the same Toni Preckwinkle who won her job in 2010 by pledging to fully eliminate predecessor Todd Stroger's 1-percent sales tax hike; she kept her promise, only to reinstate the Stroger Tax that now must be called the Toni Tax. And the same Toni Preckwinkle who muscled through a sweetened beverage tax. Last year a ferocious voter rebellion killed it, although angry memories of that fiasco could hurt Preckwinkle and some of her County Board allies in their 2018 re-election campaigns.

But Preckwinkle also has made important improvements. She and her health team have connected more poor people to medical care; she tells us that for the first time ever, "our patient population is more insured than uninsured. That, in turn, means we rely less on local tax dollars, but more important, we are able to provide better care for our patients."

In county government's other big realm, the criminal justice system, Preckwinkle has pushed for alternatives to pretrial detention that have reduced the jail population; the number of inmates awaiting trial on relatively minor charges has fallen.



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Taxes aside, County Board President Toni Preckwinkle has improved Cook government.

We also credit Preckwinkle with a constructive response after the County Board nixed her soda tax. We asked in an editorial, "Will Preckwinkle punch 'Reset' or 'Retaliate'?" That is, "Will she work with her elected colleagues to apply a scalpel to the budget or will she follow through on threats to slash nurses, doctors and frontline public safety personnel?" The final budget included layoffs but applied a scalpel approach.

Preckwinkle has an opponent in this primary, former Chicago alderman and civil rights attorney Bob Fioretti. During his eight years at City Hall, Fioretti was an independent operator. His likely epitaph: "*Yes, 49-1, but did you see how hard I fought 'em?*"

Fioretti announced his candidacy last November in a hangar at Lansing Municipal Airport; he claimed, correctly, that many people are moving homes and businesses across Illinois' state line to escape rampant tax increases here. But when asked if he was saying he wouldn't raise taxes if elected, Fioretti hedged, the Tribune's Hal Dardick reported. That was a clue to Fioretti's underprepared campaign. When the soda tax vanished Dec. 1, so did his biggest issue. And when these two Democrats appeared before the Tribune Editorial Board in January, it was painfully obvious that Fioretti hadn't done his homework.

We wouldn't expect a challenger to match an incumbent's expertise in the minutiae of Cook County's $5 billion-plus budget. But we did expect Fioretti to have researched county finances enough to justify putting him in charge. Fioretti is right to say county government has to live within its means. But as he debated a board president who has reduced the county's still-too-large payroll and forced other economies, Fioretti couldn't offer a convincing agenda to do better. Back in 2010, Preckwinkle offered considerably more detail on how she would improve Stroger's sloppily managed government.

For lack of an ongoing soda tax issue, Fioretti could have built his campaign around Preckwinkle's acceptance of copious donations from public employee unions. And he could have detailed for voters the generous contracts her administration has negotiated with the leaders of those unions. Instead he has retreated into generalities about high taxes. What's a voter to do?

We appreciate that in this election some Democrats want to send Preckwinkle a message about county taxes. But for the next four years county government will be led by Board President Bob Fioretti or Board President Toni Preckwinkle. The former hasn't convinced us that, from day one, he could manage the taxing and the spending as well as the latter. Preckwinkle is endorsed.

Pappas for Cook treasurer, no endorsement for clerk

Last October, as the Cook County Board weighed repeal of the sweetened beverage tax, a host of countywide officials — none of whom admitted supporting the hugely unpopular tax — nevertheless said they just had to have more revenue. The Tribune's news story about the whining chronicled yet another reason for those officeholders to dislike **Maria Pappas**:

Only Treasurer Maria Pappas said she would adjust her budget accordingly: "I submitted a 10 percent cut, but I understand 12 percent is needed. I'm prepared to do that. I'm opposed to the soda tax. Any questions?"

Once again, Pappas had made her peers look inept. Other reasons some resent her:

As her Tribune questionnaire responses attest, during 20 years as treasurer, Pappas has reduced office headcount from 250 positions to 88.5. She touts this as the 17th straight year she has reduced her corporate budget; owing to fee collections, largely from mortgage and banking companies, only $900,000 of her office's $12.9 million budget comes from taxpayers.

What makes this especially galling to other officials is that while Pappas streamlined her operation, she substantially increased, not reduced, services to citizens. She broadened payment options from two to nine (including online and credit card). She disclosed virtually all treasurer data on her website, which offers information in 103 languages. She converted 4,765,458 paper pages from 12,011 worn record books (confession — we didn't recount) into e-data. She embarrassed local government pols by listing on tax bills the huge pension and other debts they've amassed.



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Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas

And in December, when many locales in Illinois and nationwide had no way for citizens to prepay taxes to exploit the new federal tax law, Pappas' office let taxpayers download tax bills electronically. She then collected $750 million in prepayments. That means untold millions of dollars in income tax savings for taxpayers.

No Republican is running for treasurer, but Pappas has a Democratic primary opponent, Chicago CPA Peter Gariepy. He, too, offered impressive questionnaire responses. Check both candidates' answers at **chicagotribune.com/candidates**.

Gariepy says that, if elected, he would "reinvent the office and bring new value to taxpayers" and "bring increased efficiency." Mr. Gariepy, you appear to be a thoughtful man. We'll file your candidacy under "Well-intentioned, perhaps reflecting political promise."

But be cautious when pledging to reinvent this office and bring increased efficiency. Somebody has been beating you to the punch since 1998. Pappas is strongly endorsed.

Beyond the races for treasurer and board president, the other countywide office up this year is county clerk.

The current clerk, David Orr, is retiring. Since 1990 he's capably run the office that organizes suburban elections and keeps various records. In 2016, voters decided to merge the clerk's office with the county recorder's office, which primarily records property ownership and liens.

Orr favored the merger, as did we. But the recorder, Democrat Karen Yarbrough of Maywood, opposed it, dismissing as "pennies" the millions of dollars in savings to taxpayers over time. Now Yarbrough wants to be the clerk who runs the combined office, which formally launches in 2020.

During her five-plus years as recorder, though, accusations of clout hiring that violates county and Shakman patronage rules have dogged Yarbrough. At one point she tried to justify hiring her niece (since departed from the office) for a $114,000-a-year job: "I think most people recognize it's important to have someone you know and trust as your legal counsel." The county's inspector general has faulted Yarbrough for disregarding her obligations to answer document requests and subpoenas about her hiring practices.

Yarbrough's primary opponent, Jan Kowalski McDonald of La Grange Highlands, appears not to be actively campaigning.

With no Republican running, the winner of this primary likely wins the general election. But we can't endorse either Democrat.

As the March 20 Illinois primary approaches, you'll find the candidates' answers to our surveys, and our endorsements, at **chicagotribune.com/candidates**

The #StonemanDouglas moment

Marjory Stoneman Douglas High students returned this week to a campus to be remembered forever as the site where 17 students and teachers died. But will that shooting spree also be memorialized as the catalyst for effective gun control action in Washington, Illinois and elsewhere? Is this the moment when vocal high school students inspire their generation to demand change — and refuse to back down or lose heart?

We hope so. That hope is tinted by reality: Previously, Americans' anger over such shootings burned hot but fizzled. Lawmakers play for time and eventually bury gun-control proposals.

This time could be different. Why so? Because as we write:

■ Illinois lawmakers have passed or are poised to pass a series of measures, many of which we support, to tighten gun laws. Those include a ban on bump stocks that turn semi-automatic rifles into machine gun-style weapons and a limit on high-capacity magazine clips.

■ President Donald Trump is jawboning Congress to send him "one terrific bill" on gun safety, including stronger background checks and restrictions based on age and mental health.

■ Walmart, the nation's largest retailer, and Dick's Sporting Goods no longer will sell guns to people under 21. Both also are imposing new restrictions on ammunition sales. Company execs didn't need a new law. They needed this: "When we saw what the kids were going through and the grief of the parents and the kids who were killed in Parkland, we felt we needed to do something," Dick's Chairman and CEO Ed Stack told ABC News. Who's next?

■ Several major corporations, including MetLife, Hertz and Delta Air Lines, have cut ties with the National Rifle Association.

■ Students plan demonstrations and marches in Washington and across the nation.

Today, arguably more than ever, Americans understand that gun violence is a public health epidemic killing innocent people, just the way a virus does.

This threat demands an urgent national response. Congress, start by assembling public health experts into a Manhattan Project-style effort to pinpoint the best ways to curtail this epidemic. Why isn't there more research into possible solutions? One reason, The Atlantic reports, is a 1996 Congressional amendment that barred the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention from using money to "advocate or promote gun control." The amendment, sponsored by the late GOP Rep. Jay Dickey of Arkansas, has exerted a chilling effect for decades.

Six years ago, Dickey, by then retired from Congress, co-authored a Washington Post op-ed that revealed a change of heart. The U.S. government was spending $240 million a year on traffic safety research but almost nothing on firearms safety research, the authors wrote: "Most politicians fear talking about guns almost as much as they would being confronted by one, but these fears are senseless. We must learn what we can do to save lives. It is like the answer to the question 'When is the best time to plant a tree?' The best time to start was 20 years ago; the second-best time is now."

That "now" was in 2012. Nothing happened. How about *this* now?

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PERSPECTIVE



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Among the several good candidates competing for the Democratic nomination for Illinois attorney general, Sharon Fairley stands out.

Democrats' best choice for attorney general is Fairley obvious



ERIC ZORN

I like Pat Quinn. Always have.

He's corny, he's earnest and he's genuine. Sure, he has his flaws and he wasn't a great governor when he held office from 2009 to 2015.

But he was a *decent* governor. He cut state discretionary spending by 10 percent, trimmed the state payroll by 4,000 employees and OK'd cost-reducing changes in Illinois' Medicaid and worker's compensation programs. He signed bills legalizing same-sex marriage and medical marijuana, abolishing the death penalty and reducing pension benefits for new state hires.

On the campaign trail in 2014, Republican challenger and ultimate victor Bruce Rauner blasted the incumbent Quinn as a "failure" for not doing better on yardsticks on which Rauner himself has since not come close to measuring up.

"Miss me yet?" billboards featuring Quinn's face ought to be erected in every struggling Illinois town where voters were suckered in by Rauner's fantastic promises.

Quinn, 69, is now running in the Democratic primary for attorney general, and I expect he'd be at least a decent AG, with his populist's knack for creative indignation.

But he's had his time in statewide office — four years as treasurer, six as lieutenant governor and six as governor — and it's time for fresh blood.

The field is large and stacked with good candidates, not a fruitcake or nitwit in the bunch. Former Chicago Park District President Jesse Ruiz, State Rep. Scott Drury, Highland Park Mayor Nancy Rotering, former federal prosecutor Renato Mariotti, 33rd Ward Democratic Committeeman Aaron Goldstein and state Sen. Kwame Raoul each made good cases for themselves at the Tribune's endorsement interview in January.

Sharon Fairley, however, made the best case.

Her resume stood out. She earned an undergraduate degree from Princeton, an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and a law degree from the University of Chicago.

She's a former federal prosecutor, Illinois assistant attorney general and Chicago deputy inspector general. In 2015, Mayor Rahm Emanuel named her to head the Independent Police Review Authority (now the Civilian Office of Police Accountability), where she earned high marks.

Fairley projected a steely confidence and sharp intellect when sharing our boardroom with her competitors, showing the sort of commanding presence you'd want in an attorney general.

I walked into that meeting not knowing much about her. I walked out positive I was going to vote for her.

Evidently my colleagues on the Editorial Board were similarly impressed. Though I'm not a part of their deliberations about candidates and don't always agree with their recommendations, the board's recent endorsement of Fairley channeled my thinking:

"She fought City Hall. She fought police officials. She fought public corruption. She fought for transparency. And no politician owns her," they wrote, calling her "a fearless and tested change agent who comes to the job with calluses from dealing with politics, but without debilitating conflicts of interest."

So how's it going for her? Not so well. A Paul Simon Public Policy Institute poll posted Wednesday showed her mired at 3 percent support among self-identified Democratic voters, with Quinn at 18 percent and the party-backed Raoul at 22 percent.

The Tribune's Rick Pearson noted that the poll "was not adjusted for historical racial and age demographics or turnout" and so may have underrepresented African-American voters and voters from Chicago. And a potentially decisive 39 percent of respondents remained in the "other/don't know" category.

So Fairley still has a chance, but a poor one. With time running out — the primary is two weeks from Tuesday and early voting is underway — and not enough money yet to go on TV, Fairley looks like a long shot.

I hope this isn't the last we'll see of her in the political arena.

Who's afraid of the big bad Jay?

The Simon Institute poll shows Rauner with 51 percent support and a comfortable, 20-percentage-point lead over his hard-right challenger, state Rep. Jeanne Ives of Wheaton, in the Republican primary.

This explains why the governor is continuing to put so much of his advertising money into attacking Jay Robert "J.B." Pritzker, the Democratic frontrunner (31 percent in the Simon poll, compared with 21 percent for state Sen. Daniel Biss and 17 percent for businessman Chris Kennedy).

But if Pritzker really is "a bad, bad person," as Rauner said when talking to reporters Wednesday, why isn't Rauner keeping quiet, hoping Pritzker hangs on to become the Democratic nominee?

For what it's worth, Rauner's over-the-top accusations are telling Democratic voters that he's most afraid in November of facing Pritzker and Pritzker's money.

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Using the courts to destroy unions

BY E.J. DIONNE JR.

WASHINGTON — Many conservatives believe in the untrammeled rights of employers. Consequently, they despise unions. They also can't stand it that organized labor usually backs Democrats, and they especially detest public employee unions which, by their very nature, advocate for government.

For decades, these same conservatives criticized the politicization of the courts, accusing liberals of "inventing rights," "making new law" and indulging in "judicial activism."

And one more thing: Conservatives of late have charged that liberals refuse to acknowledge the importance of allowing revered and useful social institutions to thrive and maintain their organizational integrity. So, for example, the right insists that religiously linked organizations opposed to contraception must under no circumstances be required to cover birth control in their health plans.

This bundle of contradictions is on open display in the case of Janus v. American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. Argued Monday before the Supreme Court, the suit is an effort to overturn 41 years of settled precedent for the purpose of crippling the American labor movement.

The claimant, Mark Janus, an Illinois state social worker, argues that his First Amendment liberties are violated because he has to pay an "agency fee" to the AFSCME union even though he is not a member and might disagree with its politics.

On the merits, nothing about the agency fee deprives Janus of his right as a citizen to speak out as he wishes. And the idea behind collective bargaining is that when a majority of employees decide to join a union, its bargaining typically produces higher pay and benefits for the entire bargaining unit. Agency fees pay for this collective effort.

As the nation's Roman Catholic bishops argued in their brief supporting the union, "Without these clauses, unions face a 'free rider' problem that dramatically weakens them and, in turn, their bargaining power on behalf of workers, as experience in 'right-to-work' states to date has borne out. Thus, 'right-to-work' laws are seen to represent a governmentally imposed 'limit on the freedom or the negotiating capacity of labor unions.' "

This is precisely why conservative money and influence came together to bring this case. And, as University of Baltimore law professor Garrett Epps observed in The Atlantic, the litigation strategy of "the powerful anti-union advocacy network" was to avoid creating a factual record on the agency-fee issue in the lower courts.

Instead, the anti-labor consortium sought to force the case up to the Supreme Court at a moment when it hoped a conservative majority would reflexively take its side. The record is so thin, Epps noted archly, that the court will be operating "in the dark, with no more grounding in facts than the average afternoon radio call-in show."

To know how political this case is, consider Justice Anthony Kennedy's polemical response to the solicitor general of Illinois, which sided with the union. Kennedy seemed incredulous that the state could have a stable partnership with a union that was fighting for "a greater size workforce, against privatization, against merit promotion for teacher tenure, for higher wages, for massive government, for increasing bonded indebtedness, for increasing taxes."

These are legitimate political issues, but Kennedy's attack read more like the oration of a conservative state legislator than the measured words we might expect of a justice.

Kennedy asked a pro-union lawyer: "If you do not prevail in this case, the unions will have less political influence; yes or no?" The answer was yes, a victory for Janus would curb labor's political power. To which Kennedy candidly commented: "Isn't that the end of this case?"

But in making a point of his own, Kennedy also underscored that a labor setback would clearly benefit the Republican Party. As a paper for the National Bureau of Economic Research has shown, right-to-work laws, based on the principles of Janus' argument, decrease Democratic presidential vote shares by 3.5 percent.

The very slim hope of dodging a blatantly partisan decision rests with Chief Justice John Roberts. Yes, it's a long shot, but the chief has at times been sensitive to the dangers of the court appearing too partisan, and he is sympathetic to the rights of mediating institutions in our society, which include churches but also unions.

On the other hand, a 5-4 anti-labor ruling would remind us why Senate Republicans refused even to consider Judge Merrick Garland's nomination for the seat now occupied by Justice Neil Gorsuch. It would reveal a truly activist court mired in politics — and a long way from Roberts' vision of judges who only call balls and strikes.

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PERSPECTIVE



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Brian Cullinan, right, of PricewaterhouseCoopers, was blamed for last year's Oscars mix-up, in which the wrong movie was announced as the winner of best picture.

If the Oscars deliver an award mix-up sequel, whom will it star?

By Cory Franklin

The 2018 Academy Awards are Sunday, and the Hollywood powers-that-be are taking great pains to avoid last year's debacle, when the wrong winner for best picture was announced to the world. The cast of "La La Land" was onstage before the mistake was caught and "Moonlight" — the real winner — was announced.

According to The Hollywood Reporter, the blame fell to Brian Cullinan, a senior auditor for PricewaterhouseCoopers, who gave presenter Warren Beatty the wrong envelope for the winner of best picture and then failed to correct the mistake promptly. Cullinan was apparently distracted because he was doing a little forbidden backstage tweeting right before the presentation for best picture.

For all of us, this was a brief teachable moment on social media distraction (remember, no texting while driving), but it was a life-changer for Cullinan, a 32-year veteran of PwC. No mere petty misdemeanor like a messed-up tax return, this was the gross felony of humiliating the motion picture industry before millions of television viewers worldwide; such offenses are commonly punishable by metaphorical death. Cullinan was not fired, but he became persona non grata for a while in the movie community — which is almost the same as death.

Capital punishment in Hollywood is severe. Cullinan's name has become legend, reminiscent of the Flying Dutchman, the ship in maritime legend that haunted the seas around the Cape of Good Hope, fated to sail forever luring sailors and ships to their destruction. Brian Cullinan is to Hollywood what Steve Bartman is to some Chicago Cubs fans. And on the day he dies, his obituary, which might otherwise have been a small footnote in the Los Angeles Times, will probably instead be a major entry, complete with a retelling of the whole sordid 2017 Academy Awards affair. His death might even trend on Twitter — one succinct tweet: "Accountant responsible for Academy Awards fiasco dies." At least for that brief moment, he will once again be one of the most talked about people in Hollywood, as much as any of the stars involved in the 2017 proceedings.



ROBERT GAUTHIER/LOS ANGELES TIMES

Faye Dunaway and Warren Beatty mistakenly announced "La La Land" as best picture instead of "Moonlight" after being given the wrong envelope last year.

And what of Beatty and Faye Dunaway, the presenters and once-young stars of "Bonnie and Clyde," the epic movie from half a century ago? By any honest reckoning, they should have shared in the culpability of the Academy Awards disaster — at least Beatty. He was given an envelope that was presumably marked for a different category than best picture. He certainly must have noticed when he opened it onstage that it was not the right envelope.

Yet what did Beatty do? Did he call a timeout and ask someone for help? Nope, he gave it to his co-presenter, and under the bus went the unsuspecting Dunaway, left on her own to announce the name of the only movie she saw on the card. In front of the whole world. Beatty was a whole lot more chivalrous to poor Dunaway on the screen back in 1967, when he played Clyde Barrow to her Bonnie Parker. Immediately after their misadventure onstage, Dunaway left the premises faster than her alter ego Bonnie Parker left a bank job. Exercising more discretion than Bonnie, Dunaway disappeared and has had little to say about the incident since.

It's easy to forget that both Beatty and Dunaway are no youngsters. She's 77 and he is 80, so they were among the oldest presenters of best picture in Oscars history. At that age it's not easy to ad-lib onstage in front of a live audience, particularly for movie actors accustomed to reading lines written by others. In reality, though, neither Beatty nor Dunaway was ever in much danger of being blamed for the mix-up. Hollywood closes ranks quickly and rarely chastises its elite, unless it's for something really outré, like supporting Donald Trump.

So, as Humphrey Bogart said of Elisha Cook Jr. in "The Maltese Falcon," "We need a fall guy."

In this case it was left up to Cullinan to play the fall guy for the infamous Academy Awards Disaster of 2017. Cullinan was the unfortunate victim of the irony that, while many come to Hollywood to find the spotlight, occasionally the spotlight finds them.

You have to feel a little sad for him. Then again, maybe the whole thing would make for a good movie — if Cullinan has a good agent.

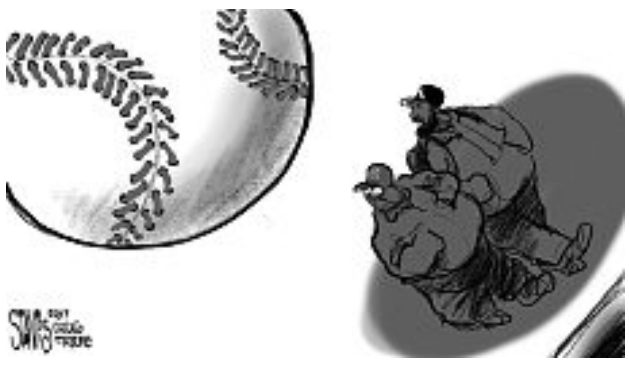
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LAST WEEK'S WINNERS



WINNER

Where's Steve Bartman when you need him?
— Michael Brosnan, Chicago

RUNNERS-UP

I read they've expanded the strike zone this year.
— Peter Janda, Arlington Heights

There's its shadow. Another six weeks until opening games.
— Susan Radzinowicz, Chicago

I'm afraid this might finally be the Giants' year.
— Jim Ziv, Chicago

PERSPECTIVE

Millennials, please fill the void in Washington — apply for a government job

By Daniel W. Drezner

A few days ago, a young woman asked me how someone interested in foreign affairs could remain active and involved while the Trump administration exists. This was someone who would likely excel at any career she chose, and was ideally suited to a career in foreign policy. The implication in her question, however, was that it was foolhardy to go work for the government — with an administration that has eviscerated America's soft power, there must be an nongovernmental organization or public-private partnership that could still do some good.

Those organizations certainly exist. The more I thought about it, however, the more I concluded that the best answer is to join the U.S. Foreign Service — and, yes, serve under the Trump administration.

Rex Tillerson's incompetent management of Foggy Bottom and the Trump White House's disdain for anything smacking of policy expertise has led to an exodus of trained personnel.

"The State Department's civilian workforce shrunk more than 6 percent overall during the initial eight months of the Trump administration, but that figure masks significantly higher departure rates in critical areas of the country's diplomatic apparatus," the daily Government Executive reported Feb. 9.

Daniel Byman wrote about this recently in The New York Times, stressing the theme of public service:

"Much of government is invisible to most Americans, but it is still vital. America needs people to devise a policy toward Brazil, prosecute drug dealers, buy weapons for the Army and administer Social Security, among many other tasks that are not glamorous but make a tangible difference in the lives of many Americans. ...

"Young people in particular should serve. Most would begin with minor duties, with many buffers between them and the president. Even if they disagree with Mr. Trump's policies, they need to learn the craft of government and will serve important roles in future administrations. Their value will come in 10 or 20 years when, as seasoned professionals themselves, they counsel presidents and implement their policies more effectively. If they don't serve, over time our government will become hollow."



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The Trump White House's disdain for policy expertise has thinned the professional ranks at Foggy Bottom.

Byman is completely correct, but let me offer a slightly different and more careerist reason to join the government during the Age of Trump: You would be buying low.

Let's be clear: No one wants to serve in this administration right now. On Wednesday, the president berated the attorney general and the Justice Department's inspector general on Twitter. White House communications director Hope Hicks announced her imminent departure on Wednesday, and she had a great relationship with the president. The Daily Beast's Lachlan Markay and Asawin Suebsaeng reported on what this means for the current state of the White House staff:

"The Trump White House already is operating without several key positions being filled. And in his short time in office, the president has been stung by multiple departures, including four communications directors, a chief of staff, a national security adviser, a chief strategist and a press secretary. One GOP operative likened it to having the 'B-team from year eight of an administration running things in year two' while wondering if anyone would want to fill these critical roles considering the daily drama that such gigs entail."

So why go into government now? For one thing, the Trump White House will soon be a bare-bones operation. Its ability to interfere with other departments could become more difficult over time.

The more important reason is that it is precisely when conditions seem inhospitable that a young person can make a difference. American 20-somethings interested in international affairs have often advanced their careers by volunteering to live in the less charming parts of the globe. Because of the hardship, they are given greater responsibilities than they otherwise would get. My early career was helped immensely by my willingness to live in Donetsk, Ukraine, during a year of mild hyperinflaton.

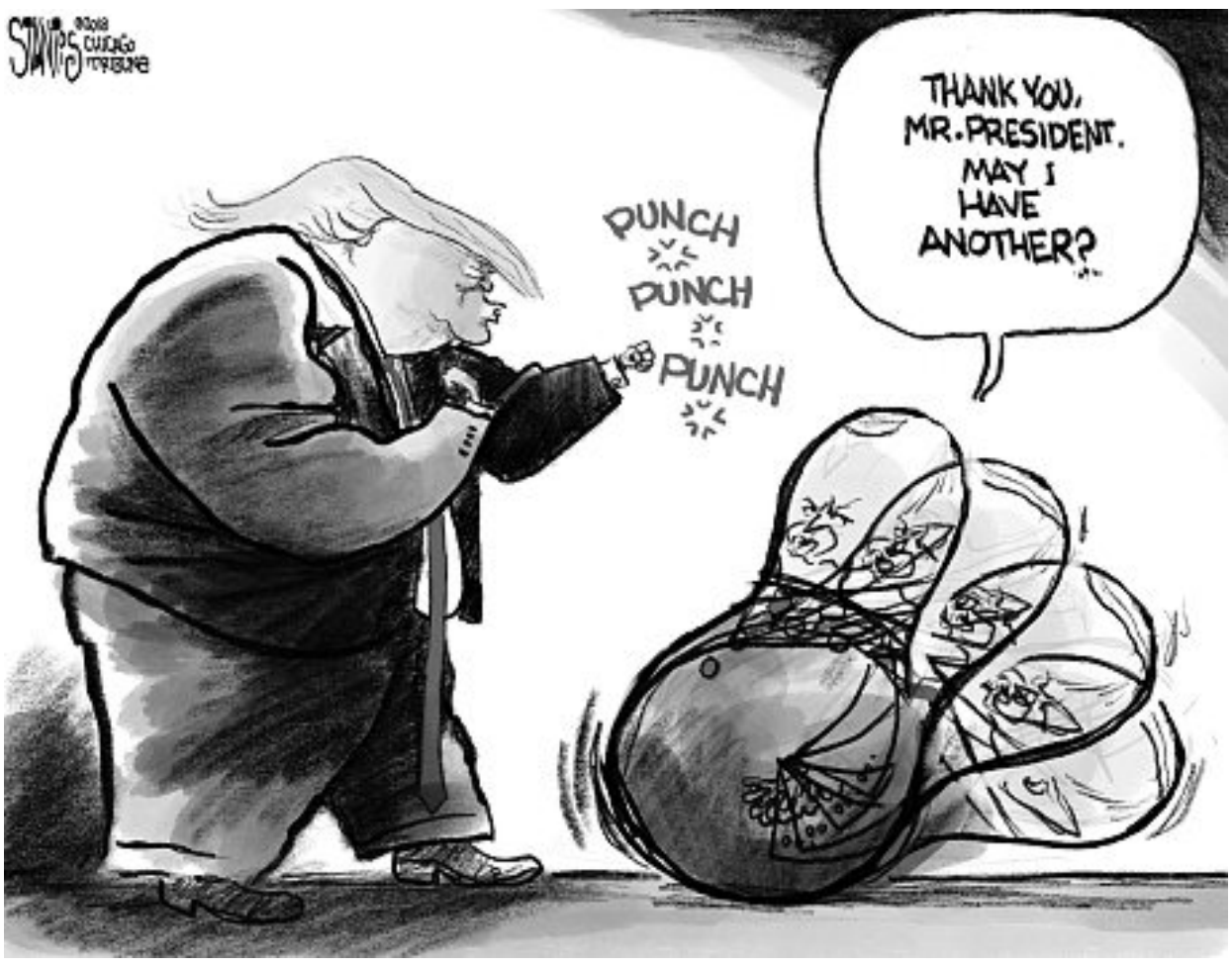
Aspiring young people interested in international affairs should think of Foggy Bottom right now as one of those inhospitable locales (the White House is another, far more ethically compromised story). No one wants to be there right now. The current administration will not last forever, however. A State Department under competent management will have a lot of interesting and challenging work to do. Best to swim against the tide and build up seniority now. Think of it as buying a stock that is fundamentally sound even as the market is panicking. You will not profit in the short run, but if you have the patience to buy and hold, you will prosper in the long run.

It's a bearish market for American foreign policy, but the fundamentals are decent. Buy low. Go and serve.

The Washington Post

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QUOTABLES

"Seeing everyone was good, but emotionally I was in shambles. I probably broke down into tears 10-plus times."

— Alexis Grogan, a 15-year-old sophomore at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., on returning to class for the first time since a mass shooter killed 17 people there Feb. 14

"I understand that people would think it should be free, as I do. But in reality, a museum can only squeeze so much out of (major donor families) the Kochs and the Sacklers and then you're on your own."

— Artist Ross Bleckner, on the Metropolitan Museum of Art's new $25 admission fee for visitors who aren't residents of the state of New York

"All that went through my mind the rest of the day was, 'I'm going to kill Randy Quaid, and this is how I will be remembered — the guy who killed Randy Quaid.' "

— Actor Doug Jones, who plays the fish-man in "The Shape of Water," on an earlier role as a giant bug. On the set of that film, he inadvertently injured Quaid with his bug pincers. Quaid survived with a minor gash.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Museum missteps

The former president, who addressed an audience at McCormick Place this week about his proposed Obama Presidential Center, continues to misstate the case. Most skeptics of the Obama Presidential Center would welcome its construction in Chicago — and at the same time oppose the Jackson Park siting and reject the arrogance of its promoters.

Plenty of commercial property suitable for the OPC lies waiting for improvement on the South Side, which would bring all of the benefits that its supporters supposedly desire yet would not disrupt green space and traffic. But the OPC forces and University of Chicago insist that it must sit on forcibly donated lakefront parkland (much like a certain entertainment magnate and his pet kitsch-art museum, before he was driven off).

A Washington Park location, while it too would have intruded on parkland, at least would have utilized undeveloped commercial lots on Martin Luther King Drive and would not have required a $175 million (or more) rerouting of traffic at taxpayers' expense.

And this doesn't even begin to answer why the foundation won't sit down with community organizers to strike a community benefits agreement, which could be a model for future projects. What does the OPC even represent if its builders simply bulldoze it through?

— Paul W. Mollica, Chicago

Change is coming

Although the location of the Obama Presidential Center appears firmly established, a great opportunity was missed by placing it in Jackson Park instead of Washington Park. The area of Washington Park, directly across from the DuSable Museum and in walking distance from the Smart Museum, Oriental Institute, and the Frederick C. Robie House, would have created a second Museum Campus and established a counterpoint to the Museum of Science and Industry on the east end of the Midway Plaisance.

The Chicago Park District has spent at least the last three years and considerable funds modifying the landscaping on the west side of Lake Shore Drive with dunes, grasses and an internal sprinkling system in the same area where the drive would require widening. The expense and inconvenience of widening the drive, destroying the landscaping, and closing or modifying portions of Cornell Drive and Hayes Drive would have been unnecessary if the OPC were moved. Parking and public transportation options would have also been much more available. The options for employment would not have varied and would have allowed for private development of the area directly west of the museum.

Oh well. What good is a "would have" when a less wise choice has already been made? I do feel for the people who live in the area west and south of Hyde Park. When the "outside world" is exposed to the beauty of the housing and space in Jackson Park, Washington Park, and the surrounding neighborhoods with such close proximity to the lake, change will start coming. We have only to look at Wicker Park and the South Loop to envision what the next 20 years will bring. Hold on to your hats.

— Lorraine Klabunde, Chicago

Victim blaming

In his March 1 opinion piece, American Enterprise Institute writer Marc A. Thiessen attempts to turn the tables on Americans who question the merit of the National Rifle Association and its adverse effects on safety in everyday society. He states that weapons such as the AR-15 are "critical" to Americans' right to self-defense and that people who don't abide by that philosophy do not respect "you or your gun rights."

Well, based on the absurd claim that a military-grade weapon is designed for "self-defense," it's not everyday Americans who do not respect the responsibility of gun rights. It is gun owners whose escalation of armaments has resulted in a militarized society where literally no one is safe from the murderous carnage, not even the police. But rational Americans know better.

Thiessen is using the classic neoliberal strategy of blaming the innocent victims of unhindered gun violence for not protecting themselves. He should be ashamed of the gross accusation, but the NRA and its allies obviously have no shame.

— Christopher Cudworth, North Aurora

Best guess

Marc A. Thiessen's Thursday commentary piece said, "The NRA is a grass-roots organization made up of millions of decent, patriotic Americans who believe that guns in the hands of law-abiding citizens make our country safer, not more dangerous."

I believe that guns in the hands of law-abiding citizens make our country more dangerous, not safer.

Both claims are simply matters of belief because Congress, backed by the National Rifle Association, limits research on gun violence as a public health issue by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Until Congress, a subsidiary of the NRA, permits funding for evidence-based research on gun violence, claims like the two above are mere speculation.

Nevertheless, it is easy to speculate why the NRA opposes fact-based research on gun violence.

— Bob Barth, Chicago

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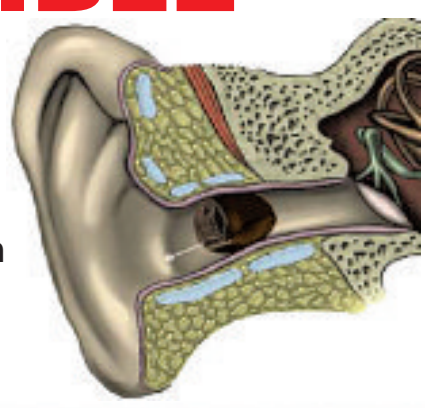
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The Wrigley Building, which was built in the 1920s, was sold for $33 million in 2011 and renovated.

Wrigley Building changing hands?

Asking price of landmark Michigan Avenue towers likely to top $200M



Ryan Ori
On Real Estate

The Wrigley Building is expected to go up for sale, a deal that could fetch more than $200 million for one of Chicago's most iconic buildings.

The ownership group, led by majority investor BDT Capital Partners, has interviewed investment sales brokers as it considers putting the two-tower structure on the market, according to sources.

It's unclear how much the owners expect the riverfront landmark to sell for, but it's believed to be in excess of $200 million. That price is more than six times the $33 million a group led by Byron Trott's investment firm BDT, Zeller Realty Group and Groupon co-founders Brad Keywell and Eric Lefkofsky paid for the building in 2011.

A BDT spokeswoman did not respond to requests for comment. Zeller Realty Group President Ari Glass declined to comment.

Even after factoring in a reported $70 million spent renovating the approximately 472,000-square-foot building, a sale price topping $200 million would generate a huge profit.

The BDT venture bought the Wrigley Building from the Wm.

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Trump plans steep tariffs on aluminum, steel

Move on imports catches markets, own staff off guard

By Don Lee
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump unveiled plans Thursday to slap hefty tariffs on global imports of steel and aluminum, catching much of his administration by surprise, sending stocks plunging and sparking widespread fears that he was leading the United States into an ugly trade war with China as well as key American allies.

Trump said he would sign an order next week to impose 25 percent tariffs on steel imports and 10 percent duties on aluminum, using his authority under an obscure trade law provision that permits the president to take sweeping measures in the name of U.S. national security.

Trump has long been a critic of U.S. trade policies, and he was elected partly on the promise to revamp the way the nation does business with the rest of the world. On Thursday, Trump told U.S. manufacturers that they will "have protection for a long time. .... You'll have to regrow your industries. That's all I'm asking."

For months, administration officials with less nationalistic views on trade, such as chief economic adviser Gary Cohn, have tried to dissuade Trump from imposing tariffs on countries that he views as taking unfair advantage of the U.S. The shift appeared to reflect the recent rise in influence of more hawkish advisers who share Trump's skepticism of trade, including Peter Navarro.

Trump's declaration came after a chaotic 12 hours in which administration officials first said

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President Donald Trump said he'll impose a tariff on imports to shield U.S. mills, such as ArcelorMittal in Indiana.

Sinclair still behind wheel in WGN sale to car dealer

Tribune Media buyer submits plan to satisfy FCC's ownership cap

By Robert Channick
Chicago Tribune

Sinclair Broadcast Group is selling WGN-TV to a Maryland auto dealer but would remain in control of the station in what critics say is a bid to skirt ownership limits and win federal regulatory approval for its proposed $3.9 billion acquisition of Tribune Media.

That means "Terrorism Alert Desk" and other programming staples of politically conservative Sinclair may yet be headed to Chicago's airwaves. Under terms of the $60 million station sale, filed Wednesday with the Federal Communications Commission, Sinclair would provide everything from programming to advertising sales to the buyer, essentially running WGN-Ch. 9 through a services agreement.

The licensee of WGN would be a newly formed company headed by Steven Fader, a longtime business associate of Sinclair Executive Chairman David Smith. Sinclair will have an option to buy back the station for the same price, subject to adjustments, within eight years.

The services agreement puts Sinclair in charge of advertising sales and gives it the right to provide local news and other programming to WGN. Sinclair would keep 30 percent of all ad sales and receive a $5.4 million monthly service fee for operating the station during the first year, with annual increases and performance bonuses.

Fader is CEO of Atlantic Automotive Corp., a Towson, Md.-based auto dealership group in which Smith holds a controlling interest, according to Sinclair financial statements. Fader also is chairman and co-founder of private equity firm Atlantic Capital Group.

He could not be reached Thursday for comment.

Hunt Valley, Md.-based Sin-

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A group of investors led by Kushner Cos. bought the building at 225 W. Randolph St. in 2007.

Loan on Kushner-owned Loop tower faces scrutiny

$184M deal came after White House meetings with equity fund founder

By Ryan Ori
Chicago Tribune

Jared Kushner's real estate firm is facing scrutiny over the recent $184 million refinancing of its Loop office tower by a private equity fund after its founder met with Kushner at the White House.

Kushner Cos., owned by the family of President Donald Trump's senior adviser and son-in-law, on Nov. 1 took out the $184 million loan on the 30-story building at 225 W. Randolph St., according to Cook County property records.

On Wednesday, The New York Times reported the loan from an affiliate of Apollo Global Management was made after Apollo founder Joshua Harris met multiple times with Kushner at the White House. Topics of the meetings included a potential White House job for Harris, which never materialized, according to the Times' report. Kushner is married to Ivanka Trump, the president's daughter.

The report is the latest twist in the 10-plus years that Kushner's New York-based firm has owned the Randolph Street tower, which is AT&T's Midwest regional headquarters.

A group of investors led by Kushner Cos. bought the approximately 849,000-square-foot office building for $275.7 million in December 2007, as real estate values were peaking ahead of an eventual crash. The deal was a sale-leaseback, in which AT&T signed a 15-year lease for the entire building.

Kushner has made multiple attempts to sell the building in recent years, for even more than the firm paid in 2007. Yet as the term of AT&T's lease has decreased, thus driving down the perceived value of the tower, Kushner has been unable to find a buyer.

The loan from Apollo represents a significant increase in debt on the Randolph Street tower. It replaces a $132.2 million loan from PNC Bank that was set to mature two months before Kushner secured the new loan, according to county property records.

The loan from Apollo matures in 2021, with a potential extension to 2023, according to loan documents.

Since the sale-leaseback deal, AT&T has subleased some of its space in the building to other tenants. By the time the loan extension option arrives, AT&T's long-term intentions for the building — and thus the property's value — are likely to be clearer. AT&T's lease expires at the end of 2022, according to an HFF marketing flyer from when the tower previously was on the market for sale.

Should AT&T reduce its space significantly, or leave the tower entirely, Kushner could be hard-pressed to secure a new loan large enough to replace the recent $184 million in debt.

The AT&T building is Kushner's only Chicago property. The Holabird & Root-designed building was completed in 1967 and has been renovated in 1991 and 2007, according to the marketing flyer from brokerage HFF.

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Wrigley sale expected

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Wrigley Jr. Co., which moved its remaining 250 employees in the building to the company's longtime Goose Island campus. The new owners faced the lengthy and costly task of finding new tenants for a building that was two-thirds vacant after the namesake tenant moved out.

But the venture cashed in by opening up the walkway that runs between the building's north and south towers, signing new retail tenants and demolishing and redeveloping outdated floors of office space.

Most of the office space is now leased, and two ground-floor retail spaces remain vacant. The Wrigley Building is along the northern edge of the Chicago River, at 400 and 410 N. Michigan Ave.

The largest office tenant is architecture firm Perkins + Will, which leases more than 60,000 square feet. Retail tenants at the base of the building include a Walgreens drugstore, a Peet's Coffee flagship and a Ghirardelli ice cream and chocolate shop.

Much of the redevelopment cost was covered when, in 2014, the BDT venture sold a nearby parking lot on Wabash Avenue, which came with the purchase of the Wrigley Building, for $42 million.

The parking lot was sold to California-based shopping mall owner Macerich, owner of the nearby Shops at North Bridge, which is planning a large development on the site that could be linked to the Michigan Avenue mall.

Designed by famed architecture firm Graham, Anderson, Probst & White, the Beaux-Arts building, named a Chicago landmark in 2012, is known for its distinctive clock tower and a facade made from more than 250,000 terra cotta tiles. The chewing gum giant completed the 24-story south tower in 1921 before connecting it to the 18-story north tower in 1924. The towers are connected by enclosed walkways.

Wrigley's clock tower is patterned after the bell tower of the Seville cathedral in Spain.



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Ironworkers on the Chicago River in the shadow of the Wrigley Building in 1987.

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Brewers among losers in Trump's tariffs plan

Chicago Tribune staff

President Donald Trump announced Thursday that next week he will sign off on a 25 percent tariff for imported steel and 10 percent tariff for foreign aluminum. The decision was met with objections from manufacturers in numerous industries and many fellow Republicans.

Here's a look at some of the winners and losers under Trump's plan.

Winners

U.S. steelmakers and aluminum producers. Companies that have cut production and employees as a result of imports may now have reason to restart their production lines. Chicago-based Century Aluminum, whose products include the high-purity aluminum needed to make military fighter jets, shut down some production lines at its Hawesville, Ky., smelter in late 2015. CEO Michael Bless told Reuters last week that tariffs or import quotas would allow it to move back toward full production and rehire 350 workers at that facility. Its shares closed up 7.5 percent Thursday.

Major steelmakers like Nucor and U.S. Steel have sites in Illinois, as do companies that manipulate steel into flat bars, coils, and other finished steel products.

"Illinois has a proud steel history," said Mark Denzler, vice president and chief operating officer of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association. "Presumably this action would aid the steel companies and you'll see increased production in the United States and Illinois."

Losers

Automakers and other manufacturers. Companies that purchase steel — like automakers — will see higher prices for steel that could be passed on to consumers.

"The direct effect of a tariff on imported goods is generally to raise the production cost for businesses that use those goods ... as well as to raise the price for final users that consume them as end products," said Brent Neiman, professor of economics at the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business.

The American Automotive Policy Council, which represents General Motors, Ford and Fiat Chrysler, warned in a statement last month that tariffs on steel and aluminum would lead to higher prices for the materials in the U.S. compared with what foreign competitors pay. "This would place the U.S. automotive industry, which supports more than 7 million American jobs, at a competitive disadvantage," Matt Blunt, the council's president, said in a Feb. 16 statement.

Shares in all three automakers closed down Thursday.

Brewers and beer drinkers. Brewers, which sell an increasing amount of beer in aluminum cans, worry the tariffs will usher in higher costs and supply limitations.

"This action will cause aluminum prices to rise and is likely to lead to job losses across the beer industry," Gavin Hattersley, CEO of Chicago-based MillerCoors, said in a statement. "We buy as much domestic can sheet aluminum as is available. However, there simply isn't enough supply to satisfy the demands of American beverage-makers like us."

The Beer Institute, which represents beer producers and importers, including MillerCoors and Constellation Brands' Chicago-based beer division, said the 10 percent tariff on aluminum would cost the industry $347.7 million and more than 20,000 jobs.

Buyers of canned food. The tin cans that most vegetables, fruits, beans and other processed foods are sold in are made out of tinplate steel, but only 58 percent of domestic demand can be met by U.S. tinplate producers.

"We need that foreign metal. The concern is we won't have enough metal for product, and there would potentially be a product shortage," said Nick George, president of the Midwest Food Products Association, a trade association that advocates on behalf of food processing companies and related industries in Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin. "Will it raise prices? That is the concern."

General contractors. The tariffs will have an almost immediate impact on the cost of steel purchased for construction projects, whether it's rebar for highway projects or structural steel used in commercial projects, said Ken Simonson, chief economist for the Arlington, Va.-based Associated General Contractors of America.

"Steel is pretty ubiquitous in construction," Simonson said. "It would affect the cost of pretty much every construction project, ranging from a single-family home to a refinery to a bridge."

Aluminum is also used in construction, often in siding and architectural elements, Simonson said.

Regulations could spark trade war

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Trump would take action, then said he would wait. In the end, he made the announcement in an almost off-the-cuff manner, responding to a question from reporters at a meeting with steel industry officials.

Stocks sank sharply after his remarks, as investors, already nervous about rising inflation and interest rates, began calculating the risks of trade conflicts, particularly with China. The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 420.22 points, or 1.68 percent. The S&P 500 fell 36.16, or 1.33 percent, while the Nasdaq shed 92.45, or 1.27 percent.

Details of the tariffs were unclear, including whether they would apply to all countries or just primary targets, such as China.

Trump himself added to the expectations by tweeting early Thursday: "Our Steel and Aluminum industries (and many others) have been decimated by decades of unfair trade and bad policy with countries from around the world. We must not let our country, companies and workers be taken advantage of any longer. We want free, fair and SMART TRADE!"

Administration officials did not give a reason for the back and forth, but some analysts speculated that the confused timing reflected "internal chaos" in the White House.

The president has been weighing various options to limit imported aluminum and steel, which accounts for about one-fourth of U.S. consumption and has left domestic mills running well below capacity. Imposing tariffs or quotas would represent Trump's most consequential action to date to overhaul U.S. trade practices, which he has sharply criticized for causing industrial decline and loss of jobs.

The president has until mid-April to issue his decision on the tariffs under the U.S. trade law through which the administration is pursuing the punitive measures. Officials are invoking a rarely used and controversial provision of the law that grants the president wide discretion to restrict imports on the grounds of national security.

Domestic producers, along with unions and lawmakers in steel-producing states, have been pressuring Trump to act swiftly, but some in the administration have sought to restrain the president, arguing that such action will hurt some U.S. companies and consumers of steel, and possibly the U.S. economy, and is certain to raise the ire of allies and adversaries alike.

Analysts expect the Chinese will target U.S. agricultural exports like soybeans, whose farmers are a politically powerful lobby in Congress and are likely to put pressure on the administration.

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Juan Estrada labels a pet bowl Tuesday at WeatherTech in Bolingbrook. The PetComfort line involves about 100 workers.

WeatherTech's founder adds line of pet feeders

Bolingbrook firm known for car mats stresses safety, jobs

By Robert Channick
Chicago Tribune



WeatherTech founder and CEO David MacNeil is a longtime dog owner. His pet bowls will sell for $90 to $150 each.

WeatherTech founder David MacNeil, who built an unlikely car floor mat manufacturing empire in suburban Bolingbrook, is launching his latest pet project this week: ergonomic dog and cat bowls.

Billed as a "revolutionary pet feeding system," PetComfort features an elevated plastic stand and mat, two oblong stainless steel bowls and a lofty price tag: $90 to $150 each, depending on size.

Like he does with his floor mats, MacNeil is touting a "made in America" product — and the jobs that go with it. Unlike his floor mats, and most pet bowls, everything is certified as safe for human consumption.

"My thoughts are that if it's not (safe) for human use, I don't really want to feed my dog out of it," said MacNeil, a longtime dog owner, whose golden retriever, Scout, is the featured model on the PetComfort website.

MacNeil was inspired to create the pet bowls after losing his last three dogs to cancer. He believes toxic materials in pet bowls contributed to their deaths. He pointed to a 2012 recall of imported Petco stainless steel bowls that contained radioactive Cobalt-60 as a catalyst for his new venture and a cautionary tale for pet owners.

"I'm offended by people who think they can get away with substandard materials or quality control for things to do with our pets," MacNeil said.

Petco coordinated with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency on the recall, which was limited to pet bowls from two shipments. The agency issued a news release at the time assuring consumers that the contaminated bowls posed no immediate health risk.

Two years in development, the PetComfort feeding system includes NSF-certified stainless steel bowls, an anti-microbial mat, and a design that makes it easier to reach that last piece of kibble, especially for older animals, MacNeil said.

Manufactured at his Bolingbrook floor mat factory, there are eight sizes — based on pet height — and 11 colors to choose from. About 100 of his employees are dedicated to the pet bowl project, and he is hoping to hire more workers if demand ramps up.

While doubters likely abound, MacNeil's entrepreneurial track record and some growing trends in the pet supplies industryindicate that his ambition to change the way dogs and cats eat may not be that unrealistic.

"I think a few of my friends laughed at me when I said, 'I'm selling black rubber floor mats,' back in 1989," MacNeil said.

MacNeil, who grew up in Oak Park and River Forest, started WeatherTech out of his Clarendon Hills home. Originally an importer, he began making his own mats using outside manufacturers, eventually bringing production in-house. MacNeil relocated operations to Bolingbrook in 2009.

He wouldn't disclose annual sales but said privately held WeatherTech's revenue is big enough to support a sprawling southwest suburban campus, 1,500 employees and an advertising budget that has included $5 million Super Bowl commercials for five years running.

Meanwhile, the pet supplies industry is booming in the U.S., with more than two-thirds of households owning at least one pet, according to an annual survey by the American Pet Products Association, a Connecticut-based trade organization. That includes about 60 million dog households and 47 million inhabited by a cat.

In 2016, American pet owners spent nearly $67 billion on supplies, with the majority going to food, the association's survey found. The average dog owner spends $307 per year, while cat owners spend about $291 per year on food.

Bob Vetere, president and CEO of the association, said owners are spending more on their pets per capita, especially in categories like food, where trends in human consumption such as organic, natural and vegan products have made their way to the pet aisles.

"It's almost like walking into a grocery store for humans, when you start to look at the selections of dog and cat food," Vetere said.

When it comes to what to serve the food in, owners are increasingly concerned about the materials used in pet bowls, according to the association's survey.

Vetere said there are ongoing studies about the effect of materials in bowls on the health of pets that could lead to a "marked shift" in demand for products such as MacNeil's new feeding system.

"You will start to see some definite health claims being attributed to certain composition of bowls," Vetere said. "These guys might be right at the tip of a very large trend."

A ubiquitous advertiser who voices his own radio spots, MacNeil has already taken to the airwaves this week to pitch his newest product. PetComfort billboards — featuring a larger-than-life Scout selling "100% Non-Toxic" pet bowls — have also begun popping up.

Ever ambitious, MacNeil is hoping to bring his pet bowls to next year's Super Bowl telecast, where WeatherTech established itself as a national brand.

Whether pet owners will pay as much as $150 for the PetComfort product remains to be seen, since most elevated two-bowl feeding systems sell for between $20 and $40 at Petco, PetSmart and other major retailers.

MacNeil is convinced his message — and his product — will resonate with pet owners.

"People absolutely love their pets, and they consider them family members," MacNeil said. "To ensure that they're being fed safely, I think is priceless."

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Equifax: 2.4M more affected by data breach

By Brian Fung
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Equifax said the additional 2.4 million consumers affected by the data breach had less personal information stolen.

Equifax said Thursday that 2.4 million more consumers than previously reported were affected by the data breach the company suffered last year, adding to an already stunning toll.

This means that as many as 147.9 million consumers have been affected in some way by the breach, which amounts to about half the country.

The affected people's compromised information involves partial driver's license data. It does not include Social Security numbers, which were the focus of earlier analyses of the breach and the reason this group of consumers was not identified sooner, according to the credit reporting company.

"This is not about newly discovered stolen data," said Paulino do Rego Barros Jr., Equifax's interim chief executive. "It's about sifting through the previously identified stolen data, analyzing other information in our databases that was not taken by the attackers, and making connections that enabled us to identify additional individuals."

This is not the first time Equifax has expanded its estimate of the breach's impact, which initially was put at 143 million consumers. In October, the company raised its estimate by 2.5 million, to 145.5 million. The company was dragged to Capitol Hill to answer for its missteps, with former chief executive Richard Smith — who by then had resigned in light of the crisis — accepting responsibility for the breach.

Last month, a probe by Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., said the company failed to keep its computer systems adequately up to date and was not forthcoming enough about its description of the damage.

"I spent five months investigating the Equifax breach and found the company failed to disclose the full extent of the hack," Warren said Thursday.

The Republican leader of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, Rep. Greg Walden of Oregon, said Thursday that despite "repeated" requests for documents, the credit agency has provided only partial responses.

Fixed mortgage rates keep rising

Fears of inflation likely mean more increases to come

By Kathy Orton
The Washington Post

Fixed mortgage rates continued their upward march this week.

According to the latest data released Thursday by Freddie Mac, the 30-year fixed-rate average climbed to 4.43 percent with an average 0.5 point. (Points are fees paid to a lender equal to 1 percent of the loan amount.) It was 4.40 percent a week ago and 4.10 percent a year ago.

The 15-year fixed-rate average rose to 3.90 percent with an average 0.5 point. It was 3.85 percent a week ago and 3.32 percent a year ago. The five-year adjustable-rate average slipped to 3.62 percent with an average 0.4 point. It was 3.65 percent a week ago and 3.14 percent a year ago.

"The 30-year rate has been on a tear in 2018, climbing 48 basis points since the start of the year and increasing for eight consecutive weeks," Len Kiefer, deputy chief economist at Freddie Mac, said in a statement. A basis point is 0.01 percentage point.

Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell appeared before Congress this week, painting an optimistic picture of the U.S. economy. He reiterated that the central bank will continue to raise interest rates at a slow and steady pace. Most observers expect the next increase later this month.

Powell "was more bullish than expected," said Shashank Shekhar, chief executive of Arcus Lending. "He was very upbeat about the economy and concerned about the rising inflation, both of which will trigger more Fed rate hikes this year."

Although the Fed doesn't set mortgage rates, its decisions influence them. Investor expectations tend to have a greater effect on home loan rates. Good economic news tends to be bad for mortgage rates because a strong economy raises fears about inflation.

Higher mortgage rates, rising home prices and the loss of tax breaks for some homeowners are having a dampening effect on the housing market. New-home sales and pending home sales slumped in January.

It doesn't appear mortgage rates' ascent will soon abate. Bankrate.com, which has weekly rate trend index, found almost half of the experts it surveyed say rates will rise in the coming week.

Twitter seeks help on easing toxicity

By Hayley Tsukayama
The Washington Post

Twitter on Thursday announced plans to take a more critical look at its dark side and asked for outside help to develop ways that it can raise the tone of online conversation.

Twitter Chief Executive Jack Dorsey, in a series of tweets, said the company is starting to look at the problems on its network differently. Rather than simply looking at how it can effectively take down troubling content, he said the company will also now begin looking at how it can encourage and foster better conversation in the first place.

"We've focused most of our efforts on removing content against our terms, instead of building a systemic framework to help encourage more healthy debate, conversations, and critical thinking," Dorsey said. "This is the approach we now need."

Twitter has struggled for years with balancing what some critics say is an idealistic commitment to free expression with the reality that its fast-moving, public network also amplifies hateful, false and sometimes-violent ideas. That criticism has only intensified as the network's influence has grown. Twitter, along with Google and Facebook, was also questioned by Congress over the companies' role in Russia's attempts to influence the 2016 election.

Twitter has announced several policy changes aimed at limiting hate speech on its network — but many have criticized what they see as inconsistent implementation of those policies. For example, the company in February removed thousands of accounts under the suspicion that they were bots or had otherwise violated its policies, but political conservatives said they had been unfairly targeted in the purge.

Thursday's announcement did not specify any changes to Twitter's existing policies. It also did not include any new measures that immediately affect users. Instead it signals that Twitter is willing to take a more critical and realistic look at its long-standing issues.

"We love instant, public, global messaging and conversation," Dorsey said. "It's what Twitter is and it's why we're here. But we didn't fully predict or understand the real-world negative consequences. We acknowledge that now, and are determined to find holistic and fair solutions."

Before it can improve its conversational health, the company is first asking for help getting a diagnosis. Twitter issued an open call for proposals to devise a system through which it can evaluate the "conversational health" of its network of roughly 330 million regular users. Dorsey said Twitter would like to create a framework to measure the tone of online conversations, inspired by the work from two groups tied to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's media lab — the nonprofit Cortico and an MIT research group called Social Machines that also has existing ties to Twitter.

Twitter will accept proposals until April 13; it expects to announce the first selected projects in July.

Georgia GOP passes bill to punish Delta for NRA split

Pro-gun Republicans in the Georgia legislature have won a political victory over Delta Air Lines, denying the company a hefty tax break after it cut ties with the National Rifle Association in the wake of a deadly shooting at a Florida high school.

The state House and Senate passed by large margins Thursday a sweeping tax bill the GOP amended to strip out a sales tax exemption on jet fuel. Atlanta-based Delta would have been the prime beneficiary.

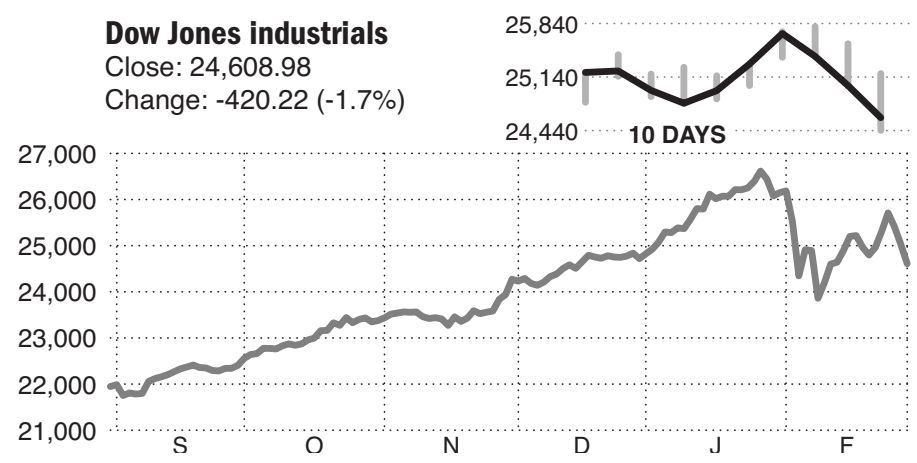
The measure now goes to the desk of Republican Gov. Nathan Deal, who criticized the "unbecoming squabble" on Wednesday but said he would sign the tax bill into law in whatever form it passed.

Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle and other Republicans vowed to kill the Delta tax break after the airline announced it would no longer offer discounted fares to NRA members.

— Associated Press

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow **High: 25,185.35** **Low: 24,442.56** **Previous: 25,029.20**



Nasdaq		S&P 500		Russell 2000	
↘	-92.45 (-1.27%)	↘	-36.16 (-1.33%)	↘	-5.06 (-.33%)
Close	7,180.56	Close	2,677.67	Close	1,507.39
High	7,307.85	High	2,730.89	High	1,522.47
Low	7,117.66	Low	2,659.65	Low	1,494.29
Previous	7,273.01	Previous	2,713.83	Previous	1,512.45

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
↘	↘	↘	↘	↘
-.05 to 2.81%	-12.60 to $1,302.90	-.42 to 106.24/$1	-.0034 to .8160/$1	-.65 to $60.99

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
-1.42	-.41	-.97	-6.02	-2.78	-5.11	+17.17	+22.51	+12.42
↘	↘	↘	↘	↘	↘	↗	↗	↗

FUTURES

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	491.25	506.25	482.75	505.50	+21
		May 18	495.50	518	489.50	515.50	+20.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	374	379	372	378.75	+4.25
		May 18	381.50	386.50	379.50	386.25	+4.25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	1043.75	1057.50	1041	1057.50	+12.50
		May 18	1053.75	1068.75	1050.75	1068	+12.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 18	32.04	32.30	31.66	32.12	+.16
		May 18	32.29	32.59	31.93	32.39	+.16
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 18	392.00	394.50	384.50	394.00	-.20
		May 18	392.20	398.00	384.10	397.20	+2.50
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Apr 18	61.55	61.83	60.18	60.99	-.65
		May 18	61.39	61.64	60.02	60.80	-.67
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, $ per mm btu	Apr 18	2.668	2.731	2.642	2.698	+.031
		May 18	2.701	2.756	2.672	2.729	+.033
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Apr 18	1.9264	1.9335	1.8777	1.8964	-.0282
		May 18	1.9409	1.9482	1.8944	1.9107	-.0286

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. *Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ*

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	58.79	-1.54
AbbVie Inc	N	113.84	-1.99
Allstate Corp	N	92.06	-.20
Aptargroup Inc	N	89.00	-.42
Arch Dan Mid	N	41.25	-.27
Baxter Intl	N	66.31	-1.32
Boeing Co	N	349.69	-12.52
Brunswick Corp	N	60.91	+3.71
CBOE Global Markets	O	111.36	-.38
CDK Global Inc	O	67.64	-1.04
CDW Corp	O	72.08	-.85
CF Industries	N	41.65	+.41
CME Group	O	162.26	-3.90
CNA Financial	N	50.10	-.96
Caterpillar Inc	N	150.23	-4.40
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	36.40	+.27
Deere Co	N	156.81	-4.06
Discover Fin Svcs	N	75.21	-3.62
Dover Corp	N	97.90	-2.20
Equity Commonwlth	N	29.55	+.13
Equity Lifesty Prop	N	84.43	-.18
Equity Residential	N	56.32	+.09
Exelon Corp	N	36.94	-.10
First Indl RT	N	28.20	+.17
Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	59.90	-.76
Gallagher AJ	N	68.37	-.33
Grainger WW	N	255.71	-5.84
GrubHub Inc	N	97.55	-1.86
Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	81.57	-2.09
Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	76.32	-.95
IDEX Corp	N	135.94	-.86
ITW	N	158.44	-3.00
Ingredion Inc	N	128.95	-1.69
John Bean Technol	N	110.30	-.45
Jones Lang LaSalle	N	161.92	+1.31
KapStone Paper	N	34.75	-.14
Kraft Heinz Co	O	66.89	-.16
LKQ Corporation	O	39.38	-.10
Littelfuse Inc	O	207.53	+.03
MB Financial	O	41.16	+.15
McDonalds Corp	N	155.70	-2.04
Middleby Corp	O	118.02	-2.23
Mondelez Intl	O	43.62	-.28
Morningstar Inc	O	92.48	-.97
Motorola Solutions	N	106.32	+.17
Navistar Intl	N	36.76	-.56
NiSource Inc	N	23.17	+.04
Nthn Trust Cp	O	103.67	-2.20
Old Republic	N	19.91	-.12
Packaging Corp Am	N	118.59	-.61
Stericycle Inc	O	62.04	-.63
TransUnion	N	57.39	+.32
Tribune Media Co A	N	41.48	-.19
USG Corp	N	32.89	-.53
Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	200.71	-2.64
United Contl Hldgs	N	67.54	-.25
Ventas Inc	N	49.58	+1.26
Walgreen Boots Alli	O	70.20	+1.31
Wintrust Financial	O	84.52	+.01
Zebra Tech	O	140.68	+2.54

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Bank of America	31.48	-.50
Gen Electric	14.02	-.09
Ford Motor	10.29	-.32
AK Steel Hold	5.65	+.49
Colony NorthStar Inc	6.00	-1.78
Chesapk Engy	2.80	-.02
Rite Aid Corp	1.88	-.09
US Steel Corp	46.01	+2.50
Penney JC Co Inc	3.92	-.41
Barrick Gold	11.42	-.10
LendingClub Corp	3.65	+.50
Vale SA	13.58	-.15
Valeant Pharma	15.26	-1.13
Verizon Comm	47.96	+.22
AT&T Inc	36.00	-.30
Wells Fargo & Co	57.31	-1.10
Pfizer Inc	35.63	-.68
Cleveland-Cliffs Inc	7.75	+.72
General Motors Co	37.79	-1.56
Snap Inc A	17.21	-.11
Twitter Inc	32.24	+.38
Weatherford Intl Ltd	2.56	-.07
Sthwstn Energy	3.71	+.14
Citigroup	73.66	-1.83

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Adv Micro Dev	11.90	-.21
Micron Tech	47.62	-1.19
Apple Inc	175.00	-3.12
Novavax Inc	2.27	+.10
Microsoft Corp	92.85	-.92
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.29	+.01
Intel Corp	47.84	-1.45
Comcast Corp A	36.54	+.33
Cisco Syst	43.80	-.98
Nvidia Corporation	232.21	-9.79
MagneGas Corp	1.26	+.19
Facebook Inc	175.93	-2.39
Akers Biosciences	.76	+.03
Neovasc Inc	.21	-.03
Applied Matls	57.07	-.52
JD.com Inc	46.21	-.94
Patterson Cos	24.11	-7.48
TOP Ships Inc	.14	-.01
Monster Beverage Cp	54.22	-9.15
21st Century Fox A	35.92	-.90
CSX Corp	54.52	+.80
Cronos Group Inc	9.69	+.52
Netflix Inc	290.39	-.99
AmTrust Finl Svcs	13.07	+1.10

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3276.76	+17.4/+.5
Stoxx600	374.86	-4.8/-1.3
Nikkei	21724.47	-343.8/-1.6
MSCI-EAFE	2023.47	-36.6/-1.8
Bovespa	85377.79	+24.2/+.0
FTSE 100	7175.64	-56.3/-.8
CAC-40	5262.56	-57.9/-1.1

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	36.00	-.30
Alphabet Inc C	1069.52	-35.21
Alphabet Inc A	1071.41	-32.51
Amazon.com Inc	1493.45	-19.00
Apple Inc	175.00	-3.12
Bank of America	31.48	-.50
Berkshire Hath A	302946	-7304
Berkshire Hath B	201.53	-5.67
Exxon Mobil Corp	75.20	-.54
Facebook Inc	175.93	-2.39
Intel Corp	47.84	-1.45
JPMorgan Chase	113.43	-2.07
Johnson & Johnson	127.28	-2.60
Microsoft Corp	92.85	-.92
Royal Dutch Shell A	63.15	-.12
Source Cap	40.95	-.32
Unitedhealth Group	224.45	-1.71
WalMart Strs	89.08	-.93
Wells Fargo & Co	57.31	-1.10

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.59	1.63
6-month disc	1.79	1.81
2-year	2.22	2.26
10-year	2.81	2.86
30-year	3.09	3.13

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	$1302.90	$1315.50
Silver	$16.200	$16.324
Platinum	$957.80	$988.10

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	4.50
Discount Rate Primary	2.00
Fed Funds Target	1.25-1.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.28

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys . . .

Argentina (Peso)	20.1572
Australia (Dollar)	1.2888
Brazil (Real)	3.2546
Britain (Pound)	.7263
Canada (Dollar)	1.2832
China (Yuan)	6.3603
Euro	.8160
India (Rupee)	65.253
Israel (Shekel)	3.4834
Japan (Yen)	106.24
Mexico (Peso)	18.8750
Poland (Zloty)	3.42
So. Korea (Won)	1083.95
Taiwan (Dollar)	29.33
Thailand (Baht)	31.49

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG IN $	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCpA m	32.72	-.35	+18.3
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	26.95	-.15	+9.5
American Funds CptWldGrIncA m	51.69	-.50	+18.3
American Funds CptlIncBldrA m	61.46	-.31	+7.5
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	56.68	-.53	+23.4
American Funds FdmtlInvsA m	62.52	-.73	+15.7
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	51.54	-.58	+21.0
American Funds IncAmrcA m	22.97	-.16	+6.9
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	40.73	-.45	+13.4
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	44.37	-.53	+22.5
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	45.48	-.56	+13.0
DFA EMktCorEqI	23.66	-.07	+25.2
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.62	+.01	+2.4
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	46.14	-.49	+15.2
Dodge & Cox Stk	204.35	-2.48	+10.7
DoubleLine TtlRetBdI	10.48	+.03	+2.5
Fidelity 500IdxIns	93.90	-1.26	+13.9
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	93.90	-1.25	+14.0
Fidelity 500IndexPrm	93.90	-1.25	+13.9
Fidelity Contrafund	127.06	-1.74	+26.4
Fidelity ContrafundK	127.00	-1.74	+26.5
Fidelity LowPrStk	54.00	-.38	+14.7
Franklin Templeton IncA x	2.30	-.02	+2.1
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdI	10.44	+.03	+1.2
Oakmark IntlInv	28.37	-.39	+21.1
PIMCO IncInstl	12.21	...	+5.6
PIMCO TtlRetIns	10.09	+.02	+2.7
Schwab SP500Idx	41.39	-.55	+13.9
T. Rowe Price BCGr	103.53	-1.50	+32.9
T. Rowe Price GrStk	66.24	-.96	+27.9
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	248.01	-3.31	+13.9
Vanguard 500IdxInv	247.97	-3.30	+13.8
Vanguard DivGrInv	26.31	-.34	+10.4
Vanguard HCAdmrl	85.97	-.94	+6.8
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	13.90	+.02	+2.6
Vanguard InsIdxIns	244.64	-3.26	+13.9
Vanguard InsIdxInsPlus	244.66	-3.26	+14.0
Vanguard InsTtlSMIInPls	59.60	-.71	+13.3
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	98.61	-1.34	+35.0
Vanguard MdCpIdxAdmrl	190.15	-1.64	+10.2
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	137.05	-2.11	+21.8
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.53	+.01	+1.0
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	69.54	-.30	+8.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	31.20	-.16	+9.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.40	-.11	+10.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	33.48	-.24	+11.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	20.61	-.16	+12.4
Vanguard TtBMIdxAdmrl	10.51	+.03	+1.3
Vanguard TtBMIdxIns	10.51	+.03	+1.3
Vanguard TtInBIdxAdmrl	21.66	+.03	+2.5
Vanguard TtInSIdxAdmrl	30.31	-.26	+19.0
Vanguard TtInSIdxIns	121.19	-1.06	+19.0
Vanguard TtInSIdxInsPlus	121.22	-1.05	+19.0
Vanguard TtInSIdxInv	18.12	-.15	+18.9
Vanguard TtlSMIdxAdmrl	66.87	-.79	+13.3
Vanguard TtlSMIdxIns	66.88	-.79	+13.3
Vanguard TtlSMIdxInv	66.83	-.80	+13.2
Vanguard WlngtnAdmrl	71.49	-.52	+8.3
Vanguard WlslyIncAdmrl	63.68	-.20	+5.1
Vanguard WndsrIIAdmrl	66.25	-.81	+8.7

d - Deferred sales charge, or redemption fee.
m - Multiple fees are charged, usually a marketing fee and either a sales or redemption fee.
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			5/1 ARM	3.125	0.000	$25	5%	3.655		
			7/1 ARM	3.250	0.000	$55	5%	3.658		
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			10 yr fixed	3.500	0.000	$999	20%	3.775		
			7 yr fixed	3.250	0.000	$999	20%	3.633		
			5/1 ARM	3.000	0.000	$999	20%	3.831		
			7/1 ARM	3.500	0.000	$999	20%	3.937		
			30 yr jumbo	4.375	0.000	$999	20%	4.417		
			5/1 jumbo ARM	3.000	0.000	$999	20%	4.086		

SAVINGS UPDATE

Do I have to buy private mortgage insurance?

Usually when we buy insurance, we're protecting ourselves against an otherwise devastating financial loss, such as the cost to replace a home or vehicle, or the cost of medical bills should we become seriously ill or injured. But for homeowners buying private mortgage insurance, it's not about protecting yourself.

Often called PMI, private mortgage insurance is actually an insurance policy for mortgage lenders, even though homeowners pay the premium. It financially protects the lender from losing money should the homeowner default on their mortgage. And for certain homebuyers, it's not optional.

Any buyer who takes out a conventional mortgage with a down payment of less than 20 percent is required to hold PMI. That's because mortgage statistics show that the less equity a homeowner has in their property, the higher their risk of default. Once equity surpasses 20 percent, the risk of foreclosure drops significantly.

Private mortgage insurance is most commonly handled as a monthly premium bundled with the mortgage payment. However, some lenders offer an option to pay for PMI in one lump sum at closing, or in a combination of upfront and monthly payments.

PMI costs vary based on two main factors: the borrower's credit rating and the amount of their down payment. Costs typically range from 0.5% to 1.0% of the original loan amount per year. So for a $200,000 mortgage, PMI would likely cost $1,000 to $2,000 annually, or $83.33 to $166.66 a month.

To avoid this monthly add-on, some homebuyers will save longer before buying so they can swing a 20 percent down payment, while others opt for FHA or other non-conventional mortgages that don't require PMI. But these mortgages can carry higher rates, and waiting to purchase isn't always desirable. So PMI offers homebuyers an option that they can weigh against the alternatives.

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Proposal by Sinclair could let it run WGN

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clair agreed to buy Chicago-based Tribune Media in May, creating what would be the largest ownership group in the U.S., with 233 TV stations, before any required divestitures. The deal has been aided by the FCC's easing of ownership restrictions last year, but the combined company would still exceed a 39 percent cap in national audience reach.

Sinclair announced last week it would sell Tribune stations WGN and WPIX-TV in New York, as well as stations in nine other markets, to get under the ownership cap.

On Wednesday, Sinclair filed a similar application to sell WPIX to Cunningham Broadcasting Corp. for $15 million, with an option to buy it back, and an agreement to provide advertising sales and programming. Cunningham Broadcasting is owned by the estate of Carolyn Smith, mother of the Sinclair chairman.

It remains to be seen whether such an ownership workaround passes muster with federal regulators, including the FCC and the Department of Justice.

The Coalition to Save Local Media, including industry and advocacy groups opposed to the Sinclair-Tribune deal, issued a statement this week decrying the station sales plan. "Instead of fully divesting stations, Sinclair admits it will skirt the rules through side deals with prospective buyers allowing Sinclair to continue to manage the stations and giving it the ability to repurchase those stations at a later time," it said.

Conservative news outlet Newsmax Media filed an objection to the divestiture plan with the FCC on Wednesday, calling the proposed sale of WGN and WPIX a "sham" that will give Sinclair the ability to manage the stations after they have been acquired by third parties.

Sinclair has long used such agreements to operate stations it couldn't own under FCC rules, and executives defended the practice Thursday. "These agreements are structured to be consistent with similar agreements that the FCC has approved for over 10 years," said Rebecca Hanson, senior vice president of policy for Sinclair.

The proposed merger has met with opposition from liberal groups and media advocates over concerns that Sinclair's right-leaning editorial views would unduly influence local news at Tribune Media's 42 TV stations. Others have objected on the basis of media concentration.

The Sinclair-Tribune deal has been facilitated by an easing of TV station ownership restrictions under President Donald Trump and his FCC chairman, Ajit Pai. The FCC voted in April to reinstate the so-called UHF discount, a technologically obsolete regulation that helped reduce coverage calculations. In November, the FCC changed ownership rules, eliminating the requirement that a market have at least eight independently owned TV stations before a single owner can have two stations. It also allowed case-by-case exceptions to the prohibition of owning two of the top four-rated stations in a market.

The FCC inspector general is investigating whether Pai improperly pushed for the rule changes to benefit Sinclair, according to news reports.

The broadcast group used both of those ownership rule changes in an FCC filing last week, asking for consent to own two of the top four-rated stations in three markets in North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Indiana, for example.

On Wednesday, Sinclair executives said they expect to close on the Tribune deal in the second quarter.

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OBITUARIES

AGNES LATTIMER 1928-2018

Doctor broke barriers as Cook hospital chief

By Graydon Megan
Chicago Tribune



MICHAEL BUDRYS/TRIBUNE

Dr. Agnes Lattimer, shown in 1968, joined peers in warning of lead paint risks.

Dr. Agnes Lattimer decided as a youngster she wanted to be a physician and overcame poverty, sexism and racism to achieve her dream, rising to become a pediatrician and medical director of what was then Cook County Hospital.

She was a 6-year-old in Memphis, Tenn., when she broke her arm and the kindness of the physician who treated and reassured her decided her career choice.

"She was a brilliant dynamic woman who had goals," said her sister, Camille. "Her main interest was in providing good quality health care for the poor and that they get respect and be treated properly."

Along the way, Lattimer worked to improve health care access for the poor, especially children, with a special focus on eliminating the dangers of lead-based paint in old houses. And she also achieved two more life goals, learning to play the piano and to fly an airplane.

The longtime Hyde Park neighborhood resident, 89, died of cancer at her home Jan. 9, according to her sister.

After graduating from Booker T. Washington High School in Memphis, she passed up scholarships to colleges in Memphis to go to Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn., where she earned a bachelor's degree in biology. Family members said she was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society there.

She was determined to go to medical school, despite the obstacles facing a young black woman in the 1940s. In biographical notes and in speaking engagements, according to family members, Lattimer said, "no obstacles could deter me from my purpose. Not the negative attitudes of others, not lack of money, nor lack of encouragement from outside my family."

She hoped to attend Meharry Medical College in Tennessee, but by the time she was accepted, she couldn't afford to go. She had a cousin in Chicago and decided to go there to pursue her medical education. Lattimer worked as a housekeeper for 18 months to earn money for medical school and finally saved enough to begin studies in 1950 at Chicago Medical School, now part of Rosalind Franklin University in North Chicago.

She was the only African-American there and one of only two women, according to Dr. Mildred M.G. Olivier, an ophthalmologist and the school's assistant dean of diversity, who called Lattimer her mentor.

Lattimer's medical training included rounds at both Cook County Hospital and at Michael Reese Hospital, which gave her a clear picture in those days of the differences in treatment for patients who could pay and for those who couldn't.

In a 1986 article in Ebony Magazine, Lattimer spoke of the differences. "People often refer to care for the poor as free care, but too often we exact the most significant coin from the realm of these patients ... their self-respect," she said.

Lattimer completed her residency in pediatrics at Michael Reese, becoming chief resident in her final year. She also began teaching at her alma mater.

She directed ambulatory pediatrics at Michael Reese; in 1971, she was appointed chair of the division of ambulatory pediatrics at Cook County. She became director of what was then the Fantus Health Center of Cook County in 1984 and became medical director of Cook County Hospital in 1986.

"She became the first woman and the first of African-American heritage to become medical director," said Dr. Billie Wright Adams, a colleague who was at Fisk with Lattimer.

Dr. Myrtis Sullivan, who did her residency at Cook County, went on to a two-year fellowship in pediatrics with Lattimer.

"She really was a pioneering physician," Sullivan said. "She was very big on childhood development and respect for parents."

Lattimer would talk with parents about normal childhood growth and development and took care to be respectful of individual parenting styles and family cultures.

Sullivan said Lattimer was also a leader in lead poisoning treatment and research. She testified nationally on the problems of lead paint in old houses.

A 1968 Tribune article noted that Lattimer, then chairman of the Chicago Committee Against Lead Poisoning, joined hundreds of doctors and community organizations in urging the Chicago City Council to deal with the issue. The group asked that the city change its housing code to allow for fines and other penalties for building owners who failed to remove flaking lead-based paint and loose plaster.

As head of the Illinois chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Lattimer in 1983 testified before a congressional subcommittee on hunger and malnutrition. Lattimer said then that over the previous two years, Cook County Hospital had seen a 24 percent rise in admissions for symptoms related to malnutrition.

One of Lattimer's many awards came in 1971 when she became the first female and first African-American recipient of the Chicago Medical School Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Lattimer earned her pilot's license in 1966. She was also an accomplished bridge player, earning the title senior life master.

She retired from Cook County Hospital in 1995.

"She did everything to be excellent at what she did," Dr. Olivier said. "She loved talking to students. She was dogmatic and said it the way it was."

Lattimer's first marriage ended in divorce, and a second husband preceded her in death. She had a son, Bernard Goss Jr., who died in 1996.

In addition to her sister, Lattimer is survived by grandson Bernard Goss III.

A celebration of her life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Soka Gakkai International Culture Center, 1455 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago.

Graydon Megan is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON MARCH 2 ...

In 1933 the motion picture "King Kong," starring Fay Wray, had its world premiere in New York.

In 1949 an American B-50 Superfortress, the Lucky Lady II, landed at Fort Worth, Texas, after completing the first nonstop round-the-world flight.

In 1965 the movie version of Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical "The Sound of Music" had its world premiere in New York.

In 1977 the U.S. House adopted a strict code of ethics that limited outside earnings and required detailed financial disclosures by its members.

In 1985 the government approved a screening test for AIDS that detected antibodies to the virus, allowing possibly contaminated blood to be excluded from the blood supply.

In 1989 representatives from the 12 European Community nations agreed to ban all production of chlorofluorocarbons, or CFCs, by the end of century.

In 1990 more than 6,000 drivers went on strike against Greyhound Lines Inc. (The company, later declaring an impasse in negotiations, fired the strikers).

In 1991 Iraq released CBS newsman Bob Simon and his crew, held captive for nearly six weeks.

In 2000 former Chilean dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet left Britain for his homeland, hours after he was ruled mentally unfit to stand trial on charges of human rights abuses.

In 2004 former WorldCom CEO Bernard Ebbers was charged with falsifying the books at the long-distance company; his chief financial officer, Scott Sullivan, pleaded guilty and agreed to testify against him.

In 2005 the number of U.S. military deaths in Iraq reached 1,500.

In 2008 Dmitry Medvedev, Vladimir Putin's handpicked successor, scored a crushing victory in Russia's presidential election.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS
March 1
Lotto ..... **05 06 08 16 27 52 / 20**
Lotto jackpot: $5.75M
Pick 3 midday ..... **224 / 5**
Pick 4 midday ..... **5898 / 9**
Lucky Day Lotto midday **29 32 39 42 44**
Pick 3 evening ..... **049 / 0**
Pick 4 evening ..... **6439 / 1**
Lucky Day Lotto evening **15 28 30 43 45**

March 2 Mega Millions: $243M
March 3 Powerball: $321M

WISCONSIN
March 1
Pick 3 ..... **994**
Pick 4 ..... **9357**
Badger 5 ..... **02 06 27 28 31**
SuperCash **07 10 12 16 31 39**

INDIANA
March 1
Daily 3 midday ..... **889 / 1**
Daily 4 midday ..... **5230 / 1**
Daily 3 evening ..... **060 / 3**
Daily 4 evening ..... **1015 / 3**
Cash 5 ..... **10 16 25 26 36**

MICHIGAN
March 1
Daily 3 midday **996**
Daily 4 midday **3913**
Daily 3 evening **160**
Daily 4 evening **6880**
Fantasy 5 ..... **11 19 23 25 26**
Keno **02 03 07 11 15 23 28 29 34 38 41 43 45 54 55 57 65 66 67 70 71 73**

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Death Notices

Alport, Harold

Harold Alport, 89. Beloved husband for 63 years of Shirley, nee Shlachter. Loving father of Ira (Cindy) Alport, Arleen (Harry) Goldberg and Joel (Jerilyn) Alport. Proud grandfather of Jeremy, Noah, Alex, Becky, Jack, Ben and the late Jonathan. Dear brother of Gerald (the late Lorraine) Alport. Graveside service Friday 10:30 AM at Westlawn Cemetery, 7801 W. Montrose Ave. (Sec. Violet), Norridge. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his memory to National Kidney Foundation, www.kidney.org or Central Avenue Synagogue, www.chabad.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** – Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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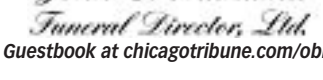
Barbaric, Frank Joseph

Dr. Frank Joseph Barbaric, DPM, 94. Native Chicagoan. Beloved husband of the late Neda Emily Barbaric, nee Skeva; loving father of Susan F. Costello (Daniel) and Frank J. Barbaric III; devoted grandfather to Evan Costello and Aaron Costello; loving brother of the late Tony Barbaric; devoted son to the late Frank J. Barbaric and Milka Barbaric, nee Gabelich. Decorated World War II Army Veteran, and recipient of the Purple Heart for injuries suffered in battle at Anzio, Italy. Long-practicing podiatrist on 63rd and Washtenaw. Member of the "Dobro Jutro" Breakfast Club (aka The "ROMEOs" – "Retired Old Men Eating Out). Proud Croatian-American from the "Old Neighborhood." Caring friend to many. Frank lived a long happy life and experienced a beautiful death, at-home, surrounded by his loving son and daughter. He always had a joke to tell, a listening ear to lend, and a gentle hand to heal. May his larger-than-life spirit continue to inspire and bring people together in human fellowship. He loved his family and friends more than words can describe and will miss all of you dearly. Donations to the Honor Flight in lieu of flowers. Please support our Disabled Veterans. Resting at the Beverly-Ridge Funeral Home, 10415 S. Kedzie Ave where services will be held Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3-9 p.m. 773-779-4411

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Bartzis, Joseph Peter

Joseph Peter Bartzis, Age 26, Cherished son of Peter and Angela (nee Giammona) Bartzis. Loving brother of Evan, Madeline and Lucas Bartzis. Beloved grandson of Evans and the late Elenie Bartzis and Joseph and Mary Giammona. Dear nephew of Alexandra (Peter) Kanavos, Martha (Steve) Tzioumis, Tony Giammona, Stephanie (Jerry) Voight and Sarah (Todd) McCutcheon. Fond cousin and friend of many. Joseph was a graduate of New Trier High School, Arizona State University and was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. Visitation Sunday March 4, 2018 4pm - 9:00 pm at Smith Corcoran Funeral Home 1104 Waukegan Rd., Glenview, IL. Family and friends will meet Monday morning at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church 2727 W. Winona Ave., Chicago, IL for funeral service at 10:30 am. Interment will be private. Kindly omit flowers, the family requests donations be made in Josephs' name to the Amyloidosis Support Group 232 Orchard Dr., Wood Dale, IL 60191 or www.amyloidossupport.org. to raise awareness and fund research. Arrangements by JOHN G. ADINAMIS FUNERAL DIRECTOR, LTD. (847)901-4012



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Bogolin, Margaret

Margaret F. Bogolin, age 97, of Lisle, formerly of Lombard and Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Peter M. Bogolin; loving mother of Maribeth (the late Donald) Gould, Dolores "Lorri" Bogolin, Marge (Doug) Delaney, and Kathryn (Jeffrey) Suhi; devoted grandmother of David (Lynn) Gould, Daniel (Rebecca) Gould, Megan (Michael) Truesdale, Colleen Delaney, Michelle (Charlie) Nordy, and Lauren Suhi; great-grandmother of 8; fond sister of 8 brothers and sisters; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Margaret worked as a registered nurse for over 40 years at St. Anne and Loyola Hospitals. Avid Cubs Fan! Visitation Sunday, March 4th, 2-8 PM at **Knollcrest Funeral Home**, 1500 S. Meyers Rd. (3 blks. S. of Roosevelt Rd.) Lombard. Family and friends will gather Monday, 10 AM until time of funeral mass at 11 AM at Villa St. Benedict, 1920 Maple Ave, Lisle. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Memorials to Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601, are appreciated Funeral Info: www.knollcrest.net or 630-932-1500.

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Borel, Richard James

Richard James Borel, age 86, Korean War Marine Vet; beloved husband of the late Shirley nee Petzold; loving father of James (Gayle), Susan (James) Dunne, and Daniel; devoted grandfather of Laura, Daniel and Kristen; dear son of the late James and Catherine; preceded in death by 2 brothers and 3 sisters. Richard graduated from the University of Iowa and enjoyed a career in Engineering for over 30 years. Funeral Mon. 9:15 A.M. from **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Ave., Darien to St. Scholastica Church. Mass 10:00 A.M. Int. Clarendon Hills Cem. Visitation Sun. 4 – 7 P.M. For funeral info: 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com.

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Brawley, Marybeth T.

Marybeth T. Brawley nee Tobin, 60 of Arlington Heights, died February 26, 2018 in Orlando, Florida. Arrangements by **Glueckert Funeral Home**, Ltd. Funeral information, obituary and condolences please visit www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.

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Bresler-Livingston, Kim Lauren

Kim Lauren Bresler-Livingston, age 60, of Vernon Hills, beloved wife of Tom Livingston; loving mother of Hunter and Hayden; devoted daughter of the late Stanley and late Jeannie Bresler; cherished sister of Scott Bresler and Andrew (Sharon) Bresler; dear sister-in-law of Monica (Greg) Ginter and Mark (Sarah) Livingston; wonderful aunt of Samantha, Melanie, Adam, Chase, Audrey, Mark, JJ, Julia, Anders and Charlotte; treasured niece of Roger (Dale) Gandall and cousin of Lauren (David) Grossman and Joey Gandall. Service Sunday, 1:00 p.m. at The Chapel, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Rd., Buffalo Grove (1 blk N. of Lake Cook Rd.). Interment Shalom Memorial Park. Kim's larger than life personality would fill a room. Her caring and giving nature will always be remembered. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Jewish Adoption and Foster Care Options (JAFCO), 4200 N. University Drive, Sunrise, FL 33351, www.jafco.org. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.

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Buchanan, Evelyn



Evelyn Buchanan (Leon), age 83, passed away and into the everlasting arms of God on Feb 12, 2018.

"We may not have a lot, but we have a lot of love," was her creed and her legacy of love will live on in the souls of those she touched. She is survived by her youngest brother, William Leon, her children: Shirley, Patrick and Michael, as well as grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends too numerous to list. We would need a phone book to do it. You know who you are.

A memorial will be held on 3/3/2018,1:00PM, at the Bethany Retirement Community Auditorium, 4950 N. Ashland Ave, Chicago, IL, 60640.

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Bukowsky, Lorraine Rose

Lorraine Bukowsky, 75, of Mount Pleasant, SC passed away, Saturday, February 24, 2018. More details at **www.mcalister-smith.com**.

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Caplinger, Andrew D

of Joliet Ill, Sunday February 25th, 2018. Preceded by mother Hirroko and father Robert. Survived by brother Paul and sons Christopher, Jason and Michael. There will be no visitation nor services.

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Carpenter, Lora "Penny" G.

Lora "Penny" G. Carpenter, 74, of Algonquin, formerly of Addison and a retired United Airlines employee, passed away on Wednesday evening, February 28, 2018 following a lengthy illness. Penny is survived by her sons, Steven (Cheryl) Carpente, David (Maureen) Carpenter, her grandchildren, Christopher, Eric, Kathleen, Kelly, Bradley and Sean, her sisters, Joanne (Jerrold) Wagner and Dolores Seville. She was preceded in death by her husband, William "Bill", her brother, Herbert Fett and her sisters, Grace Wojtowicz and Barbara Connolly. Visitation will be from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. with a 4:00 p.m. time of sharing on Saturday, March 3rd at the DeFiore-Jorgensen Funeral & Cremation Service, 10763 Dundee Road, Huntley. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project. For more information please call 847-515-8772 or online condolences can be directed to www.defiorejorgensen.com

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Coulon, Richard D.



Richard D. Coulon "Dick", 82, of Crystal Lake, formerly of Skokie, passed away Wednesday, February 28, 2018; beloved husband of Marilyn (nee Vetter) Coulon; cherished father of Terese (Tim) Thompson, Ann Marie (Tony) Cecchin, and Christopher Coulon; devoted grandfather of Ryan, Kenny, T.J. Thompson, Dan (Emma), Kathryn, Christopher Cecchin, and Mae Coulon; fond brother of the late Gene, the late Joe, George (Dolly) Coulon and Tom (Betty) Coulon. Visitation 3-9pm, Friday, at **Davenport Family Funeral Home**, 419 E. Terra Cotta Ave., Crystal Lake. Prayers, 12:30pm, Saturday, at the funeral home, proceeding to St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 451 W. Terra Cotta Ave., Crystal Lake for Mass at 1pm. Burial at Windridge Memorial Park, Cary. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School Education Fund, c/o St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 272 King St., Crystal Lake, IL 60014. For information, please call **Davenport Family Funeral Home**, 815-459-3411. Online condolences can be given at www.davenportfamily.com.

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Dever, Thomas Joseph

Thomas J. Dever, age 73, born in Chicago, Illinois, on June 22, 1944, passed away on February 21 in Fairfax, Virginia. He is the beloved son of the late Michael and Kathleen Dever and is survived by his wife, Pouri (Golestaneh) and sister, Mary (Dever) Angelica. He attended Quigley North High School and Mundelein College and served in the U.S. Navy. He was a Major in the Fairfax County Virginia Sheriff's Office and subsequently Commander of the Court Services Division. Visitation will be held at **National Funeral Home**, Falls Church, VA, at 11 a.m. on March 15. Memorial contributions may be made to Smile Train, 41 Madison Avenue, 28th Floor, New York, NY 10010.

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Donnawell, Sedella Marie



Our loving mother passed away on February 16th, 2018 at the age of 99. Sedella was born in Chicago, IL and has resided in Rolling Meadows, IL for the past 64 years. She was preceded in death by her loving husband John C. Donnawell. She is survived by her two daughters; Sharon Nealey (Douglas), Karen Lester (John) and her beloved son Stephen Donnawell. Sedella had eight grand children and five great grand children. She spent much of her life as a volunteer, teaching the bible to those interested. She was a very creative and artistic person, with a passion for fabric and sewing. On March 17th at 3 pm, a memorial service will be held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, located at 239 E. Illinois Ave. Palatine, IL.

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Dundek, Samuel



Samuel Dundek; Devoted husband of Dorothy Margaret, nee Reichold for 58 years; Loving father of Renee (Patrick C.F.D.) Kehoe, Susan (Paul) Offord, and Cathy (Lowell) Patterson; Proud grandpa of four and great-grandpa of six; Visitation Sunday 2:00 p.m.to 8:00 p.m. Funeral Monday, 10:30 a.m. Chapel Service at **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111TH Street, Chicago Ridge; Interment Private; In lieu of flowers, donations to Peace Village for "Lora's Fund, 10300 Village Circle Drive, Palos Park, IL 60464 would be appreciated; For Funeral Info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Ender, Joseph R.

Joseph R. Ender, age 71, at rest February 25, 2018. Co-owner of Corcoran, Ender and Associates in Chicago. Loving brother of James; beloved son of the late Richard and Ann (nee Svoboda); dearest cousin of Irene and Lee Smith and sons, Rosemary Becvar and sons, Lorrine Kovanda and family, Roberta and Phil Krueger and family, Ray and Peggy Svoboda and Charlotte Svoboda; dear godfather of Heather Weyn; devoted friend of many including Lois Caithmer and Doreen Martinucci. Joe was a deeply devoted Catholic. He attended St. Frances of Rome Church where he was involved with the Knights of Columbus, Finance Committee and ushering. He spent most of his free time volunteering for several groups including the Elks Lodge #424, Berwyn Moose, Hinsdale Lyric Chapter, Lyric Opera of Chicago, Solutions for Care, Lumina of Chicago, Illinois CPA Society and Brightside Theatre. Joe attended McCormick Grammar School, Harrison High School, City College of Chicago, Northwestern University and went on to receive his masters in accounting at Roosevelt University. After graduating he worked at Santa Fe Railroad, First Chicago Bank and then became co-owner of Corcoran, Ender and Associates. Joe was very generous in donating his time and money. He will be missed by many, but most importantly, by his brother Jim. Even in death Joe was still a giving person, as he donated his organs and tissue to Gift of Hope. Funeral Monday March 5, 2018, 9 A.M. from **Russo's Hillside Chapels** 4500 Roosevelt Road, Hillside, IL 60162 (between Mannheim & Wolf Rds.) to St. Frances of Rome Church 15th & 59th Ct., Cicero, Mass 10 A.M. Interment Bohemian National Cemetery. Visitation Sunday March 4 from 2-8 P.M. For additional info 708-449-5300. Please visit Joe's personal tribute website at www.russohillsidechapels.com and sign the guestbook

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Finnegan, Brian A.

Brian A. Finnegan, age 58, of Skokie. Loving husband of Deborah, nee Conley; dear father of Sean (Christina), Kyle, and the late Cameron; beloved grandfather of Avery; cherished brother of Kevin Finnegan and Lori (George) Alexander; fond uncle of Kristina and Steffani Alexander, Hannah, Molly and Samuel Schiltz; dear son-in-law of Dudley and Connie Conley; fond brother-in-law of Cathy (Paul) Schiltz and Suzy (Jaime) Duran. Memorial Service, Saturday, March 3, 2018, at 2 p.m., at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2120 Lincoln St., Evanston. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to ABTA.org or BrainUp.ngo. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com.

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Fox, Elaine Saphier

Elaine Saphier Fox. Best friend and wife of the late Alan Arthur Fox. Mother of Susie Fox (Michael) Lorge, Wendy (Jon Schneider) Fox, Mimi (Lloyd Wasser) Fox. Grandmother of Alyssa (Howie) Dryver, Ilana (Rafi) Shure, Rabbi Ari (Alexis) Lorge, Sari Ruth (Aaron) Lipsett, Samantha, Ross and Julia Schneider, Lee and Gillian Wasser. Great-grandmother of Ella, Micah, Eden, Caleb, and Tovi. Sister of Sharon Saphier (Norman) Grad. Aunt of Lori Ann and Heidi. Daughter of the late Nathan and Rhoda Saphier. Elaine practiced labor law for over 35 years, most recently at Seyfarth Shaw. Served on the boards of American Jewish Congress, American Cancer Society, and Jewish Vocational Service. Editor of "Out of Chaos." Service Friday 2:30PM, at Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster, Skokie, IL 60076. In lieu of flowers, memorials in her name may be made to Jewish Vocational Services, 216 West Jackson Blvd., Suite 700. Chicago, IL 60606 www.jvschicago.org, American Cancer Society, 100 Tri-State International, Suite 125, Lincolnshire, IL 60069, www.cancer.org or Temple Beth Israel, www.tbiskokie.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com.

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Guerra Jr., Frank



Frank Guerra, Jr., age 89, beloved father of Suzanne Guerra (late Jerry Carmichael), Cynthia Guerra, Francine Guerra, Dawn Guerra (Charles Judy), Frank Guerra and the late Frank (Lucy) Guerra; cherished grandfather of Irma, Frankie, Pedro Jr., Jessica, Martine, Christina, Thomas, Gabrielle, and Hayden; great-grandfather and great-great grandfather of many; fond uncle of the Morales family. U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War. Frank was a barber, inventor and retired from United Airlines. He loved jazz, ballroom dancing, bingo and enjoyed membership in the Jitterbug Club. Memorial Visitation will be held Sunday March 4, 2018, 3-8 pm at Kosary Funeral Home, 9837 S. Kedzie Ave, Evergreen Park. Family and friends may gather after 9:30 am directly at St. Gabriel Church, 45th St. and Wallace St., Chicago for Memorial Mass Monday March 5th at 10:00 am. Interment St. Mary Cemetery, Evergreen Park (708) 499-3223 or www.kosaryfuneralhome.com

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Gurzejk, Joseph P.

Joseph P. Gurzejk of Westchester, age 86. Beloved husband of the late Marie T., nee Santoro; loving father of Joseph M. Gurzejk; cherished son of the late Joseph B. & Veronica Gurzejk. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Monday, March 5, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with a funeral mass to follow at Divine Infant Church at 11:30 a.m. Entombment Resurrection Cemetery. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Hendrick, George K.



George Kenneth, Jr., passed away peacefully on February 19, 2018 at the age of 94 at Brookdale Lake Shore Drive in Chicago, Illinois. Born on August 28, 1923 in Chicago, where he grew up, George attended the Harvard School for Boys and graduated from the university of Chicago with a Bachelors degree and later a Masters degree in business He served in the U.S. Army, Battery D, in the Asia-Pacific Theater and Philippines from December 1942 to December 1945

He was a partner with Blunt, Ellis & Simmons, an investment banking firm; a founding partner of Frontenac, a venture capital firm; and later founded Hendrick, Urgo, a merchant banking firm in Chicago George was an avid golfer, achieving a 4 handicap, was an active member of The Glen View Club, and competed in numerous international senior golf tournaments around the world He enjoyed racket sports and was an active member of The Racquet Club of Chicago as well as a founding member of the prestigious North American Racquets Association.

George had a full and fantastic life At an early age he traveled extensively overseas and was a fan of horse racing and football as a father he enjoyed European travel with his family. He always had a very active social life forming lasting friendships at home and abroad.

He is survived by his former wife, Frances Stover of Glenview, IL married for 30 years; four loving children Carol Wilburn (William Wilburn) of Chevy Chase, MD; Ann Marcus of Aspen, CO; Laura Cornell of Evanston, IL; and George Hendrick III of Chicago, IL; and 11 beloved grandchildren (Frances, Alex, Jackie, James, Melissa, Theodore, William, Jane, John and George IV) and 3 great-grandchildren. The family is grateful to George's dedicated, kind and dutiful caregivers. He will be greatly missed in this life by many. For those who wish, in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the employee funds of Glen View Club or The Racquet Club of Chicago.

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Hessing, Stuart



Beloved husband of Patricia (nee Cannata). Loving father of Kristine (Greg) Erban and Joseph Padula. Cherished grandfather of Michael, Nicholas, Alexandra, Breanna, Lindsey, and Caitlan. Fond cousin to many. Funeral services Saturday, March 3rd 7pm at River Woods Funeral Chapel's, inc. 205 S River Rd, Des Plaines, IL 60016. (1 half block north of Rand Rd - route 12) Visitation from 3pm to 8pm on Saturday. Interment private. 847-635-5900
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Holowaty, Patricia Ann

Patricia Ann Holowaty. nee Valant. Age 77. Beloved Wife of the late Howard Sr. Loving Mother of Michael (Joan) and the late Howard Jr. Cherished Grandmother of Jimmy and Grace. Dearest Sister of Edward (Joan) Valant and Richard (Cecilia) Valant. Fond Aunt and Cousin of Many. Visitation at **Skaja Terrace Funeral Home** 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles, IL on Sunday March 4, 2018 from 2:00 PM until the time of the Funeral Services 4:00 PM. In lieu of Flowers memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society or to the American Heart Association appreciated. Funeral info. 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com

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Johnston, Robert P.

Johnston, Robert "Bob" P.
Age 87, Died peacefully. Loving Father of Roberta (Tom) Perrett, Jacqueline (Jeff) Pope, Paula (Christopher) Pestrak, Laura Renteria, Daniel (Tammie) Johnston, Martin Johnston, Lawrence (Linda) Johnston, Charles Johnston, Christopher Johnston, Julie (Scott) Hochberg, Jennifer (Mark) Renk, Joey Johnston, and the late Robert Johnston. Loving Grandfather of Nichole Perrett, Jeffery Rayburn, Nichole (Aaron) Hoskinson, Sarah (Kevin) Baumann, Corey (Deborah) Johnston, Michael Renteria, Lance Johnston, Matthew Hochberg, Claire Johnston, Katelyn Renk, Ashley Hochberg, and Luke Renk. Loving Great Grandfather to Riley, Courtney, and Rory. Loving husband to wives that predeceased him Dorothy Wright, Arlene Johnston and Marianne Johnston (nee Palm). Visitation Sunday, March 4, 2018, 3pm to 7pm, at the **Drake & Son Funeral Home**, 5303 North Western Ave., Chicago, IL. Info 773-561-6874 or visit www.drakeandsonfuneralhome.com

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Kaye, Bernard

Bernard Kaye MD, 93, Prominent Chicago North Shore Physician who delivered thousands of babies over a 61-year career practicing obstetrics and gynecology, passed away on March 1, 2018, after a lengthy illness.

Dr. Kaye was the consummate physician, dedicated to his patients until illness sidelined him at the age of 84. He served on the medical staff of Highland Park Hospital (now part of North Shore University Health System), for 51 years and held several leadership positions there, including chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Chief of Staff and longstanding member of the Ethics Committee. He had a treasured professional partnership with the late Dr. Burnell Reaney for forty years. Dr. Kaye was active in the community; he was a lifelong member of Rotary International and regularly volunteered his services at the the ARK. His hobbies included being an avid gardener, and playing golf, tennis, and bridge with close friends.

Dr. Kaye was born in Newark, NJ, on August 29, 1924, to Lillian and Benjamin Kaye, who emigrated to the United States from Eastern Europe and eventually settled in Brandon, Vermont, where they raised their family and ran a general store. Dr. Kaye was the oldest of three children. He received a BS degree, magna cum laude, from the University of Vermont in 1944, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and he obtained his medical degree with highest honors from the University of Vermont in 1947. After graduating from medical school, he completed his medical training in Newark, New Jersey, and at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago under the tutelage of the late Irving F. Stein Sr. He served his country honorably at numerous military postings, including as chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Dow Air Force Base in Bangor, Maine. From 1957 until 1973, he served as a faculty member at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago. He co-authored numerous articles in medical journals over the course of his career. In 2002, he received the Service to Medicine and Community Award from the University of Vermont Medical School, where a scholarship was established in his name to support medical students from Vermont. He was a member of the American Fertility Society, the Institute of Medicine of Chicago, the American Medical Association, and a fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Kaye leaves his beloved and devoted wife, Edith, after recently celebrating their seventieth wedding anniversary. He leaves his children, Dr. David and Emily Kaye of Buffalo, NY; Margery Kaye and Bill Padnos, of Chicago; and Steven and Judith Kaye of Wayland, MA. In addition, he leaves his cherished grandchildren, David and Shanna Jadwin, Kate Jadwin and Ari Jadwin, Madeline Kaye and Eliza Kaye, and Allison Kaye, Laura Kaye and Thomas Kaye, and his great grandchild, Sella Jadwin. He also leaves his sister Esther Kossoff and his sister-in-law Beverly Kaye, and was pre-deceased by his younger brother Jerry Kaye and his brother-in-law Arnold Kossoff.

Chapel service Sunday, 10:00AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment will follow at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Jewish United Fund of Chicago, juf.org, and The Ravinia Festival, ravinia.org. For information and condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

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Konie, SFO, Christine K.

Christine K. Konie, SFO. Cherished daughter of the late Sophie and Joseph Konieczny. Beloved sister of Elenore (the late Steve) Krasowski, Dr. Joseph (Marion) Konie and the late Dotti Konie and Robert B. Konie. Loving aunt of Stephen (Catherine) Krasowski, Jr., Deborah A. (the late Dr. Gary) Wright and Lisa J. (Jan) Stacholy. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Many years of service with Commonwealth Edison-Chicago. Member of Secular Franciscan Order. Visitation Sunday 2 - 630 PM at the Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home, 11028 Southwest Hwy. (7700W) Palos Hills. Funeral Monday 9 AM from the funeral home to Sacred Heart Church for 10 AM Mass. Interment St. Casimir Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Secular Franciscan Order, St Elizabeth of Hungary Fraternity, 9201 W. St. Francis Rd., Frankfort, IL 60423. Express your thoughts and memories in the online Guest Book at www.palosgaidasfh.com (708) 974 4410

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Koperny, Alice J.

Alice J. Koperny, age 72, passed away suddenly on Friday, February 23, 2018; Alice was the Loving daughter of the late Steve and Helen Koperny; Dear sister of the late Stephen (Ingrid), Paul, Lorraine (Ken) and Elaine (Jack); Dear aunt of Amy, Kenneth, James and Steven; Visitation Friday, March 2, 2018 at **Salerno's Galewood Chapels**, 1857 N. Harlem Ave., Chicago from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Prayers and final viewing at the funeral home will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 3, 2018. Funeral mass to follow at St. Celestine Church at 10:00 a.m. Entombment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Please omit flowers. For info (773) 889-1700

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Mathews, John M. 'Jack'

suddenly, beloved husband of Peggy (nee Thullner); loving father of Laura and Michael; dear brother of the late Terence and Dennis (Virginia, nee Kehoe) fond uncle of many nieces and nephews; devoted son of the late John and Julia Mathews. Visitation Friday 3-9 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** 625 Busse Hwy Park Ridge. Funeral Saturday 9:15 a.m. to St. Martha Church for 10 a.m. Mass. Interment sacred Heart Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Catholic Charities at www.catholiccharities.net or by mail at 754 Remittance Drive Dept 1623 Chicago, IL 60676-1623. Info 87-685-1002 www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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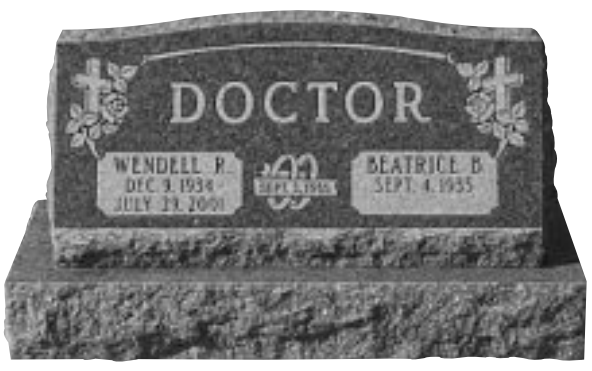
Susan Carol Mittelstaedt, nee Winston,. 71 Beloved mother of Dawn (Noe) Ramirez. Devoted daughter of Mark and Annette. Dear sister of Marla (special friend Jim) Winson and Donna (Ken) Melone. Grandma Poppy of Lucia Annette Ramirez. Service Sunday, 3:00 pm at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Road (One block north of Lake Cook Road) Buffalo Grove. Interment is private. In lieu of flowers, memorials in her memory to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675 www.woundedwarriorproject.org would be appreciated. Arrangements by: **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Mixon, Beatrice Dorothy

Small in stature, Beatrice Dorothy Mixon, was a giant in faith, in spirit, in will power and love. Beatrice Dorothy Mixon (nee Jankowski) was born on February 29, 1924. Beloved wife of James Harvey Mixon. Precious mother of Sharon, James Harvey Mixon Jr. (Annmarie), Deborah Meyer and Scott. Grandmother of James Mixon III, Christopher Perry, Meagan Perry, Annalisa Mixon and Leanna Mixon. Sister of Patricia Hendrick and Janet Jablonski; sister-in-law of Jean Jankowski. Aunt to loving nieces and nephews. Beatrice lovingly served over 25 years to the Wood Dale Lady Lions; was a member of the Wood Dale Club until it disbanded; and also served in the VFW Ladies Auxiliary and Wood Dale Historical Society. Her enormous spirit and love will prevail. Resting at **Geils Funeral Home**, 180 S. York Road, Bensenville IL on Saturday from 11:30-1:30 PM then proceeding to Holy Ghost Church, 254 N. Wood Dale Road, Wood Dale IL for Mass of Christian Burial at 2 PM. Interment Maryhill Cemetery, Niles IL. For funeral information, please call 630-766-3232 or www.geilsfuneralhome.com



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Moran, Joseph



Joseph Moran, 88, from Tralee, Co Kerry, Ireland, passed on to his eternal rest on Feb. 17, 2018, in Naples, FL.

Besides his wife, Mary Catherine Philomena (nee McGrath), survivors include six of his seven children: Joseph (Kristen), Thomas, Breda (Peter Kocik), Mary (Errol Mooney), Kieran (Barbara), Kerry; he was preceded in death by his beloved son Brendan. He was the adoring grandfather to his 14 grandchildren: Thomas "T.J." (Leonore) Moran, Christine (Chris) Sturm, Kaitlyn, Ricky and Daniel Moran; Eileen and Breda Moran, Megan and Shannon Mooney, Stingray and Chicago Schuller, Erin and Emma Moran; and was preceded in death by Joey Moran. Joseph was also blessed to be great-grandfather to: Thomas "Tre" Moran, Emma and Hailey Sturm.

Joseph's family will pray he rest in peace at a mass to celebrate his life at St. Agnes Church Chapel, Naples, FL on Saturday, March 3, 2018.

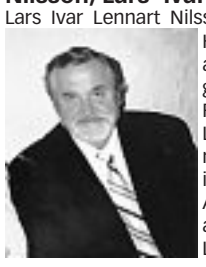
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Murphy, June T.

June T. Murphy nee Thompson, age 100 of Glen Ellyn, passed away on February 26, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Lewis L.; Loving mother of Pat (Leigh) Speer, Linda (Ed) Dolan, Ann (Matt) Desch, Maureen (Steve) Carter, Mary (Joe) D'Arco, Paul (Torr), Shawn, and Lewis (Mary Lou). Dear grandmother of 14 and great grandmother of many. Fond sister of Joyce Ward and the late Joe Thompson. Aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018, 10 AM at St. Petronille Catholic Church, 420 Glenwood Ave, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137. Interment to follow at Assumption Cemetery, Wheaton, IL. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, D.C. 20090-6011. For more information please contact **Leonard Memorial Funeral Home** (630-469-0032/www.leonardmemorialhome.com).

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Nilsson, Lars Ivar Lennart 'Poppy'



Lars Ivar Lennart Nilsson, Born May 5th, 1943 in Hyltarp, Sweden was a loving and adored husband, father, grandfather and friend, died February 22, 2018.

Lars, one of 11 children, made his way to America in 1976 and became an American Citizen, which was a source of great pride.

Lars, the lovable patriarch of his family, is survived by his beloved wife, Barbara, five children; Kelly(Dan), Kristy, Shaun(Greg), Tobias(Jennie) and Paola(Judah) and nine grandchildren; Chloe, Caroline, Mary Grace, Ashley, Connor, Ryan, Aubry, Caitlin and Dylan.

Lars was an avid fisherman, loved the outdoors and was affectionally known as "Poppy."

A private family service was held and a gathering of family and friends will take place this summer.

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Novak, Dolores Marie

Dolores Marie Novak (nee Kucharczek), age 84, of Plainfield, IL, formerly of Glen Ellyn and Westchester, IL, passed away peacefully at home on February 27, 2018 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's Disease. She was born on January 30, 1934 in Herbert, PA. Dolores is survived by her devoted husband of over 60 years, Edward Novak Sr., who took care of her for many years. She is the loving mother of Edward Jr. (Carol), Allan (Monica), Timothy (Kim); proud grandmother of Andrea, Alexandra, Emily, Cassandra, David, Anna, and Glen; cherished sister-in-law of Helen Heffern and Dorothy Gesso; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents John and Anna, five siblings, and granddaughter Miranda. Visitation Sunday, March 4, 2:00-6:00 PM at **Overman-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, corner of Rts 30 & 59, Plainfield. The Mass of Christian Burial will be Monday, March 5, 11:00 AM at St. Mary Immaculate Church, 15629 S. Rt 59, Plainfield. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood. For information call 630/355-0213 or visit www.overman-jones.com

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Opotowsky, Douglas A.

Douglas A. Opotowsky, age 63, beloved and devoted son of the late Gloria Opotowsky, nee Shearer, and Emanuel "Manny" Opotowsky. Kind and thoughtful cousin to Larry (Julie) Zachary, M.D., Lillian (Steven) Walanka, and their children, Adam (Lauren) Zachary, Tori Zachary, Jordann (Marc) Nunn, Eryn Walanka and Marc (Christine) Walanka and their Florida cousins, Rita Steinfeld Regev and Chuck Steinfeld. Doug was a lover of music of many genres, especially jazz, as well as an avid reader. Graveside services will be held on Sunday, March 4, 2018 at 1 PM at Memorial Park, Skokie, IL. Memorial donations may be made to the Epilepsy Foundation, www.epilepsy.com. For funeral info: 847-256-5700.

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Pearlman, Rabbi Marvin A.

Rabbi Marvin A. Pearlman, age 85; beloved husband of the late Barbara, nee Berg; loving father of Erwin (Griselda) and Laurence (Lisa); proud grandfather of Aaron (fiancee Jenna Brooks) and Bari Pearlman; devoted companion of the late Joy Eckerling. Rabbi Pearlman taught at the Chicago Public Schools and Northeastern Illinois University; and part-time Rabbi of Temple Sholom in Sterling, IL. Rabbi Pearlman earned his B.S. in Education from the University of Illinois, M.Ed at Loyola University, and his Rabbinic ordination at Mesifta Adath Wolkowisk. Past President of Educators Lodge, B'nai B'rith and an officer of the International Federation of Rabbis. Service Friday 2 PM in the chapel of Westlawn Cemetery and Mausoleum, 7801 W. Montrose Avenue, Norridge, 60706, where interment will follow. Contributions may be The Ark and the Jewish United Fund. Arrangements entrusted to Lakeshore Jewish Funerals, 773-625-8621

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Persa, Joseph

Joe Persa, age 95, WW2 Army veteran 87th Infantry, Passed away peacefully February 28, 2018. Beloved son of the late: Matjas and Katherine (Zalek) Persa. Loving brother of the late: Elizabeth (Steve) Kolenko, Matilda, Martin, Mike, Anne, Mary (Mae) and Mildred. Cherished uncle of: Stephen (Barbara) Kolenko,Judy (late Allan) Stoll, John (Carol) Kolenko, Anthony "Gol" Kolenko, and the late Susan (Patrick) Tatar. Great Uncle of: Lisa Kasper, Steve Kolenko, Ray Kolenko, Kathy Stoll,Sue Robinson, Jim Stoll, Michelle Tatar, John Tatar, John Mike Kolenko and the late Kim Kolenko. Great-great uncle of 12. Special friend of Jill Zackro. Generous friend of many. In WW2 Joe served in Europe, took part in the Battle of the Bulge, and other battles in Germany and was the recipient of the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. After the war Joe worked his way up to architectural superintendent for Barry and Kay, a construction firm that specialized in building churches. Visitation: 10:30a.m. Saturday March 3, 2018 at Mount Auburn Funeral Home, 4101 S. Oak Park Ave., Stickney, IL 60453,until time of Funeral Chapel Service at 12:00 p.m. Interment to follow at Resurrection Cemetery, Justice IL. Info:708-749-2033 or www. mountauburnfuneralhome.com

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Pfeiffer, Hans Heinrich

Hans H. Pfeiffer, age 78, of Chicago. Beloved husband of the late Johanna Pfeiffer. Loving father of Heike; and Opa of Peter H. Gniech. Brother of Gudrun Badstübner, and brother of the late Ruth Hofsass, Manfried Pfeiffer, Inge Heffley and Friedbert Pfeiffer of Germany. Visitation Saturday, March 3, from 2-8pm at Drake and Son Funeral Home. Disposition Private. For additional information: DrakeandSonFuneralHome.com or 773-561-6874.

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Raptis, Helen

Helen Raptis, nee Anastos, born in Nafplio, Greece, longtime resident of River Forest and a die hard Cubs fan. Most important thing to Helen was her family and friends; She was the beloved wife of the late William Raptis; Devoted mother of Mary Lou (late Michael) Jacobs, Giene (late Patrick) Maloney and Lynn (Mark) Creedon; Fond grandmother of Chris (Lisa) Jacobs, Erick Jacobs, Matt (Andrea) Maloney, Tim (Fran) Creedon, Jeff (Mahan) Creedon, Kelly (Mike) Trudeau and loving great grandmother of 8; Dear sister of the late William Anastos; Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews; Visitation Sunday, March 4, 2018, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at **Salerno's Galewood Chapels**, 1857 N. Harlem Ave., Chicago. Final viewing and prayers at the funeral home to begin at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, March 5, 2018 with services to follow at the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be at Elmwood Cemetery. For info (773) 889-1700

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Rinaldi, Florence H.

Florence H. Rinaldi, nee Cabai, age 90, passed away on February 28th surrounded by her loving family. Florence was the beloved wife of the Late Michael J. Rinaldi, Jr.; loving mother of Dan (Julia) Rinaldi, Diane (Dr. Michael J.) Nabolotny, Jackie (Bill) Brunn and Mike (Kathy) Rinaldi; cherished grandmother of Melissa Brunn, Rocco (Carolyn) Rinaldi, Trinity (Dennis) Foster, Danielle (Tom) Fluegge, Nicole (Nicole Jara) Rinaldi, Michael (Rachel) Nabolotny, Jessica (Cory) Grant, K.C. (Lindsay) Leeberg, Alexandra (Zach) Amrein, Cootie Leeberg, Mychelle and Anthony Rinaldi; great grandmother of Milo, James, Chase, Henry, Beckham, Jameson and Madden. Florence was preceded in death by 2 sisters and 3 brothers, and she was a fond aunt of many. Visitation Friday March 2nd from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Family and friends are asked to meet on Saturday, at St. Monica Church 5136 N. Nottingham, Chicago, for Mass at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at All Saints Cemetery. Info www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708-456-8300.

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Schurder, Sr., James L.

James L. Schurder, Sr., formerly of Park Ridge, went to his eternal reward in the early morning on February 27, 2018. Proud of his service to our country in the U.S. Marines, Jim was kind and generous to all, always willing to lend a helping hand to others. Beloved husband of Mary (nee Endres). Loving father of James, Jr. (Donna), Rosemarie (John) Colletti, Timothy (Tammy), Lawrence (Colette O'Connor) and Andrew (Karen) FishSchurder. Adored grandfather of Sarah, Joseph, Jennifer, Victoria, Valerie, John (Melissa), Louis, Veronica, Vanessa, Jacob, Abigail (Mitch), Tess, Kyle (Shelley), Ryan (Ashley), Bailey and Emma. Proud great-grandfather of Austyn, Antonia (Sabino), Nicholas, Nathan, Oliver, Lucy, Elijah and Nora. Also survived by his dear sister-in-law Lucy Kotek. Terrific uncle of many nieces, nephews and cousins. Visitation Sunday, March 4, 3-8 p.m. at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge. Funeral Monday, 9:30 a.m. from funeral home to St. Paul of the Cross Church, Mass 10 a.m. Interment Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Center of Concern, 1665 Elk Blvd., Des Plaines, IL 60016, www.centerofconcern.org. Funeral Info., www.ryan-parke.com.

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Roche, Michael Brian



Michael "Mike" Brian Roche, died suddenly on February 25, six weeks after the death of his beloved wife of 47 years, Mary Kathleen "Kathy" Roche. Loving father of Michael (Megan) Roche, Kevin (Laura) Roche, and Maura "Molly" (Dawn Walsh) Roche. Much loved grandfather of Jack, Margaret, Dennis, Claire, and Colin Roche. Dear brother of Kathleen "Lolly" Petrillo. Deeply loved brother-in-law of Thomas (the late Mary Pat) McGuire, Carol McGuire, Michael McGuire, Sheila (Thomas) Hansen, and Jean (Timothy) Quinn. Kind and generous uncle of 16 nieces and nephews and their families. He was preceded in death by his parents, the late John P. and Mary Kay Roche, and his parents-in-law, the late Thomas J. and Marguerite McGuire.

A graduate of Notre Dame High School in Niles, Mike received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Notre Dame and was proud to be a "Triple Domer" and loyal son of Notre Dame. He served on the Board of Directors of Notre Dame High School and was an original inductee into the school's Hall of Honors. He also served on the Alumni Board of the University of Notre Dame and was a past President of the Notre Dame Club of Chicago.

Mike practiced law for more than 50 years with Schuyler, Roche & Crisham, P.C., and its predecessors, heading up the firm's Business Litigation practice as a nationally known securities and commodities litigator. While Mike loved the law, he also loved sports and played 16-inch softball for almost his entire legal career with the Grant Park Lawyers League, serving as Commissioner for 10 years, and sustaining more than a few injuries. He was a die-hard fan of Notre Dame football and the Chicago White Sox.

A man of deep faith, Mike was a member of the fundraising committee for St. Mary of the Lake Seminary and of the Board of Directors for the Jesuit Retreat League. With his lifelong best friend, Phil Zera, he organized an annual men's retreat at Bellarmine Hall in Barrington for almost 40 years.

In 2013, Mike read about Dr. Patrick Angelo's delivery of meals to the homeless living on Lower Wacker. Mike contacted Dr. Angelo and joined the delivery team, delivering meals every Thursday night, often accompanied by his grandson Jack. Helping the homeless became Mike's passion and mission in life.

Mike was a loving and loyal friend to all who knew him.

As the angels triumphantly lead him home to be reunited with Kathy and see the beautiful face of God, a celebration of Mike's life will include: Visitation, Sunday, March 4, 2018 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Funeral Monday, March 5, 2018 9:15 a.m., from **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077 to St. Joan of Arc Church, 9248 N. Lawndale Ave., Evanston, Mass at 10:00 a.m., followed by interment at Calvary Cemetery, 301 Chicago Ave., Evanston.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to: Little Sisters of the Poor, 2325 N. Lakewood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614 or Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House, Attn.: Kathryn L. Caudill, Development Director, 420 W. County Line Road, Barrington, IL 60010. Info: (847) 675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com

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Sethness, Henry Buckley



Henry B. Sethness, longtime resident of Short Hills, NJ, passed away at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, NJ on Wednesday, February 28, 2018. He was sixty-one years old.

Henry is survived by his beloved wife of 30 years, Holly M. Sethness (nee McGloon); his loving daughters, Ashley Gosnell and Ellie and Charlotte Sethness, all of New York City; his dear siblings, Mary Arnold and her husband, Joseph, of McLean, VA, Charles B. Sethness and his wife, Mary, of Duck Lake, MI, and Daniel B. Sethness and his wife, Marilyn, of Clinton, IA. He was the devoted son-in-law of Cynthia McGloon of McLean, VA, and brother-in-law of Wendy Jones and her husband, John Marvin, of McLean, VA, and Kevin McGloon and his wife, Kate, of Bethesda, MD. He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, and grand-nieces and nephews. And, last but definitely not least, his two rescue dogs, Alice and Millie.

Henry was born in Chicago, IL to the late Charles H. and Mary (nee Buckley) Sethness. He grew up spending his summers at Duck Lake, in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, where he learned to fish and waterski, and developed a lifelong appreciation for the outdoors. He graduated from The Hotchkiss School and received a B.A. in English from Kenyon College.

Henry recently retired as President of Sethness Products Company, a fifth-generation company established in 1880. During his 39-year career, he was instrumental in advancing the company into the international market, helping to establish plants in India, China, and France. Henry took great pride in Sethness Products, in particular the talented and dedicated men and women who worked for the company.

Henry was a member of the Short Hills Club in New Jersey and the Baker Hill Golf Club in Newbury, NH. He was an avid runner and once completed the Chicago Marathon. He was accomplished at racquet sports and skiing. Henry also enjoyed reading, especially books on history.

A friend to all, Henry's greatest love was his family; he was happiest when he was with them. A devoted father, he attended every recital, school play, game and graduation. He had a big laugh and a zest for life that will be deeply missed.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at Wyoming Presbyterian Church, 432 Wyoming Ave., Millburn, NJ. Arrangements are under the direction of **Paul Ippolito Summit Memorial**, 7 Summit Ave., Summit, NJ. For directions or to send condolences please visit www.ippolitofuneralhomes.com.

In lieu of flowers please make donations in his memory to Big Shoulders Fund, 212 W. Van Buren St. #900, Chicago, IL 60607 (www.bigshouldersfund.org) or to St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center, 575 Woodland Ave, Madison, NJ 07940 (www.sthuberts.org).

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Stone, Alan



Alan Stone, beloved husband of Joan, loving son of the late Ida and Norman Stone, devoted father of Christie (Jeff) Stone Weiss, Joshua Stone, Sandra Friedman, Sharon (Steve) Jacobson, and Gary Friedman, cherished grandfather to Eleanor (Laura), Peter, Catherine, Nathalie, Rachel and Jeremy, dear brother of Ira (Sheila) Stone and Judi Haberman Stern, fond uncle to many nieces and nephews, loved by everyone and a friend to all passed away peacefully surrounded by family in Chicago on February 28, 2018. He was 90 years old.

The first child of Norman and Ida Stone, Alan was born February 5, 1928 in Chicago. His father and grandfather Joseph Stone founded Stone Container Corporation in 1926, which grew to be among the largest linerboard, craft and corrugated container companies in the world. Norman Stone won the Horatio Alger award in recognition of the scope of this accomplishment.

A survivor of childhood polio, Alan learned resilience at an early age, and this experience imbued in him an insatiable curiosity for the world and passion for life. He was the friend you wanted to have, someone who would always be there for you to lend a hand. Alan graduated from Hyde Park High School in 1946 and from the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business in 1951 where he was a proud member of the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity.

During his long and distinguished business career, Alan served in key positions at Stone Container including as a Senior Vice President and as a member of the Board of Directors. He ran a manufacturing operation, led purchasing and transportation, and was President of five railroads, the Apache Railway Company, Atlanta & St. Andrews Bay Railway Company, the Bay Line Railroad, North Louisiana and Gulf Railroad, and the Central Louisiana and Gulf Railroad.

Following his professional career, during three decades of retirement, Alan contributed his time, passion and creativity as a civic leader. A classic mensch, he embodied the Jewish ethic of tzedakah, helping make the world a better place. Among his most ardent passions was helping those most at risk. As Chairman of the Emergency Fund, he grew and expanded the organization, founded by his father in 1973, to establish it as a leading non-profit serving the homeless and those in need of immediate financial assistance. Now merged with AllChicago, the Emergency Fund served 3200 families in the Chicago area last year.

He was President of the Jewish Vocational Service from 1975-1977, and in 2009 received their Business Leadership and Philanthropy award. Alan was a long-time member of the Jewish Federation Board, participating in seven Prime Minister's trips to Israel where he met a wide range of world leaders including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Pope John Paul II.

He loved his work as an entrepreneurial Advisor with Executive Service Corps. For his long-term dedication, the organization recognized him with their Lifetime Service award. Alan traveled twice to Romania as part of the Citizens Democracy Corps. In Sibu, Romania he lived with a family and helped expand the corrugated box industry. His energy also included board memberships at the Gastro Intestinal Research Foundation (GIRF), the Lurie Cancer Center at Northwestern University, Brewster Academy and the University of Denver's Intermodal Transportation Board.

Alan worked closely with Northwestern Memorial Hospital, too, to re-establish the Norman and Ida Stone Institute of Psychiatry at Galter Pavilion. Initiated by his parents in the 1980s, Alan recommitted and expanded family support for the Institute to assure it will provide the finest care for years to come.

Alan's deepest joy, however, was reserved for, devoted to, and derived from his family. His love for his wife, children and grandchildren will live on forever.

A funeral is scheduled for Sunday, March 3rd at 1:30pm at **Weinstein & Piser** Funeral Home, located at 111 Skokie Blvd. Wilmette, IL. The family would like to thank Charlotte and Mico for their loving, gentle care. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a contribution to the Emergency Fund All Chicago, Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago or an organization of your choice.

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Tomasi, Gloria Jean

Gloria Jean Tomasi nee Reali; age 88; beloved wife of the late Olinto (Robert) Tomasi; cherished mother of Marlene (Mario) Pagnucci; loving grandma of Erica (Rick) Lopez and Christopher (Megan) Pagnucci; proud great-grandma of Natalie and Brandon Lopez & Violet and Leo Pagnucci; sister of the late Helen Beck and the late Elsie Frighetto; daughter of Florindo and Emma Reali. Funeral Mon. 9:15 A.M. from **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Ave., Darien to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. Mass 10:00 A.M. Ent. Holy Sepulchre Cem. Visitation Sun. 2 – 8 P.M. Memorial contributions to Society of the Little Flower, 1313 N. Frontage Road, Darien, IL 60561 are appreciated. For funeral info: 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com.

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Vivar, Asuncion

Asuncion Vivar nee: Velasco, age 88; Beloved wife of Benito; Devoted mother of **S**imeon (Gemma), Victoria Vivar Fugazzotto, Joselito, Maria (Andrew Maas) Vivar; Loving grandmother of **S**am, Michael, Noel, Daniel, Karina, Max and Willa; Fond great grandmother of Madalyn. Funeral Monday 9:00 a.m. from **S**alerno's Galewood Chapels, 1857 N. Harlem Ave., Chicago to **S**t. Luke Church, River Forest, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Private. Visitation **S**unday 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For info 773-889-1700.

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Zelkowitz, Nettie

Nettie Zelkowitz, nee Rosen, 97. Beloved wife of the late Philip; devoted mother of Merle Friedman and Barbara (Jeff) Richardson; cherished grandmother of Michele (Brian) Rubin, Marla (Terry) Grossberg, Elliot (Sherri) Richardson, and Terri (Jeremy) Chaseley; proud great-grandmother of Sam and Jessica Rubin, Emily and Danny Grossberg, Margarite, Brayden, and Jonah Richardson, and Pierce, Saige, and Skye Chaseley; caring sister of the late Sam (late Lil) Rosen and Sylvia (late Harry) Cohen; loving aunt of Elizabeth (Per Dideriksen) Cohen and many other nieces and nephews. Funeral service Friday, March 2, 12 PM, at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Westlawn. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hadassah, 60 Revere Dr Ste. 800, Northbrook IL 60062, or to the Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org. For info: 847-256-5700.

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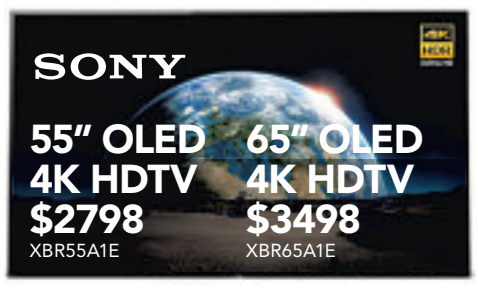
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Cubs outfielder Kyle Schwarber shed 20 pounds during the offseason and it could help the slugger's endurance this season.

LOOKS LIKE LESS IS MORE

Out of spotlight, slimmed-down Schwarber can make big impact



Paul Sullivan
On the Cubs

MESA, Ariz. — The latest art work on display from the Joe Maddon spring collection is an impression of Andy Warhol's portrait of Muhammad Ali.

It's all part of Maddon's concept of "putting art back in the game," combining famous art works and "Maddonisms" to convey messages to Cubs players while making money for charity at the same time.

The pseudo-Warhol etching includes Maddon's theory of the "five levels of being a pro," which range from "Happy to be here" to "I want to make as much money as I can" to "All I want to do is win."

"I'm not going to have a reveal with the team," Maddon said before Thursday's 2-2 tie with the Rockies. "This is the velvet hammer approach. I just want them to appear on the wall and they walk by and they stop and they look, just like an art gallery."

Five paintings have been on display so far, with one more — a takeoff on the graffiti artist Banksy — scheduled to arrive March 15th.

Cubs left fielder Kyle Schwarber, who admits he's not exactly a connoisseur of pop art, likes what he has seen of Maddon's mini-gallery so far.

"It looks really cool, and obviously he wants to bring the art back in baseball," Schwarber said of the Maddon collection. "It's more of a visual for us. We're getting the thoughts down on paper and we're able to see his thoughts, too. It's all good."

Schwarber, like most of the young Cubs, is well past the "happy to be here stage" and not quite at the "make as much money as possible" stage.

But as he enters his fourth season with the Cubs, he's seemingly more relaxed than ever and enjoying a rare spring in

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Carrying the spirit of 'the genius'

Mentor Majerus' fingerprints all over Moser's Loyola team

By Shannon Ryan
Chicago Tribune



SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

"I made the most of four years with him," Loyola's Porter Moser, right, says of Rick Majerus.

Porter Moser still has the number saved in his cellphone.

"Rick Majerus."

If Loyola advances to the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1985 — which the Ramblers can guarantee by winning the Missouri Valley Conference tournament this weekend in St. Louis — Moser will press the green circle on the screen.

"I'm going to call him," Moser said. "I know the number's disconnected. But it's symbolic."

Moser owes him a call.

After four years on the Saint Louis coaching staff under the late Majerus — "the genius," Moser calls him — Moser left for the Loyola head coaching position in 2011 with Majerus' blessing. The next season, the Billikens advanced to the NCAA tournament and knocked off No. 8 seed Memphis before nearly toppling No. 1 seed Michigan State.

Moser received calls from Majerus on Selection Sunday and from the locker room after each game.

"Just to thank me," Moser said wistfully. "Three different times during that run. Isn't that cool?"

Majerus died of heart failure in December 2012 at 64. Known as much for his

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BIG TEN A year after its NCAA tournament breakthrough, Northwestern sees season end with a 7th straight loss, 65-57 to Penn State at Madison Square Garden. **Page 5**

Hawks don't get free pass for failure

Even with 3 Cups, Bowman must answer for bad trades



David Haugh
In the Wake of the News

Not that long ago, Blackhawks general manager Stan Bowman railed about things he considered unacceptable for a championship organization.

This was last April after a 109-point season that preceded a playoff sweep. Less than a year later, Bowman sounded a different tone after dealing former first-round draft pick Ryan Hartman to the Predators for a nice return as the hapless Hawks became sellers at the trade deadline. Yes, sellers, like the rest of the NHL teams with their noses pressed against the playoff glass.

A not-so-funny thing happened to the Hawks on their way back to the postseason: They got lost. This wasn't part of Bowman's plan no matter how many times we heard about rebuilding on the fly or all the players they have under 25. This wasn't a team that expected to be golfing in April.

We are conditioned to let the Hawks have it both ways. We point to their three Stanley Cups since 2010, thank the hockey gods for allowing us to experience those glorious title runs and grant the first-class folks at 1901 W. Madison the benefit of every doubt.

We chalk up this year's inconsistency to goalie Corey Crawford going down in December, never to return to a team whose defense already was suspect.

We accept what the Hawks themselves once deemed unacceptable.

But the Hawks haven't won a playoff series since the 2015 Stanley Cup Final.

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Long deal new norm for rookie coaches

Nagy's 5-year contract with Bears surpasses predecessors



Brad Biggs
On the Bears

INDIANAPOLIS — George McCaskey said at the outset of the Bears' coaching search that the franchise would do what it took to get the best man for the job.

"We'll be competitive," McCaskey said. "And we'll get the right guy for the Bears."

In being competitive and finding their man in Matt Nagy, the Bears did something they had not done previously by signing him to a five-year contract that runs through 2022.

When last season ended and the team fired coach John Fox, it was announced general manager Ryan Pace received a two-year contract extension that carries him for the next four seasons. The Bears wanted to show stability when they launched into their search for a new coach and McCaskey pledged belief in Pace and the direction in which the club is heading.

That Nagy and Pace are not on an identical timeline should not be viewed as an issue at Halas Hall. After all, Pace surely was involved in the negotiation of Nagy's contract and would have had to green-light the length of the deal.

It's not a situation showing any shift in power. The coach still reports to the GM, who reports to President Ted Phillips. Pace maintains control of the roster and Nagy has authority over his coaching staff, the same dynamics that were in place during Fox's tenure.

The reality is if the Bears get the

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OPENING SHOT | Steve Rosenbloom
Bulls coach Fred Hoiberg said there will be some lineup changes after Friday's game, and I'm thinking, a tanking team shouldn't touch what's losing. **More, Page 2**



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STEVE ROSENBLOOM

Bears need infusion of youth

Good news: Ryan Pace has a lot of money for free agency.

Bad news: Ryan Pace has a lot of money for free agency.

Be afraid, kids. Be very afraid.

This week, the Bears general manager dumped linebacker Pernell McPhee and safety Quintin Demps, both former Pace free agents. Earlier this year, he let go linebacker Jerrell Freeman and guard Josh Sitton, also former Pace free agents.

It's great to say that the worst thing a team can do is let a mistake continue, but we're talking about so many mistakes, and that's not even counting the possibility of adding Pace's contract extension to that list.

Later this month the Bears will cut the biggest joke of Pace's free-agent monologue, quarterback Mike Glennon, and soon Pace will have an estimated $80 million to spend in free agency, according to spotrac.com, the third-highest figure in the NFL. That, of course, will be followed by the fear of Pace's continued bad judgment and a willingness to bid against himself to overpay for someone else's curbside pickup.

Like Mike McDermott said to open "Rounders": "Listen, here's the thing: If you can't spot the sucker in your first half-hour at the table, then you are the sucker."

Pace talks like the guy who doesn't want to be the sucker at the free agent table, saying the draft is a better way to build a team than free agency, and then he gives aging Alan Ball a contract.

What Pace ought to do is this: Not sign a player older than 25. Not unless nobody else is left.

Pace got a do-over in his fourth year, hiring his second coach, but nobody except Jordan Howard is talking playoffs for a team that hasn't been to the playoffs the last seven years, and this will make eight, and this also might make the fifth straight last-place finish and likely a fifth straight season of 10 or more losses.

If the Bears aren't going to care about ending this death spiral quickly — and by all appearances, they don't, starting with a rookie head coach and second-year quarterback — then act like the expansion team they have devolved into and play it smartly by erring on the side of youth. Pace still might make a ton of player evaluation mistakes — that's the way to bet — but at least he would be avoiding the veteran bandage that is for contenders, not this feeble bunch.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Instead of seeking out veterans, Bears general manager Ryan Pace must go young.

The draft is still the way to go. Pace ought to trade whatever he can for more draft picks because the future is the only hope, even if it could be Pace's successor benefiting from that future.

And again, to repeat myself because Pace repeats so many mistakes, don't sign a free agent older than 25.

The Bears don't need veterans. They need hope. Veterans don't bring hope. Youth brings hope. Veterans take up space and money. Pace's veterans, anyway. But perhaps of more importance, veterans take up snaps that otherwise should go to a player who might become something if this once-proud franchise ever rises again.

I have no idea whether this could be pulled off. But I also have no idea what Pace's previous free agent plans were, and I don't think I'm alone, and so, I don't know how my idea could be worse.

If this had been the rule when Pace arrived, there would have been no Kendall Wright becoming the No. 1 receiver for a lousy team, for instance, but blessedly also no Markus Wheaton.

There would have been no Prince Amukamara at cornerback for a bad team, for another example, but blessedly also no Marcus Cooper.

There would have been no Akiem Hicks in adhering to this approach, but you would take that tradeoff if you also didn't have to suffer through Antrel Rolle, Ball and Eddie Royal.

What's to lose after all of this losing? Pace's record, remember, is 14-34. That wasn't just the fired John Fox's record. That is Pace's scarlet number, too. He's obligated to try something different after getting lucky to go on a second honeymoon executive geniuses George McCaskey and Ted Phillips are paying for. Listen, here's the thing: If you're the same guy after three bad years and one head coach firing, then you are the sucker.

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THE LINEUP



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That'll be some hotel bill

Even with his 30th birthday two weeks away, Warriors star **Stephen Curry** is still a kid at heart. And kids do the darnedest things.

Killing some time Thursday in his Atlanta hotel room a day before the Warriors-Hawks game, Curry decided to work on his golf swing. He found out the hard way: Glass and golf clubs don't mix.

Curry posted a **picture on Instagram** showing dozens — perhaps hundreds — of pieces of broken glass in his room. He wrote: "When you feel like you're on the @pgatour so you gotta get some swings going in the hotel room," followed by three laughing emojis and "#idiot."

San Jose Mercury News

Hash tag costs coach his job



Texas Wesleyan University fired baseball coach **Mike Jeffcoat** after he told a high school player from Colorado that the team doesn't recruit from the state because players there fail drug tests. President Fred Slabach said the school fired Jeffcoat, 58, both for his remark and amid an investigation into an NAIA violation regarding players' eligibility.

In the email exchange last month with Gavin Bell, 18, a high school senior, Jeffcoat said his program decided not to accept players from Colorado, adding, "You can thank your liberal politicians." Colorado voters in 2012 approved recreational marijuana use.

Jeffcoat pitched 10 years in the majors before becoming coach at the Fort Worth school in 2002. *AP*

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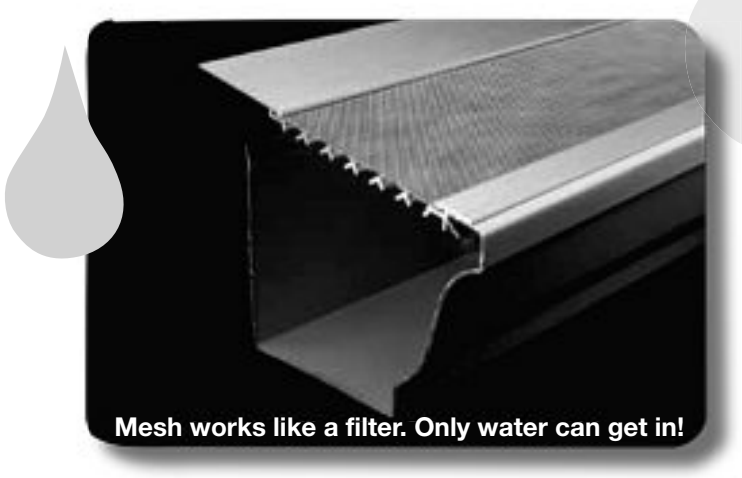
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Time to call out Bowman, Blackhawks for failure

Haugh, *from Page 1*



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Some of Blackhawks general manager Stan Bowman's more recent trades have turned out to be rather questionable moves.

They haven't won a trade in a long time. So why have so many people been so quick to agree that giving up on a young, affordable player once considered part of the next winning core was a good idea?

Why was the Hawks' unofficial surrender practically celebrated as part of another sports rebuilding project in a city full of them? Why would anybody rule out the possibility of major postseason changes after a third straight underachieving season at a place that likes to proclaim it is guided by "One Goal"?

Is it force of habit?

Bowman beamed about what the Predators gave up for Hartman: a first- and fourth-rounder along with Swedish forward Victor Ejdsell. Some have compared it to the price the Sharks paid the Sabres for more established veteran Evander Kane: conditional first- and fourth-round picks and forward Dan O'Regan. That valid comparison makes for compelling conversation, but remember Kane, an unrestricted free agent next summer, risks being a rental player more than Hartman, who is a restricted free agent.

Hartman showed enough flaws during a difficult season to make the Hawks wonder if he was worth a long-term contract. He often lacked discipline and production, problems that contributed to seven scratches. He regularly drew the ire of coach Joel Quenneville, such as Saturday when Coach Q benched the forward after a high-sticking penalty.

Hartman also gave the Hawks an element of grit and toughness hard to find on their roster. And he is only 23, suggesting his game is salvageable.

The Hawks indeed received a first-round draft pick they hope grows up quickly into the type of player who can contribute — or a prospect who follows Hartman's developmental path.

Three Cups give Bowman solid cover from the kind of criticism many of his Chicago peers get, but three trades that preceded Hartman's hardly inspire confidence now. Over time, that cuts away at credibility.

In June 2016, the Hawks included 21-year-old Teuvo Teravainen in a trade so the Hurricanes would take Bryan Bickell and his $4 million salary-cap hit. Teravainen, also a former first-round pick of the Hawks, quietly has enjoyed a breakout season.

Last summer, in response to his postseason rant for change, Bowman made two deals that have been harder to defend.

Trading Artemi Panarin to the Blue Jackets for forward Brandon Saad and backup goalie Anton Forsberg broke up one of the NHL's most dynamic lines that included Panarin and Patrick Kane. The Hawks counted on Saad returning as an improved version of the two-way threat they drafted and developed; alas, that player has yet to emerge consistently. As for Forsberg, his spotty play has mirrored that of the Hawks.

Trading defenseman Niklas Hjalmarsson, a Quenneville favorite, to the Coyotes in a package for defenseman Connor Murphy made the Hawks younger but not necessarily better. It felt like a statement move Bowman should have retracted.

The sensational rookie season of Alex DeBrincat makes the Andrew Shaw trade in June 2016 easier to stomach. The Hawks selected DeBrincat, one of the few bright spots this year, with one of the two second-round picks the Canadiens gave up for Shaw. Shaw's absence opened up an opportunity for Hartman, who seized it before experiencing some slippage this season. Now Hartman's gone, exiting the same way other top prospects such as Teravainen, Panarin, Stephen Johns and Phillip Danault have in recent years.

Individually, every deal that led to those players' departures can be defended. Collectively, one suspects the exodus of such dynamic young talent has taken a toll.

And one must wonder who will be held accountable for paying it in an organization that traditionally accepts nothing but excellence.

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BLACKHAWKS

WHEELER-DEALER
Notable trades since Stan Bowman took over as Blackhawks general manager in July 2009:

Sept. 5, 2009: Hawks received 2011 second-round pick (43rd, Brandon Saad), 2011 third-round pick (69th, Michael Paliotta) from Maple Leafs for 2010 second-round pick (32nd, Jared Knight).

Feb. 12, 2010: Hawks received Nick Leddy, Kim Johnsson from Wild for Cam Barker.

June 23, 2010: Hawks received Joey Crabb, Jeremy Morin, Marty Reasoner, 2010 first-round pick (24th, Kevin Hayes), 2010 second-round pick (54th, Justin Holl) from Thrashers for Dustin Byfuglien, Ben Eager, Brent Sopel, Akim Aliu.

July 1, 2010: Hawks received Ivan Vishnevskiy, 2011 second-round pick (36th, Adam Clendening) from Thrashers for Andrew Ladd.

June 24, 2011: Hawks received Rostislav Olesz from Panthers for Brian Campbell.

June 24, 2011: Hawks received 2011 first-round pick (26th, Phillip Danault) from Capitals for Troy Brouwer.

Feb. 27, 2012: Hawks received Johnny Oduya from Jets for 2013 second-round pick (61st by Capitals, Zach Sanford), 2013 third-round pick (91st, JC Lipon).

Oct. 4, 2014: Hawks received Kent Simpson, T.J. Brennen, Ville Pokka, Anders Nilsson from Islanders for Nick Leddy.

Feb. 28, 2015: Hawks received Antoine Vermette from Coyotes for Klas Dahlbeck, 2015 first-round pick (30th, Nick Merkley).

June 30, 2015: Hawks received Artem Anisimov, Marko Dano, Corey Tropp, Jeremy Morin, 2016 fourth-round pick (95th by Rangers, Anatoly Golyshev) from Blue Jackets for Brandon Saad, Alex Broadhurst, Michael Paliotta.

July 10, 2015: Hawks received Trevor Daley, Ryan Garbutt from Stars for Patrick Sharp, Stephen Johns.

June 15, 2016: Hawks received 2016 second-round pick (50th, Artur Kayumov), 2017 third-round pick (88th by Red Wings, Keith Petruzzelli) from Hurricanes for Teuvo Teravainen, Bryan Bickell.



June 24, 2016: Hawks received two 2016 second-round picks (39th, Alex DeBrincat; 45th, Chad Krys) from Canadiens for Andrew Shaw.

April 28, 2017: Hawks received 2017 third-round pick (90th, Evan Barrett) from Hurricanes for Scott Darling.



June 23, 2017: Hawks received Connor Murphy, Laurent Dauphin from Coyotes for Niklas Hjalmarsson.

June 23, 2017: Hawks received Brandon Saad, Anton Forsberg, 2018 fifth-round pick from Blue Jackets for Artemi Panarin, Tyler Motte, 2017 sixth-round pick (170th, Jonathan Davidsson).



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Forward Brandon Saad's return to the Blackhawks began impressively with an opening-night hat trick, but he has done little of consequence since then.

Trades not working out like before

Disappointing season offers perfect example of how Hawks' luck has turned for the worse



Paul Skrbina
On the Blackhawks

Not many deals turn out to be Brandon Saad for some guy named Jared Knight.

Some of the deals the Blackhawks have made during the last three seasons don't even come close to that.

For better — and for worse, at least as far as this season is concerned — Hawks general manager Stan Bowman and Saad forever will be linked.

The first of the 76 trades the Hawks have made since Bowman was named the franchise's ninth different GM in July 2009 eventually netted them Saad, who was picked two years later in the second round of the 2011 draft.

Saad was instrumental in two Stanley Cups before he was dealt to the Blue Jackets after the 2015 season, when he was a restricted free agent-turned-salary cap trade.

The cost to acquire Saad the first time around was a 2010 second-round pick the Bruins ended up with via the Maple Leafs and used on the aforementioned Knight.

A sure victory for Bowman and the Hawks.

The cost the second time around for a so-far-a-shadow-of-himself Saad was a guy named Artemi Panarin, who had 151 points in two seasons with the Hawks while helping Patrick Kane put up the best offensive numbers of his career.

The Hawks also received goalie Anton Forsberg from the Blue Jackets in that deal before this season in the hope he could help fill a hole left by another cap-induced departure.

That would be trusty backup goalie Scott Darling, who was traded to the Hurricanes for a third-round pick in 2017. Darling's struggles since have relegated him to backup duty, but he was sturdy as they come as Corey Crawford's right-hand man.

Anyway, the most recent Saad trade looked favorable for the Hawks — and still could be — mostly because he has been a better two-way player than Panarin. Saad's return was triumphant — he scored a hat trick on opening night and had six goals and two assists in the first six games.

But he had just nine goals and 10 assists in 57 games since before the Hawks' 7-2 loss to the Sharks on Thursday night in San Jose, Calif. Yes, Saad is only 25. Yes, he could return to form next season.

But so far, not so good.

Others trades turn out to be salary-dumping moves, such as Bryan Bickell going to the Hurricanes. But the Hawks had to include promising center Teuvo Teravainen, a key cog during the 2014-15 postseason, to complete that one. They received second- and third-round picks in that summer 2016 exchange.

And before last summer's draft, shot-blocker extraordinaire and three-time Cup champ Niklas Hjalmarsson turned into Connor Murphy as part of another cap-inspired move with the Coyotes. That one especially hurt the Hawks considering their struggle to find four dependable defensemen, and it reportedly infuriated coach Joel Quenneville.

Bowman has made plenty of other moves to warrant his share of credit for keeping the team a contender through some challenging salary-cap times. And don't forget he turned Andrew Shaw into Alex DeBrincat thanks to a trade made with the Canadiens.

The long-term, no-movement deals awarded to core players Kane, Jonathan Toews, Duncan Keith, Brent Seabrook and Corey Crawford is worth three Cups, even if a majority of them aren't living up to their price tags now.

Bowman knew the potential consequences when those guys signed. It's his job now to make sure he is building the next core.

"The one thing you've seen is teams can change," Bowman said. "They can turn things around very quickly and they can also fall off quickly."

The Hawks did the latter this season. They will try to do the former this offseason.

Bowman and the Hawks have no choice.

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BULLS

LaVine eager to shed limits

Guard says he's still 'playing catch-up' after sitting out a full year

By K.C. Johnson
Chicago Tribune

Three more games.

If all goes according to plan, that's all Zach LaVine has left to sit out before he can begin playing both ends of back-to-backs. The Bulls have three sets of those remaining.

LaVine doesn't love the situation, but as someone who is returning from ACL surgery on his left knee, he understands it. If it were up to LaVine, he'd play a back-to-back-to-back if he could.

"You have to play games to get back," LaVine said. "This is 17 games for me; that's not a lot. I missed a whole (calendar) year. You're used to playing 82 plus preseason, (so) I'm playing catch-up still.

"I feel great (and) I want to test it. I want to play as many minutes as possible. I'm a gamer. I don't want to miss back-to-backs. It helps me, helps the team and helps me get back to where I need to be."

Through those 17 games LaVine is averaging 17.7 points and a career-high 4.5 rebounds in 26.7 minutes while shooting a career-best 39.5 percent on 3-pointers. On Tuesday in Charlotte, N.C., he logged a season-high 34 minutes, 49 seconds.

Again, if all goes according to plan, he will finish the season with 35 games. Paired with the 47 he played with the Timberwolves before he suffered his season-ending injury in February 2017, that's 82 games and a full season's work spread over two seasons.

People who say the Bulls have nothing left to play for have no idea how significant these games are for LaVine.

"They're huge," LaVine said. "Not so much mentally because I accepted (that) part of the challenge quickly, but just physically and because I love to play so much.

"I said it before: I had this game taken away from me. I never want to experience that again."

Another benefit of playing 35 games by season's end: It will allow LaVine to attack an offseason fully devoted to basketball. His representation will handle contract-extension negotiations with the Bulls.

LaVine will be where he loves to be: on the court.

"This offseason is going to be huge for me," he said. "If you look at it, I got hurt in February last year. I wasn't able to touch the court until seven months (later). And that's just jump shots.

"I didn't have a summer to go work on my game. It got taken away from me (because) I was injured, so I'm extremely excited. I can grow in a lot of ways and continue to get better. People make their biggest growth in the summertime. That's when I put a lot of my work in."

LaVine typically works with his father, Paul, a former NFL player, and two personal trainers, including Drew Hanlen, who works with multiple NBA players. LaVine's goal is simple.

"Get consistent ... and try to add something different every year — consistency on my jump shot, trying to get to the line (or) playmaking in the pick-and-roll," he said. "You always have to add or sharpen something."

That includes for this stretch run, as LaVine knows as well as anyone that he, Kris Dunn and Lauri Markkanen have yet to click consistently. LaVine is just thankful he's on the court with the chance to make it happen.

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Zach LaVine is averaging 17.7 points and shooting a career-best 39.5 percent on 3s in 17 games.

MAVERICKS AT BULLS
TV/radio: 7 p.m. Friday, WGN-Ch. 9, WSCR-670 AM.
Storylines: The Bulls have lost five straight, and the Mavericks have lost five of six. This should be some draft-lottery matchup.
Trending: The Mavericks are tied for the second-fewest road victories with seven. The Bulls won the previous meeting, a Jan. 5 road victory in which Kris Dunn scored 32 points.

BULLS NOTES

For Hoiberg, it's all about that pace

Bulls picking things up since coach's edict, but turnovers are up too

By K.C. Johnson
Chicago Tribune

Fred Hoiberg issued his challenge to the Bulls at the first practice after the All-Star break and revealed it to reporters two days later after the first post-break game.

Over the final 25 games, finish in the top five in pace.

Through four games — all losses as new lineup combinations are tried and untested players used — the Bulls rank sixth at 103.4 possessions per game. After a slow start, they rank 12th for the season at 100.2 possessions per game.

"The throw-aheads have helped," said Hoiberg, referencing long, upcourt chest passes that are faster than dribbling.

"(With) that part, we're doing as good a job as we've done all year. **Kris Dunn** and **Cam (Payne)** have both done an excellent job looking to get attacks early in possessions. What we need to do now is take care of the ball. We can't just play fast and be reckless."

The Bulls have averaged 16 turnovers the last four games, up from their season average of 13.1. Still, the pace-of-play goal underscores how players disdain tanking talk.

"I don't listen to that," Dunn said. "I don't know one person who tries to lose. You could get hurt trying to do something like that.

"We play hard. We're trying to play the right way. Right now we're going through a little bit of adversity, but we'll get through it."

Five alive: Hoiberg said Dunn, **David Nwaba**, **Zach LaVine**, **Lauri Markkanen** and **Cristiano Felicio** will start one more game Friday against the Mavericks, and then a lineup change will occur before Monday's home game against the Celtics. In announcing the player-development plan Feb. 20, executive vice president **John Paxson** talked about "blocks of games" to look at different lineups.

Paul Zipser will miss his fourth straight game with a sore left foot, and the Bulls signed free-agent forward **Jarell Eddie** to a 10-day contract.

The 6-foot-7 Eddie has played in 33 NBA games over three seasons with the Wizards, Suns and Celtics and 38 games for the G League Windy City Bulls the last two seasons.

Coach's corner: Senior adviser **Doug Collins** was spotted chatting with Hoiberg and LaVine after practice. In a recent radio interview, Paxson praised Collins' input and advice in advance of last month's trade deadline.

"It's good to have a guy like Doug around (to) be a sounding board," Hoiberg said. "He's pretty much been in every situation you can be in with over 40 years of experience in this league."

Happy hardware: Loyola point guard **Clayton Custer**, who played one season for Hoiberg at Iowa State, won Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year honors this week.

"I unfortunately can't talk about players at that level, but there's a certain player in this town I'm really, really happy for," Hoiberg said.

Golic 'rejuvenated' by new on-air venture

Former NFL player on ending to previous show on ESPN: 'I didn't like way it was handled'



Phil Rosenthal
On media

"It wasn't the greatest ending known to man," ESPN's Mike Golic said, recalling not only how "Mike & Mike," his radio and TV program of nearly 18 years with Mike Greenberg, came to a close late last year, but also the run-up to it.

Golic, now teamed with Trey Wingo on what's known as "Golic and Wingo," said he feels "rejuvenated" by the new program, which includes a role for son Mike Jr.

"You know, 18 years with Greeny, it was a great run," Golic, 55, said by phone this week. "There's no doubt about that. But it was getting to the point where you ask yourself, 'Have I done this long enough?' "

That said, Golic said he had no input in the decision behind Greenberg leaving to launch a New York-based morning television show on ESPN set to debut April 2.

Then there were the months after learning "Mike & Mike" was ending, Golic said, when neither he nor Greenberg was allowed to talk publicly or clarify what was happening, even well after news of the change broke.

"I don't like the way it was handled," said Golic, who came to radio after playing in the NFL and at Notre Dame. "I didn't like the way it ended, and I didn't like the fact we couldn't tell our listeners and viewers that this was happening before they already knew. So the last few months were tough."

While Golic discussed his new radio program, heard locally on WMVP-AM 1000 (aka ESPN 1000), he wanted to plug his paid association with Janssen, a Johnson & Johnson pharmaceutical business.

On Janssen's icanimagine.com website promoting one of its prescription drugs, Golic shares his experiences managing Type 2 diabetes.

"Janssen has given me a great platform to go countrywide in talking about this, telling people not to go through this alone," Golic said.

(The following Q&A has been edited.)

What do you mean when you say that by the end "Mike & Mike" had become a TV show on the radio, and you wanted to return to doing a radio show on TV with "Golic and Wingo"?

"It became a bit more segmented, and I didn't particularly care for that format. I'm sure people watching on TV have noticed. It's morning radio. We're doing more bits. We're laughing a little bit more."

The appeal of that is you can peel back the curtain and take viewers behind the scenes, right?

"I 1,000 percent agree, and when it was decided we were going back to radio on TV, I said I didn't care if someone walked in and handed us the papers (or) walking in front of the cameras. I want to see the (production) people behind the glass. I want to talk to them too."



PAUL MOSELEY/FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

Mike Greenberg, left, and Mike Golic enjoyed an 18-year broadcasting partnership on ESPN Radio before parting ways late last year.

Is it working out all right?

"It's going well. I've known Trey since 2003. My youngest kid and his second kid went to school together, so we had natural chemistry. When you have three voices for some of the show, you have to figure out the mechanics of it, which we're doing. The natural chemistry helps."

How has your role changed?

"There is an ownership. While it's a new show, it's a continuation of a show I've been doing for 18 years."

Between TV, radio, a podcast and streaming, do you have any sense of how you're doing ratings-wise?

"I have no idea. There are people who like to know the numbers; Greeny was one. I'm going to do the show, and if you tell me the numbers aren't good enough and we have to change something, so be it."

So why did ESPN want you and Greenberg to sit on the news of the imminent breakup even after word got out? Was it just to protect ad sales?

"I have no idea. That's one of those things I got ticked about, but I figured they were going to do it anyway. I had nothing to do with it. There's nothing I can change, so I'm going to continue to do (this) show and worry about changing the things I can."

Not to sound too flip, but you sound like some people with diabetes you were talking about: resigned to your fate.

"The way I looked at it, the show was ending. If I could stop it, I would, but I couldn't. I'm one of those guys who is going to try to control what I can control. I'm going to show up every day and do the best show I can."

Do you think it was a matter of you and Greenberg having different ambitions?

"I don't know about that. You can ask Greeny about Greeny. I was happy doing what I was doing."

Greenberg's new show — "Get Up," set to launch April 2 with cohosts Jalen Rose and Michelle Beadle from a new facility in New York's South Street Seaport — seems to be an atypical gamble for ESPN, an expensive bid to compete in an already-crowded field.

"People ask me, 'What do you think?' Well, what I think is it's their show. Greeny, Jalen and Michelle are off to do their show the best they can. I have a show that's basically on at the same time, and we're putting on the best show we can."

Notre Dame football going to be any good this year?

"I don't know. I think it could be a tough year. Losing that great part of the offensive line, losing some receivers, it will be interesting. We'll see."

Until you see how a lineup change plays out over time, you just don't know.

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Moser carries Majerus' spirit

Loyola, *from Page 1*



SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

"If he liked you or respected you, he would go over mountains for you," Loyola coach Porter Moser, left, says of his late boss, Rick Majerus.

appetite at the dinner table as for his basketball knowledge, he built feisty programs at Ball State and Utah, where he had his best season guiding the Utes to the 1998 Final Four.

Moser brought lessons from Majerus to Loyola, which won its first MVC title this season and enters conference tournament play Friday as the No. 1 seed. Defensive details. Spacing on offense. A near religious faith in fundamentals. Recruiting philosophies and many of the phrases on the locker room's "Wall of Culture."

Majerus' fingerprints are on this talented Loyola team.

"It's hard to quantify all the things I got from him," said Moser, who was named MVC coach of the year Thursday. "I made the most of four years with him as a friend and a coach."

'The side people didn't see'

They were a bit of an odd couple.

Moser was 20 years younger with boy-next-door charm, a family man with four children living in the suburbs. He ate salads — much to Majerus' disappointment.

Majerus was the heavyset bachelor, madly in love with the sport with an unpredictably cantankerous or caring persona, who famously made hotel suites near campus into homes.

But the two formed a meaningful bond that blended friendship, mentorship and family.

"I remember people saying to me, 'You know, Rick never has kids around at (practices),' " Moser said. "The first couple weeks I didn't bring them around. Finally there was a workout and I said to my wife: 'Bring the kids. I want to see them.'

"They're like ages between 3 and 8. They're running in the gym, and all of a sudden Rick grabs them, throws them all in his SUV and tells Megan and I to follow him. No car seats. He takes them right down the street to his favorite ice cream parlor, sits them on these four stools. He (orders) this Eiffel Tower of a sundae. He was unbelievable to my kids."

Every Easter and Christmas, the Moser kids received 3-foot chocolate bunnies and Santas from Majerus. Knowing Moser worried about being away from his family for an extended time in December 2010 with a road game preceding a holiday tournament in Cancun, Mexico, Majerus bought tickets for Moser's family to make the trip.

"That's the side people didn't always see," Moser said.

MVC TOURNAMENT
Scottrade Center, St. Louis
Thursday's scores
Northern Iowa 60, Evansville 50
Missouri State 83, Valparaiso 79
Friday's quarterfinals
(All games on NBCSCH)
Loyola vs. Northern Iowa, noon
Drake vs. Bradley, 2:30 p.m.
Southern Illinois vs. Missouri State, 6
Illinois St. vs. Indiana St., 8:30
Saturday's semifinals:
2:30 and 5 p.m. (CBSSN)
Sunday's final: 1 p.m. (CBS-2)

Majerus had a reputation for grinding down assistants with heavy workloads and harsh criticism.

"I'm not saying it's right or wrong, but if he liked you or respected you, he would go over mountains for you," Moser said. "But then there's other people, if he looked at you and thought you didn't work hard, he couldn't handle not working hard or lying."

Moser worked hard.

'Time with the genius'

Moser had been anointed an up-and-coming coach on everyone's hot list when he took over a 4-24 team and led Arkansas-Little Rock to a 54-34 record in three seasons. He fielded other offers for head coaching positions before Illinois State hired him in 2003.

ISU went through three athletic directors in Moser's four seasons there and fired him with three years left on his contract after going 51-67.

Moser and his wife, Megan, talked about the best move for their family and his career. Take another low-major head coaching job or become an assistant under Majerus?

"I'd been in two rebuilds in a row," Moser said. "I want to go spend some time with the genius."

Moser had met Majerus only once as a 25-year-old assistant at Texas A&M when they exchanged game tapes at the Maui Classic. They didn't talk again until Majerus called him for a two-hour interview — and another hourlong call later that night.

As Majerus built the Billikens into a dangerous Atlantic 10 team, Moser soaked in his detail-oriented practice lessons.

Moser saved a notebook of X's and O's ideas from his time at Saint Louis.

"You'll see a coach say, 'OK, we're going to hedge this ball screen,' " Moser said, jumping up from his office chair to demonstrate. "The way Rick would tell it, it was: 'Your toes need to be parallel to the sideline. If your man is here, you need to be equal or two inches above that. You have to leave 18 inches over here.' When you think about it, you're like, 'That's what makes the difference between a good hedge and a crappy hedge.' "

He also keeps in his nightstand a journal inked with memories of Majerus. He adds to it when he meets someone who inevitably shares an outrageous story about the eccentric coach.

Moser hopes to write a book one day about these memories: "Coaching with Majerus."

You can bet several chapters will be about the meals. So many meals.

Majerus organized long, elaborate feasts with friends. He enjoyed five-star dining and greasy spoons.

If anyone at a table of 10 hesitated when Majerus asked who wanted dessert after an everything-on-the-menu dinner, it was creme brulee for the table.

Moser laughs recalling the time they stopped twice at Culver's on a three-hour recruiting drive.

"We'd be drawing up plays on napkins, then we'd be X'ing-and-O'ing on fine linens," he said. "After practice, he would always be like, 'Let's get a quick bite.' And there's no such thing as a quick bite."

Many nights, Moser said, he just wanted to get home to see his kids.

"It's a three-hour event," he said. "It was those late-night dinners. But right now, I would give my right arm for a late-night dinner with him."

No quick fixes

When Moser accepted the Loyola job, Majerus reinforced the idea of not rushing the process. Build the program with solid kids who work hard and love the game.

Wins will come, he said.

The Ramblers won seven games in Moser's first season, improving incrementally over his seven seasons. He started to bring in in-state recruits — something the roster lacked when Moser took over.

Loyola won 24 games in 2014-15 and the postseason CBI tournament. This season, the Ramblers (25-5, 15-3) rank second nationally in field-goal shooting (51.4 percent) with a team that has five players averaging double-digit points.

"When you get burned like that," Moser said, referring to his firing at ISU, "there's a tendency to think: 'I've got to get a quick fix. I won't get time.' Rick kept writing me letters and calling me: 'Seriously, don't think you have to do it Year 1.'

"I stuck with that. He had a vision for building a program. He validated it."

Above all, Majerus reminded him, don't sacrifice family for the game. Moser prides himself on having balance.

He pulled a manila folder off his desk containing letters Majerus wrote him.

"Those are your real victories," Moser read from one, his voice tightening with emotion. "Those are your important wins in life. Keep it in perspective."

If Moser calls Majerus' number on Selection Sunday, he'll say, "Thank you."

He imagines what Majerus would say.

"I think he'd be really proud."

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL



JULIE JACOBSON/AP

Penn State's Tony Carr tries to strip the ball from Northwestern's Scottie Lindsey during the second half.

PENN STATE 65, NORTHWESTERN 57

It's frustrating to the very end

Year after 1st NCAA bid, Cats close with 7th loss in row

By Teddy Greenstein
Chicago Tribune

NEW YORK — Northwestern led Penn State inside five minutes, and then, like its season, the whole thing unraveled.

Bryant McIntosh missed the front end of a one-and-one. A flurry of shots rimmed out. Scottie Lindsey fouled out on a charge.

And the defense could not contain Tony Carr, who rained home six 3-pointers en route to a 25-point night.

No. 7 seed Penn State needed this Big Ten tournament win Thursday to keep its NCAA tournament hopes alive; 10th-seeded Northwestern wanted it merely to avoid closing the season with a seventh consecutive loss.

The Nittany Lions scored 13 straight points and won 65-57 to advance to a quarterfinal duel with second-seeded Ohio State on Friday at Madison Square Garden.

The Wildcats (15-17) were stung by the finality of this colossally disappointing season.

Coach Chris Collins got choked up as he said: "I couldn't be more proud of the fight we showed. We were undermanned, banged up and had every reason to lay down in the first half. But that's not who these guys have been."

Lindsey, who scored 12 points in his NU finale, said his emotions were "kind of raw."

McIntosh, the program's all-time assists leader, played with an injured shoulder and finished with seven points and five assists. He shot 3-for-12.

"We're all very emotional and upset that this is the last time we get to put on the jersey," he said.

Vic Law missed the game with what he called a dislocated toe that might require surgery.



ABBIE PARR/GETTY

"We're all very emotional and upset that this is the last time we get to put on the jersey," Northwestern's Bryant McIntosh said Thursday.

Law will return for his fifth season, saying he's eager to lead along with Dererk Pardon and Jordan Ash.

"Northwestern is my home," he said. "As loyalty to these guys, I owe them everything I've got."

Pardon will have a frontcourt partner in Barret Benson, who struggled until the final two games.

After Benson flourished at Iowa, Collins gave him his first start of the season Thursday.

"We had a couple of days to try to figure out: How can we win the game?" Collins said. "We have no Vic and Bryant is hurt. What can we do?

"I thought going to a power game would give us a chance to cause some problems for them."

The 6-foot-10 Benson rewarded Collins with a high level of activity. He grabbed nine rebounds, rejected three shots and scored nine points. He prevented a Lamar Stevens slam with a smart foul.

He missed a second-half layup but kept the ball from going to Penn State. He tapped his head in frustration, showing the passion these Wildcats have lacked at times this season.

"I always try to bring energy and be a vocal guy," he said.

Asked what the team learned from flopping after its breakthrough NCAA tournament season, Benson replied: "Always stay hungry and keep the chip on your shoulder."

The chip comes back now?

"Should have never left," he replied.

Tourney not a hit with New Yorkers

Players digging MSG, but locals aren't in a Big Ten state of mind



Teddy Greenstein
On the Big Ten

NEW YORK — What has the reaction been to the Big Ten tournament taking place in the Big Apple? All depends on your perspective.

The players love it. They're too young to have bucket lists, but if they did ...

"It's something you always wanted to do growing up, play in Madison Square Garden," Iowa guard Jordan Bohannon said.

The coaches detested the condensed schedule that playing the event here caused, but they are embracing the novel opportunity.

"Monumental," Indiana's Archie Miller called it.

Fans and media? Again, all depends. A Tribune story about Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany expressing regrets got the universal reaction on Twitter that moving the event from Chicago and Indianapolis (where it will return to alternating for at least the next four years) was dumb.

And locally the tournament has generated little impact. Thursday's New York Times sports section contained not a word beyond the scores of Wednesday's games. Many area hotels do not carry Big Ten Network, and none of the four TVs on at Heartland Brewery late Wednesday was showing the Rutgers-Minnesota game nine blocks away.

The conference does have some signage in Midtown and placed a pole near the Garden with distances to every Big Ten school. Rutgers is 31 miles away, in New Brunswick, N.J. Maryland (199 miles) and Penn State (203) are in driving distance. The other 11? Nope.

The secondary ticket market is always a useful barometer of local interest. The "walk-in" price (cheapest seat) for the Thursday night session of Penn State-Northwestern and Rutgers-Indiana was $31. A midlevel seat in Section 119 with a face value of $65 fetched $90 on SeatGeek, fees included.

Crowds have been modest (about 35 percent full for Michigan's stirring overtime victory over Iowa) but enthusiastic.

"I don't think I've ever been in an (early-round) game that was as loud as that one," Michigan coach John Beilein said. "New York loves basketball."

Hey, it's the Garden. The history, lighting, sound system, PA announcer and overall vibe combine to make this a basketball experience that cannot be topped.

"Being an East Coast kid growing up," said Michigan's Duncan Robinson, who's from New Hampshire, "it's incredible."

Chicago native Charles Matthews also appreciates the setting, saying: "The experience here is second to none."

So when it's all in the books, will the sacrifices have been worth it? Again, it will all depend on your perspective.

Special report: Coach Greg Gard's message to his players is written on the team whiteboard: BE SPECIAL. At the risk of a Wisconsin moment sounding too cheesy, guard Khalil Iverson produced a special moment in Thursday's first game, essentially a walk-off steal.

Maryland trailed by three with 5.6 seconds to play. The Terrapins discussed their play during a timeout — and then flubbed it.

"We had a guy run the wrong play," coach Mark Turgeon said.

In March? After months of practice? Out of a timeout?

"It's disappointing, yeah," he replied.

Dion Wiley inbounded the ball to Kevin Huerter, who wasn't expecting it and said: "When the play broke down, I should have tried harder to get open."

The 6-foot-5 Iverson stole it, using quickness and anticipation.

"He's sneaky and has long arms," teammate Nate Reuvers said. "I was hoping he was going to go dunk that thing to end the game. He pulled it out, but (the 59-54 win) was sealed then."

Firing a blank: Robinson figures to enjoy Michigan's quarterfinal duel with Nebraska a lot more than the one that transpired Jan. 18 in Lincoln, Neb. He scored zero points, attempting just two shots in the Cornhuskers' 72-52 dismantling of the Wolverines.

"They put it on us," said Robinson, whose 3 fueled Michigan's 77-71 victory Thursday. "I know they're gunning for us (again) because they feel they're in a do-or-die situation."

Nebraska needs to win at least two games to get on the NCAA tournament bubble, according to bracketologists.

"They can play big or small," Beilein said of the Huskers. "They came in with great quickness and a great game plan and were much better than us. That's all it was."

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BIG TEN TOURNAMENT
Madison Square Garden, New York
Thursday's scores
Wisconsin 59, Maryland 54
Michigan 77, Iowa 71 (OT)
Penn State 65, Northwestern 57
Rutgers 76, Indiana 69
Friday's quarterfinals (BTN)
Michigan State vs. Wisconsin, 11 a.m.
Nebraska vs. Michigan, 1:30 p.m.
Ohio State vs. Penn State, 5:30
Purdue vs. Rutgers, 8
Saturday's semifinals:
1 and 3:30 p.m. (CBS-2)
Sunday's final: 3:30 p.m. (CBS-2)

Young Illini show promise despite difficult season

By Teddy Greenstein
Chicago Tribune

NEW YORK — One moment Wednesday night encapsulated Illinois' need to grow. Freshman Mark Smith was dribbling around the 3-point arc when some Iowa fans at Madison Square Garden chanted, "3 ... 2 ... 1."

It's the oldest trick in the arena, but Smith let it affect him. He rushed a jump shot that he said Tyler Cook partially blocked. Officials awarded the ball to Iowa, deeming the shot an air ball.

"I knew it was late clock," Smith said softly in a quiet Illini locker room after a 96-87 loss in the Big Ten tournament opener. "I thought I had enough space, but he tipped it."

Smith said he expected more from his freshman season, which produced averages of 5.8 points, 1.4 rebounds and 1.4 assists and 33.7 percent shooting — 23.2 percent from long range.

"Yeah, I did," he said, "but I will keep working at it every day. I will trust the process. Coach (Brad Underwood) is a big believer in that."

The 2017 Mr. Basketball in Illinois was a huge get for the Illini, turning down Michigan State, Kentucky and Ohio State to play for his home-state team.

Underwood likened Smith to a future Hall of Famer before the season, saying of the Edwardsville native: "He's very special. Physically, he looks the part of a 20- to 22-year-old at 6-4, 220. It's unfair for me to do it, but I compare him to Jason Kidd. He has that type of athleticism. And his natural instincts are to lead. Once the game slows down, and he understands what he wants to do, he will be a fantastic leader."

Underwood will have a nice mix of young and old on next year's team, assuming forward Leron Black returns for his fifth season. Fellow fifth-year big man Michael Finke sounded determined to push Illinois toward its first NCAA tournament bid since 2013, John Groce's first season.

"I really want to be a foundation for what (this program) can be in the future," Finke said. "I'll do what I can to help be a better leader. Get better personally, but it's more about this team coming together."

Kipper Nichols, who scored 31 points in the season-ending loss, said: "Our youth has shown throughout the year. Once we come together as a unit and home in on some stuff, the sky's the limit."

Underwood anticipates losing only one veteran, graduate-transfer guard Mark Alstork, from a 14-18 team.

Freshman Trent Frazier was sensational, scoring in double digits in 20 of his last 24 games.

"A lot of positives," Underwood said. "And a lot of growth still to be had."

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13 CUBS 1:20 NBCSCH	14	15 PIT 6:05 NBCSCH	16 PIT 11:35 NBCSCH	17 TEX 7:10 NBCSCH	18 TEX 7:10 NBCSCH+ ★	19 TEX 6:10 NBCSCH
20 TEX 1:10 WGN ◆	21 BAL 7:10 NBCSCH	22 BAL 7:10 NBCSCH	23 BAL 7:10 NBCSCH+ $	24 BAL 1:10 WGN	25 DET 6:10 WGN	26 DET 3:10 NBCSCH
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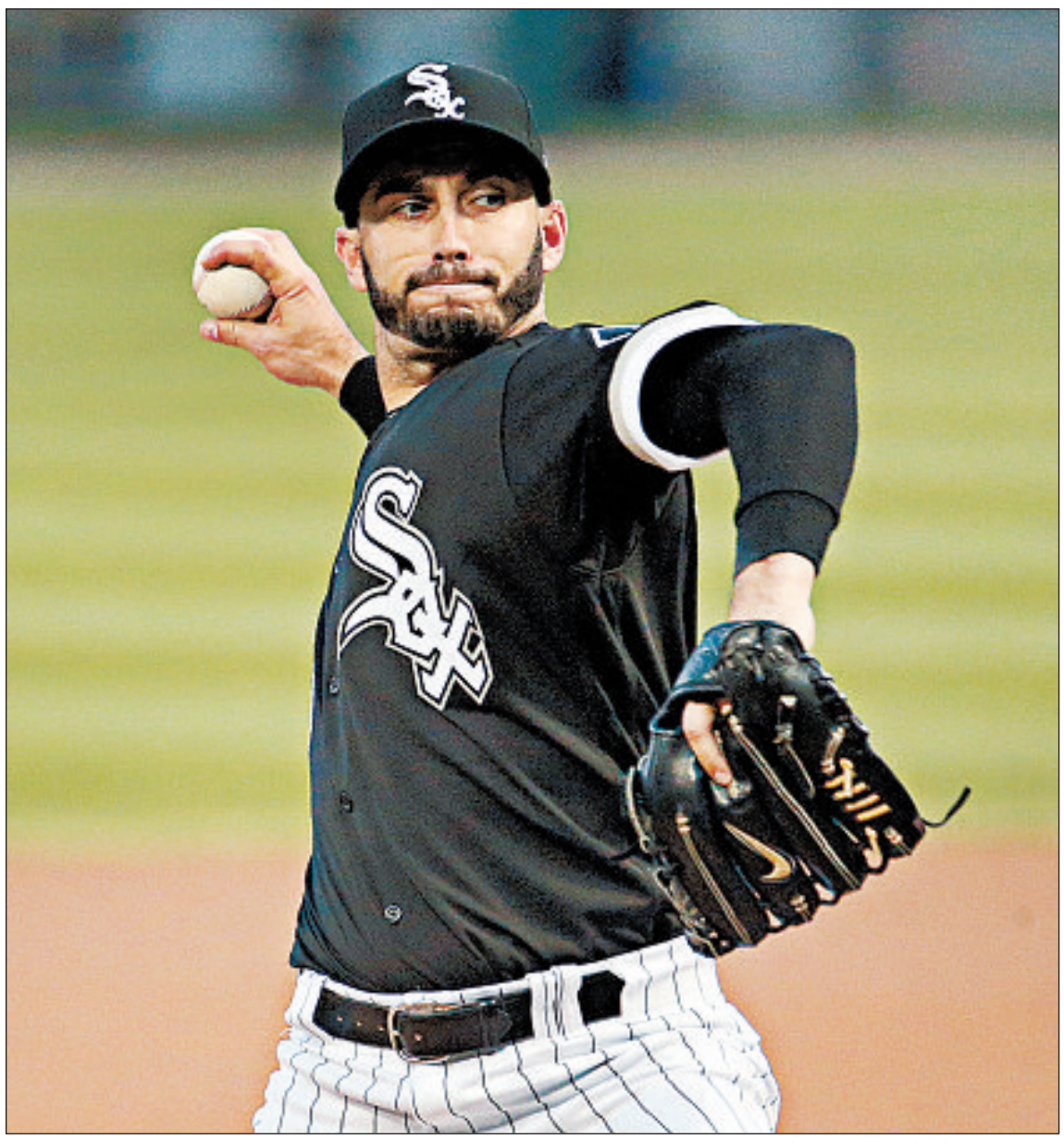
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"Why not use more tools if you have them," White Sox starter Miguel Gonzalez said of his pitch arsenal.

Six pack a punch

Sox starter Gonzalez now has half-dozen pitches at his disposal

By Chris Kuc
Chicago Tribune

GOODYEAR, Ariz. — Miguel Gonzalez was listing the five pitches he has in his arsenal — four-seam fastball, curveball, slider, split-finger fastball and sinker — when the White Sox right-hander kept going.

"Oh, and the cutter," Gonzalez said with a laugh. "I guess it's six now."

At 33 and back with the Sox after signing a one-year, $4.75 million free-agent contract in January, at this stage in his career Gonzalez is willing to throw anything and everything to the plate to get hitters out.

"At first, I had success with four of my pitches — I didn't really use my sinker or my cutter — and I was mostly a curveball, slider and a four-seam fastball guy," Gonzalez said before the Sox lost to the Reds 8-7 on Thursday at Goodyear Ballpark. "But why not use more tools if you have them and if you can get better with them? It's going to be harder for a hitter to know what's coming."

The Sox are counting on Gonzalez, who is scheduled to make his 2018 Cactus League debut against the Dodgers on Friday at Camelback Ranch, to keep hitters guessing. The veteran is expected to hold down a spot in the rotation along with Lucas Giolito, Reynaldo Lopez, Carson Fulmer and James Shields.

When sorting through interest from several teams, Gonzalez didn't have to think too hard about rejoining the Sox, who moved him to the Rangers at the trade deadline last season.

"I feel right at home," Gonzalez said. "It makes it that much easier knowing that you have great teammates and they're going to have your back every time. There were other teams that were interested but none were as aggressive as the White Sox. They have always been real to me. Anything they said was done. I'm happy where I'm at right now. I get to focus on my pitching and not worry about anything else."

In nearly two full seasons with the Sox, Gonzalez went 12-18 with a 4.02 ERA, including 7-10 with a 4.31 ERA in '17. In his nine outings before being traded, Gonzalez recorded eight quality starts.

"I didn't have my best year, but I learned a lot the second half and it was a better second half than what I thought it would be," he said. "You really learn how to think and change your thoughts of pitching to different types of hitters in terms of what pitches to use and when to use them."

Entering his seventh season in the majors — his first four were with the Orioles — Gonzalez still is learning his craft and said he is able to locate his sinker better and he throws more cutters to left-handed hitters now than earlier in his career.

"It always has been the same mechanics but as you get older you have to start changing things up a little bit," Gonzalez said. "The name of the game is to keep the hitters off balance."

Manager Rick Renteria said Gonzalez has the ability to provide stability to the rotation while eating up innings.

"He keeps the team in the game on a daily basis," Renteria said. "He's a confident guy, he has been around the block, he knows what he's doing (and) knows how to get through (tough) situations. It's just nice to have him."

Gonzalez learned last season that if he is successful he could be a trade asset again down the stretch. He's not thinking about that possibility — only winning, something he believes the Sox have in them.

"I think we're going to be good this year," Gonzalez said. "I don't see why we can't win 90-plus games. We have a really good team with a lot of good talent. We're going to give it all we have to get to the World Series. That's our goal."

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WHITE SOX NOTES

Injuries to Sox prospects already starting to add up

By Chris Kuc
Chicago Tribune

GOODYEAR, Ariz. — The White Sox are having difficulty keeping their most valuable commodities on the field.

Injuries to the Sox's top prospects are starting to pile up with **Luis Robert** the latest to go down after exiting the Sox's "B" game against the Padres on Thursday in Peoria, Ariz., for precautionary reasons. While stealing second base, Robert was hit in the head with the glove of Padres shortstop **Fernando Tatis Jr.** After staying down for a while, he eventually walked off under his own power.

"I don't know what happened on that play," Robert said. "When I was sliding in to second I saw the ball coming at me and then I just felt the hit to my head. But I'm good, I feel good."

Robert went 1-for-2 with a walk, double, RBI, run scored and the steal.

"I felt good, comfortable and relaxed at home plate," he said.

Outfielder **Eloy Jimenez** remains out of Cactus League games with soreness in his left knee while outfielder **Micker Adolfo** is limited to being a designated hitter because of an elbow injury. Adolfo was 0-for-2 with a walk against the Padres.

"I was seeing the ball well," Adolfo said. "I just have to get my rhythm and timing again and I'll be fine. My elbow felt great. I didn't feel pain and I'm just happy to be playing again."

Meanwhile, third baseman **Jake Burger** had season-ending surgery Thursday in Chicago to repair his ruptured left Achilles tendon. Burger, who was injured while running out a grounder during Monday's game against the Athletics, is expected to resume full baseball activity by 2019 spring training.

It's a start: Reynaldo Lopez started and pitched effectively during the Sox's 8-7 loss to the Reds in Goodyear, Ariz. The right-hander went two innings and allowed a run on one hit with two walks and two strikeouts. After a shaky first, Lopez came out firing in the second and reached 96 mph on the radar gun.

"I was more into the rhythm of the game," Lopez said via a team interpreter. "My velocity right now doesn't matter. What matters about this (outing) was that I was able to command all my pitches and throw them for strikes."

Lopez said he is "more comfortable and confident" heading into this season after getting a taste of the big leagues in '17.

"I'd just like to show myself that I can get better and ... still develop as a pitcher and as a baseball player," Lopez said.

WHITE SOX RECAP
The White Sox coughed up a five-run lead and fell to the Reds 8-7 on Thursday at Goodyear Ballpark. Leading 7-5 entering the ninth, reliever Jose Ruiz allowed three runs.
At the plate: Nicky Delmonico went 2-for-4 with two RBIs, Leury Garcia was 2-for-3 with two runs scored and Jose Rondon knocked in two runs.
On the mound: Reynaldo Lopez started and allowed a run on one hit with two walks and two strikeouts in two innings of work. Alec Hansen was charged with three earned runs in 1⅓ innings but was the victim of some dubious Sox defense. Hansen walked one and struck out three. Aaron Bummer yielded a run on two hits with three strikeouts in 1⅓ innings. Nate Jones pitched a 1-2-3 inning.
In the field: The Sox have been shaky during Cactus League play and Thursday was no exception. They were charged with two errors but it could have been more. In the fifth, Delmonico and Garcia allowed Devin Mesoraco's fly to drop between them and it bounced over the wall for an run-scoring, ground-rule double.
Prospect spotlight — Dane Dunning: The 23-year-old, who was acquired from the Nationals in the Adam Eaton trade, had a strong outing with two scoreless innings.
Up next: Vs. the Dodgers, 2:05 p.m. Friday at Camelback Ranch in Glendale, Ariz. LH Clayton Kershaw vs. RH Miguel Gonzalez.

CUBS

Quintana aiming for consistency

After ups, downs in '17, lefty expects to return to usual steady form

By Mark Gonzales
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — Jose Quintana fell 11⅓ innings short in reaching his annual goal of pitching 200 innings in 2017.

Despite switching from a massive rebuilding project with the White Sox to a rebuilt perennial contender and fulfilling a dream of pitching in the playoffs, infrequent bouts of wildness and lack of pinpoint control haunted Quintana.

Those shortcomings have lingered and he wants to make amends and re-establish the dependability he developed during his 5½ seasons on the South Side.

"I want to do a lot of things," said Quintana, who will make his spring debut Friday against the Angels at Tempe Diablo Stadium. "I want to help my team every fifth day, get as many wins as I can and be consistent. That's what I learned a couple of times last year, be more consistent every five days."

Despite making a splash with a 12-strikeout, three-hit performance in seven innings in his Cubs debut July 16 in Baltimore, Quintana hit a rough patch in August when he allowed six runs in two of his starts and surrendered six home runs in 33 innings.

Quintana also issued four walks in two August starts that jacked up his pitch count and limited him to five innings in those.

The Cubs weren't overly concerned as Quintana rebounded in the final month with a 2-0 record and 2.51 ERA in five starts. He allowed only four walks and one home run in 32⅓ innings, with his signature moment coming Sept. 24 in a 10-strikeout shutout at Milwaukee that moved the Cubs closer to clinching the National League Central.

Catcher Willson Contreras observed that Quintana, 29, eventually became more familiar with the Cubs' terminology in their scouting reports after all his seasons studying hitters in the American League.



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Cubs starting pitcher Jose Quintana struggled in August but was stronger in September.

"That was one of the things that affected him," Contreras said. "When he got here, I asked him what he used to do with the White Sox. There's no scouting report like this one. That's why it took me a while to get used to him.

"From last year to this year, he's going to make an impact."

Quintana anticipates the preparation will be smoother, adding the Sox provided accurate information as well.

Quintana also downplayed any suggestion he was fatigued at time in the second half last year.

He lasted only two innings after allowing six runs when the Dodgers eliminated the Cubs in the fifth game of a taxing National League Championship Series that started when Quintana's wife Michel fell ill on the cross-country, all-night flight from Washington to Los Angeles.

"I felt good," Quintana said, adding that his wife feels fine now. "Honestly, you don't know if you're tired or not. The games in the postseason are at a high level, a lot of energy, and you never feel tired. You want to stay competitive every time.

"It was my first time (in the playoffs), and I gained experience. I learned a lot last year."

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CUBS RECAP
Ian Happ hit his third home run of spring training Thursday, a two-run shot in the third inning that landed in the Cubs' left-field bullpen. But the Rockies rallied behind a two-run home run by Sam Hilliard off left-hander Daniel Camarena in the eighth to forge a 2-2 tie before 10,167 fans at Sloan Park. Yu Darvish was scratched from his scheduled start because of illness and instead threw a 35-pitch bullpen session. Alec Mills started in place of Darvish and struck out three while pitching two scoreless innings.
At the plate: Catcher Willson Contreras hit the ball hard twice, singling to right field in the first but being robbed of a hit by shortstop Trevor Story in the third. Two of Mark Zagunis' three strikeouts occurred on third strikes.
On the mound: Left-hander Brian Duensing rebounded from his rough debut Monday with a perfect third inning.
In the field: Taylor Davis continues to improve behind the plate. Davis nailed Mike Tauchman on a steal attempt in the seventh.
Up next: At Angels, 2:10 p.m. Friday at Tempe Diablo Park. LH Jose Quintana vs. RH Garrett Richards.

CUBS NOTES

Illness pushes back Darvish's spring debut

By Mark Gonzales
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — The Cubs' chance to watch their top two offseason pitching targets on consecutive days didn't crystallize Thursday as illness scratched **Yu Darvish** from his start and the Angels elected to start 23-year-old sensation **Shohei Ohtani** in a B game Friday instead of facing the Cubs.

"It doesn't matter," said Cubs manager **Joe Maddon,** who was involved in the recruitment of Ohtani. "I'd love to see Yu, but I'm going to see him a lot the next couple of years."

Coincidentally, Darvish now will make his Cubs spring debut Tuesday against the Dodgers — his former team — at Sloan Park. The Cubs are confident Darvish will recover from an illness that has lingered since last week and prevented him from eating Wednesday.

"I feel good," Darvish said after throwing a 35-pitch bullpen session, adding that his decision to pitch in a controlled setting was designed as a precautionary measure. "No worries."

After his bullpen session, Darvish took batting practice from both sides of the plate.

Maddon said the biggest concern involving Darvish was hydration and the risk of injury, adding that he was pleased Darvish suggested working in a more controlled setting.

King at the corner: Maddon watched the Cubs' bunt defense drills closely and raved about first baseman **Anthony Rizzo,** who enters the 2018 season with a 138-game errorless streak.

"He makes the infield better," Maddon said.

Because of Rizzo's agility, the Cubs often feature Rizzo on bunt defense as he moves as close as 40 feet from home plate while required to wear a fielder's glove. Maddon added it often helps on such plays that the left-handed throwing Rizzo can field and throw quickly to second for potential force plays.

"Anthony has a lot of suggestions," Maddon said. "He thinks through it very well."

Extra innings: Maddon said it's possible third baseman **Kris Bryant** (illness) could return to the lineup Friday. Bryant hasn't played since Saturday. ... A tender left calf has prevented reliever **Pedro Strop** from throwing off a mound. ... The prescribed number of spring appearances for closer **Brandon Morrow** is around five or six, Maddon said. Morrow pitched in all seven games of the World Series with the Dodgers last year.

Slimmer Schwarber could make big impact

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which he's not the center of attention.

Two years ago, months after his "Schwarbomb" landed atop the video board at Wrigley Field in the 2015 playoffs, he added to his legend when one of his prodigious home runs broke a car windshield at camp.

Last year Schwarber was coming off his memorable World Series comeback after knee surgery in April and trying out his new role as Cubs leadoff man.

After a topsy-turvy season in which he struggled through the first half, lost the leadoff job, was briefly demoted to Triple-A Iowa and still finished with 30 home runs, Schwarber now is trying to get his average back to norm with a more sculpted physique and a new hitting coach in Chili Davis.

"I love 'Males,' " Schwarber said referring to former hitting coach John Mallee. "Just being able to talk to Chili, I know we're going to have a really good relationship. There are similarities and differences, but just being able to work with Chili and picking his mind, there are a lot of thought process things going on in there. It's all good stuff."

Warhol once said: "They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself."

Schwarber decided it was time for a life change last winter, and his decision to shed 20 pounds was the biggest story coming into camp. He came into the league looking like a 1970s-style throwback slugger, a modern-day Greg "The Bull" Luzinski.

After the weight loss, he's a new man. As Tribune reporter Lauren Chval wrote, when you Google Schwarber's name, the first autocomplete option that appears is "skinny."

For some of us old-timers, the "Skinny Schwarber" narrative brought back memories of the summer of 1989, when portly Cubs manager Don Zimmer went on a diet for a Nutrisystem ad campaign, earning the sobriquet "the Slimmer Trimmer Zimmer."

When we asked Zimmer about his weight one day at Wrigley, he explained he had dieted many times before to no avail.

"What happens is you lose the thing, then you start eating and it comes back again," he said in Zimmer-esque fashion.

Zimmer's diet ultimately didn't take hold. But no one cared because his by-the-gut managing style wasn't really affected by the size of his gut. Schwarber wants to have a long and successful career, and also has the advantage of having a team nutritionist and strength trainer to keep the carrot dangling in front of him if he strays.



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With his weight loss and a more sculpted physique, Kyle Schwarber hopes to raise his batting average to a respectable level while maintaining his power stroke.

When I asked Schwarber on Thursday if he can feel the effects of the weight loss during the early Cactus League games, he downplayed the subject.

"It's just a regular spring," he said. "Obviously I can move around a little better, but the day-to-day things (are the same). You're going to be a little sore finally getting back out on the field and grinding it out every day. But I'm loving it. I'm out here enjoying my time, as everyone else is, and having a lot of fun."

That's what spring training is really all about.

Most players are in pretty good playing shape when they report to spring training. It's not like back in 1995, when White Sox Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf called out his overweight pitchers, saying: "You have to wonder what the heck pitchers do over the winter."

Nowadays spring training is simply a matter of pitchers getting their arms in shape, hitters getting their timing down and everyone bonding for the long grind ahead.

This particular Cubs bunch already has been together for a while. They all know what to expect of each other, and from Maddon as well. That makes for a more relaxing vibe.

"It's not like we're in here trying to figure out everyone, or what makes us click," Schwarber said. "The majority of the team, it's the same guys. Obviously we have some new additions, but they all fit in really well.

"The personalities are clicking, just the way the organization wanted it to be. It hasn't really been a big change."

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BASEBALL NOTES

Wainwright's spring debut 'stepping stone'

Associated Press

Right-hander **Adam Wainwright** struggled with control in his 2018 Grapefruit League debut Thursday, but escaped unscathed. He walked three and gave up two hits in two scoreless innings in the Cardinals' 3-3 tie with the Twins in Jupiter, Fla. He struck out three but only threw 26 of his 47 pitches for strikes.

"I hit location about half the time, which is not nearly good enough but is a stepping stone," Wainwright said.

Royals sign Duda: **Lucas Duda** and the Royals agreed to a one-year, $3.5 million contract, giving the Royals a replacement for **Eric Hosmer** at first base. The 32-year-old Duda hit .217 with 30 homers and 64 RBIs last season for the Mets and Rays. Drafted by the Mets in 2007, he has a .242 career average with 138 homers and 405 RBIs in eight seasons. Hosmer left as a free agent and signed with the Padres. To clear a roster spot, the Royals designated outfielder **Billy Burns** for assignment.

Hernandez will miss start: The Mariners hope right-hander **Felix Hernandez** will miss only one spring training start due to a bruised right forearm sustained when hit by a line drive. Mariners manager **Scott Servais** said that Hernandez still has some swelling in his arm and the team hopes the injury is just a minor setback. "He's anxious, but you do have to let it run its course a little bit," Servais said. Hernandez was hit by a liner off the bat of the Cubs' **Victor Caratini** on Monday.

Wood spains knee: Left-hander **Travis Wood** sprained his left knee during his first spring training appearance. Wood twisted the knee while starting a rundown in the second inning and fell to the ground clutching his knee. He was helped off the field and taken to the Tigers clubhouse. The 31-year-old, who pitched in three games of the 2016 World Series for the Cubs, agreed to a minor-league contract with the Tigers. He was held out of the early exhibition games because of an injury to his right index finger, sustained during a hunting accident. Wood was 4-7 with a 6.80 ERA last year in 14 starts and 25 relief appearances for the Padres and Royals.

Stanton gets time in left field: **Giancarlo Stanton** will get a chance to play left field as the Yankees search for options when starter **Brett Gardner** gets the day off. Stanton worked out extensively in left in batting practice.

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Matt Nagy's five-year contract is longer than the Bears' previous first-year head coaches.

Bears giving Nagy time

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program turned around and enjoy success, everyone is likely to be rewarded. If the Bears are still stumbling as they approach 2021, everyone could be gone. If the Bears had not extended Pace — his original contract ran through 2019 — that would have created issues if Nagy had a contract for three additional years.

The setup in place is not unusual and is evidence the Bears are keeping with the times. Five-year contracts have become the norm even for first-time head coaching hires.

Frank Reich (Colts), Matt Patricia (Lions), Pat Shurmur (Giants) and Mike Vrabel (Titans) all received five-year deals this offseason. Steve Wilks got a four-year contract with a team option for a fifth year from the Cardinals. Jon Gruden's contract with the Raiders is for 10 seasons.

The 49ers signed Kyle Shanahan to a six-year contract last year and two other first-time head coaches received five-year contracts in 2017 — Sean McVay (Rams) and Sean McDermott (Bills). In 2016, Doug Pederson (Eagles), Adam Gase (Dolphins) and Dirk Koetter (Bucs) received five-year deals and, again, all three were first-time head coaches.

Was a five-year contract absolutely necessary to land Nagy? Maybe, maybe not. He interviewed with the Colts on the same day of his initial meeting with the Bears and had a previous relationship with Colts GM Chris Ballard, so they could have loomed as a potential threat when the Bears became smitten with Nagy.

A five-year commitment has more or less become the price of doing business for teams regarding new coaches, and it's a shift as the agents gain a little more power. A five-year contract essentially gives a coach three seasons to get the program pointed in the right direction. Generally speaking, the contracts are all guaranteed as well.

Nagy has been fast at work at the NFL scouting combine as the Bears ramp up the pre-draft process while laying the groundwork for free agency as they seek to reshape the roster with players to fit the new offense and fortify the defense. He cited an open dialogue with Pace as the best element to this point.

"Unbelievable communication, zero ego," Nagy said. "When you get into the interview process, you say that and you want to believe it, but now that I've been almost two months into this thing, it's real.

"He makes it easy for me because there might be some things that we disagree slightly on here or there, which is normal, but we both respect each other. Honestly, there haven't been too many disagreements."

Fox, Marc Trestman, Lovie Smith, Dick Jauron and Dave Wannstedt received four-year contracts from the Bears when they were hired initially, setting Nagy apart from his predecessors. As quickly as the Bears determined Nagy was their No. 1 target, he bought into their plan.

"You start talking to Ryan and to management as to where they want to be and what they're looking for," Nagy said. "It was a perfect match. It was just knowing that they're going to give me, the coaching staff and everybody else that comes into that building an opportunity to succeed as best as they can.

"That's what you look for as a first-year head coach. Knowing the direction and that they're going to give (me) the resources to try to make that happen was what I was looking for."

One of those resources is time — five years to be precise.

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SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
Cubs	EXH @LAA 2:10	EXH CIN 2:05 AM-670	EXH @ARI 2:10 AM-670	EXH @COL 2:10	EXH LAD 2:05	EXH @CLE 7:05 WGN-9	EXH SD 2:05
White Sox	EXH LAD 2:05	EXH @KC 2:05	EXH SD 2:05	EXH @OAK 2:05	EXH MIL 2:05 AM-720	EXH CIN 2:05	EXH @TEX, 2 KC, 2
Bulls	DAL 7 WGN-9 AM-670			BOS 7 NBCSCH AM-670		MEM 7 NBCSCH AM-670	
Blackhawks		@LA 3 NBCSCH AM-720	@ANA 3 NBCSCH AM-720		COL 7:30 WGN-9 AM-720		CAR 7:30 NBCSCH AM-720

FRIDAY ON TV/RADIO

MLB EXHIBITION		
Noon	Red Sox at Cardinals	MLBN
NBA		
7 p.m.	Mavericks at Bulls	WGN-9, WSCR-AM 670
7 p.m.	Raptors at Wizards	ESPN
9:30 p.m.	Timberwolves at Jazz	ESPN
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
11 a.m.	Big Ten, Michigan State vs. Wisconsin	BTN
Noon	MVC, Loyola vs. Northern Iowa	NBCSCH
1:25 p.m.	Big Ten, Nebraska vs. Michigan	BTN
2:30 p.m.	MVC, Bradley vs. Drake	NBCSCH
5 p.m.	Buffalo at Bowling Green	ESPNU
5 p.m.	Eastern Michigan at Toledo	CBSSN
5:30 p.m.	Big Ten, Ohio State vs. Penn State	BTN
6 p.m.	MVC, Southern Illinois vs. Missouri State	NBCSCH
6 p.m.	Texas-Arlington at Texas State	ESPN2
7 p.m.	OVC, Murray State vs. Jacksonville State	ESPNU
7 p.m.	Rhode Island at Davidson	CBSSN
7:55 p.m.	Big Ten, Purdue vs. Rutgers	BTN
8 p.m.	Iowa State at Oklahoma	ESPN2
8:30 p.m.	MVC, Illinois State vs. Indiana State	NBCSCH
9 p.m.	OVC, Belmont vs. Austin Peay	ESPNU
GIRLS BASKETBALL STATE SEMIFINALS		
11 a.m.	3A, Glenbard South vs. Peoria Richwoods	NBCSCH+
12:45 p.m.	3A, Nazareth vs. Breese Central	NBCSCH+
5:30 p.m.	4A, Montini vs. Edwardsville	NBCSCH+
7:15 p.m.	4A, Geneva vs. Maine West	NBCSCH+
GOLF		
1 p.m.	WGC Mexico Championship	Golf Channel
6 p.m.	Champions Cologuard Classic	Golf Channel
11 p.m.	LPGA HSBC World Championship	Golf Channel
4 a.m. Sat.	Tshwane Open	Golf Channel
COLLEGE HOCKEY		
9 p.m.	Miami (Ohio) at Denver	CBSSN
MOTORSPORTS		
5 p.m.	NASCAR Trucks qualifying	FS1
6 p.m.	NASCAR Cup qualifying	FS1
8 p.m.	NASCAR Trucks Stratosphere 200	FS1
PREMIERSHIP RUGBY		
1:30 p.m.	Bath at Harlequins	NBCSN
BUNDESLIGA SOCCER		
1:20 p.m.	Werder Bremen vs. Borussia Monchengladbach	FS2
SWIMMING		
6 p.m.	TYR Pro Series at Atlanta	NBCSN
TENNIS		
6 a.m.	ATP Dubai semifinals	Tennis Channel
5 p.m.	ATP Acapulco semifinals	Tennis Channel

SATURDAY'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL HIGHLIGHTS

11 a.m.	Xavier at DePaul	FOX-32, WSCR-AM 670
11 a.m.	Kentucky at Florida	CBS-2
11 a.m.	West Virginia at Texas	ESPN
1 p.m.	Baylor at Kansas State	ESPN
1 p.m.	Clemson at Syracuse	WCIU-26.2
1:30 p.m.	Creighton at Marquette	FOX-32
2:30 p.m.	MVC semifinal	CBSSN
3 p.m.	Notre Dame at Virginia	WCIU-26.2, WMVP-AM 1000
3 p.m.	Kansas at Oklahoma State	ESPN
3 p.m.	TCU at Texas Tech	ESPN2
4 p.m.	Georgetown at Villanova	FOX-32
5 p.m.	Louisville at North Carolina State	ESPN
5 p.m.	MVC semifinal	CBSSN
7 p.m.	Ohio Valley final	ESPN2
7:15 p.m.	North Carolina at Duke	ESPN
9:15 p.m.	UCLA at USC	ESPN

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL: SPRING TRAINING

RECORDS

AMERICAN LEAGUE	
WHITE SOX	4-3
Baltimore	2-5-1
Boston	6-2
Cleveland	5-2-1
Detroit	5-2-1
Houston	6-2
Kansas City	5-0-1
Los Angeles	4-3
Minnesota	3-3-2
New York	6-1
Oakland	2-4-1
Seattle	2-5-1
Tampa Bay	4-4
Texas	2-3-2
Toronto	2-5
NATIONAL LEAGUE	
CUBS	4-1-2
Arizona	3-5
Atlanta	2-5-1
Cincinnati	2-5-1
Colorado	2-4-1
Los Angeles	2-5-1
Miami	5-1-1
Milwaukee	6-1-1
New York	3-4
Philadelphia	1-6
Pittsburgh	1-4-2
St. Louis	3-3-1
San Diego	3-3-1
San Francisco	2-4-1
Washington	2-4-1

Games vs. non-MLB opponents do not count in standings through Thursday

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

THURSDAY'S RESULTS	QUICK HIT *-SPLIT SQUAD
Cinc. 8, Chi **White Sox** 7	Reds' Eugenio Suarez: 3-3, 2B.
Colorado 2, **Cubs** 2	Cubs' Daniel Camarena: IP, 2 ER.
Atlanta* 5, Detroit 2	Austin Riley: 2-R HR for Braves.
Baltimore 5, Tampa Bay 2	Bal's Ryan Mountcastle: RBI 2B.
Houston 10, Boston 5	Kyle Tucker: 3-R HR in Hou 6th.
Minnesota 3, St. Louis 3	StL's Adam Wainwright: 0 R, 3 BB.
N.Y. Yankees 6, Phi. 4	Miguel Andujar: 2 solo NYY HRs.
Pittsburgh 4, Toronto 1	Austin Meadows: 2-R HR for Pit.
Washington 6, Atlanta* 2	Wash's A.J. Cole: 2 scoreless IP.
Miami 3, N.Y. Mets 2	Brett Gaves blew save, got win.
Cleveland 8, L.A. Dodgers 7	Cle: 6-R 8th inn. after LA's 5-R 7th.
L.A. Angels 11, San Fran. 4	LA plated 10 R over last 3 innings.
San Diego 9, Texas* 9	SD's Chris. Villanueva: grand slam.
Texas* 9, Oakland 4	Mike Ohlman: 2-R HR in Tex 8th.
Kansas City 4, Seattle 3	Burch Smith: 4 K in 2 Royals IP.
Milwaukee 6, Arizona 1	Wade Miley: 5 K, 3 shutout Mil IP.

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE	SITE	TIME
L.A. Dodgers vs. **White Sox**	Glendale, Ariz.	2:05
Cubs vs. L.A. Angels	Tempe, Ariz.	2:10
Atlanta vs. N.Y. Yankees	Tampa, Fla.	12:05
Boston vs. St. Louis	Jupiter, Fla.	12:05
Miami vs. Detroit	Lakeland, Fla.	12:05
Philadelphia vs. Tampa Bay	Port Charlotte, Fla.	12:05
Pittsburgh vs. Baltimore	Sarasota, Fla.	12:05
Toronto vs. Minnesota.	Fort Myers, Fla.	12:05
Washington vs. N.Y. Mets*	Port St. Lucie, Fla.	12:10
Cincinnati vs. San Francisco	. Scottsdale, Ariz.	2:05
Seattle vs. Milwaukee	Phoenix	2:05
Texas vs. Cleveland	Goodyear, Ariz.	2:05
Arizona vs. Colorado	Scottsdale, Ariz.	2:10
Kansas City vs. San Diego	Peoria, Ariz.	2:10
N.Y. Mets* vs. Houston	West Palm Beach, Fla.	5:05

REDS 8, WHITE SOX 7

WSOX	AB	R	H	BI
LGrcia cf	3	2	2	0
LBsabe pr	1	0	0	0
Andrson ss	4	0	1	1
Alvrz pr	1	0	1	0
Dlmnico lf	4	0	2	2
Tlson pr	1	0	0	0
Dvdsn 1b	4	0	0	0
Gllspie 1b	1	0	1	0
Palka rf	3	1	0	0
JacMay rf	1	1	1	0
Cstillo dh	1	0	0	0
KSmith ph	1	0	1	1
Snchz 3b	4	1	1	0
Mhzwk 3b	1	0	0	0
Rndon 2b	2	1	1	2
Elmre 2b	1	0	0	0
Nrvaez c	2	1	1	1
Collins c	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	36	7	12	7

CIN	AB	R	H	BI
Hmltn cf	2	1	0	0
Kvlehn cf	1	1	0	0
Sarez 3b	3	1	3	0
Pnngtn 3b	2	2	2	0
Votto 1b	1	0	0	0
Dixon 1b	2	1	2	3
Gnnett 2b	3	1	1	0
Bldno 2b	2	1	1	0
Msrco dh	1	0	1	2
Long ph	2	0	0	0
Praza ss	3	0	0	1
Swney ss	2	0	0	0
Brnhrt c	2	0	0	0
Trner c	2	0	0	0
Tromp c	1	0	1	1
Ervin lf	2	0	1	0
Elzalde lf	2	0	0	0
Hrrera rf	2	0	0	0
Aqino rf	2	0	0	0
TOTALS	37	8	12	7

WHITE SOX	141	000	001—7
Cincinnati	100	022	003—8

E: Lopez (1), Rondon (3), Pennington (1). **DP:** WHITE SOX 1, Cin 1. **LOB:** WHITE SOX 9, Cin 9. **2B:** Delmonico (4), Gillaspie (2), Sanchez (1), Suarez (2), Mesoraco (1). **3B:** Garcia (1), Rondon (2). **HR:** Dixon (2). **SB:** Dixon (1). **SF:** Rondon (2), Mesoraco (3).

WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Lopez	2	1	1	1	2	2
Dunning	2	2	0	0	1	0
Hansen	1⅔	3	3	3	1	3
Bummer	1⅓	2	1	1	0	3
Jones	1	0	0	0	0	1
Ruiz **L**, (0-1)	⅓	3	3	3	0	0
Clark	⅓	1	0	0	0	1
CINCINNATI						
Lorenzen	1⅔	5	5	5	2	3
Astin	1⅓	1	1	1	1	2
Hernandez	1	0	0	0	0	2
Hughes	1	0	0	0	1	1
Peralta	1	2	0	0	1	2
Rainey	1	0	0	0	1	1
Worley **W** (1-1)	2	4	1	1	0	1

HBP: by: Dunning (Votto). **WP:** Bummer, Ruiz, Lorenzen. **Umps:** H, Lentz; 1B, Muchlinski; 2B, Baker; 3B, Hamari. **T:** 3:24. **A:** 2,271

ROCKIES 2, CUBS 2

COLO	AB	R	H	BI
R.Tapia lf	3	0	0	0
Hlliard lf	1	1	1	2
LMhieu 2b	3	0	2	0
O'Mlly pr	1	0	0	0
Arenado 3b	2	0	0	0
Cstro pr	1	0	0	0
Story ss	3	0	0	0
Nunez c	1	0	0	0
Tuchmn rf	2	0	1	0
Hmpsn ph	1	0	0	0
McMhn 1b	3	0	1	0
YDaza pr	1	0	1	0
Dahl cf	2	0	0	0
Rodgers ss	2	0	0	0
Pttrson dh	2	0	0	0
Mundll ph	2	0	0	0
Wolters c	2	0	0	0
Cevas cf	1	1	1	0
TOTALS	33	2	7	2

CUBS	AB	R	H	BI
Happ cf	3	1	1	2
Hnnmnn cf	1	0	0	0
Schwbr lf	3	0	0	0
Burks lf	1	0	0	0
Cntrras c	2	0	1	0
T.Davis c	2	0	0	0
LaStlla 3b	3	0	0	0
Court 1b	1	0	1	0
Cratini dh	3	0	1	0
Solis pr	1	0	0	0
Navarro 1b	2	0	0	0
Zgunis rf	3	0	0	0
Freemn 2b	2	1	0	0
CYoung ss	3	0	0	0
TOTALS	30	2	4	2

Colorado	000	000	020—2
CUBS	002	000	000—2

LOB: Colorado 6, CUBS 3. **3B:** Daza (1). **HR:** Hilliard (1), Happ (3). **SB:** O'Malley (3). **CS:** Tauchman (1), Navarro (1).

COLORADO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Marquez	2	1	0	0	1	2
Howard	2	1	2	2	1	1
Oberg	1	0	0	0	0	1
Rosscup	1	0	0	0	0	2
Farris	1	1	0	0	0	2
Vasto	1	0	0	0	0	1
Broyles	1	1	0	0	0	1
CUBS						
Mills	2	0	0	0	1	3
Duensing	1	0	0	0	0	2
Bass **H** 1	1	1	0	0	0	2
Simmons **H** 1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Ryan **H** 1	1	1	0	0	1	1
Brooks **H** 1	1	2	0	0	0	0
Camarena **BS** 0-2	1	2	2	2	0	1
Baldonado	1	1	0	0	0	2

WP: Ryan.
Umpires: Home, Bill Miller; First, Quinn Wolcott; Second, Ted Barrett; Third, Mark Carlson. **T:** 2:17. **A:** 10,167

NBA G LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB
Fort Wayne	25	15	.625	—
Grand Rapids	22	19	.537	3½
Wisconsin	18	22	.450	7
WINDY CITY	18	22	.450	7
Canton	17	24	.415	8½

THURSDAY'S RESULT
Salt Lake City 101, Iowa 98

AHL

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OL	SOL	PT	GF	GA
Manitoba	34	15	4	3	75	192	138
Gr. Rapids	32	19	1	6	69	181	163
WOLVES	29	18	6	2	66	172	153
Iowa	26	18	7	3	62	168	164
Rockford	28	23	3	3	62	175	179
Milwaukee	26	24	4	1	57	153	178
Cleveland	18	28	4	3	43	132	176

2 pt for win, 1 pt for OT/shootout loss.
THURSDAY: No games scheduled.

LATEST LINE

NBA

pregame.com		FRIDAY
Dallas	1½	at **Bulls**
Detroit	2½	at Orlando
at Philadelphia	3½	Charlotte
Golden State	12½	at Atlanta
at Memphis	off	Denver
Toronto	3	at Washington
at Milwaukee	off	Indiana
at Phoenix	off	Oklahoma City
at Utah	6½	Minnesota
at LA Clippers	9½	New York

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

		FRIDAY
Buffalo	7	at Bowling Gr.
at Toledo	5	E. Michigan
at Akron	1½	Kent St
Columbia	2½	at Dartmouth
at Harvard	10	Cornell
Princeton	2	at Brown
Pennsylvania	1	at Yale
at Cent. Mich.	3½	W. Michigan
at Miami (Ohio)	4	Ohio
Texas-Arlington	3½	at Texas St
Ball St	4	at N. Illinois
at Davidson	2½	Rhode Island
at Oklahoma	10	Iowa St
Michigan St	off	Wisconsin
Drake	Pk	Bradley
Indiana St	1	Illinois St
Cleveland St	1½	Youngstown St
Green Bay	4	Detroit
Loy. Marymount	2½	Portland
Santa Clara	off	Pepperdine

NHL

			FRIDAY
at NY Islanders	-140	Montreal	+130
at Florida	-210	Buffalo	+190
at Carolina	-125	New Jersey	+115
at Winnipeg	-210	Detroit	+190
at Calgary	off	NY Rangers	off
at Colorado	off	Minnesota	off
at Las Vegas	-260	Ottawa	+230
at Vancouver	off	Nashville	off
at Anaheim	off	Columbus	off

TENNIS

ATP WORLD TOUR BRASIL OPEN
R2 in Sao Paulo; clay-outdoor
Nicolas Jarry d. #6 Guido Pella, 6-7 (2), 6-4, 7-6 (2)
Albert Ramos-Vinolas d. Guilherme Clezar, 6-3, 6-4
Horacio Zeballos d. Gael Monfils, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3
Rogerio Dutra Silva d. Nicolas Kicker, 6-4, 6-2

ATP WORLD TOUR DUBAI DUTY FREE CHAMPIONSHIP
QF in Dubai, United Arab Emirates; hard-outdoor
#2 Lucas Pouille d. #8 Yuichi Sugita, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2
#3 Robert Bautista Agut d. Borna Coric, 7-6 (4), 6-4
#7 Filip Krajinovic d. Evgeny Donskoy, 6-1, 6-2
Malek Jaziri d. Stefanos Tsitsipas, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3

ABIERTO MEXICANO TELCEL
In Acapulco, Mexico; hard-outdoor
Men
Quarterfinals
#2 Alexander Zverev d. Ryan Harrison, 6-4, 6-1
#5 Kevin Anderson d. Chung Hyeon, 7-6 (5), 6-4
Jared Donaldson d. Feliciano Lopez, 6-3, 6-1
Women
Second round
Stefanie Voegele d. #1 Sloane Stephens, 6-4, 5-7, 6-2
#7 Lesia Tsurenko d. #2 Kristina Mladenovic, 6-2, 6-2
#3 Daria Gavrilova d. Veronica Cepede Royg, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
FRONTIER LEAGUE
Schaumburg: Signed UTL Lucas Owens. Cut RHP Brandon Quintero.

BASKETBALL
NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
Bulls: Signed F Jarell Eddie to a 10-day contract.
Cleveland: Suspended G J.R. Smith 1 game for detrimental conduct.

FOOTBALL
CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Edmonton: OL D'Anthony Batiste retired.

HOCKEY
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
Arizona: Recalled F Laurent Dauphin from Tucson (AHL).
Colorado: Reassigned D David Warsofsky to San Antonio (AHL).
New Jersey: Assigned G Eddie Lack to Binghamton (AHL). Activated G Cory Schneider from IR.
Tampa Bay: Signed F Alex Barre-Boulet to a three-year entry level contract. Recalled F Anthony Cirelli from Syracuse (AHL).
AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE
AHL: Suspended San Diego D Korbinian Holzer one game for an illegal check to the head of an opponent in a Feb. 27 game against San Antonio.

SOCCER
MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER
Minnesota: Promoted Stacey Hardin to athletic trainer.
Portland: Waived D Chance Myers.

COLLEGE
Muhlenberg: Announced Corey Goff executive director of athletics and recreation will leave at the end of the 2017-18 school year.
New Jersey City: Director of athletics Alice De Fazio retired. Named Ken Heaton interim.
North Carolina: Named Henry Baker asst. football coach.
Stockton: Women's basketball coach Joe Fussner retires, effective June 30.

NHL

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV
Nashville	63	40	14	9	89	206	162	22-7-3	18-7-6	13-4-2
Winnipeg	63	37	17	9	83	213	170	23-7-2	14-10-7	11-7-2
Minnesota	64	36	21	7	79	199	182	22-5-6	14-16-1	11-9-0
Dallas	64	36	23	5	77	190	169	22-10-2	14-13-3	10-11-0
St. Louis	65	35	26	4	74	178	173	20-14-0	15-12-4	9-9-2
Colorado	63	34	24	5	73	195	188	22-8-1	12-16-4	7-9-1
BLACKHAWKS	64	27	29	8	62	180	186	15-14-3	12-15-5	6-9-2
PACIFIC	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**DIV**
Vegas	63	41	17	5	87	218	173	24-6-2	17-11-3	16-3-2
San Jose	65	35	21	9	79	194	180	19-9-3	16-12-6	16-4-3
Los Angeles*	64	35	24	5	75	184	158	15-11-3	20-13-2	10-10-3
Anaheim	64	31	21	12	74	176	178	16-9-5	15-12-7	10-6-7
Calgary	65	32	24	9	73	184	192	14-14-4	18-10-5	9-7-3
Edmonton	64	27	33	4	58	181	213	13-16-2	14-17-2	12-8-0
Vancouver	64	24	32	8	56	173	210	11-15-5	13-17-3	6-11-1
Arizona	63	19	34	10	48	153	208	11-18-4	8-16-6	4-10-5

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV
Tampa Bay	65	44	17	4	92	233	176	21-6-2	23-11-2	13-5-2
Boston	62	39	15	8	86	207	157	21-7-4	18-8-4	12-4-2
Toronto	66	39	20	7	85	218	185	22-8-2	17-12-5	11-5-3
Florida	61	30	25	6	66	181	197	17-9-3	13-16-3	9-5-1
Detroit	63	26	27	10	62	166	185	13-13-8	13-14-2	6-13-3
Montreal	63	24	29	9	58	160	195	16-10-8	8-19-2	10-6-3
Ottawa	62	21	31	10	52	168	219	14-13-5	7-18-5	6-11-3
Buffalo	64	20	33	11	51	153	207	9-18-4	11-15-7	8-6-3
METRO	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**DIV**
Washington	64	36	21	7	79	198	191	22-9-2	14-12-5	11-6-3
Philadelphia	64	34	20	10	78	190	182	16-10-6	18-10-4	9-5-5
Pittsburgh	65	36	25	4	76	212	198	23-8-1	13-17-3	13-6-0
New Jersey	64	33	23	8	74	190	193	17-12-3	16-11-5	12-8-1
Columbus*	63	32	26	5	69	168	175	19-11-2	13-15-3	12-10-3
Carolina	64	28	25	11	67	171	194	15-11-6	13-14-5	7-8-5
N.Y. Islanders	64	29	28	7	65	208	228	16-11-4	13-17-3	10-9-1
N.Y. Rangers	64	28	30	6	62	183	206	18-12-4	10-18-2	7-8-3

*Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs. *-late game not included*

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
SAN JOSE 7, **Blackhawks** 2
BOSTON 8, Pittsburgh 4
Carolina 4, PHILADELPHIA 1
FLORIDA 3, New Jersey 2
Tampa Bay 5, DALLAS 4 (OT)
Nashville 4, EDMONTON 2
ARIZONA 5, Minnesota 3
Columbus at Los Angeles, late

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE
Montreal at N.Y. Islanders, 6
Buffalo at Florida, 6:30
New Jersey at Carolina, 6:30
Detroit at Winnipeg, 7
Minnesota at Colorado, 8
N.Y. Rangers at Calgary, 8
Nashville at Vancouver, 9
Ottawa at Vegas, 9
Columbus at Anaheim, 9

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
MONTREAL 3, N.Y. Islanders 1
Buffalo 2, Tampa Bay 1 (OT)
ST. LOUIS 2, Detroit 1
COLORADO 5, Calgary 2
N.Y. Rangers 6, VANCOUVER 5 (OT)

Home team in CAPS

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
Cleveland	36	25	.590	7½	5-5	W-2	21-10	15-15	26-14
Indiana	34	27	.557	2½	6-4	L-2	21-11	13-16	24-16
Milwaukee	33	28	.541	3½	5-5	L-3	19-12	14-16	20-19
Detroit	29	32	.475	7½	4-6	W-1	20-13	9-19	18-22
BULLS	20	41	.328	16½	2-8	L-5	13-17	7-24	17-20
ATLANTIC	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STK**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**CONF**
Toronto	43	17	.717	—	9-1	W-2	25-5	18-12	27-8
Boston	44	19	.698	½	6-4	W-4	23-11	21-8	28-13
Philadelphia	33	27	.550	10	8-2	W-1	19-10	14-17	18-15
New York	24	38	.387	20	1-9	L-2	16-14	8-24	12-25
Brooklyn	20	43	.317	24½	1-9	L-2	12-21	8-22	13-24
SOUTHEAST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STK**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**CONF**
Washington	36	26	.581	—	6-4	L-1	18-12	18-14	23-15
Miami	32	30	.516	3½	2-8	L-1	16-13	16-17	22-17
Charlotte	28	34	.452	8	5-5	L-1	18-15	10-19	17-19
Atlanta	19	43	.306	17	4-6	W-1	14-18	5-25	9-31
Orlando	18	43	.295	17½	3-7	L-7	11-18	7-25	11-28

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
Houston	48	13	.787	—	10-0	W-14	24-6	24-7	30-8
San Antonio	36	26	.581	12½	3-7	L-1	22-7	14-19	20-16
New Orleans	35	26	.574	13	7-3	W-7	17-12	18-14	17-19
Dallas	19	43	.306	29½	3-7	L-1	12-20	7-23	10-31
Memphis	18	42	.300	29½	0-10	L-11	13-19	5-23	15-23
NORTHWEST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STK**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**CONF**
Minnesota*	38	26	.594	—	6-4	W-2	25-7	13-19	28-11
Portland*	35	26	.574	1½	6-4	W-4	18-11	17-15	21-15
Oklahoma City	36	27	.571	1½	6-4	W-2	21-10	15-17	20-18
Denver	33	28	.541	3½	7-3	L-2	24-9	9-19	21-20
Utah	31	30	.508	5½	8-2	L-1	19-11	12-19	20-16
PACIFIC	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STK**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**CONF**
Golden State	48	14	.774	—	7-3	W-4	24-7	24-7	27-11
L.A. Clippers	32	28	.533	15	7-3	L-1	16-13	16-15	22-18
L.A. Lakers	27	34	.443	21	8-2	W-4	15-14	12-20	13-24
Phoenix	19	44	.302	29½	3-7	W-1	9-23	10-21	13-28
Sacramento	19	43	.306	29½	3-7	W-1	9-20	10-23	10-29

**-late game not included*

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
L.A. Lakers 131, MIAMI 113
Philadelphia 108, CLEVELAND 97
Sacramento 116, Brooklyn 111 (OT)
Minnesota at Portland, late

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE
Dallas at **Bulls**, 7
Detroit at Orlando, 6
Charlotte at Philadelphia, 6
Golden State at Atlanta, 6:30
Toronto at Washington, 7
Denver at Memphis, 7
Indiana at Milwaukee, 7
Oklahoma City at Phoenix, 8
Minnesota at Utah, 9:30
New York at L.A. Clippers, 9:30

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
DETROIT 110, Milwaukee 87
Toronto 117, ORLANDO 104
ATLANTA 107, Indiana 102
BOSTON 134, Charlotte 106
Golden State 109, WASHINGTON 101
Phoenix 110, MEMPHIS 102
Oklahoma City 111, DALLAS 110 (OT)
New Orleans 121, SAN ANTONIO 116
Houston 105, L.A. CLIPPERS 92

home team in CAPS

SOCCER

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	W	T	L	GF	GA	PTS
Man City	24	3	1	82	20	75
Man United	18	5	5	53	20	59
Liverpool	16	9	3	65	32	57
Tottenham	16	7	5	53	24	55
Chelsea	16	5	7	50	25	53
Arsenal	13	6	9	51	39	45
Burnley	9	10	9	22	25	37
Leicester	9	9	10	40	41	36
Everton	9	7	12	32	47	34
Watford	9	6	13	38	47	33
Bournemouth	8	8	12	33	43	32
Brighton	7	10	11	26	37	31
West Ham	7	9	12	35	50	30
Huddersfield	8	6	14	25	48	30
Newcastle	7	8	13	27	38	29
Southampton	5	12	11	29	41	27
Crystal Palace	6	9	13	25	43	27
Swansea	7	6	15	21	41	27
Stoke	6	8	14	28	54	26
West Brom	3	11	14	22	42	20

THURSDAY'S RESULT
Manchester City 3, ARSENAL 0

GOLF

WGC MEXICO CHAMPIONSHIP
1st of 4 rds at Club de Golf Chapultepec; Mexico City; 7,345 yds; Par 71

64 (-7)	
Louis Oosthuizen	32-32
65 (-6)	
Chris Paisley	31-34
Xander Schauffele	31-34
S. Sharma	32-33
66 (-5)	
Rafa Cabrera Bello	33-33
Kira. Aphibarnrat	32-34
67 (-4)	
Jon Rahm	33-34
68 (-3)	
Pat Perez	33-35
Sergio Garcia	34-34
Tony Finau	31-37
Brian Harman	33-35
Rickie Fowler	34-34
69 (-2)	
Russell Henley	36-33
Dustin Johnson	34-35
Alex Noren	34-35
Bubba Watson	38-31
Phil Mickelson	32-37
Patton Kizzire	35-34
Marc Leishman	33-36
Brendan Steele	32-37
Daniel Berger	35-34
Thomas Pieters	36-33
70 (-1)	
Jhonattan Vegas	35-35
Kevin Kisner	34-36
David Lipsky	34-36
Charley Hoffman	35-35
Patrick Cantlay	34-36
Adam Bland	34-36
Jordan Spieth	36-34
Tyrrell Hatton	35-35
Adam Hadwin	34-36
ALSO: 72 (+1)	
Justin Thomas	37-35

TSHWANE OPEN
1st of 4 rds at Pretoria CC; Waterkloof, South Africa; 7,081 yds; Par 71

64 (-7)	
Louis De Jager	32-32
65 (-6)	
Felipe Aguilar	33-32
Julian Suri	32-33
Thomas Aiken	34-31
66 (-5)	
Shaun Norris	34-32
Combrinck Smit	33-33

HSBC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS
1st of 4 rds at Sentosa GC (Tanjong Course); Singapore; 6,718 yds; Par 72

65 (-7)	
Jennifer Song	31-34
67 (-5)	
Eun-Hee Ji	33-34
Michelle Wie	33-34
68 (-4)	
Br. M. Henderson	35-33
Ariya Jutanugarn	35-33
Danielle Kang	34-34
In Gee Chun	34-34
Jessica Korda	34-34
Madelene Sagstrom	34-34
Chella Choi	34-34
Su Oh	34-34
Sung Hyun Park	36-32
69 (-3)	
Marina Alex	32-37
Jeong Eun Lee	34-35
So Yeon Ryu	35-34
Mirim Lee	35-34
ALSO: 70 (-2)	
Cristie Kerr	35-35
73 (+1)	
Brittany Lincicome	34-39

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S AP TOP 25

RK (CP) TEAM	W-L	THURSDAY/NEXT GAME *-A.M.
1. (1) Virginia	27-2	**W** 67-66 at Louisville
2. (2) Michigan State	28-3	Fri vs. Wisconsin (Big Ten), 11*
3. (4) Xavier	26-4	Sat at DePaul, 11*
4. (5) Villanova	26-4	Sat vs. Georgetown, 4
5. (3) Duke	24-6	Sat vs. #9 N. Carolina, 7:15
6.(6) Kansas	24-6	Sat at Oklahoma State, 3
7. (7) Gonzaga	27-4	Sat, WCC tourn., 9
8. (8) Purdue	26-5	Fri vs. Rutgers (Big Ten), 7:55
9. (9) N. Carolina	22-8	Sat at #5 Duke, 7:15
10. (10) Cincinnati	26-4	**W** 78-49 at Tulane
11. (11) Wichita State	24-5	**W** 75-71 (OT) at Central Florida
12. (12) Texas Tech	22-8	Sat vs. TCU, 3
13. (14) Ohio State	24-7	Fri vs. Penn St (Big Ten), 5:30
14. (15) Auburn	24-6	Sat vs. S. Carolina, 2:30
15. (13) Michigan	25-7	**W** 77-71 vs. Iowa (Big Ten)
16. (17) Tennessee	22-7	Sat vs. Georgia, 5
17. (16) Rhode Island	23-5	Fri at Davidson, 7
18. (18) Clemson	22-7	Sat at Syracuse, 1
19. (22) Arizona	23-7	**W** 75-67 vs. Stanford
20.(19) West Virginia	22-8	Sat at Texas, 11*
21. (21) Nevada	26-5	Sat at San Diego State, 9
22. (20) St. Mary's	27-4	Sat, WCC tourn., 10:59
23. (25) Kentucky	21-9	Sat at Florida, 11*
24. (23) Middle Tenn.	24-5	**W** 82-64 vs. Western Kentucky
25. (—) Houston	23-6	Sun vs. Connecticut, 3

CP-Coaches poll

BIG TEN MEN'S TOURNAMENT

STANDINGS	CONF	ALL	THURSDAY/NEXT GAME *-A.M.
Michigan State	16-2	28-3	Fri vs. Wisconsin, 11*
Purdue	15-3	26-5	Fri vs. Rutgers, 7:55
Ohio State	15-3	24-7	Fri vs. Penn State, 5:30
Michigan	13-5	25-7	**W** 77-71 vs. Iowa
Nebraska	13-5	22-9	Fri vs. #15 Michigan, 1:25
Penn State	9-9	20-12	**W** 65-57 vs. Northwestern
Indiana	9-9	16-15	**L** 76-69 vs. Rutgers
Maryland	8-10	19-13	**L** 59-54 vs. Wisconsin
Wisconsin	7-11	15-17	**W** 59-64 vs. Maryland
Northwestern	6-12	15-17	**L** 65-57 vs. Penn State
Minnesota	4-14	15-17	Season over
Illinois	4-14	14-18	Season over
Iowa	4-14	14-19	**L** 77-71 vs. Michigan
Rutgers	3-15	15-18	**W** 76-69 vs. Indiana

AREA MEN'S TEAMS

TEAM	W-L	THURSDAY/NEXT GAME *-A.M.
Bradley	19-12	Fri vs. Drake (MVC), 2:30
Chicago State	2-28	Sat vs. UMKC, 4:35
DePaul	11-18	Sat vs. #3 Xavier, 11*
Eastern Ill.	12-19	**L** 73-66 vs. Austin Peay (OVC)
Ill. Chicago	17-14	Sun, vs. Milwaukee (Horizon), 4
Illinois State	16-14	Fri vs. Indiana State, (MVC), 8:30
Loyola	25-5	Fri vs. N. Iowa (MVC), noon
Marquette	17-12	Sat vs. Creighton, 1:30
Northern Ill.	12-18	Fri vs. Ball State, 7
Notre Dame	18-12	Sat at #1 Virginia, 3
Southern Ill.	19-12	Fri vs. Missouri State (MVC), 5:05
SIU-Ed'sville	9-21	Season over
Valparaiso	15-17	**L** 83-79 vs. Missouri State
Western Ill.	12-15	Sat vs. S. Dakota St, (Summit), 6

NCAA WOMEN'S DIVISION III TOURNEY
FRIDAY'S FIRST ROUND
At Holland, Mich.
Washington (Mo.) (18-7) vs. Wheaton (22-5), 4:30
Cornell College (20-5) at Hope (26-1), 6:30
At Whitewater, Wis.
Rose-Hulman (24-3) vs. Gustavus Adolphus (22-6), 5
Wis-Superior (23-4) at Wis-Whitewater (24-3), 7
At Bloomington, Ill.
DePauw (25-2) vs. Trine (24-3), 4:30
Marietta (24-4) at Illinois Wesleyan (24-3), 7
At Saint Paul, Minn.
Chicago (23-2) vs. Wisconsin Lutheran (24-3), 5:30
Chapman (23-4) at St. Thomas (Minnesota) (25-2), 8
Second Round, Saturday
Third Round, March 9

WOMEN'S AP TOP 25

RK (CP) TEAM	W-L	THURSDAY/NEXT GAME *-A.M.
1. (1) Connecticut	29-0	Sun, AAC tourn., 5:30
2. (2) Mississippi St	30-0	Fri vs. Kentucky (SEC), noon
3. (3) Baylor	28-1	Sat, Big 12 tourn., 1:30
4. (5) Louisville	29-2	Fri vs. Virginia Tech (ACC) , 1
5. (4) Notre Dame	27-2	Fri vs. Virginia (ACC), 5
6. (6) Oregon	27-4	Fri vs. Colorado (PAC-12), 1:30
7. (7) Texas	24-5	Sat, Big 12 tourn., 6
8. (8) S. Carolina	23-6	Fri vs. #12 Tennessee (SEC), 6
9. (9) UCLA	23-6	Fri vs. California (Pac-12), 4
10. (10) Oregon State	23-6	Fri, Pac-12 tourn., 10:30
11. (11) Florida St	24-5	Fri vs. Miami (ACC), 7
12. (12) Tennessee	24-6	**W** 64-61 vs. Auburn (SEC)
13. (14) Ohio State	24-6	Fri vs. Rutgers (Big Ten), 11*
14. (13) Missouri	23-6	vs. Mississippi (SEC), late
15. (16) Texas A&M	23-8	**W** 82-52 vs. Arkansas (SEC)
16. (20) Stanford	20-9	Fri vs. USC (Pac-12), 8
17. (17) Maryland	23-6	Fri vs. Indiana (Big Ten), 5:30
18. (15) Duke	22-7	Fri vs. #23 NC State (ACC), 10*
19. (18) Georgia	24-5	Fri vs. #14 Missouri (SEC), 8
20.(19) S. Florida	24-6	Sun, AAC tourn., 1:30
21. (21) Green Bay	26-3	Sat, Horizon tourn., 1:30
22. (—) Belmont	29-3	Fri vs. Jacksonville St. (OVC), 1
23. (22) NC State	23-7	**W** 77-64 vs. N. Carolina (ACC)
24. (25) LSU	19-8	Fri vs. #15 Texas A&M (SEC), 2
25. (23) Mercer	28-2	**W** 75-44 vs. W. Caro. (So. Conf.)

CP-Coaches poll

BIG TEN WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

STANDINGS	CONF	ALL	THURSDAY/NEXT GAME *-A.M.
Ohio State	13-3	24-6	Fri vs. Rutgers, 11*
Maryland	12-4	23-6	Fri vs. Indiana, 5:30
Iowa	11-5	24-6	**W** 55-45 vs. Northwestern
Minnesota	11-5	22-7	Fri vs. Iowa, 1:25
Nebraska	11-5	20-9	Fri vs. Michigan, 7:55
Michigan	10-6	22-8	**W** 77-48 vs. Penn State
Purdue	9-7	18-13	**L** 62-60 vs. Rutgers
Indiana	9-7	17-13	**W** 111-109 (4 OT) vs. Mich. St
Rutgers	7-9	20-11	**W** 62-60 vs. Purdue
Michigan State	7-9	17-13	**L** 111-109 vs. Indiana
Penn State	6-10	16-15	**L** 77-48 vs. Michigan
Northwestern	4-12	12-20	**L** 55-45 vs. Iowa
Wisconsin	2-14	9-21	Season over
Illinois	0-16	9-22	Season over

AREA WOMEN'S TEAMS

TEAM	W-L	THURSDAY/NEXT GAME *-A.M.
Bradley	12-16	Sat vs. Illinois State, 2
Chicago State	1-27	Sat vs. UMKC, 1
DePaul	23-7	Sun, Big East tourn., 6
Eastern Ill.	3-26	Season over
Ill. Chicago	8-21	Fri vs. Oakland (Horizon), 11*
Illinois State	13-15	Sat vs. Bradley, 2
Loyola	7-21	**L** 97-53 vs. Drake
Marquette	21-8	Sun, Big East tourn., noon
Northern Ill.	15-13	Sat vs. W. Michigan, 1
Notre Dame	27-2	Fri vs. Virginia (ACC), 5
Southern Ill.	15-13	**W** 54-43 vs. Indiana State
SIU-Ed'sville	17-13	**W** 76-43 vs. Austin Peay (OVC)
Valparaiso	12-16	**L** 76-53 vs. N. Iowa
Western Ill.	21-8	Sun vs. Neb. Omaha (Summit), 2:30

COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Miller to remain Arizona coach

Tribune news services

When Arizona hastily called a news conference Thursday afternoon, it appeared coach Sean Miller's tenure in Tucson could be ending.

Instead, the coach vehemently denied a report claiming he discussed a six-figure payment to a recruit. Less than three hours later, the school president announced Miller will remain the Wildcats coach.

"We have no reason to believe Miller violated NCAA rules or the law," university President Robert C. Robbins said. "We will continue to pursue every avenue of inquiry available to us during this active and federal investigation to fully understand the facts."

ESPN reported last Friday, using anonymous sources, that the FBI had Miller on a wiretap discussing a $100,000 payment to Wildcats freshman Deandre Ayton to attend the school. Miller made a statement to the media inside Arizona's McKale Center, denying the report.

Also, junior guard Allonzo Trier was cleared by the NCAA and started Thursday night, scoring 18 points for the No. 19 Wildcats (23-7, 13-4 Pac-12) in a 75-67 victory over Stanford. He sat out two games last week after tests showed a reappearance of the banned substance that led to his 19-game suspension last season.

Virginia 67, Louisville 66: De'Andre Hunter hit a 3-pointer as time expired and the top-ranked Cavaliers (27-2, 16-1) became the first ACC team to go 9-0 on the road in league play. Louisville (19-11, 9-8) led 66-64 and tried to inbound with .9 seconds left, but Virginia got the ball after Deng Adel was called for traveling on the baseline.

Top 25: Kyle Washington's 16 points led No. 10 Cincinnati (26-4, 15-2 American) to a 78-49 road win over Tulane. ... Shaquille Morris scored 19 points as No. 11 Wichita State (24-5, 14-3 American) won at UCF 75-71 in overtime. ... Brandon Walters had 18 points and 11 rebounds as No. 24 Middle Tennessee (24-5, 16-1) clinched their second straight Conference USA title with a 82-64 home victory over Western Kentucky.

Tournaments: Alize Johnson had 22 points and 19 rebounds as seventh-seeded Missouri State (18-14) eliminated No. 10 seed Valparaiso 83-79 in the first round of the MVC tournament in St. Louis. Tevonn Walker's 25 points led the Crusaders (15-17). ... Mack Smith scored 20 points, but Eastern Illinois (12-18) blew a 14-point lead in falling to Austin Peay 73-66 in the second round of the OVC tournament in Evansville, Ind.

Getting closer: Missouri coach Cuonzo Martin said 6-foot-10 freshman F Michael Porter Jr. will be a game-time decision against Arkansas on Saturday. Porter was cleared to return to all basketball activities Feb. 22 and didn't play in Missouri's last two games.

IN BRIEF AUTO RACING

NRA to continue as sponsor at Bristol

Tribune wire services

The National Rifle Association announced Thursday that it will continue its co-sponsorship of the annual night NASCAR Cup Series race at Bristol Motor Speedway in Tennessee.

Bass Pro Shops and the NRA have co-sponsored the Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race in recent years.

■ **Sage Karam** will drive for Dreyer & Reinbold Racing in the Indianapolis 500. It will be the fifth straight start in the race for Karam, 22, who has only raced the Indy 500 the last two seasons and has no other IndyCar ride lined up for the season.

COLLEGES: The Sun Belt Conference signed a new eight-year contract with ESPN that gives the network exclusive multimedia rights to all of the league's sports. The new deal runs through 2027-28.

GOLF: Louis Oosthuizen of South Africa made a short eagle putt on the par-5 15th hole and had five birdies to fire a 7-under 64 and take a one-stroke lead at the WGC Mexico Championship in Mexico City. In their WGC debuts, **Chris Paisley** of England and **Xander Schauffele** were tied for second. Defending champ and world No. 1 **Dustin Johnson** opened with a 69. ... **Jennifer Song** shot an opening 7-under 65 to take a two-stroke lead at the Women's World Championship in Singapore. **Michelle Wie** and **Ji Eun-Hee** were tied for second.

NBA: Cavaliers G **J.R. Smith** was suspended one game by the team for detrimental conduct. Coach **Tyronn Lue** gave no further specifics about the punishment, which was handed down just hours before a 108-97 home loss to the 76ers.

SOCCER: Megan Rapinoe scored in the 17th minute and the U.S. women's team beat Germany 1-0 in Columbus, Ohio. ... La Liga leader Barcelona played to a 1-1 draw with host Las Palmas, allowing Atletico Madrid to move within five points. Barca, which has drawn three of its last five league matches, will host second-place Atletico on Sunday. ... **Bernardo Silva, David Silva** and **Leroy Sane** scored first-half goals to lead English Premier League leader Manchester City to a 3-0 victory over host Arsenal. City extended its advantage over second-place Manchester United to 16 points. ... Brazil striker **Neymar** will have surgery on a fractured toe in his right foot and could be out for up to three months. He was injured during Paris Saint-Germain's Ligue 1 match against Marseille on Sunday.

TENNIS: Three-time Grand Slam singles champ **Stan Wawrinka** will skip the Indian Wells and Miami hard-court events to rest his injured left knee. Wawrinka, 32, had knee surgery in August. He retired from his second-round match last week in Marseille, France.



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Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky is living with Rams counterpart Jared Goff in Southern California while putting in offseason work.

Sensing a sophomore surge from Trubisky

Nagy praises 2nd-year QB, who is getting jump on his offseason work

By Rich Campbell
Chicago Tribune

INDIANAPOLIS — As coach Matt Nagy and his staff continue to conceptualize and design the Bears' new offense, they can be thankful Mitch Trubisky's rookie season didn't go according to plan.

Instead of learning exclusively from the classroom and sideline behind Mike Glennon, the first-round quarterback started the final 12 games. Four victories, eight losses, each loaded with enough experiences — good and bad — to form the launching pad for improvement under a new offensive brain trust.

Now, with Trubisky's training underway in Southern California, it's clear why the Bears are optimistic he will make a significant second-year jump. Experience, confidence and commitment are on the list of prerequisites, and Trubisky accounts for all three.

Nagy has sensed that from video study of Trubisky's NFL acclimation. League rules prevent them from working together or even communicating about football until the start of the offseason program in April, but he sees a promising foundation.

"He plays hard," Nagy said. "He makes some really special throws, and he's learning the tempo and the speed of the game. So for him, just understanding getting in and out of the huddle, getting up to the line of scrimmage and then make a play — there's a lot to that process.

"And so you can see the growth of him as he develops throughout the year that he's improving and getting better and better. For somebody like myself and the staff that comes in, that's really fun."

Trubisky is spending the start of the offseason near Irvine, Calif., living with Rams quarterback Jared Goff. They are represented by the same agency, Rep1 Sports.

As Goff did last winter after his rookie season, Trubisky is scheduled to work with Tom House and Adam Dedeaux, quarterback performance gurus whose client list includes Drew Brees, Tom Brady and Carson Wentz.

"He has really good people around him," general manager Ryan Pace said. "I never worry about his work away from the building. We know he's working hard. We know that focus is there and we're excited to get these guys back in early April and build upon that."

Until then, Nagy will digest everything about Trubisky's rookie performance and apply it to his offense, understanding the elements that have helped other quarterbacks significantly improve in their second seasons.

In fact, Goff is a prime example. He lost all seven of his starts as a rookie but thrived last season under first-year coach Sean McVay. The Rams won the NFC West and Goff made the Pro Bowl.

When McVay met Goff while interviewing for the Rams coaching vacancy, he appreciated Goff's resolve.

"I didn't sense a guy who was ever fazed by that, who didn't have a sense of belief and expectation internally where he felt like he was going to do well," McVay recalled Wednesday at the NFL scouting combine. "That quiet confidence, the way that he carried himself — his disposition, his demeanor — it rubbed off on his teammates."

Trubisky demonstrated similar steadiness during his 12 starts. The offense struggled to score because of his growing pains, limitations at the receiver position and various mistakes during games, but Trubisky's determination to push forward and grow never wavered.

There were positives, such as Trubisky's 88.7 passer rating on third down, which ranked 10th in the NFL.

Progress in certain aspects of his play was evident to Nagy, specifically Trubisky's ability to avoid sacks by checking down or throwing the ball away.

In Trubisky's first five starts, he averaged 3.2 sacks per game. He was sacked at least four times in three of those games.

In the final seven games, though, that average dropped to 2.1. Only once was he sacked more than twice in a game.

"That's situational football," Nagy said. "And so, that's something that we're really going to harp on, is being able to understand when to throw the ball away, when to not take a sack to get out of field-goal range or etc. He'll learn that. We just have so much to get into once those guys get here."

The antsiness in Nagy's voice was obvious. Waiting for Trubisky and the team to return to work is a hindrance.

In Goff's case, Rams general manager Les Snead characterized the mandated time away as the biggest challenge to Goff's Year 2 growth under a new coach in a new system.

Goff and McVay were committed to accelerating their partnership the moment league rules allowed, which matches what we know about Nagy and Trubisky's internal drive.

"I don't know if they took any time off," Snead said with a laugh. "Jared was then working weekends, per se."

At least Nagy won't need to start with Trubisky entirely at square one. Yes, the scheme will be new. He'll also have several new receivers. But remember how Trubisky fumbled his first two snaps from under center in training camp last summer? Those basics are behind him and he has experience reading NFL defenses from the pocket.

As the Bears build around him, then, their expectations are more ambitious. And Trubisky should be more equipped to meet them.

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NFL NOTES

Tests show Kelly's cancer has returned

Hall of Fame QB 'shocked ... deeply saddened' by diagnosis

Associated Press

Hall of Fame quarterback **Jim Kelly** said he has once again been diagnosed with oral cancer.

Kelly released a statement Thursday through his publicist saying he is "shocked and deeply saddened" by the news and vows to once again fight to overcome the disease. He did not go into specifics on the diagnosis except to say the cancer was discovered following a test.

Kelly had been cancer-free since September 2014 but had been required to undergo follow-up testing every six months.

His battle began in June 2013 when he had surgery to remove cancerous cells in his upper jaw. The cancer then spread to his sinus in March 2014. Kelly spent two months undergoing a barrage of treatments that left him weak but removed the cancerous cells.

Browns willing to talk: Browns general manager **John Dorsey** is willing to take trade offers for the No. 1 overall draft pick.

He's even encouraging teams to make that call.

Dorsey spoke at the scouting combine in Indianapolis, and it didn't take long for the annual quarterback questions to pop up. But as Dorsey repeatedly swatted away queries about where he had players ranked, he acknowledged there were many things he could do with the top pick in April's draft. The Browns also hold the fourth pick.

One possibility is a trade, to which Dorsey quipped, "Just give me a call."

Jags' Fowler penalized: Jaguars defensive end **Dante Fowler** was sentenced to a year of probation and 75 hours of community service for a parking lot attack on a man.

News outlets reported that Fowler was sentenced after pleading no contest to misdemeanor charges of battery, criminal mischief and petty theft. He could still be disciplined by the NFL.

St. Petersburg, Fla., police said Fowler was arrested in July after confronting a man who made a comment about Fowler's driving in a parking lot. Authorities say Fowler exchanged words with the man before hitting him. The man's glasses were knocked off and Fowler stepped on them before taking a grocery bag from the man and tossing it in a lake.

Fowler was the Jaguars' first-round draft pick out of Florida in 2015.

Extra points: Colorado prosecutors dismissed charges of harassment and nonphysical domestic violence against Broncos S **Will Parks** after the alleged victim in the case failed to show up to testify when subpoenaed. ...The NFL Players Association created a medical guide for players, a 107-page reference book written by scientific professionals with extensive material on concussion detection, treatment and the league's game-day protocol for head injuries. NFL chief medical officer Dr. **Allen Sills** revealed a 16 percent rise in diagnosed concussions, from 250 in 2016 to 291 in 2017.

WHAT WE LEARNED

Receiver position still glaring problem

Lack of production in '17 puts premium on filling the void

By Dan Wiederer and Colleen Kane
Chicago Tribune

INDIANAPOLIS — On-field work will begin at the NFL scouting combine Friday with running backs and offensive linemen taking the field at Lucas Oil Stadium. Quarterbacks, receivers and tight ends, meanwhile, will perform their bench-press testing and meet with the media. As the action continues, here's more of what we've learned.

Receiver questions still linger for the Bears

It's no secret general manager Ryan Pace will head into free agency and the draft with a focus on restocking the receiving corps and adding playmakers for young quarterback Mitch Trubisky. And while Pace strategically steered around divulging the specific traits he'll be seeking to find receivers who fit Matt Nagy's offense, he did acknowledge the challenge of evaluating college prospects at the position.

"The knowledge base of an NFL offense is pretty big," Pace said. "It's a pretty big jump, just understanding the difference between some of these college offenses and our offense. It's the jump in verbiage and the amount they're going to have to take in."

That leaves the Bears determined in part to assess prospects on their football acumen and ability to take in information.

Statistically the team's top three receivers last season were Kendall Wright, Josh Bellamy and Dontrelle Inman. It's difficult to say whether any of those players will be a major part of the team's 2018 plans. As for Kevin White and Cameron Meredith, Pace is eager to keep tabs on both players' health as they return from season-ending injuries. Meredith tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee during an exhibition game against the Titans in August. White fractured his shoulder blade two weeks later in the regular-season opener.

Pace emphasized that White's upper-body rehabilitation hasn't prevented him from running or working on his route quickness. The GM didn't specify when Meredith would be fully cleared to resume normal football activities.

"With Cam," Pace said, "it's just closely evaluating where he's at, listening to our doctors and trainers and just following his progress and where he's going to be."

The Bears could target Albert Wilson in free agency

When Chiefs general manager Brett Veach was asked what the market for Wilson might be in two weeks, he quickly mentioned Nagy, the former Chiefs offensive coordinator.

"Well, Matt's in Chicago, so he knows all about him," Veach said. "... When teams watch Albert, they'll understand how valuable he is. We certainly feel the same way. We'd be super excited to get him back, but we know we have to go through the process."

Wilson, 25, had a career-high 42 catches for 554 yards and three touchdowns in 2017. In his final game of the regular season — against the Broncos in Denver — he had 10 catches for 147 yards.

"He worked really hard in the offseason, got his weight down a little, and you saw that last game in Denver, he kind of took off," Veach said. "He's a very tough player. He does everything from the slot, from the outside. He can block. He can return. He's a very valuable commodity for us and has done a lot for us over the last few years."

New Bears offensive line coach Harry Hiestand continues to draw widespread praise

Many around the NFL have commended Nagy's union with Hiestand, who was Notre Dame's line coach for the last six seasons and held the same role with the Bears from 2005-2009. He is widely regarded as a brilliant teacher who gets the most out of his players.

On Thursday afternoon, Fighting Irish offensive tackle Mike McGlinchey offered his endorsement for Hiestand.

"There's nobody I've been around in this game who is more passionate about what he does," McGlinchey said. "There are really only two things that are important to him — his family and his offensive linemen. There's a lot to be said for that. In this game, everybody is always trying to work an angle to up their own career. He doesn't want to do anything but coach O-line. ... He coaches extremely hard and is very demanding of his players, which I loved. He pushed me to be the player I am. I'm standing here because of Harry Hiestand."

McGlinchey went on to commend Hiestand's intensity and care for his players.

"Harry helped me with everything, man," he said. "I came in as a 17-year-old kid not really knowing how to do things the right way and how to approach the game like a pro. And he taught me all of that."

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COMMENTARY

Golf still going where Woods takes it

Attendance, TV ratings show he remains huge draw

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press



WARREN LITTLE/GETTY

Justin Thomas, left, won last week's Honda Classic, but he was not bothered by the attention Tiger Woods garnered, saying Woods has "earned that."

MEXICO CITY — Tiger Woods is bigger than ever in golf, and he already was plenty big when he was winning at a rate never seen.

The Honda Classic broke its attendance record last week with a confirmed 224,624 spectators over seven days. The tournament attributed the record increase to the return of Woods and drama of a sudden-death playoff won by Justin Thomas.

It could have stopped after Woods. Not even Thomas would argue that.

Television ratings for the Honda Classic were up 43 percent from the previous year, when Rickie Fowler won. No surprise there either.

Woods no longer moves the needle in golf. He is the needle — even when he finishes 12th.

What made Woods so compelling at PGA National was that he was only four shots behind going into the weekend and that on the toughest course of the season — more than a full shot harder than the next one — Woods never shot worse than 71.

He still finished eight shots behind and was never closer than four shots off the lead over the back nine. The possibilities were there, just not the performance.

Not yet anyway.

And perhaps that's why coverage of the Honda Classic — video, digital and print — touted results by Woods that were impressive, promising and everything in between, almost to a point that Thomas winning in clutch style was an afterthought.

Woods was pleased with how he played, all things considered, and there is a lot to consider — three back surgeries over 18 months, not knowing five months ago if he'd ever be able to compete at a high level and playing against a full PGA Tour field for only the third time this year.

He also knows how to keep score.

And that might explain the text message Woods sent to Thomas on Monday: "Don't worry about it. You're still the one holding the trophy."

Thomas was not the least bit surprised, nor concerned, about such an intense focus on Woods. He could hear it from the third green Sunday when he was looking over a short birdie putt and a burst of cheers came through the trees from the eighth green, where Woods made birdie.

The walk to the fourth tee goes across the tee box at No. 9, where Woods had just teed off. The gallery with Woods — perhaps four times the size of the one following the last group — stretched all the way to the clubhouse. Thomas couldn't help but notice his fans peel off to watch Woods.

Why not?

"I'd do the same thing," Thomas said. "I'd go watch Tiger Woods.

"I was out there trying to win a golf tournament. The fact people want to watch Tiger Woods doesn't bother me. I don't blame them. He's earned that."

It's really nothing new. Stewart Cink once told of the time he played in the Junior World Championship in San Diego. When his round was over, his mother would go back onto the course and watch Woods.

Golf is in a different place than when Woods picked up his 79th win on the PGA Tour in August 2013, his most recent victory.

Thomas had just turned pro, Jordan Spieth had just earned a full tour card and Jon Rahm was going into his sophomore year at Arizona State. Since then, five players have taken turns holding the No. 1 ranking.

During his longest stretch of inactivity because of his bad back, the refrain was that golf needed Woods. When he was on the verge of returning at the end of 2016, the talk was that golf was in a good spot and Woods could only make it that much better.

For the first few tournaments of his return, it has become Woods and everyone else. The question leading to the Masters — and possibly beyond — is whether the rising tide lifts all ships or sinks them, but it's early.

Woods finished seven shots behind and in a tie for 23rd at Torrey Pines. He finished eight shots behind and in 12th place at PGA National. In between, he missed the cut at Riviera, a course never kind to him even at his best. Next up is most likely Bay Hill, where Woods has won eight times.

Different about Woods this time is that he has lowered his expectations.

He was playing to win, sure, but he has accepted a new body he has had to learn after fusion surgery on his lower back and he understands it might take time to get back into the game. Three starts in five weeks is the most tournament golf Woods has played since August 2015.

"My expectations have gone up," he said.

So will the hype. That probably won't change until he wins.

Thomas, and no doubt other golfers, are fine with that. Thomas is approaching $20 million in career earnings, and even though he has played in only 11 PGA Tour events with Woods, he knows who to thank for it.

Meanwhile, Thomas will try to win his first World Golf Championship title this weekend in Mexico. Dustin Johnson is the defending champion. Woods has been out of golf too long to be eligible.

For the mainstream fans whom Woods brought to the game, will they even notice who wins?

GOLF NOTES

LPGA rookie jumps at chance to assist Puerto Rico

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — **Emma Talley** has never been to Puerto Rico and probably couldn't name any of winners in 10 years of the Puerto Rico Open. But she's aware of the plight of Puerto Ricans still recovering from the devastation of Hurricane Maria, and the LPGA Tour rookie jumped at the chance to help.

Talley is among 19 players from the PGA Tour and LPGA Tour who are taking part in the Puerto Rico Open Charity Pro-Am this weekend that aims to raise $500,000 to help with recovery efforts.

The Puerto Rico Open, scheduled for this week, cannot be played as the island recovers.

"Our hope is that this special event in 2018 will benefit Puerto Rico's recovery efforts to the fullest extent, while reminding the world that Puerto Rico is a premier golf and travel destination," PGA Tour Commissioner **Jay Monahan** said.

Among the PGA Tour players taking part are defending champion **D.A. Points** and two other past champions, **George McNeill** and **Derek Lamely.** Talley, a former U.S. Women's Amateur and NCAA champion at Alabama, is among 10 women playing Saturday, impressive in that the LPGA does not have a direct connection with Puerto Rico.

There also will be a celebrity pro-am Friday that includes baseball players **Carlos Beltran, Pudge Rodriguez** and **Carlos Delgado,** boxer **Miguel Cotto** and former NBA player **Nick Van Exel.**

"It's almost like mission work," Talley said. "It's a great opportunity. So many people are hurting. It's going to be a very humbling experience, and I hope we can raise a lot of money. I get to do a lot of charity events, but I don't know if I've ever had a chance to do one with this much pain. I've done things for charities around town, but not where a country has been destroyed, or this caliber of disaster."

The Puerto Rico Open is expected to return to the PGA Tour schedule in 2019 and 2020.

Aussie rules: Luke List has been making great strides since his move to California to work with **Jamie Mulligan.** It was intriguing to hear him after his playoff loss in the Honda Classic talk about full effort on every shot, which is also the outlook of **Patrick Cantlay,** another Mulligan pupil.

List received some additional help a few weeks ago through his caddie, **Matthew Tritton.** They were on the range at Riviera, and List felt he was not getting everything out of his rounds. Tritton told him to call **Brett Stephens,** a former Australian Rules Football player known as "Moose."

"I talked to him for almost an hour on Thursday afternoon at Riviera," List said. "He just said some stuff I like that I wrote in my yardage book and I was flipping through that all week and looking at that, just little reminders. We always work on our golf swings and our short game and our putting but sometimes we forget to work on our mental game."

Among the reminders: "Effort over result."

They traded a few text messages during the Honda Classic. He said Stephens encouraged him to enjoy the competition, and to have fun while doing it.

"I'm trying to get my first win and get in that next level of tournaments," List said. "It just hasn't quite happened yet, but the more I think about it, I feel like the worse I do. So the more I focus on what's in front of me — the effort into the shot I did a really good job of that."

He also took time to see some video clips of Moose.

"He's a very fit dude," said List, who cuts an athletic figure himself. "He's got some clients that he brings down to south of Melbourne to run the sand dunes, and if we keep in contact, which I'm sure we will, I'm going to have to go down there and get my butt kicked."

Tiger and Sam: Sam Burns was playing in his eighth PGA Tour event at the Honda Classic and was paired with **Tiger Woods** in the final round.

So that was different, especially on the first tee.

"I don't even remember feeling the club in my hands," he said. "It was like everything was numb."

The rest of the day was normal golf, normal conversations with one of the most famous athletes in the world. Burns said he settled down on the third hole, and it showed. He played bogey-free for a 68 and tied for eighth, two shots ahead of Woods.

Two numbers stood out at the end of the week: Burns moved up to No. 388 in the world ranking; Woods moved up to No. 389.

And while Burns was nervous and excited about the pairing, so were his friends.

He checked his phone after the round and had 448 text messages. That's not likely to happen next week at Innisbrook.

Thai pipeline: Atthaya Thitikul was 6 when her father told her she should take up a sport, either golf or tennis. She watched golf on TV and liked it.

Atthaya was 14 when she played in the Thailand Championship last year on the Ladies European Tour with hopes of learning how the pros do it. She wound up beating them to become the youngest winner on the LET, a record previously held by 15-year-old **Lydia Ko.**

Expect to see more of Atthaya, the latest of several young Thai women who are coming on.

Atthaya won a four-way playoff at Sentosa Golf Club in Singapore last week to win the inaugural Women's Amateur Asia-Pacific, which was organized by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club.

That earned her a spot in the HSBC Women's World Championship this week, along with invitations to two majors — the ANA Inspiration and the Ricoh Women's British Open at Royal Lytham & St. Annes.

Stat of the week: Seven of the 15 tournaments on the PGA Tour this season have been decided by playoffs.

Final word: "I really don't play golf to create records. I play golf because I enjoy it and I want to go through the process of getting better." — **Bernhard Langer.**

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Harvick strikes blow for veterans

Young NASCAR drivers encounter trouble in Atlanta

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press



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Kevin Harvick's victory Sunday in Atlanta briefly quieted the noise made by NASCAR's younger drivers, who excelled the week before at the Daytona 500.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Kevin Harvick put the brakes on the "new NASCAR" movement with a dominating victory on a weathered old racetrack.

Away from Daytona, the veterans showed the young new drivers how to race on the dogged surface at Atlanta Motor Speedway. Harvick put on a clinic, and the top eight finishers were the familiar faces that seem to compete for wins every week.

All the new kids who sparkled in the Daytona 500 had their hands full at Atlanta, a track that requires an entirely different skill set. In the season-opening showcase, the idea is to go as fast as you can while avoiding the mishaps of others.

But the style of racing at Daytona, as well as Talladega, comes just four times a year. The rest of the NASCAR schedule is where the true talent rises.

So at Atlanta, where experience matters, the finish had five former series champions — four Daytona 500 winners — crossing in order.

"This is a racetrack that takes a lot of experience, and there's a lot of things you have to know about your car and the racetrack to get the car around," Harvick said. "This is where experience pays off."

That doesn't fit the fresh narrative that came out of Daytona, where the new crop of NASCAR drivers ruled.

Alex Bowman won the pole, Chase Elliott and Ryan Blaney won qualifying races, Blaney led the most laps in the Daytona 500, Austin Dillon won the race and Bubba Wallace finished second in his debut. At 27, Dillon is the oldest driver in that bunch.

Harvick, meanwhile, is 42.

The shift in focus to the new generation is not lost on anyone who follows NASCAR, particularly the veteran drivers. Some have nitpicked about the marketing push behind this "new NASCAR," and they had to have felt the change in dynamic at Daytona.

Denny Hamlin, a former Daytona 500 winner who finished third in the 500 and fourth at Atlanta, shared his thoughts on Twitter on Monday night by posting a video of pro bowler Pete Weber screaming, "Who do you think you are? I am!" after winning his fifth U.S. Open title in 2012. Hamlin added his own message: "All the old drivers after Sunday."

A reply chided Hamlin that Elliott is the future, and "In a couple years you will be watching him win from your recliner," the fan wrote. Hamlin didn't back down. "Agree. But I won't be on that recliner for some time," he posted.

This isn't about jealousy, but reality. The older drivers know their laps are limited, but they aren't going to simply go away. Experience matters and it's going to take seat time for the newcomers to figure out how to contend on a weekly basis.

Elliott, for example, is winless in the Cup Series but has seven runner-up finishes. He's still working on closing races. Kyle Larson was the same, and when he finally figured it out last season he knocked out four wins and was a legitimate title contender.

Harvick noted there's going to be a balance all season between the radically different ends of the spectrum. The younger drivers may have better finishes this weekend at Las Vegas because the track is "a little calmer with things that you don't have to have in your memory bank."

Clint Bowyer, who finished third behind teammate Harvick at Atlanta, believes there will be a better mix at Las Vegas because "it's qualifying laps every single lap, and those kids will show back up."

And when they do, there will be room for both new and old. Harvick, who has started the transition from driver to analyst with a radio show on Sirius and a recurring spot in Fox's broadcasting lineup, understands its going to take everyone for NASCAR to go through these current growing pains.

"We're in a great spot in our sport because we have these young guys (who) are fired up and can drive the car fast, have great stories and have ties to great family heritage," he said.

"The diversity from young to old is something we haven't had in a long time, and we're going to corral everybody to make sure they realize that we all need each other in order to make this sport what we all want it to be."

Struggling Johnson looks to 'rise' up

7-time champ off to slow start vs. young guns



George Diaz
On auto racing



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After two NASCAR Cup series races in 2018, Jimmie Johnson is 35th in the standings. He's gone 25 races without a victory.

Jimmie Johnson is ready to rise up.

"F.E.A.R. has two meanings ...

Forget Everything And Run

OR

Face Everything And Rise."

His words, not mine. His tweet Monday has received roughly 10,000 likes, reflective of the fact people like cheering for good guys.

Johnson is one of the good guys in NASCAR. But he is also one of the worst drivers based on the most recent Cup standings.

Johnson is 35th in points, in Nowhere Man land that finds him trailing part-timers such as D. J. Kennington and backpackers such as Matt DiBenedetto.

Johnson should be able to drive circles around those guys. He usually does. He has seven Cup titles, the most in NASCAR history, tied with icons named Petty and Earnhardt.

He has 83 Cup victories, most among active drivers. He is also on a winless streak of 25 races after getting knocked out in the proverbial pileups at Daytona and spinning out at Atlanta.

So you can see why Johnson sent himself a motivational pick-me-up on the internet. But you also can see why, despite the slim two-race snapshot, that we are reaching an escalating level of concern when you lump in his late-season struggles in 2017.

"You can never count someone that great out, of having a great year of being a contender, of fighting for a championship, but it's harder," said three-time NASCAR champion Darrell Waltrip, now an analyst with FOX Sports. "The more young guys you have, the harder it is for an old guy.

"They are hungrier, more aggressive. They take more chances. You've been there. You're more conservative."

Waltrip looks in the mirror and sees himself. He won 84 races but none after 1992. He retired in 2000. Do the math.

"You name every driver who is 40, 45, in that range, you might grab one now and then, but the consistency is not going to be there," Waltrip said. "You're not going to dominate. And that's a fact of life."

Johnson is 42. Do the math.

It's a new dynamic with the younger crop of kids, which includes three of Johnson's teammates at Hendrick Motorsports. One of them, William Byron, has logged countless hours on simulators before getting significant lap times on a track.

It is not Jimmie's NASCAR anymore.

"We were all young once to that point," Johnson said before the Daytona 500. "This sport really did serve experience for a lot of years. And in today's world you can get experience in a variety of different ways and have the hours needed to jump in a car, unlike my generation."

Will Johnson rise up, as he suggests in his tweet, or continue to struggle?

There could be more trouble ahead. Or a heck of a comeback story for the old guard.

In today's episode of Mean Guys, Denny takes his 5-iron home in a huff because Bubba is spreading rumors in the clubhouse about Denny getting zonked on some kind of crazy juice.

NASCAR sometimes features combatants in firesuits duking it out on a track. We have the modern-day version of sniper fire in tweets and sound bites.

I guess that's what the old-timers mean when they talk about the "wussification" of NASCAR.

To review, Darrell "Bubba" Wallace made a flip comment about Denny Hamlin being on Adderall while addressing reporters after his feisty second-place finish in the Daytona 500 and making contact with Hamlin before crossing the finish line.

A few days later, Wallace said he had been kicked out of Hamlin's golf group and said he is leaving Hamlin's basketball league because of the feud. And then he doubled-down by calling Hamlin a "dumb ass" for suggesting that 70 percent of NASCAR drivers are on Adderall.

"I've been removed from both, although I didn't get the direct text," Wallace said. "It went through like five or six people, so that's classy, I guess. ... I have been told the golf league is out. I removed myself from the basketball league. ... I guess I'm not coming back. That's OK."

Congrats to these crazy kids for their efforts to Make NASCAR Great Again.

No one wants to see punches thrown, but then again, NASCAR could use a few proactive haymakers to pick itself off the canvas.

Ratings for the Daytona 500 broadcast on FOX dropped 23 percent compared to last year's broadcast. The race at Atlanta did fairly well with an overnight rating of 3.1, making it the best non-Olympic sports event of the weekend but still down from the 3.6 overnight rating a year ago.

That said, boys, have at it. We need a good rasslin' match now and then, even if it's on the internet.

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MOVIES



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Bruce Willis takes matters into his own hands after assailants kill his wife and put his daughter in a coma in "Death Wish." Its release initially was delayed after the Las Vegas massacre.



MGM

Bruce Willis plays a man on a vengeful mission in the "Death Wish" remake.

'DEATH WISH' ★

Bruce Willis makes Chicago bleed all over

Film exploits city, glorifies vigilante violence

By Michael Phillips
Chicago Tribune

America. It's still a free country. Therefore we have to put up with the occasional "Death Wish."

Some believe the timing of this remake's release Friday is bad taste incarnate, coming as it does 16 days after the Parkland, Fla., school massacre. Isn't there a more appropriate week for a movie glorifying vigilante revenge, and the tightly coiled wrath of the quietly seething middle-aged male and his firearms?

Actually: No. There's no better time to sit with director Eli Roth's version of "Death Wish." Sixteen days after Parkland; 17 days after the murder of Chicago police Cmdr. Paul Bauer; the same week as our president's assertion that he would've run into that Florida high school and taken care of business, gun or no. Yes, it feels like the week for this movie.

Funny thing: Initially, MGM had this Bruce Willis "Death Wish" reboot scheduled for a Nov. 22, 2017, launch. But a week after last fall's gun massacre in Las Vegas, the studio thought, well, maybe this isn't the moment to get audiences jazzed about an NRA wet dream. So MGM waited, forgetting that America never goes too long between massacres.

Let's do a background check. Novelist Brian Garfield published "Death Wish" in 1972. His book took a relatively ambiguous stance on vigilantism. The '74 movie, di-

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Untangling fantasy from reality in movie and TV show tropes



Nina Metz
Chicago Close-up

A few years back, researcher Julia Lippman helped conduct a study that examined if TV and films influence the way people view their own romantic relationships. And the answer was yes, they do.

Obviously movies and TV shows aren't the only factor. But the more marriage-themed reality shows you watch, the more you might be inclined to believe in love at first sight. And the more sitcoms you watch where the jokes spring from spousal bickering, the less optimistic you may be about the possibility of happy marriages in general.

In other words, the entertainment we watch can shape our expectations in subtle ways.

Which is so strange, because we *know* that movies and TV shows (even reality shows) are fiction — and yet the subconscious effect is still there. And that's true of pretty much anything we watch.

According to Lippman: "Anybody who studies this takes for granted the fact that media has the potential to affect the way

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IN PERFORMANCE 'Mary Stuart' ★★ 1/2

Stare-down of queens a bit cool to the touch

By Chris Jones
Chicago Tribune

Friedrich Schiller was once a really big deal in Chicago: You still can see his statuesque likeness in Lincoln Park or even live on his street. For a price.

But we rarely get to see the dramatic works of Germany's venerable playwright, historian and aesthetician. Although I find his works far more satisfying, theatrically, than those of Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, old Friedrich tends to be viewed as a bit talky, a bit static, a bit verse-y, *ein bisschen* too neoclassical for the current roiling moment. So good for Chicago Shakespeare Theater for bucking the trend.

Being as he idolized William Shakespeare and tolerated the *sturm und drang* of the carnival, Schiller surely would have enjoyed his current berth on Navy Pier, where the New York-based director Jenn Thompson is essaying an all-new production of "Mary Stuart," a play from 1800 that I last saw at the Court Theatre in 2001, starring the illustrious Jenny Bacon in the title role of the deposed Queen of Scots. Elizabeth I was played by Barbara Robertson in that full-blooded production by JoAnne Akalaitis. Robertson shows up in this show, too, gamely and expertly playing the nurse Hanna Kennedy, in a production otherwise dominated by actors from New York.



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Mary Queen of Scots (K.K. Moggie) and Queen Elizabeth (Kellie Overbey) in "Mary Stuart."

Since 2001, of course, Good Queen Bess has had her cultural moment as a powerful and enigmatic protofeminist icon, a swoosh of fiery red in a gray, patriarchal sea. This post-facto deification often ignores her less-than-generous treatment of the Roman Catholic woman who also had a reasonable claim on the throne of England. Elizabeth's actions are open to myriad moral interpretations, of course, and you argue that she always put national unity first and whatnot, but she not only signed Mary's execution warrant, she slithered away when it came to carrying it out. As they say in Springfield, the governor is the governor.

Schiller's play, then, is a much less flattering portrait of Elizabeth (played here by Kellie Overbey) and more in the thrall of Mary Stuart (K.K. Moggie), with each staring down the other as duller men like Mortimer (Andrew Chown), Leicester (Tim Decker), Paulet (Kevin Gudahl) and Talbot (Robert Jason Jackson) variously oscillate, manipulate and fawn. It's all about the two women.

You get the feeling that Thompson was worried about the static nature of the piece, and thus the lines are delivered from the start with a fevered intensity and a rapid pace. That's fair enough in that Mary always is aware that her time on this stale promontory could well be short, but it has

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Chris Stapleton, shown Feb. 21 at the BRIT Awards, is up for eight Academy of Country Music Awards.

Chris Stapleton leads country nominations

Chris Stapleton leads in nominations for the 2018 Academy of Country Music Awards, airing live April 15 on CBS. The singer and songwriter is up for eight awards in five categories, including entertainer of the year, Stapleton's first time vying for the penultimate prize of the night. Reba McEntire will host the show, which is held at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, returning to emcee the ACMs for the first time since 2012, when she appeared alongside Blake Shelton.

Thomas Rhett, who won male vocalist of the year in 2017, collected six nominations, including another for the title he currently holds. Keith Urban follows in five categories, including his eighth time as a contender for entertainer of the year, along with songwriter Shane McAnally, whose credits include Sam Hunt's "Body Like A Back Road," Urban's "Female," Old Dominion's "Happy Endings" and Midland's "Drinkin' Problems."

Not far behind in the nomination tally is Miranda Lambert, ACM's reigning female vocalist of the year, with four nominations. She has collected 29 ACM awards since emerging onto the scene in 2003. Newcomer Maren Morris also received four nominations, including her second in the female vocalist of the year category.

Among country groups, Little Big Town, Lady Antebellum and Midland collected nods, as did Tim McGraw and Faith Hill, their first as a duo.

— *Variety*



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Minhaj gets Netflix talk show: Hasan Minhaj, above, is set to host his own weekly Netflix talk show, Variety has confirmed. Minhaj has served as a correspondent on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show" since 2014, and he hosted the White House Correspondents' Dinner last year. Netflix has ordered 32 episodes of the new show, which will launch later this year. Minhaj will stay with "The Daily Show" until summer.

Pitt, DiCaprio to star in Tarantino's Manson film: Brad Pitt and Leonardo DiCaprio are set to star in Quentin Tarantino's "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood," which is set against a background of murders by Charles Manson and his "family." Sony Pictures said Wednesday that the film is expected to be released Aug. 9, 2019. Tarantino said Pitt and DiCaprio will play a pair of struggling actors who live next door to Sharon Tate.

"Full House" creator fired from Netflix reboot: Producers of "Fuller House" have fired the top executive behind the show amid charges about his behavior on the set. Warner Bros. Television said Wednesday that it would not renew Jeff Franklin's deal but did not explain why. Variety reports that there were complaints that he was verbally abusive to staffers and made inappropriate comments to the show's writers.

March 2 birthdays: Comedian Laraine Newman is 66. Singer Jon Bon Jovi is 56. Actor Daniel Craig is 50. Rapper Method Man is 47. Singer Chris Martin is 41. Actress Rebel Wilson is 38.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Family fears elderly driver next door

Dear Amy: My family lives next to a very sweet elderly woman, who lives by herself and also still drives. She appears in good health but has trouble seeing and hearing. She's 94 years old.

A few months ago, she drove onto our front lawn. The car stopped a few feet from hitting our house. She was shaken up, but unhurt. There was significant damage to our lawn, several bushes and a fence post.

After the incident, I saw her son visiting her house, so I went to ask how she was doing. I recommended that she not drive anymore, and he grew very defensive and said that was her decision, not ours. He said that she needs to be able to drive herself to run errands and to go to doctor's appointments and that he lives too far to be able to drive her around daily.

She is back to driving herself again. She backed into her mailbox about a month ago.

I am terrified to let my kids play in our front yard for fear she'll have another accident. I just can't seem to bring myself to call the police on her.

What do you recommend? How can I get her son to take action?

— *Worried*

Dear Worried: When your neighbor damaged your lawn and almost drove into your house, your own insurance company might have gotten the ball rolling.

The son will not act. You should report your neighbor's unsafe driving to the DMV. When I checked at my state's DMV website, I found a very easy-to-file "concerned citizen's" form for a "request for driver review." This form asks for the individual's name, address, make and model of the car, and license plate number. It also asks for your information and gives you an opportunity to explain your concerns. Presumably, this information is not revealed to the driver. The form also has opportunities to list others who will verify your concerns.

If the DMV is doing its job, it will follow through with the driver to ask for a reassessment.

Understand that you are not only saving your children (and others) who might be injured, but you are also doing this out of concern for her safety.

I hope your town offers alternative transportation for seniors. The most obvious reason for seniors driving long past the time when they should is because they don't see any alternative. Perhaps your family can be more helpful by offering to drive her occasionally and helping to set her up for grocery delivery.

Dear Amy: You receive many letters from parents who are unhappy in their relationships with their adult children, and they frequently wonder what they are doing wrong.

I was among them until I had a recent "lightbulb moment." Being with one of our four adult children was often uncomfortable; we were usually walking on eggshells, afraid we'd upset him without really knowing why and worried he'd get angry and create a scene. I would then stew for weeks about what I had done wrong.

And then the lightbulb went on: He really doesn't like being with us. So why was I forcing this issue with him? And here's another watt in that lightbulb: This particular son has long-standing issues that *he* needs to resolve.

After meeting with a family counselor, I realized that our relationship was more important to me than to him, and I needed to let go of unrealistic expectations of how our family should function.

I had to take a hard look at myself and my contributions, both good and bad. With the counselor's advice, I let this son know we would no longer hold him to any family expectations. I stopped calling, emailing or texting (which he saw as intruding). I told him we'd love to see him and would let him initiate that. And, when we did get together, we would accept only respectful behavior from him.

It was a huge relief for everyone. He reaches out every now and then, we meet occasionally, and fortunately he's very generous about making sure we see our grandkids. Our relationship with the other adult kids is better without the stress their brother usually brought to the mix.

Sometimes letting go is the only sane answer.

— *Happier Now*

Dear Happier: Ninety percent of my advice to questions regarding family challenges is to urge people to detach. Your experience provides the perfect example of how detachment works. Good for you.

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'Annihilation' star a fierce Chicagoan on screen, in life



Michael Phillips
Talking Pictures

"You know what, Mike?" Gina Rodriguez is on the line from Los Angeles, on speakerphone. She's driving her producing partner's car from an interview on one side of town to another interview on another. "It's a beautiful BMW. She's a blessed woman." I hear a "hi there!" from the car's owner, also in the car. "I'm driving very slow, Mike, I promise you. I'm CRAWLING along the 101."

Chicago native Rodriguez made her name on "Jane the Virgin" and recently directed her first episode of the CW series. In "Annihilation" the actress, now 33, plays a battle-scarred veteran who joins a five-woman mission inside an extraterrestrial phenomenon known as The Shimmer, a wondrous, mutating being that threatens the planet, while steering the characters in starkly different ways.

Writer-director Alex Garland's ruminative science fiction film didn't do the opening-week business Paramount had hoped. Then again, Paramount didn't have a lot of hope for its commercial prospects; the studio offloaded the international distribution to Netflix. "Annihilation" bypasses theaters outside North America entirely and will begin streaming in various markets March 12.



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Gina Rodriguez on "Annihilation": "I'm not playing the 'strong Latina woman.' ... I'm playing a human being."

This was all in the future when I talked to Rodriguez. She says she went into her first meeting with Garland a serious fan, as are many, of his writing and of his film "Ex Machina."

"I had no idea what the story was," she says, "but there was a role of a badass paramedic from Chicago. And he had no idea I was from Chicago! But he was aware that I was a badass. Nah, I'm kidding. He just wanted to get a sense of who I was. Then I went to London to test for the movie, and the rest is history."

The movie, she says, "just happens to be about five women. There's no 'Yay! Women are just as strong as men!' thing going on. I'm not playing the 'strong Latina woman' in the story. I'm playing a human being with her own agenda, and these characters are using their skills and their intelligence to get through their journey. As a brown woman, I seldom get to say this kind of dialogue. I get to step out of the damn box for once."



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Rodriguez is known for "Jane the Virgin," a show she has directed once. She says she's looking for a film to direct.

She was born and raised here, on Chicago's Northwest Side, attending Andrew Jackson Language Academy and St. Ignatius College Prep before taking off for NYU and her future.

"From womb to 17 I was in Chicago. I danced in Humboldt Park, and danced in every Puerto Rican parade. I was a professional salsa dancer." Today, she says, "I have a lot of cousins in Chicago, and my brother, but my immediate family is in LA, sisters, parents. I haven't been back in three years. I'm the kind of person, Mike, that lives in the present. My upbringing made me strong and independent. Taking the 'L,' running around Boystown, going to Humboldt Park ... I really feel like I soaked it up in Chicago. I used to do graffiti! I was a little crazy. I ran around that city like I owned it."

Now she's on the hunt for her first feature to direct. For years, she says, "I've been jackhammering acting, trying to solidify myself as an actress people want to work with. Now it's time to follow my heart and my passion in a new direction. I've been studying every director I admired on the 'Jane' set, for years. It's time."

Movies on TV: Michael Phillips joins "The Jam" to talk about potential Oscar surprises, 6 a.m. Friday, WCIU-TV.

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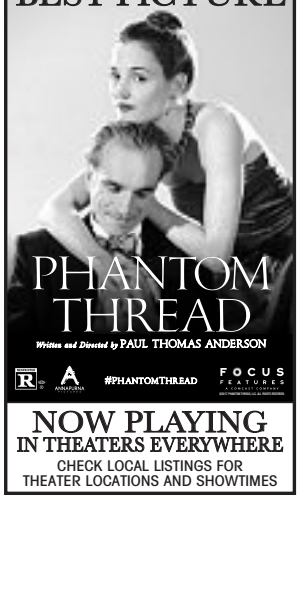
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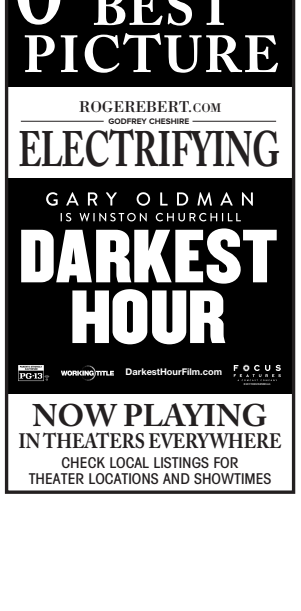
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'IN THE INTENSE NOW' ★★★

3 political cataclysms of 1960s turned poetic

By Owen Gleiberman
Variety



BERLIN FILM FESTIVAL

A scene from "In the Intense Now" from Brazilian director Joao Moreira Salles.

No MPAA rating

Running time: 2:07

Opens: Friday at Facets, 1517 W. Fullerton Ave., **www.facets.org**

Almost every contemporary movie, from Hollywood superhero blockbusters to the most arduous Romanian art film, is shot in some variation of "widescreen."

So it was a shock to sit down in the Kino International, the exotically stodgy yet palatial Cold War movie palace built in East Berlin in 1963, to encounter a film projected in the ancient shape of a square. (The shape matched the theater: so out of time it seemed new again.) It's clear why the Brazilian director Joao Moreira Salles chose that aspect ratio. His movie, "In the Intense Now," consists entirely of home movies and TV and documentary newsreel clips shot during the mid-to-late '60s, and since the vast majority of the footage is shaped like that, why not stay true to it?

"In the Intense Now" is reminiscent of the films of Chris Marker, in that it's a documentary that's really a meditation — history made poetic. It's an immersive and highly personal film that interweaves three political cataclysms from half a century ago: the uprisings in Paris that are still referred to, in France, with the simple objective signifier of "May '68"; the takeover of Czechoslovakia by the Soviets that crushed the Prague Spring; and the rise of Mao's Cultural Revolution in China.

"In the Intense Now" brings you closer to each of these upheavals than all but a handful of films before it. Yet one of the central things to say about the movie is that the grouping together of this trio of national convulsions is counterintuitive to the point of seeming, at times, a little naive. May '68 was an organic uprising of French citizens who were striving for something better; the Soviet takeover of Czechoslovakia is one of the darkest moments in 20th-century totalitarianism; and the Cultural Revolution, launched in 1966, was Mao's plunge into madness, his Great Leap Forward into transforming the world's most populous nation into the world's largest cult. (By the time Mao was done executing his grand plan, more people had died in China — by oppression and starvation — than were killed by Hitler and Stalin combined.)

Yet Salles' insistence on stitching these diverse events into a triptych is hypnotic in its provocation. He's posing a karmic question: What was in the air in 1968? Was there a spirit of "revolution" that wafted across borders, a spirit that could be both light and dark, liberating and tyrannical? Salles adds the events together, but what he really wants is for everything he depicts to fuse in the heads of the audience.

The China sections are the most personal, because they're based on a trip that Salles' mother took to Beijing in 1966. She shot hours of silent Super 8 footage, and what she records looks like the home-movie version of a propaganda film. Girls dance in a daisy chain of solemn delight, and citizens, under the gaze of Mao's image, wander and smile. On the soundtrack, Salles reads passages by the Italian author Alberto Moravia, who visited China in 1967 and describes being stunned by the people's beatific serenity, their skin tone, their glow of happiness. Moravia ignores, or misses, what was going on behind the scenes — the coercion and violence. Yet the footage we see is fascinating. The blissed-out quality of the Chinese citizens is a little creepy, but it does come off as a species of well-being. It represents the dissolving of individuality, an ideal so far removed from our own that "In the Intense Now" forces us to confront the existence of a value system that's like an alien alternative.

The clips of what took place in Czechoslovakia, culled from grainy back-and-white home movies, unfold on more familiar ground — and, indeed, the terrain looks even more chilling now, when the crackdown on freedom is something we can no longer write off as what went on "over there."

One of their only acts of defiance is to show up, en masse, for the funeral of Jan Palach, the student who on Jan. 16, 1969, a little less than six months after the occupation, soaked himself in gasoline and set himself aflame in protest. What's most hauntingly relevant about this act of self-sacrifice is that at the hospital, where he died three days later, Palach told a burn specialist that he did what he did to protest not just the Soviet occupation but what he saw as the resignation of the Czech people. The footage that Salles assembles reveals that resignation among the crowds — the depression and loss in their eyes, and the fear, that was all too understandable yet not, perhaps, inevitable. It's a lesson that Americans should now heed.

There have been a handful of documentaries made about May '68, like William Klein's *"Grand soirs et petit matins"* (excerpts of which appear in "In the Intense Now"), but Salles may be the first filmmaker to portray the events of the Paris upheaval in the full grandeur of hindsight.

"In the Intense Now" covers multiple aspects of that civilized insurrection: the ebullience of the students and their leader, Daniel Cohn-Bendit, a clean-cut Abbie Hoffman who proudly goes on TV to declare that they have no plan for the future, no idea of what's coming next; the surges in the streets, when 6 million workers went on strike and it looked, for a moment, like the uprising could turn into a full-fledged revolution; the 4½-minute Charles de Gaulle radio address that calmed the nation; and the analysis of what changed.

The '60s, of course, changed America, too, but in France it happened in one month. A month that brought the future crashing into the now.

'RED SPARROW' ★½

Jennifer Lawrence shines, but film script disappoints

By Michael Phillips
Chicago Tribune

MPAA rating: R (for strong violence, torture, sexual content, language and some graphic nudity)

Running time: 2:20



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Jennifer Lawrence stars as Dominika in "Red Sparrow."

Jennifer Lawrence is a movie star who, at 27, happens also to be a genuine and terrifically nervy actress. Her talent remains very much in evidence in the spy thriller "Red Sparrow."

But in the coolly preposterous role of a Slavic Mata Hari, straight out of a secret Russian "whore school" run by Charlotte Rampling, Lawrence lets her frozen bangs do the heavy lifting, while her face betrays as little as possible. She's a sex-worker edition of John le Carre's George Smiley — a sphinx crossed with Buster Keaton, and double-crossed by a script dependent on torture, rape and whack-a-mole espionage tropes.

The biggest female star in the world, Lawrence is coming off the release of "mother!" — a risky provocation. In that film she served as audience conduit for an increasingly nightmarish trip inside a narcissistic male ego. We could use more messes like that movie; I never knew where it was going, and even the most outlandish images felt alive and cinematic.

"Red Sparrow" is more of a square, as provocations go. It adapts the first in a trilogy of novels by ex-CIA operative Jason Matthews. Rising young Bolshoi ballerina Dominika (Lawrence) suffers a suspicious onstage injury. Her incestuous-minded uncle (Matthias Schoenaerts, looking like the movie-star version of Vladimir Putin) has a new career in mind for her: He blackmails her into attending "Sparrow" school, a state-run institution focused on training a new generation of ruthless, sexually manipulative spies with an interest in travel.

The faculty head, played by Rampling, trains her young women and men in the clinical art of seduction, which leads to a variety of pervy classroom exercises. At one point Dominika, naked, taunts a sexually aggressive fellow classmate into wormy submission. I suppose that scene is designed to give a male audience what it wants, while also making the scene skeevy enough to make you wince. Is that complexity or hypocrisy?

Much of "Red Sparrow" concerns Dominika's primary assignment: Cozying up to an American agent, played by Joel Edgerton, and learning the identity of the apparent double agent in his employ. Mary-Louise Parker hijacks the movie for 15 minutes or so, as a boozed-up U.S. Senate chief of staff looking to sell classified intel to the Russians. That plotline hinges on the exchange of some highly inflammatory information stored on floppy disks, and yes, Virginia, there was a time not so many years ago that people, even spies, probably, relied on these disks to store their secrets. That time is no more, except in the movie "Red Sparrow."

The cast excels at transcending its material. The script by Justin Haythe matches Francis Lawrence's direction; it's workmanlike and steady and pretty flat. This may be a matter of a director having made one too many "Hunger Games" movies (he handled three) to clear his head sufficiently before tackling something different. I took minimal pleasure in the guessing games of the later stretches; I took zero pleasure in the lingering skin-graft torture sequence endured by one of the major characters. (You'd be an idiot to let anyone under 16 see it.) Half of the "Red Sparrow" audience will spend at least part of the running time fighting off memories of "Salt" and "Atomic Blonde" and the Black Widow storyline from "The Avengers."

The other half, meantime, will wonder when spy movies became quite so punishing.

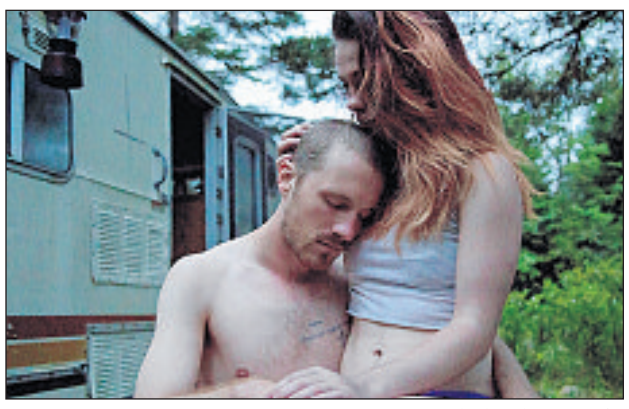
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'WEREWOLF' ★★

Recovering addicts trudge through life near rock bottom

By Joe Leydon
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TORONTO FILM FEST

Andrew Gillis and Bhreagh MacNeil in "Werewolf"

No MPAA rating

Running time: 1:19

Opens: Friday at Facets, 1517 W. Fullerton Ave., **www.facets.org**

Ranging from 1971's "Dusty and Sweets McGee" to Collin Schiffli's more recent "Animals," downbeat dramas about young addicts in love have been sufficiently numerous to constitute an entire subgenre, one complete with its own readily identifiable conventions and archetypes. For all her attempts at documentary-style verisimilitude, filmmaker Ashley McKenzie doesn't really cover much new ground with "Werewolf," her debut feature. Indeed, the familiarity and predictability of its scenario about co-dependency in the lower depths make the relatively short Canadian indie seem longer than it is.

Nessa (Bhreagh MacNeil) and Blaise (Andrew Gillis) are introduced as recovering addicts hovering very near rock bottom, living in a ramshackle trailer in the woods near a Nova Scotia town and existing on the pittances they earn mowing lawns. Their day-to-day lives appear to be nothing more meaningful than purgatory endured between trips to the methadone clinic. Trouble is, the rusty old lawn mower the young couple uses to make money is in no better shape than they are. And their tab at the methadone clinic is $150, and steadily rising.

Nessa is waiflike and largely unassertive, but she gradually emerges as the more resilient of the pair. More important, she possesses appreciably more people skills than Blaise, who comes across as both foggy-headed and belligerent when interacting with anyone other than Nessa — be it an unsympathetic lawn mower repairman or a faceless bureaucrat who can't, or won't, provide help.

Blaise is not yet so far gone that he lacks pride. But he's not too proud to rely on Nessa, a fact underscored early on when a wary homeowner, reluctant to let strangers cut his grass, offers the couple $5 just to go away from his door and never return. Blaise says he won't touch the guy's money. "No," the homeowner replies, "but I bet you'll darn sure use it if she takes it."

McKenzie tells us next to nothing about the lives Nessa and Blaise lived, individually or as a couple, before "Werewolf" begins. Blaise makes a fleeting reference to having a daughter, but that's about it. (And before you ask, no, despite the film's title, no one admits to a past history of lycanthropy.) Instead, McKenzie focuses intently on the drearily concrete details of the hardscrabble present. Individual shots are framed with a randomness that doubtless is more apparent than real, enhancing the illusion that McKenzie is merely observing, and not controlling, the fates of her characters.



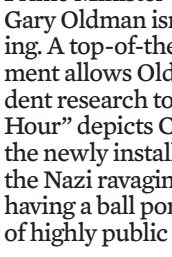




ALSO PLAYING

"Black Panther" ★★★ 1/2
PG-13, 2:20, action

Wakanda was blessed by a magical substance called vibranium. The metal turns the king of the moment into the superhuman Black Panther. King T'Chaka expires, and his son, T'Challa (Chadwick Boseman), is crowned. There are two antagonists: Andy Serkis is vibranium fanatatic Ulysses Klaue, and Michael B. Jordan is the American black ops ace known as Killmonger. He's got ambitions for the throne, and a belief in getting stunningly advanced weaponry in the hands of oppressed people of color throughout the world. May Marvel learn its lesson: When a movie like this ends up feeling both personal and vital, you've done something right. — *Michael Phillips*


Boseman

"Call Me by Your Name" ★★★ 1/2
R, 2:12, drama

"Call Me by Your Name" is about being 17. Timothee Chalamet stars as Elio Perlman, the son of an American professor (Michael Stuhlbarg). Each summer, Professor Perlman and his wife, Annella (Amira Casar), host a graduate student to help with research. This year's recruit, Oliver, played by Armie Hammer, rates as a standout. Elio's embarking on an affair with a local girl (Esther Garrel), but Oliver presents a problem he cannot solve. Is the grad student toying with him? Is he gay? Oliver by design remains an attractive abstraction. This is a very, very good film devoted to love. — *M.P.*

"Darkest Hour" ★★★
PG-13, 2:05, drama

In "Darkest Hour," a dramatization of a few key weeks in the life of British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, Gary Oldman isn't just eating; he's feasting. A top-of-the-line visual concealment allows Oldman to put all his evident research to good use. "Darkest Hour" depicts Churchill's life in 1940, as the newly installed prime minister faces the Nazi ravaging of Europe. Everyone's having a ball portraying the private side of highly public figures in crisis. — *M.P.*

"A Fantastic Woman" ★★★
R, 1:44, drama

Daniela Vega, a trans Chilean performer trained in the theater, plays the leading role in "A Fantastic Woman." It begins with a bit of misdirection: We meet Orlando (Francisco Reyes) and follow him to his local sauna. Somewhere, he has misplaced an envelope containing vouchers for a vacation. Then we meet his partner, Marina. These two are very much in love, but Orlando dies suddenly. The film is about the aftermath, and the closure denied its protagonist. Vega is another, formidable story, and there's a graceful finality in how "A Fantastic Woman" brings its central couple together for a farewell in a most unlikely locale. — *M.P.*

"I, Tonya" ★★★
R, 2:01, drama

Margot Robbie takes on the role of disgraced figure skater Tonya Harding, while Allison Janney brings her own deadly instincts as Harding's mother. In advance of the Olympic Games in Norway, Harding's teammate Nancy Kerrigan suffered a knee-capping perpetrated by Harding's ex-bodyguard and, to a debatable degree, Harding's on-again, off-again husband/boyfriend/abuser Jeff Gillooly. The second half of "I, Tonya" sidelines Harding, even as it deals with the incident that turned her into a punchline. The first half is more interesting and less familiar, as it lays the groundwork for Harding as a relatable sort of martyr, a victim of figure skating's snobbery and class prejudice. — *M.P.*

"Lady Bird" ★★★★
R, 1:33, drama

Christine McPherson (Saoirse Ronan), aka Lady Bird, is desperate to get out of Sacramento, Calif., and move to New York City. The movie takes Lady Bird through her senior year, as she becomes Danny's girlfriend and then falls in with a faster, richer crowd, leaving friend Julie adrift. As Wesley Morris noted in The New York Times: In the last 34 years, only two best-picture Oscar winners featured two or more major female characters who actually talked to each other. I can think of one way to improve that record. — *M.P.*


Ronan

"The Shape of Water" ★★★ 1/2
R, 2:03, drama

"The Shape of Water" is a sexy, preposterous fantasy. Set in 1962, the story marries "Creature From the Black Lagoon" to "Beauty and the Beast." Sally Hawkins is Elisa, the mute janitor who, we're told, was rescued from a river as a foundling. She bears two deep scars on her neck. Elisa works overnight at a government research center in Baltimore. A new "asset" has been brought in for examination: He, or It, comes from the Amazon. "The Shape of Water" is devoted to the notion of love as a state of liquid bliss, and we see that bliss and many other emotions in Hawkins' expressive performance. — *M.P.*


MGM

Bruce Willis, as trauma surgeon Paul Kersey, taunts a street thug in "Death Wish," a remake of the 1974 Charles Bronson film.

Vengeance in 'city of death'

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rected like a seizure by Michael Winner, did not. Its killing sprees cured the grieving widowed husband played by Charles Bronson and led to several sequels. Garfield hated that first movie. He also profited from it, and wrote a sequel to "Death Wish" ("Death Sentence") as what he termed "penance" for what the Bronson film brought to the culture.

The new film keeps its head down, in a hoodie, and goes about its business with confidence and technical proficiency. The fake brain matter strewn on various flooring surfaces looks realistic indeed.

The first movie exploited 1970s New York City as an urban hellhole. Now it's Chicago's turn. A trauma surgeon at a Chicago hospital, Dr. Paul Kersey lives a fine life in Evanston with his soon-to-be-doctor wife (Elisabeth Shue) and their NYU-bound daughter (Camila Morrone). There is, however, a lot of aggression in the air. A fellow soccer parent picks a fight with our passive hero, calling him a nickname for female genitalia. Clearly he has some manning-up to do, and "Death Wish" takes care of his needs.

It's all in the trailer: While Kersey's away saving lives, three thugs bust into his house and kill his wife and put his daughter in a coma. "We're gonna get these guys," Kersey is told by a police detective (Dean Norris), his partner (Kimberly Elise) in tow. But Kersey hasn't the patience or the optimism. His shotgun-wielding father-in-law (Len Cariou) sets him straight: "People rely on the police to keep them safe. That's the problem." The movies have been telling us this forever; this movie is merely the latest.

Kersey gets to it. Soon there are dead drug dealers and a stray deceased carjacker or two. Chicago, the "city of death" as broadcaster Mancow Muller (playing himself) puts it, buzzes about the mysterious hooded savior. Vincent D'Onofrio plays Kersey's brother, and he's always welcome. So is Shue, even in this abbreviated nothing of a role.

Most of the movie was filmed in Montreal, though Roth and company worked a few days in Chicago. At one point Kersey gets mugged on Wabash Avenue, across the street from Gold Coast Dogs; the key early assailants in "Death Wish" are conspicuously Latino and/or African-American. Plenty of white people turn up on the vermin list too, but if you're ethnically color-coding your protagonist's attackers so clearly, it's clear whom "Death Wish" is trying to appease.

For a while, director Roth plays this stuff relatively straight, and Willis periodically reminds us he can act (the grieving Kersey cries a fair bit here). The script contains a reference to AR-15 rifles; by the end, Willis goes full Willis when his adversaries return to the sanctity of the family home. At two points in the action, Roth ("Hostel," "Hostel 2") indulges in a split-screen montage depicting Willis removing slugs from chests at the hospital in one panel, while shooting people point-blank in another. Chicago: the city that works. It's capable of redemption, we're told, if the right Dr. Kill-Dare comes along to clean up the carnage the American way: more carnage.

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Untangling screen fantasy from reality

Metz, *from Page 1*

we think about things. We pretty uncritically accept that people are influenced by advertising, for example, otherwise why are companies spending so much money on it?"

A remake of 1974's "Death Wish" opens this week with Bruce Willis in the Charles Bronson role, playing a man who turns vigilante after his wife and daughter are victims of a brutal crime. Roaming the city (New York in the original, Chicago in this version) he doles out justice, gun in hand.

I wondered how Lippman's research might apply to different genres. Like "Death Wish."

There are two trailers for the new movie, and the difference in tone is fascinating (one is scored with AC/DC's anthemy "Back in Black," the other is considerably less rollicking in spirit), but what's consistent is that both are the embodiment of the "good guy with a gun" trope stripped down to its essence.

That trope — the hero armed with hardware — is entrenched in pop culture. Filmmakers go back to it over and over again.

Lippman is a research fellow at the University of Michigan and she studies media effects. I asked her if movies actually do help shape how we *think* about what's plausible or realistic in our own lives.

Because in the wake of each new mass shooting, often what follows is a debate that more or less centers on the idea of "good guy with a gun." And what I found especially striking these past two weeks was the number of military veterans and firearms experts on social media explaining why this trope so rarely translates into reality.

You need extensive training. And even then, accuracy during a crisis is actually pretty low. That's because shooting in stressful, chaotic conditions is extremely difficult. Especially when you have to make split-second decisions about who is a threat and who isn't. Adrenaline does all kinds of things to the body. Sometimes, no matter how extensive your experience, you freeze in the moment. And sometimes you're just outgunned. Brandon Friedman served as an Army infantry officer in Iraq and Afghanistan and wrote an op-ed for the New York Daily News about his own experiences shooting under stress, and one line stuck out: "It's not as easy as it looks on TV."

Movies like "Death Wish" tell a different story. The bad guys are still out there, Willis says in the trailer: "I'm going to hunt them down, one by one."

We know this is a fantasy. And we know this is a fantasy when we watch the Netflix series "The Punisher" or any of the Liam Neeson "Taken" movies or Keanu Reeves in "John Wick." It's heightened and stylized to such a degree that none of it actually looks *real*. And we consciously understand that.

"Most of us want to believe we live in a just world, so if we're seeing, hey, this is a way we can achieve this desirable outcome, then great. So that's a lot of positive reinforcement."

— Julia Lippman, research fellow at the University of Michigan

But do these TV shows and movies create even a small space in the back of our minds where we think: Maybe this *would* work?

Here's Lippman: "If you watch enough movies like this, you might be slightly more likely to see using guns as an acceptable means of conflict resolution."

Just this week the Tribune reported that a man in nearby Kendall County who witnessed a stabbing "grabbed an AR-15-style rifle from his house and stopped the attack without firing shots." In that circumstance, he was the good guy with the gun — but what if the man he confronted had not only a knife but a rifle as well? What if they exchanged gunfire? What if there were children nearby? What if innocent people got shot? What if another good guy with a gun heard the gunshots and came out armed but didn't know who the other good guy with the gun was?

What if there was another way to stop the attacker?

It's complicated.

In the movies, not so much.

"And that's what is appealing," Lippman said, "because justice is being served. The lines are clear. Most of us want to believe we live in a just world, so if we're seeing, hey, this is a way we can achieve this desirable outcome, then great. So that's a lot of positive reinforcement. Also, I think all of us at times have harbored some sort of fantasy of avenging a wrong. And when you're watching a TV show or movies, you can almost sort of be that — temporarily and vicariously — as you get lost in the world of the film."

Let's go back to "Death Wish" because I think the trailers are instructive. These are the images and words that the studio and director Eli Roth are emphasizing — this is what they want us to know about the movie.

"If a man really wants to protect what's his, he has to do it for himself," we hear in voice-over. That's going to be appealing, Lippman said, because "it's bound up in this idea that as Americans, we tend to admire self-reliance."

"And it's bound up in ideas of masculinity and what it means to be a man: being self-reliant, taking care of the family, protecting others. A movie can do the work of reinforcing those ideas by saying, 'You can live up to those ideals by using a gun.' But how different would 'Death Wish' be received if the Bruce Willis character was a woman? Or a black person? Or a Muslim who was avenging in the name of justice? I think we'd be looking at a very different film."

"Somebody has to do it!" Willis says, and moments later we see a pretty blonde behind the counter at a gun shop winking as she tells him: "You're cocked, locked and ready to rock."

Over time, Lippman said, "repeated exposure to media tropes does tend to shape how you see the world. But if you saw these movies and everybody around you was saying, 'Well, that's stupid. Of course it wouldn't work that way,' it probably isn't going to be as powerful. But if you're surrounded by people who are already saying those things and you're hearing it from politicians, then it becomes part of your reality over time."

We go to the movies, especially big fat meatball movies like "Death Wish," because they feature a swaggering action star saying impossibly stupid lines that we'll repeat back to each other afterward. We want to shove popcorn in our faces and escape instead of analyzing everything so much. Even a terrible movie can be *fun*.

I get it. So does Lippman. "I don't want to have the critical part of my brain on all the time when I'm watching things either!" she said.

So there's a tension there. Of wanting to let a big noisy movie wash over you for a couple of hours — and stopping to think about whether it's affecting how you see the world.

As journalists, we're doing a good bit of the shaping and framing ourselves, so I'll leave you with this: Last year Collider put together a listicle of the "21 Best Shootouts and Gun Fights." It's a rich cinematic tradition, writer Haleigh Foutch notes — and she's right. It is.

One that's as popular and entrenched as ever.

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WATCH THIS: FRIDAY



Lucas Till

"MacGyver" (7 p.m., CBS): Billy Baldwin reprises his guest role as Riley's (Tristin Mays) father in the new episode "Hammock & Balcony," but he may not get much time with his daughter. She's on a mission with her colleagues — posing as honeymooners — to get information from an actual newlywed, the son of a Serbian war criminal. Bozer (Justin Hires) is concerned about Matty (Meredith Eaton) finding out about his real relationship. Lucas Till stars.

"Blindspot" (7 p.m., NBC): Former series regular Archie Panjabi returns in the new episode "Warning Shot," as her character Nas directs the team in the search for a stolen technological item that could prove highly dangerous in the wrong hands. Roman and Blake (Luke Mitchell, guest star Tori Anderson) get to know each other better while playing poker in a high-stakes game. Ennis Esmer reprises his guest role as Rich DotCom. Jaimie Alexander and Sullivan Stapleton also star.

"Hawaii Five-0" (8 p.m., CBS): A private school whose leader was murdered becomes the team's destination for a probe from the inside in the new episode "O Na Hoku O Ka Lani Wale No Kai 'Ike I Kahi O Pae" (Hawaiian for "Only the Stars of Heaven Know Where Pae Is"), Tani and Junior (Meaghan Rath, Beulah Koale) pose as a personally involved couple to seek information. The kidnapped Adam (Ian Anthony Dale) faces his possible fate. Robyn Lively guest stars.

"Taken" (8 p.m., NBC): A disappearance has major personal significance for Santana (Jessica Camacho), as a foreign diplomat's kidnapping reveals the victim's connection to sex traffickers in the new episode "Absalom." Given Santana's own background, the resulting mission has its share of uncomfortable moments for her. Clive Standen, Jennifer Beals and Adam Goldberg also star.

"Blue Bloods" (9 p.m., CBS): One of today's most prominent issues is considered by the new episode "Legacy," as Nicky (Sami Gayle) faces sexual harassment from the supervisor (guest star Seam Kleier) of her internship and tries to deal with it on her own. Danny (Donnie Wahlberg) gets a financially promising job prospect from probing a rich man's death. Bridget Moynahan and Len Cariou also star.

"Laurieann Gibson: Beyond the Spotlight" (9:02 p.m., 10:02 p.m., Lifetime): You may not recognize her name, much less her face, but choreographer and creative director Laurieann Gibson has helped make superstars of such musical icons as Lady Gaga, Katy Perry and Nicki Minaj. This new series goes behind the scenes with Gibson and her team at BoomKack Worldwide to watch her creative process as she helps mold her clients, who also include Sean "Puffy" Combs.

TALK SHOWS

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Lin-Manuel Miranda; singer-songwriter "Weird Al" Yankovic; actor Macaulay Culkin; Francis and the Lights perform.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Steve Buscemi; comic Sebastian Maniscalco.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (11:35 p.m., ABC): Actress Allison Janney; actress Maisie Williams; Kent Jones performs.*

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	ABC 7	Once Upon a Time: "Secret Garden." (N) ©		(8:01) Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. (N) ©		(9:01) 20/20 (N) © HD		News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN 9	NBA Basketball: Dallas Mavericks at Chicago Bulls. From the United Center in Chicago. (N) (Live) © HD					WGN News at Nine (N)	WGN News at Ten (N)
	Antenna 9.2	3's Comp.	Soap ©	Benson ©	Wings ©	Murphy	Becker ©	Coach ©
	This TV 9.3	The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert (R)				Guys and Dolls (NR,'55) ★★★ © ♦		
	PBS 11	Chi. Tonight: Review (N)	Brit Floyd: The World's Greatest Pink Floyd Show			Frontline: "Weinstein." (N) © HD		Memory Rescue ♦
	The U 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)		The Game	The Game	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Mama's	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦
	Bounce 26.5	Living Single	Living Single	Black Hawk Down (R,'01) ★★★ Josh Hartnett, Ewan McGregor. ♦				
	FOX 32	MasterChef: "Junior Edition: Girls Just Wanna Have Fun; The Boys Are Back in Town." (Season Premiere) (N) © HD				Fox 32 News (N)	Flannery Fired Up	Modern Family ©
	Ion 38	CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime ♦
	TeleM 44	José José, el príncipe (N)		Al otro lado del muro (N)		Enemigo íntimo (N) ©		Chicago (N)
	CW 50	iZombie © HD		Jane The Virgin (N) ©		American Ninja Warrior		Ninja ♦
	UniMas 60	La niña (N) HD		La tierra prometida (N)		Nosotr.	Nosotr.	Noticias Uni
	WJYS 62	Kenneth Cox Ministries		Joyce Meyer	Robison	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Monument
	Univ 66	El rico y Lázaro (N)		Papá a toda madre (N)		Caer en tentación (N)		Noticias (N)
CABLE	AE	Live PD: Rewind (N) ©		Live PD: "Live PD -- 03.02.18." (N) (Live) © ♦				
	AMC	♦ (6) Jaws (PG,'75) ★★★★ Roy Scheider. ©				Jaws 2 (PG,'78) ★★ Roy Scheider. © ♦		
	ANIM	Treehouse Masters (N)		Treehouse Masters (Season Finale) (N)		Treehouse Masters ©		Treehouse ♦
	BBCA	Planet Earth: Frozen		Planet Earth: Frozen		Planet Earth: Frozen		Earth ♦
	BET	♦ (6) Rush Hour 3 (PG-13,'07) ★ Jackie Chan.				The Quad: "Native Son."		Black Card
	BIGTEN	♦ Basketball	Basketball	College Basketball: Big Ten Tournament (N)				The B1G
	BRAVO	♦ Married to Medicine ©		Married to Medicine (Season Finale) (N)		Relative Success (N)		Watch What
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	Chic.Best	Weekend	Politics
	CNBC	Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		Billion ♦
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		CNN Special Report ©		
	COM	The Office	The Office	Wayne's World (PG-13,'92) ★★ Mike Myers. ©				Kevin Hart ♦
	DISC	Gold Rush: Pay Dirt (N)		Gold Rush (N) ©		Gold Rush WW (N)		Gold Rush ♦
	DISN	♦ (6:15) Zombies (NR,'18)		Bizaard (N)	Raven	Gravity Falls	Gravity Falls	Bizaardvark
	E!	The Help (PG-13,'11) ★★★ Viola Davis, Emma Stone. ©						E! News ♦
	ESPN	NBA Basketball: Toronto Raptors at Washington Wizards. (N) (Live)					NBA Basketball (N) ♦	
	ESPN2	♦ College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Iowa State at Oklahoma. (N) (Live)				SportCtr (N)
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners (N)	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive
	FREE	♦ (6:45) The Da Vinci Code (PG-13,'06) ★★ Tom Hanks, Audrey Tautou. ©						700 Club ♦
	FX	Ride Along (PG-13,'14) ★★ Ice Cube, Kevin Hart. ©					Ride Along ('14) ★★ © ♦	
	HALL	Unleashing Mr. Darcy (NR,'16) Ryan Paevey. ©				Meet the Peetes ©		Golden Girls
	HGTV	Dream	Dream	Dream (N)	Dream	Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Hunters
	HIST	Ancient Aliens ©		Ancient Aliens ©		(9:03) Ancient Aliens ©		Aliens ♦
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	Meet the Parents (PG-13,'00) ★★★ Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller. ©					Meet the Fockers ★★ ♦	
	LIFE	Bring It! (N) ©		Bring It! (Season Premiere) (N) ©		Gibson, Beyond (Series Premiere) (N)		L. Gibson ♦
	MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes		Richard Engel On Assign		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	MTV	♦ Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. ♦
	NBCSCH	♦ College Basketball: MVC Tournament (N)		College Basketball: MVC Tournament (N)				
	NICK	Alvin and the Chipmunks (PG,'07) ★★ Jason Lee. ©				Full House	(9:45) Friends ©	
	OVATION	♦ (6) Pulp Fiction (R,'94) ★★★★ John Travolta, Samuel L. Jackson.					Kill Bill: Vol. 1 ('03) ★★★ ♦	
	OWN	The Paynes	The Paynes	The Paynes	The Paynes	The Paynes	The Paynes	The Paynes
	OXY	Dateline: Secrets (N)		Mysteries & Scandals (N)		Snapped ©		Dateline ♦
	PARMT	♦ (5) The Longest Yard ★★		Bellator MMA Live: "Bellator MMA Live 195." (N) ©				Bad Boys ♦
	SYFY	♦ Chronicles	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama
	TBS	Red Dawn (PG-13,'12) ★ Chris Hemsworth. ©				ELEAGUE (N)		Final Space
	TCM	Annie Hall (PG,'77) ★★★★ Woody Allen. ©				Kramer vs. Kramer (PG,'79) ★★★★ ♦		
	TLC	Untold Stories of the E.R.		Untold Stories of ER (N)		Untold Stories of the E.R.		Stories ER ♦
	TLN	Camp Meeting				Dare	Tru News	Robison
	TNT	The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R,'11) ★★★ Daniel Craig, Rooney Mara. ©						Alienist ♦
	TOON	King of Hill	Cleveland	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Family Guy
	TRAV	Destination Truth		Destination Truth (N)		Destination Truth		Destinati. ♦
	TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Mom ©	Mom ©	King
	USA	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam
	VH1	♦ (6) Along Came Polly ★★		The Goonies (PG,'85) ★★★ Sean Astin, Josh Brolin. ©				
	WE	Mama June- Not to Hot		Mama June (Season Finale) (N)		Bridezillas (Season Premiere) (N) ©		Ma. June ♦
	WGN America	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	Messenger
PREMIUM	HBO	Alien: Directors Cut (R,'79) ★★★★ Tom Skerritt.				Real Time, Bill (N)		High (N)
	HBO2	Here and Now ©		Last Week	High Main.	King Arthur: Legend of the Sword ★★ ♦		
	MAX	Speed (R,'94) ★★★ Keanu Reeves. ©				Strike Back (N) ©		Strike ♦
	SHO	♦ The Space Between Us		The Trade: "105." (Season Finale) (N) ©		We Were Soldiers (R,'02) ★★★ ♦		
	STARZ	♦ (6:24) Blue Streak ('99) ★		Power ©		Counterpart ©		Ash vs Evil
	STZENC	♦ (5:42) Walk the Line ★★★		Coming to America (R,'88) ★★★ Eddie Murphy.				Clueless ♦

'LOVELESS' ★★★½

A grim, pitiless gaze at life in Russia

By Michael O'Sullivan
The Washington Post



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Matvey Novikov plays 12-year-old Alexey in "Loveless," an Oscar nominee for best foreign-language film.

"Loveless" begins and ends with virtually the same series of shots: a wintry riverbank somewhere in Russia. In the opening sequence, there's a sense of quiet foreboding, of some evil lurking in, or just beyond, the snow-covered trees. By the time the film, which centers on the disappearance of a 12-year-old boy, has returned to the site, you will better recognize — while still, perhaps, not being able to name — the grim malaise that's only hinted at in the gray and bloodless prologue.

It is an evil not supernatural, but utterly, devastatingly banal.

A 2018 Oscar nominee for best foreign-language film, "Loveless" comes, unsurprisingly, from Russian filmmaker Andrey Zvyagintsev, who has the instincts of a contract killer: He is both ruthless and cleanly efficient when it comes to skewering contemporary Russian society. In 2015, Zvyagintsev's "Leviathan," about one man's quixotic quest to save his house from demolition, was also up for an Academy Award. In 2011 his "Elena," about a woman who resorts to shocking measures when her inheritance is threatened, was a prizewinner at Cannes. Both films interrogated notions of morality and expediency, casting a gaze on human behavior that is dispassionate and harshly unforgiving.

"Loveless" gets underway in the apartment of Boris and Zhenya (Aleksey Rozin and Maryana Spivak), an unhappily married couple who are in the midst of an ugly divorce. She's full of barely disguised venom, while he seethes in suppressed resentment. Both are already involved with other lovers, and neither wants custody of their son, Alexey, whose hot, silent tears — shed behind the closed door of his darkened bedroom, as his comfortably well-off parents argue just outside — are tough to stomach.

In short order, the boy vanishes.

This triggers a pro forma police investigation, by a blunt-spoken cop who announces, essentially, that nothing will be done by the professionals. Instead, a search party will be formed, as is the norm, by civilian volunteers, coordinated by a walkie-talkie-packing urban cowboy (Aleksey Fateev) in a blaze-orange parka. His experience with what we are told are all-too-common disappearances of children is less reassuring than deeply, queasily unsettling. As the search goes on — moving from the exurban dump outside Moscow inhabited by Alexey's paranoid grandmother (Nataliya Potapova), to an abandoned building used by his schoolmates as a clubhouse, to a hospital and, at one point, the morgue — the sense of hopelessness grows.

As "Loveless" probes the deepening mystery, it also invites us to speculate about how the promise of this young family turned, so quickly, to rot. Zhenya, as we see, is constantly absorbed by her cellphone, where she scrolls through social media posts. Boris is distracted by the demands of his pregnant girlfriend (Marina Vasileva) and his employer, a devout Christian who will probably fire him if his divorce becomes public.

Alexey, it seems, is someone else's problem.

But Zvyagintsev is less interested in the procedural and personal aspects of the story than its political overtones: "Loveless" takes place in 2012, against the backdrop of a contentious U.S. presidential election (featured in TV news reports) and a frenzy of Russian media stories focusing on the coming "apocalypse," said to have been predicted for that year by the ancient Mayan calendar. One scene, near the end of the film, shows Zhenya running in place on a treadmill while wearing a tracksuit emblazoned with the word "Russia."

Stagnation, collapse, heartlessness — whether on an individual level or a national one — are the true subjects of Zvyagintsev's film. Its message isn't subtle, but it is delivered with deadly, haunting finality.

Running time: 2:08

MPAA rating: R (for strong sexuality, graphic nudity, coarse language and a brief disturbing image)

Opens: Friday at the Music Box, 3733 N. Southport Ave., **www.musicboxtheatre.com**. In Russian with subtitles.

Stare-down between 2 queens

Mary Stuart, *from Page 1*

the effect of flattening everything out to the same level. You feel like you are watching a piece of theater thoroughly controlled by verbosity.

Nothing wrong with eloquence, of course, and both Moggie and Overbey are classically trained performers of distinction, but what you don't see here is much vulnerability, much Chicago-style connection, even though Schiller clearly intended Mary to be a complex but warm woman in every way, and Elizabeth to go through a serious crisis of conscience on the way to her infamous signature. Nothing in the show feels especially *present*, meaning that the two central characters feel like they are walking and talking their ways down separate, preordained paths. For being based on the work of such a famous romantic, it's a show that remains cool to the touch, a sense exacerbated by the design by Andromache Chalfant, which seems to take its cue from Greek tragedy, a great influence on Schiller but not an approach designed to bring you closer to his work in the here and now.

Thompson uses Peter Oswald's very interesting new adaptation — it's hardly racial revisionism, but it does float the word "refugee" to describe Mary Stuart, who did indeed escape from bad situations at Loch Leven Castle and then flung her fortunes onto the decks of QE1, who, history suggests, was less than hospitable. "To be the darling of the world is easy," she says to Mary in Oswald's version, "if you're in the arms of everybody."

Ah, leaders and their insecurities.

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (March 2): Spread your wings this year. With a strong team supporting, chase a dream and grab profitable opportunities as they arise. Family fun and romance this summer lead to a quiet recharge phase before the action heats up. Winter brings team victories and new love.
Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 5. Slow down and recharge. Nurture your body and mind with peace and rest. Strategize for action without launching yet. Get counsel from a respected coach.
Taurus (April 20-May 20): 6. Family comes first. Wait to see what develops with a romance. Fantasies prove flimsy; stay grounded. Discover an underlying truth and make a course correction.
Gemini (May 21-June 20): 6. Postpone travel, expense or going out. Clean house, and your mood rises. Reflect on your good fortune, and consider how to increase it.
Cancer (June 21-July 22): 6. Don't fund a fantasy; hold on to your money. Consider what you want to say before issuing a statement. Plan and strategize your communications.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Track your budget to know what you can spend. Don't fall for a trick. Hold out for the best deal. Resist frivolous temptation.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. You may feel especially sensitive. Avoid antagonizing anyone. Consider a new style or look. Review plans and prepare. Consult an expert.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 5. Postpone travel, expense or important decisions. Tempers are temporarily short. Rest, and take time for retrospection, contemplation and envisioning. Organize your ideas, data and plans.
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 6. Go for substance over symbolism with a group project. Offer valuable contribution. A disagreement on priorities could stall things.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. All is not as it appears; avoid misconceptions. Take inventory of professional resources, skills and talents. Wait for developments, and consider what you want.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 5. Slow down and work out the itinerary before dashing off. Make reservations and coordinate with your team. Avoid gambling, accidents or risky business.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Go for simple elegance. You don't need flash or glitz. Keep your agreements and stay in communication to avoid financial arguments. Spend later.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 6. Misunderstandings can arise with your partner. What you get isn't always what you expected. Figure out what really matters. Listen to someone you trust.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

East-West vulnerable, South deals

North
♠ 6
♥ K 7 6
♦ K 10 7 5 3
♣ 10 9 6 4

West
♠ Q 10 9 7
♥ 9 3
♦ J 6 2
♣ K Q J 8

East
♠ J 4
♥ 10 8 5 2
♦ Q 9 8 4
♣ 7 5 2

South
♠ A K 8 5 3 2
♥ A Q J 4
♦ A
♣ A 3

We thank Australian expert Tim Bourke for this deal. We are told that South was playing online with a robot. We can't ask the robot about the bidding, but we expect that the three diamond bid showed some useful values and the four heart bid was all the robot could "think" of.

South won the opening club lead in hand with the ace and saw that the only chance was to develop the spade suit. The most likely split of six missing cards is 4-2, so South found a line of play that would succeed as long as neither major suit split worse than 4-2. Declarer cashed the ace of spades at trick two and then ruffed a spade low in dummy. He crossed back to his hand with the ace of diamonds and ruffed another spade, this time with dummy's king. Had he ruffed low, East would have over-ruffed and the contract would have been defeated.

South cashed the king of diamonds and discarded his remaining club, followed by the ace, queen, and jack of hearts. Declarer left the last trump outstanding and started running his established spades by leading the king. East could ruff whenever he liked, but that was the only trick for the defense. South and the robot made six!

The bidding:

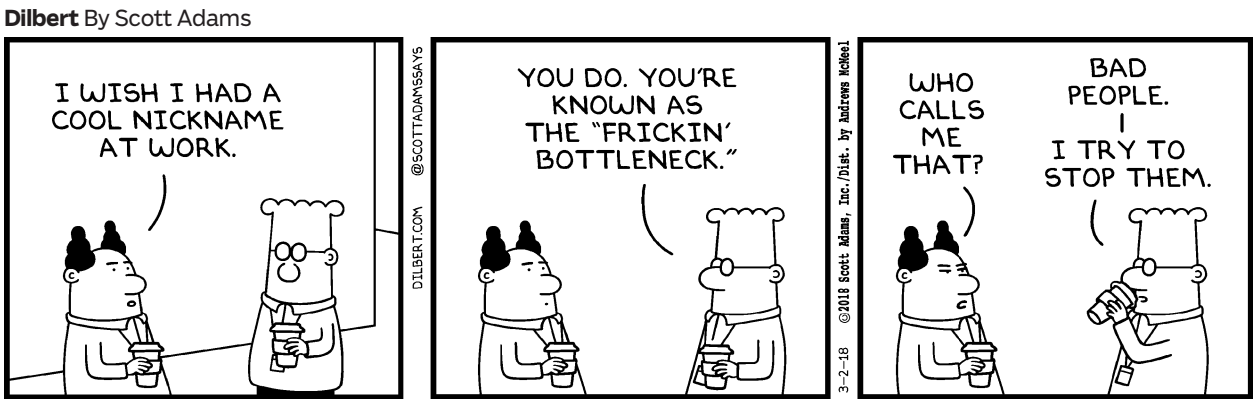
South	West	North	East
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♥	All pass		

Opening lead: King of ♣

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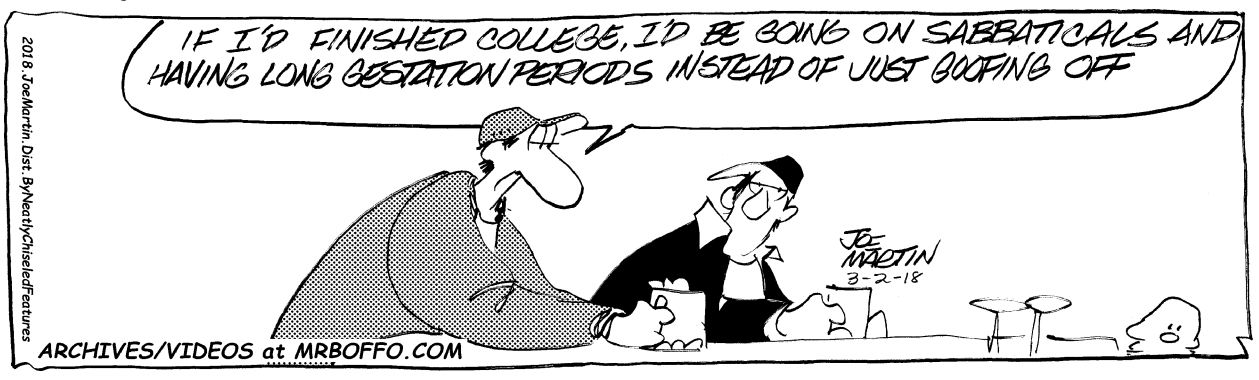
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Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



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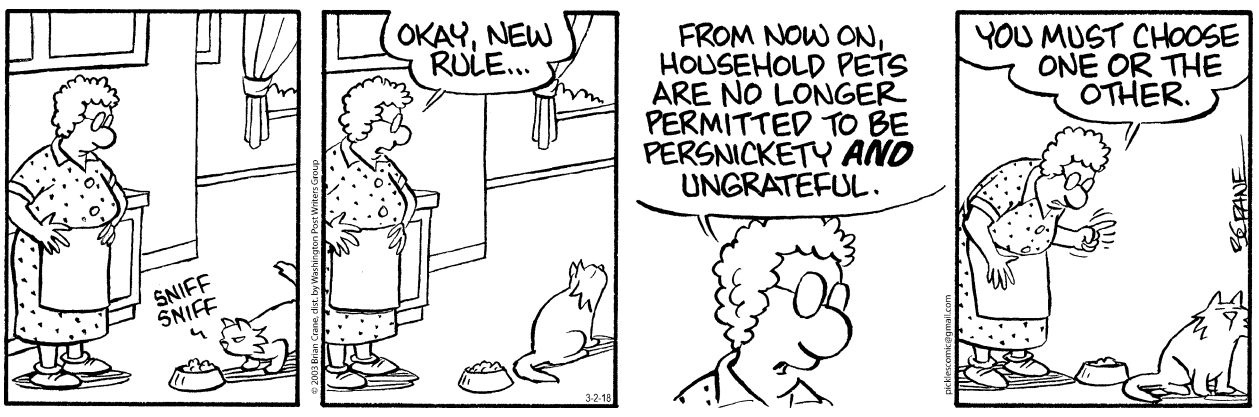
Frazz By Jef Mallett



Classic Peanuts By Charles Schulz



Pickles By Brian Crane (Pickles is on vacation this week. Please enjoy this strip from 2003.)



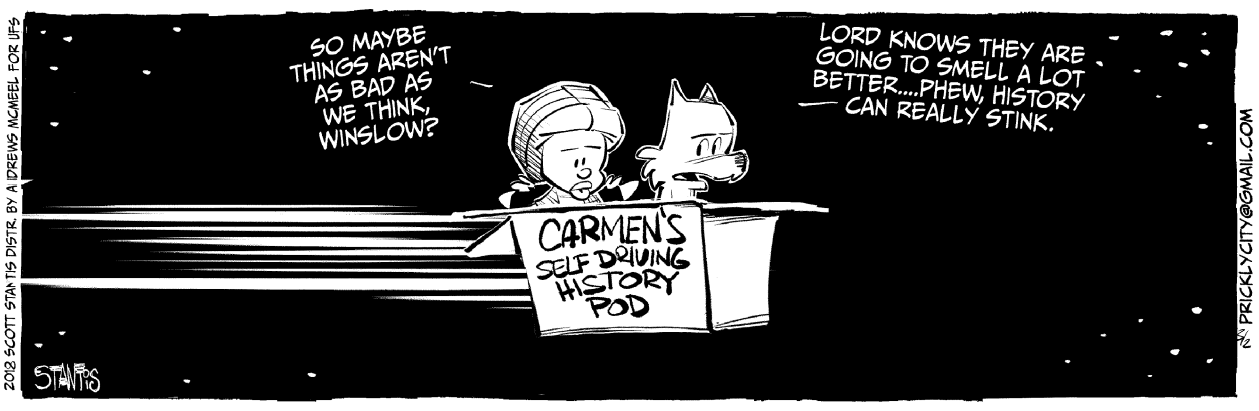
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Animal Crackers By Mike Osbun



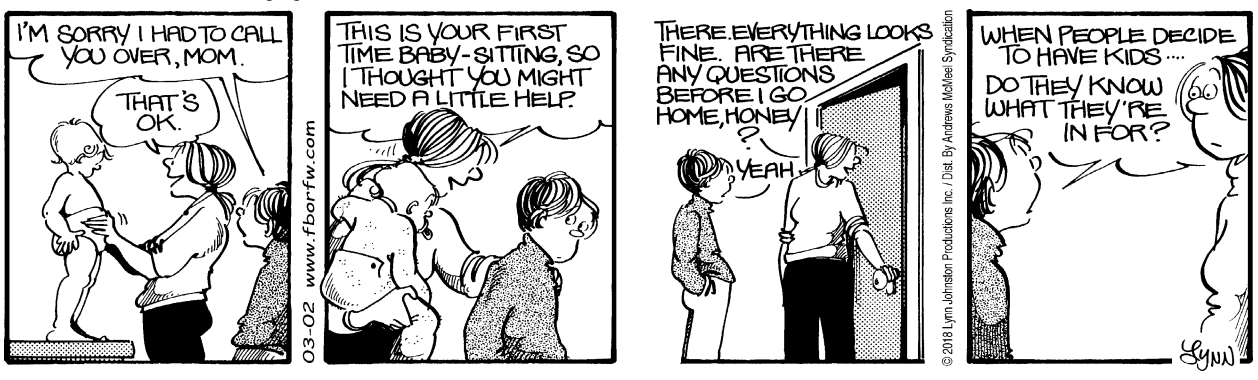
Prickly City By Scott Stantis



Dustin By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston



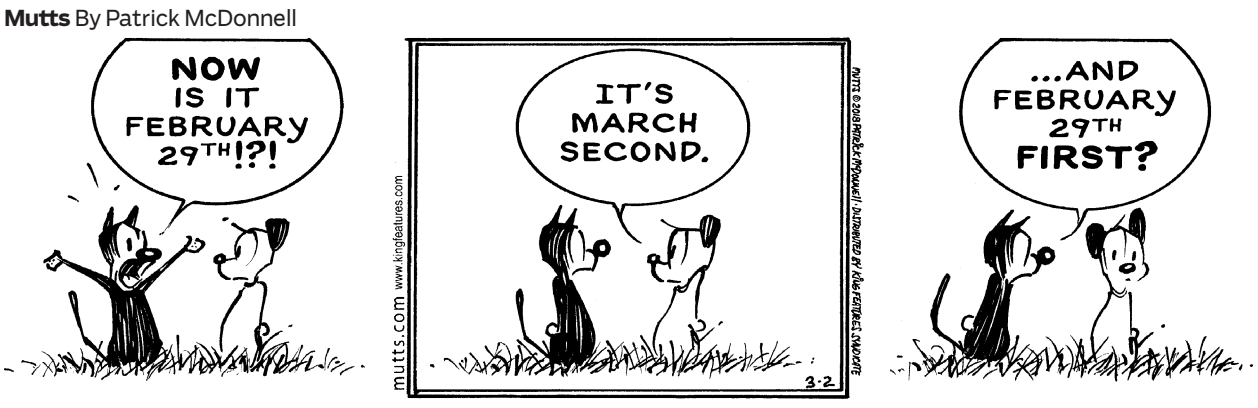
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Hägar the Horrible By Chris Browne



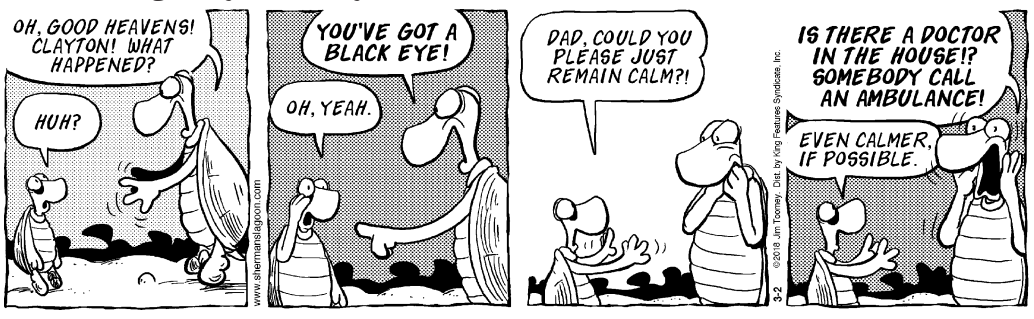
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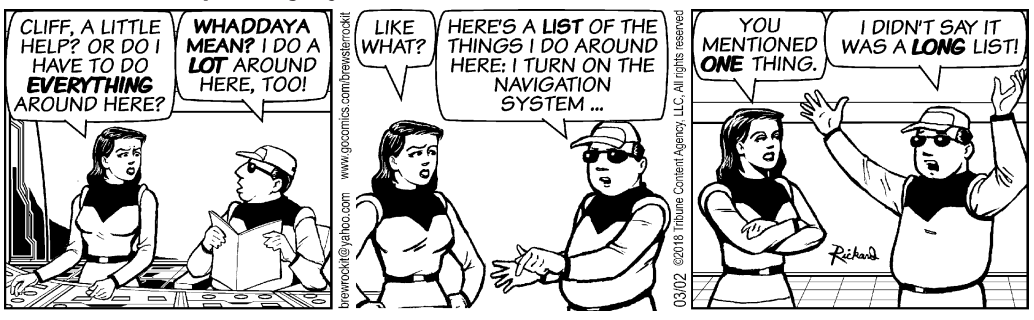
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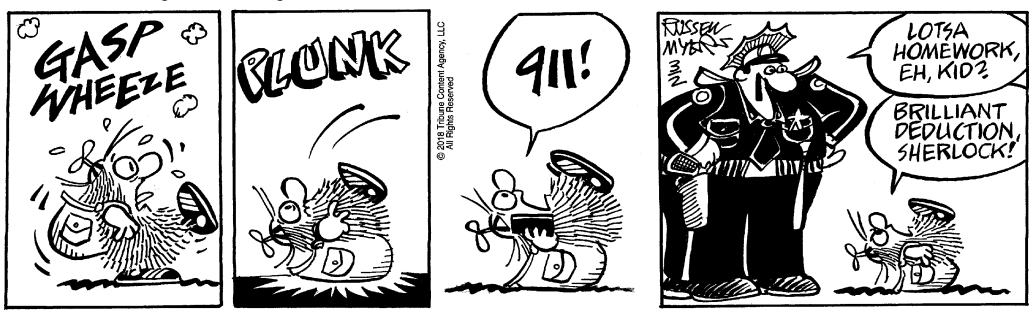
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Trivia Bits

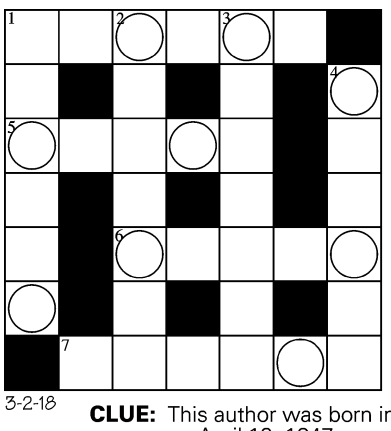
A proposed project to produce what led to Kickstarter revising its policy on funding the creation of genetically modified organisms (GMOs)?

A) Cat-dog hybrid
B) Disease-resistant asparagus
C) Glow-in-the-dark plants
D) Talking snakes

Thursday's answer: The chemical symbols for Barium (Ba) and Bromine (Br) are highlighted in the "Breaking Bad" title design.

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Jumble Crossword



3-2-18

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Truck lineup	VYOCNO
5. Chop	NIEMC
6. ___ wave	LATDI
7. Optimistic	BUTAPE

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Abide by	YCOLMP
2. ___ flight	OOPNSTN
3. Late	VEUEROD
4. Swiss ___	ETCALH

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

CLUE: This author was born in Baltimore, Md., on April 12, 1947.

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-Convoy 5A-Mince 6A-Tidal 7A-Upbeat 1D-Comply 2D-Nonstop 3D-Overdue 4D-Chalet B-Tom Clancy

By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1234

3/2

				6	5			1
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7				9		2		
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		5		8				6
	8				4			
		2	9		6		4	
3			1	2				

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

4	7	9	3	8	1	5	2	6
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6	3	8	9	1	2	7	4	5
9	2	6	1	5	3	4	7	8
7	1	5	4	9	8	2	6	3
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Thursday's solutions

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Jumble

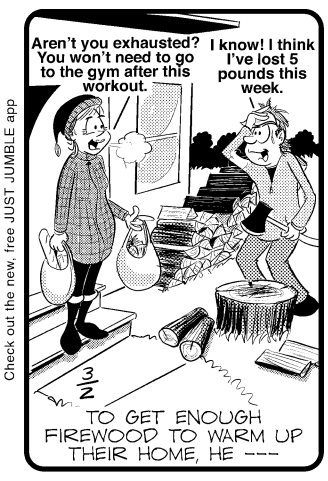
Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

GOBYE

CLERI

RANDOW

SLALUC



Answer here

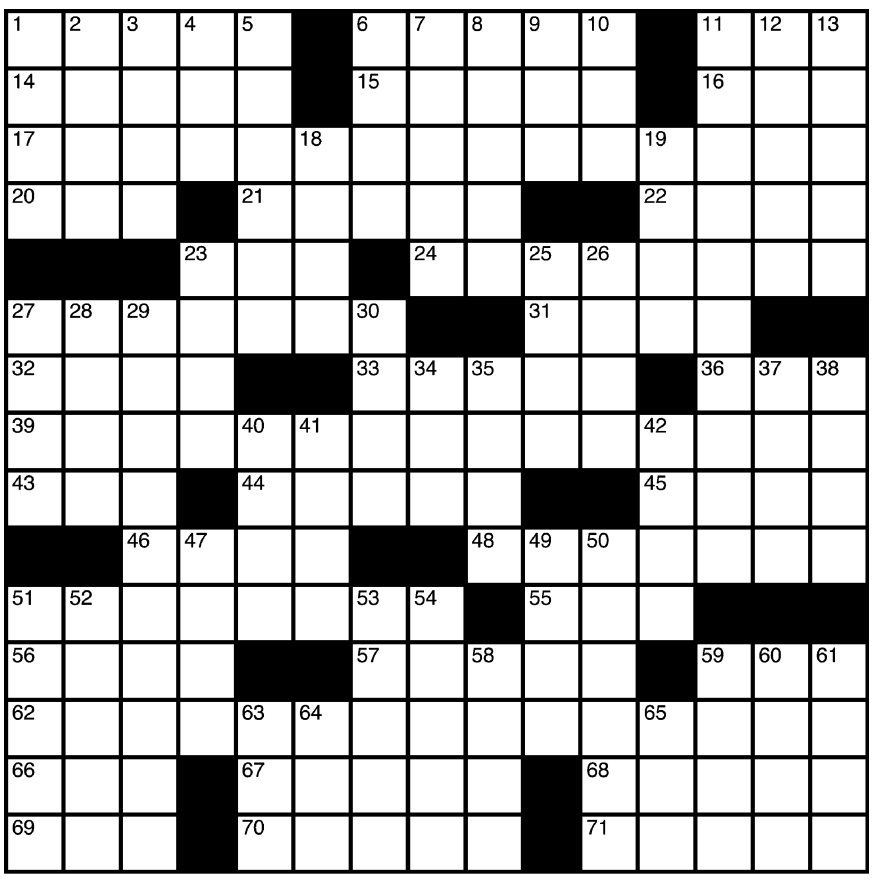
Thursday's answers

Jumbles: TOKEN FACET FUTILE HARASS
Answer: The man who passed out when told he'd need bypass surgery was — FAINT OF HEART

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Crossword

3/2



Across

1 Leftover bit in a basket
6 Taken out by Buffy?
11 Farm home
14 Lash LaRue's "Frontier Revenge," e.g.
15 Critical circulation aid
16 Op lead-in
17 Ratting to the cops and carrying a tune?
20 Chem. class suffix
21 Buddy type
22 Scots Gaelic
23 More than moist
24 Dupe gatherings?
27 Kept away from
31 National Grandparents' Day mo.
32 Trumpet players?
33 Regions
36 RN workplace
39 What rain may do to a bad toupee?
43 Hold one's __
44 Cook in the oven
45 Walk unsteadily
46 Prince in "Frozen"
48 Diplomat's headquarters
51 Place to buy a chair?
55 Sounds of hesitation
56 Forearm part
57 Last European colony in Asia
59 Dallas sch.
62 Cowboy outfit?
66 Consumed
67 Like many squawkers
68 Immerse completely
69 Nickname for Edward
70 Cruel sort
71 Deli cheese ... or, in three parts, a hint to the five longest across puzzle answers

Down

1 "__ fan tutte"
2 Prohibition surprise
3 __ Reader
4 Not much memory, these days
5 Greased
6 Droops
7 University of New Mexico team
8 Kitchen drawer?
9 U.S. manufacturer founded as a communications co. in 1920
10 "Don't think so!"
11 Trunks often contain them
12 Private meeting
13 Approvals
18 F-sharp, for one
19 "Willow __ for Me": jazz standard
23 Bit of smoke
25 H.S. junior's exam
26 Net fabric
27 Too
28 Condo selling point
29 Generous
30 Duchamp genre
34 Legal thing
35 Romain de Tirtoff, famously
37 Parlor sticks
38 Like some moods
40 Footed vases
41 On-the-run bite
42 Big periods
47 The teensiest bit
49 Nourishment provider
50 Stews (over)
51 1940s-'60s top-10 girl's name that ranked 922nd in 2016
52 Thrill
53 __ vincit amor
54 Certain polytheist
58 Sch. in Harlem
59 Feng __
60 Slob's production
61 Versatility list
63 On the __: hiding
64 "__ had it!"
65 Drag behind

Thursday's solution

A	P	P	L	E		S	E	E	K		A	J	A	R
S	I	O	U	X		T	A	X	I		T	I	V	O
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I	R	A	N		T	I	L	E		R	A	S	T	A
N	E	N	E		S	P	E	D		S	R	T	A	S

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CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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FRIDAY, MARCH 2 NORMAL HIGH: **41°** NORMAL LOW: **25°** RECORD HIGH: **71° (1974)** RECORD LOW: **-4° (1913)**

Just rain in Chicago as massive storm hits east

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH	LOW
45	29

■ An elongated high pressure air mass extending from Canada all the way south into Texas will move slowly east over our area Friday. Light winds will turn easterly off the cool waters of Lake Michigan during the afternoon.

■ Sunshine returns with an east to northeast breeze. Highs in the middle 40s away from the lake—upper 30s along the lakefront.

■ Clear skies overnight—winds shift to the southeast.

NATIONAL FORECAST



The low pressure system that generated about ½- to ¾-inch rainfall here Wednesday night intensified as it moved east Thursday, with rain changing over to wet snow and accumulating up to 6 inches in Detroit and nearly a foot of snow forecast for the Cleveland area Thursday night. Heavy snow is expected Friday across New York and northern Pennsylvania, with heavy rains farther east as the center of low pressure moves off the Long Island coast and intensifies. Northeast winds gusting to 80 mph will pound Cape Cod.

The nor'easter will move out to sea, while high pressure will dominate Chicago-area weather through the weekend. Our next chance at rain looks to be Monday with colder air filtering into northern Illinois, forcing a change-over to wet snow showers Monday night and Tuesday.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

HIGH	LOW
48	30

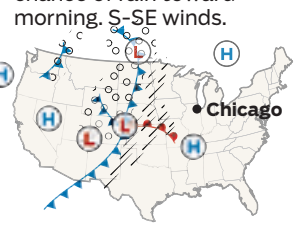
A few clouds, but for the most part a sunny day with highs in the mid to upper 40s. Mostly clear overnight. Southeast winds.



SUNDAY, MARCH 4

HIGH	LOW
52	35

Mostly sunny with a gradual increase in high cirrus clouds during the day. Temps peak in the lower 50s. Clouds thicken and lower overnight with a chance of rain toward morning. S-SE winds.



MONDAY, MARCH 5

HIGH	LOW
50	34

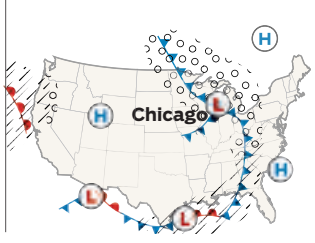
Rain likely. Highs in the upper 40s to lower 50s. Turning colder with rain becoming mixed with and changing over to wet snow overnight. South winds 10-20 mph shift to the NW by evening.



TUESDAY, MARCH 6

HIGH	LOW
43	30

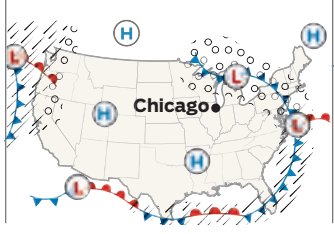
Mostly cloudy with a chance of light rain or rain/snow mix off and on. Highs in the lower 40s. Becoming partly cloudy at night. Northerly winds.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

HIGH	LOW
38	28

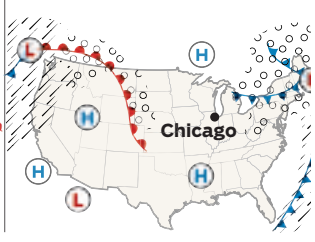
A mix of clouds and sun, with a few snow showers possible. Seasonably cool with highs in the upper 30s. Clearing skies at night. Northwest winds.



THURSDAY, MARCH 8

HIGH	LOW
40	27

Mostly sunny with highs in the upper 30s to lower 40s. Clear skies at night. North winds.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
Why is it called a nor'easter when it seems to come from the so'east?
— Zach, Evanston

Dear Zach,

The name comes not from the direction the storm comes from, but from the direction the winds along the Atlantic Seaboard blow as the storm approaches. Because winds circulate in counterclockwise fashion around low-pressure systems in the Northern Hemisphere, the East Coast winds blow from the northeast. These storms often undergo explosive intensification when they interact with the warm Gulf Stream waters off the southeastern U.S. coast. These storms are most common in late fall and winter, and produce most of the major snowstorms in the East. It's the same here as lows approaching from the southwest bring our biggest snows, but we experience northeast winds while the snow is flying.

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Hear Tom Skilling's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Nice weather here while nor'easter batters the East Coast

MARCH 2018 OPENS WET

Generous morning rains soak the area

0.81" O'HARE **0.74"** MIDWAY

Some area rain totals

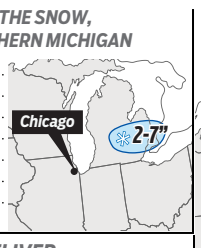
Flossmoor	1.10"
Glenview	1.09"
Wilmette	1.05"
Downers Grove	1.01"
Aurora	0.90"
West Chicago	0.75"
Arlington Heights	0.74"
Wheeling	0.65"
DeKalb	0.58"
Joliet	0.42"

Some recent Marches have had a snowy open

2016	March 1	1.0"
2014	March 1-2	5.1"
2013	March 1	0.7"
2009	March 1-2	0.7"
2002	March 1-2	9.1"

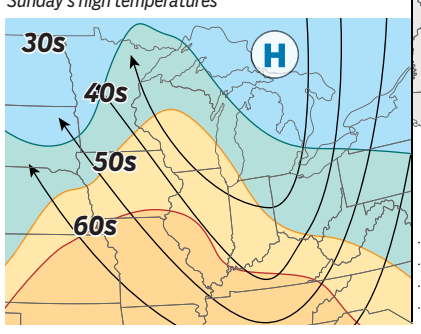
WHILE CHICAGO MISSED THE SNOW, 2-7 INCHES FELL IN SOUTHERN MICHIGAN

Wixom, Mich.	7.4"
Novi, Mich.	7.0"
White Lake, Mich.	6.4"
Clarkston, Mich.	6.0"
Munith, Mich.	6.0"
Ann Arbor, Mich.	6.1"
Bloomfield, Mich.	4.5"
Rives Junction, Mich.	4.6"

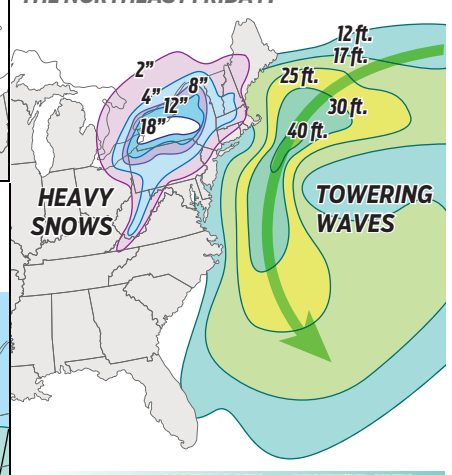


HIGH PRESSURE TO DELIVER SUNNY, MILD WEATHER FOR THE FIRST WEEKEND OF METEOROLOGICAL SPRING

Sunday's high temperatures



POWERHOUSE NOR'EASTER LAMBASTES THE NORTHEAST FRIDAY!



	COASTAL RAINS	PEAK WIND GUSTS
Providence, R.I.	2.20"	70 miles per hour
Cape Cod, Mass.	2.80"	75 miles per hour
Boston	2.20"	70 miles per hour
LaGuardia, NYC	1.77"	65 miles per hour
Gray, Maine	0.70"	60 miles per hour

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

STEVE KAHN, BECCA ARNOLD AND JENNIFER M. KOHNKE / WGN-TV

CHICAGO DIGEST

THURSDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	46	38	Midway	44	38
Gary	39	36	O'Hare	46	37
Kankakee	43	36	Romeoville	45	37
Lakefront	38	35	Valparaiso	46	36
Lansing	39	35	Waukegan	46	35

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2018	NORMAL
Thurs. (through 6 p.m.)	0.81"	0.08"
March to date	0.81"	0.08"
Year to date	6.99"	3.60"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Thurs. (through 6 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	30.3"	32.7"
Normal to date	29.7"	30.9"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Wind	N 10-20 kts.	E 10 kts.
Waves	2-4 feet	1-2 feet
Thurs. shore/crib water temps		39°/37°

U.S. SNOW COVER

MAR. 1	2018	2017
Area covered by snow	34.3%	35.2%
Average snow depth	5.0"	5.6"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	37 days	35 days
Subzero lows	9 days	6 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Thursday's reading	Not available
Friday's forecast	Not available
Critical pollutant	Not available

FRIDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	6:24 a.m.	5:42 p.m.
Moon	6:40 p.m.	6:57 a.m.

FULL	3RD Q	NEW	1ST Q
March 2	March 9	March 17	March 24

FRIDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	6:54 a.m.	6:39 p.m.
Venus	7:00 a.m.	6:43 p.m.
Mars	1:57 a.m.	11:05 p.m.
Jupiter	11:33 p.m.	9:31 a.m.
Saturn	3:05 a.m.	12:18 p.m.

BEST VIEWING	TIME	DIRECTION
Mercury	6:15 p.m.	4° W
Venus	6:15 p.m.	5° W
Mars	5:45 a.m.	24.5° SSE
Jupiter	4:30 a.m.	30.5° S
Saturn	5:45 a.m.	20.5° SSE

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

MIDWEST CITIES

FRI./SAT.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois						
Carbondale	su	51	31	su	54	32
Champaign	pc	47	26	su	50	29
Decatur	pc	48	28	su	52	31
Moline	pc	48	29	su	53	33
Peoria	pc	48	29	su	52	32
Quincy	pc	52	33	su	56	36
Rockford	pc	45	25	su	48	28
Springfield	pc	50	29	su	54	32
Sterling	pc	48	26	su	51	30
Indiana						
Bloomington	su	49	26	su	50	27
Evansville	su	50	31	su	52	30
Fort Wayne	su	44	25	su	43	24
Indianapolis	pc	47	26	su	48	26
Lafayette	pc	47	23	su	48	25
South Bend	pc	40	24	su	45	24
Wisconsin						
Green Bay	su	43	26	su	44	27
Kenosha	pc	43	28	su	43	30
La Crosse	cl	46	30	su	51	35
Madison	pc	43	24	su	47	28
Milwaukee	pc	42	28	su	42	30
Wausau	pc	39	23	su	42	26
Michigan						
Detroit	pc	39	23	su	40	22
Grand Rapids	su	45	24	su	46	24
Marquette	pc	33	20	su	38	25
St. Ste. Marie	su	33	14	su	36	20
Traverse City	pc	37	22	su	42	26
Iowa						
Ames	pc	48	32	pc	55	37
Cedar Rapids	pc	47	29	su	53	34
Des Moines	pc	51	34	pc	57	39
Dubuque	pc	45	27	su	49	30

OTHER U.S. CITIES

FRI./SAT.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Abilene	su	64	49	pc	68	55
Albany	rs	38	34	sh	43	33
Albuquerque	su	64	36	su	66	37
Amarillo	pc	68	40	pc	72	45
Anchorage	sh	23	19	ss	26	14
Asheville	pc	48	28	su	50	26
Aspen	su	50	27	su	51	28
Atlanta	su	60	35	su	63	34
Atlantic City	rn	43	36	pc	48	35
Austin	pc	73	52	ts	71	61
Baltimore	sh	47	36	pc	51	35
Billings	pc	32	22	cl	32	19
Birmingham	su	61	36	su	64	38
Bismarck	pc	37	21	pc	39	26
Boise	ss	41	23	pc	39	22
Boston	rn	43	36	pc	43	36
Brownsville	pc	79	66	sh	83	68
Buffalo	ss	35	26	pc	36	25
Burlington	rs	36	32	sh	40	32
Charlotte	pc	61	34	su	60	33
Charlstn SC	su	66	42	su	61	40
Charlstn WV	pc	45	26	su	46	26
Chattanooga	su	58	34	su	59	34
Cheyenne	su	54	30	pc	58	28
Cincinnati	su	48	27	su	47	26
Cleveland	pc	35	28	su	34	25
Colo. Spgs	pc	61	34	pc	62	37
Columbia MO	su	54	34	su	59	38
Columbia SC	su	66	38	su	63	37
Columbus	pc	42	26	su	43	25
Concord	rn	40	33	sh	44	30
Crps Christi	pc	76	64	ts	75	66
Dallas	su	69	45	pc	69	53
Daytona Bch.	pc	71	50	su	66	48
Denver	su	65	35	su	64	34
Duluth	pc	38	27	pc	39	32
El Paso	su	75	46	su	76	47
Fairbanks	sh	11	5	ss	14	4
Fargo	sh	35	27	pc	38	29
Flagstaff	su	48	25	pc	43	23
Fort Myers	pc	86	55	su	80	50
Fort Smith	su	63	36	su	64	43
Fresno	sh	55	43	sh	53	35
Grand Junc.	su	59	38	pc	60	37
Great Falls	sn	25	13	pc	23	12
Harrisburg	rn	42	34	pc	46	32
Hartford	rn	42	36	sh	48	35
Helena	rs	32	12	pc	31	15
Honolulu	sh	80	72	sh	79	72
Houston	pc	76	54	cl	71	62
Int'l Falls	cl	38	21	pc	41	30
Jackson	su	66	41	su	69	43
Jacksonville	pc	76	48	su	69	46
Juneau	su	30	16	pc	32	19
Kansas City	su	56	40	su	62	44
Las Vegas	pc	67	46	pc	59	38
Lexington	su	49	29	su	48	26
Lincoln	pc	57	38	pc	64	45
Little Rock	su	59	35	su	62	38
Los Angeles	rn	59	49	sh	56	39
Louisville	su	52	30	su	52	29
Macon	su	67	38	su	68	37
Memphis	su	57	36	su	61	37
Miami	rn	86	62	su	79	56
Minneapolis	sh	41	29	su	48	35
Mobile	su	71	45	su	70	47
Montgomery	su	66	39	su	68	39
Nashville	su	56	33	su	58	32
New Orleans	pc	71	50	su	71	55
New York	rn	44	36	pc	49	36
Norfolk	pc	54	37	pc	52	37
Okla. City	su	64	43	pc	63	49
Omaha	pc	53	38	pc	61	43
Orlando	pc	80	51	su	73	49
Palm Beach	pc	82	59	su	76	54
Palm Springs	pc	72	52	cl	66	45
Philadelphia	rn	44	36	pc	48	35
Phoenix	su	75	49	su	74	50
Pittsburgh	pc	37	25	pc	40	23
Portland, ME	rn	42	34	pc	41	32
Portland, OR	sh	47	34	pc	50	31
Providence	rn	45	36	pc	43	35
Raleigh	pc	57	34	su	56	33
Rapid City	su	52	30	pc	41	23
Reno	sn	37	24	pc	37	16
Richmond	pc	53	33	su	52	32
Rochester	sn	35	29	cl	37	28
Sacramento	rn	53	37	sh	51	36
Salem, Ore.	sh	50	34	pc	51	30
Salt Lake City	sh	51	34	rs	45	32
San Antonio	pc	75	56	ts	74	64
San Diego	pc	63	56	sh	60	49
San Francisco	sh	51	42	sh	50	41
San Juan	pc	83	70	pc	83	71
Santa Fe	su	56	33	su	59	33
Savannah	pc	71	41	su	66	39
Seattle	sh	47	34	pc	50	33
Shreveport	su	67	43	su	69	50
Sioux Falls	pc	44	31	pc	50	36
Spokane	rs	40	24	pc	41	25
St. Louis	su	52	30	su	56	33
Syracuse	sn	34	30	sh	37	28
Tallahassee	pc	74	43	su	72	42
Tampa	pc	80	52	su	75	49
Topeka	su	59	41	pc	64	46
Tucson	su	76	44	su	76	47
Tulsa	su	66	39	su	65	48
Washington	sh	47	36	pc	50	34
Wichita	su	61	41	pc	61	47
Wilkes Barre	sn	35	27	sh	35	26
Yuma	su	75	50	pc	74	50

WORLD CITIES

FRIDAY	FC	HI	LO	FRIDAY	FC	HI	LO
Acapulco	su	83	74	Kingston	pc	85	75
Algiers	cl	72	55	Lima	cl	75	68
Amsterdam	pc	32	23	Lisbon	ts	62	53
Ankara	cl	57	41	London	sn	32	29
Athens	pc	63	51	Madrid	rn	52	44
Auckland	pc	75	67	Manila	pc	93	77
Baghdad	su	73	52	Mexico City	pc	78	50
Bangkok	su	91	80	Monterrey	pc	72	59
Barbados	sh	81	74	Montreal	sn	36	33
Barcelona	pc	57	50	Moscow	sh	17	7
Beijing	pc	59	39	Munich	cl	36	30
Beirut	pc	68	58	Nairobi	ts	76	62
Berlin	su	27	15	Nassau	pc	83	69
Bermuda	ts	72	60	New Delhi	su	89	61
Bogota	ts	65	48	Oslo	cl	21	10
Brussels	sn	36	29	Ottawa	ss	35	29
Bucharest	rs	31	27	Panama City	pc	90	71
Budapest	ss	25	23	Paris	sh	47	31
Buenos Aires	su	89	66	Prague	sh	30	16
Cairo	pc	81	62	Rio de Janeiro	ts	88	77
Cancun	su	83	73	Riyadh	pc	73	55
Caracas	pc	78	61	Rome	rn	58	41
Casablanca	pc	71	57	Santiago	su	87	54
Copenhagen	ss	29	25	Seoul	cl	55	42
Dublin	sn	35	32	Singapore	ts	89	76
Edmonton	sn	20	17	Sofia	fr	42	36
Frankfurt	su	27	12	Stockholm	cl	25	14
Geneva	rn	40	27	Sydney	pc	80	68
Guadalajara	pc	86	55	Taipei	pc	82	67
Havana	pc	85	68	Tehran	su	61	44
Helsinki	pc	20	4	Tokyo	pc	59	45
Hong Kong	pc	74	69	Toronto	pc	36	24
Istanbul	sh	52	50	Trinidad	pc	85	71
Jerusalem	pc	66	51	Vancouver	sh	43	36
Johannesburg	su	80	55	Vienna	ss	26	22
Kabul	pc	58	36	Warsaw	pc	21	11
Kiev	ss	17	15	Winnipeg	pc	30	23

FORECAST (FC) ABBREVIATIONS: su-sunny pc-partly cloudy cl-cloudy rn-rain ts-thunderstorm sn-snow fl-flurries fr-freezing rain sl-sleet sh-showers rs-rain/snow ss-snow showers w-windy na-unavailable



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ON THE TOWN



MARC NADER/TNS 2015

Hip-hop artist Tyler, the Creator will perform Friday at the Aragon Ballroom.

TAKE 10

By Jessi Roti | Chicago Tribune

1 **Tyler, the Creator/Vince Staples:** Two of hip-hop's most exciting young voices are set to leave their mark on the Aragon Ballroom. $55-$64. 6:30 p.m. Friday. 1106 W. Lawrence Ave. **tinyurl.com/y8rl4qyw**

2 **Second Annual Chicago Vintage Clothing & Jewelry Show:** Shop for looks from the Victorian era to the spandex-clad 1980s. $8 admission (good for both days). 3-8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church, 5649 N. Sheridan Road. **tinyurl.com/y9925jdu**

3 **"Time Is On Our Side":** Catch preview performances of this new play centered around besties Annie and Curtis, and the early LGBTQ rights movement. $15-$20. 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday. Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave. **tinyurl.com/yad3pnb2**

4 **Chicago Beer Festival:** More than 70 breweries will bring their spring seasonal beers to the Field Museum. 21 and older, VIP packages offer earlier entry. $45-$55. 8 p.m. Saturday. 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive. **tinyurl.com/yb37lhuu**

5 **Sebastian Maniscalco's Stay Hungry Tour:** The "tell it like it is" comedian tackles everything from growing up with Italian-immigrant parents to why taking a selfie should be called "taking a lonely." Tickets start at $135. 7 p.m. Friday, 7 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday (with shows around Chicagoland through March 10) at Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St. **tinyurl.com/y8zvg4es**

6 **"Faust":** A new production of Charles Gounod's famous work places aging scholar Faust and his quest to become young again in a multimedia world. $17-$320. 7:30 p.m. Saturday; running through March 21. Lyric Opera, 20 N. Wacker Drive. **tinyurl.com/yc9euu9f**

7 **"Bunny, Bunny: Gilda Radner, A Sort Of Love Story":** Alan Zweibel wrote this tribute to longtime friend Gilda Radner, one of the greatest comedic talents of the 20th century, and the bond they shared. $30-$55, dinner packages also available. Through April 15. Mercury Theater, 3745 N. Southport Ave. **tinyurl.com/ybyazsg3**

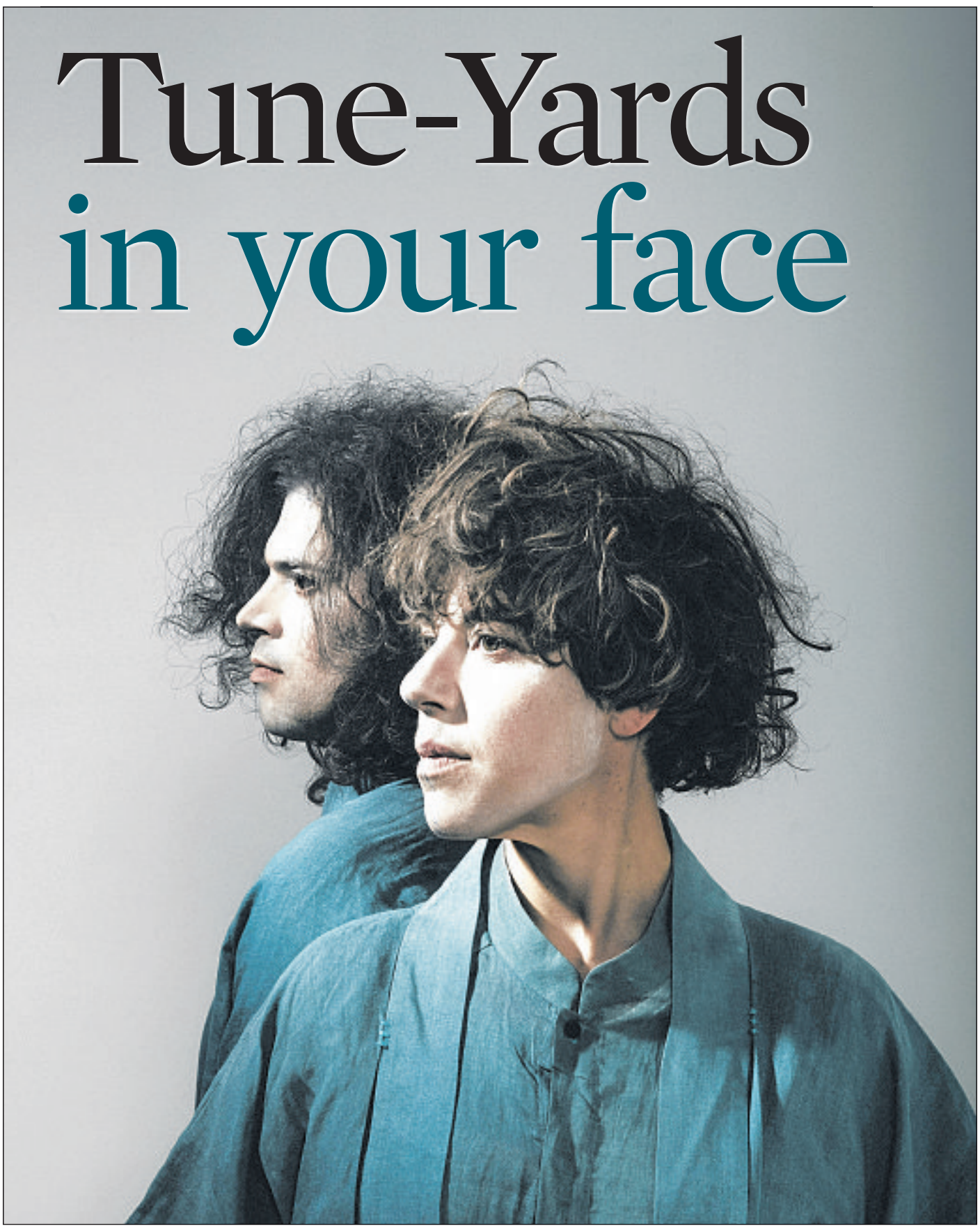
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Tune-Yards in your face



ELIOT LEE HAZEL PHOTO

Merrill Garbus of Tune-Yards, with album co-producer Nate Brenner. Her tour to promote the new album stops Saturday in Chicago.

Merrill Garbus, who performs as Tune-Yards, at one time had to work the toughest audience of them all: children. Her puppeteer background prepared her well for the life of an indie musician. She talks to Greg Kot about her latest album, one on which she confronts many demons, including her own. **In Turn It Up**

MUSIC PREVIEW

I'm With Her beat Clinton to slogan

Harmonies, camaraderie key for Americana supergroup

By Dan Hyman | Chicago Tribune



Aoife O'Donovan, from left, Sarah Jarosz and Sara Watkins will perform as I'm With Her on Friday at Thalia Hall.

SHERVIN LAINEZ PHOTO

Even after several years of an intense friendship that included recording pristine cover songs and spending several weeks touring Europe in a cramped van, I'm With Her, the trio that performs Friday at Thalia Hall, were highly nervous when they went into the studio to see if they could write original material for a theoretical debut album.

"It's like moving in with somebody," says Sara Watkins, one-third of the folk supergroup that includes fellow Americana virtuosos Aoife O'Donovan and Sarah Jarosz. "You can have a conversation, you can have a good time," she adds of the band's gradual, multiyear coalescing, "but really, you never know ... it requires a certain amount of compromise."

Lucky for music fans, the trio's connection was as strong when writing as performing. "We were delighted to discover that it worked out really well," Watkins says, with modesty, of the inspired sessions that resulted in I'm With Her's mesmerizing, harmony-drenched debut LP, "See You Around," released last month via Rounder Records.

By 2014, when the three women first performed together for an impromptu gig at the Telluride Bluegrass Festival, they'd already carved out equally impressive, Grammy-winning solo careers. But the show — and more specifically, the feeling of simply playing music with one another — felt too good to not explore further. "It was like, 'Wow, this is more special than just the casual festival run-in,' " Watkins, best known as a member of Americana trio Nickel Creek, adds of their initial union. Adds Jarosz, "It's been magical from the first time we sang together."

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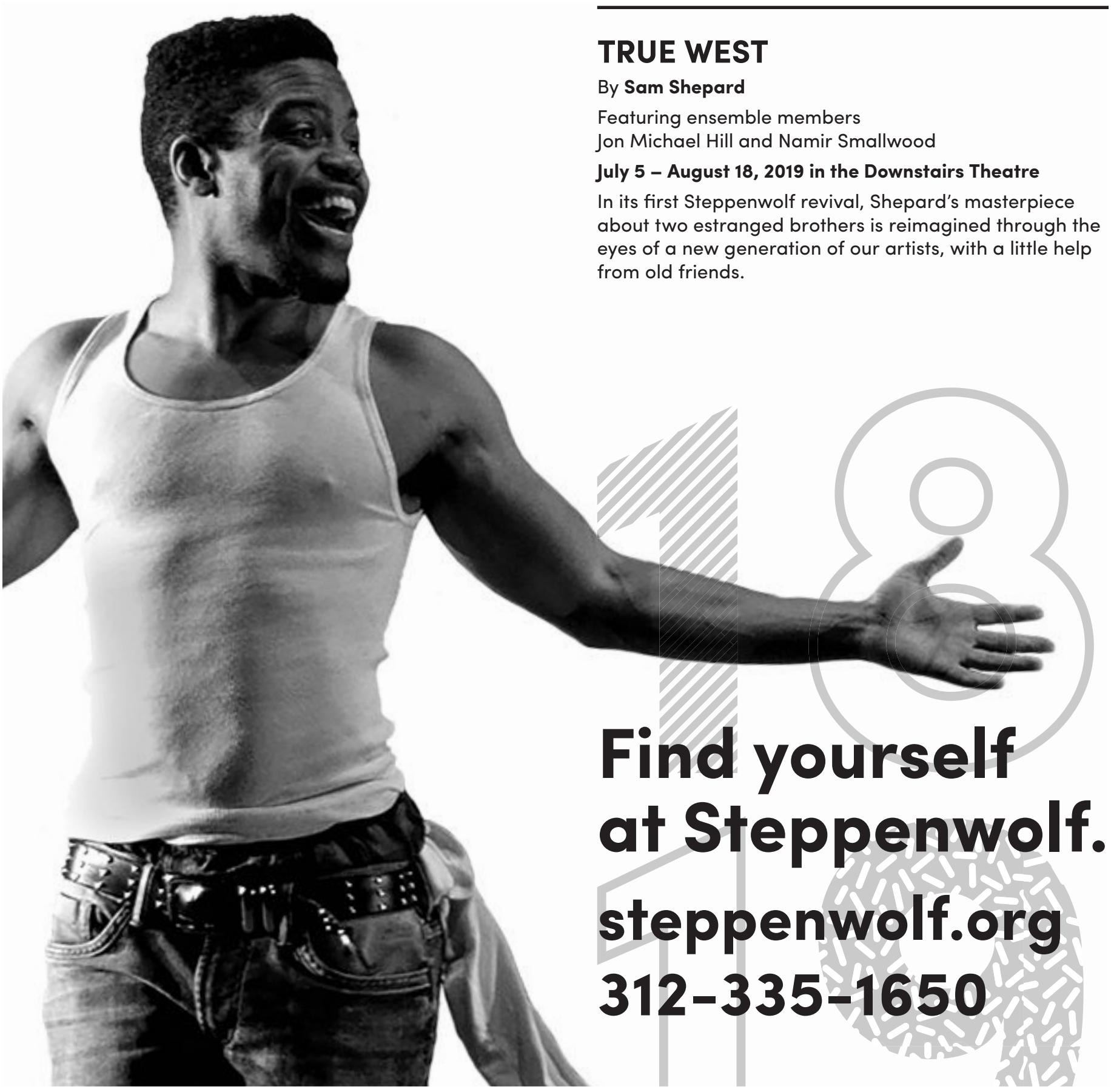
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Clearfield reveals new truths about his art



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Pianist Rob Clearfield, shown last year, has illuminated his art with a new solo project, the album "Where You're Starting From."

There's more to the art of one of Chicago's most poetic jazz pianists than listeners may have realized.

For though Rob Clearfield has produced immensely attractive music leading his own ensembles and collaborating with singer Grazyna Auguscik and bassist Matt Ulery, among others, he reveals different facets of his art in his newest release, the solo album "Where You're Starting From" (Woolgathering Records).

Through a series of improvisations, as well as two compositions penned by his musical heroes, Clearfield blurs boundaries separating jazz and classical idioms. In so doing, he reminds us that such distinctions are less important than we may think, if only because these languages have been influencing each other for more than a century.

Both course through every track of "Where You're Starting From," the pianist aspiring high.

"I was definitely looking to explore free improvisations from a compositional standpoint," says Clearfield, who will share a program with vibraphonist Joel Ross on Saturday evening at Constellation.

"Meaning: I have this fantasy idea of sitting down at the piano and playing something that I've never played before — totally improvising it — but it's well-rounded in a way that an edited composition is. For me, that's the ultimate goal, the way I play solo."

Thus the selections on "Where You're Starting From" are not casual noodlings on the keyboard but, rather, extemporaneous musical thoughts in which themes emerge, transform and re-emerge. Whether Clearfield is murmuring down low in the keyboard in "Starchild" or crafting pithy motifs in "What Was Your Name Again?" or bringing Brahmsian intensity to the title track, certain signatures of his playing are unmistakable: the gentleness of his touch, warmth of his tone and radiantly lyrical quality of his phrases.

When: 8:30 p.m. Saturday

Where: Constellation, 3111 N. Western Ave.

Tickets: $10; 312-294-3000 or **www.constellation-chicago.com**

For Clearfield, this recording represents — among other things — a chance to embrace influences on his music that he hadn't been fully aware of.

"Before I really know I was influenced by classical music, people would say to me: I hear some classical stuff in your playing, and I really like that, and you should do more of that," Clearfield says.

"Even people who are very distant from that world, people who are very squarely in hip-hop or very squarely in rock. That's the feedback I got on 'Islands,' " adds Clearfield, referring to his genre-bending, 2016 trio album.

"The tracks that have the most classical influence got some strong reactions, in a positive way. So I thought: Maybe I should explore that."

A solo setting made that possible, for here Clearfield could range freely, unencumbered by percussion backbeats, walking bass lines or thundering horns. With 88 keys at his fingertips, he could change tempo, rhythmic approach and chordal textures at the drop of a sixteenth note, and he has taken full advantage of that opportunity.

He also has left no doubt about his reverence for the music of Johannes Brahms, not only in his improvisations but in his recording of the master's Intermezzo No. 2 in B-flat Minor, Op. 117.

"Brahms in particular is a really special composer and musician to me," says Clearfield, whose conversance with classical repertoire dates to his childhood piano lessons.

"There's such a depth to what he does, but without pretension. ... Harmonically, Brahms is a fascinating composer to me, and he's such a master of development.

"With characters like Liszt and Chopin — as much as I love them — there's, I don't want to say bombast, there's exuberance. They're at this peak level of virtuosity. Brahms is doing serious things with exploring the instrument; there's more restraint and patience."

Or, to put it in other terms, the keyboard music of Liszt and Chopin is intensely pianistic, exploiting the sonic possibilities of the instrument.

Brahms' piano works — with their block chords and thick textures — sound more symphonic or, as Clearfield descriptively puts it, "chamber-y."

It's an aesthetic that suits Clearfield's fervent but understated approach to making music. So it comes as no surprise that the other composer he salutes on his album is John Coltrane, with a deeply personal response to "Giant Steps."

Coltrane "shares that humble intensity and seriousness" of Brahms, says Clearfield, who finds guidance in the work of two composers he acknowledges "you wouldn't confuse one for the other."

All of which made this a more daunting project than Clearfield anticipated.

"I went into this thinking: This is going to be a fun, easy album to make — I'll just sit down and play some stuff, and I'll be happy with it," he says.

"It was much more challenging than that. I felt like I really had to put my whole self in there."

The result is Clearfield's most revealing album yet, notwithstanding an earlier, self-released solo album of 2009, "A Thousand Words."

"With this format, the elephant in the room that can't be ignored is definitely Keith Jarrett," says Clearfield, citing a pianist perhaps most loved (and loathed) for his expansive solo recordings.

"In a way, this is a bit of an exercise to play this format and not sound like Keith Jarrett."

To his credit, he does not.

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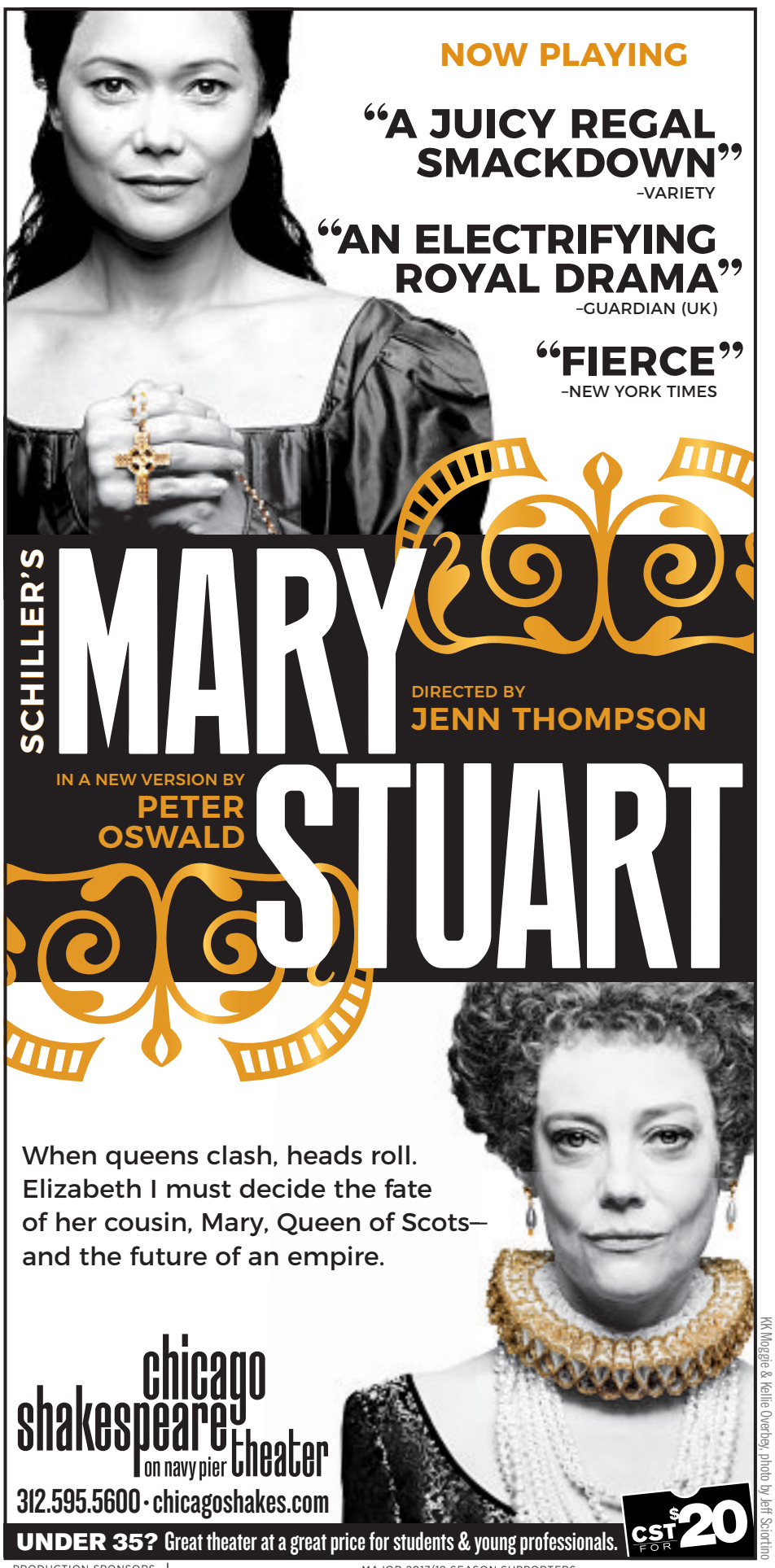
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Debut LP has band's 'raw spirit'

Trio, *from Page 1*

Still, with conflicting schedules and respective solo careers to attend to, making the band a reality required persistence and dedication on each of their parts. "We kept in touch and really made an effort to see each other," Watkins notes, before adding with a laugh that the process of becoming an official band felt not dissimilar to dating. "We knew we wanted to do more with the band than just play a few shows here and there," she adds. "But part of it was just the logistics and the timing and figuring out a way we would all be available."

Less than a year after first meeting, the trio, soon after dubbed I'm With Her, made their union official: The three musicians began arranging select cover songs, booked a multiweek U.K. tour and released a two-song EP featuring beatific, harmony-drenched spins on John Hiatt's "Crossing Muddy Waters" and Nina Simone's "Be My Husband." As Jarosz recalls, it was arranging those covers, and then recording and releasing them, that keyed her into the band's long-term potential.

"It became clear that we had something to say in a voice that was different than our individual voices," Jarosz says. Over the next year they'd sporadically reunite for songwriting sessions in locales from LA to Vermont. "And I think that's when it really sunk in. Like, OK, this has a real future."

They weren't about to waste any more time: three weeks after finishing writing, the band enlisted producer Ethan Johns (Ryan Adams, Ray LaMontagne) and, in January 2016, they decamped to London for three intense weeks spent recording in the Wood Room at Real World Studios. Much like their earliest days, the trio had to acclimate to working with the producer. "I think it took us a week of just doing it to kind of figure out our vibes," Jarosz remembers of them feeling out Johns. "We had to figure out what he was looking for and allow him to also find out what we were about as a band."



LINDSEY BYRNES PHOTO

Sara Watkins, from left, Sarah Jarosz and Aoife O'Donovan had to schedule time to come together as I'm With Her.

When: 7 p.m. Friday

Where: Thalia Hall, 1807 S. Allport St.

Tickets: $29.50-$56; 312-526-3851 or **www.thaliahallchicago.com**

Johns went to extreme lengths to capture the crisp sonic feel of the trio's stunning, stacked harmonies, not to mention the intense energy of their live performance.

He positioned three chairs in the center of the studio, "with no microphones, no headphones, no isolation," Jarosz explains, "so it was a very raw, stark bare-bones way to do it. But I think it was the way we needed to do the record," she adds, "if only to capture the raw spirit of being a new band."

Whether on the breezy "Ain't That Fine" or the bluesy "I-89," the trio's effortless cohesion becomes abundantly clear. Aside from Johns, the three are the only instrumentalists on the album, but it's the way their voices come together that stands out.

"I love singing with them so much," Watkins says of her bandmates. "We really enjoyed the flexibilities in our ranges and we were constantly trying different things, switching up who sings in what register, basically just trying to get it so there's interesting things happening and we're not just repeating a similar blend over and over again."

As for the band's name being temporarily commandeered as Hilary Clinton's presidential campaign slogan, Jarosz says the association "has definitely come up a lot," but they never considered changing their name. "Ultimately we decided to keep it," she says, "because it really represents what this band means to all of us: camaraderie."

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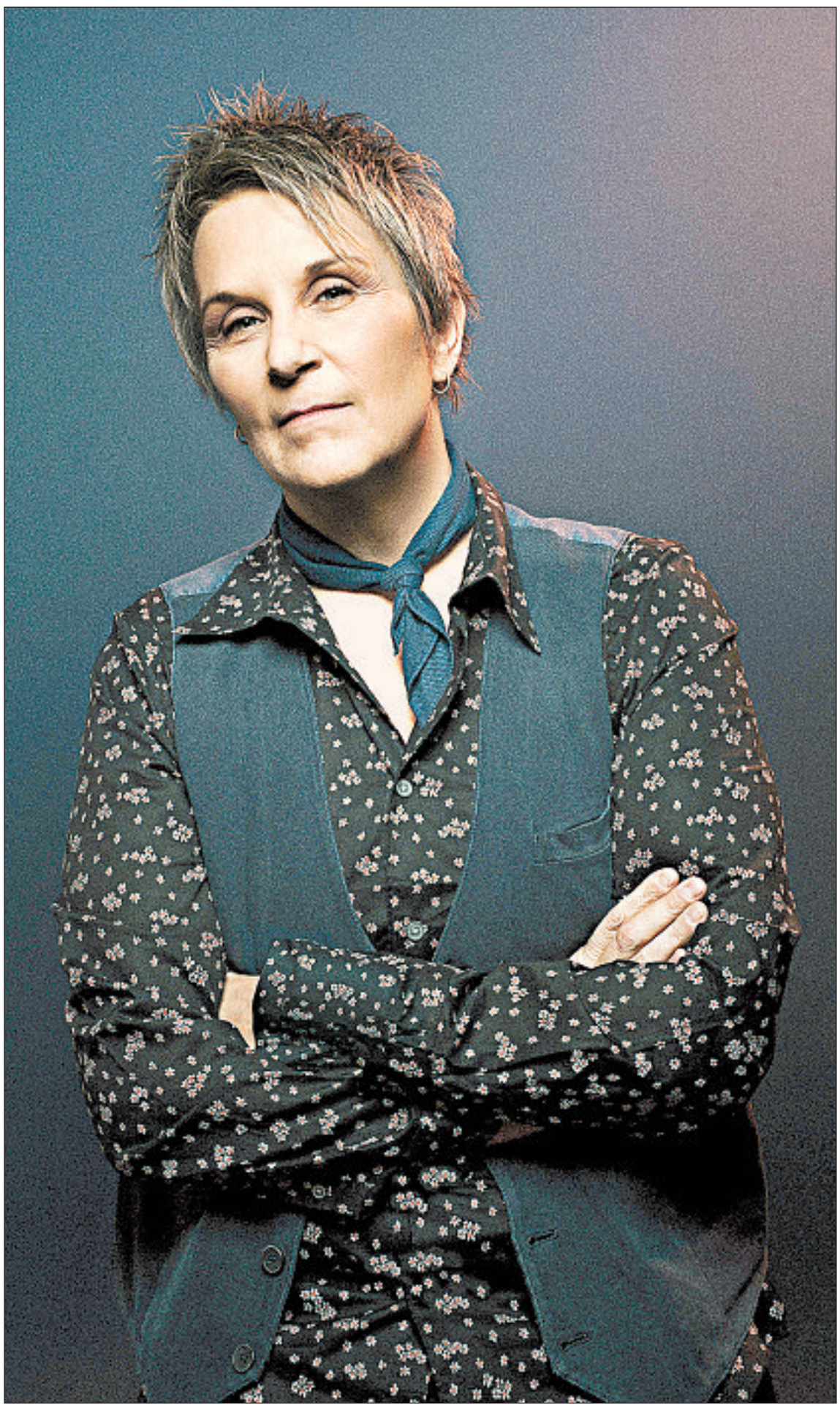


MUSIC PREVIEW

Gauthier, vets a potent team

Singer-songwriter collaborates with soldiers to tell their stories, struggles

By Steve Knopper
Chicago Tribune



LAURA PARTAIN PHOTO

Mary Gauthier's new album came out of working with the SongwritingWith:Soldiers program.

When: 8 p.m. Thursday

Where: Old Town School of Folk Music, 4545 N. Lincoln Ave.

Tickets: $26; 773-728-6000 or **www.oldtownschool.org**

First, the short story of how Mary Gauthier came to make "Rifles and Rosary Beads," a new album of songs she co-wrote with traumatized veterans: A colleague, Darrell Scott, told her about a program called SongwritingWith:Soldiers, and Gauthier met in groups with people such as ex-Army soldier Brandy Davidson, who inspired a devastating ballad about military sexual assault: "It was so hard to see till it attacked/ but my enemy wasn't Iraq."

"In every instance, I was sitting with someone who was struggling," says Gauthier, 55, who has spent nearly 20 years releasing smoldering story songs on the edge of folk and rock like "Mercy Now" and "Drag Queens in Limousines." "I try not to raise my voice because I wanted to keep it conversational, and have it be almost like a confession."

The long version of the story is more intense. Gauthier was born in New Orleans to an unmarried woman, and the shame of getting pregnant under these circumstances in the Deep South in the early '60s was too much for her mother. Mary spent the first year of her life in an orphanage, and her adoptive parents, as she says, "had a deeply troubled and violent marriage." Her dad was an alcoholic, and by age 15, so was Gauthier. "I was traumatized," she says from her Nashville home. "I didn't know it. No one told me. All I knew was I hurt bad. Boozing and dope helped. Until it started killing me, it helped."

It wasn't until July 13, 1990 — she repeats this date several times — that Gauthier hit bottom with a drunken driving arrest. That was when she discovered the combination of songwriting and sobriety. She'd tried writing songs before but only on drugs. "I thought you had to get high to do it," she says. "I would try to be the mad scientist and combine the writing chemicals to create the song, but all I wound up doing was getting higher."

Soon, songwriting became "the life jacket in the sea I was drowning in," she says. After 10 years, Gauthier had made enough progress to feel like this was what she wanted to do.

Throughout much of her eight studio albums she has roamed the same dark roads as Bruce Springsteen on "Nebraska" and Neil Young on "Tonight's the Night." One of her funniest and most lively songs, 1999's "Drag Queens in Limousines," begins with the line "I hated high school," and she has a knack for devastating details, populating her lyrics with crucible kisses, ravaged rings, hissing heat pipes, vulture shadows and a heart that's "busted open, bruised, beat up and sore — even while it's limping 'round in pain."

Her songs also contain deep empathy for her characters, and it is this quality that made her an ideal match for SongwritingWith:Soldiers. "I'm able to take so much of what I've learned through the lifesaving act of songwriting and apply it to what I'm doing with the veterans. It all fits now," she says. "We can get purpose out of struggle, if we use what we've been through to grab a hand of someone who's in the muck that we were once in."

At first, when Gauthier met with veterans at retreats around the U.S., she was terrified. Darden Smith, a fellow singer-songwriter and co-founder of the program, reassured her: "It just happens. You can do it." Beginning in Austin, Texas, at an all-female-soldier retreat, Gauthier realized her approach would be to spend most of the time listening.

Meghan Counighan told Gauthier about being deployed to Iraq while she was nursing her baby, and divulged that the Army issued her male boots, which gave her blood blisters — details that wound up in the tense, galloping rocker "Brothers." And Gauthier bonded with Josh Geartz, a young Army sergeant who had "trauma on top of trauma on top of trauma — I mean his brain was scrambled eggs." Like a psychologist, Gauthier was able to discern Geartz was upset that his best friend was dead while he was still alive. "We stumbled on the idea that maybe you're here because he's protecting you," she recalls. That revelation inspired "Still On the Ride," a weary country hymn about guardian angels.

The key to the sessions, Gauthier says, has been to "sit there with an absolute spirit of nonjudgment." More than anything else, traumatized veterans feel alone; she cites a 2013 study that shows 22 veterans a day commit suicide. Listening carefully to their concerns, then reflecting them back into some form of rhyming poetry, which slowly evolves into songs, provides comfort she did not expect early on.

"We're not therapists. If we need to put the guitar down and cry, we put the guitar down and cry," Gauthier says. "After the tears, there's the opening that was created — the determination of getting this song written, and having it be beautiful and as true as humanly possible.

"Once that moment happens, we're really connected. We're not strangers anymore," continues Gauthier, who has appeared with Geartz and other veterans for TV and radio interviews promoting the album. "And these are real true connections. And they last."

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MUSIC PREVIEW

Betty Who is back to indie world she's so familiar with

By Allison Stewart
Chicago Tribune



ZAK KASSAR PHOTO

After a brief stint on a major label, pop singer Betty Who is an indie artist once again. She's excited to be making music "on my own terms."

When: 9 p.m. Wednesday (Chop Shop) and Thursday (Metro)

Where: Chop Shop, 2033 W. North Ave; Metro, 3730 N. Clark St.

Tickets: $23-$26 (18+); **www.etix.com**

At least initially, Australian export Betty Who might put you in mind of fellow artists Robyn and Pink. She's Amazonian (*6'2"* in her bare feet), translucently blonde and generally imposing, a pop star who isn't afraid to take up space.

Who, born Jessica Newham, is a former preteen cello prodigy who moved to America as a teenager to pursue a music career. She attended Berklee College of Music, began releasing songs and EPs, and became virally famous-by-proxy in 2013, when a video of a marriage proposal, set to her first single "Somebody Loves You" and featuring a dancing mob in a Home Depot, was uploaded to YouTube (he said yes; Newham cried when she saw it).

Newham, 26, began as an indie artist but soon signed to RCA Records, where the usual things happened: She issued two successful but not world-burning full-length albums (her latest, "The Valley," was released last March), landed opening slots on tours for artists like Katy Perry and Kylie Minogue, and toured exhaustively (she plays Chop Shop on Wednesday and Metro on Thursday — the latter is sold out).

She recently left RCA to return to life on her own and just dropped an attention-getting video for her first post-RCA single, "Ignore Me," filmed in one exhilarating take.

In a phone interview from tour rehearsals, Newham talked about getting into, and out of, her label deal, and the complicated realities of an independent life. The following are excerpts from that conversation:

It didn't take Betty Who long to realize that being on a major label wasn't for her.

I don't want to say right after I signed, because that sounds a little dramatic, but there were signs. I was a baby, I was 20 when I signed my record deal, and there were telltale signs. Anybody who's been in the record industry for longer than five years will tell you all of this stuff, and you go, "No, no, I know better." That sort of naivete is what gets a lot of people signed when they're not ready.

As a young female artist, she struggled to find her voice.

I can't tell you how many times I was in a room full of people who made me feel really stupid, telling me that they knew better, and I should shut up and listen. And six months from then, we wound up doing exactly what I had wanted to do. There was such a tug of war for no reason. I feel like I have become a businesswoman, an entrepreneur in my own field. There is no handbook for how to make this happen for yourself. I don't know of a lot of really, really successful independent pop artists. You know of rappers, but in pop it's really difficult to succeed as an independent artist. I'm really swinging for the bleachers here.

She realized bad label deals are like bad relationships.

It's really exciting for me to be releasing music on my own terms, and shedding the weight of an unhealthy relationship. That frees up so much space in my life, to bring all my joy and light and passion to the project again. I think I expended a lot of energy trying to make something work that wasn't working for a long time. Now that's gone. I feel like I have all this new excitement. I'm looking forward to bringing all that to stage, because I think that's where it suffers the most. When I'm having a really hard day, being onstage is the last thing I want to do. I haven't had a bad day in a really long time.

It's better for her mental health to think of Betty Who as somebody else.

It is definitely healthier for me in a mental way, not because it feels like Betty Who is a different person to me, but there are parts of me I don't want to put into Betty Who, that I don't want to share with everybody. When I chose a stage name, the No 1 reason was, I was going to need space, that feeling of still feeling grounded, still feeling like myself. Betty Who is work, it's a job. I put all of myself into it, but it's a job.

Betty Who can be a character, but never a caricature.

I want there to be a feeling of authenticity. I don't want it to feel like this character that's really out there. What I bring to the stage is myself — the louder, stronger, more confident version of myself. As a real person, I have all of the same problems and issues and craziness as every other single person in the world does, but onstage I have to forget all of that. I need to be the best version of myself, and to share that with everybody. To tap into that is difficult on nights when you don't really feel like it, but that's what the name is for. (It's like saying), "You get to go and be Betty now." And that helps me a lot.

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Bar Biscay in Noble Square is owned by the husband-and-wife team behind mfk, Scott Worsham and Sari Zernich Worsham.

Bar Biscay's goal: 'A great party'

By Grace Wong
Chicago Tribune

There's something special about Bar Biscay — at least that's what co-owner Scott Worsham hopes patrons will feel.

Between the airy space and the coastal plates meant to fuel a nightly gathering of friends and family, Worsham, who co-owns mfk with his wife, Sari Zernich Worsham, said their newest endeavor will treat food the way people in Spain and France do.

"Their approach to cooking is kind of classic and timeless, but in the modern world, it seems new and different," Scott Worsham said. "It's a very simple approach. We're not being all chef-y and trying to put your signature on something. It's the opposite of that. 'Did you cook it right? Is it delicious?' Then move on. That's the part of it that we're embracing."

Scott Worsham said they hope Bar Biscay will be a larger extension of what they do at mfk, heavily influenced by the Bay of Biscay and Basque region in Spain with influence from French bistro cooking.



The menu features small bites, such as grilled chicken livers.

Bar Biscay opened last week with Johnny Anderes (formerly of The Kitchen, Telegraph and Honey's) as executive chef.

"We're taking the less-is-more approach, making things quick and less fussy," Anderes said.

The menu features pintxos, small bites traditionally taken from and eaten at the bar in northern Spain, with items like grilled chicken livers and white anchovy with grilled asparagus and haricot vert. These small plates, meant to be eaten with a glass of wine, will be served from 3 to 6 p.m., dressed up for dinner service and then served again late at night.

Bar Biscay will also serve seafood, such as oysters on the half shell, cockles, head-on prawns with avocado and a paprika chile, and Spanish conservas, which are tinned seafood.

Other shareable staples include a shaved Brussels sprouts salad with Manchego crisp, pine nuts, grapefruit and lemon, and a whole oxtail on a watercress salad with orange gremolata, a condiment made with garlic, parsley and anchovy.

The restaurant's Basque influences extend to its beverage program, which boasts five beers, a Basque vermouth, a Basque cider, and a Spanish-style house gin and tonic on draft.

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WHERE TO EAT NOW

Recent restaurant reviews and profiles from Tribune food critic Phil Vettel, staff reporters and freelance writers. No stars indicates a restaurant has been profiled but not reviewed, and does not reflect on quality of dining.

CITY

A10 ★★★ Named for a motorway that connects Italy to France, A10 offers traditional-with-a-twist Italian and French dishes from Yusho chef Matthias Merges. Small plates include bar-food riffs; large plates shine with interesting accompaniments. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday, brunch Sunday. Prices: Entrees $14-$30. *1462 E. 53rd St., 773-288-1010. — Phil Vettel*

Acadia ★★★★ Chef Ryan McCaskey has quietly turned his South Loop restaurant into one of the finest in Chicago. The five- and 10-course tasting menus include homages to McCaskey's beloved Maine; in the front lounge, a bar menu includes oysters, chicken wings and a seriously good burger. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Five-course menu $115, 10-course $175. *1639 S. Wabash Ave., 312-360-9500. — P.V.*

Beatnik From the exuberantly ornate dining room to the best dishes on the menu, the West Town restaurant delights in serving up layers upon layers of style. Kick off your meal with beet hummus that sparks of citrus zest and dusky notes of clove, offset by the crunch of fried chickpeas and the salty tang of blue cheese. Other highlights included a side of broccolini and curry meatballs, served on a pillow of mashed peas and punctuated with a nice dose of heat. Open: Dinner and late night, Tuesday through Sunday. Prices: $9 to $30 for shareables; $35 to $95 for large format dishes. *1604 W. Chicago Ave., 312-929-4945.— Jennifer Day*

Bonci This Roman import serves pizza with a light-as-air crust, topped with hundreds of different high-quality toppings, from traditional tomato sauce and cheese to 'nduja, burrata, potato and fresh mint. This is mostly a to-go operation, with no tables and only a few counter seats. Open: Lunch and dinner seven days a week. Prices: sold by weight, about $10/person. *161 N. Sangamon St., 312-243-4016. — N.K.*

Cafe Marie-Jeanne ★★ Run by husband-wife partners Michael Simmons (chef) and Val Szafranski (front-of-house), Cafe Marie-Jeanne is an intensely personal operation, one whose easygoing attitude and excellent kitchen work make the Humboldt Park spot a neighborhood treasure. Open: Breakfast, lunch and dinner Wednesday-Monday. Prices: Main courses $12-$35. *1001 N. California Ave., 773-904-7660. — P.V.*

City Mouse ★★ From the team behind Logan Square's Giant comes this Fulton Market District restaurant in the Ace Hotel. Executive chef Patrick Sheerin oversees the casual, eclectic menu, ranging from seriously good pastas to offbeat dishes such as fried artichokes buried under pork ragu and fried cheddar bites topped with caviar. During daytime hours, the brunch menu features griddle cakes, a double-patty burger and a "gas station" breakfast sandwich. Open brunch and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees $16-$29. *311 N. Morgan St., 312-764-1908. — P.V.*

Cruz Blanca Cooks heap freshly grilled meat and tortillas on a paper-covered platter for DIY assembly at Rick Bayless's long-awaited taqueria. The spot is also a brewery with food-friendly beers. Open: Lunch and dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees $13. *904 W. Randolph St., 312-733-1975 — N.K.*

The Delta Chicago abounds with tamales, but The Delta manages to set itself apart by serving Mississippi Delta tamales. They differ from ubiquitous Mexican tamales in that they are constructed from cornmeal instead of masa (nixtamalized corn), and cooked in a liquid instead of being steamed. Open dinner and late night, daily. Prices: Entrees $5 to $18. *1745 W. North Ave., 773-360-1793. — N.K.*



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Jade Court ★★★ The restaurant is home to arguably the best Chinese food in town. The owners are Eddy Cheung and his daughter, Carol, who owned and operated Phoenix restaurant for 20 years. The menu is typical of most Chinese menus — dozens of poultry, pork, beef, seafood and noodle dishes — but the way to order is to ask what the kitchen is up to that evening. Typhoon lobster, pictured, one of many Hong Kong specials available here, is stir-fried and briefly deep-fried, the seafood redolent of garlic, aromatic chiles and fish flakes. Open: Lunch and dinner Wednesday to Monday. Prices: Main courses $13.95-$26.95. *626 S. Racine Ave., 312-929-4828 — Phil Vettel*

El Che Bar ★★★ The sequel to John Manion's La Sirena Clandestina is even better than the first. An open hearth is the visual and culinary focal point, from which come an array of grilled and roasted proteins, including superb steaks and surprises such as grilled oysters and fried cheese. Alexis Chabert's wine list has an apt, New World focus. Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Main courses $14-$45. *845 W. Washington Blvd., 312-265-1130. — P.V.*

Entente ★★★ Ty Fujimura (Aramì) has another hit with this cozy Lakeview restaurant, which features the talents of chef Brian Fisher (previously at Schwa) and pastry chef Mari Katsumura (formerly Blackbird, Acadia). Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. Prices: Main courses $15-$33. *3056 N. Lincoln Ave., 872-206-8553. — P.V.*

Giant ★★★ Jason Vincent (ex-Nightwood) is operating an eclectic 44-seater with co-chef Ben Lustbader and partner Josh Perlman (beverage honcho). The only common element in a menu that embraces liquefied sea urchin in fried pasta, sweet-and-sour eggplant and pecan-smoked ribs is that everything's delicious. The dining room is cheerfully noisy and unpretentious. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. Prices: Main courses $16-$19. *3209 W. Armitage Ave., 773-252-0997. — P.V.*

Kimski Chef Won Kim creates a true 50-50 Korean-Polish situation that your babcia (Polish grandma) or halmoni (Korean grandma) would appreciate. Maria's Standard ($9) is the perfect example: a fat, smoky Polish sausage bursting with garlic and spice that's remixed with a soulful, rice-perfumed, soju-infused mustard and tangy kimchi kraut. Dinners to late night, Tuesday to Saturday, brunch and dinner Sunday. Prices: $9 to $13. *960 W. 31st St., 773-890-0588. — M.N.*

Luella's Southern Kitchen This restaurant could very well be in the South. Shrimp and grits taste like those of Mr. B's Bistro in New Orleans, and buttermilk-fried chicken thighs are expertly prepared, served atop yeasty waffles. Open: Lunch and dinner Tuesday-Friday, brunch and dinner Saturday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees $7-$15. *4609 N. Lincoln Ave., 773-961-8196. — K.P.*

mfk ★★★ With just 28 seats, mfk is tough to get into but worth the effort. Boquerones with shaved fennel should be part of any meal you assemble, and the platters — a notable fish stew starring cobia collar and a surprisingly painstaking chicken ballotine — are superb. Open: Dinner daily, lunch Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees $20-$24. *432 W. Diversey Parkway, 773-857-2540. — P.V.*

River Roast ★★ Well-known chefs Tony Mantuano and John Hogan are behind this riverfront restaurant. The sized-for-two roasted entrees are the stars, including an insanely good chicken. Open: Dinner daily, lunch Monday-Friday, brunch Saturday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees $22-$25, entrees-for-two $39-$42. *315 N. LaSalle St., 312-822-0100. — P.V.*

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TURN IT UP

By Greg Kot



Tune-Yards takes on 'white guilt'

Merrill Garbus delivers dance album with lyrics that dig deep



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Merrill Garbus, left, and Nate Brenner co-produced the new Tune-Yards album. "That I can make a record about the guilt of being white is in itself a form of white privilege," Garbus said.

Merrill Garbus knows how to entertain. She was once a children's puppeteer, after all, which means she needed to be on her game all the time lest she lose the audience. When she began performing as Tune-Yards, she figured out a way to reach festival audiences as a one-woman band by playing punk-rock ukulele while slamming drums and electronically looping and layering her swooping, soaring vocals. But with Tune-Yards' latest album, "I Can Feel You Creep Into My Private Life" (4AD), Garbus encountered perhaps her toughest challenge yet.

Much of the album plays like a ruthless self-interrogation about white privilege, cultural appropriation and living a life where the personal often becomes the political. In the song "Colonizer," Garbus incriminates herself for being part of the problem: "I smell the blood in my voice," she sings. Garbus once studied in Kenya, where she immersed herself in African music, a foundation of much of her songwriting. Her lyrics haven't shied from her conflicted feelings about how race, music, money and power intersect, but never quite so directly as on the new album.

When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday

Where: Thalia Hall, 1807 S. Allport St.

Tickets: $28.50-$46; **www.thaliahallchicago.com**

"It's an interesting question, as a white person investigating her whiteness and how whiteness works and trying to do it in a productive way, and where you cross the line into self-punishment and self-indulgence," she says. "That I can make a record about the guilt of being white is in itself a form of white privilege. The first record (Tune-Yards' 2009 debut album) was called 'White Guilt' before it became 'Bird-Brains.' Part of this is about being a white person influenced by black music, and it has felt in the past like a type of violent self-investigation. To me it feels like Bertolt Brecht, how he would put reality in front of people."

Garbus strived to make her presentation of reality personal without becoming solipsistic. In her view, a loaded term such as "white guilt" is part of a broader struggle. "Colonizer," she says, is sung "in a matter-of-fact voice, and where I say 'I use my white woman's voice to tell stories of my travels with African men,' that's about me. The question isn't about self-flagellation, but about what is whiteness, and what has this done to me? White people are also dealing with the consequences of white privilege and we have to look at it even when it makes us uncomfortable."

Hence the grooves, which are among the most dexterous and unabashedly danceable of Garbus' career. Working with bassist and co-producer Nate Brenner, Garbus sought to balance the cerebral lyrics with body music strong enough to stand on its own.

"Look at albums by musicians of color that have come out in the last five years and how artists like Solange and Blood Orange are staring down issues that we deem political," she says. "I find those albums completely full of joy and brilliant musicality. That's my challenge. I hope there are plenty of people who just enjoy the music, and only years down the line do they really pay attention to the lyrics and they're like, 'Ohhh ...' Because that's how music works — people ingest it in different ways at different times at their own pace."

Now that Garbus is on tour playing the new songs, are her fans connecting with the moral and political challenges embedded within the buoyant arrangements?

"TBD?" she says. "Talk about uncomfortable, I was just assured by a friend who does a lot of this kind of work that being confused and uncomfortable is part of dealing with these issues. Honestly, we're out here on the road, and I think this might not work, because white people are not used to this. But this (music) is the place I've always put my personal questions, which inevitably are political questions."

There's another step, Garbus says, and she's determined to follow through. The band's website will soon provide footnotes of sorts and point listeners to additional resources for researching the issues raised in the lyrics.

"Here's this music and we're dancing and enjoying it, but I am raising questions, obsessing about race, arguing with friends about cultural appropriation, and the obvious question is what should I do?" she says. "The next step for me is providing a way for people to move through the music into the next thing, so we don't just sing about white privilege but also become effective co-conspirators in the fight for justice. Will it work? I don't know. But we're chipping away at something."

Greg Kot co-hosts "Sound Opinions" at 8 p.m. Friday and 2 and 11 p.m. Saturday on WBEZ-FM 91.5.

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LOCAL SOUNDS

Eris Drew believes in healing power of music

By Britt Julious
Chicago Tribune



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Eris Drew, a DJ and producer, has made a name for herself outside the confines of Chicago's nightlife.

To say things have changed for producer and DJ Eris Drew would be an understatement. The Smartbar resident and local nightlife figure has made a name for herself outside of Chicago's (and U.S.) borders during the past six months, in part by coming into her own sense of personal identity and staying true to the philosophies of dance music in which she believes.

Drew is a veteran of the city's DJ community. She first began attending raves in 1994 and, fascinated by the local DJ Mystic Bill, decided to pick up the practice.

Finding her own way as a DJ took time. Drew attended Northwestern Law and spent many years in the corporate world. But, she emphasized, she just couldn't make it work. "This music would continuously put me up against myself because in it I would see who I was," she said.

Drew, like many people drawn to the beauty, possibility and freedom of the nightlife world, was drawn to DJing and dance music for its literal and emotional healing properties. "You listen to music. You dance to it. You express yourself to it. You feel connected to certain themes and feelings, and you can't ignore it," Drew said. "It goes past whatever your brain is telling you."

Drew also credits dance music with helping her in the process of gender transitioning. "When I started to transition, it was terrifying," she said. "But then to now have the music carry me forward, where I can express the true excitement I have and even tension in this point in my life through this music, is really powerful and extremely healing."

Since she began medically transitioning more than a year ago, Drew found her performance style less inhibited. "There's an orthodoxy here because this is where house music started," Drew said about Chicago. "There are rules. But I started to break a lot of those rules and lean in to myself."

It is perhaps that sense of personal freedom that caught the ears of promoters and bookers from across the globe. Drew cites a particularly celebrated set during an after-party for Detroit's Movement music festival as a catalyst for launching this next phase of her career. The popular dance music destination and industry meetup helped Drew unlock new doors.

When: 8 p.m. Thursday

Where: Smartbar, 3730 N. Clark St.

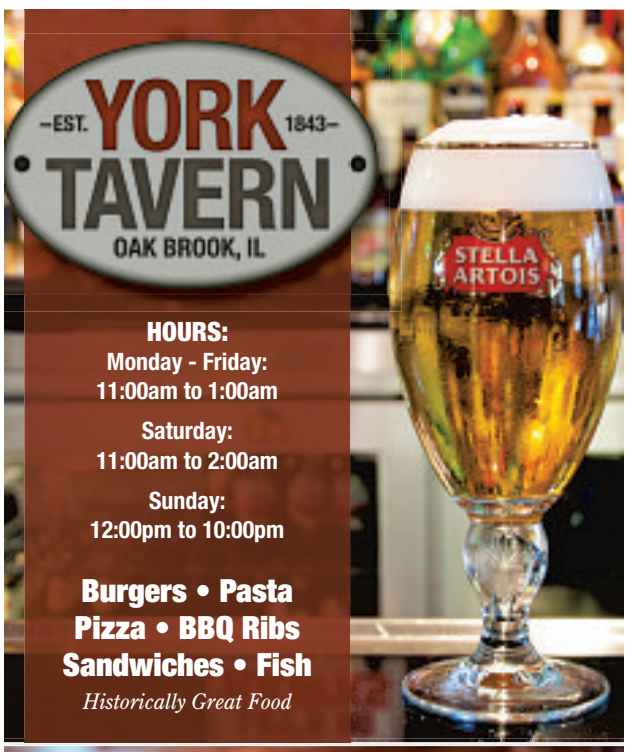
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Drew plans to launch the first of a series of parties connecting the DJ to the idea of the shaman. Led by trans and queer mystics, "The 1st Psychedelic Rite of the Motherbeat: Shamaness Imploding" will be an all-night gathering featuring DJ sets structured around the idea of the "motherbeat," which Drew described as a sort of universal rhythm of dance music. In Drew's eyes, the DJ is not unlike a shaman figure, existing outside of the realm of mainstream culture, healing her followers through the ritualistic power of music.

"I was mystified by this power DJs had to take people into an ecstatic state," Drew said. "And to do it to a very strange technique of collage and trance themselves. I found all of that visceral and fascinating." It's a heady idea, but anyone who has experienced one of Drew's sets, or just the sublime bliss of becoming one with others on the dance floor, understands her theory. "Whatever that private thing I taught myself in order to heal, that works for everybody else too," she said. "I believe there is this healing power in music."

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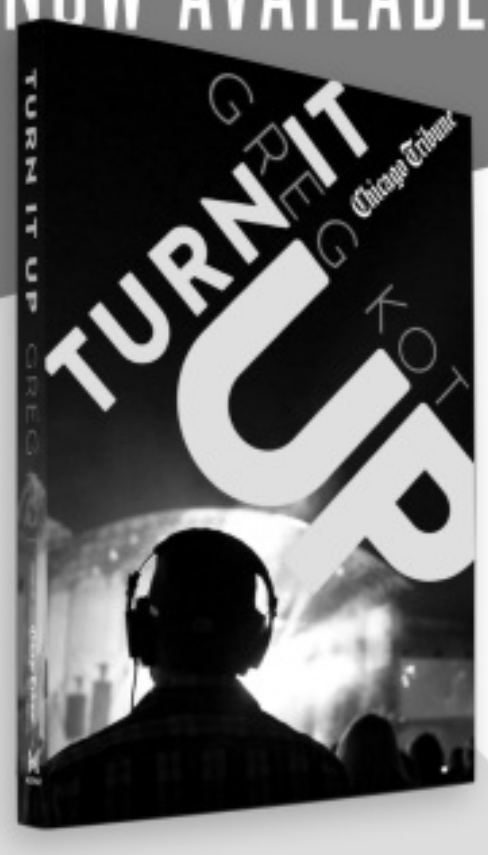
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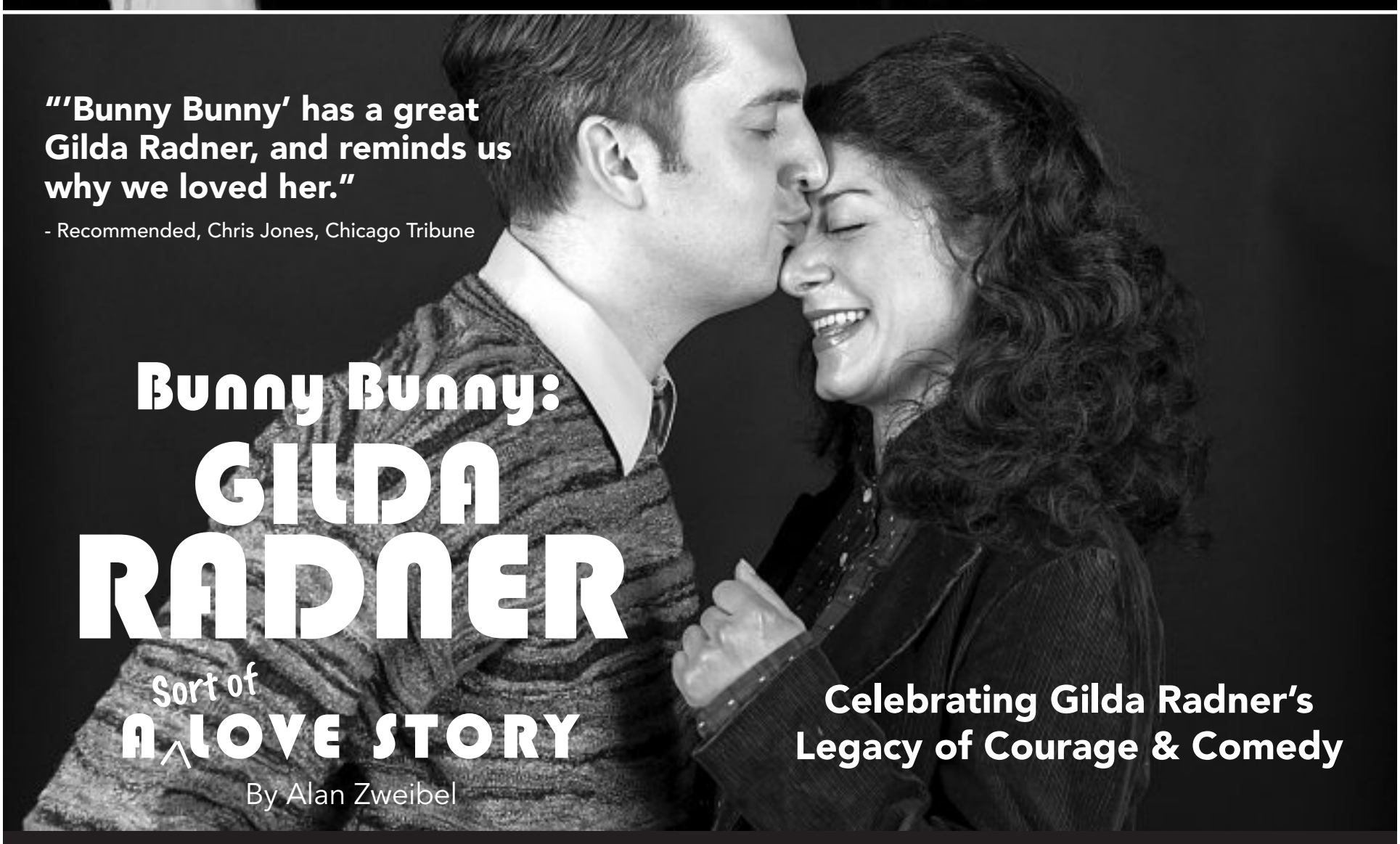
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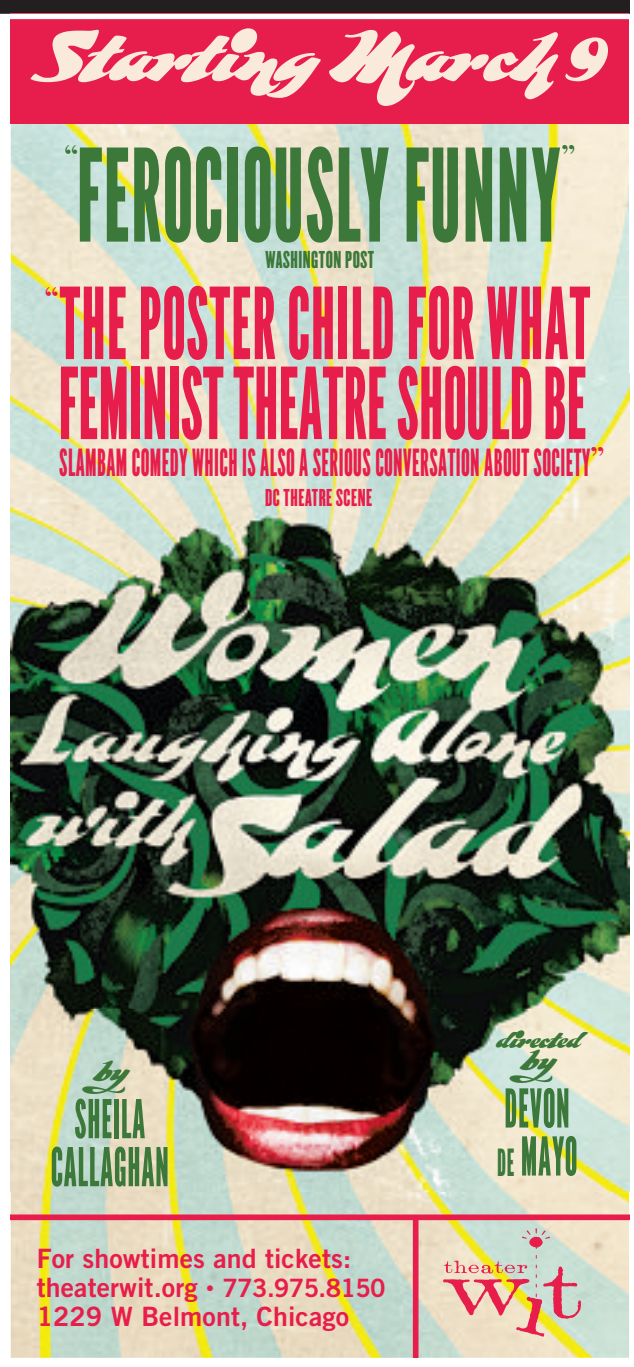
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Holter's vital Chicago cycle

Here's how writer's 7-play series will continue to unfold



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Four plays in Ike Holter's city cycle have been staged. "Rightlynd" debuts in the fall.

Ike Holter has written a major, seven-play series about the strife and humanity to be found in his home city of Chicago. You may have even seen some of them. You likely just didn't have the full picture. Let me try to explain. I've only just been able fully to grasp it myself.

The 32-year-old Holter — whose astonishing writing talent I've admired since he exploded here in 2012 with a gorgeous play called "Hit the Wall" — moves in fancy circles these days. He's represented by a top agent at William Morris Endeavor. He was a 2017 winner of Yale University's Windham-Campbell Prize, one of the most lucrative honors in playwriting, given that it comes with a check for $165,000, no strings attached.

When I caught up with Holter last weekend, he was about to hop a plane to London to work with the National Theatre of Great Britain, arguably the leading contemporary company in the English-speaking world.

All this and Holter still finds time to make friends, and trouble, on Facebook.

But back to this series — which I think, once people wrap their heads around it, might just be one of the most significant literary achievements in modern-day Chicago. An obviously flattering comparison would be August Wilson's iconic cycle chronicling everyday African-American life in Pittsburgh (and in Chicago, in one play) in each decade of the 20th century.

Holter is a very different kind of writer, of course, and all of his plays are set in the present. The Rightlynd Cycle (let's call it that) might actually be closer to Keith Huff's trio (three so far, anyway) about the Chicago Police Department and the moral choices and conundrums faced by police officers. You can (and should) see the latest of those Huff works right now — the gripping "Six Corners," as produced by American Blues Theater at Stage 773.

But back to Holter. Here — world exclusive, folks — is a full listing of how this chronological cycle will continue to unfold. This is the first announcement of some of these productions. And, by the way, all of these plays are scheduled to be published by Northwestern University Press.

The series begins with **"Rightlynd,"** which you will be able to see in the fall at Victory Gardens Theater. Rightlynd is the name of Holter's fictional Chicago neighborhood — somewhere within the 51st Ward. (If you're not from Chicago, you might not know that the city has 50 wards. Holter is a comic book geek as well as a politically aware scribe.) "Rightlynd" introduces the character of Ald. Nina Esposito, a woman dedicated to opposing Chicago's famous political machine, but also in danger of turning into the very thing she opposes.

After "Rightlynd" comes **"Exit Strategy,"** Holter's highly successful play about the travails of a Chicago public school scheduled for closure. "Exit Strategy" premiered in 2014 by the Jackalope Theatre in Chicago — and subsequently was seen in numerous other American theaters, including New York's Primary Stages in 2016. It's a fantastic play; I'd love to see it again.

"Sender" comes next — it is set among hipster, arts-graduate millennials (some of Holter's friends in real life) and it is not uncritical thereof. "Sender," which I also liked very much, takes place just just three days after "Exit Strategy," although everyone therein is dealing with a very different Chicago reality. It was seen in 2016 at A Red Orchid Theatre in an excellent production directed by Shade Murray.

"Prowess" takes place three months after "Sender." In the headline to my 2016 review at the Jackalope Theatre, we called it a superhero play. A kind of proto-"Black Panther," you might now say. A team of superheroes descends into Chicago to solve the city's problems, Ald. Esposito's included. I remember this one as needing some work, but I also still have director Marti Lyons' production still firmly lodged in my skull.

In February 2017, Teatro Vista produced the next play, **"The Wolf at the End of the Block,"** a piece about violent crime and mistrust of the police that's set in a Chicago bar. This show, lean and concise, features one particularly explosive scene, formidably performed for Teatro Vista by actors Bear Bellinger and James D. Farruggio. It showed Holter at his most complex and very best. "Wolf" is slated to be produced again at the 16th Street Theater in Berwyn.

You've not yet seen Holter's next play, **"Red Rex."** It's slated for January at Steep Theatre, and he says it's all about a storefront Chicago theater company, full of idealistic artists and thus not unlike Steep itself, that takes over an old storefront theater and, alas for the company, cannot help but gentrify the neighborhood. That one, I suspect, everyone will want to see.

At that point, there will be just one left, **"Lottery Day,"** slated for a major production at the Goodman Theatre in April 2019 and taking place at a Chicago barbecue. Holter says he plans to bring back characters, and even lines, from all of the other plays. "It will be a huge production and the big closing," he says, "and a goodbye to all these relationships." And yes, Esposito will be there. She's to be a talisman; kind of Holter's version of Wilson's Aunt Esther.

So there you go: your beginner's guide to the essential Chicago collection of one Isaac "Ike" Holter. Someone will have to do all of these plays, ideally in short order, so we can all see where he, and we, are going.

I asked Holter whether he thought the plays had a single, overarching theme. It was not entirely a fair question, but this is what he said:

"They're often about someone who comes from nothing, and then tries to make things better, and then ends up becoming what they hated."

Easy to do; not so easy to write, in and for Chicago. And always a clear and present danger for a city's star writer.

Chris Jones is a Tribune critic.

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OPENING NIGHTS

SATURDAY

"Plantation!": A Texas family discovers the roots of its ancestral home in this world premiere directed by David Schwimmer. *Through April 22 at Lookingglass Theatre, 821 N. Michigan Ave.; 312-337-0665 and* **www.lookingglasstheatre.org**

SUNDAY

"The Green Book": Pegasus Theatre Chicago and Shpiel Performing Identity Theatre present a story, inspired by the historical travel guide, about an African-American family that hosts an unexpected traveler during Jim Crow segregation. *Through April 1 at Chicago Dramatists, 1105 W. Chicago Ave.; 866-811-4111 and* **www.pegasustheatrechicago.org**

MONDAY

"A Story Told in Seven Fights": Stage combatants take on true stories from the Dada and Surrealist movements in the Neo-Futurists' latest. *Through April 7 at the Neo-Futurarium, 5153 N. Ashland Ave.; 773-878-4557 and* **neofuturists.org**

"Kingdom": Broken Nose Theatre stages a world-premiere comedy about an LGBTQ African-American family coming to terms with Florida's legalization of gay marriage. *Through March 31 at the Den Theatre, 1333 N. Milwaukee Ave.;* **www.brokennosetheatre.com**

WEDNESDAY

"The Condition of Femme": Circle Theatre presents a world premiere inspired by the stories of sexual assault survivors. *Through April 1 at Pride Arts Center, 4147 N. Broadway;* **www.circletheatrechicago.org**

"Dontrell, Who Kissed the Sea": In First Floor Theater's latest, a teenager travels to the Atlantic Ocean in search of an ancestor lost during the Middle Passage. *Through March 31 at the Den Theatre, 1333 N. Milwaukee Ave.;* **www.firstfloortheater.com**

"Time is on Our Side": In this mystery from About Face Theatre, a family's hidden history unravels from the early LGBTQ rights movement as best friends produce a podcast. *Through April 7 at Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave.; 773-975-8150 and* **www.aboutfacetheatre.com**

THURSDAY

"Hang Man": A Southern town grapples with the horrific death of a black man in this world-premiere drama. *Through April 29 at the Gift Theatre, 4802 N. Milwaukee Ave.; 773-283-7071 and* **www.thegifttheatre.org**

"You for Me for You": North Korean sisters plan an escape and are separated at the border in this adventure tale from Sideshow Theatre Company. *Through April 8 at Victory Gardens Theater, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave.; 773-871-3000 and* **www.victorygardens.org**

CHRIS JONES RECOMMENDS

"Blue Man Group" ★★★½

"Blue Man Group" has been playing at Briar Street since 1997, a remarkable run of 20 years. *Open run at the Briar Street Theatre, 3133 N. Halsted St.; $49-$69 at* **www.ticketmaster.com**

"Bunny Bunny: Gilda Radner, A Sort of Love Story" ★★★

From the moment he first met her behind a potted plant in 1975, comedy writer Alan Zweibel loved Gilda Radner. This play by Zweibel now at the Mercury Theater makes that very clear. Radner, who died in 1989, was one of the original cast members of "Saturday Night Live" and one of the funniest and most influential women in American comedy. That's made very clear by Dana Tretta, who plays Radner in director Warner Crocker's production. *Through April 1 at Mercury Theater, 3745 N. Southport Ave.; $30-$55 at 773-325-1700 or* **www.mercurytheaterchicago.com**

"Cabaret" ★★★★

Kelly Felthous, who plays Sally Bowles in the Paramount Theatre's "Cabaret," did not get a lick of applause opening night at the end of the show's famous title number. It wasn't frostbite, the audience was just that moved. In director Katie Spelman's production in Aurora, Felthous' Sally is closer to what John Kander and Fred Ebb first had in mind, I think, a modest talent addicted to the attention and the party, refusing to believe what is happening in Berlin. *Through March 18 at the Paramount Theatre, 23 E. Galena Blvd., Aurora; $36 to $64 at 630-896-6666 or* **www.paramountaurora.com**

"Dream Freaks Fall From Space" ★★★★

A sleep-deprived woman heads into a Brookstone. "What about a demo of this white noise machine?" asks the African-American salesman. "I don't have one black friend, I have two ..." That chance for everyone to laugh at race got a huge response at Second City, where the new revue is a return to form for the storied Chicago company. *Open run on the Second City Mainstage, 1616 N. Wells St., $29-$46 at 312-337-3992 or* **www.secondcity.com**

"Hamilton" ★★★★

The heartland "Hamilton" is in touch with the fundamental scrappiness of the early years of a rebel colony turned into a democratic experiment. *Open run at CIBC Theatre, 18 W. Monroe St.; $65-$400 at* **www.broadwayinchicago.com**

"Hatfield & McCoy" ★★★

The famously warring Hatfields of West Virginia and McCoys of Kentucky are usually portrayed in popular culture as yahoos with rifles, though their rivalry was actually rooted in Civil War allegiances. The House Theatre of Chicago, known for original works with mythic underpinnings, clearly hears Shakespearean echoes in their story. *Through March 11 at the Chopin Theatre, 1543 W. Division St.; $30-$50 at* **www.thehousetheatre.com**

"Merrily We Roll Along" ★★★

Director Michael Weber's Porchlight Music Theatre production of "Merrily We Roll Along" sits very smugly within the Ruth Page Center for the Arts. His interpretation doesn't range stark and dark enough for me, but let's stipulate that the abyss is impossibly wide in this particular Stephen Sondheim musical. *Through March 17 at the Ruth Page Center for the Arts, 1016 N. Dearborn St.; $33-60 at* **www.porchlightmusictheatre.org**

"She the People" ★★★

"She the People" is a new revue at Second City featuring five women and the subtitle "A Girlfriends' Guide to Sisters Doing It For Themselves." Up-and-comer Maria Randazzo can play a CEO and a quirky, wacky woman — someone who "works with kids, animals or coffee" — and you believe her as both. *Through April 1 in the UP Comedy Club, 230 W. North Ave.; $26-$41 at* **www.secondcity.com**



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Mary Tilden, from left, Isa Arciniegas, Sarah Price, Taylor Blim and Angela Alise star in "The Wolves," written by Sarah DeLappe and directed by Vanessa Stalling.

HOT TICKET

"The Wolves" ★★★★

The Wolves are players on a fictional, under-17 girls soccer team in this Pulitzer Prize finalist by Sarah DeLappe now at the Goodman Theatre. "The Wolves" isn't so much about the world's most beautiful game as it's about what it feels like to be an adolescent girl, living and moving in a pack. Under talented director Vanessa Stalling, the ensemble cast is uniformly excellent, although #46 (Erin O'Shea) not only is especially moving but the most credible as a league soccer player. If you have a soccer-playing girl at home, you don't want to miss this piece. *Through March 18 at the Goodman's Owen Theatre, 170 N. Dearborn St.; $10-$47 at 312-443-3800 and* ***www.goodmantheatre.org***

"Six Corners" ★★★½

Are cops a force for good? That's the question the Chicago-based playwright and TV writer Keith Huff has pondered over and over in his compelling mystery plays about the Chicago Police Department. And what about the city in which they are obliged to ply their trade? "Six Corners" is Huff's latest, set mostly in the police station at Belmont and Western avenues. Two partners, played with quirky veracity by Peter DeFaria and Monica Orozco, struggle not just with solving a murder at the CTA station in Lincoln Square, but with getting their other half to agree on the narrative. *Through March 24 at Stage 773, 1225 W. Belmont Ave.; $19-$49 at* **www.americanbluestheater.com**

"Skeleton Crew" ★★★

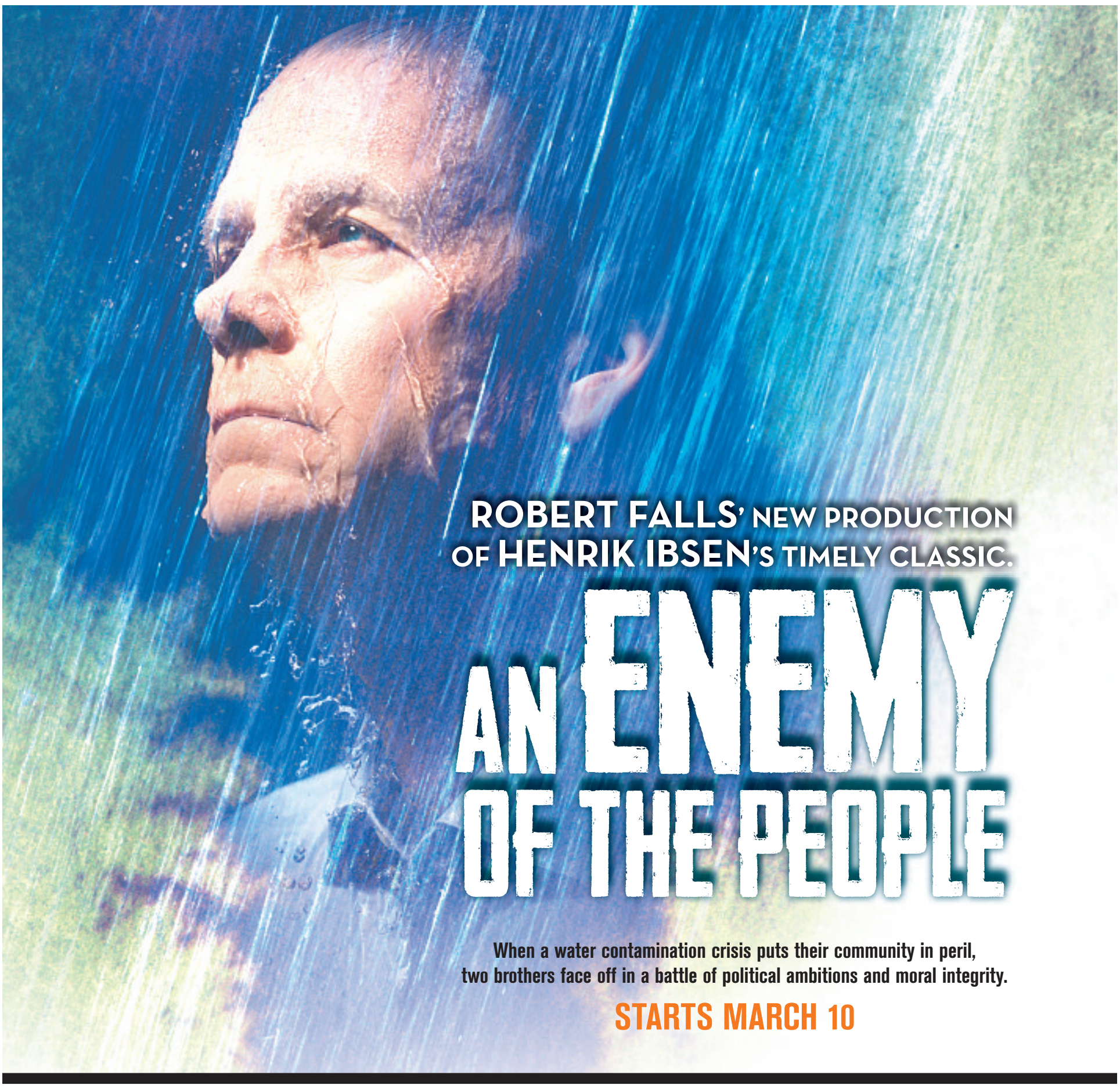
Playwright Dominique Morisseau's "Detroit Project" is a three-play cycle made up of "Detroit '67," "Paradise Blue" and "Skeleton Crew," the last of which you currently can see at the Northlight Theatre in Skokie. Set in a Detroit auto plant on the brink of closure, "Skeleton Crew" is told through the eyes of Faye (Jacqueline Williams), a worker on the brink of retirement. *Through March 3 at Northlight Theatre, North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie; $30-$81 at 847-673-6300 and* **www.northlight.org**

"Traitor" ★★★

Brett Neveu's "Traitor" is a stimulating contemporary adaptation of Henrik Ibsen's "An Enemy of the People," the action removed to small-town Illinois, the events cataclysmic and the whole affair directed by no less than Michael Shannon. *Through March 4 at A Red Orchid Theatre, 1531 N. Wells St.; $30-$35 at 312-943-8722 and* **www.aredorchidtheatre.org**

"Yank! A World War II Love Story" ★★★

At the Pride Arts Center, the big draw at the moment is the Chicago premiere of "Yank! A World War II Love Story," as penned by two gay brothers, Joseph (the composer) and David (the bookwriter and lyricist) Zellnik. As directed by David Zak. *Through March 18 at Pride Arts Center, 4139 N. Broadway; $30-$40 at* **www.pridefilmsandplays.com**



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Auto journalists have a saying we like to kick around when it comes to testing cars: "It's more fun to drive a slow car fast, than a fast car slow." Living in Los Angeles, I get plenty of the latter, but recently I had a chance to put the first part of that maxim to the test in the 2018 Mitsubishi Mirage GT.

The Mirage GT is the most expensive version of one of the most affordable cars on the road today. The 2018 Mirage lineup starts at $14,290 (including a destination charge) for ES models, but I tested a top-of-the-line GT, which starts considerably higher, at $17,490.

Under the hood, the Mirage GT comes with a 78-horsepower, 1.2-liter three-cylinder engine that makes 74 pounds-feet of torque. I couldn't find an official zero-to-60-mph time, but after driving it I am going to hazard a guess and say "slow." The Mirage GT also comes standard with something that usually sounds a death knell for fun: a continuously variable automatic transmission.

With that powertrain, tiny 15-inch wheels and a propensity to sway from side to side when turning, one might think that the Mirage GT can't be fun to drive — but they'd be wrong. I think that some of the Mirage GT's foibles combine into a weirdly appealing experience that turned out to be in some ways, dare we say … enjoyable.

Foot-Down Fun

Let me explain. The Mirage GT doesn't really have much sound deadening, so you get a weird, hollow, tinny sound when you close the doors too hard and the amount of engine noise can be overwhelming. On the highway, the inside of the car feels like a preschool classroom in chaos, and it's uncomfortable for long trips.

But the three-cylinder doesn't sound bad and when it's working hard, the buzz is kind of nice — it's a bit deeper than the whine you get from most modern four-cylinders, and if you're driving quickly you'll hear it often — because you really get to put your foot into the Mirage GT. There's no babying the throttle here, you can just simply stomp on the accelerator, which makes the engine whir into a frenzy and the car move forward faster.

Weight for It …

Its curb weight is only 2,128 pounds. For some perspective, that's more than 200 pounds lighter than a 2018 Mazda MX-5 Miata with a manual transmission and about 500 pounds lighter than a Mini Cooper Hardtop. It's a good thing that the car weighs so little; it makes it feel more agile than it has any right to be, and if the Mirage GT weighed any more, it would overtax that engine to the point where it became unbearable.

In the Mirage GT, I didn't run out of skill before the car did. I could drive it up to its limit, and that was a unique kind of experience and a different kind of fun — wringing every ounce of performance out of it.

Final Verdict

Do the Mirage GT's tiny brakes need a bit of rest? Probably. Is it a good car? Not by a long shot. Is it a fun car? On the right road, driven in the right way ... yes. Yes it is.

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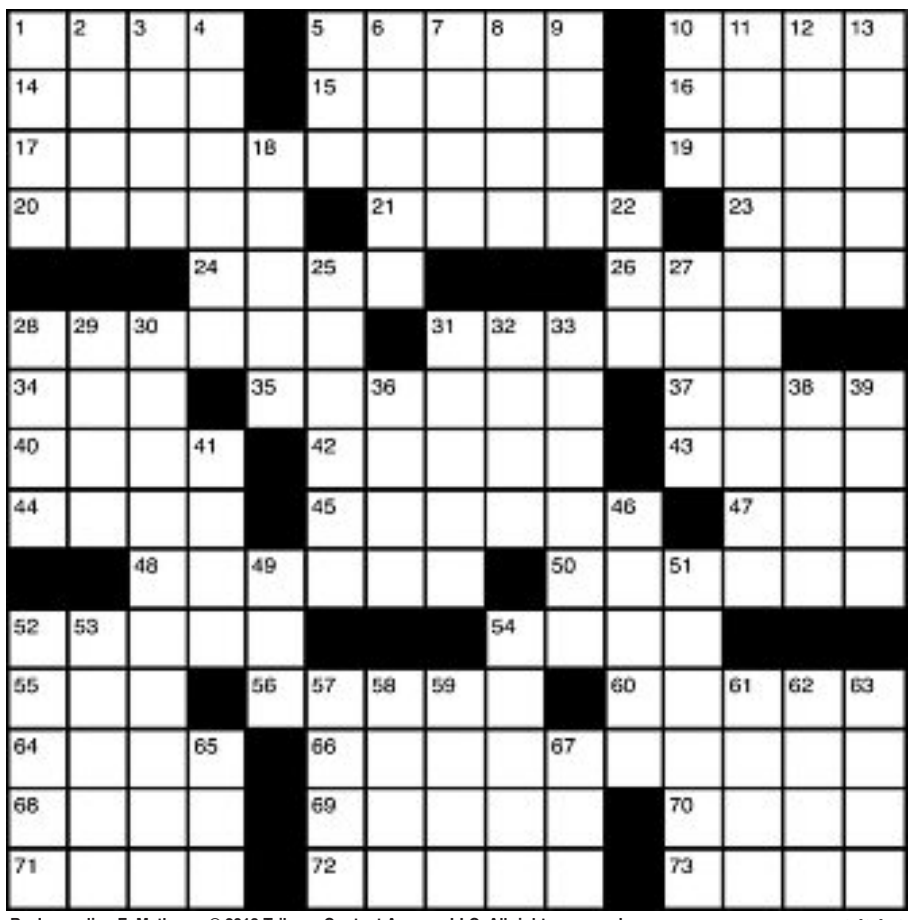
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ACROSS
1 __-crazy; tired of confinement
5 Day __ day; continuously
10 Life __; years one will live
14 Bard's harp
15 Location
16 Egg on
17 Punctuation mark
19 Feathery scarves
20 Male singer
21 __ as the hills
23 Command to Fido
24 Reason why police might use tear gas
26 Some golf tournaments
28 As a __ of fact; actually
31 Unwanted radio noise
34 Be in debt
35 Did the waltz
37 __ of Mexico; Atlantic basin
40 Upper limbs
42 Sacred scroll
43 Night light
44 Clerical error
45 Tooth coating
47 Small number
48 In __; working as partners
50 Raised, as kids
52 At __; being risked
54 Word attached to oat or corn
55 TV's Sajak
56 "It takes two to __"
60 Aristotle's "S"
64 Youngstown's state
66 Wealthy
68 Housetop
69 __ cologne; perfume
70 Requirement
71 Portable shelter
72 Frock
73 __ up; arranges

DOWN
1 Thin board
2 __ A; energetic personality
3 Pump __; lift weights
4 Vacation spot
5 Calendar abbr.
6 Parade entry
7 Touches lightly
8 Reverberate
9 Lively dance
10 Long sandwich
11 District attorney
12 Once more
13 Tree houses?
18 Attempted
22 Period
25 Gave a speech
27 Sty dwellers
28 Castle trench
29 Haywire; askew
30 "...and lead us not into __..."
31 "Beat it!"
32 Cubs or Bears
33 Cling; stick
36 Zero
38 Path
39 Mr. Flintstone
41 __ up; absorb
46 Rent long-term
49 Trawler's item
51 ET and others
52 Polo or squash
53 Nevada border lake
54 Shapes; forms
57 Flabbergasted
58 Close to
59 Elmer's product
61 Delight
62 Bump into
63 Tallies up
65 Many a time
67 "For __ a jolly good fellow..."

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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
Demontae Offord

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Destiny Offord (Mother) AKA Destinay Offord**

JUVENILE NO.: **17JA00518**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Anthony Outlaw (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers** , respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **June 2, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/08/2018**,at **11:30 AM** in CALENDAR **12** COURTROOM **L**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental **rights**.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
March 2, 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
Devon Davis

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Shanette Roach (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **18JA00177**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Comonec May AKA Comonee May AKA May Comonec May (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **February 23, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Patrick Murphy** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/21/2018**,at **10:30 AM** in CALENDAR **1** COURTROOM **A**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
March 2, 2018

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC TEST
Public notice is hereby given, by David Orr, Cook County Clerk, to any interested parties that a test of the official automatic tabulating equipment for ballots to be counted at the March 20, 2018 Primary Election will be held at the Hawthorne Distribution Center located at 4545 W. Cermak Road, Chicago, Illinois, on Friday, March 9, 2018 at 9 a.m.

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Tyreick Baggett

A MINOR
NO. **2018JD00108**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Dennis Lewis (Father)**, respondents, and **TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **January 19, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Darryl Jones** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/12/2018** at **9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR **57** COURTROOM **7**,

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
March 2, 2018

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY:
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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,
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LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLICATION NOTICE

Lakeside Bank, whose headquarters is located at 55 W. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601, hereby gives notice of its intent to construct a retail banking branch at the northeast corner of Halsted Street and Pershing Road, commonly known as 3837 and 3849 S. Halsted Street Avenue, in Chicago, Illinois. An application to construct this branch bank has been submitted on this date to the Chicago Regional Office of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"). Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the regional director (DOS) of the FDIC at its regional office located at 500 West Monroe Street, Suite 3500, Chicago, Illinois 60661 within fifteen (15) days after the date of the publication of this notice. The nonconfidential portions of the application are on file in the regional office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT SUPERIOR COURT

Judicial District of Middlesex at Middletown
Docket Number: MMX-FA_17-5009656
Plaintiff's Name: Sarofin, Kimberly A.
Defendants Name: Correll, William O.
Notice to Correll, William O.
The Court has reviewed the Motion for Order of Notice and the Complaint/ Application/ Motion which asks for: custody of children.
The Court finds that the current address of the party to be notified is unknown and that all reasonable efforts to find him/her have failed. The Court also finds that the last known address of the party to be notified was: 3731 S. Albany Ave., Chicago, IL 62632.
The Court Orders that notice be given to the party to be notified by having a State Marshal or other proper officer place a legal notice in: Chicago Tribune a newspaper circulating in Chicago, IL containing a true and attested copy of this Order of Notice, and, if accompanying a Complaint for divorce (dissolution of marriage), complaint for dissolution of civil union, legal separation or annulment, or if accompanying an Application for custody or visitation, a statement that Automatic Court Orders have been issued in the case as required by Section 25-5 of the Connecticut Practice Book and are a part of the Complaint/ Application on file with the Court.
This notice shall appear once a week for two successive weeks commencing on or before 03/26/18 and a proof of service shall be filed with this Court.
/s/ Kelly Burke, Clerk

Notice of Filing of Evidence Regarding Reconciliation of Revenues and Costs under ComEd's Environmental Cost Recovery Adjustment Rider (Rider ECR)

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Commonwealth Edison Company ("ComEd") hereby gives notice to the public that on February 27, 2018 it filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission ("ICC") evidence (annual report and direct testimony) regarding the reconciliation of revenues collected from its customers under its Rider ECR, with costs incurred in connection with certain environmental remediation activities associated with former manufactured gas plant sites in Illinois.

A copy of such evidence may be inspected by any interested party at ComEd's office located at Three Lincoln Centre in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

All parties interested in this matter may obtain information with respect thereto either directly from ComEd or by addressing the Chief Clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission, 527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62706.

COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY
By: Verónica Gómez
Senior Vice President & General Counsel

A public hearing on the 2018 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of the Lighthouse Park District of Evanston will be held on March 19, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at 2601 Sheridan Road, Evanston, Illinois.
/s/ Matthew A. Flamm, Secretary Pub: 3/2/2018 5480430

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO DISADVANTAGED BUSINESSES

Whittaker Construction & Excavating, Inc. P.O. Box 21, Earlville, Illinois 60518, 815-246-7119, is seeking disadvantaged businesses for the Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District, Burr Ridge, Illinois, Phosphorus Removal & Excess Flow Improvements, for subcontracting opportunities in the following areas: Demolition, Removal and Abandonment, Concrete Reinf, Masonry, Metals, Thermal & Moisture Protection, Openings, Finishes, Specialties, Plumbing, HVAC, Electrical, Ext. Improvements, Process Integration, Process Gas & Liquid Handling, and Water & Wastewater Equipment. All disadvantaged businesses should contact, IN WRITING, (certified letter, return receipt requested), Kevin Bomstad, to discuss the subcontracting opportunities. All negotiations must be completed prior to the bid opening date, March 23, 2018. Our method of proposal evaluation is based on the lowest total cost, ability to perform the work, and receipt of properly executed certification form. EEO

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TO: Michael J O'Keefe Renee M. O'Keefe Kelly Ann O'Keefe a/ka/ Keely A. Collins Michael Collins Robin Woodman Perez Roberto W. Perez Woodman Robin Kimmel U.S. Bank, N.A. County Clerk of COOK County, Illinois Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD001351 FILED: February 2, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of COOK Date Premises Sold August 4, 2015 Certificate No. 13-0004554 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 240 Lincoln St., Hoffman Estates, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 07-22-111-018-0000, Volume 187 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 16, 2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subse¬quently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 16, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County, in Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Room 1704, Chicago, Illinois 60602 on August 15, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 16, 2018 by applying to the County Clerk of COOK County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 US BANK AS CUSTODIAN FOR PFS FINANCIAL 1, LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated February 2, 2018 Pub: 2/28, 3/1, 3/2/2018 5481291

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TO: Nancy C. Marema Louis S. Freedman Attorney for Capital One Bank (Case#09M1197681) (Case#09M1202540) Village of Tinley Park Brementowne Estates Management Association c/o Diane Gittings Brementowne Estates Management Association c/o Secretary of State Business Services Capital One Bank Barrett, Sranek & Jasinski Wayne R Bentz County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD001347 FILED: February 2, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold August 3, 2015 Certificate No. 13-0003275 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 7745 Nottingham Dr., Tinley Park, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 27-24-312-013-0000, Volume 147 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 16, 2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subse¬quently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 16, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County, in Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Room 1706, Chicago, Illinois 60602 on August 15, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 16, 2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 US BANK AS CUSTODIAN FOR PFS FINANCIAL 1, LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated February 2, 2018 Pub: 2/28, 3/1, 3/2/2018 5481279


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TO: Chicago Title Land Trust Co., As Successorship to Park National Bank As Trustee Under Trust No.32686 Dated 10-8-2009. Freddy L. Hill Jr. Blitt and Gaines, P.C. Attorney for Citibank, N.A. Case No. 16M6009008 Henry Baxter Janell C. Baxter Janice R. McDowell Charniqua Tate Feliee R. Jones Mary L. Boblink Citibank, National Association Citibank, National Association Calumet Union Drainage District No. 1 Freddy L Hill County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD001339 FILED: February 2, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold August 3, 2015 Certificate No. 13-0001055 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 15317 Parkside Dr., Markham, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-13-109-013-0000, Volume 029 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 16, 2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subse¬quently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 16, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County, in Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Room 1704, Chicago, Illinois 60602 on August 15, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 16, 2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 US BANK AS CUSTODIAN FOR PFS FINANCIAL 1, LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated February 2, 2018. Pub: 2/28, 3/1, 3/2/2018 5481194

TO: Gus D. Spell Sally Spell Unknown Heirs & Devisees of Gus and Sallie Spell Sharla M. Vanderjack Jeffrey A. Vanderjack Chad Burress Alyssa Burress Kevin Gerard Weber Char Vanderjack Shar M. Vanderjack Shelby Vanderjack Todd Damon Vanderjack Theodore Vanderjack Calumet Union Drainage District No. 1 County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD001341 FILED: February 2, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold August 3, 2015 Certificate No. 13-0001061 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 15741 Troy Ave., Markham, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-13-317-041-0000, Volume 029 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 16, 2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subse¬quently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 16, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County, in Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Room 1704, Chicago, Illinois 60602 on August 15, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 16, 2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 US BANK AS CUSTODIAN FOR PFS FINANCIAL 1, LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated February 2, 2018 Pub: 2/28, 3/1, 3/2/2018 5481239

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TO: Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation c/o Secretary of State Business Services Codilis & Associates, P.C Robert Alexander Lopez Melissa Ann Baranowski Nicole M. Dietze Destiny Croush Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation United States of America c/o Attorney General United States of America c/o Internal Revenue Service Robert Lopez County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD001342 FILED: February 2, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold August 3, 2015 Certificate No. 13-0001068 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 15114 Springfield Ave., Midlothian, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-14-111-015-0000, Volume 029 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 16, 2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subse¬quently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 16, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County, in Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Room 1704, Chicago, Illinois 60602 on August 15, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 16, 2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 US BANK AS CUSTODIAN FOR PFS FINANCIAL 1, LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated February 2, 2018 Pub: 2/28, 3/1, 3/2/2018 5481245

TO: Nicholas A. Howse State of Illinois c/o Attorney General State of Illinois c/o Department of Revenue Calumet Union Drainage District No. 1 County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD001344 FILED: February 2, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold August 3, 2015 Certificate No. 13-0001139 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 3620 Rose Manor Terrace, Markham, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-23-117-011-0000, Volume 032 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 16, 2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subse¬quently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 16, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County, in Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Room 1704, Chicago, Illinois 60602 on August 15, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 16, 2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 US BANK AS CUSTODIAN FOR PFS FINANCIAL 1, LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated February 2, 2018 Pub: 2/28, 3/1, 3/2/2018 5481253

TO: Karen Urban Saxon Mortgage, Inc. Saxon Mortgage, Inc. c/o Secretary of State Business Services Saxon Mortgage, Inc. c/o Illinois Corporation Service Co. First American Bank Household Finance Corporation III c/o C.T. Corporation System Louis S. Freedman Attorney for Household Finance Corporation III Freedman Anselmo Lindberg LLC Case No. 09 M1 193037 LVNV Funding, LLC c/o Illinois Corporation Service Co, Blatt, Hasenmiller, Leibsker & Moore, LLC Attorney for LVNV Funding, LLC Case No. 12M1 136205) Calumet Union Drainage District No. 1 LVNV Funding LLC County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD001345 FILED: February 2, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold August 3, 2015 Certificate No. 13-0001150 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 3946 Blackstone Ave. Markham, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-23-127-009-0000, Volume 032 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 16, 2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subse¬quently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 16, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County, in Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Room 1704, Chicago, Illinois 60602 on August 15, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 16, 2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 US BANK AS CUSTODIAN FOR PFS FINANCIAL 1, LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated February 2, 2018 Pub: 2/28, 3/1, 3/2/2018 5481265

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TO: Dwight Perry Lenora Barrow Louis S. Freedman Attorney for Asset Acceptance, LLC Freedman Anselmo Lindberg, LLC Case Numbers 11M1174228 and 13M1163784 Alonzo L. Perry Atlantic Credit & Finance, Inc. c/o Illinois Corporation Service Weltman Weinberg& Reis Co., LPA Attorney for Atlantic Credit & Finance, Inc. Case No. 08M1199376 Asset Acceptance, LLC c/o Midland Credit Management, INC. Asset Acceptance, LLC c/o Midland Credit Management, INC. Tierra Grande Courts Condominium Association c/o Terry Conway City of Country Club Hills County Clerk of COOK County, Illinois Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD001348 FILED: February 2, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of COOK Date Premises Sold August 4, 2015 Certificate No. 13-0004134 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4185 W. 193rd Pl., Unit 7-A, Country Club Hills, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 31-10-200-116-1117, Volume 178 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 16, 2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subse¬quently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 16, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County, in Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Room 1704, Chicago, Illinois 60602 on August 15, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 16, 2018 by applying to the County Clerk of COOK County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 US BANK AS CUSTODIAN FOR PFS FINANCIAL 1, LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated February 2, 2018 Pub: 2/28, 3/1, 3/2/2018 5481285

TO: Sylvia Wilborn a/k/a Sylvia Stallworth Sylvia Wilborn a/k/a Sylvia Stallworth Sylvia Wilborn a/k/a Sylvia Stallworth Cynthia L. Murillo Kierra Wilborn Nektel Fitzgerald Wilborn Brandon J. Brockman Keith V. Johnson Sr. Kierra L. Wilborn Vanessa Denise McLaurin Jose P. Murillo Cassandra M. Murillo Monique Shauntay Johnson Nektel F. Wilborn Jose L Murillo Ortiz County Clerk of COOK County, Illinois Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD001349 FILED: February 2, 2018 TAKE NOTICE County of COOK Date Premises Sold August 4, 2015 Certificate No. 13-0004250 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 138 Well St., Park Forest, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 31-25-103-035-0000, Volume 179 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 16, 2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subse¬quently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 16, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County, in Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Room 1704, Chicago, Illinois 60602 on August 15, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 16, 2018 by applying to the County Clerk of COOK County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 US BANK AS CUSTODIAN FOR PFS FINANCIAL 1, LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated February 2, 2018 Pub: 2/28, 3/1, 3/2/2018 5481320



